

# *The Seeker*

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## **A message from our**



**Pastor**

Dear Partners in Christ,

Now that the busy holiday season is behind us here at Caldwell, we can look forward to the New Year with excitement and anticipation. Some of the things I look forward to in 2013 include: more opportunity for fellowship, including more frequent potlucks, family get-togethers, women's circles and men's breakfasts. I look forward to growing in our faith together through more Christian discipleship for all ages, including adult Bible/ book studies, prayer groups, weekly junior/ senior high youth group meetings, and regular planned activities for elementary aged children. I look forward to hearing the sounds of laughter and the pattering of feet from the preschool, new mission opportunities, new worship experiences, and reviving old traditions.

I believe that 2013 will be a truly benchmark year in the life of this congregation and I am asking you to support our effort in every possible way. So in this New Year, consider making the success of Caldwell Presbyterian Church one of your New Year's Resolutions. I truly believe that with a combined team effort and focus, we can bring this church to terrific new heights! This can be done in several important ways, but here are three:

A first way is through your presence. If more people make every effort to regularly attend Sunday worship, Bible studies, mission opportunities and fellowship activities in 2013, we will surely be more successful. Part of building a community of faith together is to be present for one another and supportive of one another's ministries. So in 2013, bless this church with the greatest gift of all, the gift of you!

A second way is through your invitation. Make it a goal of yours in 2013 to bring in at least 2 local visitors to Caldwell. This may be friends, family, co-workers, acquaintances, etc. Often times all it takes to bring them in is someone to ask. You will be surprised at how many agree to come and check us out. And once in our midst, they can see with their own eyes the joy that we have in Christ Jesus and the true difference a relationship with Him makes in our lives.....Because who wouldn't love us!!!!

A third way is through your money. Now we all hate to talk about the m-word, but right now our church more than ever needs your support. With so many great things on the horizon, this church needs a real financial

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commitment from all of its members. Many of you have pledged for 2013, which is great, but many of you have not. I would ask that you consider pledging to Caldwell Presbyterian Church this year. Some church members fear pledging because of the small amount they have to give. This is the wrong idea. Making a financial pledge is merely a promise to include God in even the most important aspects of your life and He already knows your financial situation. So don't worry about the amount, anything you pledge will be a great benefit to both the church and your own relationship with God. The pledge drive may be over, but it is certainly not too late to pledge for 2013.

I pray that each of you have a fantastic 2013 and may God continue to bless each of your lives, as well as the life of this church as a whole. Together we are going to glorify God in truly wonderful ways this year! See you in church!

In Christ's Service,

*Pastor Chad*

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**SUCCESS  
OF 2013  
PLEDGE  
DRIVE  
UNCERTAIN  
AS SEEKER  
GOES TO  
PRESS**

Our 2013 Pledge Drive started with strong early momentum but pledges tailed off in mid-November. As of November 18th, we received total pledges of about \$75,000 which constitutes the best mid-November results of any pledge drive at Caldwell since 2005. At that point we were hopeful of achieving our 2013 goal of \$105,000 in pledges. However, the rate of pledges then slowed and as of December 10<sup>th</sup> we received about \$93,000 in pledges for 2013 from 44 families. This puts us on a pace to fall well short of our goal.

Pledge donations make up over 70% of our church operating income and are critical to paying our bills. More importantly, these donations allow us to spread the Word of Christ and to reach out to help people in our community, region and world.

If you have already pledged, we thank you. If you have not yet had the opportunity to pledge, please do so soon. Remember, at this point just a few pledges can make a powerful difference.

Thank you and may God bless you with a great New Year!

Jeff Brozyna

Stewardship and Finance Elder

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## Attention Caldwell Members.....

- What:** Annual Congregational Meeting
- When:** Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>  
Immediately Following Worship
- Where:** In the Sanctuary
- Why:** For the Purpose of Renewing  
Pastor Chad's Terms of Call  
and Reviewing the 2012 Annual Report
- How:** Always by the Grace of God!!!!

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### **Brownbag Bible Study**

Begins Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> noon to 1pm.

Bring your own lunch and dive into a delectable mid-week study. This group (led by Pastor Chad and Pastor Tom) will be on-going and will rotate between studying the Bible and religious themed books. Take this opportunity on hump day to ground yourself in God's Word and surround yourself with great fellowship and conversation as we set out to find the answer to all of life's burning questions!

The first book we will be studying is "Heaven is for Real" by Todd Burpo. There are 10 copies of this book available for purchase in the church office for \$12 each. Here is the publisher's description from Amazon:

*Heaven Is for Real is the true story of the four-year old son of a small town Nebraska pastor who during emergency surgery slips from consciousness and enters heaven. He survives and begins talking about being able to look down and see the doctor operating and his dad praying in the waiting room. The family didn't know what to believe but soon the evidence was clear.*

*Colton said he met his miscarried sister, whom no one had told him about, and his great grandfather who died 30 years before Colton was born, then shared impossible-to-know details about each. He describes the horse that only Jesus could ride, about how "reaaally big" God and his chair are, and how the Holy Spirit "shoots down power" from heaven to help us.*

*Told by the father, but often in Colton's own words, the disarmingly simple message is heaven is a real place and Jesus really loves children.*

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**Prospective  
New  
Member  
Class**

Sunday, February.3<sup>rd</sup> directly following worship in the Middle Room.

To anyone interested in information regarding potential membership at Caldwell, we will meet with Pastor Chad directly following worship on Sunday, February.3<sup>rd</sup> for coffee, cinnamon rolls, and conversation surrounding the life and ministry of Caldwell Presbyterian Church and the PC-USA. We will talk about the structure of the PC-USA and Albany Presbytery, the governance of our own congregation, our worship style, The Book of Order, The Book of Confessions, and the Reformed Theology that we profess as our faith. Pastor Chad will walk you through the benefits of making Caldwell your permanent church home and help explore ways to get you plugged into the life, mission and ministry of this congregation. If interested, please RSVP to the church office at 668-2613.

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**NEWS  
FROM THE  
HAITI  
MISSION  
SCHOOL**

Unlike us, the Haitians don't celebrate thanksgiving, but like us they do celebrate Christmas. Unlike us, they won't be spending an average of \$854 per family on gifts this Christmas (*according to an American Research Group survey*) but like us they will probably gather with family and attend church services. And they may even have a special meal. But one thing is for certain: On New Year's Day, they will eat *Joumou* (a *pumpkin soup pronounced joomoo*).

New Year's Day is independence day for Haitians... the day in 1804 that the Haitian slaves declared victory over the French. In the US we eat hot dogs and shoot off fireworks on Independence Day. The Haitians eat Joumou. Why? The French wouldn't allow the slaves to eat it. They considered it far too much of a delicacy for the slaves' palate. So as a result, on their first independence day their new leader Jean-Jacques Dessalines declared Joumou for everyone. And thus on New Year's Day Haitians, wherever they may be, will eat Joumou!

In January, JoEllen and I will again travel to Haiti. This year we will bring four others with us. This will be the first time we have taken a team to visit the school. We plan to spend ten days there, leaving Friday, Jan. 25 and returning Sunday Feb. 3. Plans are still being formulated, but a couple of things we hope to do are to construct some student desks and look at some other projects that we might accomplish at a future date. We also hope to visit a couple of other schools in the area and bring some needed supplies to the local hospital.

Our annual report is complete and we will be sending it along with updated pictures of children shortly to those on our mailing list. If you would like to be on the mailing list or simply receive the report, please either email us at [haitimissionschool@gmail.com](mailto:haitimissionschool@gmail.com) or by snail mail to our address:

Haiti Mission School, PO Box 445, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846.

The good news is that we finished the year in the black, even though we have paid for the cistern, the food program, continuing education for our teachers, bibles for 3rd graders and tuition for those 6th graders who are attending another school. We will also be sending out tax statements to those individuals and groups that made contributions this year. If you are

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expecting one and don't receive it by the end of January, please contact us at one of the above addresses.

We are gratified to note that several churches including the Watseka Christian Church in Watseka Illinois, the Bay Road, Hamilton Union and Schoharie Presbyterian Churches in New York were added to our list of partner and supporting congregations this year. We have made contacts with a few others and remain eager to make presentations at any time. We also apologize to all those who didn't get our newsletter article last month, as we were a little tardy in sending it out.

Once again, we want to thank all those who have supported the school in any way, whether it be in prayer or in tangible ways.

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**Pre-School  
Committee  
Update**

It is still our plan and desire to move full steam ahead with the Pre-School re-opening in September. Hopefully by now you have already seen the press release sent to several newspapers. It was very exciting to have the Mayor, School Superintendent, Elementary School Principal and Pastor Chad in a photo under the banner declaring that registration is now open! So far the committee is still a little under \$3,000 short of its financial requirement as stipulated by the session, but do know that this committee will be working diligently this spring to obtain the necessary funds to make this happen.

Here is a quick update of our timeline for the **month of January:**

This month we are taking registrations through the church office and renovation is scheduled to begin on the floors and bathrooms in the Pre-School Wing!

We also hope to start interviewing qualified applicants for the School Director Position.

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**Mission of  
the Month**

On Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game.

There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal.



Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others.

Our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts by contributing as they collect on Jan. 13, 20 and 27.

Proceeds will be used for our local Food Pantry.

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**Potential Confirmation Class??**

If you have a jr. or sr. high school student that you believe is ready and willing to be confirmed into the church, please contact Pastor Chad at 668-2613 or at [pastor@caldwellpres.org](mailto:pastor@caldwellpres.org) .

This would be a 7-week class with a potential date/time of Sundays from 12pm to 1:30pm (lunch provided), or Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 7:30pm (dinner provided).

This class would start on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> (or Wednesday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>) and run through Palm Sunday, with Confirmation on Easter Sunday. Please let me know if you would be interested and which day would work best for you. I will try to meet the needs of the most people.

Thanks,

*Pastor Chad*

**Fellowship/ Hospitality**

<p>Help Wanted Needed: a few more volunteer drivers to drive seniors to medical appointments a few times during the year. Contact Helene Horn or Dave Madden.</p>
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**Christian Ed**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Pageant. This month we will be hosting a family fun day at Gurney Lane in Queensbury on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 4 p.m., weather permitting. Gurney Lane offers snow shoe rentals, a sledding hill (bring your own tubes or sleds), and a pond for skating (bring your own skates). There is also a warming hut. We will provide the hot cocoa. We will be meeting at 2 p.m. near the warming hut. If you have any questions, please call Yvonne Fuller at 743-9759.

Sarah King and Yvonne Fuller, CE Elders

From the Editor

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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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## Did You Know.....

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- The sermons can now be heard on-line from our website [www.caldwellpres.org/sermons](http://www.caldwellpres.org/sermons) . Tell your friends and neighbors to check us out on-line!
  - We had over 150 people in worship on December 16<sup>th</sup> for the children's Christmas pageant!
  - Our Carillon Music Player plays snippets of hymns from our church steeple three times daily. The hymns can be heard from about three to five blocks in any direction.
  - The greatest concentration of Carillons can be found in the low countries of Europe (Netherlands, Belgium, and Lower France).
  - 82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited – (*Dr. Thom Rainer, The Unchurched Next Door*)
  - The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119
  - The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 117
  - The longest verse is Esther 8:9
  - The shortest verse is John 11:35
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**Caldwell  
Food Pantry**  
*Isaiah 58:10,  
Matthew  
25:35,  
Proverbs  
28:27*

**Our items of the month are:**

**Canned Tuna, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Pears and Toilet Paper!**

Food Pantry is changing its monthly open dates to the second and fourth Friday of the month from 10am to 12pm! Spread the word. We are also available by The appointment for anyone experiencing an emergency food shortage! Our food pantry helps an average of 40+ people in any given month.

Please keep the food pantry and these items in mind while you are at the grocery store in January!

Items can be placed in the basket at the back of the sanctuary every Sunday or in the church office during normal business hours (Tues-Fri, 8:30am to 1:30pm).

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**Prayer Concerns**



**The Families of  
Newtown, CT**

Diane & Alan Chandler, Nancy Munro, 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, Family and Friends of Donald Norton, Mike Obarowski, James O'Brian, Eleanor Orange, Pamela Parrott, Richie's grandson, Ron, Dinelle Rosa, Sue Rummel, Susie, 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	Colorado Florida Georgia Haiti Illinois Massachusetts Maryland New Jersey New York  Pennsylvania Thailand	Tim Glenn Beth Gailey, John Skee John Logan James Obarowski Wendy Raphael Erin O'Reilly Kurt Peltz Victor Strom Bev Sliter, Jackie Mackey, Eddie Mills, Ken Austin, Donna Hickey, Esme Savoie, Marion Prescott 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

**January Birthdays**

Oscar	Blanco	Garret	Jackson	Grace	Moody
Stuart	Chapman	Anke	Jenne	Clay	Moody
Judy	Dewey	David	King	Jean	Morris
Nathan	Fuller	Sarah	King	Julia	Mossdrop
Lynda	Glenn	Alan	Kitchen	Christine	Ratto
Eli	Gowen	Shane	Lenihan	Fred	Ratto,
Helene	Horn	Ross	McIntyre	Beverly	Roach
Tim	Hunsicker	Chloe	Monroe	Elsie	Timms



# Caldwell Presbyterian Church

# January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Worship 10:00 A.M	31	1 New Year's Day AA 7:00 P.M	2 Fellowship and Hospitality Committee 8:30 A.M. Pre-School 7:00P.M	3 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M	4	5
6 Worship 10:00 A.M. Communion	7	8 Senior Breakfast 8:30 AM AA 7:00 P.M Paper Bin Pickup	9 .	10 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M	11 Food Pantry 10-12	12
13 Worship 10:00 A.M.	14	15 Session 7:00 P.M AA 7:00 P.M	16 Bible Study 12 Noon	17 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M	18	19
20 Worship 10:00 A.M.	21	22 AA 7:00 P.M Paper Bin Pickup	23 Bible Study 12 Noon	24 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M.	25 Food Pantry 10-12	26 Family Fun Day 2-4 PM
27 Worship 10:00 A.M. Congregational meeting	28	29 AA 7:00 P.M	30 Bible Study 12 Noon	31 Choir Rehearsal 7 P.M.	1	2

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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

