

The Seeker for June/July 2018

Newsletter for the Caldwell Presbyterian Church



Remember the Sabbath

The summer is nearly here—there will be ceremonies and celebrations, endings and beginnings, comings and goings. Just as the school year winds down, all the summer activities kick into gear. And so it seems timely to remember our faith teaching on the Sabbath.

As I write it is a holiday weekend—and my agenda for this holiday weekend is as productive as my workweek agenda: plant the gardens, mow the lawn, hike the mountain, have a cookout, read the book, go for a bike ride, the list goes on. It is the way we're wired—to be productive, and the hidden message is—this will make us *happy*. But I don't necessarily believe that's true. Yes, it is satisfying to accomplish our goals, but our true happiness lies in our communion with God.

It is the Fourth Commandment: “Remember the Sabbath.”

Sometimes we think of Sabbath as a day of rest—literally sleeping—after working ourselves ragged all week. As precious as sleep is, that's not quite the idea conveyed in the bible. Sabbath has to do with the stewardship of time, and as difficult as that can be, it is not only a modern day challenge. The Bible tells us that stewardship of time and labor has always been a challenge for us.

To observe the Sabbath is to be awake and alert, if restful, and to honor who God is and what God desires for us. We keep the Sabbath because God kept the Sabbath, and as creatures created in God's image, we are invited to practice that same rhythm of creating and resting and taking intentional time to draw closer to God and to savor the goodness of God's creation. And there is another aspect to Sabbath—that it is there to *liberate* us, literally free us from enslavement of any and all forms—even the “good work” we have to do—so that we take time to enjoy the blessings of our lives as children of God.

We were not made for the Sabbath, but rather the Sabbath was made for *us*—and it is something we honor because it draws us closer to God, gives us renewed perspective, restores our spirits, and makes us whole.

I pray we all find the courage to set aside time this summer to be renewed.

Yes, let us all remember the Sabbath.

Faithfully,

Ali



Preschool News

Dear Friends,

We only have one more week of preschool. It's hard to believe that another year is almost done. Our teachers Kate, Lee Ann, 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, gardening, and preparing for graduation next week. 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 \$700.00 at our recent basket raffle and fundraiser night at the Texas Roadhouse.

Have a wonderful summer!

Serving with you,
Christine Sallstrom

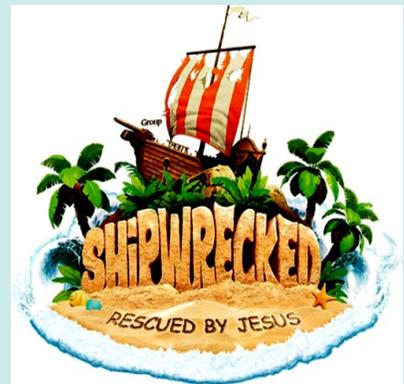
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

JUNE 10- YOUTH SUNDAY

AUGUST 6-10- SHIPWRECKED VBS.

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. REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE IN COFFEE ROOM.



Contact Sarah King or Dana Power if you are interested in helping.

Americade Breakfast needs volunteers June 5, 6, 7, and 8th.

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 . Come for breakfast. Cost is \$8.00



Coffee Hour Hosts



June

- 3 Naomi Hodgekinson & Jess King
- 10 Fuller Family
- 17 Board of Deacons
- 24 Jeff and Patti Brozyna

July

- 1 Linda & Lee Davis
- 8 Kathy Duell & Nancy Hollenbeck
- 15 Church Cookout
- 22 Blanco family
- 27 Morine family

Save These Dates

Church Cookout after the service on July 15th.

Hotdogs, hamburgers, beverages, and condiments will be provided by the Fellowship and Hospitality Committee. There will be a sign up sheet in the coffee room the first two Sundays of July asking folks to donate salad and desserts.

The Food Pantry has changed the June dates to June 15th & 29th from 9:30 to 11:30.

The Ecumenical Book Group will meet at Sacred Heart June 20th and July 18th for a study of the parables from 11:30-12:30. Bring your own lunch

News from the Haiti Mission School

SOLAR LIGHTS: Having just been through a power outage as the result of recent windstorms in upstate New York, we were reminded how much we depend on electricity. Trying to read by lantern or candlelight is not easy for anyone, even youth. It reminded us of the situation faced by many Haitians, particularly those in rural areas such as the Labastille area where our school is and where there is no electrical power.

During a recent visit, some of our secondary school students asked if we could provide them with lights so they could study in the evening. After considering many alternatives, we heard of a company called *MPOWERD* that provides inflatable solar lights in many developing countries. We contacted them and they offered to sell us these inflatable *LUCI* lights at half the normal price.

Being lightweight and inflatable meant that we could carry 200 of them to Haiti in our luggage. So we purchased them and provided them: One to each secondary school student, one to each family in the primary school, and one to each teacher. In addition to using readily available free sunlight, they are clean and safe, unlike the dangerous, toxic and expensive kerosene lamps and candles that some were using. In the picture, team member Steve is demonstrating how to use the light.



TRUSTING GOD: We began this project 12 years ago trusting in God to “Do a new thing...” At that time, we gave little thought to what we were getting into. Then it was the two of us acting as missionaries, working together with a Haitian pastor and three Haitian men from Jèrèmie appointed by the pastor to help lead the project. The church at Labastille offered the property for classrooms. As the years went by, one class became two, then three and then four; each time adding more students, teachers and projects. The need for finances, prayer and other assistance also grew. We realized we would need help.

At first we called on family and a few close friends to join us in prayer and leadership. The needs continued to grow as we added students, teachers and projects: uniforms, backpacks, bibles, clean water, hot lunches, solar lights, French dictionaries, etc. We needed more help. Each time, God provided. God provided leaders, prayer partners, financial assistance and ideas to keep the school growing. A board was appointed in the U.S. to oversee the project. A local committee in the Labastille area was appointed to oversee the school. Meanwhile, the children of the Labastille region were getting an education and a hot meal each day.

Currently we have just shy of 150 students in six classes plus another 20 in secondary school. We have six teachers and a director. There is a leadership committee in Haiti consisting of the director, a teacher, several parents and members of the Labastille church. In the US, we have a Board consisting of seven members.

You have been a great deal of what God used to help build the school. **You** have been much of the means that God used to help the children of the Labastille region become educated. **You** were our support as we did our best to follow God’s leadership. You were the mission teams who joined us along the way. Please accept our thanks for being there for us over these years.

In dealing with a different culture it has not all been smooth sailing. Problems popped up. Difficulties in distance, language, culture and communication occurred. Disagreements over how to proceed arose. Through it all however, prayer and patience have been our response and we have tried our best to trust in God’s amazing wisdom.

Now as a new corner is turned, and the Haitian Government begins to take the lead, we will once again find ourselves in a new role. We will still provide lunches, material for uniforms, and other forms of support. We will be working with the Labastille Church and local residents to discuss constructing a new church, community center and school building to replace the ones destroyed by the hurricane two years ago. We will continue to do our best to trust God to lead the way.

Thank you for your continued support and please keep Serena and Haiti’s other Restavec children in your prayers.

Haiti Mission School
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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! The musicians range in age from 21-30.

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 12 and depart August 25, 2018.

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



PLEASE NOTE THE SUMMER PREACHING SCHEDULE:

June 3 – Skip Bush (Communion)

June 10 – Youth Sunday

June 17 – Ali Trowbridge

June 24 – Ali Trowbridge

July 1 – Skip Bush (Communion)

July 8 – Skip Bush

July 15 – Ali Trowbridge

July 22 – Ali Trowbridge

July 29 – Tom Parsons

Aug. 5 – Ali Trowbridge (Communion)

Aug. 12 – Ali Trowbridge

Aug. 19 – Ali Trowbridge

Aug. 26 – Skip Bush

Sept. 2 – Skip Bush (Communion)



J-1 International Students are working in Lake George for the summer.

If you would like to host one of them for a special outing like a boat ride, or a family meal, or a hike, etc. please let us know in the office. There is a list of students who are hoping to connect with people while working in the USA. It is a great opportunity to learn about others cultures.

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 2018

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

Happy Birthday

2 Alexis MacEachron	21 Chelsea Blanco
5 Christina Bunalski	21 Tyler Cornelius
9 Ali Trowbridge	25 Madeline Gorey
12 Patty Brozyna	25 Al Kopf
15 Yvonne Fuller	26 JoEllen Parsons
17 Nancy Earl	
17 James Bombard, Sr.	
18 Justin Blanco	



PRAYER CONCERNS



Lauren & Karen Azer, Justin & Alex Blanco, Pam Parrott, Peg & Les Edwards, Linda Carr, Len Bunalski, Judd Brynes, John Kohland, Johnny Coccozza, Sabrina & impoverished children in Haiti, Robert Miranda, Harry Spahn, Samantha, Mark's co-worker, Mel's friend Kim and Sid, Naomi's sister, Shelly, Selina, Sharon Koshak, Twyla, Richert family, Liv's mother-in-law, Danielle and others with cancer, Compson family, Corey Hayes, Margery Morris, Chas's mother, Pat Carpenter's son-in-law Dick and friend Chris, Nancy Brown, Davie Wright, Cathy Wood, Jenne family, Diane Chandler, Tenne's friend Jen, Lesley Clemons, church members with arthritis, Jack Amrock, Laura Reinhold, Carol Whalen, Corriveau family.

June Mission of the Month, "Direct Relief" for Syrian Refugees

Direct Relief is a humanitarian aid organization, active in all 50 states and more than 80 countries. Their mission is to improve the health and lives of people affected by poverty or emergencies.

They have a tradition of direct and targeted assistance, provided in a manner that respects and involves the people served, often by supporting locally-run facilities providing essential health services; this has been a hallmark of the organization since its founding in 1948 by refugee war immigrants to the U.S.

Nearly 5 million people have fled Syria since the beginning of the country's civil war six years ago. Another 6.3 million are internally displaced, meaning they've remained in the country but have had to flee their homes. Within Syria, healthcare access is a challenge for people who have been displaced from their homes.

Throughout Syria, hospitals and health centers have been targeted, resulting in numerous casualties. Between March 2011 and December 2017, 492 attacks on health facilities were reported, according to Physicians for Human Rights

Throughout the conflict, Direct Relief has been working to support these health centers with medicines and supplies. Last year, a deadly Sarin gas strike in Idlib Province prompted a request from SAMS (The Syrian American Medical Society) for antidotes against nerve gas agents as well as personal protective gear. In response, Direct Relief shipped more than 10,000 doses of antidote.

Since the start of the crisis in 2011, Direct Relief has delivered over 180 tons of medical aid, valued at \$87 million, to approximately 30 healthcare organizations providing critical care to Syrians across eight countries. The effort constitutes one of the largest and longest-sustained emergency response efforts in Direct Relief's 70-year history.

4 out of 4 stars on Charity Navigator

Direct Relief's Response to the Syrian Crisis Continues

<https://www.directrelief.org/2018/03/as-conflict-continues-critical-medicines-arrive-in-syria/>

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/year-khan-sheikhoun-syria-chemical-weapons-180404120132586.html>

<https://www.directrelief.org/2017/08/four-ways-direct-relief-is-responding-to-the-syrian-crisis/>

July Mission of the Month is the Chingachgook Scholarship Program.

We will be donating to the Camp to Belong initiative.

Summer camp can change a child's life and for more than one hundred years, Camp Chingachgook has provided a one of a kind summer camp experience on Lake George! We are happy to serve over 2,000 campers each summer and in summer 2016, over 200 campers experienced the magic of Chingachgook thanks to Annual Campaign scholarships! Money raised in our Annual Campaign also supports our partnership with the New York chapter of Camp to Belong, a program which brings siblings, who are living in separate foster homes throughout the year, to camp to enjoy a week of special family bonding alongside a unique summer camp experience.

We will also be holding a American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday July 23rd from 1-6.

We hope to see you there whether to donate blood or maybe pass out cookies and OJ. We will put out a sign sheet closer to the date.

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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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