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A message from our Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus spoke in parables as a way to challenge those around him as to what it means to live a life of faith in God. Recently I came across an old Jewish legend and I wanted to share it with you. In the spirit of Christ's story telling techniques, I am choosing not to explain my own interpretation because I would love to hear your thoughts.

Long ago, a man named Isaac lived in Cracow. He was very poor, but he dreamed three times about a great treasure buried under a bridge in the distant city of Prague. So he journeyed there to find it, but discovered that the bridge he had seen in his dream was patrolled day and night by the king's guards. He circled the spot from a distance, when one of the guards noticed him and called him forward. When asked what he was doing, Isaac quickly told him about his dream. The captain laughed at the idea of believing in such night visions. "If I believed in dreams, I would have to go all the way to Cracow and find some man named Isaac, because I have dreamed that a great treasure lies buried beneath his bed!" Isaac thanked the captain, returned home, pushed aside his bed, and dug up the treasure that had been there all along!

So take some time and stew on that and I look forward to hearing how this old Jewish legend speaks to you! Have a wonderful May and we'll see you in church!

In Christ,

Pastor Chad

CALDWELL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH: 2013 First
Quarter Financial
Situation

The first two months of 2013 were slow and we were behind both 2012 results and 2013 budget. However, we had a strong March which was even more encouraging considering Easter's receipts were deposited on April 1 and will be included in April's results. Pledge receipts for the month of March, 2013 were 5% ahead of the March 2013 budget for pledges. Overall operating receipts for March 2013 were 11% ahead of the March 2013 budget. After paying our bills, the operating gain for March 2013 was \$1,685.

The results year to date (YTD) for the first quarter of 2013 (including January through March) are as follows:

- 2013 YTD pledge receipts are 7.5% behind budget.
- 2013 YTD operating receipts are 16% behind 2013 budget as other categories of receipts were down percentage wise more than pledges in January and February.
- 2013 YTD pledge receipts are 5% behind first quarter 2012 but overall operating receipts in 2013 YTD are 4% ahead of 2012.
- After expenses, Operating Gain for the first quarter of 2013 was \$1,328. This is favorable to the 2013 budget due to under-spending in most cost categories. At this point in time, our budgeted Operating Gain of \$1,909 for all of 2013 appears attainable.

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

2013 first quarter church attendance (including Easter) averaged 81 people per service compared to 61 in 2012 and 65 in 2011. (If one adjusts for the timing of Easter in 2012 and 2011, past attendance was 63 and 72 respectively.) 2013 Easter attendance exceeded 2012 by 58 people. This is a positive trend for this time of year.

We anticipate April will be a good month and we should recover from our slow start to 2013.

Respectfully,

Jeff Brozyna

Finance/Stewardship Elder

**MISSION of
the MONTH**

The Mission of the Month for May, is the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. It is one of 10 Regional Banks in New York State and is a member of Feed America.

Feed America sets standards and acquires food donations from national companies for its 200+ member food banks, located throughout the country. Their mission is to feed America's hungry through its nationwide network and to engage our country in the fight to end hunger.

The Regional Food Bank provides food assistance to over 1,000 charitable agencies serving hungry and disadvantaged people, including Food Pantries, Soup Kitchens, Emergency Shelters, Youth Programs, Senior Programs and Programs for the Disabled. In 2011, they distributed 775,614 pounds of food to agencies in Warren County alone. The Regional Food Bank service area encompasses 41% of the landmass of New York State. The Food Bank operates in an efficient manner and devotes 89.7 cents of every dollar to programs and operations. They strive to minimize costs and maximize the amount of food they provide to agencies feeding hungry people. They are proud to report that they distribute \$10 worth of food for every dollar they spend!

**Caldwell
Church
Preschool**

The preschool has some exciting news. We now have 13 students registered for this Fall. We are encouraged by the excitement around the community as we look forward to all that God has in store for us at the school. I am so glad to be part of what God is doing in us, and looking forward to what He has in store for all the little ones He will put in our care.

We have scheduled our Open House for May 7th. We have 2 times set up for visiting the school
(9:00-10:30 AM. and also 6:00-7:30 PM.)

We are going to have Literature based learning centers set up for the parents and children to enjoy this day. I have a list of snacks that would enhance their experience if anyone would like to take part in contributing snacks for that day.

- ~Gingerbread cookies
- ~Chocolate Chip cookies
- ~Apple slices
- ~Blueberries (blueberry muffins or something made with blueberries)
- ~variety of fruit
- ~cake

We will have a sign-up sheet posted on the Preschool Bulletin Board.

Thanks to all who have worked so hard to make sure that this school is brought back to our community. We look forward to preparing these children for great success in all their school years.

Chris Sallstrom

Deacons Corner

On Thursday, March 28th, 2013 our Holiday Food Basket Outreach Ministry was in full swing. A total of 21 Easter Food Bags were assembled and distributed to individuals and families in our local community. Thank you to Margy Mannix, Mark Mannix and Patti Brozyna for coordinating this annual Spring ministry.

Mark your calendars, our annual Spring Rummage and Bake Sale is coming! Set up begins after the church service on Sunday, May 12th. (We would however like to get a head start setting up on Saturday, May 11th to avoid having to work so late on Mother's Day.) Rummage will be accepted starting on Sunday after church on May 12th through Wednesday, May 15th. Donations of clean/gently-used clothing (Men's, Women's & Youth), furniture, household items, books, cd's/dvd's, Children's toys, games, jewelry, accessories and Seasonal decorations are greatly appreciated. Yummy Baked Goods, especially cookies and brownies, are also needed for the Bake Sale (led by Nancy Munro.) The Rummage Sale will be open Thursday, May 16th (3 pm to 7 pm), Friday, May 17th (12 noon to 6 pm) and Bag Sale Saturday, May 18th (9 am to 11 am). If you should have any questions or would like to volunteer for set-up, sorting, sale days and/or clean up, please see coordinators, Sue Hunsicker (745-5740) and Patti Brozyna (668-5170). The Rummage and Bake Sale is a great Fundraiser for Caldwell and great fun to be a part of too!

Food Pantry Ministry- The Food Pantry is in need of the following items for May: Deodorant, Shampoo, Body Wash, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Can Openers and Coffee. Donations of Non-perishable food items & Personal Care items can be placed in the wicker basket located in the church Narthex any Sunday of the month. (See coordinators Kathy Gowen & Nancy Munro if you should have any questions related to the Food Pantry/Distribution.) A special note of thanks to Dolly and Alan Wood for their time, talents and dedication to our Food Pantry Ministry here at Caldwell. Dolly and Alan have decided to attend a church a little closer to their home in Glens Falls and have already begun assisting that church with their Food Pantry program. Thanks for the memories Dolly!

Soup Ministry- Thank you to the Jr./Sr. High Sunday school class, Patti Brozyna and Margy Mannix for preparing another delicious batch of homemade soup, on Sunday, April 28th. Our Soup Ministry provides healthy and delicious soups (from freezer to stovetop) for anyone you know that may be feeling under the weather, recovering from surgery and/or a hospitalization. (See coordinator Patti Brozyna for more information.) If you have a favorite soup recipe, that freezes well, let us know!

Blessings from the Deacons,

Sue Hunsicker (Moderator), Kathy Gowen (Secretary), Patti Brozyna, Lynda Glenn, Margy Mannix, Nancy Munro and Barbara O'Reilly

**Deacon of the
Month**

Margy Mannix

Caldwell Presbyterian Church has been significant in my life since I was young. Our church holds so many memories for me of occasions both happy and sad. Baptisms, weddings, funerals, Easter, Advent and Christmas at Caldwell all have a special place in my heart. My parents and grandparents all have been members. My siblings and I were baptized here, grew up in the church, attended Sunday school and in high school I became a member.

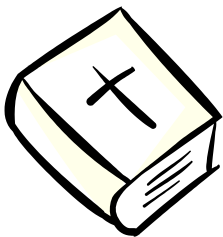
College took me to Boston University. After graduation I moved to Vermont where I lived for five years before coming back to Lake George. When I was in my mid-twenties I had the great opportunity to work as a ski counselor in Switzerland and then that spring I bicycled over 1000 miles through England and France, then spent the summer working at a day camp near Lake Geneva in Switzerland.

I've been a self-employed photographer since the early 80's and have earned my living at this. My partner, Mike Potts and I have travelled the east coast photographing sporting events and races for the past 29 years.

In my free time, I enjoy being outdoors. We are blessed to live in such a beautiful region. The mountains, lake and trails inspire me. I love to ski both alpine and cross country. When the lake freezes smoothly it's truly a joy to skate on the "black ice". I kayak and hike in the summer, and I especially love being out on the lake. I enjoy reading, I'm a member of two book groups and currently I'm serving on the Board of Trustees at Caldwell-Lake George Library.

I first became a Deacon at Caldwell in 1996. I am now happy to serve once again and hope to be able to make a difference in our congregation as well as in our community. I am heading up the Holiday Food Basket ministry and will be looking for volunteers to assist at Thanksgiving.

**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.

**NEWS FROM THE
HAITI MISSION
SCHOOL**



By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be in Haiti again. Since spring has been so long in coming to upstate New York, we will finally be warm without sitting by the woodstove. Meanwhile, It's a blessing to us that we can leave the house and Mr. Cat in the able care of "Madam Flo" while we are gone. We hope that it's warm enough that they can enjoy the house without the stove.

We received some good news from Haiti this week. Our lead teacher, Prof. Kenold Deralin has informed us that after three long years, he has now passed all the requirements to graduate from Teacher's College with his degree. We are eager to celebrate this good news with him when we arrive and if the dates work out, perhaps even be able to attend his graduation ceremonies with him.

As we wrote last month, we are also eager to meet with our sixth graders who will graduate from the *Haiti Mission School* this spring. These are our first graduates who've been with us from the beginning and we celebrate with them as well. Some of them will likely want to go on with their education and we hope to be able to scholarship a few of them to our equivalent of middle school.

At an assembly of the students, we will give our third graders bibles and small gifts for everyone. The children will present some skits, sing songs and read for us as they demonstrate some of the skills they are learning. They will also sing in the Labastile Church on Sunday as they do once a month and we plan to join them and their families for this service. We will also worship in the Jeremie Church one Sunday and likely get to preach at both Labastile and Jeremie.

The spring trip is also the time for our annual planning meeting with the *Committee*. We will plan for the coming year and approve a budget. Once again, thanks to every one of you who have prayed for us, the school and your students, and thank you for your continued financial support which makes it all possible. And a special thank you to all who provided bags, crib sheets, quilts and other items for the *Crossroads Baby Program* for abandoned infants which has been developed and maintained by an ecumenical group of young Christians in Jeremie.

Here's another poem I wrote after the last trip. Hope you enjoy:

One at a time

Have you heard the star thrower story?

A man walks a beach littered with starfish.

Stooping, he picks one up...throws it into the water.

He is accosted by one who asks

"Why do that? You can't possibly save them all!"

"True," he replies as he casts another one in.

"But that one... that one has been helped."

This philosophy guides us as we do our work in Haiti.

No, we can't save the nation. It's not our calling.

There are many we will not help.

But that one... yes to that one we will give the opportunity

To perhaps save him/herself.

Memorial Service

There will be a Memorial Service in honor of long time member Don Quigan taking place at Caldwell Presbyterian Church.

The service will be held on, June 1st, at 1:00pm with a short reception to follow in the coffee room. All are welcome to attend.

Christian Ed

April was full of activities including a trip to Westmount Nursing Home on Palm Sunday, scenery painting for VBS, a night of hide and seek, and the best ever Easter egg hunt!

This May we would like to wish Nina Mannix and Dante Corriveau a Happy Birthday. We are jumping ahead to June 9th which is Youth Sunday.

Immediately following service, we invite everyone to a picnic on Prospect Mountain. You may join the hikers for a trek up the mountain or the drivers who are graciously carrying the food and supplies. We look forward to a great day of fun and celebration with everyone. And don't forget to save the date for Vacation Bible School this summer from July 29-Aug. 2, 9am-noon.

Scholarship News

Judy Guildford, Sarah King, and Yvonne Fuller, CE Elders

Any high school senior or person actively involved in the ministry of Caldwell Presbyterian Church who wishes to further their education may apply for a scholarship. Applications with a cover letter are available in the Coffee Room and may also be picked up in the Church Office. The deadline for applying for the scholarship is May 31, 2013. The Scholarship Committee would like to remind members and friends of Caldwell that they may donate to the Scholarship Fund by giving a gift in memory of or to honor someone. You may also give a general donation to the Scholarship Fund at any time.

Thank you,
The Scholarship Committee
Christian Education

The Churches of Lake George Ecumenical Boat Cruise

Sunday, May 19th
Cruise is from 5-7pm

Boarding begins at 4:30pm at the Steamship Pier

Cost is 100% free, but tickets are required and available in our church office!

Come join The Harisena, St. James, Sacred Heart, Caldwell Pres. and First Methodist churches for a free night of fun on the Lake with beautiful views, games, dancing, etc. Tickets are in our front office. See you there!

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

May Birthdays

Shayla Dewey	Cindy Muratori	Ron Nortman
Daniel Quay	Ethan Winyall	Peg Earl
Lesley Clemons	Collin Snider	Rod Cornelius
Jean Dansen	Darlene Gunther	Chrissy Nicols
	Caryl Clark	

Caldwell Presbyterian Church

May 2013

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

