

THE SEEKER FOR MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear Caldwell Family,

Spring has arrived in the village of Lake George, at long last! Though several of us seriously worried if it would ever come, the rhythms of nature have again prevailed, and the calendar has said goodbye to winter, despite some stubborn white stuff that fell last week, and hello to springtime. There are buds on trees and shrubs, the Forsythia is out, and I can't help but remember the words of a certain poem as I walk around town: William Wordsworth's beloved lines about daffodils, which begin:

“I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.”

With spring comes a whole host of activities here at Caldwell. We are getting ready for our big springtime event, the Rummage Sale, which I'm very excited to experience for the first time. The youth will be embracing the season and marking a new era as we gather on Sunday, May 17, to plant a tree on the church lawn together. And our Elders and Deacons had a very productive retreat and visioning meeting last weekend during which we began to name the ways Caldwell will continue to grow into the future and be a vital presence in the Lake George community and beyond.

As you read through this issue of the Seeker you will be reminded of the depth and breadth of ministry and mission of our church, from the Preschool and the Carnival in June to the Haiti Mission School as our mission of the month in May. Youth Sunday is swiftly approaching on June 7, followed by a Congregational Picnic in Usher Park, and Vacation Bible School is coming the week of August 10th and we are already gearing up for that exciting week, as well as the other highlights of summer.

As you launch into springtime and the busy season of planting gardens, wrapping up the school year and summer preparations, I hope your wanderings lead you to daffodils, or any such awesome sight, dancing in the breeze. I love that it was William Wordsworth and his sister, Dorothy, who in the early 1800's took a walk together in the Lake District of England and marveled at the beauty of those flowers, which inspired the poem we know so well.

Dorothy wrote:

“I never saw daffodils so beautiful; they grew among the mossy stones
about them, some rested their heads upon these stones as on a pillow for weariness
& the rest tossed and reeled and danced and seemed as if they verily laughed
with the wind that blew upon them over the lake, ever dancing ever changing...
There was here and there a little knot and a few stragglers a few yards
higher up but they were so few as not to disturb the simplicity and unity and
life of that one busy highway – where we rested again and again.”

Thanks be to God for extravagant surprising beauty that inspires our own heart's dance.

Faithfully,

Ali



Preschool News

Hello Everyone,

We have had some great times these last couple weeks in preschool. WE have been studying Community Helpers and had so many people come in; a nurse, 2 Fire-trucks from Lake George, An ambulance, School Bus, Chiropractor and we will go to the Post Office the beginning of May.



What a wonderful community to support our school in so many ways!

We look forward to finishing the year getting ready for Kindergarten and most of all learning of God's great love and plan for us. WE are working on Creation right now and the first thing we know is that God has always been there and that He had a plan when he began creation. The kids' hearts are so open to all that God has to teach them and we are excited to fill them with the Truth from His Word. How exciting to send them off knowing that God is good and loves them so much. As they look around may they always be reminded that He has great plans and provisions for them. Kate, Leslie and I consider it pure joy to share Jesus with these little ones and pray that one day they will give their lives to Him and live all their days for His glory.

**Good to be serving with you,
Chris**

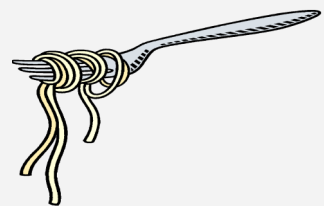
Scholarship Committee Fund Raiser Success!

**Thank you to everyone who attended
and contributed to the
The Scholarship Committee Fundraiser on April 26th.
We raised \$500.00 dollars.**

**We also want to thank Tom Jenne, Yvonne & Nate Fuller for
organizing and preparing the food.**

**To Sarah Bunalski, Jacksen Corriveau, and Charlie Fuller
for serving the food.**

**And to Julie Mannix, Emily Fuller, Sean Mannix
for providing the music as we ate.**



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.

Coffee Hour Hosts:

May

- 3 Melanie Quigan**
- 10 Elders (Mother's Day)**
- 17 Earl Family**
- 24 Jenne Family**
- 31 Preschool Carnival Committee**

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 Spring!! *Finally some sunshine and warmth.*

We were very busy in April: The Sunday School Classes worked very hard on understanding the meaning and **memorizing Psalms 23**. We worked together in

- Making a bracelet to symbolize the meaning by bead colors
 - We made a number of crafts to help us understand the meaning.
 - We learned Psalms 23 in sign language and we got up and taught it to the congregation on Easter morning. We had over 20 kids get up and try to learn it. Great Job!!
- We made a video with each of the Sunday school classes expressing what the passage means to them. **The video turned out wonderful.** Hope you got to enjoy it on Easter service.



On March 29th Palm Sunday we took Palms over to **Westmount Nursing Home** and passed them out. We took the rest of them home and made them into crosses and gave them out to the congregation on Easter morning after we showed the Psalms 23 Video.

Easter egg Hunt and Golden Egg Challenge went very well. The Sunday school classes earned **extra Golden eggs 12, in all!!** We gave them a challenge to **learn Psalms 23** and recite to their teacher, **bring a friend into Sunday school** or **do a random act of kindness** to earn extra golden eggs for the hunt.

Results:

- They **brought flowers** for a family in sorrow, **helped a neighbor** who needed shoveling, organized a **card making party** to give cards to the residence of Westmount when we went. Very thoughtful kids we have here at Caldwell
- We had **3 new friends come to Sunday school** that normally aren't there. We hope to see them again soon.—And almost all the kids **memorized psalms 23**.

Great Job by all!!

Youth Sunday Service is on June 7th and in Sunday School Class we are practicing skits and will be presenting a fun service that day.

We encourage all the kids to come to Sunday school we are choosing skits, practicing and giving roles out. Our plan will be to go to Westmount Nursing Home to practice what we plan to do on Sunday June 7th.

Picnic at Usher's Park after worship on June 7th.

Up Coming Events to put on your Calendar:

May 17th the 3rd Sunday in May Pastor Ali will be planting a tree with the Youth after worship on the church property. We would love as many Youth as possible to be there.

Vacation Bible School: August 10th- 14th **"Everest"** (See Sarah King for more information).

Apply for Caldwell Education Scholarship: Due date May 15th

If you are a senior in high school or a student in College and your family is actively involved in Caldwell Presbyterian church, and you have never been a recipient of the Caldwell Scholarship before. You are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Please pick up an application in the office or contact Dana Power and I can email you an application.

Special thank you note to Julia Mannix: We wanted to thank Julia for volunteering and helping out in Sunday school class she has been a wonderful help. If there are any other teens who are interested in being a youth leader and helping in the younger Sunday school classes please contact Dana, Judy or Laura.

****NOTE**** We are collecting **CLEAN plastic gallon water or milk containers for a VBS project.** We will be needing hundreds of them. Now until VBS, we are asking that you keep them at your house until we can collect them all in one spot.

Ecumenical Boat Cruise

The Saint Sacrament will sail on Saturday, May 9th, 4:30 pm. The boat ride is free. Tickets are available in the coffee room. No food or drink please.



*“Anybody who wants to rule the world should try to rule a garden first!”
-Garden Saying*



SPRING BOOK STUDY

Please join us for **“Tickle Your Soul,”** by Anne Bryan Smollin, for our spring book study on **Wednesdays, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Caldwell** beginning **May 13th** and meeting through **June 17th**. **Bring your own lunch!**

Categorized as inspirational, Smollin “brings to her career as a family counselor and to the pages of her book wisdom captured in a happy blend of psychological and spiritual principles, anecdotes, and folk wisdom from around the world. She believes that ‘we are all born with a sense of humor, but it is a gift that we must develop as we age. The payoff is not only joy in our souls, but health and wellness.’”

Anne Bryan Smollin, C.S.J. is an international lecturer on wellness and spirituality, and holds a Ph.D. in Counseling from Walden University in Florida and is presently Executive Director of the Counseling for Laity center in Albany, NY.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

PRESCHOOL BASKET RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION, SUNDAY, MAY 31ST FOLLOWING THE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. IF YOU WANT TO DONATE A BASKET, CALL CHRIS SALSTROM #570-351-3924.

CARNIVAL! SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH FROM 1-4. THERE WILL BE GAMES, PRIZES, FOOD, AND FUN FOR YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. PLEASE COME, ENJOY THE DAY AND SUPPORT OUR PRESCHOOL.

SENIOR BREAKFAST AT THE HOLIDAY INN ON MONDAY, MAY 11TH AT 8:30 AM. THE PROGRAM IS ON ECUADOR, QUITO, AND THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. MAKE RESERVATIONS BY MAY 9TH WITH JESS KING OR HELENE HORN.

CHURCH PICNIC AT USHER PARK FOLLOWING THE SERVICE ON JUNE 7TH.

Deacons Corner

Rummage & Bake Sale dates are set!

The Church will start accepting your rummage on Sunday, May 10th through Wednesday May 13th. We are looking for clean, gently used clothing, housewares, books, and children's toys and games.

(please no large TV's or heavy furniture)

Sale Dates and times: Thursday, May 14th from 3 - 7pm

Friday, May 15th from 11-5 and Saturday bag sale from 9-11.

We are also in need of helping hands to assist with set up on Sunday May 9th after church and help with sorting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week.

It is a great fundraiser for the church so we encourage all who are able to join in the fun and help with this great event!

Please consider making some Baked goods or yummy treats for the Bake Sale that will run concurrently with the rummage sale.

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

May 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 Communion	4	5 12:15 Preschool Carnival Mtg. 10:30 Fellowship and Hospitality Meeting	6 Supervisory Meeting 12:30	7 Choir	8 Food Pantry 9:30-12	9
10 Rummage Sale Set-up	11	12 Christian Ed. Meeting 5:30 at Panera	13 Mission Committee 2:00 Deacon Mtg. 6:30	14 Choir Rummage & Bake Sale 3-7	15 Rummage Sale 11-5	16 Rummage Sale 9-11
17 Youth Grp. Mtg. 11:30 with Pastor	18	19 Session Mtg. 7	20	21 No Choir	22 Food Pantry 9:30-12	23
24 Guest Pastor Caspar Green	25	26	27	28 Choir	29	30 Set-up for basket raffle
31 Preschool Basket Raffle 11:15-12:30						

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

Chrissy Nicols

Darlene Gunther

Lesley Clemons

Rod Cornelius

Peg Earl



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 Thomas, Christine Nicols, Sue Rummel, Janet Murphy, Deloris Reese, Scott Fowler, Pat's brother Dean, Glen Gabriel, Caryl Clark, Ree Humphrey, Linda McMahon Carr, Lori Masson, Clyde Gazlay, Kathy Duell, Dominic Renaldi., Nanette Bushey, John a friend of the Mirandas, Robin Hoffman, Caroline Becker.

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



Recently Deceased:

Harry Horn

George Green Jr.

Jim Morris

Jean Morris

David Malcolm

Jean Dansen

Betty Cole

Hospital, Nursing & Retirement Homes

Indian River Nursing Home – Pat Eaglestone

Westmount Health Facility– Mary Harbourne

Fort Hudson— Charles Sandora

May Newsletter from the Haiti Mission School

A group from Bay Road Presbyterian Church spent their spring break with us in Haiti. The group consisted of Janice and Charlotte Holding, Pat Hart, Deb and Kristen Martin and Pastor Rob Allison. We had an excellent trip, with only a few minor difficulties along the way. Perhaps the biggest problem was the airplane from Port Au Prince to



Jèrèmie is not flying currently, so it meant taking the bus both ways. It's not such a big problem now, since the road continues to improve each time we go and now we have comfortable buses with air conditioning. Still, it's a seven + hour trip, so we had to leave Jèrèmie at 3 AM in order to connect with our return flight to New York.

Our trip included visits to two very different orphanages where we dropped off beautiful homemade blankets made by folk at Bay Road, toys, clothes and other sundries and played with the kids. At the one orphanage, we were able to pay for their food for several days. We also visited the children's ward at the hospital, left blankets, sheets, toys and some meds. We prayed with the children and their parents, and then went to the pharmacy to fill a number of prescriptions for the children.

We spent a day at the school, where we visited classes in session, ate lunch with the students, and handed out new t-shirts with the school logo for each child. The shirts were provided by the Bay Road church and several local businesses who donated shirts and printing services. We also brought colorful soccer jerseys for those playing (in two sizes and several team colors). We gave 29 new creole bibles to students who have completed the third grade.



On Friday, we traveled to Paroti church where Deacon Poteau is Pastor. Deacon Poteau is on our oversight committee in Haiti and also is in charge of coordinating much of our work with the school. The church held a special worship service on Friday for us, since we would not be there on Sunday. It was packed that day including lots of kids. Several of the children sang solos and together in groups. The music and worship was much to our (and we hope God's) liking, and afterwards we were treated to fresh coconut milk (a first time for some of our group) and bananas.

Although much of the travel was strenuous and days were long, we all made it (with a lot of help from God and our Haitian friends) and with no (well, not much) complaining.

No journey is made without lots of help from those left behind. At the risk of leaving some out, the list includes Andy Holding for driving us to JFK and back, Paul DiCaprio for printing the shirts, Cost Control Associates (crib sheets and blankets), the Girl Scout troop at Ballard School for t-shirts, Watseka Christian and Bay Road churches for bibles, Dan Miner at WCKM radio (and O'Brien Insurance agency) for a radio interview, and many, many others who covered us in prayer. To all of you who helped (and continue to help) in any way, our thanks.

Tom, JoEllen and Howard Nicols are scheduled to return to Haiti at the beginning of May for our annual business meeting. Next month we'll report on that trip.

Mission of the Month for May: The Haiti Mission School

The monthly mission is once again the Haiti Mission School. Thanks to Caldwell and our other-supporters, this primary school, situated in the southwestern portion of the island of Hispaniola is able to provide free education and a hot meal each day for 125 students, teachers and staff. For \$65 per year a child is educated... for another \$65, she or he receives a hot meal each school day. Imagine!

Our *Annual Soup and Gourmet Sandwich* luncheon will be held on Sunday May 17th following worship. Our friends from Lake Luzerne will once again be on hand to share their wonderful soups and sandwiches. We hope you will plan to join us that day for food & fellowship in support of the Haiti Mission School.

JoEllen and Tom Parsons and Howard Nicols will be in Haiti as the month begins. We will be meeting with students and teachers, and working with our partner committee in Haiti to establish plans for the upcoming school year. We look forward to being able to report to you on our return.

We appreciate the support we have received from Caldwell in the past, and thank you in advance for your support of this mission of the month.

IMAGINE!

By Tom Parsons

Searching for a book today--

Looked first on one shelf -- then another.

Too many books?

While visiting a Haitian home
near our school.

Saw no books—not one!

If you can't spell—

What would be the point?

If you can't put letters together
and make words--

If perhaps you can't tell
an "A" from a "Z"—

What's the point of a shelf full of books?

What's the point

Of a bible--

Of great poetry--

Or the adventures of Moby Dick,

Dick and Jane and Spot,

Or a history of your native land?

What's the point of a shelf of books

If you can't read?

Imagine!

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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