

# The Seeker

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## A message from our Pastor



*“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”*

*~2 Corinthians 9:8*

This is the time of year that churches call their “stewardship season”. Just to be clear, stewardship is not simply about money, but also about time and talent; managing God’s resources to and for the glory of God. Hence, everything comes from God; we are simply stewards of these blessings and meant to share them with His world.

With that being said, I think the term “stewardship season” is often misleading. We are not to practice stewardship as if it were a fall sport, then pack up our gifts until the leaves begin to turn again next year. We are privileged to be stewards of God’s love each and every day, all seasons of the year. We are privileged – day in and day out – to show and share with others the kind of love that God first gives us. Such giving is how we come to know God. Such giving is how God is made known through us. Such love comes from God and leads us to God. This is true stewardship!

The story is told of a missionary who celebrated her birthday in a small tribal village in Central Africa. She was a teacher, and her students went all out to throw a party in her honor. They brought food and drink and gifts of every kind. One gift was a little drawstring bag full of colorful stones collected from a creek bed several miles from the village. She looked at the little boy who gave them to her and said, “How on earth did you get these? That’s a long way from here.” The little boy smiled and said, “Long walk part of gift.”

Part of giving back to God is going that extra mile to recognize that none of this is our own. Every blessing in our life has been given to us by a God that is intimately involved in our life. As stewards of these gifts, we look to His church as a vehicle of grace and mercy. Without this building, without these programs, without these missions, we would miss the opportunity to share the love of Christ with others in our community.

I feel a sense of energy and optimism surrounding the life and mission of Caldwell and feel that we are moving toward taking that next step! Over the

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next year, I will be challenging this congregation to do and be more than we are; “onward and upward” is the saying! Part of this challenge is to ask you to assess your own resources: money, time and talent and personally assess where you’re at. Do you give back to God? Do you seek to know Him by blessing others with what He has entrusted to you? I pray that you make a commitment this “stewardship season” to lead a life worthy of your calling. Give more of yourself and then bask in the warmth of God’s radiant love as you see Him working in and through you! Have a terrific November! See you in Church!

Blessings,

*Pastor Chad*

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

Pledge receipts for the month of Sept., 2012 were 8% ahead of the Sept. 2012 budget and overall Operating Receipts for Sept. 2012 were 35% ahead of Sept. 2012 budget which helped to offset a poor August. A large part of this favorable income level in Sept. was the transfer of earnings from an investment account. After payment of bills we had a small Operating Loss in September of \$40 as we caught up on some bills as funds came in.

2012 (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter) year to date (YTD) results are as follows:

- 2012 YTD pledge receipts are now 2% ahead of 2012 budget.
- 2012 YTD Operating Receipts are 7% behind 2012 budget primarily due to a shortfall in Checks/Special Offerings (summer visitors).
- After expenses, the Operating Gain through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2012 was \$3,280. This gain is favorable to the budgeted loss through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2012 of \$ 3,800. This is due to prepaid pledge receipts and under-spending in most cost categories. However, our budgeted Operating Loss of about \$5,000 for all of 2012 still appears realistic at this point in time as we now have a full time pastor.

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

We monitor church attendance for many reasons including the fact that it is a pre-cursor for church financial trends. Church attendance during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2012 averaged 80 people per Sunday. That compares to 66 in 2011 and 81 in 2010. The attendance in September 2012 averaged 94 people compared to 73 in 2011 and 80 in 2010. The impact of our new pastor is already apparent and we all will work together to improve upon this positive trend.

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

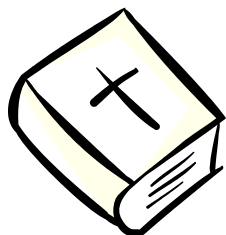
Respectfully,

Jeff Brozyna

Finance/Stewardship Elder

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**ADULT BIBLE  
STUDY PUTS  
ABRAHAM  
LINCOLN'S  
SPIRITUAL  
BELIEFS ON  
TRIAL**



Please grab your Bible, coffee and some cookies and join our fall adult Bible study class to be held on Sundays immediately after church.

Jeff Brozyna's fictional book, "Lincoln: Soul on Trial" which is being prepared for self-publication in late 2013, will be the course book. In the book, the Devil has filed an indictment in Heaven demanding the soul of the spiritually unorthodox Lincoln on the grounds that he is not a Christian.

God has instructed Saint Peter to conduct a special judicial proceeding in which the Apostle Paul is assigned as Lincoln's defense counsel and the reader is given a seat at the defense table.

The Devil himself prosecutes Lincoln in an attempt to devour his soul for all of eternity.

The Bible study supplement in the book will focus us on such issues as what it means to be a Christian, the core beliefs of Christianity, sin and forgiveness, and the meaning of God's grace in our lives.

The course is expected to be completed in six sessions. Materials for the class will be provided free of charge. If you want to sign up for the course or if you would like additional information, please contact the church office or Jeff Brozyna.

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**Love Feast  
and Advent  
Wreath  
Making  
Activity**



Again this year, we will hold our Love Feast and Advent Wreath Making Activity on the first Sunday in Advent, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in this special event open to all Caldwell families and friends. Here's how it works:

Those attending should bring enough sandwiches, whole pieces of fruit and baked goods for their family. The idea is to make the sandwiches special, as if for a friend because all the food is pooled and shared. (You may not necessarily eat what you bring.) Last year the food was varied and bountiful.

After the Feast, we will distribute Styrofoam rings, fresh greens and candles...all the materials needed to make a beautiful Advent Wreath. The 2-hour evening will conclude with a brief Advent reading, songs, prayer and the lighting of the first Advent candle.

Come; join your Caldwell family in this meaningful Christmas tradition. Watch for the sign-up sheets or call Diane Chandler at 623-9843 if you would like to attend.

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**Christian  
Education  
News**



This fall has held lots of excitement for the children, youth, and adults at Caldwell. Thank you to all who contributed items to the emergency buckets.

A giant thank you to the jr./sr. class for taking on an additional bucket. September's mission was a great success!

This year's youth mission project will be "Building our Future." Every time you bring in an offering, you can add a brick to Caldwell Presbyterian Preschool. Help us rebuild the school by the end of the school year.

October held lots of excitement with our first "It's the Great Pumpkin Race." Children and youth worked together for a scavenger hunt around Lake George. To finish off October, church members of all ages joined together to enjoy Halloween night with chili, hot cocoa, and lots of treats.

Jeff started an adult bible study that discusses Christian beliefs via Abraham Lincoln. Sound interesting? The course meets immediately after church through November so come on by. Keep an eye out for the Christmas Pageant rehearsals to start in November.

We will have the Love Feast Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!  
Sarah King and Yvonne Fuller

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**Community  
Dinner**



Be part of the Caldwell Team!

Caldwell Church will once again prepare a meal for Sacred Heart Catholic Church's Community Dinner Program.

If you would like to help prepare, serve and/or clean-up for our Caldwell dinner on Wed, November 28, 2012, or you'd like to make a dessert, please contact Linda Nicols at 356-9567 (or see me in church!) Dinner is served every Wed. 5-6 P.M., Oct to May.

It's fun, AND you'll get to enjoy our tasty dinner!

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From the Editor



Seeker submissions should be emailed to: [Caldwell.seeker@gmail.com](mailto:Caldwell.seeker@gmail.com), or placed in *The Seeker* mailbox at church.

We will continue to work with a deadline of the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for submissions, so that *The Seeker* can be delivered to you by, or at least near the beginning of the month.

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## **Fellowship/ Hospitality**

The Fellowship/Hospitality Committee would like to make everyone aware of some very special events that are planned, so please mark your calendars as we hope that you will attend these opportunities for good Christian fellowship.

Following Rev. Chad Jones' Service of Installation on Sunday, November 11, we will be hosting a Ham Dinner Reception. The service is at 4:00 pm and the Reception will follow at 5:00 pm. It is a chance for our church family, community folks, and members of the Presbytery to celebrate Pastor Chad's Installation. Dinner will consist of Oscar's Ham provided by the church with sides, salads, and rolls provided by our congregation "pot-luck" style. There will be sign-up sheets during the next weeks or please see Twyla Fitzgerald or Diane Chandler to let them know what you can bring. Please plan to attend this significant event in the life of Caldwell Presbyterian Church!

Other upcoming events discussed at our meeting were:

1. A Christmas Bazaar – Saturday, November 17, 2012 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 1:00. There will be tables with crafts, crafters, and fine collectable gifts.
2. Senior Breakfast – Tuesday, December 4 at 8:30 am at the Holiday Inn. Program to be determined and more details to follow.
3. Caldwell "Dinner-Theater" – As a follow-up to the Bucket List Luncheon held this summer; we will have supper and watch the movie, "The Bucket List." Date: to be determined.
4. On Saturday, December 8, we are planning "Breakfast with Santa" which will include games for the children and end with a trip to Westmount Nursing Home where we will sing Christmas songs for the residents. Our hope is to have large contingent of Sunday School children engage in this community service project. We will provide songbooks, elf hats and some musical instruments. Parents and choir members are encouraged to come along. Drivers will be needed. This is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit and spread joy to the elderly. They love to sing along! Watch for the exact times and more details for this event.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 8:30am at the church. Pastor Chad has promised to bring donuts! So, if you'd like to join our committee, this would be a great time!

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**Prayer Concerns**



Andrew Adams, John Adams, Lauren Azer, Karen Azer, Joe Bailey, Carrie Bradley, the Burlingame family, Dick Butler, Raymond C. Calore, David Caprood, Rod Cornelius, Mike Cox, Debbie, Henry Donrax, Dorothy, Joan Dowd, Pat Eaglestone, Peg Edwards, Kate Filicetti, Charlie Fuller, Joann Gatarz, Gordon Gibson, Leiryn, Lynda Glenn, the Green Family, Jack, the Jenne Family, John & Barbara Kessler, John Kohland, Doris Krause, Carol Longman, Helen Longman, Henry John, Diana Martin, Riley Mattson, Robert Martin, Cathy Morris, Shannon Mower, Nancy Munro, Suzanne Murphy, Mike Obarowski, James O'Brian, Eleanor Orange, Pamela Parrott, Richie's grandson, Ron, Dinelle Rosa, Sue Rummel, Susie, Joy Willmen, Richard Willmen, Justice White-Sloan

Hospital, Nursing & Retirement Homes & At Home	Indian River Nursing Home Westmount Health Facility Fort Hudson At Home	Elsie Timms Mary Harbourne Ron and Betty Cole Clyde Gazlay, Austin
Out of Town	California: Colorado Florida Georgia Haiti Illinois Massachusetts New Jersey New York  Pennsylvania Thailand	Kurt Peltz Tim Glenn Beth Gailey, John Skee John Logan James Obarowski Wendy Raphael Erin O'Reilly Victor Strom Bev Sliter, Jackie Mackey, Eddie Mills, Ken Austin, Donna Hickey , Esme Savoie Kristin Pike 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

<b>November Birthdays</b>	Elva Byrnes Jacob Pagnotta Jessica Quay Joni Steiner Kellen Ryan Madden-Fee Lindsay Corriveau Mace McCann	Mary Zahn Nancy Munro Paul Schermerhorn Ryan Becker Scott Quigan Susan Moore William Green
Alan Chandler Beth Corriveau Bob Gunther Carol Longman Debra Lenihan Dotty Kopf		

# Caldwell Presbyterian Church

# November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Choir Rehearsal 7 P.M. Preschool Committee 7 P.M.	2	3
4 Worship 10:00 A.M. Communion Haiti Luncheon Daylight savings ends	5	6 AA 7:00 P.M.  Paper Bin Pickup	7 Fellowship and Hospitality Committee 8:30 A.M.  Preschool 7:00P.M.	8  Choir Rehearsal 7 P.M.	9  Food Pantry 10-12	10
11 Worship 10:00 A.M. <u>Rev. Chad Jones</u> <u>Installation</u> <u>4:00P.M.</u>	12	13 Session 7:00 P.M.  AA 7:00 P.M	14 Last Day to Drop off Thanksgiving Food Pantry Items  Preschool 7:00P.M.	15  Choir Rehearsal 7 P.M.	16	17  Christmas Bazaar 10:00-3:00
18  Worship 10:00 A.M.	19	20 AA 7:00 P.M.  Paper Bin Pickup	21	22  Thanksgiving	23	24  Food Pantry 10-12
25  Worship 10:00 A.M.	26	27  AA 7:00 P.M	28  Community Dinner 5:00 P.M.	29  Choir Rehearsal 7 P.M.	30	

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1 Chronicles 28:9

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

Updated Contact Information for Caldwell Presbyterian Church	Caldwell Presbyterian Church has a new email address for the Office and also for Rev. Chad Jones. Office secretary@caldwellpres.org Rev. Jones: pastor@caldwellpres.org Office Phone: 518-668-2613 Please also check out our new website which is up and running, located at: <a href="http://www.caldwellpres.org">www.caldwellpres.org</a> You can follow us on Facebook by clicking on the Facebook link located on Caldwell's website. You can also view the current month's edition of the Seeker by clicking the Seeker link on Caldwell's website.
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**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





**Mission of the Month for November 2012**  
**Caldwell Preschool**

Last spring, the Caldwell congregation voted to support the reopening of our preschool. In May, the Session approved the reopening if certain conditions are met. A preschool planning committee was established and, for the past two months, has been working diligently to begin the process of reopening our preschool in September of 2013. We are grateful to the Mission Committee for devoting November's Mission of the Month to the Caldwell preschool.

Historically, the Caldwell Nursery School served the Lake George community for nearly 40 years. Presently, there is no preschool in Lake George and children have to travel to neighboring communities. We feel that God has a plan for the empty facility at the opposite end of this sanctuary. We envision the sounds of eager children experiencing their first learning experiences in an environment that is centered in Christian values. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this mission of CPC so that the preschool may be born again.

Your Preschool Planning Committee:

Pastor Chad Jones	Kim Cornelius
Alan Chandler, Co-chair	Judy Guilford
Rod Cornelius, Co-chair	Sue Hunsicker
Diane Chandler, Secretary	Sue Rummel
Lesley Clemons	Stan Rummel