

THE SEEKER FOR OCTOBER 2015

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*"No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace
as I have seen in one autumnal face."-John Donne*

"Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile." -William Cullen Bryant

The English poet John Donne (17th C) and the American Romantic poet William Cullen Bryant (19th C) sum up for me the grace and beauty of Fall. In this October edition of the Seeker you will find all sorts of excitement going on at Caldwell and beyond these walls. From our Preschool's wonderful news of overflow students and our new teacher, to our Youth Groups' emerging plans for mission activities, to our Sunday School and brand new Youth Choir—we have much for which to give thanks and praise.

We will have a chance to gather as a church family the evening of Oct 18th for table fellowship and a delicious pork roast dinner. And, by popular demand, anyone who may have missed the marvelous Caldwell History night in September is welcome to stay after church on October 25th to hear Rev. Skip Bush reprise his presentation. Please mark your calendars for both events, and bring a friend!

The Outreach Team (Laura Corriveau, Judy Guilford, Tom Jeanne, Dave King, Alex Parrott, and I) has been busy at work reviewing your exciting and thoughtful responses to the survey we conducted over the summer, and we are in conversation with some of you about helping to build upon our vision—be it in planning new worship and fellowship opportunities, or participating in a Habitat for Humanity project in the vicinity, or exploring the idea of an after-school tutoring program for youth in our area. If any of these pursuits interest you, please let one of us know.

Our ecumenical book group is back in full swing on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. (all are always welcome), we are about 15-20 strong, and what a joy it has been to welcome Rev. Jean DeVaty, the new rector of St. James, to our sister churches family. Don't forget about the Blessing of the Animals on Sat, October 3, at 10 a.m. at St. James, where father Tom Berardi and I will join Mother Jean in a brief service of blessing! Dogs, Cats, Birds, Chickens, Sheep, Cattle: Come One, Come All!

I want to thank all of you who signed up to do "One New Thing" during our September Volunteer Fair. We have captured your names and already put some of you to work! Caldwell is a mighty place devoted to building the good for all God's people through our mission, outreach, and care. Our ability to carry on and grow is reliant upon everyone's commitment to take part in our life of faith, in the way that is uniquely your own. My hope is that more and more of us will catch the spark of the Spirit and come to church saying, "Here I am, Send me!"

As the swell of the summer crowds has now come to a close, the stunning beauty of the lake and surrounding mountains reminds us of the lavish grace by which we live and move and have our being. There is good work to do and many ways to get connected and stay connected. As we hunker down for the fall season and beyond, I invite you to join me in keeping watch for nature's *loveliest smile* in these days, not only in the lake and the mountains, but in each one of you.

All thanks be to God.

Ali

A NOTE FROM FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Since our Fall season is just around the corner, expect that our Pie Parties will resume. We have at least four more parties to schedule and may have more depending on the attendance. If you find you are unable to make the first invitation you receive please let your hostess know and you will be regrouped at another time and location.

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.

Our committee will assist George and Janie Green when they put on the Roast Pork Dinner October 18th.

We are looking for donations of desserts for that event.

Tickets will be available through the church office .



GERMAN DINNER

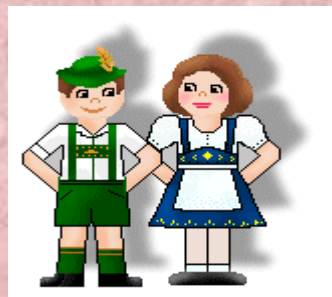
St James', 172 Ottawa Street in Lake George will host our annual German Dinner on Saturday October 10, 2015

Time 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Take-out available starts at 5:00 p.m.

Handicap accessible

Free parking



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

October

- 4 **Kopf Family**
- 11 **Kristopf Miller**
- 18 **Cornelius Family**
- 25 **Ann Kohland & Joni Steiner**



Kids Corner

Happy Fall

Well, we are off and running with Sunday school. Rally Sunday was a huge success, the Ice cream social was very yummy. Thanks to Sarah, Judy and Yvonne the kids had a great time we encourage all kids to bring a friend to Sunday school with them.

Children's Choir... All kids are meeting for 10 minutes at the beginning of coffee hour, right after Sunday school. Thanks to Lesley the kids will be delight us with special music throughout the year. **Don't miss the fun!!**

The K-6th Youth Group met recently with Pastor Ali and has decided to go apple picking and make some pies for the nursing home. They are heading to Saratoga Apple Orchard on Oct. 12th and will meet at the church at 2:30. Hope you can come!

Jr/Sr High Youth group: 7th graders and up are invited to gather after the worship service in the Youth Lounge with Pastor Ali. **The group will meet October 4th until 11:45am.** She is looking forward getting to know all the older youth in the church.

Nursery: Is always available for the babies and the Youth children each week during the church service. The Nursery is located in the preschool.

We are always looking for parent's involvement in activities and Sunday school. If you're interested please contact Dana, Judy or Laura

We are continuing our Youth mission. **The Shelter box.** We encourage the kids to bring a small offering to Sunday school to help with the purchase of supplies that go into a shelter box.

Teaching our children to give back to society is a lesson that will enrich their lives forever. Thanks for encouraging them to remember to bring a token offering to Sunday school.

Get Connected – Stay Connected!

There are many ways to be of service to the church. Not only is it necessary for the sustainability of the church, but it also enriches our own participation at Caldwell. Being involved helps us get to know others that we may not have had the opportunity to interact with. There are many ways to help at Caldwell and even if you have a limited amount of time, working together is necessary for the future of our church. There are offices of Elders or Deacons as well as several committees in which one can participate. Some people help regularly while others help when they can. You do not have to be a member of the church to be on a committee.

Listed below is a list of committees along with a form that you may fill out. On the reverse side of this insert are descriptions for Elder and Deacon. Additionally, during coffee hour today, there will be more information available.

Committees:

*** Mission*

*** Property*

*** Finance/Fundraising*

*** Christian Education*

*** Fellowship/Hospitality*

*** Worship*

I would like information on the following:

_____ **Being an Elder**

_____ **Being a Deacon**

_____ **Mission**

_____ **Fellowship/Hospitality**

_____ **Finance/Fundraising**

_____ **Christian Ed.**

_____ **Property**

_____ **Worship**

_____ **I am uncertain about any of these specific areas but am willing to help in some way.**

Please give this some prayerful thought and place the form in the basket on the piano or give to Linda Nicols.

If you know someone who could be considered for Elder or Deacon, please indicate their name in the space provided.

_____ **Elder**

_____ **Deacon**

Elder Responsibilities and Functions

The Session of the Presbyterian Church is that body authorized by the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to lead the congregation in its spiritual life. The Session should consist of twelve elders, elected by the congregation and installed for service for three years, plus the pastor, who serves as the moderator.

- An Elder is first to be a leader who participates in the mission and ministry of the church
- An Elder is a Presbyterian. As a member of a connectional denomination, elders participate in the life of the Albany Presbytery, the Synod of the Northeast and the General Assembly, when so designated.
- Caldwell Elders chair a committee which carries out the mandate of the Session, initiates plans, and fulfills the mission thrust of the local ministry of Christ.
- Session committees include cross sections of the membership, recruited from across the congregation.

Deacon Responsibilities and Functions

The Office of Deacon of the Presbyterian Church as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment are chosen for this office.

The Office of Deacon consists of a minimum of six Deacons, elected by the congregation and installed for service for two years.

- The duty of the Deacon is:
- To minister to those in need
 - To the sick
 - To the friendless
 - To any who may be in distress
 - Deacons shall assume other duties as may be designated to them by the Session

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 so we can schedule you in. We need hundreds of volunteers.

DEACON'S CORNER

The Deacon's are collecting can goods, personal care items, and diapers from anyone who would like to contribute. You can drop items off in the church office, or outside of the food pantry door.

Also, it is that time of year when your donations of used items and clothing are needed for the rummage sale.. We will need folks to help set up, organize, sell, and bake. If you can volunteer please contact Sue Hunsicker.

Fall Rummage and Bake Sale!

Caldwell Presbyterian Church

Thursday, Oct. 15th 3-7pm

Friday, Oct. 16th 11am-5pm

Saturday, Oct. 17th 9-11am (bag sale day)

**** Come Early for Best Selection ****

***** Vintage and New *****

Kids and adults clothing, furniture, household items, books,
children's toys and games, jewelry, dishes,
baked goods and more!



October 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 No Choir	2	3
4 Jr/Sr High Youth Grp. Mtg. in Youth Lounge at 11:45	5	6 Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting 10:30	7 Mission Com- mittee Mtg. 7:00	8 No Choir	9	10
11 Rummage Sale Set Up	12 K-6th grade Apple Picking Meet at church 2:30	13	14	15 <u>Choir 7:00</u> Rummage Sale 3-7 pm	16 Rummage Sale 11-5 pm	17 Rummage Sale 9-11 am
18 Roast Pork Din- ner Fundraiser 5-7:00	19	20 Session Mtg. 7	21 <u>Seeker Deadline</u> Mission Comm. Mtg. 2:00	22 Choir 7:00	23	24
25 Skip Bush speak- ing on history of Caldwell after the service	26	27	28	29 Choir 7:00	30	31 Happy Halloween

Happy Birthday

Laura Corriveau

Sue Hunsicker

Charlie Fuller

Catelyn McCann

Carol Whalen

Howard Nicols

Samantha Gorey



PRAYER CONCERNS

Jenne Family, Len Bunalski, Kellie Moody, Lauren and Karen Azer, Charlie Fuller, 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, Lisa Clough, Nate Fuller, Sheri Phillips, Joan Diamond, Michael Rizzotto, Linda Grant, Perkins family, Nancy Monroe, Helen Boyle, Gillman family, Tim Glenn, Jacob Pagnotta, David Rabine.

Out-of-Towners

Neva & Victor Strom, Jackie Mackey, Ken Austin, Ron Madeira, Esme Savoie, Linda Muehling, Sharon Frohnappfel, 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 Dansen

Betty Cole

Sue Rummel

Carol Longman

Hospital, Nursing & Retirement Homes and At Home

Indian River Nursing Home – Pat Eaglestone

The Stanton– Mary Harbourne, Jean Stanton

At Home — Clyde Gazlay

Fort Hudson— Charles Sandora

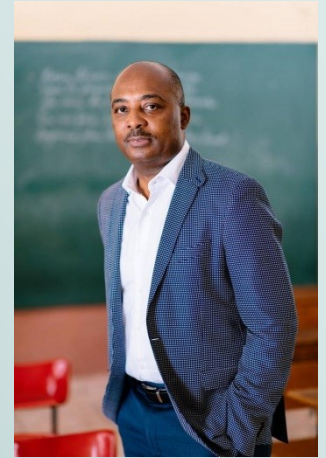
October News from the Haiti Mission School

The Miami Herald recently published an article about Haiti's education system.
(<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/world/americas/haiti/article34102545.html>)

Since he was tapped in April 2014 to become Haiti's 33rd education minister in 33 years (you need to work fast to get anything done!), Nesmy Manigat has made reinventing education a top priority. As with last year, he's announced the start of school in September. This is a change from previous years when schools typically opened in October. He has made significant changes in other areas as well.

One in particular that is interesting is a program called PSUGO... which as we understand it will pay private schools such as ours \$90 for each student that can't attend a public school. We will be following up on this.

Of course because Haiti will elect a new president shortly, Mr. Manigat may soon find that he has been replaced by a 34th education minister. It all remains to be seen.





We're excited to announce that Tom's new book of poetry about Haiti (The Haitian Chronicles) has just been published and is available on Amazon. The price is \$8.99. *All profits from the sale of the books will be devoted to the school and its programs.*

The poems, a couple of which have been previously published here, reflect on our 15 years of work in Haiti.

By the time you receive this news, our Board will have met (Sept. 12). Once again, because of newsletter deadlines, decisions from the meeting will have to wait for next month's news.

Speaking of the Board, it's a reminder that the work of the Haiti Mission school depends on many hands...including the Board in the U.S. (six of us), a Committee in Jèrèmie which oversees administration (3 members), a committee at the school (5 members) which oversees day to day operations, translators, food service helpers, and of course the staff at the school.

This does not include all who support the school through prayer, donations and love.

Please keep Haiti in your prayers and especially remember those Haitians who are being deported from the Dominican Republic.

Mission of the Month

Refugee Aid



“What I see today is what I saw in 1991: Desperate people who fled their war-torn country only to end up in a camp where living conditions are below what is humanly dignified.”
ABUBAKAR MOHAMED MAHAMUD MSF DEPUTY FIELD COORDINATOR DADAAB, KENYA

More than 41 million people are currently fleeing conflict or persecution around the world. Due to their race, religion, or nationality, these people’s homes are no longer safe places to live and their governments no longer provide them with protection.

MSF works around the world to provide refugees and “internally displaced people” (IDPs) with everything they need from psychological care to lifesaving nutrition. They set up hospitals in refugee camps, help women give birth safely, vaccinate children to prevent epidemics, and provide access to safe drinking water.

While IDPs often flee their homes for similar reasons to refugees (armed conflict, human rights violations, natural disasters) technically, they are not refugees. IDPs have not crossed an international border to find refuge and therefore remain legally under the protection of their own government, even though that government is often the cause of their flight.

Today, there are 26 million IDPs in 52 countries around the world. Almost half are fleeing conflicts in just three countries: **Sudan, Colombia, and Iraq**; and around three quarters of all IDPs are women and children.

Learn more and have the opportunity to provide desperately needed aid to these hurting people through October’s Mission of the Month.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

This is the Most Wonderful Time of the Year.
The Fall has finally come!! How exciting it is
to start this new school year.

It is with great joy that I tell you our school is full
with a waiting list for each class. The 3's class has 12 students and
the 4's class has 16 students. What wonderful families we are
privileged to work with. It has been a joy these first
2 weeks of school.

Because of the growth in our school we have been blessed with
another teacher. Sherry Galkiewicz has worked with
us since the beginning of the school year and we all know that she
is a wonderful addition to our team. I am so
thankful that God answered our prayers for this third teacher.
It is good to know that He had this all in His plan.

This is going to be a GREAT year and we are so glad to know that
God continually leads and provides for our every need.
His blessing continues as we honor Him with our days, as we
teach His love and sacrifice for us. Our children continue to
learn that God made them, God loves them and God wants to be
their Friend forever. His wonderful salvation give us all LIFE.

Serving with you,
Christine Sallstrom



Calling all cooks, bakers, servers, dishwashers and anyone who just likes to eat!

Roast Pork Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, Oct. 18th 5-7 pm

Caldwell Presbyterian Church

Adults \$10 Families \$25

Please invite everyone you know!

Tickets are available in the office, or with Helene Horn or Jess King.

(George and Janie Green will be the chefs that evening.)

The Seeker

Caldwell Presbyterian Church

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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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