

THE SEEKER FOR FEBRUARY 2015

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dear Caldwell Family,

Author E.L. Doctorow once said that “writing a novel is like driving a car at night. You can see only as far as your headlights, but you can make the whole trip that way.” You don't have to see fully your destination or everything you will pass along the way. You just have to see two or three feet ahead of you. This is great advice for writing, and for life, and I often think about it as I walk up West Mountain with our dog, Homer. I know what the destination will be because I have walked the mountain countless times. But there on the ice laden path of winter, with my Yaktrax fastened onto my boots, I'm concentrating solely on taking one step at a time.

I think our faith journey can also be this way, especially during the holy season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40 day journey of Lent (not including Sundays), when we are offered the imposition of ashes, a practice rooted in the ancient church, accompanied by the words from Genesis 3:19, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” It is a dramatic moment for us to be reminded that though we like to believe we are self sufficient, strong, and independent creatures, in fact we are not. Our very being is transient and temporary. We are invited to humbly let go of or *lay aside* (Hebrews 12:1) the things that are not lasting, in order to take up the things that are, which are made known to us as we begin again the journey to Jerusalem, to the cross, to the empty tomb, and beyond.

And so Lent is a wonderful opportunity to be intentional about the faith journey and about deepening our relationship with God. Often Lent is considered a time for *giving up* something as a way of symbolizing Jesus' sacrifice and his time in the wilderness, but the forty days of Lent are also an opportunity for *enriching* our faith journey-our step by step climb on the path of life.

In addition to Sunday worship, you are invited to explore this season by attending a mid-week worship followed by lunch and book discussion. Our friends at St. James Episcopal Church, Sacred Heart Church, and First Methodist Church will join us at Caldwell where we will gather on Wednesdays beginning February 18th, from 12:30-2:00 p.m., and all are invited. A brief devotion time in the sanctuary will be led by a different leader each week, representing each of the congregations. Then we will enjoy a “bring your own lunch” time of fellowship, followed by a discussion of theologian and former Dean of the chapel at Duke University Will Willimon's book, [Sinning Like a Christian: A New Look at the Seven Deadly Sins](#), which we will read one chapter per week. Please mark your calendars and join us! Even if you can only make some of the gatherings, or if you can only stay for part of the discussion, please come. All are welcome.

In a way, all of us are writing a book, and it is the story of our lives. The church affords us times of introspection and prayer throughout the liturgical year to slow down, to take account of who we are and to whom we belong, and to be intentional about our disciplines of faith. Even though we know how the Lenten story ends, there is great value in taking the journey to Jerusalem one step at a time. I look forward to walking with you.

Faithfully,

Ali

Caldwell Lake George Library Program/ Book Sale

Caldwell Lake George Library is having a special program by Dr. David Starbuck on Saturday February 14th at 2pm. He will discuss the local artifacts that are currently on display at the library. The library will also be holding a book sale that same day from 11-3.

For more information please call the library at 668-2528.

Preschool News

Hello from the Preschool. What a month January has been! Somehow, by God's grace we have survived the Flu. It has run rampant thru our school, starting with our teachers. We all were able to share in the symptoms so many endured, and poor Kate had it run through her girls too. We are grateful for those who stepped in to make sure our school stayed open.

We are excited to tell you that we have already had a family visiting for our 3's class next year. They have saved their spot and their son was interested in the playful atmosphere of our school. It is exciting to know that we are headed into the months where we will be setting up our classes for next year. We are excited for what God is going to do through the ministry of the preschool next year.

Thanks again for partnering with us and the families of Lake George to make this preschool possible.

We are looking forward to some warmer weather when we can get back outside and use up some of that wonderful God-given energy. Thanks to Kate and Leslie for making this a great month as we have had to make adjustments in so many ways to our regular schedule. It is a joy to serve with both of them!

Chris Sallstrom



Bring Your Discarded Paper!

Please Keep Recycling Your Paper

Green Fiber has sent us a check for \$84.70 for the months of Oct., Nov., and Dec.

Your effort to recycle paper is great for the church and the environment!

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 10:30 am 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:

February

- 1 Jenne Family**
- 8 Tom & Bev Roach**
- 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**

April

- 5 Ann Kohland & Joni Steiner**
- 12 Mark Mannix Family**
- 19 Blanco Family**
- 26 Sue Moore & Pat Carpenter**

Please note that the **Seeker February Deadline** for submitting articles is
February 20th!

Kids Corner

Sunday school classes are in full swing: Our teachers this 6 week block are:

Laura Corriveau: pre-K – 3rd grade

Sarah King: 4th & 5th grade

Tom Jenne: 6th-8th grade.

Subs: If you are interested in being a sub teacher please contact Dana, Judy or Laura.

We encourage all kids to come and bring a friend!! The way to shine the light of God in our Community is to bring them in to hear the teachings of his word.

Birthdays this month: Please take the time to wish **Livie & Nick King** a Happy Birthday on 2/21!

-Many Happy returns on the day of thy birth, may sunshine and gladness be given. And may the dear Savior prepare thy on earth for a beautiful birthday in Heaven. Amen **Happy Birthday Livie and Nick!!**

Activity Sunday February 15th: *No Sunday school classes.* In lieu of Classes, Once again **Patti Brozyna** has offered her talents and kindness to **help the kids makes some yummy cookies and treats. Don't miss it!!**

Brownie Party with Ali: (date TBA) our new pastor is excited to get to know all the children of our church. We are having a “get to know Ali brownie party” right after Church for all children. Ali has voiced her excitement in getting the children more involved in our adult services. She really wants them to feel this is their church home. Helping them understand the reasons we do what we do in our services. Getting them more involved will give them a since that they have a voice here at Caldwell. We are looking forward in working with Ali to get them more involved with worship.

Free Family Flick night! Date and Movie TBA

Clean Water Mission: As of January we have collected \$335.99. Our Goal is \$500.00. Thanks again for all the offering by our children to help with the clean water project.

Thought of the month: “**Three Things:** *I don't know much, But three things I do. There is a God, His word is True, Stay close to Him, He'll see you through.*” David Whitehead Jr. copyright 2002

God Bless

CE Elders

Judy Guilford, Dana Power, Laura Corriveau

Runway 67 Designer Fashions

New Designer/ Upscale clothing brands, up to 90% off retail!

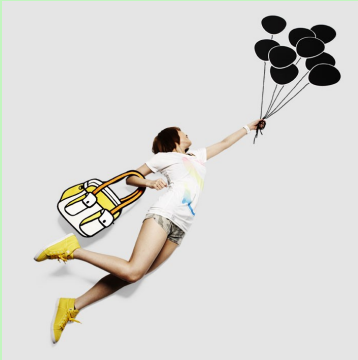
Dressy and casual tops, bottoms, scarves, sweaters, handbags, jewelry, thermals, hats, and gloves.

Most Items \$20.00 or less!

Mention that you saw this ad and receive 10% off

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Cookies and Sandwiches Needed for the Lake George Music Festival

Receptions. We are hosting a reception after each concert and need your help. If you would like to contribute, please contact Helene, or call Beth in the office. Thank you.

The Lake George Music Festival 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.

Save The Date of March 8th !

**Pastor Ali Trowbridge's Installation Service will be
Sunday March 8th at 2:00.**

**All are invited to attend this exciting moment
for our pastor and our church.**

DEACON'S CORNER

We have started the New Year with great hopes for many blessings and opportunities to serve our congregation and the community at large. Our food pantry will be open on the 13th and 27th of this month. We are busy helping families with healthy food, medical information and food stamp assistance. We have wonderful volunteers who bring a smile and helping hands at every distribution. All are welcome to come and see our pantry in action so please come by say hello and stay to offer a hand on either the second or fourth Friday of the month.

We are always looking for knitters or yarn for the prayer shawl ministry. A warm shawl can be a hug for someone who needs special care when they are sick.

If you know of someone who would enjoy some homemade soup, please ask a Deacon and we will gladly head to the freezer and grab a container or two. See one of us at coffee hour on any Sunday.

Margy Mannix, Patti Brozyna, Lynda Glenn, Bob Gunther, Tom Jenne, Tim McCann

Free Tax Return Preparation

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County is offering free tax help to families and individuals whose household income is below \$53,000. Trained community volunteers can help you with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), up to \$6,143, if you earn less than \$52,427. In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, free electronic filing (e-filing) will be offered. Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program will receive their refunds in half the time compared to returns filed on paper – even faster if you have your refund deposited directly into your bank account. Tax Returns with stock sales, business or rental income cannot be completed by us. To schedule a tax appointment in Warren County call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 518-623-3291, for Washington County call 1-800-211-5128, for Pearl Street, Glens Falls and SUNY Adirondack call 211.

February 2015



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Fellowship & Hospitality Mtg. 10:30 Supervisory Mtg. 12:30	11 Mission Committee 2:00 Deacon Mtg. 6:30	12 Choir	13	14 Valentines Day 
15	16	17 Session Mtg. 7	18	19 No Choir	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Choir	27	28

Pastor Ali would like to know everyone's month and date of birth. You do not have to give her the year. You can place a slip in the offering plate, her mailbox, or email it to secretary@caldwellpres.org.

Happy Birthday

Alex Parrott	Nicholas King
Ann Kohland	Olivia King
Ben Nicols	Peg Edwards
Dana Whitcomb	Tom Roach
Gale Freiburger	Benjamin Gorey
Jean Stanton	



PRAYER CONCERNS

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, Kassandra Okasky, Susan Moore, Linda Young, Christine Nicols, Nicky Nall, Sydney Smith, Sue Rummel, Janet Murphy, Deloris Reese, Joan Potts, Scott Fowler, Pastor Shawn Zanicky, Glen Gabriel, Mimi Reid, the Malcolm family.

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

David Malcolm



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

February Mission of the Month: Deacons/Pastor Emergency Fund

From its earliest days, the Christian Church has been known for its generosity to those less fortunate. *“And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.” Acts 2:45*

When it comes to emergency needs, the community of Lake George is unique. We are situated between the helping agencies in Queensbury to the south and Warrensburg to the north. We are a community in which there are people of great wealth and those who are living on little more than hopes. We are a seasonal community with its unique characteristics and a resort community that draws people who want to live, work and raise their families in this beautiful area.

The needs vary with the season of the year. In winter, most needs center around food, transportation and heating. It may have to do with unemployment assistance not starting yet. Especially in winter, for those who are employed, there is a need for transportation which is often old and unreliable. Wages may not cover the costs of living in our harsh environment. In any case, people come to the church seeking assistance.

When a person or family contacts the church office, we first try to help them to deal with the crisis and then assist them in contacting local agencies which will work with them on a longer term basis. After reviewing their needs with them, we direct them to the agency that we feel will best meet their needs (Social Services, North Country Ministries, Salvation Army or others). Sometimes transportation is required to help people get to an appointment with one of the agencies.

If the crisis is short term, or for smaller amounts, sometimes Caldwell Presbyterian Church as the body of Christ, is the solution to all the help they need. For instance, a person may need some gas to get to work or to an appointment. They might need food or a warm place to stay for a few days until a longer term solution can be found. We can buy, and hold in the office, cards from Stewarts that a person can use only for gasoline. Price Chopper has cards that can only be used for food, and of course, food is available in the food pantry.

In December, there were four requests that totaled \$660. Though we don't anticipate this large a need each month, it is clear that there are and will be continuing needs in our community. In two of these cases, the people offered to repay Caldwell by giving in-kind gifts of their time—cleaning, shoveling and offering to do work around the church of any kind. For all the above reasons, the Mission Committee has chosen to make the *Mission of the Month* the **Deacons/Pastor's Emergency Fund**.

We thank you for your generosity in the past and hope you will support the *Mission of the Month* liberally.

You can always give without loving, but you can never love without giving. ~Amy Carmichael

NEWS FROM THE HAITI MISSION SCHOOL

December was a very busy month for us—especially JoEllen. In addition to the usual busyness of the Christmas season, December is the month that we put together the annual reports. For JoEllen that means reuniting sponsors with their student's pictures and telling you a little about how they are doing. Since each of the students is special to us, that means a personal note to each sponsor. For me (Tom) it means keeping up with the mailing lists, printing out the reports and addressing envelopes. Now it's on to tax letters for those who made donations to the school last year. Maybe next year if we can get our act together we can combine some of these efforts and save a little money and time. Annual reports and tax letters should be out to those who are receiving them by the time you receive this newsletter. Let us know if you haven't received yours.

We are also in the midst of planning the next group trip to Haiti. It will be during school break, the week after Easter. It appears we will have about 8 people going. This group is mostly from the Bay Road Presbyterian Church in Queensbury, NY. It's a bit smaller than last year's. The goals for the trip are Haitians and Americans developing relationships, encouraging each other, worshipping and playing together. Besides travel through the countryside, we will go to the school, hospital, and orphanages and we will visit in homes of some of our Haitian friends. It is through trips such as this that some people (such as JoEllen and Tom) find a special calling and a relationship to the people of Haiti.

The Board of the *Friends of Siloam School at Labastille* (aka Haiti Mission School) will meet early in February. On our agenda are several items relating to scholarships of students to secondary school, continuing education for our teachers and more discussion of Government involvement in the school.

Howard, JoEllen and I will be going to Haiti in early March to plan the budget for next year, negotiate salaries and review how the new arrangements are working with the person buying food for the lunch program. We will also take pictures of the 2014-15 classes. We hope to meet with the government official(s) responsible for our school. This is all work we have found that we cannot do when we take a team. In addition, Howard has other reasons to travel including checking on his micro loans and visiting another school even further into the mountains than the HMS.

On a joyful note, the team from last year gathered with others January 10th to celebrate with Jed Moody as he received his Eagle Scout award. The soccer goals that Jed brought to the school, as part of his Eagle Scout project, started a program at the school and encouraged a neighbor to donate land for a soccer field. When we arrived in November a number of the students were engaged in a game. Howard brought some "New World" soccer balls that are supposed to be indestructible and gave one to the boys and one to the girls. He made the girls promise not to take the one away from the boys!



This spring, the group from Bay Road will also be bringing colored t-shirts so that team members can be more easily identified and at least one of our team members, Charlotte, is looking forward to playing "futbol" with the Haitians.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION

Dear Caldwell Family,

Each month the elders whom you have elected to shepherd our church meet to carry out the responsibilities you have entrusted to them and their committees: providing for worship, nurturing the fellowship and hospitality of our church family, planning and designing curriculum for our children and youth as well as oversight of the Preschool, extending our love and compassion in mission and outreach, and being good stewards of our building, our finances, and our time and talents. As the elders are acting on your behalf, we thought it would be important for you to know what the Session is thinking about and talking about, what actions they are taking, and how you can be involved.

So going forward, we will be sending a brief highlight of the topics discussed at the monthly Session meeting. These will not be minutes, but more just points of interest that are important for us to know in our life together.

Here are the highlights from our January session meeting:

Dave King and Linda Nicols are developing a strategy for Caldwell's outreach to the community including developing a system for our publicity to local media and regular updates to our website so that our communications can be consistent, uniform, and current.

The Session celebrated the ordination and installation of Laura Corriveau and Dana Power and welcomed them to their first meeting. They both will serve on the Christian Ed Committee.

Through a comparison study of fee structures in neighboring churches, the Session is in the process of reviewing and updating Caldwell's fees for use of the sanctuary and suggested honoraria for sexton, organist, and clergy.

The Presbytery Meeting in New Covenant Church in Albany took place on Jan 24, and Ali attended.

An Officer Retreat will be planned for a Saturday morning after Easter to include elder and deacon officer training as well as generative time together to think about Caldwell's unique role in the community.

We have made a commitment to Westmount Nursing Home to provide worship periodically, with Palm Sunday and Mother's Day being our first commitments. All are welcome. 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Thank you,

Your Session: Rod Cornelius, Laura Corriveau, Judy Guilford, Jessica King, Carol Longman, Laura Moody, Howard Nicols, Linda Nicols, Dana Power, Church Treasurer Ted Guilford, Clerk of Session Alex Parrott, and Ali Trowbridge, Pastor.

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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