

The Seeker for June 2017

Newsletter for the Caldwell Presbyterian Church



Humble Service, Radical Hospitality

As I write, the Rummage Sale “engine” is in full swing: as people drop off things they are ready to give away, Caldwell’s faithful volunteers are busy sorting through the bags and boxes, transforming the Middle Room and the Coffee Room into a showroom of treasures. And this year, on the heels of our semi-annual Rummage Sale, will come our Americade Breakfasts, where we will serve, on average, 100 people per morning from June 6-June 9th—diner style—an all you can eat breakfast of delicious eggs, pancakes, bacon and sausage. At \$7 per person, it’s the best deal in town, and more fun than I can remember—the joyful reunion, the kitchen crew, all the good will toward a common purpose of service and welcome. And, Americade breakfasts will require yet another “engine” of Caldwell volunteers primed and ready to go, ready to serve.

June is also the time of year when Lake George welcomes 1,000 international students to the Village who are here on the J-1 Summer Work Travel program. Mayor Blais has gathered employers, local leaders and officials, and the faith community to unite in offering welcome, connection, and meaningful cultural experiences, and we are developing these ideas as we speak. Being a newcomer in a foreign country is a bit of a daunting experience, and a little hospitality goes a long way to making a student’s summer experience in Lake George a positive one.

Speaking of students, June is the time of year when we celebrate the accomplishments of the children—graduates from our Preschool, our Confirmation Class, and from High School. None of these milestones are possible without our devoted teachers and volunteers sharing their gifts week after week. And the Teen Center is marking the completion of its first full year in operation, yet another mission which would not be possible without your devotion and support.

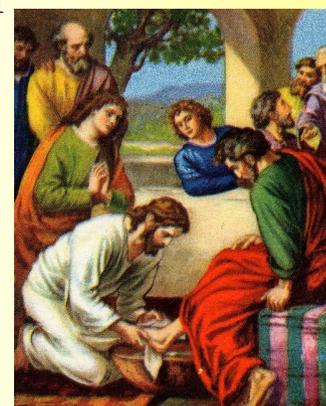
It strikes me that all of this vibrancy and fruitfulness happening in our midst is evidence of a church living out its calling: to service and to hospitality. It is deep in our sense of call to invite, welcome, and genuinely engage people; to listen to them, nurture them, receive them, and care for them, and to support them in their journey, and, whenever possible, to offer a spiritual home for people to discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ. This is the goal of all we do—from fundraisers that support mission, to Church School, to worship: to build up the Body of Christ which, at its core, is humble service and radical hospitality.

One time, about 2,000 years ago, Jesus demonstrated what humble service and radical hospitality look like when he knelt down and washed his disciples’ feet: “*mandatum*,” he said, a mandate: to love one another *in this way*.

It is not about what we take in, but what we give of ourselves, that engages our deepest calling as Christians: to humble service and radical hospitality. Thank you for your part in our shared calling to be the Body of Christ in the world.

Faithfully,

Ali



**Jesus Taught
us how to
Serve Others**

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Preschool News

Dear Friends,

We only have 2 more weeks of preschool. It's hard to believe that another year is almost done. Our teachers Kate, Wendy, Lesley, and myself 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 preparing for graduation on June 8th at 11:00. We will miss them all, but are excited for what they will experience next year.

Thanks for your support and love for our school. We raised \$1050 at our recent basket raffle and fundraiser night at the Texas Roadhouse.

Have a wonderful summer!

Serving with you,
Christine Sallstrom

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS ARE:

JUNE 11- YOUTH SUNDAY/RECOGNITION OF CONFIRMANDS

AUGUST 7-11- MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS. ~ CALLING ALL TEENS!!

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING INTO 7TH GRADE OR ABOVE, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE THEIR HELP THAT WEEK.; AND OF COURSE, AGES 3-GRADE 6, REGISTER AS A PARTICIPANT IN THIS FUN FILLED WEEK. REGISTRATIONS FORMS WILL BE IN COFFEE ROOM.



Americade Breakfast needs volunteers June 6, 7, 8 and 9th.

We will be serving breakfast from 6 to 10 am. If you would like to volunteer to help serve, cook or clean up, please contact the church Office or Laura Chapman at #761-7163.



Coffee Hour HostsUNE



June

- 4 Roger & Lynda Glenn
- 11 Naomi Hodgekinson & Jess King
- 18 Cornelius family
- 25 Linda & Howard Nicols

July

- 2 Linda & Lee Davis
- 9 Earl family
- 16 Church Cookout
- 23 Patti & Jeff Brozyna
- 30 Janie & George Green

Save These Dates

The Food Pantry has changed their June dates to June 16th and 30th from 9:30 to 11:30.

The monthly BOOK STUDY GROUP will have their final video on Weds., June 14th from 12:30 to 2 at Sacred Heart. Please bring your own lunch. All are welcome.

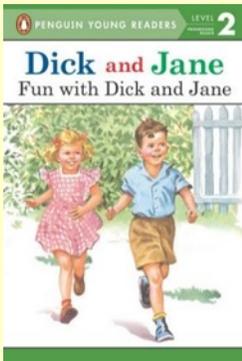
Youth Sunday is June 11th. Join us in celebrating our children, the culmination of their Sunday school year and confirmation for several students.



Bible School is August 7-11th. If you are interested in helping please contact Sarah King.

News from the Haiti Mission School

The first textbook generally used in America was “The New England Reader”. JoEllen and I, and much of our generation used “Fun with Dick and Jane.” Many of us also recall with fondness many hours spent curled up in laps, listening to our parents read to us, or the hours we spent reading to our own children. Our children also learned a lot from TV with programs like Sesame Street, and “Mr. Rogers”. Our grandchildren have computers and other electronic devices that teach reading. In today’s world, by the time they reach school, many children in America already read quite well.



In Haiti, teachers and textbooks rule. Many parents of our students are not literate and therefore can't read to their children. There are no books in the typical home. There are few electronic devices and in fact, often little in the way of electricity if they did have them. Most of our students come to school with little sense of printed letters or words. It is therefore up to our teachers and our textbooks to open their minds to the world of words available, and the life-changes that are possible to those who can spell, read, add and subtract, and have other knowledge they gain from books. We give those who have completed third grade a new bible, which can become the basis for a library in their home.



Unfortunately, the recent hurricane in Haiti destroyed our textbooks. We therefore had to replace them all. In America, schools order their textbooks which are delivered to the school. In Haiti, Director Kenold and Junior Eustache had to travel by bus for 8 hours to Port au Prince, find the appropriate stores that had enough of each textbook, purchase them and carry them back on the bus. Books for 160 students were too much to bring in one trip, and they were also concerned about carrying a lot of cash, which is what the merchants required. So, Junior had to make several trips back and forth purchasing and bringing as many books as he could handle each time. This is just one small example of some of the difficulties faced by Haitians in daily life.



As in America, June is the end of the school year in Haiti. We did our best to provide a good education for our students this year. However, with all the difficulties caused by the hurricane, (missing classroom time and not having textbooks among other difficulties) it is unlikely that many of the students will pass their final exams, and thus will have to repeat the grade they are in. We were able to continue to provide a hot meal each school day as food scarcity continues to be a serious problem in the area.

Our temporary classrooms are working and teachers are teaching, yet we know that this is not an acceptable situation for long. Providing new school facilities will be a big issue in the coming year. We continue to be hopeful that the government will agree to pick up the teachers' contracts and expect to have more information about this soon. Stay tuned! Meanwhile, thanks to all who continue to support the school in so many ways.

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 11 and depart August 24, 2017.

Please call **518-791-5089**



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

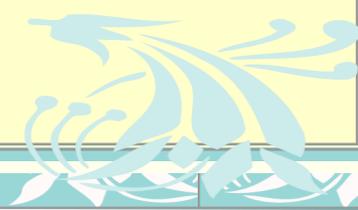
Thyme for friends



Deacons Corner

The Deacons would like to encourage everyone to share their time, talents, baked goods and to bring in their fabulous rummage for the sale. The sale is June 1st from 3-7, June 2nd from 11-6, and June 3 from 9-11. For your shopping convenience, the tents on the lawn will be open until 2 pm for last minute deals on Saturday!

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, which 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.



Announcing... Caldwell's new Treasurer and Financial Secretary!

At the May 16th meeting of the Caldwell session, the elders voted unanimously to confirm our new Treasurer, Darlene Gunther, and our new Financial Secretary, Laura Chapman effective immediately! The procedures for paying bills and issuing reimbursements will continue using the same guidelines established in January, 2017. Next time you see Darlene and Laura, please thank them for their willingness to serve Caldwell in these most important roles!

It's that time of year again!

Volunteers Needed for Spring Cleaning and Yardwork

If you have an hour or two to spare we can use your help with raking, weeding, mowing, minor repairs, window cleaning, shrub trimming, organizing the garage, etc.

Weekly mowing sign up is in Coffee Room.

Please see Property Elder Laura Moody during Coffee Hour or call/text 368 -0540 to let her know how you can help.

Thank you!

June 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 RUMMAGE SALE 3-7	2 RUMMAGE SALE 11-6	3 SALE 9-11
4 Communion	5	6 AMERCADE BREAKFAST 6:30-10	7 AMERCADE BREAKFAST 6:30-10	8 AMERCADE BREAKFAST 6:30-10 PRESCHOOL GRADUATION 11:00	9 AMERCADE BREAKFAST 6:30-10	10
11 Youth Sunday & Confirmation	12	13 Christian Ed. Meeting 5:30 at Panera	14 Deacon Mtg. 5:00	15	16 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	17
18 Father's Day	19	20 Session Mtg. 5:30	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	

Happy Birthday

Ali Trowbridge

Nancy Earl

Yvonne Fuller

Patty Brozyna

Gavin Monroe

Tyler Cornelius

Al Kopf

Jo Ellen Parsons

Chelsea Blanco

Christina Bunalski

Justin Blanco

Madeline Gorey



PRAYER CONCERNS



Lauren & Karen Azer, John Davis, Jenne family, Pat Horne, Len Bunalski, Justin & Alex Blanco, John Kohland, Ron & Calvin Madeira, Steve Dowd, Keith Koshak, the school and Seed Program in Haiti, Kristine Snajder, Linda Carr, Pat Carpenter and her niece Jen, Dave Paddock's friend John, Lexi, Navy Seal-John, Nancy's son-in-law Mark, Rev. Bob Schmidt, Peter Apgar, Tim's friend Dara, Marion Morey, Nancy Allen Frank Amrock's father, Ree Humphrey, Peg Edwards, Kathy Duell's brother-in-law Ned, Judd Brynes, Alex & Pam Parrott, Susy Trowbridge, Steve Dowd, Charlie Fuller.

Steeple Project Update ~ May 26, 2017

The Steeple project is wrapping up! Seeing the new steeple being hoisted into place was exciting. After it was plumbed and levelled the structure was securely attached to the building. Bracing and straps were installed and new trim was installed on the bell tower. The bell tower was pressure washed and painted, and the arched openings covered up with fabric to keep the birds and the weather out. The carillon speakers have been reinstalled and our neighbors are glad to have the hymns playing again.

We now are in the "punchlist" phase of the project. This means that the work we contracted Fitzpatrick Construction is substantially complete. We will complete a final inspection of the work, have Fitzpatrick take care of any odds and ends and close out the building permit. Upon final approval by the Steeple Task Force and the Building Inspector we will make our final payment to Fitzpatrick.

Thank you all for your patience and your support.

Sincerely,

The Steeple Task Force

Update: Steeple Capital Campaign **A STEEPLE FOR THE PEOPLE!**

Dear Caldwell Friends and Family,

Due to your faithfulness, generosity, and support, since our launch in early April, together we have raised \$24,000 for our steeple project. There is something about giving to the steeple project that captivates the hearts and minds of many—the steeple sits high above the tree line even in the height of spring foliage, a shining symbol of hope and strength, a beacon of light for the village and beyond. It has been a joy to reconnect with many members of the community of Lake George as well as those who have been a part of the Caldwell family over the years— a great reminder of the blessed ties that bind our hearts in Christian love and service. Many gifts come with handwritten notes, several gifts have been given in memory of a loved one, and all gifts capture that spirit of blessing and love which unifies us in one mission for the Lord. In addition to the mailings and your "talking it up," we are grateful to both The Mirror and The Post Star for their excellent articles which helped spread the word. We look forward to the upcoming events of the summer season and hope our seasonal visitors and friends will catch the wave of Caldwell's "Steeple for the People!" and be moved to support our campaign!

Gratefully,

The Steeple Capital Campaign Team

June Mission of the Month: Rural Migrant Ministry



In the early 1970's, five faith groups joined together to provide a ministry to rural farm workers. They were the American Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, United Methodist, and Reformed Christians. They created an independent, non-profit organization that could assist migrants and other rural farm workers in trying to create better working and living conditions. RMM was later joined by additional faith groups including Catholics, Quakers, a few Jewish congregations, a few universities, and a few labor unions, all of which added their expertise and strengths to form an effective organization helping to bring justice to the lives of many rural poor.

RMM has a strong commitment to focusing on equality and justice for migrant workers and their families by changing social and labor structures rather than being a social service organization or a charity.

Our focus for June will be raising money for a scholarship for one or more children from migrant families to attend a week of Youth Leadership Camp.

RMM has grown from its original geography of the Adirondacks, the Hudson Valley, and the Catskills to include western New York State.

Submitted by Helen Horn

A Service of Home Communion



If you or someone you know would like to receive home communion by our Deacons, please notify Lynda Glenn or Melanie Quigan. We would be delighted to arrange a time to visit you and bring you the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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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