



# THE VOICE

June – August 2026

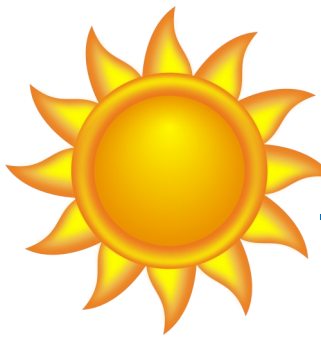
## “In the World, Not of the World”

One thing that I enjoy doing growing up was fishing. Even though I went fishing only once or twice a year because I lived in the city, I always enjoyed the experience of fishing. One of my fondest memories of fishing was going deep sea fishing with my whole family on Memorial Day or July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. This used to be an annual tradition for my family for few years. Leaving from City Island, NY or from the Jersey shore, we spent a whole day fishing for blue fish, fluke, striped bass or whatever else we can catch. It was at one of these annual fishing trips that I heard my father share something interesting that gave me an insight about faith and life that I still cherish to this day. And it is this---even though fish in the sea live their whole life in salty water, salt never enters their body until they are dead. Also, even though fish in the sea experience strong currents, healthy fish are always able to swim against the current while dead fish float to the surface and drift with the current. This is the important difference between a living fish and dead fish.

In the Bible, the people of faith are described as people who live “in the world” but are not “of the world” (John 17:14-16, Romans 12:2). What does it mean to live “in the world” but not “of the world”? Being “of this world” means following the values, beliefs, and conduct of this world, many of which may be at odds with the teachings of Jesus and the Bible. For example, the world we live in tells us that our main concern in life should be about achieving materialistic success so we can afford a big house, nice cars, good food, comfort and leisure; that it is ok to hate our enemies and treat them with animosity; and that we should always consider and protect our self-interest above all things. The world we live in often looks down on weakness, humility and meekness while glorifying power and authority. In contrast, Jesus said seeking God’s kingdom and His righteousness should take precedence over the material success for people of faith (Matthew 6:33). Jesus also taught people to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them (Matthew 5:44). The Apostle Paul taught people to not be selfish but consider the interest of others rather than our own (Philippians 2:3-4, 1 Corinthians 10:24). And Jesus also taught people that greatness is not measured by one’s power and authority but by one’s willing to serve others and that it is blessed to be meek (Matthew 20:26; Matthew 5:5). Simply put, living in the world but not of the world refers to living our life differently than other non-believers because of our faith in God and in Jesus Christ. To use the metaphor of fish in the sea, living in the world but not of the world means that we live our life in this world holding on to the teachings and the values of our Christian faith while keeping the values of this world from infiltrating our heart and mind. But to live like this, especially as believers, is not easy at all.

One thing that I have come to notice about church ministry in the United Methodist Church over the years is that many churches seem to follow the seasonal pattern in our American society. As we enter into summer season, for example, it is not uncommon to see many churches “slow down” or altogether “pause” some of its main forms of ministry during the summer months from June to August, i.e. music ministry (church choir), Sunday school, and outreach, just to name a few. The main reasoning behind this is that many people travel during the summer months. While more people tend to travel during the summer, I have always been opposed to the idea of “slowing down” or “pausing” ministry during the summer months. To me, this always felt like the church conforming to the cultural values of the world rather than following its own conviction about loving, serving and worshipping God even when doing so may feel like it is going against the flow of the surrounding world. Would WE be okay if God paused His work of saving, healing, loving and blessing because it is summer and then resumed it in the fall? Of course not. Our God is a “faithful” God. That means that God is unchanging and dependable regardless of the season we are in. I believe that our God also wants us to be faithful in our life and devotion to Him and to each other. Have a safe, great and “faithful” summer!

*Pastor Park*



# SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

## June Birthdays

June 3	Kathy Zajac
June 6	Catherine Wallace
June 7	Donna Pierce
June 8	Tracy Voca
June 11	Andrew Wallace
June 22	Kelly Winkler
June 29	Barbara Ingra
June 29	Zorina D'Emilio



## July Birthdays

July 4	Paige Moeller
July 4	Katie Volz
July 4	Linda Wahlers
July 9	Matthew Dolce
July 9	Norah Winkler
July 21	Beth Rueter
July 24	Nancy Blesser
July 26	Ruth Carrara
July 26	Carlene Starke



## June Anniversaries

June 17	George, Jr. & Joan Carnrick
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## July Anniversaries

July 28	Joe & Kathy Zajac
July 28	Eric & Donna Pierce

## August Birthdays

August 12	Horatio Mercer
August 17	Bruce Ciccione
August 27	Carissa Stelter

## August Anniversaries

August 18	Alissa & Andrew Wallace
August 28	Tony & Karen Gazzillo

**PAINT YOUR OWN  
PATRIOTIC  
DOORMAT**

**JUNE 24TH  
7PM - 9PM**



**CALDWELL METHODIST CHURCH**  
8 ACADEMY RD, CALDWELL, NJ

**\$40**  
VENMO  
@TWOBM8

RESERVE  
YOUR TIME  
SLOT NOW!




**Paint A Patriotic Doormat**

This event will benefit the Women's Fellowship Group of Caldwell United Methodist Church.

The \$40 cost includes everything you need to paint a doormat to celebrate America's 250th. Pay via Venmo or with cash at the door.

**Tea & Coffee Social**

**Friday, July 10th**



Tea & Coffee Socials are hosted once a month by Dave & Rita Whetton as a time to share fellowship and conversation with our church family and neighbors. All are welcome.

Stop by any time between 9:30 am and 12:00 noon to enjoy a complimentary cup of tea or coffee and check out the array of fresh home baked goods as well as other items for sale.

All the proceeds from sales go to benefit the church.



**Congratulations to Alexis Narine who graduated from Montclair State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.**

# Congratulations 2026



**Isabel Voca graduated from the New York University College of Arts and Science on May 14th with a degree in Psychology. Congratulations, Isabel!**

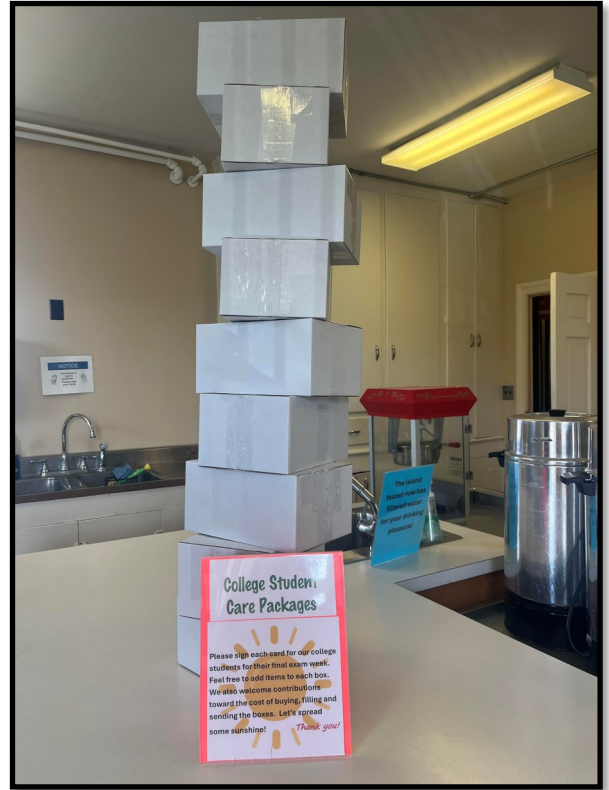
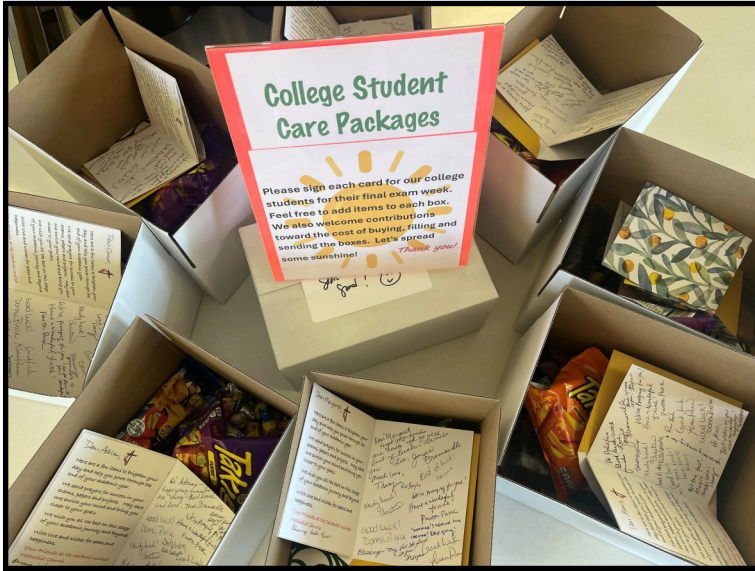


**Congratulations to Bailey Winkler who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Montclair State University.**



**Norah Winkler has graduated from elementary school and will be moving up to middle school. Wishing you much success in your future academic endeavors, Norah!**





**Care Packages for College Students**  
“Thank you to all who contributed to the care packages sent to our college students to fortify them as they finished the academic year”



**Fish & Chips Dinner**  
**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

“Despite the rain, we had a wonderful time serving our community while successfully raising funds for our church.”



**Caldwell United Methodist Church**

8 Academy Road  
Caldwell, NJ 07006

May 10, 2026

Dear Rev. Dr. Kil Jae Park:

On behalf of the residents, families, and loved ones connected to the Brandywine Estates Senior Living in Moorestown, New Jersey (an assisted living and Alzheimer's memory care community).

I would like to extend heartfelt appreciation for the beautiful handmade Easter cards your church created and shared this year.

This marks the second year your congregation has blessed the residents with these thoughtful expressions of kindness, and once again, the impact reached far beyond paper and ink. The cards carried warmth, grace, compassion, and a gentle reminder that human connection still touches the heart in powerful ways.

For many residents, especially those living with Alzheimer's and memory loss, moments of connection can become deeply meaningful. The colors, images, handwritten words, and loving effort placed into each card created smiles, conversation, reflection, and comfort.

In a world that can sometimes feel distant for those in memory care, your volunteers helped bridge that distance through simple acts of love and service.

What makes these cards even more special is knowing they were carefully handcrafted by members and volunteers of your church community. Time was given. Thought was given. Love was given. And the residents felt it.

As the son of a resident in the memory care unit, I want you to know that your kindness does not go unnoticed. Families like mine deeply appreciate the compassion your church continues to show toward some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Your ministry extends beyond the walls of the church, reaching directly into the hearts of people who truly need moments of light, hope, and remembrance.

Please extend a huge thank you to the Tea & Coffee Social, hosted by Dave & Rita Whetton,

Thank you again for sharing your gifts, your compassion, and your Easter spirit with our loved ones.

With heartfelt gratitude,

*Anthony C. Williams*

Anthony Williams  
198 Lincoln Ave  
Edgewater Park, NJ  
08010



**Benefit Jazz Concert**  
**Sunday, April 12, 2026**





**Easter Sunday at Caldwell  
United Methodist Church**



**On Pentecost Sunday five new members were welcomed into our church and officially became part of the Caldwell United Methodist Church family.**

**The new members were invited to a dinner the Friday evening before where they were able to meet members of the church council.**

**Welcome Ajit, Jaya, Elsa, Erin & Gillian!**





## Outreach Ministry

During June, we're collecting the items listed below for those in need in our community.

Coffee, Tea, Juice, Parlamat Milk, White Rice, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper

Please place items on the table in our sanctuary narthex by  
Sunday July 5th.



Food Cards for ShopRite, Foodtown and Stop & Shop are available to buy. Order your food cards by calling the church office at 973-226-4410 or on our website: [caldwellchurch.org](http://caldwellchurch.org). 5% of the purchase price of food cards goes to benefit the church.

## **21st Annual Golf Outing**

**Opportunities to place an ad in the Golf Ad Journal or become a hole sponsor for our Annual Golf Outing are available now. Please help support this important event that benefits Caldwell United Methodist Church and the West Essex First Aid Squad**



## **Caldwell United Methodist Church**

### **21st Annual Golf Outing**

**Tuesday, September 29, 2026**

In partnership with  
the West Essex First Aid Squad

Knoll West Country Club

Parsippany, NJ

To register as a golfer or for information about sponsorship opportunities contact Ken Ingra

at 201-410-1940





Open Hearts, Open Minds,  
Open Doors.



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*(a portion of the proceeds will benefit the West Essex First Aid Squad)*



### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES Ad Journal Space Reservation

*(Reservation and Payment must be received by September 9, 2026)*

- \$200 - FULL PAGE
- \$125 - 1/2 PAGE
- \$ 75 - 1/4 PAGE

All artwork must be submitted in print-ready format.  
Business cards can be used for 1/4 and 1/2 page ads  
Ads can be emailed to [Caldwellumcnj@gmail.com](mailto:Caldwellumcnj@gmail.com)

Company Name *(if applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Hole Sponsor - \$250** *(Payment must be received by September 9, 2026)*

In appreciation of your support of the CUMC Golf Outing, your Company name will appear on a premium display on one hole on the course; your Company name will appear in a sponsorship listing in the event program; opportunity to distribute Company products / literature in golfer giveaway bags.

Company Name *(if applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to **Caldwell United Methodist Church**, memo: **Golf Outing**. A portion of your donation may be tax deductible. Contact your tax advisor for more information. The CUMC is a 501(c)(3) organization (ID # 22-3373941).

Please send check to: **Caldwell United Methodist Church** — earmarked: Golf Outing  
c/o Ken Ingra, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, NJ 07006.

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Methodist Church**

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Together!*

*Join Us for Worship  
Sundays @ 10 am*