

The Seeker for July/August 2017

Newsletter for the Caldwell Presbyterian Church



*“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it;
the world, and those who live in it.” Psalm 24:1*

Greetings Caldwell Friends and Family,

Today in Boise, Idaho, an ambitious project is underway: no, I’m not talking about the medical building expansion on the corner of Jefferson and First. I’m talking about the uprooting of a Giant Sequoia in order to proceed with that hospital project. It’s a rare undertaking, one that has caught the attention of the country, that in this day and age where too often we value profit-margins over preservation, a hospital development team would make a bold decision about a 100 year old tree, which is a mere baby in Sequoia terms—Sequoias can live for thousands of years: they decided not to level the tree, but to protect it.

The tree is not native to Idaho, the seedling came from naturalist John Muir as a gift to an Idaho forester at the beginning of the 20th Century, and of the four seedlings Muir gave, this 10 story, 20 ft. trunk circumference, 800,000 lb. landmark tree is the only one that survived, and thrived. The team of professionals overseeing this transplant will move the tree across the street to a park and has committed to a five-year term of observation and oversight to try to ensure the success of the transplant so future generations can enjoy this gentle giant.

In a few days, my family and I are embarking on a National Parks tour out west. While we won’t be visiting Yosemite or Sequoia National Parks, the two John Muir helped establish, we will be visiting several others, and so I can’t help but remark upon the Muir legacy in this Boise story and be especially grateful for his contributions to our national heritage.

A staunch proponent of conservation of wilderness land in the United States, it was John Muir’s advocacy which sparked a petition in Congress for the National Park bill that was passed in 1890, and his passion for the natural world inspired presidents and congressmen alike to take actions to protect those lands. Known as the “Father of the National Parks,” John Muir loved hiking mountains, studying everything from plants to glacial activity, and beholding mountain skies painted with light, which he said, “*symbolized divinity.*” Growing up in Scotland as a Presbyterian, Muir had most of the bible memorized. He found the Sierras to be “God’s mountain mansion,” and considered them home. But even the smaller objects he felt close to: “*the very stones seem talkative, sympathetic, brotherly. No wonder when we consider that we all have the same Father and Mother.*”

“*The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it,*” wrote the Psalmist. As you embark upon your summer adventures, and even those for whom summer is peak work season here in Lake George, remember to look up, take in the mountains’ grandeur, the painted skies, and the brotherly and sisterly sympathies of even the most humble of nature’s gifts. *The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it;* may we make bold decisions to take care of her... May we too be good stewards of God’s precious creation.

Faithfully,

Ali

Fellowship and Hospitality

Committee Members arrange 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, it is possible to 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:

July

- 2 Linda & Lee Davis
- 9 Earl family
- 16 Picnic on the Lawn
- 23 Patti & Jeff Brozyna
- 30 Naomi Hodgkinson
& Jess King

August

- 6 Barb & Pat O'Reilly
- 13 Al & Dottie Kopf
- 20 Pat Carpenter &
Jennifer Blanco
- 27 Kathy Duell &
Nancy Hollenbeck

Church Cook out!!!

Please mark your calendar:

The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee is providing a cookout to be held following the service on Sunday, July 16th.

We will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon, and beverages. Please sign up in the coffee room to bring a side dish or a dessert. If you have any questions please call Jess King.



Kid's Corner:

We want to thank all involved in the success of Youth Sunday. The kids did a wonderful job. We have lots of talent here at Caldwell. Thanks too to all the teachers and parents involved.

No Sunday school classes through the summer. There will be a video available in the youth room for young children to rather watch during Sunday worship.

Enjoy your summer!!

Dana

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

Our theme this year is "Maker Fun Factory". As always, I look forward to working with all our wonderful volunteers. 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 folks that we are able to offer this wonderful week to our community.



Registration forms are in the coffee room and on the church website. **Teen helpers** also need to fill out this form! Please drop your forms in the office or mail them to : Sarah King, 12 Jacqueline Dr., Queensbury, NY 12804.

Thanks,

Sarah King/VBS Coordinator

Host Families needed for the L.G. Music Festival musicians!

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 13 and depart August 25, 2017. In return, you will receive a "free festival season pass".



Please call 518-791-5089.

July Mission of the Month

The Northeastern New York Chapter of the Red Cross will be our July Mission of the Month. They serve the communities of Albany, Fulton, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington counties. The Red Cross provides support during natural disasters, fires and other emergencies. They also offer training for First Aid, CPR and multiple other subjects. Not to mention their blood collection drives. We will be hosting a blood drive on 7/24 from 1 until 6. We will need volunteers to help sign in donors as well as to give out snacks and drinks. There will be a sign up sheet in in the Coffee Room.

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.



Harrisena Community Church's Annual Chicken BBQ

Will be held Saturday, July 15th from 4-7 at 1616 Ridge Rd., Queensbury.
Cost is \$12.00.



Summer Musicians of All Ages Wanted

If you play an instrument, or sing and would like to share a song with us during the worship service, please contact Jim or Beth Corriveau #623-4437.

Housekeeping and Home Repair Service

We refresh your home from the inside out!

Contact Heather Jones #636-9517

Or John #321-9046

(We are located in Lake George)

August 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion	7	8 Ch. Ed. Mtg. 5:30	9 Deacons Mtg. 5:00	10	11 Food Pantry	12
13	14	15 Session Mtg. 5:30	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Food Pantry	26
Lake George Music Festival August 13th to the 25th						
27	28	29	30	31		
Find the concert schedule at LakeGeorgeMusicfestival.com						

Happy Birthday



July

Roger Glenn
 Jessica Hunsicker
 Les Edwards
 Jed Moody
 Ree Humphrey
 Dorothy Quigan
 Gladys Tasker
 Emelia Bernd
 Pam Mannix

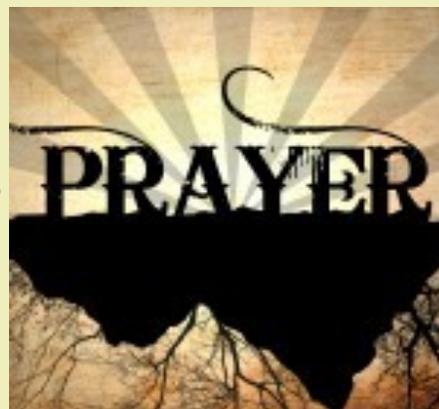
August

Pat O'Reilly
 Margy Mannix
 Tiffany Cornelius
 Aubrey Corriveau
 Max Jenne
 Laura Chapman
 Lilly Trobridge
 Cody McCann
 Cheryl McCann



PRAYER CONCERNS

Lauren & Karen Azer, John Davis, Pat Horne, Jenne family, Justin & Alex Blanco, John Kohland, Rev. Bob Schmidt, Ron & Calvin Madeira, the school and Seed Program in Haiti, Pat Carpenter & her niece Jen, Dave Paddock's friend John, Nancy's son-in-law Mark, Peter Apgar, Tim's friend Dara, Linda Carr, Navy Seal-John, Marian Morey, Nancy Allen, Frank Amrock's father, Ree Humphrey, Peg Edwards, Judd Brynes, Pam Parrott, Charlie Fuller, Lexi, Wyka family, Tom Parsons, Kathy Duell's relative Ned, Suzy Trowbridge, Steve Dowd, Richard, Al Kopf, Steven & Carter, Gretchen's coworker with cancer, Quigan's friend Helen and Heather. Persecuted Christians around the world. Our military and government.



Steeple Capital Campaign Team Update

Thanks to your
faithfulness, &
support since
our launch in

April, we have raised over \$33,000 for our steeple
project. The project has captivated the hearts
& minds of many as the steeple is a shining

symbol of hope
and strength,
and a beacon
of light for
the village.

We hope our
friends and
visitors will
catch the
wave of our
"Steeple for
the People!"

Mission of the Month, August, 2017



❖❖❖ Saving Sight ❖❖❖

Right now, there are 39 million people worldwide who are blind, most of whom live in developing countries.

80% of them don't have to be.

Helen Keller International is dedicated to combatting the causes and consequences of vision loss and making clear vision a reality for those most vulnerable to disease and ❖ who lack access to quality eye care.

Last year alone, we helped provide 85 million people with treatment to prevent diseases of poverty including blinding **trachoma** and **river blindness**. Surgeons trained by our staff also performed more than **10,000 cataract surgeries** in the developing world. And in the United States, we **screened the vision of more than 82,400 students living in some of our country's poorest neighborhoods** and provided **free eyeglasses to nearly 18,000 of them**.

Of every dollar we spend, 84.1 cents goes directly to help save the sight and lives of vulnerable children and their families.



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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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