

THE SEEKER

MAY 2016

Sailing the Summer Seas at Caldwell

Throughout my high school years I sailed 420s competitively. A 420 is a sailboat with a mainsail and a jib and is the class of boats commonly used in youth sailing. Whether I was the skipper or the crew, I had a specific job that was integral to the success of our race. As a team, we used to talk about how sailing fast, efficiently, and keeping our boat flat was directly dependent upon each person doing his or her job well, no matter how big or small. As skipper, I would trim the main, sail the boat at various points of sail, tack and jibe, sail upwind just as well as sailing downwind, and I knew the racing rules well enough to call them and make split second decisions at the always hectic start of a race. As crew, I had to trim the jib, maneuver my weight to keep the boat flat, watch the telltales and the other boats in the race, and communicate everything I saw to the skipper. Both skipper and crew work together to decide race tactics, watch for headers and lifts on the water and estimate where the best wind is and how to take advantage of it. My senior year, our team made it to Sailing Nationals at Annapolis, MD. Sailing a 420 was a thrill!

Serving a church is a lot like sailing a boat. A ship is an ancient Christian symbol. The church is a vessel of Christ sailing the voyage of life, and from our birth to our death, the church is a present help before the complex and often harsh winds and seas of the world. Through worship, mission, and community, we ride the currents of life so that, by God's grace, we move forward toward the horizon with vitality and strength. If we take the metaphor one step further, we see how we each have a role which, when done well and to the best of our ability, helps the ship sail at our maximum potential.

As we approach the summer months, we have a number of occasions for you to find your part in helping the Caldwell ship to sail fast! We need someone to be the "skipper" or the Coordinator for the Americade breakfasts on the mornings of June 7-11; we need "crew" to help with the Property jobs from fixing minor repairs around church to taking a turn mowing the lawn; and we need some "skippers" to volunteer to manage parking on Thursday Fireworks evenings as well as the Car Show to raise funds for our missions. There will be a poster-board in the Coffee Room beginning this month for you to sign up to volunteer for one (or some) of these important jobs. Let's be unified in our goal: to keep our Caldwell ship sailing smoothly through the summer months, all to God's glory, honor, and praise.

Faithfully,

Ali



Preschool News

Hello Everyone,

We have had some great times these last couple weeks in preschool. We have been studying Community Helpers and had so many people come in; The Captain of the Horicon, Fire Boat from Lake George, School Bus, A dad who owns a Nature Store, a School Principal, a dad who drives a BIG oil truck, and we hope to go to the Post Office the beginning of May. I hope I haven't missed anyone as Kate and Sherry did a great job with all that happened this month. What a wonderful community to support our school in so many ways!



The children have also been growing plants, pollywogs, and caterpillars to butterflies. How exciting to walk in the room and see all of God's creation proclaiming His glory.

We look forward to finishing the year getting ready for Kindergarten and most of all learning of God's great love and plan for us. We will be working on creation, and the first thing we know is that God has always been there and that He had a plan when He began creation. The kids' hearts are so open to all that God has to teach them and we are excited to fill them with the Truth from His Word. How exciting to send them off knowing that God is good and loves them so much. As they look around may they always be reminded that He has great plans and provisions for them. Kate, Leslie, Sherry and I consider it pure joy to share Jesus with these little ones and pray that one day they will give their lives to Him and live all their days for His glory.

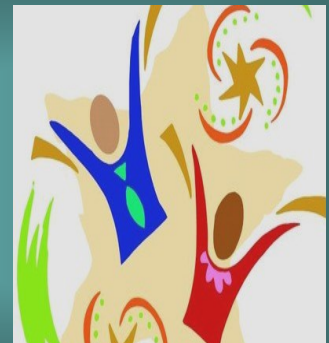
A BIG THANKYOU to Kim Cornelius for the wonderful job she did with our fundraiser this Spring. She gathered many baskets for our raffle (and also donated several), decorated, put together babysitting for the night and advertised. So thankful for Rod and Kim's love for the preschool and their hard work to make it such a blessing to our community. Thank you to Denise Perry, Stephanie Fregoe, Jess King, Jeb Trowbridge, Emilia Bernd, and the others who stepped in to help make this night so special.

Good to be serving with you,

Chris Sallstrom

Preschool Fund Raiser Success!

Thank you to everyone who
attended and contributed to the
The Preschool Committee Fundraiser on April 15th.
We raised over \$4500.00 dollars.



Fellowship and Hospitality

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

May Coffee Hour Hosts:

**1 Guilfords
8 the Elders
15 Cornelius Family
22 Nicols
29 Sarah King & Maribeth Tenne**

June Coffee Hour Hosts:

**5 Tom and JoEllen Parsons
12 Linda and Howard Nicols
19 Father's Day -the Deacons
26 Jenne family**

Mission News

The Crandall Library Film Series on Tuesday, May 10th at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. will feature The documentary film, "After I Pick the Fruit". This film shares stories of five immigrant women who are mothers, wives, and workers in an isolated community.

Picking apples is their job. Some of the workers live and work not too far from us and are a part of the system that provides us with fresh food.

One of our missions last year was the *Rural Migrant Ministry of NY*. This film should Help us understand the lives of migrant families a little better.

The National Register of Historic Places listing for Caldwell Presbyterian has been confirmed by the National Park Service, and the process is now complete! A fine addition to the Register, and a nice complement to the Episcopal church across the street. ~~~Margy Mannix, Lake George Town Historian

Kids Corner

Happy Spring!! *Finally some sunshine and warmth.*

Hello from the CE Program! We had a great month learning about our mission to provide Haitian people access to clean water!



Activity Sunday was a great success; the kids made cat toys and doggie treats to donate to the Queensbury SPAC. We will be delivering our goodies on Friday, May 6th at 4:30. Please meet Pastor Ali at the church if you would like to go along to the shelter.

Confirmation class is starting very soon; speak with Pastor Ali if you or your student (grades 9-12) is interested in becoming a member of our church!

Our two Sunday School classes will be combined into one for the remainder of the school year while we prepare for Youth Sunday, so come ready to learn and participate!

If you or your student are attending college in the fall and would like to apply for our scholarship, pick up an application from the church office as soon as you can

Vacation Bible School: Our theme this year is Cave Quest and will be held from August 8-12 from 9am-noon. 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, we look forward to working with all our wonderful volunteers again this summer. If you would like to volunteer to help, shoot Sarah King an email. 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. *(See Sarah King for more information).*

PENIEL BIBLE/ CONFERENCE CENTER WOMEN'S RETREAT

"With Forgiveness Comes Freedom"

A time of rejuvenation and renewal for women

Peniel Bible Conference Center, 336 Lake Tour Rd, Lake Luzerne

May 6@ 4pm- May 7@3 pm

Speaker: Cory Patterson

Worship/music: Neshama

Dancers, Activities, Soloist

Register by April 29 at www.peniellbibleconference.org

\$95 fee Includes Lodging, 3 meals refreshments and program

Flyers available in the coffee room.

Ecumenical Boat Cruise

The Saint Sacrament will sail on Saturday, May 15th, Boarding begins at 4:30 pm. The boat ride is free. Tickets are available in the coffee room. Sail from 5-7.



May Mission of the Month



Hospice is about living

High Peaks Hospice & Palliative Care

A "terminal diagnosis" does not stop you from living. And hospice care is about living as fully and joyfully as possible for as long as possible.

Dame Cecily Saunders, the founder of the modern hospice movement once wrote, *"You matter because you are. You matter to the last moment of your life, and we will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully but also to help you live until you die."*

Hospice is not a place. It is a way of caring. Rather than focusing on tubes and medications to keep you alive as long as possible, in a sterile environment and without consideration for quality of life, hospice focuses on the individual and his or her choices. Decisions are based on the wishes and desires of the individual and their families. Do you want to spend your last days in the comfort of your own home? Are there relationships that you would like to mend so you can die with the peace of mind knowing you did your best? Would you like help with practical matters such as establishing needed services, funeral plans, or other legal matters? Would caregivers like to be given respite? Is spirituality important to you?

These are just some of the questions that are asked by patients and their families and acted upon by hospice staff. Because you are encouraged to share your thoughts and visions of your final months and days hospice staff can help to make wishes come true. From the woman who wanted to throw herself a huge going away party, to the 92 year-old woman who had one last wish – to parachute out of a plane. *Helping these dreams come true is what hospice is all about.*

Deacons Corner

Rummage & Bake Sale dates are set!

The Church will start accepting your rummage on Sunday, May 15th through Wednesday May 18th. We are looking for clean, gently used clothing, housewares, books, and children's toys and games.

(please no large TV's or heavy furniture)

Sale Dates and times: Thursday, May 19th from 3 - 7pm

Friday, May 20th from 11-5 and Saturday bag sale from 9-11.

We are also in need of helping hands to assist with set up on Sunday May 15th after church and help with sorting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week.

It is a great fundraiser for the church so we encourage all who are able to join in the fun and help with this great event!

Please consider making some Baked goods or yummy treats for the Bake Sale that will run concurrently with the rummage sale.

Margy Mannix, Linda Carr, Patti Brozyna, Lynda Glenn, Bob Gunther,
Tom Jenne, Tim McCann

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

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. Brochures are available in the Coffee Room and 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,

May 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Communion	2	3 10:30 Fellowship and Hospitality Meeting	4 Supervisory Meeting 12:30	5 Choir 7	6	7
8	9	10 Christian Ed. Meeting 5:30 at Panera	11 Mission Committee 2:00 Deacon Mtg. 6:30	12 Choir 7	13 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	14
15 Youth Grp. Mtg. 11:30 with Pastor Ali Rummage sale set up	16	17 Session Mtg. 7	18	19 Rummage & Bake Sale 3-7 Choir	20 Rummage Sale 11-5	21 Rummage sale 9-11
22	23	24	25	26 Choir 7	27 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	28
29	30	31				

Senior Breakfast

Please join us at the Holiday Inn on Monday, May 9th. The breakfast starts at 8:30 and the cost is \$8.00 including tip. The program is Poland and Lithuania presented by Phyllis Budka. Contact Helene Horn or Jess King by May 7th to make a reservation.

Happy Birthday

Chrissy Nicols
Darlene Gunther
Lesley Clemons
Rod Cornelius
Peg Earl



PRAYER CONCERNS

Len Bunalski, Pamela Parrott, Lauren & Karen Azer, Justin & Alex Blanco, Corriveau's friend-Andy, John Kohland, Linda Nicol's sister-in-law, Jenne family, Ben Green, Will Weisner, Nancy Hollenbeck's granddaughter Erica & son-in-law Mark, Yvonne Fuller and their friend's daughter, Ron Madeira, Carol Foster, Erica West, Guilford's daughter Heidi, Ali Trowbridge's father, Becky Compson, Yvonne Fuller, Erika West, Joe Mazilli, Janie Green's sister Linda & family, Les Edward's friend Lynne, Pam Barker, Amrock's uncle, Norma Hern, the team serving in Haiti this week, Pam Chapman, Dorothy Quigan, Brozyna's friend Mary, Rick Crueg's family.

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:

Victor Strom Family

Earthquake Victims in Japan & Ecuador

David Strausser family

HOSPITAL, NURSING & RETIREMENT HOMES

Warren Center – Pat Eaglestone

Fort Hudson— Charles Sandora

OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE MILITARY

OUR NATION AND OUR LEADERS IN GOVERNMENT

OUR MISSIONARIES

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD



**Please save the date: Sunday, May 22, 5 p.m.,
for a Congregational Dinner
followed by a presentation by Jeff Brozyna on
"The Colonial Army Chaplains of Lake George 1755-1762."**

Jeff writes, "The French and Indian War was not just an economic, political and military battle for empire. It was a personal struggle that tested the spiritual and secular belief system of the inhabitants of Britain's protestant colonies in America....this presentation examines the religious attitudes of the American chaplains assigned to the colonial regiments and the soldiers with whom they served. We will also see whether religious beliefs helped to set the stage for the American Revolution which occurred less than a dozen years later." All are welcome to this 35 minute presentation, followed by Q & A.

May Newsletter from the Haiti Mission School

*A team of ten led by Steve Parsons will be in Haiti visiting the school the last week of April.

*We were excited last week when a UPS truck delivered the 200 water filter straws we had ordered (see March newsletter for details). We will take the filter straws with us to give to students and staff at the school and our graduates at the secondary school. We are hopeful they will improve our students' health and help prevent waterborne disease.

*On April 10, JoEllen led the young disciples section of worship at the Caldwell Church. Her message focused on the water and Jesus. She told how the water straws will help the students at our school have pure water wherever they are, responding to Jesus call to take care of his lambs. (John 21:15)

As part of the presentation, she held up a jar of obviously dirty water. She asked the children if they would like to drink it. No one accepted the offer. Then she said she would drink some. One of the children cried "Don't do it!" JoEllen took the water filter straw, dipped it in the jar and drank from it. The children (and many adults) were clearly impressed. After the service, numerous people came to our display and asked many good questions. They also donated generously toward the water straws.

*It's possible the Haitian presidential election, currently rescheduled for April 24, is headed for yet another delay. Besides the general unrest and riots, these delays cause many other issues in the country. Our own school is a case in point. As we reported last year, we had been in discussions with the Haitian education department about paying our teachers. Officials of the Education Department are currently unsure of the funding or direction until a new President makes clear his or her intentions. (The previous President had made free primary education a top priority.) And so it is likely that we will be forced to await the new Haitian President for a decision.

*We are currently redesigning our website (www.haitimissionschool.org). By the time you receive the next newsletter, it will hopefully be complete. We will inform you.

And now, as we head off to Haiti with the team I thought you might enjoy this poem I wrote after one particularly difficult night a couple of years ago at the hotel where we stay in Jèrèmie:

LET SLEEPING PASTORS LIE

Beneath my window—it's 2 AM
Lies a sleeping hound.
The night is peaceful- and so am I.
For there's no trouble 'round.
But down the road a block or two
The wind begins a song.
A sleeping dog perks up his ears
He senses something's wrong.
He's on his feet—he's wary now,
And starts a warning: "Hark!
Get up! Get up! It may be bad!"
Soon others start to bark

From dog to dog the cry rings out.
And travels up to us
And now the mutt below my room
Joins in the awful fuss.
The hands on the clock tick slowly by
As I try counting sheep.
And now I begin to think revenge
Because I cannot sleep!

The sun is up and so am I,
I stumble forth with bleary eye
And find it hard when I pass by
To let this sleeping canine lie.



Dear Friends,

Over the past dozen years I have had the good fortune, ability and health to do numerous multi-day bike tours to some amazing locations in the United States . I have done these trips for the camaraderie of fellow travelers, exercise, to explore new places and the pure joy of riding my bike. Essentially these rides were for my fun and enjoyment.

When I became aware of the Empire State Ride- a 500+ mile week long bike ride from Manhattan to Niagara Falls- dedicated to raising money for cancer research, I knew in my heart and soul this was a ride I had to do because of its higher purpose.

I have watched 4 incredibly important people in my life lose their lives to cancer. Blood cancer took the life of my brother Bobby at age 35; my best friend and brother in law John was lost to brain cancer at age 46; close friends Darlene and Mary Ellen died of ovarian cancer in their mid 50s. Darlene was a neighbor and co-coach of our daughters' youth commission softball team, and Mary Ellen was the wife and paddling partner of one of my canoe racing buddies. It was overwhelming to watch how quickly this disease decimated and ultimately claimed the lives of these 4 vibrant people. Additionally, there is Eileen, a vivacious and strong willed woman with lung cancer, and my long time college roommate, close friend, and confidant, Whit, with pancreatic cancer. Both are inspirations of courage, true fighters, and multi-year survivors.

The world is a better place because of the contributions of these people and it is truly a shame the effect cancer has had on them, their families, and communities.

In honor of Eileen and Whit, and in memory of Bobby, John, Darlene, and Mary Ellen, I am seeking to raise a substantial amount of money for the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo , NY . I am dedicating my 500+ mile ride in August to the above named individuals and also to all those people who can no longer ride a bike, paddle a canoe, or hike a forest path because cancer took them well before their time.

Undoubtedly, someone important in your life has been impacted by cancer as well. Won't you please join me in this cause and donate generously what you can on behalf of your loved ones and mine?

In advance I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Together, we can do this.

Dave Paddock

If you can donate—please make check out to –Roswell Park Alliance Foundation- and mail back to me or go on line to www.EmpireStateRide.com and click the donation button. You will receive a tax donation form. Thank you so much.

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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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