

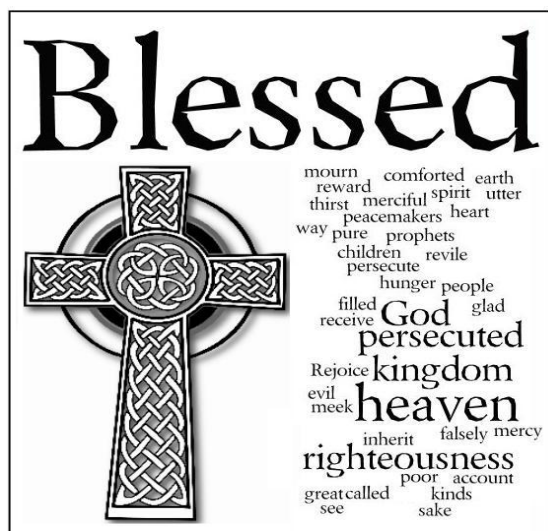
The Cornerstone

The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Psalm 118:22-23

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***Blessed are
the Meek;
for They will
Inherit the Earth***

Matthew 5:5

*"Happy are people who are humble,
because they will inherit the earth." (CEB)*

"The meek and lowly are fortunate! for the

whole wide world belongs to them." (Living Bible)

"You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less.

*That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be
bought." (The Message)*

"Blessed are those who are humble. They will be given the earth." (NIRV)

AND I have heard some share, *"Blessed are the gentle..."*

What word would you use for meek? What emotions and thoughts do the word
"meek," bring forward in you?

Different translations change out various and more contemporary words for
"**meek**," yet all teach us that meekness has to do with courage and timing, knowing
and waiting on the Lord before reacting and responding. This may be the exact
beatitude we need to hear and reflect on for our engagement in our world today.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday as we dig deeper into our
understanding of our blessedness and the call it has in our journey of discipleship. Jill



MENDHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10 East Main St., Mendham (Borough) NJ 07945

SPEAKER EVENT: SEPT. 24, 2025 7:00PM

Join Us For An Enlightening Evening

Guest Speaker: Dale G. Caldwell, MBA, Ed.D

TOPIC: THE COST OF RACISM

In keeping with eliminating the sin of racism, a major goal of the United Methodist Church, this is the second in a series of events exploring racism, in its many forms.

Economic racism is not just a relic of the past—it continues to shape the lives of millions today.

Key topics will include: The legacy of discriminatory economic policies; how race influences access to capital, credit and housing; the role of corporations and government in perpetuating inequality.



Dale G. Caldwell, MBA, Ed.D. is the President of Centenary University and the Pastor of Covenant United Methodist Church in Plainfield, New Jersey. His experience includes serving as the CEO of Strategic Influence LLC, Senior Manager at Deloitte Consulting, Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and Founding Executive Director of the nonprofit Newark Alliance.

Dale is the Founder and Board President of the Dale Caldwell Foundation whose mission is to reduce poverty through education, employment and entrepreneurship. He has written eight books, has over 33 years of K-12 public school board president experience and was named the New Jersey School Board Member of the Year in 2009. Dale has extensive tennis leadership and playing experience and was inducted into the USTA Eastern Tennis Hall of Fame in 2021.

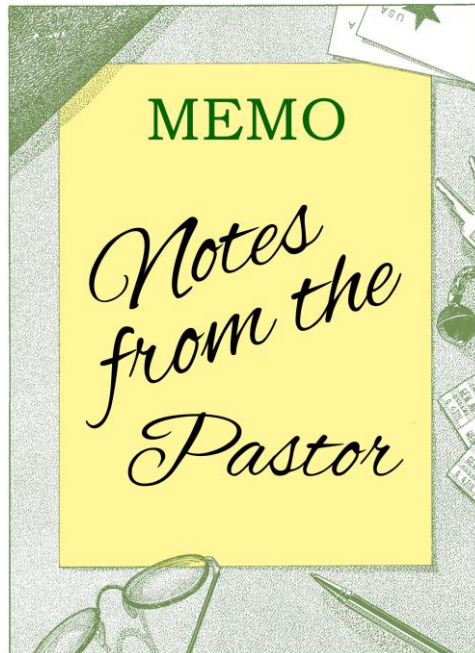
He graduated from Princeton University with a BA in economics; the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania with an MBA in finance; and received his Doctorate from Seton Hall University in Education Administration.

His father, Rev. Dr. Gilbert Haven Caldwell, graduated from North Carolina A&T, and became a United Methodist pastor, who knew and marched with Martin Luther King, Jr.

Light refreshments will be provided after the speech, offering a moment to connect and reflect together.

For more information, please contact us at janetbell@comcast.net. We look forward to seeing you there.

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” - Matthew 18:20



1. A mission trip to West Va. is being planned for the end of Jan. or early Feb. If interested, please let the church office or Robyn Korsen know.
2. I am considering a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 12th at 1:30 p.m. All well-behaved animals and their families would be invited for a blessing in the field. Mark your calendars, tell your neighbors and friends, and join us that day.
3. CHURCH CONFERENCE is on October 26th at 1:30 at St John's UMC in Hazlet. Carpooling is available.



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*See reverse side for a list of merchandise receiving 15% and 10% Off as well as exclusions.

For more details visit boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends

See any UWIF member for your pass or stop in the church office



Garage sale



UWIF Garage Sale

October 4, 8:30 am to 2 pm

Set-up days, Thursday & Friday October 2 & 3, 9-6 pm.

It's time to start gathering your unwanted "treasures" to donate to the UWIF annual garage sale! A few guidelines:

No books!

No heavy furniture!

No curtain or drapery rods!

No linens!

No heavy exercise equipment!

Please be sure your donations are clean and in working order!

Also GREATLY NEEDED are some hale and hearty volunteers to help clear the stage and to help clean up at the end of the day. Please contact Diane Maher at 732-513-8413 to sign up, or for information!



Calling All Bakers!

Once again, we will offer delicious baked goods for sale at the UWIF garage sale on Oct. 4th. Last year, over \$400 was raised just at the bake table!

We hope to do the same (or better) this year!

Please contribute home-baked items to raise funds to benefit women's and children's charities.

Helpful hints:

1. Bake now and freeze!
2. Pretty packaging helps things to sell!

Thank you so much! Questions? Contact Diane Maher at 732-513-8413



**15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025**

Counters: Randy Danielson, Jane Gittines

Greeter: Barb Gruezke

Usher: Scott Danielson

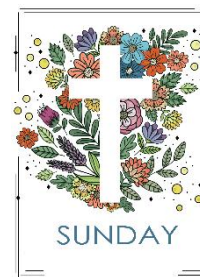
Acolyte: Kayleigh Becker

Lay Reader: Soon Hur

Altar Flowers:

**Given in honor of Scott & Russel Danielson's 7th
wedding anniversary.**

**Given by Carol Whyte in loving memory of her
son, Scott Gill.**



**16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025**

**Counters: Mary Bailey, Cheryl McLoughlin, John
Montgomery**

Greeter: Len Gruezke

Usher: Buster Stoll

Acolyte: Bonnie McNamara

Lay Reader: John Montgomery

Altar Flowers:

**Given in honor of Kelly Pettit's birthday by
Hudson, Owen, & her family.**

**Given in loving memory of Betty Lou Smith by
Jeff & Melody Ragle.**



Java with Jill

Join Jill at the Blue Swan

**Diner for coffee and conversation (or the drink of
your preference).**

**This informal time of fellowship will be every
4th Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.**

**Mark your calendar: September 23rd
THIS TUESDAY**



Spaghetti Dinner

Every third Sunday of the month

5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Eat in or take out

Free to all

September's dinner will be September 21st.

THIS SUNDAY



The Little Free Pantry

Please think of stocking shelf-stable milk, powdered milk, soup, stew, chili, whole grain cereal, toiletries, hygiene products, baby food, applesauce, canned beans, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned salmon, SPAM, canned ham, canned vegetables, olive oil, canola oil, crackers, dried herbs, spices, canned fruit, dried fruit, granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, meals in a box, nuts, pasta, peanut butter, & rice.

A good idea this week:
Water

Tsedalech Tesfaye, our World Vision Child from Ethiopia, is sponsored for the month of September by Kitty Amato.

OUR SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING BENEFITS NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER OF CAMDEN



Mercy Center Collection

Mercy Center is in need of the following items: cooking oil, Ramen noodles, canned pasta, rice (1 lb. bags), crackers, SPAM, salad dressing, mayonnaise, pancake mix, ketchup, sugar, corn, Hamburger Helper, canned fruit, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, cereal, seasonings, jelly, syrup, toothbrushes (single packs), toothpaste, deodorant, diapers, pull-ups (size 5 and up), bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, & dish detergent.



SAVE THE DATE

October 26th

1:30 p.m.

St. John's United Methodist Church: Hazlet

All are invited to this very important business meeting of our church.



Our homebound: David Miller, Bev Itell, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Cary Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould

Sunnyside Manor, Wall: Nancy Burt

At Home: Avery Fallon

Our church family worshipping at a distance: Barbara Novick, Jean Gillette, Laura Eble, Jack & Caroline Chesbro



Something to think about:

God has never made a promise that was too good to be true.

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Sept 21-Sept 27

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79
Psalm 4
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

