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A message from our Pastor



Happy In-Between!

So technically if you are getting this or reading it on April 1st, then Easter is OVER.....GONE! The highlight of the Christian year, the pinnacle of the Christian holidays, the Super Bowl of Christianity is now in the rearview mirror.....So now what? It sure seems that this church and just about every church revolves heavily around our two big holidays and the weeks leading up to them (Advent/ Lent). So with no Santa or Easter Bunny on the horizon anytime soon, what does it mean for this time in-between? Are we supposed to just twiddle our thumbs and hum a tune until advent rolls back around? The answer of course is no!

I have heard it said on more than one occasion that we Christians are “Easter People”. That means our entire life should revolve around the fact that Jesus Christ died for us. It should be what defines us! This is not something to celebrate only once a year, this is something to celebrate every single day. You may not be aware, but our Easter greeting “He has risen....He has risen indeed!” was a common ancient Christian greeting, not one day every spring, but ALL YEAR ROUND! Now they truly got it! The wonderful miracle of the empty tomb is at the very forefront of what we believe about God! If we were staring at a pyramid chart (think back to junior high) the resurrection would be at the very bottom, the very foundation of who we are!

Now the world may seem to be the exact same as it did just last week. There is still heartache, pain, suffering, and death everywhere you look. Skeptics may see the bloody cross and the empty tomb and say, “So what? How has this made any difference at all?” The answer is, “we are changed!” If we believe what we say we believe about the empty tomb, than that makes all the difference in the world, and as “Easter People” we are compelled to live every single day, every single hour, using every tool in our power to make a difference in this world!

So in this time “in-between”, when church attendance is dropping, when there are no cool shows on the history channel about Jesus, and when there are many other activities to take up our time and attention; remember that we are “Easter People” after all. Grace through Jesus Christ is a BIG DEAL all the

time! And even with the absence of the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus, we can and should focus on our spiritual life and how it drives us to act and interact in and with the world around us! The Poet Wendell Berry calls it "Practicing Resurrection!"

Here is a sample of his poetry:

So friends every day do something
that won't compute. Love the Lord.
Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it.
Denounce the government and embrace
the flag. Hope to live in that free
republic for which it stands.
Give your approval to all you cannot
understand. Praise ignorance, for what man
has not encountered, he has not destroyed....
Practice resurrection!

So this April – November I will challenge you to make faith matter in your life once again. Happy "In-Between!" Go and bless the world and we'll see you in church!

In Christ,

Pastor Chad

P.S. He has risen..... He has risen indeed!

MISSIONS FOR THE MONTH

April's Mission of the Month will be divided. On April 7 and 14, we will be offering support to One Great Hour of Sharing. April 21 we will support Father Tom's Emergency Housing Assistance program at Sacred Heart Church and finally April 28 we will support Pastor Chad's Discretionary Fund for local assistance. You may choose to donate to one, two or all three missions. If you don't designate we will divide it between the three.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (April 7, 14)

Catastrophic storms and wildfires throughout the United States; War and political unrest in the Middle East; Malnutrition and starvation in Africa. Stories of disaster, hunger, poverty and other tragedies filled our newspapers and televisions in 2012.

Your gift to this offering allows Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to restore communities around the world affected by disaster including those now recovering from Superstorm Sandy. It helps the Presbyterian Hunger Program work to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes around the world. It makes it possible for the Self-Development of People to affirm the dignity of all people by empowering economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged people throughout the world.

EMERGENCY HOUSING SUPPORT (April 21)

From time to time people encounter housing difficulties in the Lake George area. These range from emergency rent subsidies when a local person or family experiences a short-term cash flow problem to an overnight stay in a local motel for someone traveling through the area that needs overnight assistance.

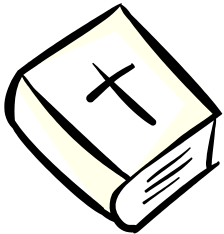
Referrals come from other local churches, the Sheriff's Department or individuals such as our own Helene Horn. The program is under the direction of Father Tom at Sacred Heart Church. Primary support comes from members of Sacred Heart.

From time to time, Father Tom either receives assistance from North Country Ministries or provides assistance to them.

PASTOR CHAD'S DISCRETIONARY FUND (April 28)

The pastor's discretionary fund is there to provide temporary assistance to members or other people who are in need. It might be for food, gas, transportation, kerosene or other emergencies. This fund allows the Pastor to flexibly respond to people as he sees fit.

Brownbag Bible Study



BBBS is experiencing a wonderful turnout. It will be on-going, therefore feel free to join at any time! We urge you to join us if you can to be fed by the Word during this season. Bring your own lunch every Wed. at noon and dive into a mid-week study.

Deacons Corner

Thank you all for voting to re-establish the Board of Deacons. This will make life so much easier.

By the time you get this we will have passed out approximately 20 Easter Baskets to families in our community. We are grateful for the help many of you gave.

Margy Mannix was coordinator along with Patty Brozyna

Our next big project is the Spring Rummage Sale May 16, 17, 18. Start organizing your closets and cupboard to find spring things you can't wear anymore or things you haven't worn OR used in several years. Not only will you be doing yourself a favor but helping others.

Set up will start on May 12th after church. We NEED MEN who can move tables and set up the tents. This is also a great opportunity to get TEENS involved in community service. You may start bringing your stuff on that Sunday, and Wednesday is the last day to bring in your goodies. Through the week we need

people of all sizes, shapes and abilities to move, sort and arrange all the treasures.

The actual sale will be Thurs. afternoon the 16th, Friday the 17th and Saturday morning bag sale on the 18th. More specific times to be announced. Please volunteer for a few hours or many hours during the sale. Many hands make for light work and a lot of fun.

A really important time that we need help again ESPECIALLY MEN and TEENS is Saturday starting at noon to pick up and clean-up for Sunday morning.

There will be sign-up sheets around and if you have any questions please call Sue or Patti.

This is not only a big community service project but also a big money maker so please share your time and talent.

Baked Goods -As usual a team to benefit the food pantry will be looking for baked goods and will be tapping into your talents. This will be led by Nancy Munro.

*****Coordinators Sue Hunsicker 745-5740 and Patti Brozyna 668-5170

THE COMFORT SHAWL MINISTRY is in need of more shawls. If you remember, as the maker knits the shawl she will pray for the person who may receive it. The shawls are given to those we feel would be comforted as the shawl surrounds them and know that they are loved and that God is with them. YOU can help!!! We need knitters, we need yarn (3 skeins of 6 oz. soft yarn), JoAnn savings coupons, or \$\$\$\$ to buy yarn. We also need to have you suggest people who could benefit from a shawl. If you always wanted to knit and don't know how-we will teach you.

****See Lynda Glenn who is coordinating this project. 668-9293

LOVE MEALS MINISTRY We are hoping to have a small stock of prepared soup frozen in containers and some simple meals to reheat that will be given to shut-ins, those returning from the hospital, injured etc. So if you like to cook or make too much from time to time put these in a container and freeze and/or bring to church where we will store them. Again if you know of anyone who could benefit from this ministry notify one of the deacons

***** Coordinator Patty Brozyna 668-5170

The deacons have elected:

Sue Hunsicker –Moderator, liaison with treasurer, Caroling and Rummage Sale

Kathy Gowen- Secretary, report to Session and Food Pantry

Patti Brozyna- Love Meals Ministry and Rummage Sale

Lynda Glenn- SEEKER reporter, Comfort Shawl Ministry

Margy Mannix- Holiday Baskets

Dolly Wood & Nancy Munro - Food Pantry

Peg Edwards

**Deacon of the
Month**

Hi Everyone!

My name's Nancy Munro, & I've been a Caldwell Deacon since 2009. I first was drawn to Caldwell when visiting my sister, Carol Longman, [yes, we're twins, & have long ago become used to being called by either name - we answer to either!]. I was received with such warmth & friendliness, that when I moved up here [from Baltimore, Md.] in 2006 there was no doubt in my mind where to go for a Church "home".

I became involved in the Food Pantry through my sister, who had been a volunteer for several years, & that is my primary "mission" as a Deacon.

I'm so glad to be "back in action" after being out so long, & I want to again express my most sincere thanks for your prayers, calls & visits, which meant so much to me, & comforted me in the darkest days

I'm hoping to keep helping the Food Pantry reorganize & expand itself in the coming year!

**NEWS FROM THE
HAITI MISSION
SCHOOL**



We're heading back to Haiti at the end of this month. This time it will be only JoEllen and myself (Tom). We'll miss our traveling companions, but our agenda this time is packed full of busyness. Among other things, we will meet with the director teacher and receive reports from him. We will negotiate our contract with the School Board for the upcoming year. We will take pictures of all the students, give bibles to seventeen third grade students and make certain that we have the students' correct names. This latter part seems like it would be easy, but it seems to be anything but. We hope to help plan the teacher training event which will happen prior to school opening in the fall.

We are eager to meet with our first sixth grade class which is about to graduate and see how they have done this year. The school year finishes shortly and they have to pass the Haitian National exams to graduate from primary school. We want to encourage these students and talk with them about their future plans. Most of them have been with us from the beginning. Since our school is only a primary school, we are hoping to be able to provide scholarships for the most promising of them to secondary school. We have already received some donations toward that possibility.

We also are eager to see how the cistern and water purification system has worked now that it has been operating for a while. We are wondering if there has been any improvement in health as a result of drinking pure water. The cistern is full. That means about 5,000 gallons of water is now available to students and church members.

Here is another poem I wrote after our most recent trip. Hope you enjoy it:

Three Wishes

It's comforting when traveling to Haiti to be covered in prayer.

To know that friends, family and church seek

The blessings and protection of God for us as we go.

It's reassuring that in Haiti activities always begin

With a nod to the Almighty.

When my Haitian friends pray

I often don't understand their words.

I'm glad God knows Creole

And English too.

It's encouraging that for my Haitian friends,

Prayer is as natural as putting on clothes.

Prayer lifts and carries them through each day
For there is no "safety net" other than God's arms
To catch them if they fall.

It's troubling that I don't feel the same need to pray as they do.
I wish that I felt prayer as fundamental to my life as they do.
I wish that I desired to converse with God moment by moment like they do.
I wish that I felt as confident that God will answer my prayers as they do...

What to do?

Maybe I need a genie to grant me these three wishes...
Or perhaps I need to live in poverty for a while.

Christian Ed

Wow! The youth were busy in March.

Youth Group is starting!

They rocked the Glens Falls Civic Center with a Christian Concert on the 1st, had a show down at the church's 1st annual Nerf Blaster night on the 15th, shared palms with Westmount Nursing Home on Palm Sunday, and celebrated Easter with the biggest Easter Egg Hunt that Caldwell has ever seen.

Youth Group is starting!

The spring pick me up crafts and presents were distributed to several members of the congregation and community who greatly appreciated their efforts.

So what's up for April? April 7th is Activity Sunday so wear your paint clothes as we are preparing scenery for the Vacation Bible School (VBS) Program Kingdom Rock which will be held the end of July.

On Friday, April 12th, Ultimate Hide and Seek will be played at 6 p.m. at Caldwell. Pizza and Drinks will be provided. Please bring a flashlight if you have one.

Did you know Alex Blanco & Isaiah Gowen have the same birthday? If you see Alex or Isaiah this month, ask them when it is.

Lots of youth are solving the puzzles on the Christian Education Bulletin Board and won a prize. Take a look and get ready to crack open that Bible!

Happy Spring!

Judy Guildford, Yvonne Fuller, and Sarah King CE Elders

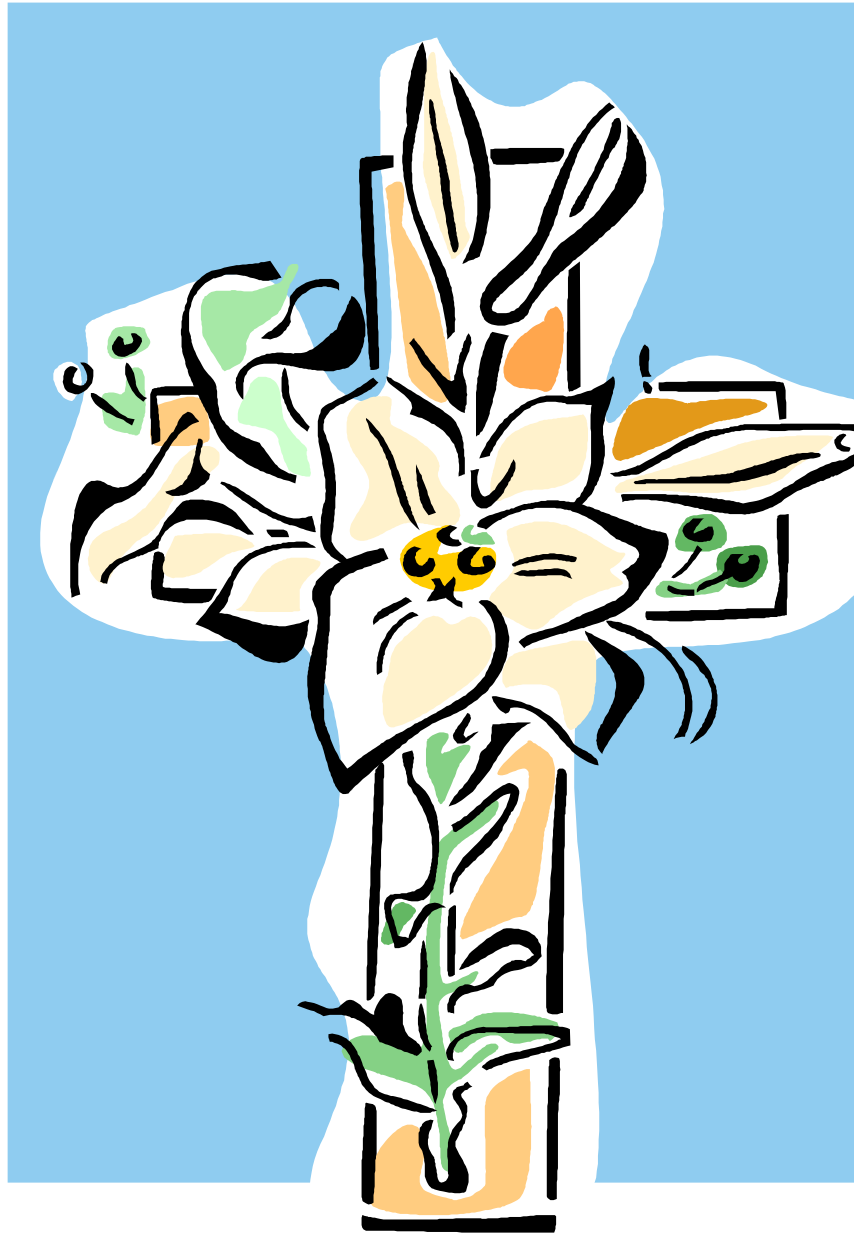
Property Committee

The Property Committee will now be meeting monthly.

We will meet the Sunday before every session meeting directly following worship.

If anyone is interested in attending, your input on our building and grounds would be greatly welcomed.

Please contact Laura Moody at 668-9804 or find her after church!



From the Editor



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.

If you would be interested in editing this newsletter, please drop an e-mail to Caldwell.seeker@gmail.com, or contact the office, or Len Bunalski. Thanks.

Prayer Concerns



Howard Nicols, Fred Wood, Alli Jacobson, Dr. Kate O’Keefe, 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, Diane & Alan Chandler, 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, Amanda Hutt

Hospital, Nursing & Retirement Homes & At Home	Indian River Nursing Home Westmount Health Facility Fort Hudson At Home	Elsie Timms Mary Harbourne Betty Cole Clyde Gazlay, Austin
Out of Town	Afghanistan California Colorado Florida Georgia Haiti Illinois Massachusetts New Jersey New York Thailand Virginia	Andrew Mayer Kurt Peltz Tim Glenn Beth Gailey, John Skee John Logan James Obarowski Wendy Raphael Erin O’Reilly Victor Strom Jackie Mackey, Eddie Mills, Ken Austin, Esme Savoie Harry Horn Ed Pharmer

**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

April Birthdays

Alexander Blanco	Jackson Donnelly	Linda Grant	Ina Monroe
Jennifer Blanco	Pat Eaglestone	Nancy Hollenbeck	Laura Moody
Len Bunalski	Ron Eaglestone	Kenneth Hughes	Cindy Mossdrop
Bill Carpenter	Isaiah Gowen	Mary McIntyre	Daniel Wood
Corinne Cox			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE & BREAKFAST 6:30 AM</p> <p>WORSHIP SERVICE & EGG HUNT 10AM</p>	1	<p>2 AA 7:00 P.M Paper Bin Pickup</p>	<p>3 Mission Committee 1:30P.M.</p>	<p>4 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M</p>	5	6
<p>7 Worship 10:00 A.M. Communion</p>	8	<p>9 Senior Breakfast 8:30 AM AA 7:00 P.M</p>	<p>10 Bible Study 12 Noon Fellowship and Hospitality Committee 8:30 A.M.</p>	<p>11 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M</p>	<p>12 Food Pantry 10-12</p>	13
<p>14 Worship 10:00 A.M.</p>	15	<p>16 Session 7:00 P.M AA 7:00 P.M Paper Bin Pickup</p>	<p>17 Bible Study 12 Noon</p>	<p>18 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M</p>	19	20
<p>21 Worship 10:00 A.M.</p>	22	<p>23 AA 7:00 P.M</p>	<p>24 Bible Study 12 Noon</p>	<p>25 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M</p>	<p>26 Food Pantry 10-12</p>	27
<p>28 Worship 10:00 A.M.</p>	29	<p>30 AA 7:00 P.M Paper Bin Pickup</p>	<p>1 Bible Study 12 Noon</p>	<p>2 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M</p>	3	4

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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: 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

