

The Seeker

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PNC Update

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Pastor Nominating Committee

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The past nine month journey as chair of our Pastor Nominating Committee has been a truly amazing and inspiring process. Last October our members elected and charged our committee with the task of searching for a new full time pastor that we believe God has called to Caldwell. Throughout this entire process we have always kept the hopes and desires of our members in the forefront of our hearts and minds. Our committee has met weekly since then, considering personal Information forms (PIFs) from 98 pastors who wished to be considered. We carefully studied, reviewed and discussed each one. By April we had narrowed our field to a short list of eight candidates, and spent an additional month conducting phone/Skype interviews, checking references and praying for God's guidance.

After much prayer and discernment of God's will, our committee brought two finalists to Lake George over two separate weekends in June. We enjoyed meeting these two pastors face to face, and spent a great deal of time with them, in interviews and fellowship, and enjoyed worship services and sermons by each of them at a scheduled neutral pulpit in a nearby Presbyterian Church. Our PNC met on July 2 to review our two candidates in detail. After much thoughtful discussion and prayer the PNC made the decision to call the one pastor to our church that we all believe God has chosen for us.

I am very pleased to announce that **Reverend Chad Jones** enthusiastically accepted our call when I notified him following our meeting. He and his wife, Natalie, were elated with the news and quickly accepted. Chad and Natalie will return to Lake George on July 28 & 29 to meet all of you in person. The PNC can't wait for everyone to meet them. Please mark your calendars for these special, "not-to-be-missed" events:

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| Saturday, July 28 th from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Ice Cream Social at Caldwell Presbyterian Church Meet Rev. Chad and his wife Natalie and enjoy a frozen treat before dinner! All are welcome - members, families and friends. | Sunday, July 29 at 10:00 am - Noon Worship led by Pastor Nominee Rev Chad Jones, followed by a congregational meeting to formally elect our new pastor All are invited and encouraged to attend, but only members may complete a ballot. Please plan to stay for coffee hour so you may visit with Chad & Natalie and the PNC. God has great things in store for our church family and community as we continue to grow together in Christ! |
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**A message from our
Pastor Nominee Rev.
Chad Jones**



Greetings to Caldwell Presbyterian Church! My family and I are extremely excited about the possibility of serving you and becoming part of your church family. For us, this marks the end of one journey and the exciting beginning of another. Although this journey has not always been smooth, we feel we have been continuously blessed along the way. My wife and I both grew up in the Houston area, living only about 30 minutes from each other, though never crossing paths. We met in College Station in 1998 at Texas A&M University (Gig 'em Aggies!!!). I was a member of the Aggie Corp of Cadets' ROTC program while getting a degree in education and kinesiology and Natalie was working towards a degree in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Sciences. We hit it off instantly. We were married in 2000 and both graduated in 2001. We were soon blessed with our first child Ramsey (now 11) and I received a job teaching high school history and coaching soccer in College Station.

Soon after Ramsey was born we felt an unexplained desire to find a church home. After visiting several churches, we found a home at the local Presbyterian Church (must have been the food!). Not long after, the Lord blessed and entrusted us with another child, our son Emery (now 9). We quickly became very active in our church and I began volunteering with the youth group right away. I did this for two years before they asked me to join the church staff as the Director of Christian Education. I felt a call to ministry long before I was an official employee of the church. I was leading a youth Bible study one Sunday evening when it suddenly became clear that this was God's purpose for my life.

From that point on, God has led my family on a remarkable journey. In the summer of 2005 we packed up and made the long trip to Louisville, KY in order for me to attend seminary. We arrived with no jobs, no money and only God's call to lead the way. There we spent 3 wonderful years growing in Christ and as a family. We were even lucky enough to spend one summer in Anacortes, WA where I served as an intern pastor.



During seminary I also received a commission into the Army Reserves as a Chaplain Candidate. This enabled me to train to become an Army chaplain while I was still a seminarian. I graduated from seminary in May of 2008 and spent several months as an acting chaplain for reserve units in training on several army posts. My first call to parish ministry was to the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell, MT where for 2 ½ years I served as an Associate Pastor for Family and Youth and served as an on-call chaplain for our local hospital.

We are now looking for a new call and more importantly a new church family. I feel as though my God given gifts for ministry closely aligns with the vision and goals that you have for Caldwell Presbyterian Church. My family and I are very excited about the possibility of serving you and getting to know each of you personally. May God's Holy Spirit continue to work through this very deliberate process and if God desires, lead us to a great and wonderful partnership and a very bright future here at Caldwell. Thanks and God bless!

In Christ's service,

Rev. Chad Jones

**CALDWELL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH:
June 2012
Financial Situation**

Pledge receipts for the month of June, 2012 were even with the June 2012 budget. Overall operating receipts for June 2012 were 6% behind June 2012 budget due to shortfalls in the category of Checks/Special Offerings (primarily visitors). Although our income for June was somewhat lower than budget, we had a surplus for the month after payment of bills as there was no full time minister expenditures in June other than required pension contributions.

2012 (first half) year to date (YTD) results are as follows:

- 2012 YTD pledge receipts are now 8% ahead of 2012 budget thanks to prepaid pledges in January.
- 2012 YTD operating receipts are 9% behind 2012 budget as other categories of receipts besides pledges are generally down compared to budget.
- After expenses, the Operating Gain for the first half of 2012 was \$13,871. This gain is favorable to the 2012 budgeted loss for the first half of 2012 of \$ 2,532. This is due to prepaid pledge receipts and under-spending in most cost categories. As of the day the Seeker went to press (July 15), our budgeted Operating Loss of \$5,061 for all of 2012 still appears realistic if budget assumptions dealing with the hiring of a new fulltime pastor are realized.

(Note: the phrase “operating receipts” has the same meaning as “Budgeted Income” on the Treasurer’s Report-All Funds.)

2012 second quarter church attendance averaged 78 people per Sunday. That is even with the 2nd quarter of 2011 and 9% behind the 2nd quarter of 2010. This trend negatively impacts collection receipts.

WE THANK EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE CHURCH FINANCIALLY THIS PAST QUARTER, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WORKED SO HARD ON OUR FUNDRAISERS!

Respectfully,

Jeff Brozyna

Finance/Stewardship Elder

**SANCTUARY SLATE
ROOF PROJECT
UNDERWAY**

After gathering feedback from church members both prior to and during an informal congregation meeting on July 1st, the Session voted to replace the sanctuary roof with new slate shingles if practicable. The old slate roof (dating back to the mid-1800s) was badly damaged by the hailstorm early in June and the insurance adjuster authorized full replacement at no cost to the church if costs remain within approved parameters. The Session reviewed three options: asphalt shingles, man-made slate shingles and natural slate shingles. (The first two options would allow the church to keep some insurance cash proceeds after roof replacement.) About two-thirds of those members expressing opinions at the July 1st meeting favored natural slate as long as the cost is fully covered by insurance. At a special meeting held immediately afterwards, the Session approved natural slate shingles on the basis of durability and appearance. The use of natural slate also keeps the door open should we decide to seek historic registration for the sanctuary building sometime in the future.

Roger Glenn has been given the authority to seek bids, select a contractor and coordinate the project. As of the date the Seeker went to press (July 15th), four contractors (two from Warren County and two from the "Slate Valley" along the Vermont boarder) have submitted bids, all of which would be fully covered by our insurance proceeds. In order to guarantee product reliability and long lasting appearance, we have specified non-fading slate roofing tiles quarried locally by manufacturers with strong reputations. At present, contractor negotiations have begun and it is hoped that installation of the new slate roof will be in progress by the time the August Edition of the Seeker is published.

The hailstorm also broke windows on the west side of the nursery school building and dented siding on the school building and sanctuary. This damage will also be replaced using insurance proceeds. The asphalt shingles installed on our other buildings earlier this Spring were not damaged by the storm.

MY PEOPLE WILL LIVE IN PEACEFUL DWELING PLACES, IN
SECURE HOMES, IN UNDISTURBED PLACES OF REST. THOUGH
HAIL FLATTENS THE FOREST AND THE CITY IS LEVELED
COMPLETELY, HOW BLESSED YOU WILL BE, SOWING YOUR
SEED BY EVERY STREAM, AND LETTING YOUR CATTLE AND
DONKEYS RANGE FREE. (Isaiah 32:19-20)

Sunday School Rally Day

and

Pancake Breakfast

September 9, 2012

We are kicking off our new Sunday School year with a special event! Teachers and parents along with their children (ages nursery to high school) are cordially invited to our Rally Day Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, September 9, at 9:00 am**. We will enjoy breakfast, meet the teaching staff, register students and receive important information.

After the breakfast, our 10:00 am church service will follow with the dedication of our teachers. Sunday School classes will meet from 10:15-11:15am.

Our goal at Caldwell is to assist children and youth to grow and mature in their Christian faith. There are many caring adults who devote their time and talents to this important ministry. Are you looking for a way to serve God and His Church? If so, please call Sarah King 798-0615 or Yvonne Fuller 743-9759. There will be a place for you!

See you on Rally Day!



Sunday School Registration form

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| Child's Name | | |
| Address | | |
| e-mail address | | |
| Phone # | | Emergency # |
| Birthday | Age | Grade |
| Name of parents or adult contact | | |
| Any medical needs | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if you do NOT want your child photographed for publicity purposes. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please check if you are willing to provide a snack at some point. | | |

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Lake George, NY 12845 or call 518-668-2613

Our August mission-of-the-month

will give us the opportunity to support two local needs.



The School Nurse's Fund for the Lake George School will provide a discretionary fund to meet unexpected needs. Funds for school supplies for children from low-income families who frequently move into the school district soon after Labor Day would be available. In past years the fund has been used for medicine, lunches, eye glasses, shoes or other clothes, and on occasion for a medical appointment. With the increasing numbers of families with children eligible for free or reduced lunch, unexpected needs may increase.

Feet First 2012 is a program of the Family Service Association that buys shoes or sneakers for children of financially struggling families. Anyone who attends school in Warren, Washington, or northern Saratoga Counties and is in pre-school through high school is eligible providing the criteria for financial eligibility are met. Last year the Feet First program purchased 340 new pairs of shoes for needy children.

We can contribute to these two local missions by using the mission envelopes found in the pews during the month of August.

Fellowship and Hospitality

The summer months bring many visitors to Lake George and Caldwell. One of the traits of a Christian is to greet and welcome people into fellowship. Everyone in our congregation can be a part of this important mission simply by greeting a visitor, inviting and talking with them at coffee hour, or answering any questions they may have about our church. Thanks to all who do this so well!

Other notes: Fifty-four rides have been given to folks who needed transportation to appointments. We also arrange visits to shut-ins. Plans are underway for a pot-luck dinner and program in the fall and another senior breakfast with a special interest program. Check out our bulletin board in the hallway to read about this committee and perhaps you may find an area where you can help.

PLEASE NOTE: This committee can arrange for rides to church for seniors and summer residents who need transportation. Just call the church office. (668-2613)

Thank you

Diane Chandler



Registration Form

Summer Vacation Bible School at
Caldwell Presbyterian Church
August 13-17 9:00 – Noon
For more information,
call: _Sarah King at 798 0615__

Child's name: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____


Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone: (_____) _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

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|  | Allergies or other medical conditions: _____ |
| | In case of emergency, contact: |
| | Phone: _____ |
| | Relationship to child: _____ |

HAITI MISSION SCHOOL



We write this from Illinois. We are here (in part) to make a presentation about the school to a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where some of JoEllen's family has long attended, and to lead their worship this coming Sunday.

Work has started on the cistern project. We hope that it will be done by the time the Seeker reaches you. Then all we have to do is get the filtration system built. We believe that this will happen before school begins in the fall. The Haitian school year is pretty similar to our own and so the kids are out for the summer and will return in September.

This will be our sixth year with the Haiti Mission School and unfortunately we have not yet received our license. This means that our sixth grade class has to attend one of the other area schools where they can take their national exams in the spring. We are paying their tuition to attend that school.... around \$120 for the year.

We are planning to take a team to Haiti in January... probably one of the last two weeks of the month. Tentative plans will be to visit the school a couple of times to see it in operation, to visit with the students and teachers and in general to become familiar with the school. We also plan to visit an orphanage, tour the city of Jeremie and the markets, to visit in some homes of friends and enjoy our friends who visit us regularly at the hotel. The visit to the school is physically difficult, so those wishing to visit the school should be in reasonably good physical condition.

We anticipate the cost for the ten-day trip to be in the neighborhood of \$1500. Albany Presbytery has scholarship funds for Presbyterians that will pay much of the cost. We plan to limit the group to no more than 10-12 so if you are interested please let us know.

**Dear Caldwell
Presbyterian
Church,**

(This is a letter
received from a recent
visitor)

July 2012

We received a letter from Thomas Jenne as a result of our visit to your church on Father's Day.

We stayed in a motel in Lake George just one night and had looked up your church on the internet. We were persuaded that your church was a place where we would like to worship while on vacation. We visit and worship in churches whenever we are on a trip and we weren't disappointed with your service. What impressed us after the sermon was that the female preacher asked for comments from the congregation; several were complimentary of the service but we felt more importantly, were responses to the fellowship and relationships made at your church. That was great. We go to a Christian Reformed Church in Oak Lawn, IL where relationships are emphasized and we feel that is exactly what Jesus had in mind. The night before we walked the strip like thousands of other people were doing and then on Sunday morning the street was empty of people.

I was thinking to myself that all those people may be wandering around aimlessly when they could find so much by attending and becoming a part of a church where people care and God cares.

Thank you for a special experience.

Marion

**Lake George
Music Festival**

FREE ADMISSION TO
ALL EVENTS!

Starting at 7:00 PM

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| Friday August 17th | Chamber music concert – St. James Episcopal Church 172 Ottawa Street |
| Saturday August 18th – | Chamber music concert – Caldwell Presbyterian Church, 71 Montcalm Street |
| Sunday August 19th | Chamber music concert – Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 51 Mohican Street |
| Monday August 20th | Chamber music concert – Caldwell Presbyterian Church |
| Tuesday August 21st | Chamber music concert – St. James Episcopal Church “Jean Françaix 100 Year Anniversary Concert” |
| Wednesday August 22nd | Chamber music concert – Caldwell Presbyterian Church |
| Thursday August 23rd | Festival Symphony Orchestra” Concert – Shepard Park, Lake George Village *(rain location: Sacred Heart Church) “Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto, Op.35 and Mendelssohn Symphony No. 4, Op.90 (“Italian”) Nigel Armstrong, Violin – Roger Kalia, Conductor Concert will be followed by an amazing Fireworks show over the Lake at 9:30PM! |

From the Editor



Seeker submissions should be emailed to:
Caldwell.seeker@gmail.com, or placed in *Len Bunalski's*
mailbox at church. We will continue to work with a deadline of
the 15th of the month for submissions, so that *The Seeker* can be
delivered to you by, or at least nearer the beginning of the
month.

**BUCKET LIST
LUNCHEON**

Monday, August 6th, at noon at church.
Bring a sandwich (all else provided) and up to three Bucket List
Wishes.
Reservations: call church office--668-2613 or Helene Horn –
656-9373.

Prayer Concerns



Andrew Adams, John Adams, Lauren Azer, Karen Azer, Joe Bailey, Carrie Bradley, Jeff Brozyna, the Burlingame family, Dick Butler, Michael Carr, Rod Cornelius, Debbie, Henry Donrax, Dorothy, Kathy Dwyer, Charlie Fuller, Joann Gatarz, Gordon Gibson, Leiryn, Lynda Glenn, the Green Family, Jack, the Jenne Family, John & Barbara Kessler, John Kohland, Doris Krause, Helen Longman, Henry John, Diana Martin, Riley Mattson, Robert Martin, Shannon Mower, Nancy Munro, Suzanne Murphy, Mike Obarowski, James O'Brian, Eleanor Orange, Pamela Parrott, Richie's grandson, Ron, Stan Rummel, Susie, Joy Willmen, Richard Willmen, Justice White-Sloan, the family and friends of Kay Wood, the family and friends of Leo Morris, the family of Donald R. Norton

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| Hospital, Nursing & Retirement Homes & At Home | Indian River Nursing Home | Elsie Timms |
| | Home of The Good Shepherd | Mary Harbourne |
| | Fort Hudson | Ron and Betty Cole |
| | At Home | Clyde Gazlay, Austin |
| Out of Town | Afghanistan | Kurt Peltz, Julie Valenza Physicians Assistant, & 1st Lt. Gregory Zen |
| | Colorado | Tim Glenn |
| | Florida | Beth Gailey, John Skee |
| | Georgia | John Logan |
| | Haiti | James Obarowski |
| | Illinois | Erin O'Reilly |
| | Massachusetts | Wendy Raphael |
| | New Jersey | Victor Strom |
| | New York | Bev Sliter, Jackie Mackey, Eddie Mills, Ken Austin, Donna Hickey, Esme Savoie |
| | Pennsylvania | Kristin Pike |
| | Pleasant Valley | Pastor Shawn's Daughter Victoria |
| | Thailand | Harry Horn |

**Our Men and Women serving in the military
Our Nation and Our Leaders in Government**

The President, Congress, Town and Village Boards

Our Missionaries

CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Caldwell Presbyterian Church

August 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 Worship 10:00 A.M. <i>Pastor Nominee</i> <i>Rev. Chad Jones</i> | 30 | 31 AA 7:00 P.M Paper Bin P/U | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Worship 10:00 A.M. Communion | 6 | 8 AA 7:00 P.M | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 12 Worship 10:00 A.M. | 13 Summer Vacation Bible School | 14 Summer Vacation Bible School Paper Bin P/U AA 7:00 P.M | 15 Summer Vacation Bible School | 16 Summer Vacation Bible School | 17 Summer Vacation Bible School Chamber music concert – St. James Episcopal Church | 18 Chamber music concert – Caldwell Presbyterian Church |
| 19 Worship 10:00 A.M. Chamber music concert – Sacred Heart Catholic Church | 20 Chamber music concert – Caldwell Presbyterian Church | 21 Session 7:00 P.M AA 7:00 P.M Chamber music concert – St. James Episcopal | 22 Chamber music concert – Caldwell Presbyterian Church | 23 Festival Symphony Orchestra” Concert – Shepard Park, Lake George Village | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Worship 10:00 A.M. | 27 | 28 AA 7:00 P.M Paper Bin P/U | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

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1 Chronicles 28:9

“If you seek him, he will be found by you.”

Mission Statement:

We are a Christian community of local residents and seasonal visitors with diverse ideas and theological backgrounds, bound together by our belief and faith in God. We are called to share God's love with all who come through our doors. The members of Caldwell Presbyterian Church, USA, maintain our church through our attendance at services, support of its work, our gifts, prayers and study of scripture. Through God's grace, we will grow in our faith and serve an ever changing world, both locally and globally

