

THE SEEKER FOR JANUARY 2015

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dear Caldwell Family,

The days are drawing ever closer when we will turn the page on 2014 and begin the New Year. It's a perennial temptation to construct in my imagination a list of things I'd like to accomplish as the Gregorian calendar starts fresh. Always at the top of my list are eating healthier foods, exercising regularly, and carving out more time for quiet. But as the years go by, I watch how the New Year settles in, and by about the third week in January, I've already lost my way with my resolutions.

Another factor has come into play in my adult years since becoming a mom 11 years ago, and that is deep concerns for the suffering and strife in our world. Each morning I have a habit of walking into the kitchen, turning on the radio to NPR, and then making the coffee and the girls' lunches. The stories of war and age old disputes wear on and take with them innocent lives and precious futures, and it is unsettling at best, more like horrifying to behold the brokenness of our world. Sometimes I have to turn the radio off when the children wake up.

I consider in these moments our place on the timeline of eternity. Where do we stand in the evolution of human existence, and what can we do to contribute to building good in God's name for our time?

I'm comforted by figures in history who have taken seriously the same question and whose lives show forth their answer. One such figure from the 13th Century was St. Francis of Assisi. Born into wealth, he could have kept a distance from the ravages and realities of his time. After his conversion, as he lived out his faith life, he could have removed himself from this world and retreated to his monastery. But he didn't. He did just the opposite. He realized that the only way to live a life of faith was to live it amidst the toils and snares, the joys and sorrows, immersed in everyday life. Attributed to St. Francis is the line, "preach the gospel always; when necessary, use words."

And so as we step into the New Year 2015, let us find courage to bravely walk our earthly way, and even hope to be part of the building of something good in God's name. The prayer of St. Francis is perhaps the loveliest prayer I know. Let's commit it to memory this year, and know it by heart, so that just as generations before ours have lived by its values, so we might also.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is discord, harmony;

Where there is error, truth; Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Thanks be to God.

Blessings in the New Year and always.

Faithfully,

Ali

Latest Update from Chad Jones

“I will be doing a 1 year chaplain residency at the University of Louisville hospital. There were 3 openings and they said they had a record number of applicants (I am not sure what that means, but they made it sound like a lot). I am very excited for this new adventure. I think it will be right up my alley. It is 1 full year and I will come out of it a certified hospital chaplain. God has definitely been steering me in that direction. I am sure I will learn a lot and get lots of good experience. We are very happy in our little home. We hang out with family nearly every single weekend. It really is a blessing. Please tell everyone I say hello and God Bless.”

Our new address is 2825 Shannon Dr. Louisville, KY 40220

PIE PARTIES

Dear Caldwell Members and Friends:

We would like to share some church history with you. Many years ago we had a plan in place to help a new minister become acquainted with the congregation. We arranged for some members to be the host and hostess of “pie parties” to be held in their home. We think this might work well once again as we welcome our new minister, Rev. Ali Trowbridge.

The people we have chosen to act as a Host home will receive a list of the people we have included in their group.

We encourage you to pick a date that would be convenient for you to entertain. Be sure and clear the date with Rev. Ali. Once you have established a date good for you and Rev. Ali, you may send out your invitations. Rev. Ali has said she would welcome any gathering that could take place in the afternoon. There will have to be some groups meeting in the evening to accommodate working people.

Pie and coffee is served and the group proceeds to share hospitality and fellowship. This gathering will give all of you an opportunity to become acquainted with our new minister and also with each other. Much thought has been given to the people in your group based on some being long time members of our church and some may be simply friends of the church. As with any planned event, not everyone will be able to attend on a particular date. We have given you eight to ten people hoping that you will have at least six and our minister.

Hopefully, there will be some groups who might feel comfortable getting together reasonably soon maybe sometime during the Christmas Season. Please know there is no deadline for having your party. We expect the parties will continue through the winter months and into spring.

We thank you for exploring this project with us.

The Fellowship and Hospitality committee: Emilia Bernd, Ann Kohland, Joni Steiner, Sue Moore, Tom Jenne, Helene Horn and Jessica King.....(*another dessert may be substituted for pie.)

Fellowship and Hospitality

Committee Members: Emilia Bernd, Helene Horn, Ann Kohland, Tom Jenne, Joni Steiner, Sue Moore and Jessica King (chairperson).

The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30am in the middle room at Caldwell Church. We encourage anyone who would like to be a part of this committee to join us. Perhaps you would just like to help at some of the events we sponsor. If that is your choice please contact one of our committee members.

Our committee arranges for Coffee hour hosts. Please check the bulletin board in the coffee room to see when your name appears. If you find the date you have been assigned is not good for you, we ask that you find someone to take your place. It is possible to just switch dates with someone else who is listed with their permission. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHANGE ON THE CHART AND NOTIFY TOM JENNE OF YOUR ACTION.** (Tom's-cell-#716-870-0013).

We celebrate the first Sunday of each month as Birthday Sunday for all people who have birthdays in the current month. A cake is provided which will be found in the refrigerator in the church kitchen. You may choose to serve just cake and coffee or if you prefer you may add other snacks as you see fit. There is a list of instructions to follow on the cupboard door near the sink describing how to make the coffee etc.

Our Church has a history of being warm and friendly. If anyone in the congregation has visitors sitting in a pew near them we ask that you reach out and encourage them to come to the coffee hour and share in the fellowship and hospitality



Coffee Hour Hosts:

January

- 4 Monroe Family**
- 11 Bunalski Family**
- 18 Judy Dewey**
- 22 Dave Madden and Bonnie**

February

- 1 Jenne Family**
- 8 Tom & Bev Roadch**
- 15 Ted & Judy Guilford**
- 22 Janie & George Green**

March

- 1 Earl Family**
- 7 Cornelius Family**
- 15 Fuller Family**
- 22 Hunsicker Family**
- 29 David King Family**

Please note that the **Seeker February Deadline**

for submitting articles is

January 21st!

Kids Corner

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee we hope your Christmas season was full of family, love and remembering the special gift Christ gave all of us, when he gave us his Son. Our prayers extend to your friends and families for a happy and healthy New Year!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Dana Power and I am one of your new Christian Education Elders excepting a new role at Caldwell Presbyterian Church.

I will be joining the team to fill some very big shoes, Sarah King, who has been CE elder for many years and has accomplished an enormous amount of activities and events for the children of our Church. Along with Sarah we'd like to recognize Yvonne Fuller for all her service as CE Elder and all she has done for our children. Yvonne has, and still will continue to be involved with the youth at our church. She ran a confirmation class and lent her incredible acting skills at VBS this past summer. Both of these women will continue to be a part of the CE committee but we hope to give a little of their personal time back to them.

Both of these women have devoted many hours of their time to make a special environment for our children to come and learn about God. On behalf of the entire congregation, I'd like to thank them enormously for the time and service as Elders.

I look to our seasoned CE elder Judy Guilford for guidance to acclimate both myself and Laura Corriveau (Recent Graduate from Messiah College) the other New CE elder, into our new positions as elders.

We are excepting the challenge of being examples and role models to your children. We are committed in doing our best to teach them to go out and shine the light of God into our community. Teach our children to be good examples of Christians, at school and throughout their everyday lives. The world is very hard and it's getting harder, our children need a place to come and remember the good and get the knowledge and tools they will need to go back out into this world and become happy healthy adults.

December was a busy month. We hope you were able to come and enjoy the **Christmas Pageant** on December 21st. The kids did a fabulous job!!! We'd like to thank the children and their parents for their time and effort in making it the success that it was. Everyone who helped with costumes and scenery thank you as well. **Well Done!!**

We had a wonderful turn out at the **Love Feast**. We had all sorts of YUMMY sandwiches, treats and conversation. We were able to all leave with a beautiful Advent Wreath to enjoy in our own homes. Thank you once again to Sarah and Ted Guilford and all involved, for getting the fresh evergreen sand supplies needed. **Fun Time!!**

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We are actively creating our **6 week block teaching schedule for 2015**. We hope to continue to have 2-3 classes available based on age every Sunday during church. If you are interested in getting on the rotation we would love some volunteers to help out. The more volunteers we have in the rotation the better everyone will be able to enjoy all facets of Sunday morning worship.

If you are unable to commit to a 6 week block of teaching, we are also creating a **Sub list of people** who would like to be involved in helping out in Sunday school classes if something comes up for our

regular teachers. We have a few of you in mind and will be coming to you personally. We encourage anyone interested to contact myself, Judy or Laura.

We also want to thank the children and parents of our Sunday school classes for their offerings on Sunday mornings, on their way into Sunday school class. Our basket with balloons is getting quite high. This small gesture is a lesson to our children that supporting and contributing to a good cause is not only a benefit to the cause, but a benefit to our hearts.

We teach our children that giving of ourselves, is just as important as receiving things from others. With a balance of both in our lives, God will provide all needs to his children. From one parent to another thank you for helping teach our children that this small token of giving is a habit they can carry on into their adult lives.

I'm looking forward to growing in my faith and being apart of the Christian education program and family here at Caldwell Presbyterian Church.

Dana

The Lake George Music Festival 2015

The schedule is coming together, and they are bringing something new for this winter season! Don't miss out on the 1st Annual Winter Concert Series on

**February 7th & 8th, 2015, here at
Caldwell!**

The Lake George Music Festival is known for bringing thrilling performances and world-class musicians to Lake George during the summer season. The festival is Lake George's first and only classical music festival and artist retreat for gifted young professionals and musicians. Offering free concerts and events including open rehearsals, live concerts, interactive workshops, outreach events and more - the Lake George Music Festival is perfect for music lovers of all ages!



The 1st Annual Winter Concert Series, part of the 2015 Lake George Music Festival, will be held on February 7th and 8th of 2015. The concert series will feature musicians from The Yale School of Music, The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, and the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra. Both concerts will be held at Caldwell Presbyterian Church on 71 Montcalm Street in Lake George. Both concerts are free and open to the public (there is a suggested \$10 donation). Free parking will also be available in the lot behind the church.

FOR SALE

The coffee room drop-leaf table—20th Century Hepplewhite, mahogany with inlay —72” opens to 120” with four leaves—completely repaired, and in excellent condition—appraisal \$500.00—make offer—

contact the church office if interested.

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DEACON'S CORNER

With your help the Deacons have been working hard all year.

The Food Pantry continues to be a wonderful community service to many This month again, over 100 people have been served. You only need to go to the grocery store and see how much food costs to know there is a great need for many. We are happy to be a part of helping hungry people.

We will continue our Soup Ministry. As a reminder, if you make soup or a meal/ casserole put some in a little container or big one and bring it to church and we will freeze it and give it to people in need. These are given to people back from the hospital, sick etc.

Prayer Shawl Ministry. This is the perfect time to sit in your favorite chair and get those needles clicking. For those of you who don't know..... using a soft yarn, a wide blanket like shawl is made for someone who is sick, suffering from a loss etc. As you make the shawl you are asked to pray for the person who will eventually receive it. It is a simple pattern that Lynda or others could teach you in a few hours.

Our church “adopted” three families over Christmas, and supplied them with gifts, food, and gift cards for Price Chopper. The families were very grateful for the church’s generosity.

Remember....The Deacons are the caring arms of the church and the community, but YOU are the eyes and ears who guide us. May God continue to bless our ministry.

Sue Hunsicker-Moderator, Rummage Sale, Food Pantry, Caroling

Patti Brozyna- Christmas Families, Sunshine, Soup ministry

Lynda Glenn-Recording Treasurer, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Christmas Families, Seeker

Bob Gunther- Rummage Sale, Food Pantry, Gas Cards

Tom Jenne-Food Pantry, Holiday Baskets

January 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Communion	5	6 Supervisory Mtg. 12:30	7 Worship Committee Mtg. 1:30	8 Choir	9	10
11	12	13	14 Deacon's Mtg. 6:30	15 Choir	16	17
18	19	20 Session Mtg. 7	21	22 Choir	23	24
25 Annual Meeting	26	27	28	29 Choir	30	31

Happy Birthday

Bev Roach	Grace Moody	Helene Horn
Anke Jenne	Judy Dewey	Lynda Glenn
Chloe Monroe	Nathan Fuller	Oscar Blanco
Clay Moody	Ross McIntyre	Sarah King
Christine Cooper	Shane Lenihan	
David King	Stuart Chapman	
Garret Jackson	Tim Hunsicker	



PRAYER CONCERNS

David Malcolm, , Jenne Family, Bunalski Family, Kellie Moody, Lauren Azer, Karen Azer, Charlie Fuller, the Green Family, John Kohland, Pamela Parrott, Alex Blanco, Carl Desantis, Carol Longman, Nancy Munro, Jill Greene, Andy & Melissa, Skyler Castro, Amy Austin, Mitch Monroe, Pat's brother Dean., Caryl Clark, Cassandra Okasky, Susan Moore, Linda Young, Christine Nicols, Nicky Nall, Sydney Smith, Sue Rummel, Janet Murphy, Deloris Reese, Joan Potts, Scott Fowler, Pastor Shawn Zanicky.

Out-of-Towners

Florida: Beth Gailey, Anna Fox

Georgia: John Logan

Germany: Heinz-Juergen Hohmeier

Haiti: James Obarowski

Illinois: Wendy Raphael,
Linda Muehling

Maryland: Tanya & Kurt Peltz

New Jersey: Neva & Victor Strom,

New York: Jackie Mackey, Ken Austin
Esme Savoie

Ohio: Mary Lou Peterson

Pennsylvania: Ron Madeira

Texas: John & Theresa Lisenbe,

West Virginia: Sharon Frohnapfel

**Our men and women serving in the
military**

**Our Nation and our leaders in-
government**

Our missionaries

**Persecuted Christians around the
world**

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Harry Horn

George Green Jr.

Jim Morris

Jean Morris



Hospital, Nursing & Retirement Homes and At Home

Indian River Nursing Home – Pat Eaglestone

Westmount Health Facility– Mary Harbourne

At Home — Clyde Gazlay

Fort Hudson— Betty Cole, Charles Sandora

The Mission Committee

The Mission Committee has, for a number of reasons, decided the system of selecting four missions (local, regional, national and international) to support, as we did last year, was too limiting. Therefore, beginning in January, we have returned to our previous method of offering a special mission each month. Among other reasons, it will allow us to better to respond to emergencies at home and around the world such as this month's offering:

January Mission of the Month—GLENS FALLS CODE BLUE SHELTER

AT WHAT TEMPERATURE IS YOUR THERMOSTAT SET? IMAGINE YOU HAD NO THERMOSTAT OR EVEN A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD WHEN THE TEMPERATURE OUTSIDE WENT BELOW 20 DEGREES! IMAGINE BEING HOMELESS ON A COLD WINTER'S NIGHT! THIS IS NOT SOMETHING MOST OF US WOULD LIKE TO IMAGINE, AND YET IT IS WHAT THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS MIGHT FACE WITHOUT THE **CODE BLUE** SHELTER.

When we think of the homeless, we often tend to think of men with substance abuse or mental health problems. While this is true for some, others are homeless due to domestic abuse, loss of a job, large medical bills or a host of other reasons. The homeless may include men, women, teens, children, the elderly, veterans, or even people with jobs who don't make enough to pay for housing.



Our Caldwell Mission of the month for January is the Glens Falls "**CODE BLUE**" shelter. Glens Falls **CODE BLUE** provides emergency overnight shelter to homeless people in the Greater Glens Falls Area. A **CODE BLUE** night is called when the forecast is for a temperature of 20 degrees or lower (including wind chill) or at least 12 inches of snowfall.

Location:

The Old Explore! Building

103 Warren St.

Glens Falls, NY 12801

Last winter was the coldest in recent memory. The Glens Falls **Code Blue** shelter helped a total of 53 people over the 71 nights they were open. The largest number they served on one night was 19 people.

Monetary donations can be made any time during the month of January. Please make the check out to Caldwell and note "**Code Blue**" on it, or place your donation in a Mission Envelope found in the pew. You can also volunteer at the shelter or take warm clothing for those in need. Contact Kim Cook at *The Open Door* (792-5900) for more information. And please pray for those who are homeless and those who serve them.

NEWS FROM THE HAITI MISSION SCHOOL

In November, we had a good (and very busy) trip to Haiti. The weather was a balmy 80-90 degrees and we encountered no rain. This is always good news since we spend much time riding motorcycles and walking while we are there. Much of our time was spent in meetings with teachers, committees, government officials, family members of Government officials, and the young man who is managing the food program.

We were able to spend time with the 11 students we are providing with scholarships to the secondary school at Latibolliere. We were pleased to see the school and hear them say they felt well prepared by The Haiti Mission School for secondary school. Our current students were also encouraged to come to school each day, study hard and be good citizens. They were reminded we would be providing scholarships to secondary school for six of the best students each year.

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During our February trip to Haiti, one team member, Jed Moody, brought soccer goals for the school. As a result, members of the church donated space for a soccer field. When we arrived at the school this time, the students were at recess and were making great use of the new field the students had cleared.

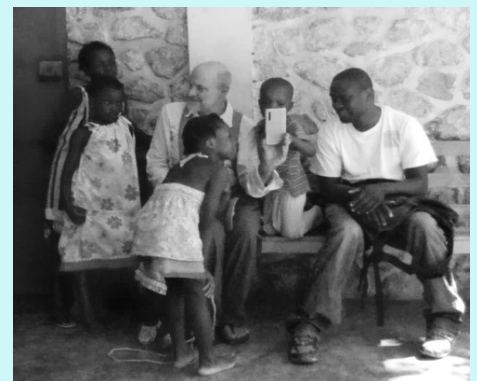
This time we brought some “One World” soccer balls which are supposed to be indestructible. We donated two to the school, giving one to the girls and one to the boys. We made the girls promise not to steal the one from the boys!

In addition to school, we went to the local hospital children’s ward and brought some toys and other items for the children. Several of the parents had prescriptions for their children that they could not afford, and we were able to assist them.

We also visited “The Rock” orphanage in Jèrèmie, brought toys and played with the children. JoEllen had a crowd surrounding her and helping her blow bubbles while Howard’s camera was a real hit. We also brought a “One World” soccer ball which we donated. It was a pleasure to donate a “futbol” or two to several places in the Jeremie area

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One major disappointment to this trip was that we had planned to meet in Port au Prince with the Lucienne’s son-in-law who had been instrumental in getting the government contract. Unfortunately, he was in Japan and so was unable to talk with us about government interest in the school. We may have to do that by phone [translator problems] or wait until we are there in the spring.~ Tom & Jo Ellen Parsons



The Seeker

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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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