

THE SEEKER FOR APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Lake George Early Spring, by Georgia O'Keeffe

Dear Caldwell Family,

After the blizzard of 2017 delivered over two feet of snow just a few weeks ago, it's somewhat hard to entertain the idea that Spring is here. The birds know it—louder and more cacophonous than I remember them in years past (or maybe I'm just more thirsty for their song this year)—they are busy cleaning house and preparing for their nesting season. From Barred Owls, to Warblers, to Chickadees, to Blue Jays, they're all busy as can be, singing and laughing, I imagine, and in their merriment, awakening us to the wonders of Springtime in the Adirondacks.

And as we prepare to welcome Spring, so too our Lenten journey winds toward Holy Week and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where we prepare ourselves to follow where Jesus courageously walked. A Mary Oliver poem comes to mind:

"Faith is the instructor. We need no other. Guess what I am, he says in his incomparably lovely young-man voice. Because I love the world I think of grass, I think of leaves and the bold sun, I think of the rushes in the black marshes just coming back from under the pure white and now finally melting stubs of snow...Then, he who owns the incomparable voice suddenly flows upward...and I follow, obedient and happy. Of course I am thinking the Lord ...And who else could this be, who goes off down the green path, carrying his sandals, and singing?" "Spring," a poem by Mary Oliver, Evidence, 2009.



"In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me." John L. Bell

May yours be a most reverent and meaningful Holy Week, and joyous Resurrection celebration. May Springtime in the Adirondacks lead you to rise up and follow the one along the green path, take off your shoes, and sing.

Faithfully,

Ali

CALDWELL LAKE GEORGE LIBRARY

ANNUAL FUND RAISER

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FAMILY AND JOIN US AT THE
WILD WEST RANCH ON APRIL 9TH FROM 4-7.**

**THERE WILL BE RAFFLE BASKETS, 50/50, FACE PAINTING,
AND OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS LIKE DECORATE
YOUR OWN COWBOY HAT.**

**THIS WILL BE A FUN EVENT THAT SUPPORTS
OUR LOCAL LIBRARY.**

Kids Corner

Happy Spring! Here's what ahead in Christian Education Land.

April 1 (Saturday) - Yvonne Fuller has a car going to see the musical Godspell at Warrensburg Jr. Sr. High. Interested in joining her? See Yvonne or Ali for more details.

April 2- Communion- No class for grades 7-12.

April 9- Palm Sunday- No Sunday School classes. We will be taking the kids to The Warren Center to hand out palms. We'll leave after the processional and returning in time for coffee hour. See Sarah, Howard or Dana for a permission slip. Confirmation class after church.

April 16- Easter. No Sunday School classes. Annual Egg Hunt directly after service.

April 23 (Spring break)- No Sunday School classes. We might do an activity period. (More on that later).

April 30- regular Sunday school classes.

Teaching Blocks

Pre-k/k- Sarah King and Yvonne Fuller

Grades 1-6- Howard Nicols

Grades 7-12- Jeb Trowbridge and Tom Jenne



SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!! AUGUST 7-11, 2017 "MAKER FUN FACTORY- CREATED BY GOD, BUILT FOR A PURPOSE."

See you in class!

Fellowship and Hospitality

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

- 2 Jenne family**
- 9 Dave Madden & Bonnie Kraham**
- 16 Parson family**
- 23 Nancy Hollenbeck & Kathy Duell**
- 30 Hodkinson family & Jess King**

May

- 7 Sue Hunsicker & Jackie Montgomery**
- 14 Mother's Day ~ The Board of Elders**
- 21 Karen & James Bombard, Jess King**
- 28 Dana Powers & Sarah King**

Raptors! Coming to the Teen Center Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Come meet Nancy Kimball: a home-based Wildlife Rehabilitator with 15 years experience taking care of injured or orphaned birds and animals.

Meet Cassie



- Learn how she nurses them back to health and what to do if you come across an injured or abandoned animal in the wild
- Discover characteristics of raptors who live in our area
- Meet her Educational Wildlife Ambassadors -- Non-releasable birds of prey that have been trained to assist her with speaking engagements.

Nancy has written about her experiences as a wildlife rehabilitator in her book, *Possums to Porcupines: The Wild Life of an Adirondack Rehabilitator* (available for purchase)

barred owls



kestrel



ALL ARE WELCOME!

SIGN UP at the Teen Center or the Attendance Office!

Presentation is free! But donations to North Country Wild Care are always welcome to help support their work.

North Country Ministry's Annual Spring Gala

Friday April 28th



The gala will be held at Hiland Park Country Club in Queensbury. The evening will feature dinner, raffles, a wonderful silent auction, and exciting live music. Tickets are \$75 each and must be reserved in advance.

For reservations, download an invitation from our web site at northcountryministry.org.

Hope to see you there!

DEACON'S CORNER

The Deacons are offering an Easter Meal basket to folks who attend our food pantry. Last year, we assembled 27 baskets which included fixings for a roast chicken dinner, eggs, rolls, potatoes and dessert. This year the baskets will be given out on April 14th. Our church has a great outreach to those in need and we are truly blessed to be able to provide this mission. If you would like to contribute, please see Margy Mannix or Patti Brozyna.

The annual **Spring Rummage Sale** is planned for **Thurs. June 1st through Sat. June 3rd.**

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 !



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 14, 2017.

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 or as a general donation. Thank you.

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion	3	4	5 Book Study 12:30	6 Preschool Open House 6 Choir 7	7	8
9 Palm Sunday	10	11 Christian Ed. Mtg 12:15	12 Deacon Mtg. 6:30	13 Seder Dinner at St. James 5:00. -Maundy Thurs- day Service at 7	14 Good Friday "Walking the Way of the Cross" at Sacred Heart 12pm --Food Pantry 9:30	15
16 Sunrise service 6:30 am Easter! 10:00	17	18	19	20 No Choir	21	22
23	24	25 Session Meeting	26	27 Choir 7	28 Food Pantry 9:30	29
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Happy Birthday

Mary McIntyre

Nancy Hollenbeck

Ron Eaglestone

Len Bunalski

Ina Monroe

Laura Moody

Alex Blanco

Jennifer Blanco

Bill Carpenter

Suzanna Bernd-Gorey

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pamela Parrott, Lauren & Karen Azer, John Davis,
Pat Horne, Justin & Alex Blanco, John Kohland, Jenne family,
Erica Ladu, Ron Madeira, Len Bunalski, Judith Subisaretta,
Keith Koshak, the school and Seed Program in Haiti,
Joyce Compson's mother, Mary Bradley, Kristine Snajder,
Ella Moody, Pat Carpenter and her niece Jen, Dave Paddock's friend John, Lexi,
Nancy's son-in-law Mark, Rev. Bob Schmidt, Peter Apgar, Tim's friend Dara, Linda Carr,
Navy Seal-John, Marian Morey, Twila Fitzgerald, Nancy Allen.

Hospital, Nursing & Retirement Homes:

Home of the Good Shepherd: Ree Humphrey

Saratoga Center: Peg Edwards

Washington Center: Allen Turula

Those Who Mourn

Kathy Duell and family

Melissa Thomas and family



Mission of the Month - 2017 Steeple Capital Campaign

In the Fall of 2016, Caldwell Presbyterian Church took on the task of removing and replacing the steeple on its historic and iconic structure. The steeple had become deteriorated over the years since its original construction on this site in 1856 to the point that it's condition presented safety concerns. Church leaders took immediate action to prevent an incident from occurring and contracted to have a replacement steeple built on the lawn of the church beginning in October 2016. The new steeple was completed and installed on the church on February 27.

A steeple capital campaign will commence in April to collect contributions to assist Caldwell Presbyterian Church in paying for this expense. The total cost of the project is \$65,000 and will be solely paid for from donations and grants from individuals and businesses. All contributions are tax deductible.

Please consider supporting the Caldwell Presbyterian Church Steeple Capital Campaign. All gifts are welcome and no donation is too small. Memorial gifts are also encouraged and will be acknowledged within Caldwell Presbyterian Church's book or memorials on display in the church's narthex. Please make checks payable to Caldwell Presbyterian Church (USA), 71 Montcalm St, Lake George, NY 12845 and note "Steeple Campaign" on check. You may contribute electronically with a credit card through our dedicated GoFundMe account at <https://www.gofundme.com/steeple-capital-campaign>

We can all share the pride of our beautiful new steeple that has been created. It will continue to serve our community as a symbol of hope and faith for generations to come. Listed among the nation's most important historical structures on the National Historical Register, the new steeple also serves as an inspiration to future generations while acknowledging the efforts of those that have served before us.

If you have questions or comments about the Steeple Campaign we encourage you to contact us at the church office at 668-2613 or at CaldwellOutreach@gmail.com



National Day of Prayer ~ Thursday, May 4, 2017

Please join in observing the National Day of Prayer and celebrate this year's theme "For Your Great Name's Sake". St. James' Church will be open offering prayer all day long. There will be a morning prayer at 8:30, noonday prayer, and at 7 pm there will be a prayer gathering on the church green. It will be a time of prayer for our government, churches, families, military, schools, and media.

More info at www.nationaldayofpray.org. If you have questions, please contact Barb Mitchell at barbmitchell72@yahoo.com. She is the Deacon in Training at St. James.

Dear friends of the Preschool,

So many fun things going on in the Preschool as we look forward to Spring coming. As we came to the end of March, we had our Parent/Teacher Conferences- how good to talk with our parents about all that their children have accomplished. What a wonderful time of getting to know each our families and look at how the children are getting ready for kindergarten.

Then on Sunday we had almost all of our families in the St Patrick's Day parade as we filled the backs of 3 of our families' trucks. It was fun watching the families work together to make this a great experience for our kids. Great to get our name out there once again in to the community thru the little smiling faces of our kids.

We look forward to April when we will be looking at how God showed His amazing love for us by sending Jesus to die for our sins. We are so humbled to know that Jesus would die for us and rise again to take away our sins. What hope and security for the future as we put all our trust in His death and resurrection. We are so glad that we have the opportunity to share this message with our kids and praying that it will go home to their families. This is our greatest joy and greatest information that we could give. Please pray with us as we share God's amazing love and grace this month in the preschool.

I Corinthians 15:3-5 "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve."

Thanks for loving our families and working so hard to make this a wonderful place for families. We have watched God do amazing things this month,

**Serving with you,
Chris Sallstrom**



The Seeker

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All are welcomed into The Caldwell Church Family.

We would love to see you in church at 10am Sunday!

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