



# THE VOICE

March 2024

## **“This, Too, Shall Pass”**

There are many versions of this story that I am about to share and just as many theories of the origin of this story. Here is one version.

***There was a king who sought wisdom. He searched all over his kingdom for wisdom and did not find it. Eventually he heard of a man living in a remote part of the kingdom who had a reputation for great wisdom. The king sent for this man and had him brought to court, whereupon the king offered the man a great reward if he would share the secret to his wisdom. The man agreed and departed from the king's presence. He returned several weeks later and presented the king with a small box. The king looked a little surprised and very disappointed as he opened the box and removed a ring. "Is this it?" he shouted at the wise man. "Place the ring on your finger and read the inscription out loud" replied the wise man. The king read the inscription: "This too will pass." The wise man counselled the king: "Wear that ring at all times and look at it frequently, and regardless of whether you are experiencing good fortune or adversity remind yourself that this too will pass..." The king was satisfied that he had at last found true wisdom and he duly rewarded the man with great wealth.***

“This, too, shall pass” is a saying that is truly packed with so much wisdom and truth. This saying teaches us that all conditions of life, whether good or bad, are transient. In other words, both the 'best and worst of times' in all of our lives will soon pass. The wisdom in this saying teaches us to be hopeful in times of adversity and humble in times of prosperity. This wisdom reminds us that difficulties of life that we may be experiencing, whatever they may be, will not continue on forever. So, we should have hope and not be fatalistic in our thinking in times of adversity. On the other hand, when things go well for us in life, we should be careful and refrain from tooting our own horns of success because even the best things in life will come to an end at some point. So, it is important that we enjoy the success, goodness and gift of life at various seasons of life and try to make the most out of them while we can. We should try our best to seize the moment and enjoy life as well as do the most good that we can when we can. Once the opportunity passes, it will be too late and useless to cry over the missed opportunities in life.

The season of spring is just around the corner. For me, the season of spring is nature's way of demonstrating the truth, “This, too, shall pass.” These days, I can feel my spirit welling up with new energy and joy because I know that the grip of winter that once seemed mighty and unrelenting is weakening, inevitably giving way to the power of life that yearns to break through the frozen, lifeless, snow-covered layer of earth. No matter how strong the grip of frigid, bone-chilling winter may be, it can never ever be stronger than spring that gives birth to all forms of new life. That is the promise of spring and also the promise of Easter. If you happen to be going through the winter of life, remember that this, too, shall pass and the season of spring of hope and new life will surely come. So don't give up. Hang in there just a little longer. Spring is coming and with it, Easter! *Pastor Park*

## March Birthdays

March 3	Jill Plumstead
March 7	Karen Gazzillo
March 11	Christine Pavlishin
March 15	Beth Schaedler
March 15	William Kosmack
March 17	Walter Hartmann
March 18	Mary Hartmann
March 18	Tim DeBruyne
March 25	Carole Volz
March 31	Rob Mistifer

## March Anniversaries

March 21, 1982	John & Jan Taylor
March 27, 1992	Gordon & Denise Stelter



**Buy Food Cards!  
It's an Easy Way  
to Help Your  
Church!**

Everybody needs groceries, right? Well, here is a really easy way to help your church! We have ShopRite, Foodtown and Stop & Shop food cards for sale. For every card that is bought, 5% of the value of the card goes to the church.

Call (973-226-4410) or email (caldwellumcnj@gmail.com), stop in to the church office to buy your food cards or visit our website at [caldwellchurch.org](http://caldwellchurch.org).

Thank You!

To My Church Family,

Thank you for the lovely send off on Sunday, October 1st. Thank you for the flowers, the beautiful prayer shawl (it has been handy for the cold New Hampshire days), the collage of pictures to remind me of Caldwell United Methodist Church and all the lovely gifts and cards.

Though we are settling happily into our new home in New Hampshire, I miss you all.

Peace,  
Amy Hansen



## Easter Yard Signs



If you wish to place a sign on your lawn to help spread the message of hope this Easter, you may pick up a sign at the church.

Let's find hope together this Easter!

**Singers  
Welcome!**

**Do you  
enjoy  
singing?**

**Would you  
like to join  
our choir?**

**CUMC Choir is welcoming you  
to join us to praise God.**

**CONTACT THE MINISTER OF MUSIC, JACKIE**

201-694-6390

pianistjackie@gmail.com

**No experience  
necessary.**



**Let's  
praise  
together  
in  
CUMC  
Choir**

**Our Prayer and Chant Circle accompanied by Visiting Harp  
occurs on the second and fourth Tuesday every month at 10:00 AM.**



**Please join us in the sanctuary for 30-45 minutes  
away from the world surrounded by God's light and love.**



**Save the Date!**

**April 20, 2024**

**Caldwell United Methodist Church**

# Annual Fish & Chips Dinner



**April 20th from 5pm-7pm Dine In or Take Out**

**Catered by Tastefully British**

**Invite your friends and family! Details to follow**



## Upcoming Events!



## Tea & Coffee Socials

**Friday mornings**

**March 15th**

**April 19th**

**May 17th**



**Stop in any time between 9:30 am to 12:00 pm**  
**Come & enjoy time with neighbors and friends over a complimentary cup of tea or coffee!**

**Baked goods for sale and  
a selection of gift items is available to purchase**

**All proceeds to benefit the church.**

**Church members and friends are welcome  
so stop in with a friend or by yourself!**

**Questions? Please call Dave & Rita Whetton at 862-702-6144**

# *Faster Egg Hunt*



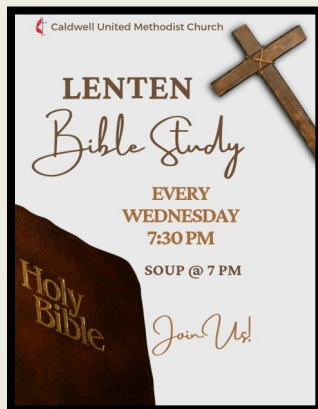
Join in the fun at the  
Caldwell United Methodist Church  
Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt!  
The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on  
Easter morning (March 31st)  
immediately following worship.



## **A Word of Thanks**

Thank you to all the soup makers and  
soup buyers who helped make our Souper  
Bowl Sunday Soup Sale a success!

\$700 was raised for the church!



## **LENTEN SOUP & BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday, March 6th  
Wednesday, March 13th  
Wednesday, March 20th

You are invited to participate in the Caldwell United Methodist Church's 2024 Lenten Soup and Bible Study sessions. A time of fellowship over soup begins at 7 p.m. and Bible Study begins at 7:30 p.m. Feel free to come either for Soup and Bible Study or just for Bible Study as you wish.

If you're unable to join us in person, you are more than welcome to join online via ZOOM for Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. The ZOOM link will be sent by e-mail.

We will study *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws* by Adam Hamilton

All are welcome to attend - signing up helps with planning but is not essential.





**THIS EASTER  
LET'S FIND HOPE**

*Together*



**CALDWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

8 Academy Rd. Caldwell, NJ / 973.226.4410 / [caldwellchurch.org](http://caldwellchurch.org)

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Maunday Thursday, March 28th**

**7:30 PM**

**Good Friday, March 29th**

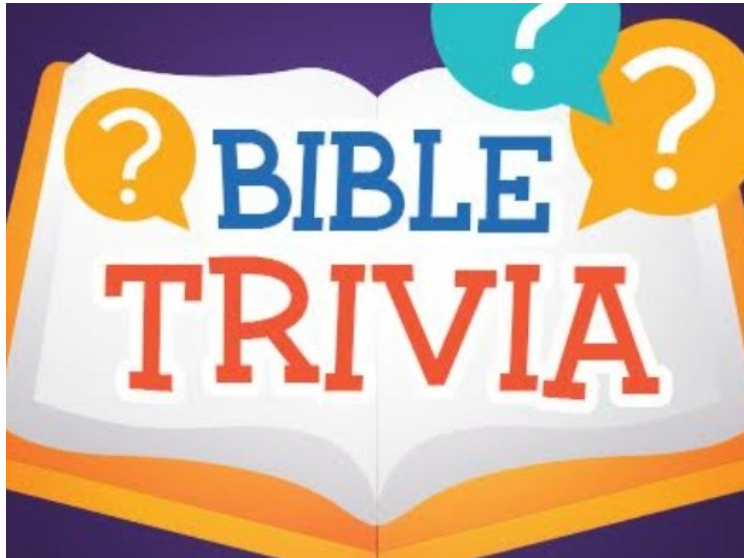
**7:30 PM**

**Resurrection Sunday, March 31st**

**10:00 AM**

Children's Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the service

**Visit [Caldwellchurch.org](http://Caldwellchurch.org) for Worship ZOOM Link**



## **BIBLE TRIVIA**

Test your knowledge of the Bible by answering these questions. See how many you can answer correctly without looking at the answers.

1. **Name one of the two birds Noah sent from the Ark.**
2. **What animal tempted Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden?**
3. **What gave Sampson his strength?**
4. **Name two out of the nine Fruits of the Spirit.**
5. **Who is the angel who told Mary she would give birth to Jesus?**
6. **On which day did Jesus rise from the dead?**
7. **Who baptized Jesus and in what river?**
8. **Name the first two apostles to follow Jesus.**
9. **What was the profession of Simon Peter before following Jesus?**
10. **Where did Jesus turn water into wine?**

### **Answers:**

1. A Raven and a dove 2. A serpent 3. His hair 4. Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control. 5. The Angel Gabriel 6. Third day 7. John the Baptist in the River Jordan 8. Peter and Andrew. 9. A fisherman 10. Cana

# March

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
					Cub Scouts Den meeting 5:30 pm - Guyn Room	Saturday AA 10 pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship 10 am  Sunday AA 6:30 pm - gym			Lenten Soup 7 pm & Bible Study 7:30 pm			Saturday AA 10 pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 10 am  Sunday AA 6:30 pm-gym		Prayer & Chant Circle 10 am  Finance meeting 7 pm  Trustees meeting 8 pm	Lenten Soup 7 pm & Bible Study 7:30 pm		Tea & Coffee Social 9:30 am-12:00 noon  Cub Scouts Pack Meeting 6:30 pm - gym	Saturday AA 10 pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship 10 am  Sunday AA 6:30 pm - gym		Church Council meeting 7:30 pm	Lenten Soup 7 pm & Bible Study 7:30 pm	Essex Photo Club 7:30 pm—gym		Saturday AA 10 pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday 10 am  Sunday AA 6:30 pm - gym		Prayer & Chant Circle 10 am		Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm	Good Friday Service 7:30 pm	Saturday AA 10 pm
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Easter 10 am  Easter Egg Hunt  Sunday AA 6:30 pm—gym						



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**Worship with us  
Sundays at 10 am**

**Invite a friend or family  
member to join  
in worship**

