

THE SEEKER FOR OCTOBER 2016

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*“No Wild Geese”
“...In time’s maze
over the fall fields... We open
a persimmon seed to find the tree
that stands in promise,
pale, in the seed’s marrow.
Geese appear high over us,
pass, and the sky closes. Abandon,
as in love or sleep, holds
them to their way, clear,
in the ancient faith: what we need
is here. And we pray, not
for new earth or heaven, but to be
quiet in heart, and in eye
clear. What we need is here...”*

—An excerpt from the poem “Wild Geese,” by Wendell Berry, 1987

Dear Caldwell Family,

Fall has been packed full of mission and purpose already! In our world swirling with winds of change, Caldwell’s tradition of outreach to the community enters another autumn season with a bang. As I write the Rummage Sale is in full swing, thanks to countless volunteers whose devotion has transformed our boxed and bagged goods into a beautiful show room of treasures.

Thank you all for your gifts in support of the Haiti Mission School last month. This month we have an opportunity to support a clean water Eagle Scout project as well as our Food Pantry mission. Gratitude to many of you who have volunteered to help with the Lake George Teen Center which is up and running and continues to build momentum among our teens. Our book group and bible study are both in full swing, and new participants are always welcome. The Youth Group has dozens of fantastic ideas to implement this year, and we are very excited to kick-off our gatherings with a church-sponsored trip to Adirondack Extreme on Columbus Day—a day of adventure, challenge, and great fun! Our Sunday School classes are lively and full, and the CE team is working to implement the new teacher-rotation schedule so more volunteers can take a turn to lead the youth in a lesson. The Preschool is bustling each morning and our shared greeting is always one of the brightest moments of my day.

Next week you will be hearing more from Rod Cornelius, our Finance Elder, about this year’s Stewardship Campaign to support the ministry and mission here at Caldwell.

In this vivid season filled with flurry and activity, when the temperatures drop and the mornings are crisp, and the sky displays sunsets from the glorious Artist of us all, I am grateful for the reminder from Wendell Berry: what we need is here. May God fill you with peace.

Faithfully,

Ali

College Student Addresses Needed

If you know of a college student in the congregation, the Deacons would like to send them a care package or a gift card to let them know we are praying and thinking about them.

Please contact Patty Brozyna.

“Haiti Luncheon Thank you!”

On behalf of the students and staff of the Haiti Mission School, we would like to thank each and every person who helped make last Sunday's luncheon a success. Special thanks to members of the Mission Committee and to all who helped set up, clean up and who made desserts. Donations to the school at the luncheon amounted to \$2873.75. That's equal to 83 days of school lunches or 44 scholarships!!!

GERMAN DINNER

St James', 172 Ottawa Street in Lake George will host our annual German Dinner on Saturday October 12, 2016

Two Setting Times: 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

Take-out available from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Handicap accessible Free parking





Craft Fair/Fall Festival

Saturday, October 8th from 9-4

Sacred Heart Parish Center

50 Mohican St., Lake George

Hand-made crafts, raffles, food, book sale, mums, and apple pies.

Coffee Hour Hosts

October

- 2 Cornelius Family
- 9 Mannix Family
- 16 King Family
- 25 Roach Family
- 30 Earl Family



KIDS CORNER Welcome back to the new Sunday school year!!

We were very excited about the record turnout for Rally Sunday. We were reminded to **THINK** before we use our words, and we made some very Nice Prayer rocks the glow in the dark. Great Start!!

We have selected a curriculum this year that will follow the same Lectionary that Pastor Ali will be preaching from in worship. Our thinking is as follows:

- Children and parents can leave church and be able to reinforce their lesson for the day with each other. They may get a different perspective from each other and encourage conversation at home.
- If we have more parents and members involved in Sunday school classes they will not miss out on the lectionary in worship, they will be teaching the same lesson Pastor Ali will be preaching.

We are trying to make it easier for our parents and congregants to get more involved with the children's Spiritual growth here at Caldwell. It is a wonderful example for our children to see us worshipping the Lord together, and for our own children to see us in such a role as teacher. We will be asking grandparents, mother and fathers to possibly help with Sunday school class once or twice this year. We have created a way to make it as easy as possible to help.

We are currently using Feasting On The word, a lectionary based curriculum put out by Westminster John Knox Press (www.feastingontheword.net). The curriculum included music, activities and discussion, making it very easy to spend 45 minutes teaching a simple lesson from the Bible. If you have your own talent or lesson you would like to teach the children we are also encouraging your own ideas for a class. The curriculum is there for guidance and structure if you want.

October 10th 11am ADIRONDACK EXTREME DON'T MISS IT!!. For ages 7 and up. The church is sponsoring this special event, so there is no cost to the student. If you like zip lining, rope swings, and adventure. **Get your name on the List, don't miss out by not signing up.** Get the information from Pastor Ali or Yvonne Fuller. If a ride is needed we can make arrangements to help, but the plans are to meet there. **Parents, please sign the waiver at: www.adirondackextreme.com**

We are pleased to welcome aboard Julia Mannix as teacher in training. She will be working along with another teacher with the preschool department. Yvonne Fuller / Julia Mannix (preschool & kindergarten), Judy Gilford (1st -6th), Tom Yenna (7th & 8th).

NOTE: If for some reason we are short on teachers we will be combining classes. We would rather not, the children are able to be more hands on in smaller groups. We encourage all be involved in some small way if needed, if possible.

We have lots planned for this the upcoming year. We hope to see you **routinely** in Sunday school class this year. —Dana , Judy and Sarah

Would you like to play in our Bell Choir?

Caldwell has a beautiful set of bells and we are looking to see who might be interested in playing them from time to time! Whether you are an experienced bell "ringer" or brand new to the instrument, please let Pastor Ali know if you are interested in playing. Right now we are assessing interest. Children are **WELCOME!**



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

Men's Retreat Oct. 7-9

Peniel Bible Conference
 Lake Tour Rd, Lake Luzerne
 Program: Fatherhood-speaker Ed Keeler
 1 John 2:12-14

Registration \$139.00 includes lodging, 5 meals, refreshments
 and program

To Register: www.penieltbibleconference.org

3:00 pm Friday-Any time Sunday

Retreat will include Skeet Shooting (prize), Turkey shoot
 (prize), fishing(bring your pole), canoeing, music and a bonfire

DEACON'S CORNER

We are sharing in the *October mission of the month*. We are currently assisting approximately 35 families per month through our food pantry which equates to over 100 people helped per month. Families can come to both pantries and records are kept of their visits. Monthly records are then sent to the Regional Food Bank.

Food pantry families come from Lake George, Queensbury and Warrensburg. Our pantry clientele is also offered holiday meal baskets at Thanksgiving and Easter. Thanksgiving baskets are also offered to families within the school district. We work with the school nurse to identify these families. Some of our recipients have helped with our bi-annual rummage sale, we offer them credit at the sale in exchange for time volunteered.

Faithful, loving and helpful volunteers spend approximately 3 hours on each pantry distribution. It operates smoothly from the sign in, to shopping and bagging.

The pantry counts on mission money, grants and outside donations for operating. The church allocated pantry budget for 2016 from was approximately \$4200. We have seen a slight growth of recipients over the past several years. We have tried to implement cost cutting strategies as our operating budget has been stretched to the maximum in order to provide healthy food as well as household goods. We rely on a yearly grant from the Regional Food Bank. This year's 2016 grant was \$2600. You can also contribute by donating canned goods, personal care items, and boxed food that is not out of date.



October 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Communion	3 CE Mtg at Panera 5:30	4 Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting 10:30	5 Mission Com- mittee Mtg. 1:30	6 Choir 7:00	7	8 ADK Church without Walls service 4:00
9	10 Youth Outing to ADK Extreme 11:00	11	12 Book Study 12:30-2	13 Choir 7:00	14 Food Pantry 9:30	15
16	17	18 Session Mtg. 5:30	19 <u>Seeker Deadline</u>	20 Choir 7:00	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Choir 7:00	28 Food Pantry 9:30	29
30	31					

Happy Birthday

Laura Corriveau Oct. 1
 Pam Quigan Oct. 1
 Annabelle Trowbridge Oct. 3
 Sue Hunsicker Oct. 21
 Charlie Fuller Oct. 24
 Catelyn McCann Oct. 30
 Samantha Gorey Oct. 30
 Carol Whalen Oct. 31



Prayer Concerns:

Len Bunalski, Pamela Parrott, Lauren & Karen Azer, Justin & Alex Blanco, Melissa Thomas & Andy, John Kohland, Linda Nicol's sister-in-law, Jenne family, Carol Foster, Ron Madeira, Harry Spahn, Peg & Les Edwards, Jana DeCamilla, Heather Lackey, Alex Kuthovski, the Haiti Mission school & hospital in Jereme, Haiti, Laura Pettis, KC Glenn, Raymond Becker, Pat Carpenter's daughter and brother-in-law, Nelson Family, Ron Garrett, Twila Fitzgerald, Louis Polermo, Jean Paul Michel, Jess King's cousin's wife, Ron E., Tom Parsons.

For Those Who Mourn:

Will Weisner's family

Those Serving In The Military:

John-Navy Seal

Hospital, Nursing And Retirement Homes:

Fort Hudson: Charles Sandora



Please Use the Sign Out Sheet

when borrowing items from the church.

The Property take out sheet will be available in a notebook located above the mailboxes in the hallway outside of the offices.

Please leave your name, phone number, and the item borrowed.

When you return the item, please sign it back in.

Thank you!



October News from the Haiti Mission School



School is open in Haiti. Students returned on Sept 7 to open the tenth year of the school. Starting with a single class of K/1 in 2007/8, we now have six grades, a complete primary school. We anticipate another year of full classes with a total of about 150 pupils. We have graduated four classes and 15 of our top graduates are attending a nearby secondary school with scholarships provided through the Haiti Mission School. The picture below shows the students with their new French-English dictionaries. They have hopes of becoming pastors, teachers, lawyers, doctors and even President.

Speaking of which, Haiti has scheduled its Presidential election for Oct. 9th. Candidates in Haiti cannot begin electioneering until 30 days prior to the election. At this

point, we are certain that many Americans would appreciate an election cycle limited to 30 days. We are eager, as are our Haitian friends, to see the election completed and a new President installed.

We were saddened to hear that one of our students, a first grader died this past summer. As usual, there was scant information about the cause of his death. Marc Arthur Francois, child of God, date of birth.

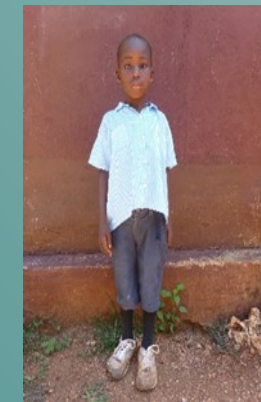


We predict our costs to remain about the same for 2016-17. (\$65.00 for food & \$65.00 for student education). One reason for this is the exchange rate (between Haiti and the U.S., which has been in our favor for the past few years. Another positive result of the exchange rate was the teacher seminar. We were able to afford 4 days this year instead of the 3 we have had for the past couple of years. The teachers have reported in the past that the seminars, coming just before school opens in the fall, help to prepare them and energize them as they return in September.

The question of government pay for teachers is still up in the air. The program is still available and all the necessary paperwork has been submitted. We are waiting for approval from the education department. Of course, the government still is not paying their already promised funds to teachers, so the point may

be moot. In any case, though we pay less, there is something to be said for the fact that we pay them regularly.

We hope you will take a look at the web page for the school (www.haitimissionschool.org) . We are at work making it more up-to-date and useful. A big thankyou to Mark Mannix of Mannix Marketing for his help.



October Mission of the Month:
Clean Drinking Water for Chateau

For my Eagle Scout Project, I am working to provide clean water to a town in Haiti called Chateau. I chose Haiti because I learned from our church mission group that this country is the poorest in the northern hemisphere and that there was an earthquake just outside of Haiti's capital Port au Prince in 2010 that devastated the country. 270,000 people lost their lives that day.

The town of Chateau is in Northwest Haiti. The people that live in Chateau have a church with many little orphans living there. According to the World Food Program, less than 50 percent of households in Haiti have access to safe water and only 25 percent benefit from adequate sanitation. In addition, one-hundred thousand children under five years of age don't have enough food. The people that live in Chateau are so excited that they used the money I already raised to construct the walls and piping for the cistern to collect rain water. However, I need more funds to build a filter to make the water drinkable. The filter that is going to be used is called a biosand filter. It uses sand, rocks, and a tank to sanitize the rain water that will be collected from the metal roof of the church. This project will provide enough clean water for the entire town of Chateau, including the orphans, as well as water for plants and livestock.

I am hoping to raise \$3,000 to build the biosand filter and teach the people of Chateau how to use and repair the filter. I am performing this work for the non-for-profit Voice of the Children Foundation and I am planning to go to Haiti over February break to complete this project with them and members of our congregation.

Thank You for Your Generosity,

Charlie Fuller

Roast Pork Dinner

Prepared by George and Janie Green

Saturday, October 22

Advance ticket sales will be available and take out must be picked up prior to the dinner serving time.

More details to come in the weeks ahead.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends of the preschool,

We have so many exciting things happening at the beginning of this new year. We have a full school but the numbers have shifted a bit in our classes. The 3's class has 14 students and the 4's class has 10 students. What wonderful families we are getting to know this year. We still have people calling to get their children in, so the 4's class may grow a bit before we are done. But right now there is so much we can do with our sweet little group of children.

It has been a great start for our students. The only problem that we are having is that the kids don't want to go home. I am so happy to be working with a wonderful staff of ladies who love these children and their families.

It has also been encouraging to us to have Ali and the school board support us in so many things that had to be done to get this year going. They have also encouraged us above and beyond what had to be done. We also want to thank Laura Moody for always taking care of building things and grass that needs to be cut. We appreciate her willingness to help and always with a smile.

We are looking forward to a couple field trips this month and also the firemen of Lake George will be coming for a visit. We are so blessed to be serving in this family-oriented community.

Thank again for your support and love for the preschool here at Caldwell.

Serving with you,
Chris Sallstrom



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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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