

# THE SEEKER FOR OCTOBER 2015

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## Giving Thanks

Dear Caldwell Family,

*"Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices..."*

So begins the beloved hymn we will sing together in worship at Thanksgiving time in a few short weeks, and which I've been singing in my own way over the last few days. I want to express my gratitude for your kindness and generosity in celebrating Pastor Appreciation Month, an occasion I had not before known but which I now like very much! Thank you for the gifts: from the stunning prints of Lake George, to farm fresh eggs; gift cards, books, and chocolate (yes!); a special getaway for Jeb and me to the beautiful Cornerstone Victorian Bed and Breakfast in Warrensburg; and, most especially, your written words of sincerity and love. I have received them all, with deepest gratitude, and you have shown me the importance of pausing, and fully appreciating all that God has led us to share. There is much to celebrate as we round the one-year mark in ministry together, and there is much more to which God calls us in the future.

November brings us deep into the heart of Stewardship season, and I know we all are in the midst of prayerfully considering our pledge for 2016. I want to thank our Finance/Stewardship elder, Rod Cornelius, for launching us so well with his golf analogy. I couldn't say it any better if I tried. I want to reiterate that the long game and the short game are equally integral to the overall success of the round; every single person's pledge matters. Thank you for your faithful commitment.

This Sunday, November 1st, Caldwell youth will be making pies together (with the apples we picked on our recent adventure), and then delivering them in the following weeks to those who are homebound or for whom a homemade pie would mean a lot. As you've heard, this was the children's idea entirely, and I can't think of an effort that captures the spirit of "thanksgiving" as beautifully as this. November is also when we begin preparations for the Christmas pageant! We are hoping for 100% participation from our youth! Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** when pageant parts will be chosen during Sunday School

This year, Thanksgiving Day will find us in Brooklyn with Jeb's side of the family, where we follow the tradition of going around the table expressing something for which we are thankful. Perhaps some of you follow the same tradition. Every year I look forward to the opportunity to reflect and share with those gathered. This year, though, instead of naming *one* thing, I will give thanks to God for all the countless ways life together with you at Caldwell brings deeper meaning, unexpected grace, and profound joy. I hope this hymn's tune is never far from your thoughts throughout this season. Hum along with me if you like:

*"All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given."*

*The one eternal God whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore."*

Thanksgiving blessings to all,

Ali



## **A NOTE FROM FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

New this fall, Peg Earl has agreed to be a caller  
for our Coffee Hour People.

Your name will appear on a schedule on the coffee room bulletin board  
and also in the Seeker each month. Peg will call you during the week  
to remind you of your upcoming date the following Sunday.

We hope that this reminder call will eliminate any question  
about who is providing the coffee hour and when.

If you need to change your date, please try to find someone to  
trade your week with or call Tom Jenne for assistance.

**Please let the office know if you change your assigned date.**



The Lake George Caldwell Library Is having  
a **BOOK SALE** on Sat. Nov., 14th from 10-2



## **DELICIOUS PIES FOR SALE!**

Orders for pies will be taken on Sunday, Nov. 1st in the church coffee room.  
Telephone orders can be done through Wednesday, Nov. 3rd at #656-9373.

Raspberry pies are \$10.

Very Berry, Strawberry Rhubarb, Apple Walnut, and Peach Praline are \$8.00.

Pie order pick up is at the church on Monday, Nov. 9th at 5:00 p.m.

Checks should be made to Karen Azer.

## 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.



## Coffee Hour Hosts

### November

- 1    Guilford Family**
- 8    Dana Power**
- 18   Jenne Family**
- 25   Fuller Family**



### December

- 6    Amrock Family**
- 13   Brozyna Family**
- 20   Dave Madden**
- 27   Dave King Family**



## Kids Corner

Hello Everyone! This past month, we enjoyed an apple picking trip. Several families attended and we had a great time harvesting the most delicious apples! Now we are entering into a very busy time for our youth at Caldwell! We're going to need all the participation we can get so please take note of our December calendar and be ready to embrace the celebratory spirit of the Advent season! Kid's choir will be rehearsing for 10 minutes after every week's service, stay tuned for the dates of events for our singers! Here is our events calendar for the coming weeks:

### Youth and Family Activity Calendar for December 2015

November 22 – handout parts for Christmas pageant

- o make cards for Thanksgiving baskets

November 29 - Thanksgiving Sunday/Love Feast & Advent Wreath Making  
at 5p.m.

- o practice pageant during Sunday school

December 6 – practice for pageant during Sunday school

December 13 - practice for pageant during Sunday school

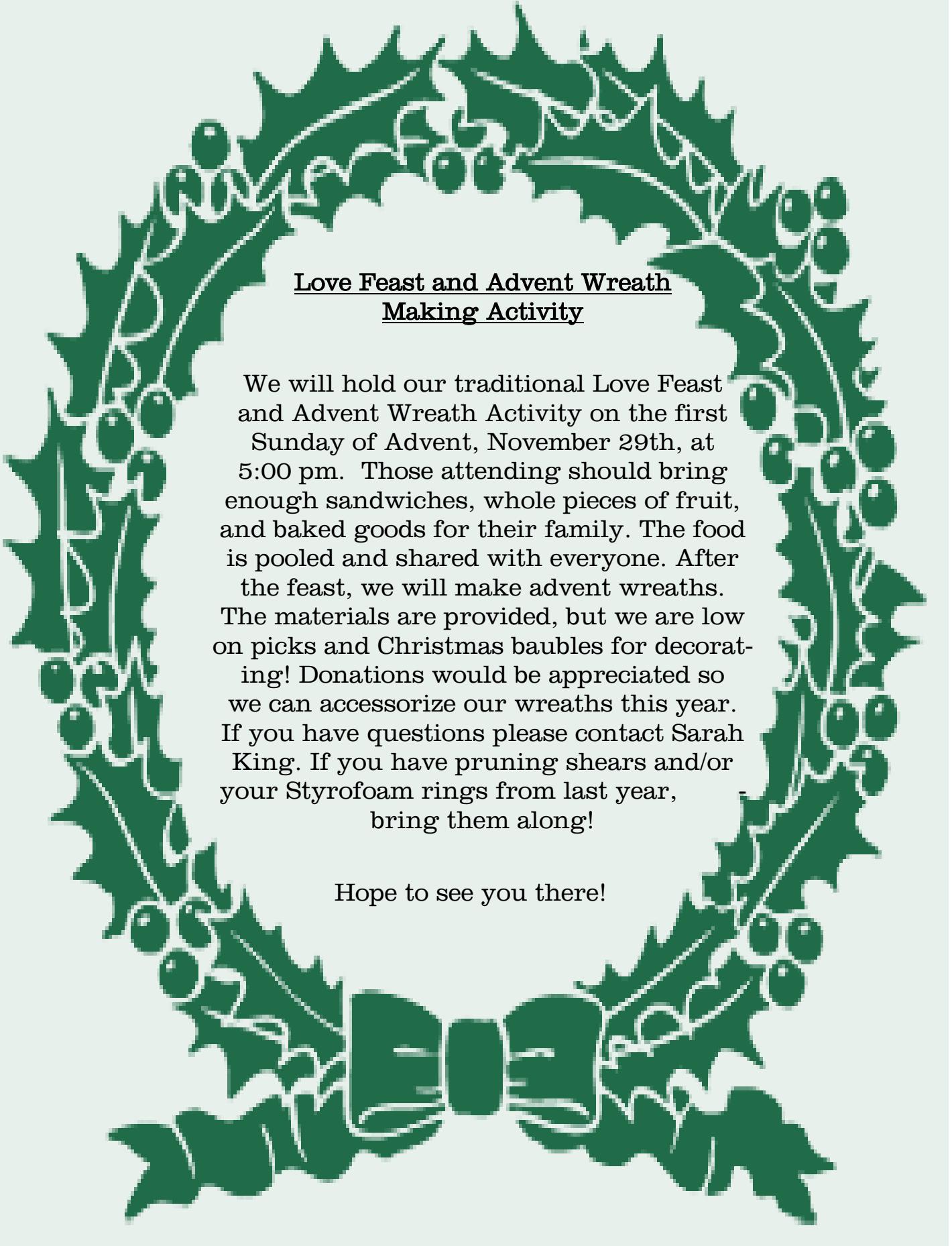
- o 2:00 p.m. visit Westmount Nursing Home, children welcome to sing Christmas carols

December 20 – Pageant during church service

- o dress rehearsal and practice at church at 9:00 a.m.

December 27 – Activity Sunday during church – no Sunday school





## Love Feast and Advent Wreath Making Activity

We will hold our traditional Love Feast and Advent Wreath Activity on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th, at 5:00 pm. Those attending should bring enough sandwiches, whole pieces of fruit, and baked goods for their family. The food is pooled and shared with everyone. After the feast, we will make advent wreaths. The materials are provided, but we are low on picks and Christmas baubles for decorating! Donations would be appreciated so we can accessorize our wreaths this year. If you have questions please contact Sarah King. If you have pruning shears and/or your Styrofoam rings from last year, bring them along!

Hope to see you there!



## Salvation Army Needs Bell Ringers

For 120 years the Salvation Army has been ringing the bells for their community red kettle drive. This drive will begin Friday, Nov. 6th through Christmas Eve. Bells will ring from 9am to 9pm. Last year over \$100,000 was raised for the less fortunate in Glens Falls.

We are seeking individuals, groups, churches, school and families to take a few hours to ring the bells and help us for the 2015 season! The day is divided into 3-four hour shifts.

**Please call 792-1960 . We need hundreds of volunteers.**

## DEACON'S CORNER

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Fall Rummage and Bake sale a great success. We raised over \$4000.00 dollars this year! It is a fantastic mission and we have a lot of fun doing it! We offer a special thank you to Sue Hunsicker who was the organizer of this event.

The Deacons have soup and freezer meals that we provide to folks who are home from the hospital or in need of some comfort food. If anyone makes soup or a larger batch of food that you would like to share and place in the kitchen freezer, please label the container with date and the kind of food that is inside.

Due to the dates that the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays fall upon, the distribution days for the food pantry will be changed. November food distribution will be on the 13th. The Thanksgiving food baskets will be picked up on the 23rd. The December distribution dates will be on the 4th and the 18th.

## 2015 THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The Deacons are requesting help with providing approximately 45 families in our community with a Thanksgiving meal. Anyone is welcome to donate menu items for the baskets. Please bring the donated items or money to the Deacons by Sunday, Nov. 15th.

If you would like to provide a medium size turkey, we ask that you hold onto it until Sun. 22nd, or Mon. 23rd, as we do not have space in our freezer for all of them.

We will assemble the baskets Sun., Nov. 22. All are welcome to come join the fun.

Please contact Margy Mannix at #668-3118 or [margy.mannix@yahoo.com](mailto:margy.mannix@yahoo.com).

**Thank you everyone!**



# November 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Youth Group Apple Pie Making Activi- ty after church	2	3 Supervisory Mtg. 12:15	4 Mission Committee Mtg. 2:00	5	6	7
8 Worship Committee & Property Mtg. after church	9	10 Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting 10:30	11	12 Choir 7:00	13 Food Pantry 9:30-12	14
15	16	17	18 Seeker Deadline	19 Choir 7:00	20	21
22 Christmas Pageant parts handed out. Assemble Meal Baskets	23 Thanksgiving Meal Baskets 1-3pm	24	25	26 <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	27	28
29 Advent Wreath Making at 5:00	30					

# Happy Birthday

Joni Steiner

Lindsay Corriveau

Doty Kopf

Sue Moore

Beth Corriveau

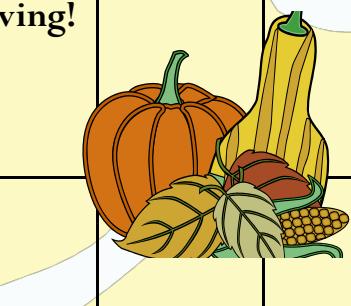
Billy Green

Scott Quigan

Mace McCann

Bob Gunther

Nancy Munro





## PRAYER CONCERNS

Jenne Family, Lauren & Karen Azer, Ben Green, Skyler Castro, John Kohland, Pamela Parrott, Justin & Alex Blanco, Mitch Monroe, Melissa Thomas & Andy, Caryl Clark, Janet Murphy, Christine Nicols, Robin Hoffman, Jeanne Bureaus, Rhyan Towne, Rummel family, Julie Bonn, Anna Van Guilder, Kenny Phillips, Sarah Laustrop, Nate Fuller, Sheri Phillips, Joan Diamond, Linda Grant, Perkins family, Helen Boyle, Gillman family, David Rabine, Michael Nichols, Helen Longman, Linda Onjack's son, Pam O'Bryan, Jim Guerin, Kelly Moody's family, Ian Quillinan, Len Bunalski.

### Out-of-Towners

Neva & Victor Strom, Jackie Mackey, Ken Austin, Ron Madeira, Esme Savoie, Linda Muehling, Sharon Frohnapfel, Nanette Bushey, Lori Maason, John Haskell.

- Our men and women serving in the military
- Our Nation and our leaders in government
- Our missionaries
- Persecuted Christians around the world



### Recently Deceased

Jean Morris  
Jean Dansen  
Betty Cole  
Sue Rummel  
Carol Longman  
Ed Pharmer

### Hospital, Nursing & Retirement Homes and At Home

*Indian River Nursing Home* – Pat Eaglestone  
*The Stanton*— Mary Harbourne,  
*At Home* — Clyde Gazlay  
*Fort Hudson*— Charles Sandora  
Westmount— Nancy Munro, Pat Decker

### A Word on Caldwell's Stewardship Campaign 2016, from the Finance Committee

As we enter this year's Stewardship campaign, the Finance Committee wanted to acknowledge, thank and encourage all of you for the many ways in which you give:

- \*giving of your time and talent in serving and volunteering,
- \*becoming involved with one of Caldwell's fundraising efforts; including parking, Americade breakfasts, Christmas Bizarre, and Rummage Sale.

These gifts are real, loving, and are seen and appreciated by all in the congregation.

Stewardship, however, is in many ways even more important. By funding our church, we lay the foundation for all that we do at Caldwell. We provide the house for our Food Pantry, the home to our Preschool, and host meals and meetings important to our community. From Christmas Dinners to meetings for Scouts and AA, it is our collective support of Caldwell that allows us to provide it all. In these ways, your Stewardship Pledge is the first among equals in your giving at Caldwell.

So this year, as we encourage you to consider ways to increase your pledge to Caldwell, the Finance Committee also wanted to suggest ways you might give more by giving smarter and in more tax efficient ways. Throughout November, resources discussing smart giving will be available in the Fellowship Room for your reference.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your pledge for 2016. With your commitment and with God's guidance, Caldwell will continue to strive to make a difference in the lives of many.

Sincerely,

Your Finance Committee: Rod Cornelius (chair), Ted Guilford (Treasurer), Darlene Gunther (Financial Secretary), Howard Nicols.

## NOVEMBER NEWS FROM THE HAITI MISSION SCHOOL

### NEWS FROM HAITI:

**UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES:** Recently there have been two major truck accidents in the Jérémie area with more than a dozen casualties and many injuries including loss of limbs. Often these large trucks serve in the place of buses for poorer Haitians who jam the open back of the truck. When they crash, many people can be hurt or killed. There has been an increase in this type of accident, in part because the newly paved roads encourage faster speeds and these vehicles often have serious safety deficiencies. In the past this was less of a problem because speeds were held down by poor roads.

**ELECTIONS:** As we reported last month, 54 candidates are vying for the position of President of Haiti. Elections are scheduled for October 25, but in Haiti such a date may be changed. U.S. Secretary of State Kerry is scheduled to visit Haiti for a short time in early October to push for the date to hold. The past two elections worked and there were peaceful transitions. We are holding our breath for this to happen again. Meanwhile, the U.N. announced that they will keep their forces there until next year.

### NOW FOR SCHOOL NEWS:

**CLASSES BEGAN SEPT. 7:** From early indications we will again have six classes with a total of about 120 students.

**FINANCES:** We were pleased to hear at our recent meeting of the Board that our finances are improving. Primarily this is due to three factors: [1] a positive (for us) exchange rate; [2] teachers were paid by the government for last year, and have now repaid the money we paid them; and [3] continuing support from several churches and many individuals. At the same time, our costs for food, supplies and other new obligations continued to rise. We thank everyone who has supported the school financially.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL:** Nine (of eleven) students passed their exams and are moving up. Our policy is that if they don't pass their exams, we will not provide a scholarship that year, but they can reapply the following year. These nine will be joined by six new graduating sixth graders and one who did not pass last year but is returning this year. This means that 16 of our graduates will be receiving \$108 scholarships this year which will cover most of their costs.

Pictured at right are last year's secondary school students with the French dictionaries donated by the Bay Road Church.. These dictionaries are important because the further they go in school, the more education in Haiti is conducted in French. More about this next month.



**TEACHERS:** The Board is encouraging all our teachers to become certified through a bonus for those who have the degree and scholarship aid for those who are working toward certification. Two of our teachers are already certified. Three others will be receiving up to \$125 towards their continuing education this year. At the end of this school year, if they pass, two more of our teachers will have completed their teaching credentials. That means that four of our teachers will be licensed. One of our teachers will be continuing his education and that will leave one teacher who is not working towards the degree. Although we think of him as a very good teacher, it limits the classes he can teach. The more teachers we have that are certified, the more likely the government of Haiti is to begin paying their salaries.

**NOW FROM THE BOARD:** Once again, thanks to everyone who supports the school through prayer, encouragement and finances, including you who are reading this news!



## NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

Can you fill a shoebox with love?  
The answer is yes ~ 100 million times!  
Since 1993, more than 100 million  
boys & girls in over 130 countries  
have received these boxes  
filled with love & hope.

Operation Christmas Child is a  
ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

It has one mission: to demonstrate  
God's love to needy children around  
the world and to share the Good News  
of Jesus Christ. While you may not  
be called to be an overseas missionary,  
you and your family have an amazing  
opportunity to respond to the  
Great Commission and reach every  
corner of the world with the  
love of our Savior!

In the hands of local churches, every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Whether their needs are physical or spiritual, the millions of boys and girls who have received shoeboxes have experienced powerful blessings through these simple gifts. Each gift is not only filled with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies, but also with hope through the power of prayer.

Beginning Sunday, November 1, the Mission Committee will be distributing shoe boxes and instructions for filling them. They must be turned in by Sunday, Nov. 22nd, in order to reach their destinations by Christmas.

If anyone is unable to attend church services but would like a box to fill, please contact Linda Nicols (623-6888) and we will arrange to get a box (or boxes) to you. Boxes will also be available in the church office.

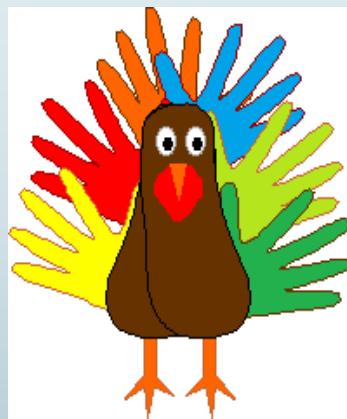
Friends and family members are welcome to participate as well.)



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends,

It is exciting to think that Fall is here. It has been a time of wonder and curiosity here in our preschool. We started October with a trip to Sunnyside Farm to visit the pumpkin patch. What a great time with family and friends. Then the next week we had Grandparents Day which filled our room with more than 30 grandparents. What a wonderful day of celebrating our grandparents. It was fun to see them hang around and spend time playing with us.



We have started our Thursday walks to the library for Story Hour. What a joy to be able to take these children around our community and have them welcomed with open arms and asked to come back each week. They are such good listeners and a joy to have around.

We are learning that God always keeps His promises and we can trust Him with all of our lives. We continue to rest in the truth of our verse this month: Matthew 19:14 : "Let the little children come to me and do not stop them," Jesus loves us with open arms just like He loved the children in this passage of old. We are all to come to Him with the faith of a child.

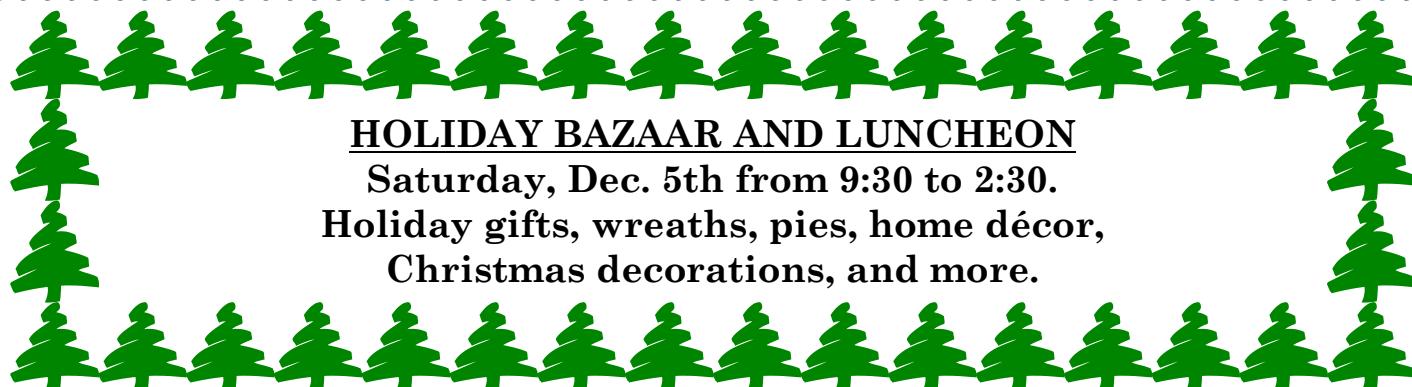
Thanks for your support and love of the preschool.

Serving with you,  
Chris



## SENIOR BREAKFAST

The Senior Breakfast is Monday, November 9th, 8:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. Cost is \$7.50. The program is "The Champlain Canal". Reservations can be made through Helene Horn or Jess King.



## HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON

Saturday, Dec. 5th from 9:30 to 2:30.  
Holiday gifts, wreaths, pies, home décor,  
Christmas decorations, and more.

**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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