

THE SEEKER—MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"True, whole prayer is nothing but love." –St. Augustine

During this holy season of Lent, Christians consider taking up practices that grow our faith and lead us closer to God. As many of you already know, this Lent Caldwell Church is committed to being a praying community. Each Sunday following worship during the Lenten season, you are invited to set aside a few moments to gather with members of our church family and the Worship Committee in the sanctuary as we sit with God in prayer. This time is intended to strengthen our practice of prayer as we strengthen our relationship with God.

In his book, "Prayer, Finding the Heart's True Home," Richard Foster writes, "Prayer ushers us into the Holy of Holies, where we bow before the deepest mysteries of faith..." Foster continues, "God aches over our distance and preoccupation. God weeps over our obsession with *muchness* and *manyness*. **God longs for our presence.** God is inviting you and me to come home to where we belong; to come home to that for which we were created."

Having participated in these prayer times following worship, I can tell you there is something deeply authentic and deeply personal about sharing this intentional prayer time in the company of friends. It is moving as one is prayed over—the concerns may not be known to any of us, the prayers may only be whispers, and yet to be in prayer for those moments is to encounter the Holy Spirit's movement in our lives.

What does it mean to be a praying community? When we pray for one another, we manifest God's love that creates, sustains, and redeems the relationships we have with one another and with God. This can take the form of praying ordinary prayers, petitionary prayer, healing prayer, even radical prayer. This prayer time is a time to pray for yourself or someone you know, or for a situation in the nation or in the world in need of God's healing grace.

We also pray by name for Caldwell church members and friends throughout these forty days. At some point during Lent, you will receive an email stating that we will pray for you on the upcoming Sunday. You are invited to attend **any of these gatherings**, and especially the gathering when you will be prayed for by name. You are welcome to call the church office or me directly with specific prayer requests you would like lifted up.

You will also notice a special offering later in June, a Women's Retreat on Prayer. Please save the date of **June 2-3 at Wiawaka Center for Women** for what will be another special offering to deepen our faith practices and grow in our relationship to God and to one another.



The Apostle Paul wrote: *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:6-7.

A blessed Lent to all.

Faithfully,

Ali

Preschool News

Hello from the Preschool,

We are looking forward to March coming! Here is what we are looking forward to:

- March 9th- Open House 9:30-11:30 am
- Begin Starter Plants for our Garden
- Welcoming Lesley back!!
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (Celebrate these kids!)



We are advertising and getting the word out that we have Openings for the Fall in both classes. We are hearing from some families and working hard to get our name out into the community.

It will be a good month of preparing for Easter as we look into the Bible and read of all Jesus has done for our salvation. Pray with us that God's Holy Spirit will touch the hearts of our students as well as ours.

1 John 3:16-20 (NIV)

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ
laid down his life for us.



YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

Are you looking for an opportunity to deepen your spiritual practices during the 40 days of Lent? All are welcome to join in devotion, study, and fellowship Wednesdays, 12:30 – 2:00, bring your own lunch. We will meet at Sacred Heart . Our book is *Lent Discussions for Curious Christians*, by John Zehring, available for \$6 in the Caldwell Church office. Hope to see you there!



March 25

Fellowship and Hospitality

The Fellowship and Hospitality 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 (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:

March

- 4 Glenn & Pott's Family
- 12 Karen & Jim Bombard
- 19 Don & Marybeth Tenne
- 26 Al & Dottie Kopf

April

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

Christian Education

Some important dates to remember in this busy Easter Season!

March 16- Game/Pizza night at Caldwell- (Youth Group) 5:30-8:00. See Gretchen Amrock for more info.

March 21- Community Dinner at Sacred Heart- (Youth Group asked to help serve).

March 25- Palm Sunday. We're doing our trip to The Warren Center a little differently this year. The two older classes will remain in church to experience the Palms to Passion service. The youngest group will have regular class. We are inviting all FAMILIES to join us at The Warren Center. We will leave Caldwell no later than 11:30am to hand out palm crosses to the residents there. If you'd like your children to attend, but you aren't able to, please fill out a permission slip and see Dana or Sarah about arranging for a ride back to church or pick up at The Warren Center. The residents really enjoying seeing the kids so we hope you can all join in this very worthwhile event.

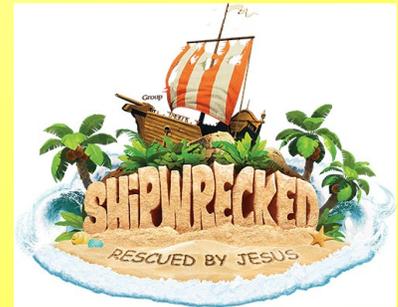
April 1- Easter- no regular classes. We will be doing our annual indoor Easter Egg Hunt for pre-k though grade 7. The high school kids will be hiding the eggs. It also happens to be April Fool's Day so be prepared for some surprises!

April 8- Spring Break so no regular classes.

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

Hope to see you in church!

Sarah, Dana and Howard



Interested in Joining Caldwell Church?

Please come to an Inquirer's Class on March 11th

in Pastor Ali's office from 11:30-12:45 to learn about the history of the church, the PC(USA), and Caldwell's opportunities for study, service, mission, and outreach.

All are welcome. Please RSVP to the Church Office: 518-668-2613.
Attending this class is the only prerequisite to church membership.

Ecumenical Gook Group meets at Sacred Heart on Weds. at 12:30.

Bring your own lunch. From 1-2:00, we will discuss John Zering's book "Lent Discussions for Curious Christians." All are Welcome.

Book is available in the office for \$6.00

MISSION OF THE MONTH

ADIRONDACK SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER



The Adirondack Samaritan Counseling Center contains within its name a reference to one of the most beloved parables in the bible, the parable of the Good Samaritan – a model for compassion and outreach to persons in need. One of the parts of the parable that stands out is how the Good Samaritan promises to come back and check on the fellow traveler in need of help and healing along life’s path. That promise to come back helps define how we administer outreach and care in God’s name. It is a paradigm for sustained care and consistent outreach until the weary along life’s road is strengthened again.

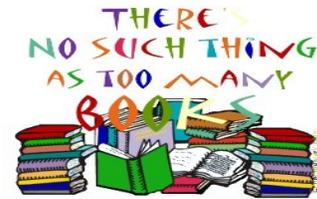
The Adirondack Samaritan Counseling Center, located in Hudson Falls, NY, provides quality mental health services to children, adolescents and adults residing in Warren, Washington, Essex and Saratoga Counties. The Center works closely with hospitals, schools, churches, and other community agencies in order to ensure the best possible treatment outcome.

The Center’s philosophy is that emotional, mental and interpersonal health are closely linked. They recognize and respect that the spiritual or religious beliefs a client may bring to the therapeutic process can be utilized in improving his or her quality of life. The Center offers the highest quality of confidential care, provided in a comfortable setting, by trained professionals.

The Center’s mission is to provide professional psychotherapy, counseling and educational services to facilitate emotional and spiritual health for families and individuals of varied means.

Caldwell-Lake George **Library Book Sale**
 Saturday March 10th from 10a.m. until 2 p.m.

#518-668-2528



The Deacons will be providing an **Easter Meal Basket** for our food pantry families and members of our community. We plan to gather during Holy Week to assemble and distribute the baskets. Anyone who would like to help or donate can contact Margy Mannix @ 668-3118.



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 Pastor Ali 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.

March 2018

SUN	M	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 CHOIR 7	2	3
4 Communion Pie Auction 11:30	5	6 Supervisory Meeting 12:15	7 6:30 Deacons Mtg. Book Study 12:30@Sacred Heart Community Dinner @Sacred Heart 5:00	8 Choir 7	9 Preschool Open House 9-11:30 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	10
11 Mission Meet- ing 11:30	12	13 Fellowship & Hospitality Mtg. 10:30	14 Book Study 12:30 @Sacred Heart	15 C.E. Mtg. 5:30@Ambroia Women's Bible Study 10 Choir 7	16 Youth Game/ Pizza Night 5:30 -8	17
18 Deacons Mtg. 11:30	19	20 Session Mtg. 5:30	21 Book Study 12:30 Property Mtg. 6 Community Dinner by Holiday Inn @Sacred Heart 5:00	22 The Secret Garden Musical Warrensburg High School 7:00	23 The Secret Garden Musical Warrensburg H.S. 7:00 Food Pantry 9:30 Young Franken- stein @Lake George H.S. 7:00	24 The Secret Garden Warrens- burg 7:00 Young Franken- stein @L.G. H.S. 7:00
25 Palm Sunday Youth visit Warren Center	26	27	28 Book Study 12:30	29 Maundy Thursday Service 7	30 Good Friday Walking the Way of the Cross @Sacred Heart	31

Happy Birthday

2 Dave Madden
3 Jeff Brozyna
9 Jim Corriveau
9 Carol Bayle
12 Barb O'Reilly
12 Lauren Azer
13 Pat Carpenter

16 Mel Quigan
18 Tom Parsons
22 Tim McCann
23 Leah Jenne
26 Linda Nicols
26 John Kohland



Prayer Concerns

Lauren & Karen Azer, Justin & Alex Blanco, Pam Parrott, Peg & Les Edwards, Linda Carr, Steven Little, Charles McNaughty, Raymond Calore, Joyce Wilimen, Len & Tina Bunalski, Darlene Butler, Dean Farley, Lil' Mofe, Michael Frese, Bill Cirillo, Margy's friend, Candice Cook, Herb Wood, our military members, Scott Bidel, Chas's and his mother, our country's leaders, The Open Door ministry, Jim Kuipers, mud slide victims, Herb Wood, Dorothy Quigan, Lesley Clemons, Cathy Wood, Pat Carpenter's son-in-law Dick, Joyce Constantine, John Kohland, Anita Rios, Johnny Coccozza, Tracy, Green family, Eileen, Addison Potts, school shooting victims and families.



Best Because We Grow

Easter Plants From Garden Time in Queensbury

Quantity	Item	Price Ea.	Plant Color
	Lilies 6" Pot (3-5 blooms)	\$9.99	
	Lilies 6" Pot (6+ blooms)	10.99	
	Lilies 8" Pot (2 plants)	19.99	
	Lilies 10" Pot (3 plants)	26.99	
	Tulips 6" Pot	9.99	
	Daffodils 6" Pot	9.99	
	Hyacinths 6" Pot	9.99	
	Azaleas 6" Pot	19.99	
	Azaleas 10" Pot (2 plants)	29.99	
	Mums 6" Pot	9.99	
	Cineraria 6" Pot	10.99	
	Hydrangea 6" Pot (2 blooms)**	14.99	
	Hydrangea 6" Pot (3 blooms)**	16.99	
	Hydrangea 6" Pot (4 blooms)**	18.99	
	Hydrangea 6" Pot (5 blooms)**	20.99	
	Palm Buds	9.99	

Also Available *Foil Colors Available: Pink, Purple, Gold, Green, White & Blue ** White

If you order flowers, please fill out this form and make the check out to the Caldwell Presbyterian Church. Please place it in the offering plate **by Sunday, March 11th**. You can take your flowers home following the Easter Service. Thank you.

News from the Haiti Mission School

Team Heading to Haiti JoEllen Parsons, Howard Nicols, and Howard's niece, Dr. Jena Curtis, an associate professor of health from SUNY Cortland, along with 2 other people from Cortland are heading to Haiti in early March. The professor and her group are concerned with women's health issues in developing countries and will be interviewing and working with women in the Jèrèmie, Leone and Labastille areas. This is Dr. Curtis' second trip to Haiti.

During the trip, Howard and JoEllen will be meeting with students, teachers, and members of the school committee at Labastille. Among other things, they will determine if signed agreements with the Haitian government have been completed by the committee so the school can be nationalized at the end of the school year.

The MoonCatcher Project While education of both men and women is important, research has shown that in developing countries, for numerous reasons, education of women is most likely to make a significant difference in the society. The U.N. recognizes three social benefits of providing females with education: **better health care for women and their families, better maternal and infant health and outcomes and, finally, access to better jobs which help families and countries prosper.** Unfortunately, young women are more likely to drop out of school before finishing than young men. One reason for this has to do with feminine hygiene.

When a family survives on a dollar or two a day, (normal for our families) even a few dollars a month to buy menstrual products is not possible. Instead young women often improvise with mud, plastic bags, newspapers or rags. Frequently these young women end up staying home during this time, or dropping out of school altogether.

The MoonCatcher Project provides reusable menstrual products to young women in these poor communities. The kits, with instructions on how to use them, are put together by volunteers in the United States. Our team will be bringing 12 of these kits to give to our female secondary school students. We will be asking the staff at a nearby medical clinic to teach the girls about the products and how to safely use them. If this project is successful, we will try to take more kits the next visit. We would also like to get the instructions translated into Creole or French. *(More information on the MoonCatcher Project can be found at <http://www.mooncatcher.org>.)*



Solar Lights In recent meetings with our students, they expressed concern about difficulties in completing their homework. This is because when they finish doing their chores, the sun is often gone and they have no light. In response to this, we made contact with **MPOWERD**, a company that is attempting to help with this problem in developing countries. They offered us their solar-powered Luci light at half price (\$10/ea) that will provide the students with an answer to their request. We have purchased 120 of these lights which the team will take (one for each secondary student and one for each family in our primary school. We hope this will allow them to complete their homework *and* their chores.



Water Straws Over the past few years we have come to know and been assisted several times by a local Haitian physician, Dr. Smith (Yes this is really his name) in Jèrèmie. Two years ago, one of our major emphases was bringing individual water purification straws to the students at the school. At the time we told Dr. Smith about the straws and left one with him.

Now Dr. Smith is working with a group of young people who live outside Jèrèmie in the mountains. He is making up some backpack kits for these young people and has asked if we would bring a few of these water straws that he could put in the kits. The team will be taking 15 of the Water Purification Straws to Dr. Smith.

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



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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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