

# The Seeker for June 2016

## Newsletter for the Caldwell Presbyterian Church



### SUMMER READING

I don't quite know why, but ever since I was young I looked forward to summer reading. In school it was mandatory, and I do remember vividly the one summer I had to read *Watership Down*, thinking many times in my 6<sup>th</sup> grade mind, "why are they making us read this?" I clearly didn't appreciate the imaginative literature about the animal kingdom! (I really should reread that one.) But really, since those early school days, summer reading has always been a highlight of the year for me—books I didn't quite have time to devote to reading during the year became the stuff of summer reads. I remember reading Richard Llewellyn's *How Green Was My Valley* in summer, and Laura Hillenbrand's *Seabiscuit*, and Alan Paton's *Cry the Beloved Country*, and Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms*—each one was a stand-out summer read.

In Seminary I learned how integral reading is to the life of faith. Now each summer I try to read through the Book of Psalms, marveling at the Psalmist's voice of praise and lamentation and how I discover new slants of insight each time I read them.

Here at Caldwell we do a lot of reading together. Our book groups are a time for building community, continuing education, sharing our faith perspectives and listening and learning from one another. I know many of us count the book study group as an important part of what sustains our faith.

Our midweek book group has met for book studies in the Fall, during Advent, during Lent, and a brief study in the Springtime. But I don't think we ordinarily read during the summer. So this summer, I invite you to join me in trying something new: **let's launch a summer reading group!**

There are certain authors that every one of us should encounter in our walk of faith, and one such author is Henri Nouwen, a Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer, and theologian whose works have shaped and inspired many in the faith. Our June book is a classic: ***Life of the Beloved*, by Henri J.M. Nouwen.** It is a beautiful book, a spiritual classic, where Nouwen explains the spiritual life in terms that his secular friend can understand. Anyone who is searching for the spirit of God in the world today will benefit from reading it. "All I want to say to you is," Nouwen writes, "You are the Beloved." Please save the date for **Wednesday, June 29, at 9 a.m.** at Café Vero to meet and discuss the book. Also please come with an idea for our July book! Please let me know if you would like us to order you a book. We will place an order on Monday, June 6. Happy Summer, and Happy Reading!

Faithfully,

Ali



## **Preschool News**

Dear Friends,

We only have 2 more weeks of preschool. It's hard to believe that another year is almost done. I can believe it when I sit in on both of our classes. Kate, Sherry and Lesley have done a fantastic job these last couple months finishing the work needed to be ready for next year. The Spring is so much fun and we are always amazed at how these children have grown during the year.



The 4's class has been busy with field trips around Lake George all this week and then the last week of school we have a trip to the Magic Forest, and then graduation on June 10th. It has been a wonderful year and these kiddos are so ready for next year. I will miss them all but am excited for what they will experience next year.

Thanks for your support and love for our school. I want you to know that our 3's class is full for next year and we will be starting a waiting list. The 4's class has 3-5 openings depending on what we decide is the best size for next year. Have a wonderful summer and we are excited to be back in the fall.

Serving with you,  
Christine Sallstrom

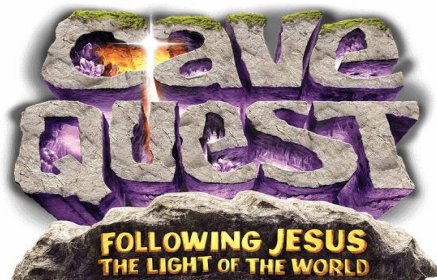
### **Bible School is coming August 8-12 from 9am-noon.**

Our theme this year is **Cave Quest**. We are pleased that Mother Jean DeVaty and volunteers from St.James Episcopal Church will be joining us in this great week of fun and faith.

As always, I look forward to working with all our wonderful volunteers again this summer.

If you are interested in helping, please let me know. If you have a conflict for part of the week, we'd still love to have your help. It is only through the dedication of many many folks that we are able to offer this wonderful week to our community.

Thanks,  
Sarah King  
VBS coordinator



## Fellowship and Hospitality

Committee Members: Emilia Bernd, Helene Horn, Ann Kohland, Tom Jenne, Joni Steiner, and Jessica King (chairperson). 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:

#### June

- 5 The Parsons
- 12 The Nicols
- 19 The Deacons (Father's Day)
- 26 The Jennes

### Save These Dates

**The Albany Presbytery Meeting** is June 3 from 9-4, and June 5 from 9-3:30 at Silverbay. See Pastor Ali if interested in going.

**A breakfast and book study** will meet at Café Vero on Weds., June 29th. The book is "Life of the Beloved" by Henri Nouwen. Anyone is welcome. See Pastor Ali if you plan to attend.

**Youth Sunday** is June 12th.

**A Church Picnic at Usher Park** immediately following the service on June 12th. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad, snack food, or a dessert to share if you are able. Everyone is invited!

**Bible School** is August 8-12th. If you are interested in helping please contact Sarah King.



## **Kid's Corner:**

**Greetings from the CE Committee!! We are focusing on finishing out the school year strong with our newly combined class focusing on creating a Bible Facts video for Youth Sunday, which is June 12th. We will have the End-of-Year Picnic here at church instead of at Usher's Park; we are hoping you will come celebrate summer with us!**

**Adults, if you are interested in becoming a Sunday School teacher, please speak with any CE Committee member or Pastor Ali. We have planned next year's teachers' schedule into very manageable blocks lasting only 4 Sundays. A curriculum is provided (but you don't have to use it if you have other ideas!) and you will have another adult with you in the classroom each week. We are hard pressed for volunteers; if you've been looking for an opportunity to donate your time but don't want to over commit, this might be perfect for you!**

***Note: We are actively looking for someone to volunteer to man the grill and cook up hamburgers and hot dogs. about ½ hour before everyone starts showing up around 11:15am. (Someone who is not involved in the Worship service that morning).***

***Volunteers please contact: Beth Corriveau at #668-2613.***



# LAKE GEORGE MUSIC FESTIVAL

## Host Families needed!

Every August, families in the Lake George area open their homes to Lake George Music Festival musicians. While some hosts are Festival volunteers or board members, many are local residents who just love music and musicians, or simply want to help. It's a unique and wonderful experience!

Hosts are recruited throughout the year, and are matched with guests in August. Musicians are responsible for their own transportation and meals during their stay (some hosts like to invite their guests to join them for meals when possible, but this is not required). Hosts provide a place to sleep and practice.

Musicians arrive August 15 and depart August 26, 2016

Please call **518-791-5089**

or email [info@LakeGeorgeMusicFestival.com](mailto:info@LakeGeorgeMusicFestival.com)



## For the Garden of our Daily Living...

Plant 3 rows of Peas;

Peas of mind

Peas of heart

Peas of soul

Plant 4 rows of Squash;

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness

Plant 4 rows of Lettuce;

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be patient

Lettuce really love one another

No Garden should be without Turnips;

Turnip for service

Turnip for meetings

Turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden we must have Thyme;

Thyme for each other

Thyme for family

Thyme for friends





### **Deacons Corner**

The Deacons would like to thank all who contributed their time, talents, baked goods and fabulous rummage for the sale. We raised a whopping \$3800 +. THANK YOU EVERYONE !!!

The Food Pantry is running smoothly with our two distributions each month. In May we received several generous donations including those from the "Ben Osborne Foundation", and the Postal Carrier food drive, We also have been receiving food donations from our local Mini Chopper each week, their items supplement the freezer items we have on hand. Feel free to stop by on either the second or forth Friday of the month to see the operation.

**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](mailto:secretary@caldwellpres.org).**

### **1st Annual Regional Women's Conference.**

The North River United Methodist Church will be hosting their First Annual Regional Women's Conference on Saturday, June 11th from 9:30am to 2:30pm at the First United Methodist Church of Warrensburg, 3890 Main Street, Warrensburg, NY. Keynote speaker will be Kathy Hammond featuring Wade Hammond as the musical guest. The theme of this conference is "When Life Gives You Lemons." The program focuses on how to overcome the trials and tribulations of everyday life through the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Hammond's have been working together in full time ministry for 18 years which keeps them traveling throughout the country from coast to coast as well as Canada. Cost of this program is \$20.00 per person, which includes a light lunch. Pre-registration is required by sending a check to the North River United Methodist Church, PO Box 218, North River, NY 12856. Deadline is June 3rd. For more information, contact Amy Sabbatis at 518-251-2519.

# June 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Supervisory Meeting 12:30	2 CHOIR 7	3	4
5 Communion	6	7 AMERCADE BREAKFAST 6:30-10 Fellowship and Hospitality Meeting 10:30 Mission Mtg. 11:30	8 AMERCADE BREAKFAST 6:30-10 Deacon Mtg. 6:30	9 AMERCADE BREAKFAST 6:30-10 CHOIR 7	10 AMERCADE BREAKFAST 6:30-10 PRESCHOOL GRADUATION FOOD PANTRY 9:30-11:30	11
12 Youth Sunday and church picnic	13	14 Christian Ed. Meeting 5:30 at Panera	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 Session Mtg. 5:30	22	23	24 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## Happy Birthday

Ali Trowbridge

Nancy Earl

Yvonne Fuller

Patty Brozyna

Gavin Monroe

Clyde Gazlay

Al Kopf

Caroline Becker

Chelsea Blanco

Christina Bunalski

Justin Blanco

Madeline Gorey



## PRAYER CONCERNS

Jenne Family, Bunalski Family, Lauren & Karen Azer, Ben Green, Yvonne Fuller, John & Ann Kohland, Pamela Parrott, Alex & Justin Blanco, Andy & Melissa Thomas, Weisners, Linda Nicol's sister-in-law, Carol Foster, Ron Madeira, Guilford's daughter Heidi, Nancy Hollenbecks granddaughter Erica, Becky Compson, Joe Mazilli, Janie Green's sister & family, Norm Hern, Tom Parsons, Harry Spahn, Peg & Les Edwards & their friend Lynne, Brozyna's friend Mary, Norm Duell, Jean Paul, Michele Molldrem-Hotko's husband, Cindy Carr, Antwon Munda, KC Glenn, Ree Humphrey, Brittany Bushey.

### **Recently Deceased:**

Victor Strom

David Strausser

### **Hospital, Nursing & Retirement Homes**

*Warren Center* – Pat Eaglestone

*Fort Hudson*— Charles Sandora



## **Crandall Public Library Spring 2016 Film & Video Festival**

Films are shown in the Community Room in the basement

(If you enter from Glen St., go down the stairs and then to the left.)

There is no cost and if you arrive a bit early, there's even popcorn!

**\*\* June 1 – Wednesday at 6:30 \*\***

Blue Gold – The film documents the environmental issues behind why we are rapidly losing our fresh water supplies, the politics behind water ownership & distribution, and scenarios of what will happen as water becomes increasingly scarce.

--Visit Crandall Public Library's website for more details about the film

<http://www.crandalllibrary.org/programs/filmseries.php>



June Mission of the Month:  
Regional Food Bank Community Shares Program



The Community Shares Program (CSA) is a relationship between a farm and a group of members who purchase shares to support a farm that produces fresh seasonal produce during the growing season.

Here's how it works:

Members sign up to purchase shares online.

A family share is \$420, an individual share is \$260. The family share will feed a family of 3-4 and an individual share will feed 1-2 people.

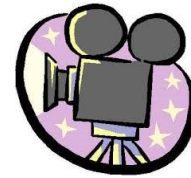
Members receive a weekly supply of fresh produce during the growing season, July through October. Each week the share will provide 7-10 varieties of vegetables including among other things, beets, garlic, greens, tomatoes, beans, sweet corn, potatoes, cabbage and squash. You can also purchase a fruit share (\$125 when purchased together with vegetable share, \$140 if purchased separately) which provides berries, pears, apples, grapes, peaches, cider and cider donuts!).

Deliveries are made weekly (fruits are delivered 5 times during the season) at the farm in Knox, the Regional Food Bank in Latham or other locations in the capitol district.

Members can visit the farm on designated Saturdays throughout the season and pick their own vegetables.

Shares can also be donated to the Food Bank and the fruits and vegetables are then combined with donations from many other food sources (farms, wholesalers, groceries, etc.) to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to those who need them (including our own food pantry.)

*The farm in Knox practices organic farming methods. Pesticide use is strictly controlled according to OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute) standards, and many crops receive no pesticides at all.*



## Crandall Public Library Film Series

There are still a few films left in the Spring 2016 Film & Video Festival.

Films are shown in the Community Room in the basement

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Each film is shown at 2:30 and 6:30 on Tuesdays unless otherwise noted:

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Blue Gold – The film documents the environmental issues behind why we are rapidly losing our fresh water supplies, the politics behind water ownership & distribution, and scenarios of what will happen as water becomes increasingly scarce.

June 7 – Barista – A humorous, emotional & enlightening look into the unimaginable world of coffee competitions.

June 14 – Black Maria Film & Video Festival – a series of short films on many subjects

Pt. 1 at 2:30 and Pt. 2 at 6:30 – Visit website for more details about these shorts as well as the entire season: <http://www.crandalllibrary.org/programs/programs-filmseries.php>

June 21 – Coming Home – The bittersweet story of a political prisoner who returns to a wife who no longer remembers him.

June 28 – Steve Jobs – The story of the complex man leading the world's digital revolution.

Listening assistive devices are supplied upon request.

Funding for these items is courtesy of the Glens Falls Lions Club  
and the Friends of Crandall Public Library.



## Haiti Mission of the Month – June, 2016

### Team Returns From Haiti

The team which consisted of 6 members from Trinity Presbyterian Church in Scotia NY and 4 from the Caldwell Presbyterian in Lake George NY returned from Haiti on May 1. Even with a few digestive issues for several of the team they agreed it was a great trip.

We visited the Haiti Mission School and the secondary school where 15 of our graduates attend. We visited and prayed for the children at the hospital and were able to fill prescriptions for 8 children. Two of the children were burn victims from Leone Howard assisted in getting to the hospital. The parents had been treating the children's burns with toothpaste.

This was the first trip to a third world country for three members of the team and of course it was an eye-opening experience for them. For most Americans a visit to Haiti is at first shocking due to the extreme poverty. Then as we come to know the people we find them to be warm, fun-loving and much like our friends at home (except they speak Creole).

It was a joy to have our son Steve lead this trip. He was accompanied by his wife Jennifer and two sons, Blaine and Rhett. Also five members of the Board were with us and we were able to conduct quite a lot of business.

### A Day at the Beach



We had a wonderful day at the beach with 16 children from the *Four Square Orphanage*. We managed to get all the children and two of our own group in the back of a pickup truck for the trip to and from the orphanage.

### Student Released from Jail

One of our secondary school students, Jackson Chervil has been in jail for 7 months charged with accessory to murder. With much help from a local judge and an investigator from the Labastille area, he was found not guilty and released while we were there. We celebrated with him and encouraged him to find some different friends. We hope he will be able to attend school in the fall.

### Water Filter Straws

As reported in the March issue of our newsletter a primary mission of this team was the delivery of water filter straws for students and staff at the school. We brought 200 straws with us and gave out 150 at the Haiti Mission School and another 15 to our secondary school students. We had a lot of fun giving out the straws and training the children in how to use them.



### Please pray for Antwan Lendi

Antwan Lendi is a three month old abandoned child we met at the hospital in Jèrèmie. Antwan was named after the name of the hospital (Antwan Hospital) and the day he arrived at the hospital (Monday) which in Creole is Lendi.

We are hoping the Rock orphanage (one of the nicest orphanages in southwestern Haiti) will accept him. We have encouraged them to do so. Please join us in praying that it will happen sooner rather than later.



### Long-time Teacher Ill

Our longest serving teacher, Jean Paul has been off since February with prostate and kidney problems. He rode with the team to Port Au Prince where he will undergo surgery. Please join us as we continue to pray for him.

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## **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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