



# THE VOICE

April 2021

## Dear Friends,

There is a beautiful quote from Psalm 104: 33 that goes like this: **“I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.”** The Psalmist reminds us the “Easter” song of deliverance can last our whole lives long!

At Easter we remember Christ’s victory over death and his resurrection. Both are events that free us from sin and death and usher in a bright tomorrow and the promise of eternal life. Now that’s something to sing about! Do I hear an amen? But it’s also important to remember that **the gift of Easter can be celebrated every day of our lives not just these few days in the spring.**

This has been a difficult year for us all. We have been through a pandemic, we have lost loved ones, we have dealt with surgeries, chemotherapies and illnesses, we have survived quarantine, we have taught our children at home, we have managed to find food and to make ends meet despite financial hardships.

Vaccines have been received as precious as sacraments. Zoom has replaced in-person. Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, showers, weddings and wakes have assumed forms we could have never imagined. In person tasks have been reborn in all sorts of modified, mask wearing, socially distanced, sanitized, plexi-shielded manners. **Many days we have not felt like singing at all. Far from it.**

But the Psalmist reminds us that God’s song in our lives must never cease. When we recall Jesus’ sacrifice for our sins, we are amazed at the depth of love and eternally grateful and as the Swedish Proverb suggests **no matter what, “those who wish” will “always find a song.”** My prayer for you this Easter season is **that you find that song of God’s for your life and never stop singing!**

**Christ is Risen! Pastor Viv**



**“Those who wish  
to sing always  
find a song.”**

*~ Swedish Proverb*

## Message to the Congregation

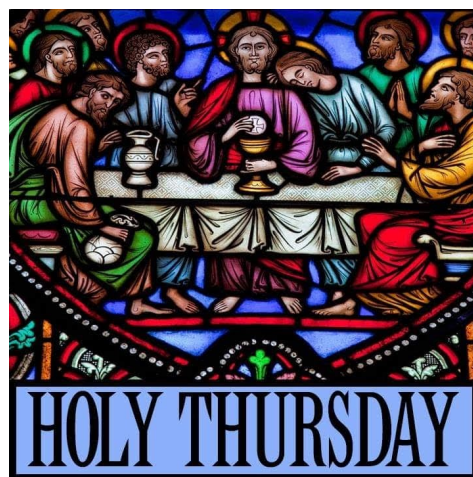
Friends at Caldwell Methodist,

Thank you for being a reflection of Christ's love in the community! Happy Easter!

Garrett Jones

*Note: Mr. Jones donated the palms  
for Palm Sunday.*

*Thank You!*



## Holy Thursday, April 1

Zoom Worship at 7 PM

Remembrance of Christ's Last Supper  
with the Disciples with Foot Washing  
and Communion

## "IRREVEREND"

NOELLE GIZZI'S WEB SERIES

TO BE FILMED AT OUR CHURCH

SEEKS EXTRAS

"Hi everyone! My name is Noelle, and I am a Caldwell local and the writer/producer for a web series that is being filmed in town! We are looking to make our set look populated for a few episodes, and are therefore seeking some volunteer extras to fill in the space and do a bit of acting. No experience necessary--open to all ages, races, genders, abilities, types, and so on! If you or someone you know would like to appear on film, please comment on this post *[see below how to do this]* and I will reach out to you with more specifics! Covid protocols will be in place, and it's sure to be a fun shoot! Should I mention there will be snacks?"

**TO CONTACT CHURCH MEMBER NOELLE:**

Email her at [noellecait0101@gmail.com](mailto:noellecait0101@gmail.com)



## Easter Saturday, April 3

11 AM thru Noon

The Bunny will be in front of the church to pose for photos and share some candy with your family! See you at 8 Academy Rd.

## MUSICAL NOTES FROM MAXINE

Happy Spring to you all!

Just a short note to let you know that Paige is working so hard and enthusiastically to get a head count for music for Ocean Grove. There are many flexible options to participate, so please let her know ASAP. I will help in any way I can with the music and rehearsals.

I look forward to getting to know all of you better and your musical talents. We are always happy to include anyone of any age that would like to participate even now virtually.

Please use my email max13A@aol.com or my home phone 973-808-0354 and not my cell unless it's urgent.

Thank you, Peace and  
Grace,  
Maxine Alstrom



## April Birthdays

April 3	George Carnrick III
April 5	Glenn Tomich
April 10	George W. Carnrick, Jr. Joe Dolce Rob Schaedler
April 11	Andrew Hansen
April 12	Brandon Narine Isabel Voca
April 14	Bailey Ann Winkler
April 18	Kevin Pierce
April 19	Monica Tate
April 22	Ann Calvin Wendy Large Lydia Repoyo
April 23	Mary Crooks
April 26	Ken Ingra
April 29	Liz Ciccone Doug Wallace

## Financial Report through February 2021

Through our first two months of 2021 our expenses exceeded our income versus our projected budget by \$3,400. This is \$3,100 less than last month.

Our expenses were \$1,128 less than expected. This is mostly due to our personnel expenses resulting from the change in our staff. Our ministries are already doing a good job managing their expenses.

On the income side our overall giving was \$1,834 greater than our goal to date. Our Faithful Givers were \$623 less than expected and our Pledgers were \$2,457 greater than anticipated. Our miscellaneous income was less than expected.

We will provide a status of the Stewardship Program in our next report. 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





## Easter Flowers Have Been Given:

In **memory** of my beloved husband, **David**

by Doreen Boyer

In **memory** of my beloved husband, **Donald Calvin**

by Ann Calvin

In **honor** of our daughters, **Robin & Susan**

by Pastor Viv & Robb McCombe

In **memory** of my husband, **Tom**

by Jane Vogelsang

In **memory** of **my husband** on our 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

by Ruth Carrera

In **memory** of our Music Director, **Diane Moser**

by Pastor Viv & Robb McCombe

In **memory** of parents and siblings

by Myrtle & John Connell

**To the glory of God**

by Myrtle & John Connell

In **honor** of my children & grandchildren

by Doreen Boyer

In **memory** of **Alice Thieleman**

by Christine Pavlishin

In **honor** of **Laura Elcavage**

by the Dubinski family

In **memory** of **Bill & Ruth Gorham**

by Rev. Karen & Tony Gazzillo

In **memory** of **Peter & Amelia Gazzillo**

by Rev. Karen & Tony Gazzillo

In **memory** of **Emil & Marion Hansen**

by the Hansen family

In **memory** of **Carl Bagnall**

by the Hansen family

In **honor** of our grandson, **Johnny Fisher**

by Pastor Viv & Robb McCombe

In **memory** of **Dan Klohs**

by Cynthia Maiullo

In **memory** of **Olga Muller**

by Cynthia Maiullo

In **honor** of **Pastor Viv & Robb**

by Rev. Karen & Tony Gazzillo

In **memory** of **Lavinia & Norman Moeller** from their daughter

by L. Paige Moeller

In **memory** of my brother, **Bryan T. McCombe**

by Robb McCombe

In **memory** of my parents, **Carl S. & Doris V. Rodeffer**

by Pastor Viv



In **honor** of **Pastor Karen & Tony Gazzillo**

In **memory** of our sexton, **Rayfield Harris**

In **memory** of **Al Alvarez & Edward Chubb**

In **memory** of **George Stanton**

In **honor** of **Anthony & Patty Gazzillo**

In **memory** of **George Stanton**

In **memory** of **Phebe Bishop**

In **honor** of **David, Leslie and Jeff Sampson**

In **honor** of **Michael & Lise Gazzillo**

In **honor** of **Lisa & John Norvis**

In **memory** of my parents, **Thomas & Grace McCombe**

In **memory** of **Bob Parks**

In **honor** of my grandchildren, **Hunter, Hailey, Max & Alex**

In **honor** of our children & grandchildren

In **celebration** of our **companion cats**

In **celebration** of the leadership & congregation of  
**Caldwell United Methodist Church**

by L. Paige Moeller

by Pastor Viv & Robb McCombe

by Christine Pavlishin

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by Rev. Karen & Tony Gazzillo

by Janet Stanton

by Patty Sampson

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by Robb McCombe

by Christine Pavlishin

by Jane Vogelsang

by John & Jan Taylor

by the Dubinski family

by Pastor Viv





**Save the Date!**

The Caldwell United Methodist Church  
Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event  
has been rescheduled for

**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.*

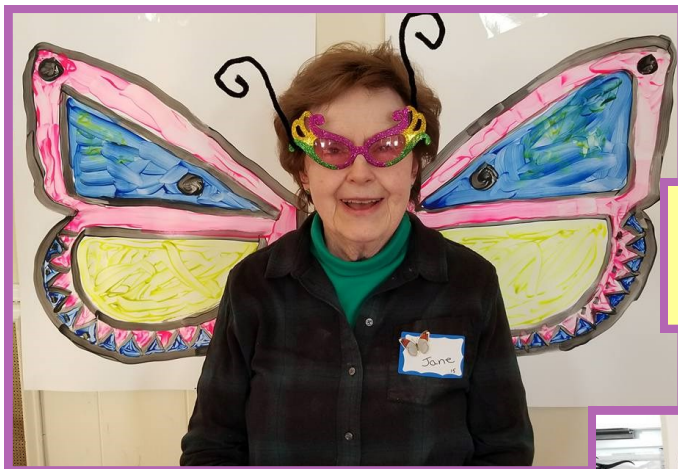
*Feed 118!*



**Mother's Day Mission Opportunity**

**Shop Rite Food Cards for Moms**

Our church has been invited to put together Mother's Day gift bags for 40 clients of Family Promise (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network or IHN). These moms are either currently temporarily homeless or have recently settled into homes with their families. We'd like to include a very practical item this May, a *\$20 Shop Rite gift card*. Please consider purchasing food cards as you normally would, and then email Ellen in the church office or give her a call to let her know how many to put aside for Family Promise moms. An added bonus to your generosity is that a percentage of each card purchased helps our church financially, too. Deadline = May 1. (Church Office: [caldwellumcnj@gmail.com](mailto:caldwellumcnj@gmail.com) or 973-226-4410)



**Spring Has Sprung**

**Messy Church  
Easter 2018**





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HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE-LIFT at Academy Road Entrance

FRIEND US ON



## JOIN US FOR ZOOM EASTER WORSHIP

Sunday, April 4 at 10 AM

Joyful music, preaching and prayers share the timeless *and timely* message that “**Christ is Risen!**” Join us Sunday for the celebration and let God change your life for the better. Use the QR below to sign in to zoom church.

