



# THE VOICE

September 2021



Dear Friends,

It's September! Hard to believe but nevertheless it has arrived. Unfortunately so has another surge of covid-19 known as the Delta variant! The Church Council in June authorized the reopening of church for summer Sunday worship along with zoom worship so people could choose which felt safer for them. Throughout the month of August we have averaged 35 per Sunday usually divided almost equally between in person and zoom.

Your church council meets again the end of the summer and will review the protocols we have in place and determine what is needed for fall to keep everyone safe. Most likely we are postponing Sunday School and Messy Church until further notice for the safety of the children and their families.

The presence of those of you who have continued regular worship and have faithfully joined in each week has been a great encouragement during the pandemic and speaks volumes about our church's commitment and dedication to our mission and ministries.

I pray that September and the end of vacation season will find more of you able to zoom in and "return" either in person or on zoom. **Your presence makes a big difference for all of us and witnesses to our families and our community that we are God's Children** and think it right and proper to give thanks weekly no matter what is happening all around us!

Let your gratitude to God and your thankfulness for life itself be enriched in the presence of fellow disciples, sisters and brothers in Christ, as you enter into worship every Sabbath day.

**Keep the Faith! Pastor Viv**

# PARISH REGISTER

## Death

We hold the family of **Peggy Simmons** in our prayers on her sudden passing, July 30. She had been living with her grandson Joseph Scoianmara and his wife Brittany and their children. Joseph's address is 192 Evans Place, Saddlebrook, NJ 07663

## Weddings

Many blessings on the wedding of **Jillian and Will Ritz** [below] on a glorious, cool day on the peak of Killington Mountain in Vermont. Jillian is the daughter of Mary and the late David Crooks. The happy couple met at Bucknell University just as Mary and Dave did!



### echoes from a pastor sent to pasture

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." [1 John 4:7-8](#)

*I am grateful that you are loved far beyond your imagination to remind others that they are loved exactly the same. Amen FB*

Congratulations to **Mark and Elizabeth Larson** [below] who were married Thursday, July 29 in the sanctuary. Mark is the son of Margaret and the late George Larson. They travelled from Washington State to include his mother and their family and friends in this area.



## Graduation

Our congratulations to **Katie Volz** who graduated with her BS in Exercise Science on August 31. Way to go, Katie! Best wishes in the next steps on your journey!

## Birth

Thanksgiving for the birth of the newest member of the Pezzino Family, **Christian William** who weighed 7lbs 12oz and measured 20.5" long. Congratulations to Danielle, Angelo and big brother Aidan!

The Pezzinos' mailing address is:

1483 Blue Bell Drive, Hartford, WI 53027







## Financial Report

Through our first six months of 2021 our income exceeded our expenses versus our projected budget by \$15,599. This is due to our miscellaneous income being \$14,397 greater than anticipated. Our miscellaneous income includes \$33,675 which is the full amount of the 2<sup>nd</sup> PPP Loan we received.

Our expenses were \$2,326 less than expected. Savings from our personnel expenses and our ministries were the primary areas that resulted the expense savings.

On the income side our overall giving was \$660 less than our goal to date. Our Faithful Givers were \$636 greater than expected and our Pledgers were \$1,296 less than anticipated

We will continue to provide updates regarding our financial health throughout 2021.

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

Sincerely,  
Your Finance Committee

## Church Seeks New Treasurer

**Effective January 1, 2022**

If you or someone you know would consider this volunteer position, please speak to the Pastor or any member of the Nominations Committee : Tony Gazzillo, Ruth Carrara, Zorina D'Emilio, Barbara Ingra, Barbara Gordon, Jane Vogelsang.

The Treasurer is a member of the Finance Committee and Church Council. This position manages the financials of the general church budget. They work closely with the Office Manager who performs many of the day to day activities associated with the church finances

The following are the activities associated with the Treasurer's position:

- Signing of checks **(90% of the payments are done online)**
- Determine how funds move between accounts
- Call in payroll for the staff every other Friday **(this takes less than 5 minutes to do)**
- Manage the electronic giving through the Vanco web site **(Most of this is done by the giver online)**
- Creating the annual budget for the general church **(This is done once per year)**
- Support the annual church audit by providing transaction activity reports to the church auditor(s) annually **(This is done once per year)**
- Participate in finance and church council meetings. This includes providing financial reports which are reviewed at both meetings. Creating the monthly finance committee status for the VOICE.
- Provide data to be used in completing the annual conference reporting used for determining our Shared Ministry payments to the conference for the following year. **(This is done once per year)**

**NOTE: The current Treasurer will become the Finance Chair and be available for assistance, questions, and training.**

**Is God nudging you to find out more? Please call me!**

**Pastor Viv**



**It's not too early to  
SAVE THE DATE**

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing**

**Golfers Needed!**

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

**Knoll West Country Club**

**Parsippany, NJ**

### Change of Address

**Nancy Hanna** has moved to 459 Passaic Avenue, Cottage 510, West Caldwell, NJ 07006

**Peter and Kim Michelli's** current address is 35 Holiday Drive, West Caldwell, NJ 07006. Cell# 973-713-1635



## Trustees Have Been Very Busy

The big hole where oil tank was removed is filled in. A Pleasant Day children immediately decorated the new blacktop with their drawings!



Two Eagle Scout Project Picnic Tables now grace the Washburn Place side of the church lawn.

**Handywoman Kate Yudd** repairs and completes many projects around the church. Make sure you greet her when you see her here at church!



Roofers have repaired the Education Building Roof.





# **Coming Soon!**

## **PULLED PORK/BBQ CHICKEN DINNER**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**5-7 PM**

**Caldwell United Methodist Church  
8 Academy Road**

**Curbside pick-up only**

**Choice of pulled pork, BBQ chicken or combo  
macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, corn bread and brownie**

**Cost: \$18 adults \$14 children 10 and under**

**Details to Follow**

Laudato Si

# The Care of Our Common Home



by Pope Francis

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**THE WEST ESSEX MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION**

Thursday, September 23, 2021

7:00pm - 8:00pm ZOOM

Hosted by **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL**  
326 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Thursday, September 30, 2021

7:00pm - 8:00pm ZOOM

Hosted by: **CONGREGATION AGUDATH ISRAEL**  
20 Academy Road, Caldwell, NJ 07006

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

7:00pm - 8:00pm ZOOM

Hosted by: **SAINT ALOYSIUS CHURCH**  
219 Bloomfield Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

**Laudato Si'** is a call to all people of faith to look at creation  
as a **GIFT** from the Creator.

A **GIFT** we all share. A **GIFT** we all need. A **GIFT** we must all protect.

Study booklets are available for purchase at Caldwell United Methodist Church for  
\$3.50 each. Please stop by or call 973-226-4410 if you wish to join in this  
community study.

Register early by September 15, 2021

Space is limited.

This is the link for the WEMA Laudato Si' study.  
<https://forms.gle/DaFy8UPLnvfZuzXr6>

**West Essex Ministerial Association**  
**Statement on Vaccination for COVID-19**  
**August 2021**

Dear Communities,

As leaders of different faiths, we share a commitment to the sanctity of life and the preservation of life. We believe that every person is created in the image of the divine and is of immeasurable worth in the eyes of God.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have cared for the needy, visited the sick, buried the dead, comforted the bereaved, and prayed with you on your own behalf and on behalf of your loved ones. We have tried to keep our community connected to each other and to the faith which sustains us even in the most difficult times. From our experience, we know the toll that this pandemic has taken on the physical and spiritual lives of our community.

Which is why we are joining together to encourage every member of our community to get vaccinated against COVID-19. You should, of course, consult with your doctors for medical advice and your own clergy member for spiritual guidance, but we affirm together that vaccination is a positive religious value to protect your own life, the lives and health of those who are not yet eligible to receive vaccines (including children), and the lives of those who are immunocompromised or otherwise vulnerable to serious illness.

We bless our entire community with health and resilience and pray for a speedy end to this plague with your help and the help of God.

Signed,

**Rev. Vivian Rodeffer**, Caldwell United Methodist Church, Co-Convener WEMA\***Susan Werk**, Congregation Agudath Israel, Co-Convener WEMA\***Rabbi Ari Lucas**, Congregation Agudath Israel\***Rev. Bill Schram**, Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell\***Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy**, Minister of Music, First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell\***Rev. Thomas Dente**, Notre Dame Church\***Anita M. Foley**, MA, Pastoral Associate, Notre Dame Church\***Deb Oosterbaan**, Roseland Presbyterian Church\***Rev. Msgr. Robert Emery**, St. Aloysius Church\***Jacqueline Alworth**, St. Aloysius Church\***Dee Taylor**, St. Aloysius Church\***Sr. Alice Uhl**, OP, St. Aloysius Church\***Sr. Eleanor Uhl**, OP, St. Aloysius Church\***Sr. Suzanne Janis**, OP, St. Aloysius Church\* **Reverend Nathaniel K. M. Darville**, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Essex Fells\* **Bishop Warren M. Harper**, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints\***Pastor Nancy Truscott**, Chaplain, Crane's Mill Retirement Community\***Rev. Dr. Richard Vossler**, Chaplain, Journey Hospice North\* **Nesrin Tatli**, Interfaith Event Coordinator, Peace Islands Institute

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**SAFE SANCTUARY CERTIFIED CHURCH**

**HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE-LIFT**



**Save the Date!**

The Caldwell United Methodist Church  
Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event  
Event registration link coming soon via e-mail and  
social media.

**Saturday, November 13, 2021**

**Dimes for Rise**

We've raised \$360.50 for our meal packaging event  
simply by filling 8-oz. water bottles with dimes.  
One bottle = \$40.

We invite you to continue filling your water bottles  
– every little bit counts!

If you have dimes or other spare change to donate,  
contact

Tracy Voca at [tmrvoca@msn.com](mailto:tmrvoca@msn.com) or c 973-978-  
9053.

She'll roll it up & get it into the Rise account.

*Take a bottle.*

*Drink water.*

*Collect dimes.*

*Raise \$40.*

*Feed 118!*



"Hi! My new job at Triple A (AAA) in West Caldwell awarded me \$100 through a job pool throughout the entire company. We used that toward Rise Against Hunger through our church. Thought this would be good news!"

Jeannie Laureano