



THE VOICE

October 2024

“There’s No Place Like Home”



Have you ever been homesick? When was the first time you ever experienced this strange and deep longing in your soul?

For me, it was when I was about 6 or 7 years old. Although I do not remember everything clearly about that experience, one thing that I do remember so vividly to this day is how much I missed home (and my mother) and wanted nothing more than to just go home. No, I wasn't away at a camp or somehow got lost. I was with my uncle who loved me and cared for me like one of his very own. At the time, my uncle lived in a small island that was accessible only by a ferry. One summer day, he came to visit my family. When it was time for him to return home, my parents gave me permission to follow my uncle to his place and play with my cousins who were similar in age with me. It was not my first time visiting my uncle's place. I visited this place many times before and always enjoyed playing together with my cousins. So, I gladly followed my uncle with the thought of playing with my cousins. Then the problem started soon after I arrived at my uncle's place. For reasons that I do not know or understand to this day, the feeling of being homesick all of sudden began to flood over me. I wanted go home. And as any child would in times of great need or helplessness, I began to cry. My uncle and everyone there all tried to console me and help me to feel better. But nothing was able to appease the sense of homesickness in me. I so much wanted to go home. So, I sat by the door and just cried and cried. After trying everything to cheer me up to no avail, my uncle finally gave up, hopped on the ferry again with me, and brought me home.

In one of the most beloved movie of all times, “The Wizard of Oz,” Dorothy from Kansas finds herself in a magical and wonderful place called the “Land of Oz.” In the movie, life in Kansas is shown in sepia tone black and white. But when she finds herself in the Land of Oz, the movie changes to full, vivid colors. But even though Dorothy was in this heaven-like place where everything is so rich in color unlike the boring two-toned Kansas, Dorothy only wants to go home. All of the mesmerizing richness of colors and beauty in that magical world weren't able to change Dorothy's mind about home.

I believe that one of the things that all human beings must have in order to live a rich and satisfying life is “home.” Home is where everything starts and the most important foundation of life is formed. So, it is a terrible thing to be “homeless.” Here, it is important for us to understand that all of us can be “homeless” even if we have a house to live in. It is because home is much more than a “house” we live in. Home is both physical (tangible) and spiritual (intangible). So even if we have a physical home, we can still be homeless. Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:5).” Here, Jesus says that detachment from him in life is to be detached from the main source of life. In other words, it is like being “homeless.” But we do not need to worry because God has given all of us a home--our church home. Our church home is our home away from home, a different kind of home. On October 27th, we will come together to celebrate this special home in our lives. Through this celebration, we will praise and thank God for all the special joys and blessings we experience through this special home. Come join us! **Come home and experience in your soul the rest, peace, joy and love that home provides.**

Pastor Park



Girls' Night Out

November 12 at 6:30 pm

Location TBD

An evening out for women of the church to enjoy dinner, friendship & fellowship.
More information to follow

**Upcoming Events You Won't
Want to Miss!**



Doo Wop Concert

November 24 at 4 pm

Caldwell United Methodist Church

Enjoy listening to your favorite oldies sung by an amazing group featuring our own Ken Ingra singing bass.

Proceeds will benefit the church
Details to follow soon!

October Prayer Circle Dates:

October 8th & October 22nd

Chant and Prayer Circles

the second and fourth Tuesday of each month 10:00 AM (30-45 minutes)



Chant and Prayer Circles begin with a harp meditation to calm and focus our mind on the presence of God in our midst. Scripture, chant, silence, and prayer will then draw our circle closer together and grow the Light of God within us.

PULLED PORK/BBQ CHICKEN DINNER

**Supports the Mission and Ministry
of the Caldwell United Methodist Church**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

5-7 PM

**Caldwell United Methodist Church
8 Academy Road**

Dine In Buffet or Curbside Pick up

**Dinner includes Pulled pork, BBQ chicken,
macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, corn bread, rolls, & brownie**

Cost: \$20 adults \$14 children 10 and under

Pre-pay only, by October 12

caldwellchurch.org or church office 973-226-4410



Thank You!



Many thanks for another successful golf outing. We truly appreciate all the support from our golf outing committee, volunteers and sponsors. This was our 19th year. Many of you have been with us from the very beginning and know how important this outing is to the ministries of our church.

Our ad journal is always a big part of our success.

Many of you reached out to previous and new sponsors which resulted in a larger ad journal this year.

Thank you and blessings to all of you

Barbara and Ken Ingra

Thank you to our amazing church family for all the prayers and concern for our nephew CJ. He has come a long way since his accident in May, he will be returning to work in November. We are grateful for you all.

Mary and Walter Hartmann

A yellow sticky note with the words "Thank You!" written on it in blue marker. The note is slightly tilted and has a grey shadow behind it, suggesting it is stuck to a surface.

Parish Notice—Margaret Larson



Margaret Larson died peacefully September 24 at the age of 94 at Crane's Mill. She graduated from Douglas College with a degree in microbiology and worked as a scientist, educator, and finally as one of the first hospice coordinators. All the while being a loving and devoted mother, wife and Methodist.

She was always encouraging, kind and forgiving.

Her husband George died in March 2017 and was also a beloved church member.

October Birthdays

October 1	Alan Pierce
October 6	Susan Drastal
October 9	Jon Waddington
October 13	Howard Hansen
October 16	Anthony Ingra
October 24	Tim Pierce
October 27	Jane Vogelsang
October 28	Jaxon Wallace
October 29	Janet Stanton

October Anniversaries

October 17, 1976	Alan & Leslie Pierce
October 8, 2000	Tracy & Bogdan Voca



Tea & Coffee Social

There will be no Tea & Coffee Social in October. Join us on November 15th



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 the church.



WE NEED YOUR VOICES!! Please consider joining the choir as they present their annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 13 during the morning worship service.

This is a wonderful musical offering to usher in the Christmas season. **All voices are needed!!** **Choir practice for the Cantata will be every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary starting Thursday, October 3.** If you cannot be at practice on October 3, please see Jackie during coffee hour (happy hour) for more information.

We hope you will consider being a part of this special musical program.

Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, October 27th

10:00 a.m.

Food, Fun, Music & Fellowship
you don't want to miss!

**NO PLACE
LIKE HOME**

Invite
Family &
Friends



**JOIN
US!**

Coming this Fall

THE HUB

**An After-School Program
for the students of
Grover Cleveland Middle School**

THE HUB will provide a safe and supportive space with adult supervision where students in 6th-8th grades can come spend time with their friends, receive help with schoolwork, enjoy sports, games or other fun activities, and simply relax after a long day at school.

**Tuesday & Thursday
afternoons from 3pm-5pm**

- ✓ Welcome & Acceptance
- ✓ Peer Connections
- ✓ Sports & Activities
- ✓ Snacks & Refreshments
- ✓ Free help with schoolwork provided by JCHS Key Club and National Honor Society students

**Registration is required and begins
August 1, 2024**



Scan the code with your smartphone camera or visit caldwellchurch.org/the-hub for registration information.

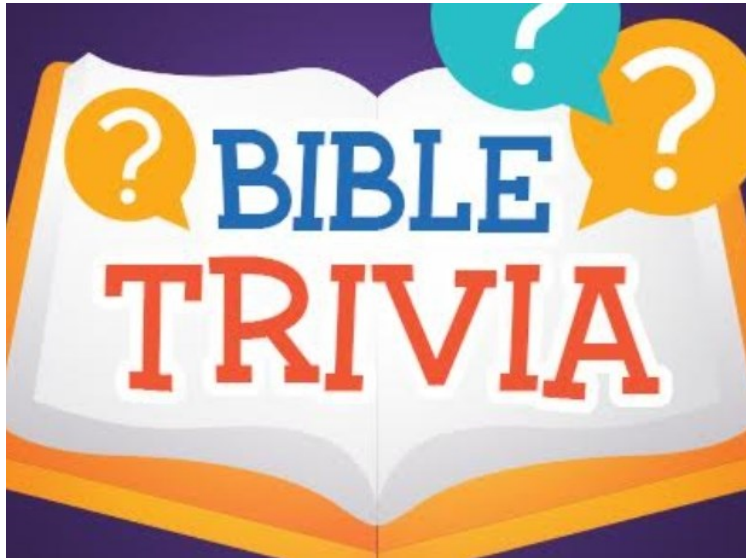
#HereUBelong

Grades
6th-8th

*New for
Fall 2024!*

*Just \$25
per semester!*





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. Where was Jesus born?
2. How many books are in the New Testament?
3. Paul was shipwrecked on what island?
4. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented to the Temple as a baby?
5. After Jesus fed the 5,000, how many baskets were left over?
6. In the Gospel of Mark, how does the Virgin Mary learn of her pregnancy?
7. Who is the high priest of Jerusalem that put Jesus on trial?
8. According to the Gospel of Matthew, where does Jesus give his first public sermon?
9. How does Judas notify the Roman Officials of Jesus' identity?
10. Which insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?
11. Who were the first apostles called to follow Jesus?
12. Who wrote the book of Revelation?

Answers:

1. Bethlehem
2. 27
3. Malta
4. Simeon
5. 12
6. Angel Gabriel
7. Caiaphas
8. On the mount
9. Judas kisses Jesus
10. Locusts
11. Peter & Andrew
12. John

October



2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Cantata begins		Men's Breakfast 9 am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 10 am		Chant & Prayer Circle 8am		Choir Rehearsal 7 pm		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship 10 am	Deadline to prepay for Pulled Pork Dinner			Choir Rehearsal 7 pm		Pulled Pork & BBQ Chicken Dinner 5-7 pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship 10 am		Chant & Prayer Circle 8am		Choir Rehearsal 7 pm		
27	28	29	30	31		
Worship 10 am Homecoming Sunday				Choir Rehearsal 7 pm		



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Life is Better Together!

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FRIEND US ON 



**Worship with us
Sundays at 10 am**

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

