

THE SEEKER FOR APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dear Caldwell Family,

As I write I am sitting in a chair on the beach overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, coffee in hand from the snack shop down the beach a few paces, watching and listening to the beginning of a new day. I'm in South Carolina visiting my parents and send you greetings from this heavenly spot. The rhythm of the ocean and the constant steady push and pull of the waves upon the shore are a reminder to me of our Creator God and all God's awesome deeds, and so I proclaim with the Psalmist: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers." *Psalm 24:1-2*

In the warmth and glow of the sunrise, I'm reflective of the joyous Easter celebration at Caldwell last Sunday, the crowning celebration after a 40 day Lenten journey and an especially meaningful Holy Week. Thank you to all who made those high holy observances possible.

And now onto Spring. We have several exciting events coming up and I hope you will join us. Please mark your calendars for Friday, April 15, for the Preschool Fundraiser at The Olde Log Inn in Lake George anytime from 6 pm - 8:30 pm. The Preschool has been a long standing mission and outreach to the community for which we are so grateful. Come and support this Caldwell mission, and a chance for the Lake George community to connect and have fun! Babysitting is available at Caldwell and I hear my husband is one of the adults in charge which translates as, kids, be ready for some serious silliness and fun!

Also on the evening of April 15, and on a slightly different note, we welcome our guest Speaker, Jeanne Bishop, author of *Change of Heart*, which reads like a journal and tells of her extraordinary journey over two decades of coming to forgiveness and reconciliation with her sister's killer. The current issue of *The Chronicle* has an extensive article beginning on the 3rd page if you'd like to learn more. The event is being co-hosted by Caldwell and First Presbyterian Church of Glens Falls, and will take place there at First Pres, beginning at 7 pm, followed by a reception. (It's possible to stop by the Preschool fundraiser and still make it to First Pres in time to hear Jeanne. That's my plan!) You do not need to read her book in advance of her talk, but I highly recommend you do. It will invite you to think about forgiveness in new dimensions and it may enrich your faith life as it has mine. Our ecumenical book group had been studying forgiveness throughout Lent and Jeanne's book about restorative justice continues our conversation and brings it to even deeper levels. I urge all of you to not miss this extraordinary opportunity to connect with Jeanne live.

And finally, Confirmation! I will be inviting all students in grades 9-12 to join me in a 6 week Confirmation class beginning May 1 and ending on Youth Sunday on June 12 (no class Mother's Day). There will be one interfaith experience, opportunity for service, exploring statements of faith, connecting with a mentor, and learning together some of the highlights of church history, bible, and theology from the Reformed tradition of the PC(USA). Meetings will be held on Sundays following worship along with some outings.

The sun is awake now, and so am I. I close with some of my favorite words of blessing as you live into Spring:

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the Prince of Peace to you. He is risen! Alleluia!

Faithfully,

Ali



Preschool News

Dear Friends,

We have been busy in the preschool getting ready our Open House will be April 14th. It is going to be so much fun celebrating the work the children have done throughout the year.

Thank you for supporting the preschool. We look forward to the fundraiser and hope you will join us for a fun night out!



Caldwell Presbyterian Preschool Fundraiser

April 15th 6-8:30 pm at The Olde Log Inn, 2814 Rt. 9, Lake George,

**There will be dancing to music by DJ "G".
Free appetizers, a cash bar, door prizes, & basket raffles.**

Child care provided at the church. Your child will watch a movie, play games, have snacks, and other fun activities.

See you there!

Christine Sallstrom

Kids Corner

Greetings from Christian Education! We had a wonderful month preparing and celebrating Easter with the children. We made palm crosses which we took to the residents at West Mount. We also sang for them and provided a short service. Our Children's Choir did an outstanding job that day and we thank their director, Lesley Clemons for all of her hard work and dedication to making that happen.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a lot of fun too, especially if you were one of the lucky ones to find a golden \$ egg!

Pastor Ali is starting a confirmation class for interested students in 9th – 12th grade. She will start this on May 1st. Please let her know if you plan to attend

Mark your calendars! Activity Sunday is April 17th. During the month we are focusing on helping out animals. We will be collecting pet supplies such as wet and dry food, toys, treats, kitty litter and bath supplies to donate to a local animal shelter. Once we hear back from our shelter, we will pass out a more specific list of needs.

On Activity Sunday we will make homemade doggy treats and some toys as well, and will put together animal care packages for the shelter's occupants. Then keep an eye out for when we will be visiting the shelter to deliver our care packages and visit with some furry critters!



Dana Power, Judy Guilford, Laura Corriveau



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:

April

- 3 Earl Family**
- 10 Alex Parrott & Helene Horn**
- 17 Sue Moore & Pat Carpenter**
- 24 Blanco Family**

May

- 1 Judy & Ted Guilfords**
- 8 the Elders**
- 15 Cornelius Family**
- 22 Howard & Linda Nicols**
- 29 Sarah King & Maribeth Tenne**

Words to Ponder:

The father said to his elder son, "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

(Lk 15:1-3, 11-32)

The prodigal son is one of Jesus' best known parables. In the closing scene, the elder son refused to join the celebration, so the father goes to plead with him. It ends there and we never know whether the elder son went in or stayed out.

Here is an imaginary ending.

While the father and elder son are arguing in the backyard, the mother comes out and says, "Now I have had just about enough." To her husband, "You've always favored our youngest and you know it. Our elder son works hard every day and you take him for granted. I hardly ever hear you say "thank you," except to the hired hands. It's about time you started noticing your family for a change."

Then to the elder son, "And you...always the martyr. You act as if you're the only one who has to go the extra mile. Well, I have to do it and so does everybody else. It's time you learned to swallow hard and rise about the things in life that are unfair. Stop your silly pouting."

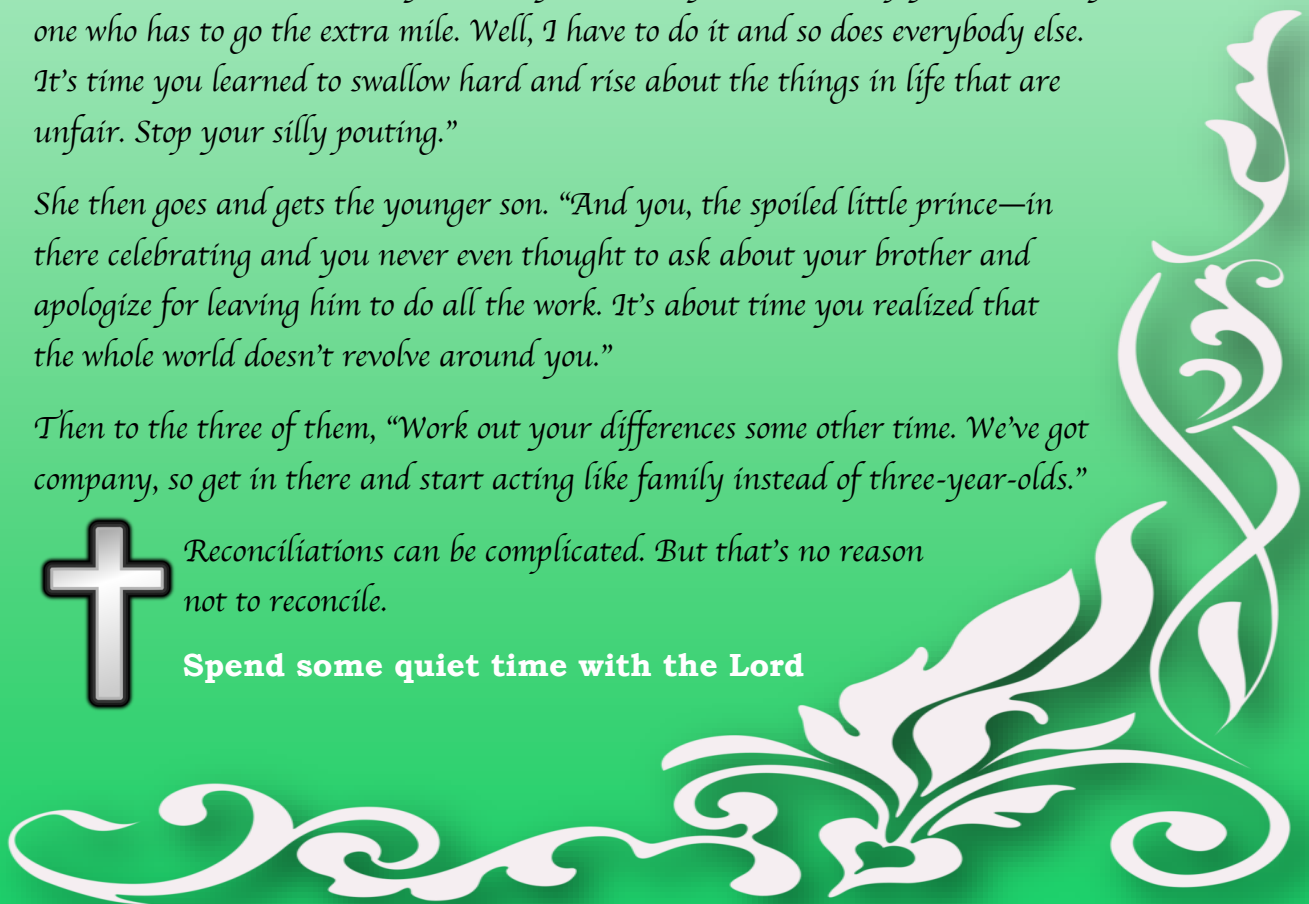
She then goes and gets the younger son. "And you, the spoiled little prince—in there celebrating and you never even thought to ask about your brother and apologize for leaving him to do all the work. It's about time you realized that the whole world doesn't revolve around you."

Then to the three of them, "Work out your differences some other time. We've got company, so get in there and start acting like family instead of three-year-olds."



Reconciliations can be complicated. But that's no reason not to reconcile.

Spend some quiet time with the Lord



Please join us for **North Country Ministry's Annual Spring Gala** on **Friday April 29** at Hiland Park Country Club in Queensbury.

"Spotlight on Broadway" will feature performances of favorite Broadway show tunes as well as dinner, raffles, a wonderful silent auction, and an exciting live auction. Tickets are \$65 each and must be reserved in advance. For reservations, please contact Sally Lemery at 793-7409 or you may download an invitation from our web site at northcountryministry.org.



Hope to see you there!

DEACON'S CORNER

The Deacons were pleased to offer an Easter Meal basket to folks in our community. We assembled 27 baskets which included fixings for a roast chicken dinner, eggs, rolls, potatoes and dessert. Those who came were thrilled and everyone was very thankful. Our church has a great outreach to those in need and we are truly blessed to be able to provide this mission.

The annual **Spring Rummage Sale** is planned for **Thurs. May 19th through Sat. May, 21st.**

Start collecting your rummage and consider helping with the set up any of the days leading up to the sale. This is a huge fund raiser for our church so plan to join in the fun !

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

April 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 APRIL FOOLS' DAY	2
3 Communion	4	5 Supervisory Meeting 12:15	6 Mission Committee 2:15	7	8 Food Pantry 9:30-12	9
10	11	12 Fellowship & Hospitality Mtg. 10:30	13 6:30 Deacons Mtg.	14 Choir 7 Preschool Open House 6-7:30	15 Preschool Fundraising Social 6-8:30 at The Olde Log Inn	16
17	18	19 Session Mtg. 5:30	20 Mission Committee 2:00	21 Choir 7	22 Food Pantry 9:30-12	23 Haiti Mission Trip
24	25	26 Session Mtg. 5:30	27	28 Choir 7	29	30

Happy Birthday

Mary McIntyre	Nancy Hollenbeck
Pat Eagelstone	Len Bunalski
Ron Eaglestone	Laura Moody
Ina Monroe	Jennifer Blanco
Alex Blanco	Suzanna Bernd-Gorey
Bill Carpenter	
Kenneth Hughes	



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-Pearl, Linda Carr, Christine Nicols, 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, Alexa Wheeler, Nancy Tracy, George Heinrich, Dave Paddock, Kevin Lavito, Linda Nicol's brother-in-law's mother, Alex Blanco, Ron Madeira, Donny Baker, Janice Webber, Jeff Moody, Carol Foster, Lesley Clemons, Chris Sallstrom.



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.

Hospital, Nursing and Retirement Homes:

Indian River Nursing Home: Pat Eaglestone
Fort Hudson: Charles Sandora
The Stanton: Harry Spahn



NEWS FROM THE HAITI MISSION SCHOOL FOR APRIL 2016



On Sunday March 6, Tom and JoEllen led worship at Shaftsbury United Methodist Church in Shaftsbury VT. Shaftsbury has been one of our supporting congregations and invited us to visit and lead worship. In the service, during the children's moment, JoEllen talked of the need for pure drinking water and shared the story of the water filter straws which we will be taking to Haiti in April..

(see last month's HMS News)

Since several towns near Shaftsbury are dealing with the threat of PFOA in their water, it was a timely message. The love offering they took that morning raised over \$600 to go to the purchase of the straws. Meanwhile donations from Caldwell Presbyterian and Trinity Presbyterian have us nearing our goal of 200 straws.

The team from Bay Road Church had a good and productive trip to Haiti in February. One of their favorite parts of the visit was at the secondary school where some of our graduates attend. The team subdivided into small groups and had a chance to visit with the students and share about their lives. One member of the team, Charlotte Holding shared that she had just been learning about Haiti's revolution and one of its heroes Toussaint Louverture. The Haitians said that they had just been studying about Louverture also.



The team from Trinity Presbyterian in Scotia New York going to Haiti in April has been meeting once each month. The last meeting focused on going through the team manual and making certain that inoculations have been done, passports are in order and a discussion of funding for the trip.

Meanwhile, Steve Parsons who is leading this trip met with JoEllen and Tom and discussed details of housing, transportation, funding and scheduling. He is beginning to realize just how much is involved in planning a trip for a group.

Mission of the Month for April—Children's Defense Fund



Did you know:

The United States has the second highest child poverty rate among 35 industrialized countries despite having the largest economy in the world.

A child in the United States has a 1 in 5 chance of being poor and the younger she is the poorer she is likely to be.

A child of color, who will be in the majority of U.S. children in 2020, is more than twice as likely to be poor as a White child.

Growing up poor has lifelong negative consequences, decreasing the likelihood of graduating from high school and increasing the likelihood of becoming a poor adult, suffering from poor health, and becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

These impacts cost the nation at least half a trillion dollars a year in lost productivity and increased health and crime costs. Letting a fifth of our children grow up poor prevents them from having equal opportunities to succeed in life and robs the nation of their future contributions.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL

(Above information comes from the Children's Defense Fund website) community by letting Mark Mannix or one of our Mission Committee members know (during March or anytime!)

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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