



THE VOICE

May 2022

"The LORD decrees
His loving devotion
by day, and at
night His song is
with me as a prayer
to the God of my
life." Psalm 42:8



Dear Friends,

May is the month when we honor our mothers and grandmothers with flowers, cards, gifts and eating out. On Mothers' Day we enjoy those mothers still with us and we remember fondly those who have gone on to heaven.

Always, on Mothers' Day it is wonderful to see a brand new mother with her baby and to remember how helpless and dependent this little one is on her nurture and care.

And, those of us who have been fortunate enough to have had and cared for babies can truly feel sorrow for those unable to conceive and for those who have lost pregnancies or have had still births. Can there be a greater tragedy for a woman's heart to bear?

I have always loved Psalm 42 because of the "song" that is with us in the night. It is a kind of Divine lullaby. **"A prayer to the God of my life."** We are as helpless and we are as dependent upon the providence and love, grace and forgiveness of our God as a baby is for its mother's care. As the psalmist sings, God is lovingly devoted to us both by day **and** by night.

God like a mother comforts us and cradles us and sings her lullaby to us. Heavenly music to our troubled souls, encouraging notes to uplift our spirits, calming verses to bring us peace and reassurance that we are not alone in the "night" of our lives or the darkness of this world. May "God's song" be with you! May it sustain you and bring joy to your heart!

See you in worship! Pastor Viv

Financial Report through March 2022

Through our first three months of 2022 our expenses exceeded our income versus our projected budget by \$11,811. This is due to our miscellaneous income and overall giving being less than anticipated.

Our expenses were \$1,130 greater than expected which is within 1% of our budget.

On the income side our overall giving was \$1,876 less than our goal to date. This is \$2,739 better than our last reported amount. Our Faithful Givers were \$389 less than anticipated and our Pledgers were \$1,487 less than our goal. Our miscellaneous income was \$8,816 less than our budget which is not unusual at this time of year.

We will provide a status of the Stewardship Program in our next report. We will continue to provide updates regarding our financial health throughout 2022.

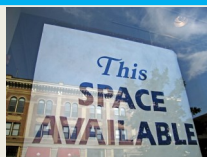
Thank you for your continued support of our ministries through your pledges and faithful giving.

Sincerely,
Your Finance Committee



Just a Reminder

Grocery cards are for sale from the church office. The church makes \$5 for every \$100 card you purchase.



Need Event Space?

Various spaces in the church may be reserved for parties, showers, meetings, classes, temporary office space, etc. If you know someone who may be interested, please contact the Church Office to check availability and for details regarding guidelines.

May Birthdays

May 4	Robert Schaedler
May 4	Evan Totka
May 5	Robb McCombe
May 10	Doreen Boyer
May 13	Kelly Mitstifer
May 13	Paige Mitstifer
May 15	Nicole Pierce
May 20	John Taylor
May 22	Ashley Tomich

May Anniversaries

May 20, 1972
Doug & Cathy Wallace

May 20, 1973
Pastor Viv Rodeffer & Robb McCombe

May 20, 1989
Brett & Marybeth Mitstifer



We can support refugees through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Just mark your check with this notation. We will collect donations these next three weeks and disperse them to UMCOR. You may also donate to support those affected by the war in Ukraine on the our church website at caldwellchurch.org.

So far, over \$1,000 has been given by the congregation to provide aid to refugees both inside Ukraine and in bordering countries.

MESSY CHURCH "EASTER"

Building the gates to Jerusalem, writing prayers on butterflies for the cross, making a cross out of bottle caps, sharing a delicious ham dinner, and hearing once again the story of Holy Week told with simple objects, a map of Jerusalem and scriptures. Plus, Music Director Maxine Alstrom began teaching us the "Welcome to Messy Church" song which was a first for us!





PALM SUNDAY





EASTER EGG HUNT





HOLY HUMOR
SUNDAY

EASTER
SUNDAY



YOGA FOR CAREGIVERS OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

A grant enables us to give to you at no cost, ten sessions with yoga instructor and church member Kelly Winkler. Participants will become mindful of body and mind tensions; do gentle stretching to release tension, practice mindful moments to quiet the mind, and recharge your batteries!



HOW DO YOU SIGN UP ? Email us by May 5 with your name, email and cell # to the attention of “YOGA FOR CAREGIVERS” Our email is caldwellumcnj@gmail.com Kelly Winkler will be in touch with you.

**PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR
FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!**

FISH N'CHIPS

AND CHICKEN TOO !!

Saturday, May 14

5:00-7:00 PM

Caldwell United Methodist Church



ADULT \$18 CHILD 10 & Under \$14

Curbside Pickup ONLY

Benefits Mission Outreach!

PREPAID ONLY BY MAY 9*

***Pay on our website caldwellchurch.org
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**Please join us every Sunday Morning for
Worship at 10 AM.** Come in person or use
the Zoom invitation QR at our website
caldwellchurch.org.

It's just not the same without YOU!!

