

THE SEEKER FOR APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dear Caldwell Family,

It's somewhat hard to entertain the idea that Spring is here! The birds know it—louder 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.

As we prepare to welcome Spring, so too our Lenten journey winds toward the final days of Holy Week, Jesus' death on the cross, and Jesus' resurrection to new life. We prepare ourselves to follow where Jesus courageously walked. One of my favorite poets, Mary Oliver, wrote a poem that I bring to mind this time every year:

"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," 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

THURSDAY, APRIL 12TH AT 5:30

HOLIDAY INN, LAKE GEORGE

DINNER BUFFET, MUSIC, BASKET RAFFLES

COST IS \$30

RSVP BY APRIL 10TH @ #518-668-2528

Kids Corner

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

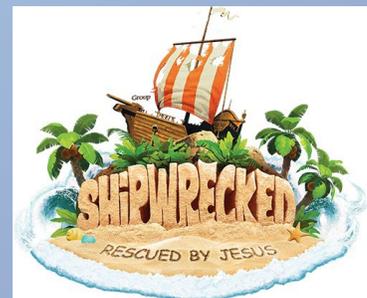
April 1- Easter- no regular classes. We will be doing our annual indoor Easter Egg Hunt for pre-k though grade 7. The high school kids will be hiding the eggs. It also happens to be April Fool's Day so be prepared for some surprises!

April 8- Spring Break so no regular classes.

April 15- Youth Group Outing to go bowling at the Lake George Lanes after church from 11:30-1:30. Cost is \$10 pp. Please RSVP to Youth Coordinator, Gretchen Amrock at famrock1@roadrunner.com.

April 22- Save the date for Earth Day. There will be a youth event after church.

August 6-10- Shipwrecked VBS! More info coming soon.



Deacons Corner

The deacons filled and distributed almost 20 baskets full of ham, potatoes, dessert, and all of the fixings needed for Easter to needy families in the area.

We also need knitters to make comfort shawls for our folks in nursing homes or shut ins. The directions are available in the office.

*"May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope,
kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love."*

Fellowship and Hospitality

The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee encourages 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

- 1 Howard & Linda Nicols
- 8 Quigan family
- 15 Fuller family
- 22 Earl family
- 29 Moody family

May

- 6 Dana Power & Sarah King
- 13 Mother's Day ~ The Board of Elders
- 20 Sue Hunsicker & Jackie Montgomery
- 27 Tom & JoEllen Parsons

News from the Haiti Mission School

One of the Results of extreme poverty. Sabrina is one of seven siblings. She is also one of the many casualties of extreme Haitian poverty. JoEllen has come to know her over the past few years. She always sought Sabrina out while in Haiti, and tried to feed and provide education for her. This year Sabrina was nowhere to be found. Her mother sadly told the story of not being able to provide for her and the rest of the family. And thus Sabrina has been sent as a Restavec to Port Au Prince.



Unfortunately, this is not a unique situation. Haitian “orphanages” are filled with children whose families cannot afford to feed and clothe them. The children end up in an “orphanage” or as a Restavec. Restavecs are children who are either given (or sold) to someone or some family who agree to take the child. All too often the child ends up as little more than an indentured servant, with all that this entails. Our school has a number of these Restavecs attending because we don’t charge tuition, and we feed them a hot meal each day. The families they are with don’t want to pay tuition. It is a sad situation with no end in sight. We simply ask that you would join us in praying for Sabrina and the other children caught in Haiti’s crisis.

Team Projects. As we reported in the newsletter last month, the team that went to Haiti this year brought several things with them: They brought solar lights that will allow the students to study or read after dark. They brought a new and much improved version of the water straw, and they brought *MoonCatcher* (feminine hygiene) kits for the teenage girls.

This team, led by Howard and JoEllen also included Howard’s niece, Dr. Jena Curtis of SUNY Cortland and two of her graduate students (Karli and Eric) and three members of their security team (Ben, Cyrus & Steve).



Dr. Curtis is Associate Professor of Health, with a specialty of Women, Gender and Sexuality. While Dr. Curtis and Karli met with the older (17+ years) girls from our school, and discussed female sexuality, the males of the team, led by Eric talked to the boys in similar discussions of sexuality and violence. At the end of that discussion Eric handed out condoms to the boys and received a standing ovation. Although condoms are readily available from a local nurse, the boys admitted they are too embarrassed to ask for them.



Dr. Curtis, JoEllen and our missionary friend Lindsay Anderson also met with the girls and some of their female relatives at the secondary school. They talked with them about puberty, their menstrual cycle and body changes. They taught them how to use the *MoonCatcher* reusable menstrual products. The girls and their relatives were excited to receive the kits and the information. If this project works out, we will bring more kits next time.

The team also handed out the solar lights while Ben, Cyrus and Steve instructed the students how to use them. The guys were great with our students and all the kids we came in contact with. They are welcome to join us anytime!

At long last After a meeting with Inspector Kazy and members of the school committee, it appears that we have an agreement for the government to begin providing teachers and guidance for the upcoming school year. JoEllen and Howard will bring what they understand about the agreement back to our Board and hopefully all will continue to move forward.

Once again, we join the students and staff at the Haiti Mission School in thanking you for your continuing support and prayers.

Haiti Mission School

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Dear Women of Caldwell Presbyterian Church,

About six years ago, a group of women from First Presbyterian Church of Glens Falls got together and decided it was time for a women's retreat. We got Ali Trowbridge on board and the ideas just started flowing, we had a ball! This past summer both Ali and I visited Wiawaka on Lake George separately, and commented on what a great place it would be to have a retreat....things just grew from there. We would like to invite you to come share a memorable weekend with us.
Women's retreat 2018!!

Your retreat committee is hard at work, creating a program that is centered around prayer at the Wiawaka Retreat center on the shores of Lake George. Exploring our spiritual growth through many forms of prayer is our goal. We can tell you that it will involve coffee cups, prayers, circles, music, laughter, prayers, a labyrinth, tea cups, chocolate, prayers, fellowship, prayers, a worship service and communion and a great group of talented women..... You!
Please keep the date open, Jun 2&3, 2018, at Wiawaka on lake George.

Senior Breakfast Monday, April 23rd, 8:30a.m. at Holiday Inn

Program: Galapagos Islands and Ecuador by Betsy & Bob Birchenough

\$8.00 reservations by 4/22 with Helene Horn or Jess King.

The annual **Spring Rummage Sale** is planned for **Thurs. May 31st through Sat. June 2nd.**

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 13, 2018. 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 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunrise Service 6:30 Easter 10 Egg Hunt 11:15	2	3	4	5 Choir 7	6	7
8 Rev. Tom Parsons is preaching	9 Fellowship Mtg. 9:30 Womens Bible Study	10	11 Book Group@Sacred Heart 12:30-2 Finance Committee 5	12 Choir 7	13 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	14 Officer Retreat 10-1
15 Deacons 11:15 Youth Bowling Event 11:30- 1:30.	16	17 Session Mtg. 5:30	18 Book Group@ Sacred Heart 12:30 Community Dinner at Sacred Heart 5	19 Choir 7	20	21 Presby. Mtg. Cam- bridge 10
22 Earth day youth event after church	23	24	25	26 Choir 7	27 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	28
29	30					

Happy Birthday

6 Mary McIntyre

9 Suzanna Bernd-Gorey

17 Ron Eaglestone

18 Alex Blanco

22 Bill Carpenter

23 Nancy Hollenbeck

23 Len Bunalski

26 Laura Moody

28 Jennifer Blanco

Prayer Concerns

Lauren & Karen Azer, Justin & Alex Blanco, Pam Parrott, Peg & Les Edwards, Jenne family, Linda Carr, Steven Little, Charles McNaughty, Raymond Calore, Joyce Wilimen, Len & Tina Bunalski, Darlene Butler, Dean Farley, Michael Frese, Bill Cirillo, Margy's friend, Candice Cook, Herb Wood, Scott Bidel, Chas's mother, Jim Kuipers, Herb Wood, Cathy Wood, Pat Carpenter's son-in-law Dick, Joyce Constantine, John Kohland, Anita Rios, Johnny Coccozza, Sabrina & impoverished children in Haiti, Robert Miranda, Jack Amrock, Harry Spahn, Samantha, Mark's co-worker, Mel's friend Kim, Naomi's sister, Addison Potts.



Preschool News

Dear Church family,

Thank you for the fun time at the Pie Auction. It was so much fun watching you all have such a great time bidding on those delicious pies. We are amazed at your generosity and love for the preschool. You all have such a loving investment in what is happening there.

We had our Open House on March 9th during our morning school day. It was a wonderful turnout of families. We had 14 different families visit. I have had a few more calls since then so we are very excited as we look towards next year's enrollment.

Our Spring Fundraiser is going to be May 20th at the Texas Roadhouse again. We will be there with a basket raffle again this year. If you have a business or like to make things that could be put in a basket raffle, we would take all donations and put together nice baskets to advertise your business and raise some funds for the preschool. But, we definitely want you to come to Texas Roadhouse that Sunday because with our "ticket" a percentage of the food and drinks that night go to the school. We will also have our baskets outside of Cafe Vero (weather permitting) that same Sunday morning before heading down to Texas Roadhouse.

Thank you for allowing us to serve with you, as you loving reach out to the families of our Lake George community.

Chris Sallstrom



April Mission of the Month

THE WIZARD'S WARDROBE

The Wizard's Wardrobe is a creative and imaginative space in Albany's south end where children learn that reading is magic and where they want to go.

Albany's south end where can take them any-



The Wizard's Wardrobe is an after-school tutoring program where each child has his or her personal tutor. They meet at the wardrobe twice each week for 1 ½ hours to work on reading, writing and problem-solving skills.

Tutors are volunteers who go through a two-day basic training. The training covers such topics as working with students who live in poverty, the effects of racism, brain development, the five components of reading and lesson planning.

This year they have added a challenge of the month. Students are given an engineering problem that requires a hands-on solution. There is no "right" answer. If they complete the challenge in any way, they receive a gift certificate for a free ice cream cone at Stewarts.

So far this year, they have built a bridge out of uncooked linguine that spans 12 inches and holds the weight of a match box car; they also built a free standing tower out of newsprint that was a minimum of 16 inches, a pom-pom launcher and a free standing marble track launch.



When they join the program, the child receives his or her own wizard's cape. As they receive their various awards, the awards are attached to the cape, showing the child's progress.

The mission of the month is sponsored by Caldwell's Mission Committee and is designed to raise options for support that we recommend. Each month we choose a local, regional, or national/international mission as the mission of the month.

The National Day of Prayer will be May 3rd. This day was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Thursday, May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation.

Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, our theme will be **Pray for America - UNITY**, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Our hope is that individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America, will humble ourselves and unify in prevailing prayer for the next great move of God in America. We can come together in clear agreement that this is our greatest need. We can become a visible union, standing together in prayer. We can pray more than ever before, and practice extraordinary prayer for the next great move of God in America that will catapult the message of the gospel nationally and internationally.

Pray with us. Sponsor an event in your community. Become a volunteer. Order resources to help promote an event in your area. Support the National Day of Prayer financially. Together, we can mobilize unified public prayer for America! (nationaldayofprayer.org)

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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