

The Seeker

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I heard on the radio just last week the song, "Here Comes the Sun," written by George Harrison and sung by The Beatles. Do you remember the lyrics?



"Here comes the sun, do-n-do do
Here comes the sun and I say
It's alright..."

Well it just so happened to be 17 degrees, extra cloudy and a nice "wintery mix" was hitting my windshield and so I had to laugh out loud. I am sure the sun is somewhere, I thought, but it sure isn't here!

After some quick "Googling" and "Wikipedia" research in my office, I found some history to the writing of the song. George Harrison had personally and professionally been through a really rough winter in 1969. He had experienced some medical problems, legal troubles and The Beatles were feeling weighed down by the weight of the business. To make matters worse the winters in England, much like here can be pretty dark, grey and lonely. One day in early spring, Harrison felt like he had simply had enough. He felt as if he was about to explode. He shirked his responsibilities, drove a couple of hours to the home of his good friend and colleague Eric Clapton, where he ended up wandering around aimlessly in his garden with a guitar. It was here, in his darkest moment that he wrote "Here Comes the Sun."

Maybe that song was perfect for this season. We are just beyond the coldest and deadest of winter, but not yet into the throws of spring. We are in that sit around and wait kind of season. The darkness is behind us, but we seem to still be waiting for that warmth! And that in a nutshell describes just what Lent is all about!

These weeks in Lent are not meant to be tedious or to make us feel weighed down. They are meant to be a time of contemplation and reconnection with our spiritual side. The main purpose of Lent is to recognize that darkness and coldness in our lives and to get ready for the coming warmth of Easter Sunday, where Jesus Christ reaches out and grabs hold of his title of "Savior". And for us, his devoted and faithful followers, we are assured in these dark days of Lent that at the end, we can expect the sun (Son) to come. This reassurance keeps us going each and every year, each and every week, and each and every day, knowing that the darkness and coldness of our lives do not have the final say. The warmth is indeed coming!

And so I look forward in these days of Lent to standing up with all of you together and singing:

Pastor Chad
(continued)

Here comes the sun (Son) (do-n-do-do)
Here comes the sun (Son),
and I say.....It's alright!

God Bless and see you in church!

In Christ,

Pastor Chad

Lenten Schedule



Lenten Season Schedule March 2013 **Caldwell Presbyterian Church**

Wednesday, March 6th

Soup & Bread 5pm & Worship 6pm
Caldwell Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 13th

Soup & Bread 5pm & Worship 6pm
Lake George First United Methodist Church

Wednesday, March 20th

Soup & Bread 5pm & Worship 6pm
Caldwell Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday Worship Service
Waving of the Palms/ Kids Processional
Kids meet in the Middle Room at 9:45am

Thursday, March 28th

Soup & Bread 6pm
Maundy Thursday Service 7pm
Caldwell Presbyterian Church

Good Friday, March 29th

Walking the Way of the Cross
Ecumenical Walk in Lake George
Meets at Sacred Heart at Noon

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Easter Worship Service &
Easter Egg Hunt

**Preschool
Planning
Committee
News**



The Caldwell Presbyterian Church Preschool has been designated as the Mission of the Month for March. The Preschool Planning Committee would like to bring you up to date on the progress made during the past weeks as we prepare to reopen the doors of our facility in September of 2013.

Renovations, which consisted of a new tile floor, bathroom improvements and new cubbies, are complete. Thanks to all who have cleaned out cabinets, sorted through toys, scrubbed wood walls and washed windows! To enable our congregation to see the improvements firsthand, the Preschool Planning Committee will be hosting the March 3rd coffee hour in the preschool! In addition, our new director, Christine Sallstrom, will be introduced at the worship service.

On your way up the hallway, please note the bulletin board with preschool news and our critical timeline as we move forward methodically with each task. For instance, we have completed the tasks of advertising via newspaper ads, flyers, brochures, postcard mailings and banners. Renovations are complete and plans for an Open House are underway as well as a fundraiser. The church website has a link for the preschool news. Interviews have been conducted and a director is hired. Now registration begins for the children whose parents have called for enrollment. Soon a second teacher will be hired.

We will continue to keep you updated on our progress each Sunday in March. We thank you for your pledge to support this endeavor and we ask for your continued prayers as we strive to be good stewards of this beautiful facility and meet the needs of our community.

Here is a copy of the press release that was sent to the newspapers announcing the hiring of our preschool director.

Your Preschool Planning Committee,

Pastor Chad Jones	Lesley Clemons
Judy Guilford	Stan and Sue Rummel
Alan and Diane Chandler	Rod and Kim Cornelius
Sue Hunsicker	

**February 17, 2013
For Immediate Release:**

The preschool committee at Caldwell Presbyterian Church in Lake George has recently appointed Christine Sallstrom as director-teacher of the Caldwell Presbyterian Church Preschool. Christine will begin her duties during the next several weeks by registering three to five year old students for the school. Caldwell's preschool has been an educational fixture within the Lake George school district since 1973, and is set for a "grand re-opening" in September 2013.

Christine Sallstrom has resided in Lake George with her family this past year and is originally from Pennsylvania where she received her degree from Baptist Bible

**Preschool
Press
Release**



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College in elementary education. Christine's husband is the youth director at the New Hope Community Church in Queensbury. They have two children, a son who is in the tenth grade at Lake George High School, and a daughter attending Adirondack Community College.

The Caldwell Presbyterian Preschool is reopening this fall after being closed for eighteen months. This will be its 40th year as the only preschool in the Lake George community. The preschool's vision is to serve the families of the greater Lake George community with a safe, structured, and loving environment which will prepare children academically and socially for success as they enter kindergarten.

For more information or to enroll your child, please stop in at Caldwell Presbyterian Church at 71 Montcalm Street between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or call the church office at (518) 668-2613.

**Brownbag
Bible Study**

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!

Isaiah 58:10, Matthew 25:35, Proverbs 28:27



**Food
Pantry
Donations
Needed**

Reminder: The Food Pantry has changed 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 appointment for anyone experiencing an emergency food shortage! Our food pantry helps an average of 40+ people in any given month.

**Items needed for the month of March are:
Canned vegetables (all kinds), canned fruit (all kinds), eggs, can openers,
laundry detergent, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant (men's and women's),
paper towels!**

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

**Seeker
Submissions**

Seeker submissions should be emailed to: Caldwell.seeker@gmail.com, or placed in *The Seeker* 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 near the beginning of the month.

The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee would like to make you aware of the following:

**Fellowship
and
Hospitality**



1. Coffee hour hosts are still needed for the weeks of March 10, 17, 24, and 31. Please see the sign-up sheet in the coffee room. Hosts are responsible for goodies only. Coffee, sugar, juice and paper goods are supplied by the church. Hosts may submit bills to Ted Guilford for reimbursement of food purchased. In addition, you will receive (via mail the week prior to your Sunday) instructions for making coffee, what to prepare, where to find supplies and basic food safety guidelines. FYI: especially during cold and flu season, the hand sanitizer dispensers are located above the kitchen sink and in the hallway by the service window.
2. SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR – Sunday, March 3 – Hosted by the Preschool Planning Committee. Coffee hour will be held in the newly renovated preschool!
3. Potluck – There will be no Potluck luncheon on the last Sunday in March as this is Easter Sunday.
4. Lenten Suppers – Our committee will be hosting the soup and rolls Lenten suppers on Wednesdays at 5:00pm when they are scheduled to be held at Caldwell. (March 6 and March 20) On alternate Wednesdays, the service will be hosted by the Methodist Church.
5. Got cabin fever? Here's an easy remedy: Susan Moore will organize an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Bring your own bag lunch and board games and puzzles will be available afterward. Or bring along your handwork (knitting, crocheting, needlework) and work as you enjoy the company of others. You may even be able to teach your craft to someone who's always wanted to learn! This is an opportunity for socializing and good conversation. If you need a ride, just call the church office and we will arrange a ride for you. (668-2613)

Date: Tuesday, March 5

Time: 11:30 am

Place: Caldwell Presbyterian Church Middle Room

Plan to come and bring a friend!

Amazing
LOVE!

Haiti Mission School News



When we left for Haiti the temperature at home in upstate New York was a balmy 15 degrees below zero. It was a summery 85 in Port Au Prince when we arrived; a 100 degree swing in just over 12 hours. We were impressed by the change not only in the temperature but by the airport terminal in Port Au Prince. Since the last time we were there in June much of the chaos we expected in the airport is gone, replaced by orderly movement through customs and immigration. Bags arrive on moving conveyors just like in the states. Roadways and traffic continue to improve. Of course there are many more changes needed throughout Haiti, but we were glad to note these changes.

Joined by the other three members of the team, we chose to ride the bus from Port au Prince to Jeremie not so much to save money, as to allow us to experience a wide range of Haiti. We traveled through cities, through countryside, along the Caribbean and through mountains. The road to Jeremie is improved, but large sections remain pretty awful. We were all relieved to arrive about 150 miles and 12 hours after we set off.

We were overjoyed to be able to dedicate the cistern which has been so long in coming. Seeing the children drinking pure water from our cistern was a blessing that brought joy to our hearts and tears to our eyes. The cooks loved the fact that they can now draw water from a spigot instead of having to carry it from the creek. Thanks to so many of you whose donations made it possible.

We were blessed in so many ways on the journey that I can't tell of all of them. Thanks for keeping us in your prayers while we were traveling. We hope that others will consider joining us on one of our future trips. Meanwhile we will post some of our pictures and more stories on the website at www.haitimissionschool.org

Rev. Tom Parsons

Pure Water

This morning I turned on the faucet.
I held my glass under it.
Out came pure, fresh water.
Water I could drink without fear of cholera.

For my Haitian friends, it isn't so easy.
When I'm in Haiti I buy water...
pure water in plastic bottles.
I can drink without fear.

This option is not available for many in Haiti.
Or other "third world" nations.
They drink from polluted streams
Or from water scooped from some place
That I would not even consider touching.



**Laying hands on the new cistern as we
dedicate it to the Lord's service**

**Poem by
Tom
Parsons**

Poem
(continued)

Cholera is a water-born sickness.
It comes from tainted water supplies.
Easily curable with enough fresh water.

We should not stop
 Until every child of God
 Can turn on the spigot
 And get fresh water.

Tom Parsons 2013 (Written following recent trip to Haiti)

**Rebuilding
After Sandy**

Superstorm Sandy devastated much of New Jersey's and New York's coastline. Houses were washed away, churches and businesses destroyed or badly damaged. The need to repair and rebuild is going on now. Several members of The Caldwell Church have been involved with rebuilding efforts on the Gulf coast and in the areas impacted by Hurricane Irene. We are now refocusing our efforts on the New York/New Jersey situation.

A work team will be leaving immediately after Easter to assist in the rebuilding work. Specific details are still being worked out. We are going for two weeks but shorter terms are possible. Our only costs will be for gasoline and \$50/week for food. We usually also make a donation to the church or place that houses us. While construction experience is welcome none is required and training will be provided.

For more information, contact Tom or JoEllen Parsons (696-3990) or Dave Madden.

Join us on Easter Sunday for a giant (tell your friends) celebratory egg hunt following the service. We are looking for donations of egg cartons, plastic eggs, and candy for our Lenten events. Every Wednesday, you are invited to the church for a Brown Bag Bible study. Bring your own lunch and delve into delicious discussion. Junior and Senior High Youth are invited to a concert by Third Day at the Glens Falls Civic Center on Friday, March 1st at 7p.m. If you would like more information, please contact Kathy Gowen at 685-5427. The Nerf Blaster Night has been rescheduled to March 8th. Bring your own Nerf toy. Pizza, drinks, and fun will be provided. Kids of ANY age are invited to attend.

In Peace,
Judy Guilford, Yvonne Fuller, and Sarah King, CE Elders



Prayer Concerns

March 2013

Todd Earl, Ted & Noell Brothers, Janet E. Smith, Len Bunalski, Duane & Kathy Gowen, Pat Ryff, Kellie Moody, Jean Morris, Dolly Wood, Deb Knoll, Jessica Lafountain, Jerry Dexter, Denise & Maria LaRose, Nancy Munro, Andrew Adams, John Adams, Lauren Azer, Karen Azer, Joe Bailey, Carrie Bradley, Dick Butler, Raymond C. Calore, 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, Helen Longman, Henry John, Diana Martin, Riley Mattson, Robert Martin, Cathy Morris, Shannon Mower, 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, Donna Alfano & Daughter

Hospital, Nursing & Retirement Homes and At Home

Indian River Nursing Home – Elsie Timms
Westmount Health Facility– Mary Harbourne
At Home –Clyde Gazlay, Austin
Fort Hudson – Betty Cole

Out-of-Towners

Afghanistan: Andrew Mayer
California: Kurt Peltz
Colorado: Tim Glenn
Florida: Beth Gailey, John Skee
Georgia: John Logan
Haiti: James Obarowski
Illinois: Wendy Raphael
Massachusetts Erin O'Reilly
New Jersey: Victor Strom, Family of Paul Schisler
New York: Bev Sliter, Jackie Mackey, Eddie Mills, Ken Austin, Donna Hickey, Esme Savoie
Pennsylvania: Kristin Pike
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**

March Birthdays



Barbara O'Reilly
Brad Dewey
Dave Madden
Jeffry Brozyna
Jim Corriveau
John Kohland
Kathleen Gowen
Lauren Azer
Leah Jenne

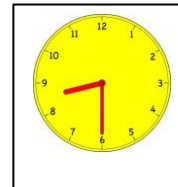
Melanie Quigan
Melissa Pagnotta
Pat Carpenter
Robert Chapman
Terry Mosholder
Thomas Parsons
Timothy McCann

Brass Ensemble



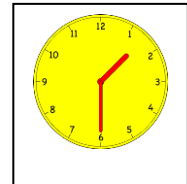
Looking for anyone interested in playing in a Brass Ensemble during a couple of hymns on Palm Sunday. Don't worry; it will not be anything too difficult. So brush off your instrument and come join us! We will practice twice in March at a time convenient to the majority of the group. If you are interested, email Pastor Chad at pastor@caldwellpres.org or call the church office!

Church Office Hours



Tuesday thru Friday

8:30am to 1:30pm



Plastic Easter Eggs and Candy Donations Needed!



We are having a super great Easter Egg Hunt this year for the kids of the church, but we are in need of plenty of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy that will fit inside of them!

Next time you are at the store, please consider purchasing these items and donating to the church!

These items will be collected in the church office!

1st Annual Family Nerf Blast!!



Friday Night, March 8th 6-8pm
Pizza and Drinks will be Provided!
All ages welcome!

.....High School kids will be used as refs
until we have our own special game!

Bring a Nerf gun and protective eyewear

Caldwell Presbyterian Church

March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 10am Baby Shower 3pm	4	5 AA 7pm	6 BBBS 12pm Mission Com. Mtg. 1:30pm Soup/Bread 5pm Worship 6pm Preschool Mtg. 7pm	7 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	8 Food Pantry 10-12 Nerf Blaster 6pm	9
10 Worship 10 am	11	12 AA 7pm	13 BBBS 12pm Soup/Bread 5pm Worship 6pm Deacons Mtg. 6pm Preschool Mtg. 7pm	14 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	15 Seeker Deadline	16
17 Worship 10 am	18	19 Session 7pm AA 7pm	20 BBBS 12pm Soup/Bread 5pm Worship 6pm Preschool Mtg. 7pm	21 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	22 Food Pantry 10-12	23
24 Worship 10 am Palm Sunday <hr/> 31 Sunrise Service 6:30am Easter Service 10am Egg Hunt following the Service	25	26 AA 7pm	27 BBBS 12pm Preschool Mtg. 7pm	28 Soup/Bread 6pm Maundy Thursday Service 7pm	29 Stations of the Cross 12:00pm	30

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“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: www.caldwellpres.org 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.

