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A message from our Pastor



As a Youth Pastor I faced many challenges in dealing with young people, but by far the biggest challenge was to help the kids to see that they are beloved children of God. You see for teens, fitting in and loving themselves are both desired and difficult. So I tried to provide lessons that reinforced to them that they are created and loved by God just as they are. Now, admittedly some of these lessons were overly simplistic and cheesy....Yet....they hit home the point!

In one of these lessons, I read a book to my youth group entitled, “Under the Loving Wings...Faith Lessons from Colorbox Farms,” by Kaia L. Kloster.

This story is based off of Luke, chapter 13 in which Jesus laments over Jerusalem saying, “*Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!*”

This book describes one of the most beautiful things in nature as a metaphor to God’s love for us: a “brood patch”. You see, when songbirds get ready to have babies, the feathers on their stomach area get loose and fall out. The result is a “brood patch,” an oval of bare skin on the underside of the bird. It turns out that those stomach feathers, otherwise used to keep the bird’s body heat in, become a barrier that keeps the heat away from their young. And so, during breeding season, to better conduct warmth to speckled eggs and then to newborns, songbirds develop this “brood patch.” They lose their feathers for the sake of intimacy and new life. What a wonderful metaphor for God’s sacrificial love for us in Jesus Christ!

Friends, you don’t have to be a teen to benefit from hearing this message once again.....You are a cherished child of God and He holds you close to his heart....closer then you’ll ever know! Have a great summer, stay safe, and we’ll see you in church!

Blessings, *Pastor Chad*

Summer Sermon Series- Old Testament Stories for a Modern World



Between now and October I will be preaching a sermon series based on fun and exciting stories from the Old Testament. These are ancient stories that I believe are not only fascinating and interesting, but very relevant to our lives today. Many of these stories we grew up with in Sunday School, but rarely hear them preached from the pulpit. It is my hope that you will consider joining us for these summer weeks!

June 23rd	Elijah and the Prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18:20-39
July 7th	Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego	Daniel 3
July 14th	Balaam's Donkey	Numbers 22
July 28th	Samson and Delilah	Judges 16:4-20
August 4 th	Battle of Jericho	Joshua 6
August 11 th	David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17
August 18 th	Jonah and the Whale	Jonah 1:1-2:10
September 8 th	The Life of Ruth	Ruth 1:1-4:22
September 15 th	Ezekiel's Vision of the Dry Bones	Ezekiel 37:1-14
September 22 nd	Joseph's Rainbow Coat	Genesis 37
September 29 th	Daniel in the Lions Den	Daniel 6
October 6 th	Spies Sent to Canaan	Numbers 13:1-15

*****Special Note**.....Pastor Chad will be gone the week of July 15-22 to chaperone the Albany Presbytery Youth at the PCUSA Triennium in Purdue, Indiana. He will also be on vacation the weeks of August 19-September 3.

If you need pastoral care, please first call Tom Parsons our Parish Associate at 696-3990.

**MISSION of
the MONTH**



You have the right to live free from abuse and violence.

Domestic Violence Project

July's Mission of the month is the Domestic Violence Project of Warren and Washington Counties. The Domestic Violence Project is a licensed program providing services and support to victims of domestic violence and their children. Services include: a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, supportive counseling, advocacy, crime victim assistance, support groups, community education and outreach.

The project also provides age appropriate education for teens experiencing domestic violence in their dating relationships and support for children exposed to batterers. Elder abuse prevention, including advocacy, counseling, information, and referrals for people age 55 and older who have been abused by a family member is also provided.

Mission of the Month for August: Samaritan's Purse

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the expert in religious law. Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law?" The man replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." "But who is my neighbor?" asked the expert.

Jesus then told the story of the Good Samaritan. (*Luke 10:25-37*) Our mission of the month for August, ***Samaritan's Purse***, is based on Jesus' story of that Samaritan who showed love to his neighbor. Despite their differences, he brought aid to the robbed and injured man. ***Samaritan's Purse demonstrates this love*** by helping people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease and famine. Vulnerable people throughout the world from Schoharie County to Kansas, Haiti and Africa are rescued, educated, fed, clothed and sheltered. ***Samaritan's Purse*** lets people know that God loves them, Jesus died and rose again for them and they are not forgotten. More information can be found on the web at www.SamaritansPurse.org.

Some have asked how we (The Mission Committee) know if the money we give is well used, and others have asked for additional information. In response to your good questions, for large national or international missions we check with *Charity Navigator*, a missions rating service. ***Samaritan's Purse*** receives Charity Navigator's four star rating, scoring 67.68 out of a perfect score of 70. www.CharityNavigator.org.

We welcome your questions, concerns and ideas. We also welcome your presence at any of our meetings. They are usually held the first Tuesday of the month, and are announced in the Sunday bulletin preceding the meeting.

Ever wonder how the Mission Committee selects Missions of the Month?

The Mission Committee meets once a month to discuss missions to consider supporting. Ideas come from mission committee members, news regarding recent disasters, and we do our own research involving issues such as hunger, clean water, education, medical needs, etc. We offer several Presbytery Special Offerings each year and are also happy to consider suggestions from church members. By selecting organizations that provide a wide range of services and support, we try to give church members the opportunity to support programs that appeal to you. We also try to include a balance of local, national, and international missions, as well as some “hands-on” missions, in addition to those seeking monetary donations. We seek to validate the merits and efficiency of individual charities so that we support reputable programs and use your dollars wisely. Among the resources we use to validate charities are:

www.charitynavigator.org

www.charitywatch.org [http://](http://www.bbb.org/charity-reviews/national)

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Anyone interested in sharing in the privilege of selecting missions to present to the congregation for consideration is invited to attend mission committee meetings. Contact any Mission Committee Member if you have questions and to find out when our next meeting is.

Linda Nicols, Missions Elder; Helene Horn, Carol Longman, Dave Madden, Jo Ellen and Tom Parsons.

Writer's Group



Poems, stories, thoughts, sermons, letters... Perhaps you have a book inside that is dying to get out. I have talked to several people in our congregation who enjoy writing. Some might wish to see about publishing or just enjoy writing for the fun of it. It occurred to me that there might be some interest in forming a **writers group** in the church to share our work. We could meet on a regular basis weekly or a couple of times a month to share, get critiques or to talk about our efforts. If you have any interest in such a group, contact Pastor Chad or myself, Tom Parsons (696-3990) and we'll try to set a time that is convenient to meet.

Deacons Corner

First, we wish you all a great summer and thank you for all your support through the first half of this year.

As you know caring for others is a full time year round mission. And as



always we need your help. Let us know of those in need, including you, so we can reach out in a special meaningful way. A reminder that we have soup in the freezer as a part of our **Love Meals Ministry**, I don't know about you but I can eat soup anytime of the year.

Also if you would like to help out in the **Shawl ministry** but don't know how to knit we would love to teach you. Then you can make a sweater or whatever for yourself.

Lastly, remember the **FOOD PANTRY**. People are hungry all year round and often get forgotten in the summer. You can bring canned or packaged goods to church or leave in the church office or even one of us can pick them up. Also always needed are paper products, toiletries, detergents. And of course, we can always use your dollars.

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- Kathy Gowen

Although I graduated from South High, I was Blessed to spend my summers at our family camp on Glen Lake. We spent our days hiking French Mountain, waterskiing, swimming, fishing, and boating. I'm the youngest of 5 children, as well as being the only girl.

I graduated from Paul Smith's College in 1986 with an Associates Degree in Forest Recreation. I raced on the alpine ski team, was a member of the Woodsmen's Team, as well the Public Relations Officer for the Forestry Club. I had incredible Professors that taught me so much about life, in addition to my class studies.

I began my career as a horse-mounted park ranger at Saratoga National Historical Park, which was a great beginning. Sadly, the budget didn't allow for a horse that year...I was given a moped instead and patrolled the 3,000 acre park on that. I moved to Vermont in 1987 as a Forest Technician for the Green Mountain National Forest. I managed 14 Campgrounds, the Volunteer program, Special Uses, Road Maintenance, Sign Maintenance, and was also a member of the Wildfire Crew. Firefighting became a staple over the next decade and our initial attack crew was able to assist in putting

out forest fires in Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Minnesota, Colorado, Arizona, and Utah. That job is a work-out! 14 hour days on a fire line makes P90X look like a ride on a carousel! The Lord provided me with the ability to do the job and then Blessed me with being able to see so much of His glorious creation.

I left the Forest Service in 1997, following the birth of Isaiah. We moved back to New York, where Duane began his own plumbing and heating business. I went back to school and became a Medical Transcriptionist. Elias was born 20 months later and completed our family.

These days, I am the definition of a soccer mom, traipsing the boys from one game to another; all the while cheering them on from the sidelines. It truly is a joy watching your children have fun, whatever happens to be their passion. I've been a Lifeguard at the Great Escape Lodge and Indoor Waterpark for the past 3 years and Head Life guard for Shepard Park Beach since 2012. Maybe I'll see you at the beach this summer! Be of Good Cheer

**Fellowship and
Hospitality
Committee**



The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee (FHC) meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 AM in the middle room. Anyone wishing to become a member of this committee is welcome to join us.

We have been working on a number of items which are still in progress. To be specific, we are working on Welcome Bags which will be handed out by a "Floating Greeter" to visitors coming to our church. The Floating Greeter is a person in addition to the usual two at the door who hand out bulletins.

The Floating Greeter will be welcoming the newcomer to coffee hour and telling of our child care if needed during the service. They will be asked to fill out a visitor card which will list their name and where they are from. A notebook is kept with this information in it.

Please mark your Calendar for a special Bar-b-que/Pot Luck which will be held outside on the front lawn of the church on July 14th following the service.

Tom Jenne is chairing this event and will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. A sign up sheet will be passed around asking congregational members to bring a dish to pass.

The FHC is starting to plan to replace some of our old and worn banquet tables. We have had offers from members of the committee who are willing to pay for a table which is about \$50. The new tables will be sturdy, but

much lighter in weight and easier to move from place to place. If you are interested in buying a replacement table please speak to one of the committee members.

The FHC is planning a Travel Theme luncheon which will take place the week after Vacation Bible School is over. Please mark Aug. 7 on your calendar. We especially encourage the summer people to attend this event. The plan is to bring a sandwich and we will provide salad, dessert, beverage and fellowship.

The FHC continues to search for coffee hour hosts. Cake Sunday is always the first Sunday of each month and a cake is provided by Lake George Baking Company (paid in advance by FHC). If you are not a baker you can sign up and simply "pick up" the cake and make coffee. We want to stress that coffee hour does not have to be elaborate. Some of us simply like to feed people and especially on holidays. Therefore some Sundays there may be more of a spread. The idea is to promote fellowship after our service and it is perfectly OK to have just coffee and donuts if that makes it easier for you.

We are open to suggestions for activities that will promote fellowship. If you have an idea, please share it with us.

Fellowship and Hospitality Committee: Chair-Jessica King
Emilia Bernd, Pastor Chad, Tom Jenne, Ann Kohland, Helene Horn, David Madden, Sue Moore, Joni Steiner



**Sunday, July 14th on the Front Lawn
Following Worship**

Please join us for a church-wide barbecue on Sunday, July 14th on the front lawn directly following the worship service! The church is providing the hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages! We ask that you bring an appropriate side to share!



**NEWS FROM THE
HAITI MISSION
SCHOOL**



I remember many!! Years ago when I was in the first grade, I had my eyes tested. It turned out that I needed glasses. When I received them, suddenly things which had made no sense to me became much clearer. Watching some of our students at the Haiti Mission School, it is clear to us that some of them could benefit from an eye exam and glasses.

And thus our plan for our next trip in February of 2014 includes taking a team to do eye tests. The plan is in its infancy, but we already have the beginnings of a team which we hope to bring with us. It includes a woman who is a Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologist qualified to do the more technical exams, while those of us who are not so qualified would do the basic eye chart exams, fit glasses and so on. The plan is that we would do the exams for the students one day and then for nearby residents the following day.

The team is also in its infancy and we are seeking a few others who feel called to join us. It is an arduous journey, especially if we take the bus from Port Au Prince to Jeremie, and there is also some reasonably strenuous walking involved. If this mission appeals to you, please contact us at haitimissionschool@gmail.com. We will send information and begin the process of planning. For Presbyterians in Albany Presbytery financial aid is available.

We are in the process of placing boxes around where people can donate old eye glasses to take with us. We are particularly seeking glasses for children, but adult glasses would be welcome as well. If you would like more information on this program, please contact us at the above address. We will continue updates on our progress and needs in the coming months.

When we met with the committee in Haiti, they asked us if we could either provide a seventh grade class or scholarship aid for those who pass their exams and would like to continue their education. Seventh grade and up is considered secondary school in Haiti and there are much more stringent rules about buildings, teacher qualifications, etc. We have therefore decided to not provide the school. While we would like to provide scholarships, we predict this could become quite expensive over the years. Tuition and supplies for each student runs about \$250. While it would not be prohibitive for our six students this year, as each year we added more students we believe that it would not be feasible. So we are considering providing scholarship aid for a just a few of the top students.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our school will be on break for the summer. We are awaiting results on the national exams for our sixth grade students. Without our license, we were forced to send the sixth grade students to a nearby school this year and pay for their tuition. While in Haiti this spring, we received a commitment from the supervisory inspector for the region to allow us to offer the exams next year. While this is something we have been working and praying for, it also means that we will

have to provide a sixth grade next year. Thus during the summer, benches will need to be built, classroom space prepared, a teacher hired and books secured.

Also during the summer, one of our buildings will be receiving some much needed upgrades to the exterior walls and roof damaged in the 2010 earthquake. An interior wall will be built to separate two classes. We were able to increase staff salaries for each teacher by \$25 to \$775 per year. This does not seem like much to us, but it is a decent salary in rural Haiti. We will also provide a two day seminar for all the teachers prior to the beginning of the school year to continue strengthening their teaching skills.

Once again we thank you for your continuing financial support and prayers.

Tom and JoEllen Parsons for the Haiti Mission School.



Get ready for some fun at Camp Rock VBS which runs from Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 2 from 9am- 12 noon at Caldwell this summer. We are excited to have The Reverend Meredith Vanderminden again leading us this year and our own Pastor Chad co-directing! Should be lots of fun. Registration forms can be found here in The Seeker, in the church office, or on-line at www.caldwellpres.org. Please return to church office or put in Sarah King's box at church.

On Friday, Aug. 2, after you pick up your child from VBS or if you're in the neighborhood, stop by at our Medieval Celebration for a quick lunch and some summer fun (it's a surprise but it involves water and shaving cream!). Please bring your bathing suit and slide in for some fun!

We will once again kick off our Sunday School program on September 8 with our Rally Day Breakfast, starting at 9am. Group Publishing's Hands On Bible curriculum will be used by all classes.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to the following kids who are celebrating summer birthdays: Ramsey, Justin, Zoie, Tyler, Chelsea, Madeline, Anna, Jessica, Jed, Tiffany, Max and Jacksen. Happy Birthday all!

Have a great summer and hope to see you at church!

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



..Thank You...Thank You...Thank You....Thank You...Thank You...

On behalf of the session and all of the members of Caldwell Presbyterian Church, we want to offer a special and heart-felt **THANK YOU** to Jessica King and the King family for financing the paving of the back parking lot. It looks absolutely fabulous and we are all thrilled.

Jessica had the parking lot paved as a way to honor her late husband Victor and his life. For anyone who is not aware, in addition to Lake George RV Park, Victor owned and operated a paving business. Jessica thought this would serve as a great memorial to his life and hard work! We are very blessed and fortunate that Jessica thought of Caldwell as a way to honor him, and I know that Victor is smiling down on us right now from above! I hope the parking lot serves as a reminder to everyone of the dedication that he had to God and to our church. I know that it will serve as a reminder to me that when our loved ones pass on, they do continue to live in our hearts and memories, as well as a wonderful eternal home with Jesus Christ. When you see Jessica next, please let her know how much we appreciate this gesture!

..Thank You...Thank You...Thank You...Thank You...Thank You...



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. Thanks.



Amanda Hutt, Alli Jacobson, Ted Brothers, Janet E. Smith, Len Bunalski, 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 Filicetti, Charlie Fuller, Gordon Gibson, the Green Family, the Jenne 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, Ron Madeira, Betty and Jim Corkland, Robin Billow, Neva Strom, Denise and Maria, Jason P.

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

Out-of-Towners

Afghanistan: Andrew Mayer

Colorado: Tim Glenn

Florida: Beth Gailey, John Skee, Anna Fox

Georgia: John Logan

Haiti: James Obarowski

Illinois: Wendy Raphael

Maryland: Kurt Peltz

Massachusetts: Erin O'Reilly

New Hampshire: Pat Ryff

New Jersey: Victor Strom

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

Thailand: Harry Horn

Virginia: 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

Pre-School News



Happy July and August, what a great summer it has been!! We are excited for the wonderful things happening at the preschool. God was so good to send a 2nd teacher. Kate Pape has been hired to work with our 3 yr. old children. Kate has a spirit that draws others in to come along side and learn all that she has prepared to teach them. I know that Kate will bring enthusiasm to our classroom. She lives here in Lake George and has established relationships with many in the community. Kate and her husband Fred live here with their 3 girls Alexis, Becca and Libby. Libby will be in our 4yr old class.

We have also finished our Parent Handbook and our Policies and Procedures. I am grateful for the help of our preschool committee; they have been such an encouragement to me and great source of guidance. We are getting closer to the 20 student mark, praying for 25 by September!

It has been a joy to meet the families that we will be working with this school year. Thank you for all your support as we get our preschool up and running. This is going to be a great ministry to our community and we pray that many children and parents are encouraged to know and love Jesus.

Director/Teacher
Christine Sallstrom

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO
YOU!!!!**



July Birthdays

Aretha Humphrey
Carol Kitchen
Connor Lenihan
Dale Winyall
Diane Chandler
Dorothy Quigan
Ethan Gunther
Jed Moody
Jessica Hunsicker
Jessica Nicols
John Kessler
John Kirker
Les Edwards
Melissa Tenne
Mitchell Monroe
Pam Mannix
Roger Glenn
Stephanie Merrill
Tanner Dewey

August Birthdays

Alex Quigan
Aubrey Corriveau
Cheryl McCann
Cody McCann
Emily Madden
Jennie Delio
Jennifer Gunther
Laura Chapman
Margi Mannix
Matthew Stranahan
Max Jenne
Megan Gallagher
Norman Perry
Patrick O'Reilly
Ronald Stanford
Shirley Bird
Tiffany Cornelius

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JULY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Pre-School Supervisory Meeting 10am AA Meeting 7pm	3	4	5	6
7 Worship 10am With Communion	8	9 AA Meeting 7pm	10 Deacons Meeting 6pm	11	12 Food Pantry 10am-12pm	13
14 Worship 10am With Baptism	15 Pastor Chad Out with Youth Triennium	16 AA Meeting 7pm	17	18	19	20
21 Worship 10am	22	23 Pastor Chad Returns AA Meeting 7pm	24	25	26 Food Pantry 10am-12pm	27
28 Worship 10am	29 Vacation Bible School	30 Vacation Bible School	31 Vacation Bible School	Aug. 1 Vacation Bible School	Aug. 2 Vacation Bible School	

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AUGUST 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Worship 10am With Communion	5	6 Pre-School Supervisory Meeting 10am AA Meeting 7pm	7 1:30 Mission Committee Meeting	8	9 Food Pantry 10am-12pm	10
11 Worship 10am	12	13 AA Meeting 7pm	14 Deacon's Meeting 6pm	15	16	17
18 Worship 10am	19 Pastor Chad on Vacation until September 3 rd	20 AA Meeting 7pm Lake George Music Festival 7pm Session 7pm	21	22	23 Food Pantry 10am-12pm	24
25 Worship 10am	26	27 AA Meeting 7pm	28	29	30	31

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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

