

THE SEEKER FOR APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



EASTER PEOPLE

One of the greatest joys I've experience since arriving at Caldwell has been the small group gathering in the Middle Room of the church throughout Lent. We begin our meetings with a simple devotional, then we eat some delicious homemade soup someone has brought in, and then we discuss a chapter in the book, Sinning Like A Christian, by Will Willimon. It occurred to me about midway through this Lenten journey together that this group of people has become more than a book group, or even a bible study: we are friends.

All of our sister churches from within the three block radius of Caldwell have faithfully participated. Each week we have from 15-20 people around the table. It is an ecumenical gathering, with Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterians sharing in the age old art of being the church and being a community to one another. It is really a simple formula: come together around a mutually meaningful topic, share table fellowship, and grow. But it nevertheless surprises me every time I experience it afresh, the gift of being *a relational people*, for whom life together is everything.

By the time you receive this issue of the Seeker, Holy Week will be underway. Beginning with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, we will then gather on Maundy Thursday for the very dramatic and moving service of Communion and Tenebrae—which is Latin for “shadows” or “darkness.” Good Friday will find us in an ecumenical gathering making stops in each of our sister churches' sanctuaries as well as the Lake George Courthouse as we walk the way of the cross. Beginning at 12 Noon at Sacred Heart we will remember the events in the Garden of Gethsemane, the Trial of Jesus, The Cross of Jesus, the Crucifixion, and the Burial in the tomb. It will give us an opportunity to ponder together these most sacred moments of our faith story, and the mystery in which they live on in us.

And then, early on April 5th, we will celebrate Easter, first at the Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at the pier at Shepard Park, and then at 10:00 a.m. in our sanctuary. After all the preparations and devotional practices, the resurrection of our Lord, at last. I'm helped immensely by J. Barrie Shepherd's wonderful words in “Easter Essentials,” in which he writes, and I'm paraphrasing, “strip away the lilies and the brass, set aside the customs of 2,000 years, and you are left with a report, some blood-stained bandages in a vacated garden cave, several startled temple guards, a gaggle of bewildered witnesses, and through all this... a dawning hope, so strange yet sure it drives you to your trembling knees, groping for fresh syllables and sounds to shape this ever new, yet ancient cry: The Lord is risen...risen indeed!” (“Easter Essentials,” by J. Barrie Shepherd, *The Presbyterian Outlook*, Vol. 197 No. 07, March 30, 2015, p. 23)

We are friends, we are neighbors, we are an ecumenical gathering of the faithful, we are seekers on life's path ever-unfolding before us, we are followers of the one who goes the way of the cross, and the empty tomb, and who appears on the road to Emmaus when we recognized *God with us* in the breaking of the bread. We are the startled, bewildered, frightened witnesses who tremble to imagine and take in what Christ has come to give. But beyond anything else, here in the midst of Holy Week, let us rejoice that no matter what season of life we find ourselves, or what we may be facing, we are an Easter people, for whom new hope is dawning. And may that knowledge be sufficient for now, and forever. Easter is coming. Thanks be to God.

Faithfully,

Ali

Preschool News

Dear Church Family,

As we move into March, we are so excited to be going outside again. It has been such a long winter!! We finally made snowmen and did an experiment with melting and then we have been going out every chance we get to play.

The preschool has a wonderful start on enrollment for next year. We are having an Open House on May 7th and it looks like we will be close to filling our classes as that even approaches. We are looking forward to meeting the families of our community and showing them all that is available here at Caldwell Preschool.



What a joy to watch our children light up as we talk about the Bible and God. Their hearts are opening to who He is and all that He has for their lives. They have learned how the Father sent His Son to wash away the sin in our hearts so that the Holy Spirit could come and live there. How great to give them the foundation for life~ God's Word and His promises. May their hope be in Him alone.

Our conferences with Parents are on March 20th, what a joy to see what these children have accomplished this year. Thanks for being part of all that is happening at the preschool. We appreciate your prayer and support as we finish well.

Serving with you,

Chris Sallstrom

Presbyterian Research Services

Dear partners in ministry,

Presbyterian Research Services is inviting you to join a list of potential Presbyterian Panelists! Since 1973, church leaders have turned to the Presbyterian Panel to learn more about the beliefs and practices of Presbyterians. By joining this list, you will be added to a group of people who are willing to fill out occasional surveys that help Presbyterian entities, congregations, and others make informed decisions and reach their goals. All surveys will be available in English, Spanish, and Korean, and will potentially be available in other languages if needed. Leaders - please share this message with your congregation's participants/members. They are invited too!

It is important that the group of panelists we select represents Presbyterians as a whole. If you are interested in serving on the Presbyterian Panel, please answer the following demographic questions to help Research Services select a representative sample of Presbyterians: <http://eepurl.com/bfUuIb>

If you are selected to become a Presbyterian Panelist, we will send you a welcome letter with further details. If you are not selected right away, we'll keep you on our list of potential Panelists for the future. You can unsubscribe from this list at any time.

If you have any questions, please contact Research Services at (800) 728-7228 ext. 2040, or email us at panel@pcusa.org. or contact Joelle Kopacz, *Research Associate*, direct: 502-569-5126 toll-free: 800-728-7228 ext 5126 Joelle.Kopacz@pcusa.org

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 ins

Coffee Hour Hosts:

April

- 5 Ann Kohland & Joni Steiner, Hospitality Committee**
- 12 Mark Mannix Family**
- 19 Fuller Family**
- 26 Sue Moore and Pat Carpenter**

Hosts Needed

Would you be willing to welcome an international student from Spain into your home? Hosting a student is an exciting and rewarding experience. When you choose to become a host family, you are welcoming a student with whom you can share your family's traditions, values, and American customs. Your family gets to learn about a new culture and language. And, you make the dream of an international students come true who wants to experience America.

If interested in learning more or becoming a host family please contact:

Christine LaPoint

518-307-7550

nyhostastudent@gamail.com

The Summer Program is July 1 to July 26.

You can do all 3 weeks or just 1 week.

Kids Corner

Happy Easter Season!!

We have had a very busy and fun March. We started off with a Yummy Brownie party with Pastor Ali. We had a wonderful showing. Ali is planning on getting together with the youth more regularly and the timing of that will be announced in the future.

The Sunday school classes have been working hard on Psalms 23. We are memorizing it and created a video of what the passage means to us. We hope to show it on Easter morning! The kids have done a wonderful job on their efforts and we are looking forward to showing the congregation their hard work.

Golden Egg Challenge: We gave the kids an opportunity to earn extra Golden eggs at the Easter egg Hunt on Easter morning. The kids have accepted the Challenge of:

Memorizing Psalms 23

Bring a friend to Sunday school

Random act of kindness in their community

We have seen some wonderful effort and accomplishments and we have extra golden eggs adding up!!

Family Movie night: WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!

THANKS TO SUZANNA BERND!!! She and her family came and set up a projector& screen and ordered pizza and snacks and drinks. The kids brought their comfy clothes, blankets and pillows and made a sea of comfort watching "Night at the Museum; Secrets of the Tomb". We had a wonderful showing. We definitely plan to do that again. Thanks to all parents who stayed and helped. We encourage all parents to be involved in fun family night. Come join us next time if you couldn't make this one.

Vacation Bible School: is being talked about and organized. The dates have been set for:

August 10th thru the 14th. Put on your Calendar and don't miss this **week of adventure!!**

Our Theme is **Everest!!** We have some fun and exciting things planned so get it on your Calendar.

Parents and Volunteers are needed if you are interested in helping Contact Sarah King.

Easter Sunday: April 5th: Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the service. All children and friends are welcome. We will be hiding **EXTRA GOLDEN EGGS** due to the hard work of the Sunday school classes and the Golden Egg Challenge.

Fresh Water Mission: We are doing wonderfully on offerings the children are giving weekly on their way in to class. Our water glass is getting full. We again thank all the children that are generously giving of themselves to help someone in need.

We encourage all the children to bring a friend to Sunday Class!!

Happy Easter!!

Dana Power, Judy Guilford, Laura Corriveau



Warrensburg, NY – Four different ‘Garden Seed Kits’ for 2015 are now available at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) in Warrensburg! This is the annual ‘Seed Kit Fundraiser’ for the CCE Master Gardener and 4-H programs.

Pick from vegetable, herb, garden flowers, and root vegetables—or pick up all four! We’ve done the seed shopping for you! No need to pour over catalogs, wait for deliveries, or run out to the store to rummage through the various seed packs. These vegetables, herbs, and flowers are great for growing in a large garden plot, raised bed gardens, window boxes, flower pots—or other creative containers. Each seed kit contains six different packs of seed. We have had very positive results with Paige’s Seed. They are picked for hardiness in our northeast climate and they are packed fresh for 2015 gardens.

Enjoy the satisfaction and healthy benefits of growing your own vegetables, herbs, and flowers in any size garden space. Pick up your seed kit soon—to get a head start on your summer garden—and before we run out of seed kits! Ask us about our ‘Bonus Seed Kit’ offer. The prices for the seed packs for the 2015 Fundraiser are as follows: \$7 per seed pack (includes a variety of six seed types), \$12 for a set of two, \$25 for a set of four (includes bonus seeds).

To find out more or to order your Garden Seed Kits, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension in Warren County at 518-623-3291, via e-mail at: warren@cornell.edu, or feel free to stop in at Cornell Cooperative Extension, 377 Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY 12885. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



A Victorian Tea and Fashion Show

by the Harrisena Women’s Association

Saturday April 18th at 2pm at the Harrisena Church.

This show is presented by Chapman of Vintage Visitors. Reproductions of historic garments will be modeled. All costumes are hand made from actual period patterns, along with period music.

The menu includes tea, sandwiches and special desserts.

Reservations are \$10. Money must be received by April 10th.

Mail check to:

Harrisena Community Church

Attention: Woman’s Tea

1616 Ridge Road,

Queensbury, NY 12804



Prayer Shawl Kniting and Crochet Instructions

are available in the office.

Pastor Ali likes to take them to shut-ins or to church members that are in nursing homes.
If you have time to make one, your donations are appreciated.

DEACON'S CORNER

It is finally springtime! April has us giving out for Easter Meal Baskets for families who come to our food pantry and our community at large. If you would like to help assemble the holiday meal baskets please join Margy Mannix on April 2, from 10:30 to noon.
Pick up is from noon to 2.

Also, with the longer days and thoughts of spring cleaning be sure to start putting items aside for the **Annual Spring Rummage Sale on May 14, 15, and 16th.**
We need helpers to get everything ready starting on Sunday, May 10th. Let Margy know what days you can help!

There are soup and meal containers in the freezer.
Share with any of the Deacon's if you know someone
we could provide some comfort food for.

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



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

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. Brochures are available in the Coffee Room and applications may be picked up in the Church Office. The deadline for applying for the scholarship is **May 15, 2015.** 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

Judy Guilford, Dana Power, and Laura Corriveau

April 2015

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | 1 | 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7PM | 3 Good Friday Service 12pm Sacred Heart | |
| 5 Easter! Communion | 6 | 7 Fellowship & Hospitality Mtg. 10:30 | 8 | 9 No Choir | 10 Food Pantry 9:30-12 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 Supervisory Mtg. 12:30 | 15 Mission Committee 2:00 Deacon Mtg. 6:30 | 16 Choir | 17 | 18 Jean Dansen Memorial Service 10am |
| 19 | 20 | 21 Session Mtg. 7 | 22 | 23 Choir | 24 Food Pantry 9:30-12 | 25 Deacon and Elder Training 9-12am |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Choir | | |

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

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| Mary McIntyre | Nancy Hollenbeck |
| Pat Eaglestone | Leonard Bunalski |
| Ron Eaglestone | Laura Moody |
| Ina Monroe | Jennifer Blanco |
| Alex Blanco | Linda Grant |
| Bill Carpenter | |



PRAYER CONCERNS

Jenne Family, Bunalski Family, Kellie Moody, Lauren Azer, Karen Azer, Charlie Fuller, the Green Family, John Kohland, Pamela Parrott, Alex & Justin Blanco, Carol Longman, Nancy Munro, Jill Greene, Andy & Melissa, Skyler Castro, Linda Young, Christine Nicols, Nicky Nall, Sydney Smith, Sue Rummel, Janet Murphy, Deloris Reese, Scott Fowler, Pastor Shawn Zanicky, Glen Gabriel, Mimi Reid, Ted Brothers, Ree Humphrey, Greg, Linda McMahon Carr, Lori Masson, Clyde Gazlay, Kathy Duell, Dominic Renaldi., Nanette Bushey.

Out-of-Towners

Arkansas: Nanette Bushey

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 Frohnafel

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

**Our Nation and our leaders
in government**

Our missionaries

**Persecuted Christians around the
world**



Hospital, Nursing & Retirement Homes

Indian River Nursing Home – Pat Eaglestone

Westmount Health Facility– Mary Harbourne

Fort Hudson— Betty Cole, Charles Sandora

Recently Deceased:

Harry Horn

George Green Jr.

Jim Morris

Jean Morris

David Malcolm

Jean Dansen

April 2015 news from the Haiti Mission School

I should know it by now. Where ministry is concerned, our plans are our plans. We had been planning a trip to Haiti for early March. There was much work to accomplish in Haiti (and besides it was downright cold here in Lake Luzerne this winter). Have you noticed God's plans and ours are not always the same? At almost the same time as Howard announced he needed some surgery, I managed to throw my back out, and was laid up for several weeks. The doctor said I should not go. The doctor gave Howard a similar prescription. So the trip was scrubbed and is now set for the end of April and early May. Meanwhile (our!) plans continue for the group trip during the week after Easter. Hopefully they will be closer to God's plan!

This month we'd like to introduce you to our new food manager, Junior Eustache. Junior grew up in a missionary home and has traveled to the U.S. He speaks several languages including English. During the United Nations' occupation of Haiti, Junior worked full time as a translator for them in Jèrèmie. When the U.N. began to downsize in Haiti, they let their translators go and Junior found himself in the position of many Haitians. He has a skill and few opportunities to use it. We appreciate his gentle nature and his ability to translate for us and help ameliorate our cultural difficulties with the Haitians. In the picture, he is seen together with his daughter, Dada.

As the food manager, Junior purchases food for the school and makes certain that it is delivered to the school. He also pays the cooks and each month sends us a list of what he purchased and how much it cost. We give him a budget based on the number of days the students are scheduled to be in class for the month and last year's cost.

A little background on the food program might be helpful for those who may have missed it. We began the lunch program at the school following the earthquake in 2010. We had been discussing providing a lunch program for some time, and when the earthquake came the call became clear. Although the quake generally spared the Jèrèmie area, many of those fleeing the devastation in Port Au Prince came back to live with families in the Jèrèmie area. This placed a huge burden on families' already financially stressed budgets. Food which was barely sufficient for the immediate family was now spread among even more people. The result was that many of our students were coming to school each day hungry. There is much research showing that a hungry child suffers educationally as well as physically and spiritually.

Thus the food program idea was launched and became a reality. By Haitian standards, it was costly. It cost as much to feed a child a meal (about \$.32/day or \$65/year) as it did to educate him or her. And even though the immediate needs of the earthquake are over, we are convinced that the program has paid dividends. Disciplinary problems were reduced and attendance improved. We are also convinced that students' learning has improved. In fact, although no research has been done, our committee in Haiti tells us that the food program is one reason our enrollment remains so strong. Once again, we join the children of the Haiti Mission School in giving thanks to everyone who has supported them and us.



APRIL, 2015

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Family Service Association of Glens Falls

is a non-profit agency that provides services and support to families in crisis or in an emergency situation.

Everyone has needed a boost in their life.

Infant Needs Program - Provides supplies for newborns and their mothers who need help with diapers, formula and food.

Holiday Program - Provides food and gifts to families with children, through "Adopt a Family".

Special Needs Program - Assists people with a unique/urgent crisis.

Emergency Dental Care - Assists those who have no dental insurance to resolve a severe dental issue.

Food Pantry - Is available to help those needing emergency food to get them through a crisis.

Emergency Thanksgiving Baskets - Provides healthy foods for a family's Thanksgiving.

Screening for Vision and Hearing - Provides glasses and hearing aids for those who require them, working closely with the Lion's Club.

Feet First Program - Provides necessary new shoes for students heading off to school.

Emergency Prescription Program - Provides essential prescriptions for those who cannot afford them.

We are here to help network with other community agencies, and perform casework for referrals.

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The Seeker

Caldwell Presbyterian Church

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Lake George, NY 12845

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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