



THE VOICE

Summer 2022



**“By gracious powers
so wonderfully sheltered,
And confidently waiting,
come what may,
We know that God is with us
night and morning,
And never fails to greet us
Each new day.”**



From Hymn #517 “By Gracious Powers”

WORDS: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Dear Friends,

The writer of these lyrics, Dietrich Bonhoeffer [1906-1945] was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, founder of the Confessing Movement and anti-Nazi dissenter. He was put to death because of his dissent shortly before the end of World War II.

His many letters and writings are treasured to this very day. I came upon this very rarely sung hymn and was captivated by its poetry. How **“wonderfully sheltered”** we are each day of our lives, no matter what. I think of baby birds, under their mother’s wings. And how even as we huddle for warmth, we are not afraid. Instead, we are **“confidently waiting.”** Waiting because we know that God will not fail us. No matter what.

June is the season of endings and beginnings. Graduations and weddings. Some of us may be making the first tentative steps solo without parents as we prepare to go off to college; others of us may be preparing to marry and cannot imagine our love waning but are cautious; some of us are celebrating years and years of partnership with spouse or significant other. Through it all, excitement and the disappointment; the feel good stuff and the challenging things.

We have little control over accident, illness, falling out of love and major disappointments. But what we do have is a loving God, with us day and night, greeting us each new day. **Take comfort in this promise!**

See you at worship! Pastor Viv

Financial Report through April 2022

Through our first four months of 2022 our expenses exceeded our income versus our projected budget by \$15,816. This is due to our miscellaneous income and overall giving being less than anticipated.

Our expenses were \$1,304 greater than expected which is within 1% of our budget.

On the income side our overall giving was \$3,483 less than our goal to date. Our Faithful Givers were \$1,137 less than anticipated and our Pledgers were \$2,347 less than our goal. Our miscellaneous income was \$11,185 less than our budget which is not unusual at this time of year.

Our stewardship drive resulted in an additional \$5,528 in income versus 2021. This is an increase of 3.6% for the remainder of 2022. Please consider a catch-up donation for the months prior to when your 2022 increase took effect. Your catch-up donations could increase the number to \$7,370 or 4.77%. Your increased giving will help reduce the income needed to fulfill the miscellaneous income portion of our budget. 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



Our Outreach -Yoga for Caregivers

Yoga for Caregivers will begin Tuesday, June 14th. We will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. This will be a time for caregivers to find a quiet and supportive space to explore self care, relax, and build community.



Notes from Maxine

Happy Spring and Summer to All,
Please reach out to me regarding musical talents you'd like to share, whether it's drumming, playing recorders, singing, or any instrument please know it's appreciated.

Choir will be taking a summer break after Sunday, June 19th. We have a special Pentecost piece for Sunday, June 5th, and John Albert will be joining us June 19th for a new Choir and Cello piece.

CUMC Bells will be performing Sunday, May 29th!

We will also be premiering a new Calypso Communion piece in the future.

For those singing at the Ocean Grove event, please let me know when you'd like to rehearse the music.

Thank you,

Maxine



Results of our Fish/Chicken n Chip Dinner

Well, we did it again! Despite a slow start to our sales and some rain the day of our dinner, we managed to sell 197 meals which provided us with a net profit of nearly \$1400.

The "General" can't win a battle without her troops so I want to thank my troops for your great work. You are all amazing!
A big thank you to those who purchased dinners. I trust you enjoyed your meals. Your support is very much appreciated and necessary for a successful fundraiser.

With gratitude,
Myrtle (aka :The General)



Summer Birthdays & Anniversaries

June Birthdays

June 2	Amy Hansen
June 3	Kathy Zajac
June 5	Amanda Turton
June 6	Catherine Wallace
June 7	Donna Salese Pierce
June 8	Tracy Voca
June 11	Andrew Wallace
June 12	Bill Ebbinghouser
June 21	Jenna Rose Dolce
June 22	Kelly Winkler
June 29	Barbara Ingra
June 29	Zorina d'Emilio
June 30	Joyce Francavilla

July Birthdays

July 4	Paige Moeller
July 4	Katie Volz
July 9	Matthew Dolce
July 9	Brian Knight
July 9	Norah Winkler
July 14	Barbara Bechtold
July 15	Geri Tomich
July 17	Jonathan Ciccione
July 20	James Maiullo
July 21	Michael Leonardis
July 23	Beth Rueter
July 24	Nancy Blesser
July 26	Ruth Carrara
July 26	Carlene Starke

August Birthdays

August 17	Bruce Ciccione
August 18	Elena Krupa
August 18	Dorothy Theile

July Anniversaries

July 6, 2002	Jennifer & Peter Earley
July 28, 1979	Joe & Kathy Zajac
July 28, 1994	Eric & Donna Pierce

June Anniversaries

June 9, 1990	David & Christine Knight
June 14, 2008	Danielle & Angelo Pezzino
June 17, 1978	Donald & Stephanie DeBruyne
June 17, 1978	George & Joan Carnrick, Jr.

August Anniversaries

August 20, 1949	Ken & Barbara Bechtold
August 21, 1992	Glenn & Geri Tomich
August 28, 1965	Tony & Karen Gazzillo

CONGRATULATIONS to our graduates!



David Enzo Whetton is graduating from James Caldwell High School this spring and will be attending The College of New Jersey in the fall to double major in Statistics and Political Science. Enzo is the son of **Dave and Rita Whetton**.



Congratulations to **Michael Leonardis**, the son of **Carol Galentine**, who has passed all four sections of the CPA exam. Well done, Michael!



Katie Volz, daughter of **Carole & Chris Volz**, graduated from Montclair State University last year. She, along with her class were recognized this year as their graduation ceremony was postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Board of Trustees is proud to announce our

2022 Dow Rich Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Alexis Narine

Dana Stelter

Isabel Voca

David Enzo Whetton

Come and meet them in person during worship on Sunday, June 12th when they are presented with their scholarships!

Olivia Carrara has graduated from the University of Rochester with a double major in political science and psychology, earning the distinctions of magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. Olivia is the granddaughter of **Ruth Carrara**. She will be working with intellectually challenged adults.



Henry Noren will graduate this weekend from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, with both his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in BioMedical Engineering. He plans to remain at Hopkins for another year, serving as assistant to his biomedical engineering professor, conducting Alzheimer's research. He will also be applying to medical school. Henry is the grandson of **Doreen and David Boyer**.



Cameron Volz will be graduating from Drexel University on June 9, 2022 with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Supply Chain Management and Technology Innovation Management.

Cameron was hired full time by one of his co-op employers, Draeger, located in PA. They are an international leader in the field of medical and safety technology. "We love him and are so proud of him!" - **Carole and Chris Volz**

Class of 2022



FISH N'CHIPS

AND CHICKEN TOO !!

Saturday, May 14

5:00-7:00 PM

Caldwell United Methodist Church

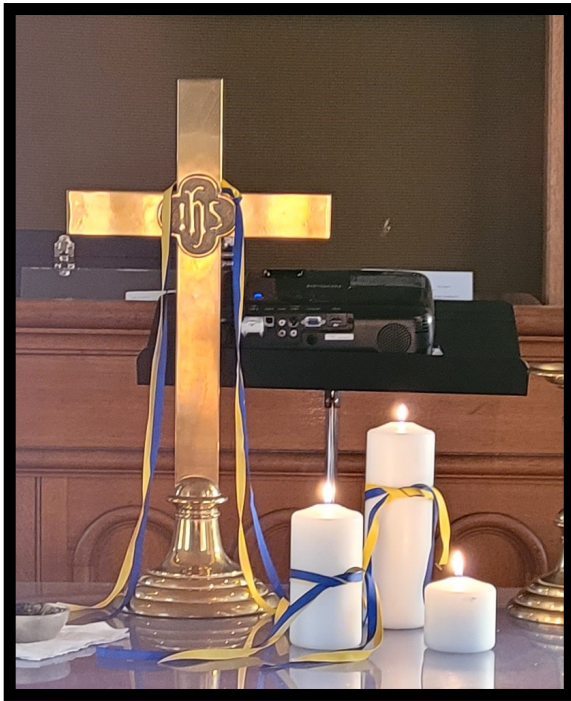




Fish 'n Chips Take Out Dinner, May 14

Twenty volunteers made our May 14th mission fundraiser a success! Many thanks to Myrtle Connell and Ann Calvin, Organizers; Doreen Boyer; Ruth Carrara; Natalie, Kelly, Julie and Sarah Conklin; Garrett Jones; Ken and Barbara Ingra; David, Rita and Enzo Whetton; Christie Pavlishin; Amy Hansen; Tracy Voca; Glenn Deroucher; Joan Olszewski; and Pastor Viv. A little rain did not deter our efforts at all and it was so much fun to greet all of you who drove by to pick up your dinners.





PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

The pillar candles on the altar every Sunday morning with blue and gold ribbons are a reminder that we continue to pray for a resolution to the conflict, we pray for all who have lost loved ones, we pray for families displaced from their homes.

We have an ongoing collection for Ukraine through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Gifts may be given online through our website or by checks with the notation "Ukraine Relief." One hundred percent of all funds go directly toward aid in Ukraine.



Ruth Carrara Appreciation Day

On May 1 Crane's Mill celebrated Ruth for thirty years of piano accompaniment for Sunday afternoon devotions. Myrtle Connell, Robb McCombe, Pastor Viv and Maxine Alstrom were on hand to add some additional music to the celebration and present her with flowers.



Ever wonder what happens to Easter lilies after Easter?

Leftover flowers are planted in the Memorial Garden and return as baby lilies. Sometimes they will bloom a second time in the fall. But all regrow the following spring [see above] as brand new baby lilies!

CHURCH MEMBER FEATURED IN ART SHOW

AT WEST CALDWELL LIBRARY

Stop at the West Caldwell Library's Richard Cass Art Gallery, 30 Clinton Rd, W. Caldwell from June 2-30, 2022 to view "CONVERSATIONS WITH NATURE", offered by artist **Louise Woodcox** a resident of Fairfield. Woodcox is an Award winning Plein Air painter of color and light (the French term for painting in the open air). Many of the paintings on exhibit have been painted at the artist property in Fairfield.

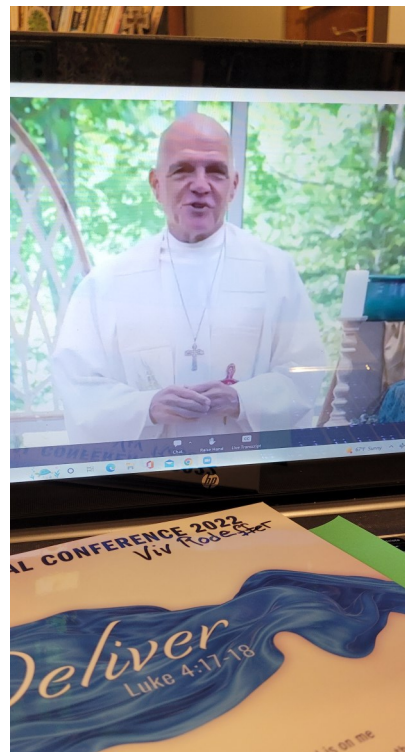
Even though there are years at the artist's property, Woodcox was inspired by every day to start this new series during COVID. The paintings of the day featuring the landscape of that particular day. These are the "Meadow Series". Several of the paintings are included in this exhibit. Other paintings were painted in different locations in Maine. The medium the artist has chosen to paint in is Oils and Dry (soft) Pastels. Woodcox is a member of the West Essex Art Association and the Pastel Society of New Jersey where she is a Signature Member.



many paintings done over the years as a series called "My Place", the Meadow which she views every series started in January 2021. The paintings were done at different hours of the day and in different weather that was on display for the paintings are part of "The Meadow Series". Several of the paintings included in this exhibit have been painted in various locations of New Jersey and

SUMMER OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE CHURCH

Pastor Viv welcomes interested persons to get in touch with her if they wish to officially join this band of disciples known as Caldwell United Methodist Church. She will do **introduction to membership sessions** with those interested. We are especially eager to welcome those of you who are "regulars" who may not have had the opportunity yet to profess your faith openly because of the pandemic. Send her a text at 609-709-8373 if you are interested in finding out more.



Annual Conference Greater New Jersey May 23-24

Barbara and Ken Ingra, and Pastor Viv represented our church at this year's annual conference. Here in this photo Bishop John Schol conducts one of the many inspirational worship services. **Pastor Viv is reappointed to our church for the tenth year.**

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CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING

Boys and girls, sixth grade and up, are invited to join the confirmation class being formed. All children are welcome whether parents are church members or not. Text the pastor with your name, age and grade that you will be in this fall at 609-709-8373. Thank you! **Pastor Viv**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Day Outreach to Seniors—Monday, May 30, 9:30-10:30. We will be hosting town seniors on the church lawn as the Memorial Day Parade passes by on Bloomfield Avenue. Volunteers welcome!

Sunday, June 12 at 10 AM Worship—the church trustees will present the Dow Rich Memorial Scholarship to five recipients and they will each have opportunity to share with us. Get ready for our annual Golf Kick Off too!

Sunday, June 19 at 10 AM Worship—Fathers' Day service and recognition of all men and boys at church this Sunday.

Upcoming this Summer—We will welcome new members into our "band of disciples." Stay tuned for more information. **Text the pastor to find out more about the new member class.**

