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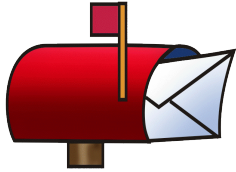
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." ~Proverbs 3:6

So here we are at the end of the summer already and into the beginning of yet another new school year. Where exactly has the time gone? Are the summers here short or is it just me?

Well, as a former teacher I always remember those first few

days of school and those "wonderful" classroom rules that the kids love so much. Now for most students these rules seemed obvious: be respectful, no profanity, no gum, no cell phones, no interrupting, or talking out of turn, always do your best, turn in your homework on-time, and no cheating, just to name a few. But trust me these rules were written out on large poster board, discussed and re-discussed ad nauseum and hung up in plain sight for a very good reason.....Kids broke them every single day!

On that same note, I recently received a forwarded email (I get a lot of those....some I even read!) from a blog article written by Ted Frank, who is an attorney and the president and founder of The Center for Class Action Fairness. In this article, he compiled a list of his favorite wacky warning labels. Here are just a few:

A warning on a wood router says: "This product not intended for use as a dental drill."

A vanishing fabric marker warns: "The Vanishing Fabric Marker should not be used as a writing instrument for signing checks or any legal documents."

A label on a small tractor cautions: "Danger! Avoid Death."

A popular scooter used by children throughout the United States warns: "This product moves when used."

And finally, a label on baby stroller warns: "Remove child before folding."

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I definitely had a good laugh after reading these warning labels. It seems that most of them are self-evident and should go without saying. But I also realize, just like the classroom rules, they are probably there for a very good reason. They were not self-evident for someone. Someone, somewhere, used a vanishing marker to sign a legal document or folded their baby stroller up with their baby still in it.

I wonder if that is how God feels sometimes. He gives us these scriptures and expects us to use them to guide us to right living. Most of them should be self-explanatory: love our neighbors as ourselves, don't worship other Gods, and love God with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength, just to name a few. These rules that He has laid before us seem rather easy, especially to us proclaiming to be followers of Jesus Christ. But.....maybe they are there for a reason. And maybe, just maybe....WE ARE THE REASON! Maybe we can and should all do better! I pray that we will. Happy early fall and we'll see you in church.

God Bless,

Pastor Chad

First, a GREAT BIG THANK-YOU to all the VBS participants that each day brought food items for our food pantry. It is nice to see young people reach out to help in the community. We are never too young to learn to share and have a generous heart.

I hate to see summer so quickly coming to an end but I do love the fall. This reminds me that as we switch clothes around and discover that we aren't going to wear some of the sweaters etc. we put away last year or kids have out grown or the other items we want to pare down from around the house the Rummage Sale is just around the corner. This is one of our biggest fund raisers and a way for people to find affordable items they need. Start saving.



The dates this year will be:

Set-up : Sunday, October 20

Sale dates: Thursday-Saturday, October 24-26

Thursday hours: 3-7 pm,

Friday hours: 11 am to 5 pm

Saturday Bag Sale from 9-11 am

And of course we need YOU to help throughout the week and especially for clean-up.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

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

Kathy Gowen- Secretary, report to Session and Food Pantry

Patti Brozna- Love Meals Ministry and Rummage Sale

Lynda Glenn -SEEKER reporter, Comfort Shawl Ministry

Margy Mannix- Holiday Baskets

Nancy Munro- Food Pantry



Deacon of the Month

Patti Brozyna, a native of Rotterdam New York, grew up attending St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the Bellevue section of Schenectady. Patti credits her parents, with their church and community involvement, for instilling in her the value of serving others with a joyful heart. While a second-grader at Jefferson Elementary School in Rotterdam Patti met her now husband, Jeff, when they were acting in their class play, The Hurdy Gurdy Man; Jeff was "the Narrator," and Patti, "the Kind Lady." They began dating in the eleventh grade.

After graduating from SUNY Oswego Patti worked as an activities director at University Heights Nursing home in Albany and moved on to Baptist Retirement Center in Scotia, where her ninety-two year old Aunt Vivian currently resides. Patti enjoys her weekly lunch dates with Vivian, and also loves sewing dresses and accessories for her three granddaughters. Family lore has it that her maternal grandmother was one of Queen Victoria's seamstresses, and Patti proudly carried on the tradition by sewing her daughter's wedding dress this past fall.

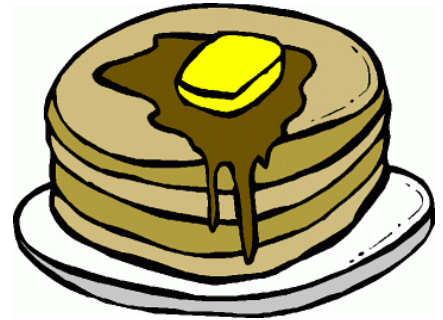
Patti spent many happy years with Jeff and their three children in Perkasio Pennsylvania. Active in her church of Deep Run, Patti worked with older adults and youth. In addition to her church work, for many years Patti was a volunteer in the kindergarten and art classes at Seyler Elementary school, where her children had previously attended. She also enjoyed volunteering at the Allentown Art Museum and New Bethany Ministries meal site in Bethlehem, PA. Patti now channels her love for serving others through her deacon and volunteer work here at Caldwell.

Sunday School Rally Day

and

Pancake Breakfast

September 8, 2013



We are kicking off our new Sunday School year with a special event! Teachers and parents along with their children (ages nursery to high school) are cordially invited to our Rally Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 8, at 9:00 am.

We will enjoy breakfast, meet the teaching staff, register students and receive important information.

After the breakfast, our 10:00 am church service will follow with the dedication of our teachers. Sunday School classes will meet from 10:15-11:15am.

Our goal at Caldwell is to assist children and youth to grow and mature in their Christian faith. There are many caring adults who devote their time and talents to this important ministry. Are you looking for a way to serve God and His Church? If so, please call Sarah King 798-0615, Judy Guilford 668-9648 or Yvonne Fuller 743-9759. There will be a place for you!

See you on Rally Day!

BROWN BAG



BIBLE STUDY

Resumes on Wednesday, September 11th

Noon to 1:00ish!

We will begin with a 3-4 weeks study on the Book of Esther!

Please read chapters 1-3 for the first session.

All are welcome!

Everyone is invited to a game of

Family



**Sunday, September 22nd at 2pm
at Battlefield Park!**

Young and Old, Experienced or Not,
Everyone is Welcome!

*Bring your own lawn chairs
and a beverage, snack or dessert to share!*



GREAT NEWS!!!!

We are starting a Youth Group!

This is for all 7th-12th graders....

**Our kick-off is on Wednesday Night
September 18th, from 5:30-7pm.
Here at Caldwell Pres.**

Dinner will be provided!

Come for food, fun,
fellowship, games,
worship music, etc.
I KNOW you will have
a good time!

CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: June 2013 Financial Situation

Overall operating receipts for June 2013 were 22% behind June 2013 budget primarily due to shortfalls in the category of "Checks/Special Offerings" (visitors' donations) and "Pledges".

2013 (first half) year to date (YTD) results are as follows:

- 2013 YTD pledge receipts are now 5.5% behind 2013 budget (\$3,262 shortfall).
- 2013 YTD operating receipts are 8.3% behind 2013 budget as other categories of receipts besides pledges are also generally down compared to budget.
- After expenses, the operating gain for the first half of 2013 was \$3,336. This gain is favorable to the 2013 budgeted \$1,190 gain for the first half of the year. This is due to under-spending in most expense categories. At this point, our budgeted operating gain for 2013 of \$1909 still appears realistic.
- 2013 YTD pledge receipts are 9.3% ahead of June, 2012 results. The 2013 YTD operating receipts are 22% ahead of June, 2012.

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

Attendance averaged 79 people per Sunday service in the second quarter of 2013, a modest increase over the 2012 second quarter average per Sunday service of 76 people. The 2013 attendance is even with 2011 but below the 2010 and 2009 second quarter attendance of 85 and 87 respectively.

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

We are happy to report that we have been able to purchase thirteen new tables through the generosity of members of our congregation. Thank you to all who have made this improvement possible.

On our committee, Helene Horn, continues to prepare the bags we use to welcome visitors on Sunday morning. Inside each little bag we are giving the newcomer : a pen and note pad, a post card with a picture of the church on it and several Hershey Kisses. It isn't much but we feel enough to let them know we appreciate their presence and hope they will return.



We continue to look for Coffee Hour Hosts. If you are willing and able to help provide this much needed and appreciated part of our Sunday Service, please see Ann Kohland or Joni Steiner or just sign on the sheet on the coffee room bulletin board. The first Sunday of each month is "Cake Sunday". All you have to do is pick up the cake at the Lake George Bakery (already pre-paid) and make the coffee. This is an easy Sunday to host if you are not into baking or preparing other things.

We thank you, Jess King - Chair

The Village of Lake George is holding a Festival for the Lake at the end of September....

the 26th, 27th, and 28th, and will be like a giant block party! We at Caldwell, as well as members of Sacred Heart, are assisting in the Festival, which will also be a fundraiser for our churches. We will be selling Pepsi products as well as water in Shepherd's Park. Sacred Heart will be doing the same on Beach Rd. We will be needing many volunteers to take a shift to sell the soda and water.

It behooves all of us who live on or enjoy the lake to support this Festival. It is also a great opportunity to raise serious funds for our church. Please support this fund-raiser and volunteer to help by contacting either the church or Carol Longman @ 668-4245.



p.s. We may also be renting out the parking lot! Stay Tuned!

NEEDED:

More drivers to give occasional rides to senior citizens! Please contact Helene Horne at 656-9373 if you are interested in this ministry opportunity!



HAITI TRIP: There will be a meeting at Caldwell Sunday Sept 8 at 5 PM for anyone interested in joining the team going to Haiti in February of 2014. We will view some pictures to give you a visual idea, talk about travel, costs, tentative plans, where we will stay, and attempt to answer any questions you may have about the trip.

If you can't go with us this time, but would just like to know more about our trip, you are welcome to join us.

SANDY REBUILDING: You are also welcome to join the rebuild team heading to Staten Island for all or any part of the last two weeks of September.

Tom And JoEllen Parsons
696-3990



Jenne Family, Jessica King, Barb Egnot, Brad Dewey, Amanda Hutt, Alli Jacobson,, Janet E. Smith, Len Bunal-ski, Duane & Kathy Gowen, Kellie Moody, Deb Knoll, Jessica Lafountain, Jerry Dexter, Andrew Adams, John Adams, Lauren Azer, Karen Azer, Joe Bailey, Carrie Bradley, Mike Cox, Henry Donrax, Joan Dowd, Kate Fili-cetti, Charlie Fuller, Gordon Gibson, the Green Family, John Kohland, Doris Krause, Henry John, Diana Martin, Riley Mattson, Robert Martin, Cathy Morris, Shannon Mower, Suzanne Murphy, Mike Obarowski, Pamela Parrott, James O'Brian, Eleanor Orange, Richie's grandson, Dinelle Rosa, Justice White-Sloan, Donna Alfano & Daughter, Betty and Jim Corkland, Robin Billow, Denise and Maria, Jason P., Tim Glenn.

Out-of-Towners

Afghanistan: Andrew Mayer

Florida: Beth Gailey, John Skee, Anna Fox

Georgia: John Logan

Haiti: James Obarowski

Illinois: Wendy Raphael

Maryland: Tanya & Kurt Peltz

New Hampshire: Pat Ryff

New Jersey: Victor Strom, Neva Strom

New York: Jackie Mackey, Eddie Mills, Ken Austin, Esme Savoie

Ohio: Mary Lou Peterson

Pennsylvania: Ron Madeira

Texas: John & Theresa Lisenbe

Thailand: Harry Horn

Virginia: Ed Pharmer

West Virginia: Erin O'Reilly, Sharon Frohnappel

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



Hospital, Nursing & Retirement Homes and At Home

Indian River Nursing Home – Elsie Timms, Pat Eaglestone

Westmount Health Facility– Mary Harbourne

At Home –Clyde Gazlay, Austin

Fort Hudson – Betty Cole

September 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 10am	2 Labor Day	3 Supervisory Comm. Mtg 12:30pm AA 7pm	4 Preschool Welcomes Students 6:30	5	6	7
8 Rally Day Pancake Breakfast 9am Worship 10am Haiti Trip Mtg. 5pm	9 Preschool Begins 9am	10 AA 7pm	11 Brown Bag Bible Study @ Noon	12 Choir Rehearsal Begins 7pm	13 Food Pantry 10am—12pm	14
15 Worship 10am <i>Seeker Deadline</i>	16	17 AA 7pm Session 7pm	18 Brown Bag Bible Study @ Noon Youth Kick Off 5:30pm	19 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	20	21
22 Worship 10am Family Kickball 2pm	23	24 AA 7pm	25 Brown Bag Bible Study @ Noon	26 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	27 Food Pantry 10am—12pm	28
29 Worship 10am	30					

There really is NO WAY to say thank you to everyone for all the love we were shown before and after Caleb was born! But I'm going to give it a shot:

Thank You Thank You

We appreciate all the meals, gifts, prayers and moral support throughout it all. I never imagined our family would be showered with so much love. Caleb is a very lucky little boy! He has been such a blessing to us and I hope that he gets to show a little love to each and every one of you! This church family made it so much easier on us to start ALL OVER after 10 years. Chad and I thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts!

Chad, Natalie,

Ramsey, Emery & Caleb



Bobbie Hoffman	Carol Kirkwood
Colleen Skee	Dave Gallagher
Dean Schermerhorn	Kimberly Quay
Drew Jackson	Lauren Quigan
Emily Fuller	Leah Anne Monroe
Hal Heusner	Marjorie Mannix
Jim Donnelly	Mark Mannix
Jim Kirkwood	Norman Duell
Judd Brynes	Rachel Hunsicker
Judy Guilford	Rosemarie Earl
Sandra Merrell	Stan Rummel
Sara Manniz	Ted Guilford
Tyler Smith	

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All are welcomed into The Caldwell Church Family.

We would love to see you in church on

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM!

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"In case God is tired of the same old prayers,
I recited Humpty Dumpty for him."

from JoyfulNoiseLetter.com
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