

# THE SEEKER FOR MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many..."*

Dear Caldwell Family,

March is a month when we are all invited to devote ourselves to serving in the spirit of our serving Lord. The Mission Committee has coordinated a number of opportunities for outreach suited to a range of abilities and time commitments: from helping to serve a meal at Sacred Heart to working construction for a Habitat house; from visiting the residents of Westmount Nursing Home on Palm Sunday with our youth to serving a shift at the Code Blue Shelter, to reading to our Preschool children, and more... there is something for everyone. I can't think of a more meaningful Lenten observance than to serve in a new way, and reach beyond our routines, and "give our hand to another." I hope you find something that suits you, and that your heart sings while doing it.

Also in the spirit of Lenten acts of discovery and deepening of faith is an opportunity to delve into our Judeo-Christian heritage so precious to our faith. We are honored and thrilled to have a special guest, Rabbi Jeff Ronald of Temple Beth El in Glens Falls, join us on Maundy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m., as we celebrate the Passover feast beginning with a Seder dinner and a church pot-luck. If you have not before experienced a Seder dinner, or if you have, please save the date for this very special event. You can read more about the history and theology of the Passover meal from Tom Parson's wonderful article later in this Seeker. Following our Seder dinner is our Maundy Thursday worship service at 7:00 p.m., one of the most moving and meaningful worship services of the church year. Then on Good Friday, please plan to meet at Sacred Heart at 12 noon and join in "Walking the Way of the Cross" as we visit some of the stations of the cross and hear again the story of Jesus' passion. Stops include the Courthouse, First United Methodist Church, Caldwell, and St. James Episcopal Church, where we will finish and gather for table fellowship over hot cross buns.

"The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." May your journey to Jerusalem this Lent be Christ led, and may there be moments of deeper understanding, personal growth, and renewed wonder at a love so amazing and so divine.

Lenten blessings,

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## Preschool News

Dear Friends,

We have been busy in the preschool getting ready for our Parent/Teacher Conferences which will be March 3rd and our Open House will be April 14th. We have been having so many good conversations with our families through the year about their choices for next year, so it is going to be so much fun celebrating the work their children have done this year.



It has been a very healthy year in the preschool this year. We are grateful that there hasn't been sickness for the children or teachers this year. Thanking God for protecting us this year.

Thank you for supporting the preschool and showing so much interest in what is happening here. We look forward to Easter coming and the wonderful opportunity we have of sharing all that Jesus did for us through His death and resurrection. We have a risen Savior! It's the best news we could share with these precious children. We are getting their Bibles this week so that we can start using them together so that they are used to using them before they leave school.

Serving with you,  
Christine Sallstrom

## Scholarship Fund Spaghetti Dinner

Please join us for this dinner which will follow the service on **March 6<sup>th</sup>**. There will be spaghetti, salad, drinks, and dessert. Everyone is welcome to attend. Donations to the scholarship fund are greatly appreciated, and will go directly to individuals in our church who are pursuing advanced education. If you have questions, contact Yvonne Fuller #742-9759.



## Fellowship and Hospitality

Committee Members: Emilia Bernd, Helene Horn, Ann Kohland, Tom Jenne, Joni Steiner, 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 in the kitchen on how to use the coffee urns.

### Coffee Hour Hosts:

#### March

- 6 Spaghetti Dinner**
- 13 Earl Family**
- 20 Cornelius Family**
- 27 Nicol Family**

#### April

- 3 Ann Kohland & Joni Steiner**
- 10 Blanco Family**
- 17 Sue Moore & Pat Carpenter**
- 24 Alex Parrott & Helene Horn**

## Kids Corner

Greetings from Christian Education!

This month the younger Sunday School class focused on the theme of love, especially 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. We also finished our part of your prayer quilt project, the final result will be revealed soon!

Dana Power starts teaching the younger class on February 28th.

Keep an eye out for details about our upcoming Easter events, including a trip to West Mount Nursing Home to visit and deliver palms to the residents on Palm Sunday.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Great job to everyone who participated in Souper bowl Sunday!

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

**Happy Easter!!**

Dana Power, Judy Guilford, Laura Corriveau



*The Corriveau Family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, kindness, and support since Jacksene's passing. To those who brought food, we appreciated not having to cook, and ask you to please check the kitchen for your returned dishware. To those who sent money, your gift will be used towards funeral expenses and a memorial for our son that has yet to be determined. We thank those who served and brought food for the funeral reception.*

*We feel the love that our church family surrounds us with, and are deeply grateful to each one of you who reached out during this time. Thank you to all of you who were so accepting and friendly towards Jacksene the several years he was with us. He knew he was loved.*



## Finance Committee: IRA Charitable Rollover

The IRA charitable rollover has proven to be very popular with taxpayers and beneficial to charities. Individuals may begin taking distributions from the Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) as early as age 59½, but are required to begin taking them at age 70½. Normally, these distributions are subject to income taxes. The IRA Charitable Rollover provision, established Under the Pension Protection Act, allows individuals who have reached age 70½ to donate up to \$100,000 to charitable organizations directly from their IRA, without treating the distribution as taxable income. In order to qualify, contributions must go directly to a public charity and be made from traditional IRAs or Roth IRAs. Donors may receive no goods or services in return for their contributions, and must obtain written documentation of their contribution from each recipient charity.

Beneficiaries include social service providers, religious organizations, cultural institutions and colleges—organizations that benefit communities and improve lives every day. Since the provision was enacted, hundreds of millions of dollars have been donated to charities through IRA contributions.

The tax benefits of the IRA Charitable Rollover are available to taxpayers, regardless of whether they itemize their returns. In particular, this helps older Americans who may have paid off their home mortgage and no longer file itemized tax returns. The mandatory distribution from their IRA would otherwise trigger a tax burden, even if they donate the money to charity. The IRA rollover provision removes these negative tax consequences and encourages Americans to give back to their communities during their lifetime.

Anyone interested in taking advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover should contact their tax advisor.



March 20, 2016

## **Caldwell Lake George Library Book Sale!**

**This sale is open to the public on Saturday,  
March 12th  
from 10 –2.**

### **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. The youth are invited to help assemble the holiday meal baskets on Palm Sunday after church. Pick up is on Weds., March 23rd 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 19, 20, and 21.**

We need helpers to get everything ready starting on Sunday, May 15th.

Let Margy Mannix 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. Applications may be picked up in the Church Office. The deadline for applying for the scholarship is **May 15, 2016**. 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

# March 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Supervisory Meeting 12:15	2 Mission Committee 2:15 Book Study 12:30	3 CHOIR 7	4	5
6 Communion  Scholarship Fundraiser Luncheon 11:30	7	8 Fellowship & Hospitality Mtg. 10:30	9 6:30 Deacons Mtg.  Book Study 12:30	10  Choir 7	11 Food Pantry 9:30-12	12
13	14	15	16 Mission Committee 2:00 Book Study 12:30	17 Choir 7	18	19
20 Palm Sunday	21	22 Session Mtg. 5:30	23 Book Study 12:30	24 Maundy Thurs- day Service 7 pm	25 Good Friday  Food Pantry 9:30– 12	26
27 Happy Easter!	28	29	30			

# Happy Birthday

Dave Madden

Tim McCann

Jeff Brozyna

Leah Jenne

Jim Corriveau

Lauren Azer

Barb O'Reilly

Linda Nicols

Pat Carpenter

John Kohland

Melanie Quigan

Tom Parsons



### PRAYER CONCERNS:

Len Bunalski, Pamela Parrott, Lauren & Karen Azer, Charlie Fuller, Justin Blanco, Melissa Thomas's friend-Andy, Janet Murphy, Helen Longman, Pam O'Bryan, John Kohland, Linda Nicol's sister-in-law, Helen Boyle, Helene Horn's grandson Hunter, Caryl Clark, Nancy Munro, Tim Hunsicker's mother Jean, Pat Decker, Betty Cook, Sharon Koshak, David Rabine, Sue Moore's friend-Katie, Pastor Bob, Linda Carr, Christine Nicols, Mark Weisman, Pat's neighbor-Mary, George Stannard, Dale Fordyce, Nancy Hollenbeck's granddaughter, Lynda Glenn, Christine Cooper, Dotty Kopf's cousin Barbara. Jenne family, Mitch Munro, Rhyan Towne, Ben Green, Robin Hoffman, Jeanne Bureaus, Kenny Phillips, Dicky, Sarah Laustrop, Sheri Phillips, Jim Guerin, Anthony Lona, Sue Moore, Alexa Wheeler, Nancy Tracy, George Heinrich, Dave Paddock, Kevin Lavito, Linda Nicol's brother-in-law's mother, Alex Blanco.



#### For Those who Mourn:

The Corriveau family, Dana Power & the Harris family, Mary Harbourne family, Anna Van Guilder family.

#### Those Serving in the Military: John-Navy Seal.

#### Members and Friends Out of State:

Neva and Victor Strom, Ron Madeira, Sharon Frohnafel, Nanette Bushey, Lori Maason, Jacksen Cherval, Donny Baker, Janice Webber.

#### Hospital, Nursing and Retirement Homes:

Indian River Nursing Home: Pat Eaglestone

Fort Hudson: Charles Sandora



## NEWS FROM THE HAITI MISSION SCHOOL FOR MARCH 2016



Statistics tell the story. Every day, water-related diseases claim the lives of 4100 children under age 5 around the world. Millions more are stricken with preventable diseases due to lack of clean water.

As most of you know, in 2012 we completed a cistern at the school which uses rain water collected off the roof of the church. The water is then filtered and becomes safe to drink.

One of the most asked questions when people hear about the cistern is “What happens to the child when they go home?” The answer in most instances is they use water gathered from nearby streams or other unsanitary places.

In searching for an alternative to this we have found an organization called WATERisLIFE that is constructing these filter straws.

The child wears the straw around their neck and the straw filters the water so that it is pure when they drink it.

Each filter can clean more than 800 liters of water or 2-3 liters per day. The filter on average will last one year and will clog internally when it is no longer effective. The straws will cost the school \$10.00 each.

*You can find more information about WATERisLIFE or the filters online at [WATERisLIFE.com](http://WATERisLIFE.com).*



**How your group can help.** We are looking for individuals, churches or groups to help underwrite the costs of one of these filters for each of our students and teachers. With 150 students at the school, our secondary school students and our teachers, costs will be about \$1750.

The filter straws can be used as a fund raiser by a group planning a trip to Haiti, or to support the school by selling them for up to twenty dollars each. Similar filters sold online by Amazon go for \$19.90. If you would like to help, contact us at [haitimissionschool@gmail.com](mailto:haitimissionschool@gmail.com) or by postal mail at Haiti Mission School, PO Box 445, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846.

A group sponsored by Trinity Presbyterian Church in Scotia NY, traveling to Haiti at the end of April will be bringing the straws. They will distribute the straws and provide hygiene education and instructions on how to use the straws.

**If you shop on Amazon** Here is a way you can help the school at no additional expense to you. Go to [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and set up an *Amazon Smile* account. They will ask you which group you would like to help. Search for “*Friends of Siloam School at Labastille*” and check our name. The price is the same, but they give a portion of the item’s cost to the school. It’s a win-win situation!

# The Festival of Passover

An important thing for Christians to note is that Jesus was a Jew. The night before Jesus was tried and crucified, he enjoyed the Jewish Passover Seder festival with his disciples. Passover is the oldest and most important religious festival in Judaism, commemorating God's deliverance of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and his creation of the Israelite people. As Christians, the First Testament of the Bible is not just for the Jews, but is a part of our history as well.

This year we are going to celebrate the Passover feast with a gathering of our own. We will begin with the Seder following a version of the prescribed ritual. Part of the Seder is the meal which will be a potluck supper. At the conclusion of the Seder, we will move into the sanctuary and recall how Jesus took the simple elements of bread and wine and transformed them into a means to remember him: The Lord's Supper.

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The festival of Passover marks the beginning of a seven day celebration that includes the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The focal point of Passover is a communal meal, called the Seder which means "order," because of the fixed order of service. It is a time of rejoicing and celebration, recalling night that God destroyed the first-born of Egypt and passed over the Israelites. This was the beginning of the exodus.

The actual Seder meal in most Jewish homes is an elaborate feast, with food, games for the children, and plenty of time to tell the story of the Exodus from Egypt. It is not unusual for a Seder to last three to four hours. (Ours will not last that long!)

The Seder involves everyone present since they all have a *Haggadah* (Heb: "telling," printed order of service, reading, and songs) and are called to share in reading and singing the story. While the father or grandfather is usually the leader of the service, others have roles as well. The mother of the home lights the festival candles that signal the beginning of Passover, a young child asks the four questions, the children search for the hidden *Afikomen* (a symbolic piece of *Matzah*, unleavened bread) and open the door for Elijah, the parents or the grandparents tell the story of the exodus, and various others are designated to read or lead certain portions of the service.

Passover is really more than a festival. It is an elaborate teaching experience, especially for the children and those new to the faith. It is intended to call people to their identity as the People of God. By using all of the senses, the Passover Seder tells the story of God's grace in history and calls the participants to experience and share in the story as their own story.

**Because the tables need to be set for each person, reservations will be required.**

## Easter Plant Ordering Form to decorate our sanctuary.



*Best Because We Grow*

### Easter Plants 2016 Pricing

Quantity	Item	Price Ea.	Plant Color
	Lilies 6" Pot (3-5 blooms)	\$9.99	
	Lilies 6" Pot (6+ blooms)	10.99	
	Lilies 8" Pot (2 plants)	19.99	
	Lilies 10" Pot (3 plants)	26.99	
	Tulips 6" Pot	9.99	
	Daffodils 6" Pot	9.99	
	Hyacinths 6" Pot	9.99	
	Azaleas 6" Pot	19.99	
	Azaleas 10" Pot (2 plants)	29.99	
	Mums 6" Pot	9.99	
	Cineraria 6" Pot	10.99	
	Hydrangea 6" Pot (2 blooms)**	14.99	
	Hydrangea 6" Pot (3 blooms)**	16.99	
	Hydrangea 6" Pot (4 blooms)**	18.99	
	Hydrangea 6" Pot (5 blooms)**	20.99	
	Palm Buds	9.99	

Also Available \*Foil Colors Available: Pink, Purple, Gold, Green, White & Blue \*\* White

If you order flowers, please fill out this form and make the check out to the Caldwell Presbyterian Church. Please place it in the offering plate **by Sunday, March 13th**. You can take your flowers home following the Easter Service. Thank you.



## **MARCH MISSION OF THE MONTH: GIVING A HAND**

People often think of giving something up as a spiritual offering for Lent. The Mission Committee would like to suggest a different kind of giving this month. Instead of reaching your hand into your pocket, try reaching out to give your hand to another. Therefore, our *Mission of the month* for March is giving up some time and giving your talents and abilities.

Although we will provide the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering at Easter as usual for those who feel so moved, we would like to encourage your donation of time and talent in a mission outreach for March. A mission outreach is a donation beyond Caldwell. You won't need to travel far... There are many possible opportunities in our area. We have listed a few of them below.

1. *The Code Blue shelter provides shelter for homeless people whenever there is a forecast for a temperature below 20 degrees or at least 12 inches of precipitation.*

*They are looking for volunteers to help out at the Code Blue Shelter in the following ways when they are open: Filling shifts at the shelter, providing meals for Code Blue guests on the days the Open Door Kitchen is closed (Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday), driving the Code Blue bus from the Ridge Street terminal to the Code Blue Shelter on Gurney Lane at 9:10 PM or helping in Kim Cook's office. Contact them at <http://opendoor-ny.org/need-help/codeblue/>.*

2. *Caldwell is providing the community dinner at Sacred Heart on March 9. Call Linda Nicols or the Caldwell office if you would like to help. Servers and desserts are needed as well as people to help make chili and corn bread and folks to set up and clean up. Thank you in advance!*
3. *We are looking into an opportunity for participating in a Habitat for Humanity building project on a Saturday during March. If you are interested, please contact the church office. More information will be forthcoming.*
4. *Caldwell will be leading worship at Westmount on Sunday March 20.*
5. *North Country Ministries in Warrensburg (623-2829) is always in need of volunteers.*
6. *Spend a bit of time in our preschool, reading a book, telling a story or sharing in some other way. (Contact Chris Sallstrom - [sallstr8@aol.com](mailto:sallstr8@aol.com))*
7. *Help out with minor issues around the Church. [Due to budget constraints we have stopped paying a Sexton for odds and ends. There will be a list in the Coffee Room of different things that need to be fixed.](#)*

These are just a few of the ways of giving your time, reaching out and doing mission.  
Most helping organizations are always looking for volunteers.

Help us to share with the congregation how members of our church family are helping the community by letting Mark Mannix or one of our Mission Committee members know (during March or anytime!)

## **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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