

# The Seeker for August 2018

## Newsletter for the Caldwell Presbyterian Church

“Look Up”



As I stood there watching the fireworks last Thursday in Lake George, I looked around me and noticed all the people doing something quite worthwhile and quite rare these days: we were all looking up. For those precious minutes as the fireworks display continued, all of those gathered— families and children, young adults and teenagers, grandparents and friends—all were literally looking up. No one was on a screen, playing a game, texting, or engaged in social media. Our devices were set aside, and we were all looking up at the fireworks, the nearly full moon, the view of Mars, and it was a beautiful moment.

Earlier that evening I had joined a group of young ladies who have been helping us raise money for the outreach programs of Caldwell Church. Marybeth Tenne has led a new fundraising initiative this summer—selling glow necklaces on Thursday nights in the Village before the fireworks show begins. Though we have announced this in worship and have had opportunities for the congregation to sign-up to volunteer, we have not been flooded with volunteers. *If you are reading this and are interested and willing, please sign-up for a Thursday night in August—we need you!* The group of ladies I joined were college students who were part of Marybeth’s Girl Scout troop over many years. They heard about the opportunity to sell glow-necklaces to raise funds for the programs of the church and they offered to help. I learned a few things that night: one is, I’m terrible at selling glow necklaces. When I’d ask people if they wanted to buy one, often people would say they would like one but didn’t have their wallet with them, and it was all I could do to hold my tongue and not give them one for free. But the young ladies I traveled with had patience and showed mercy to me, and didn’t seem to mind my being along for the ride while they led the way and made it look so easy. It was amazing to watch the sales happen, one by one, all in the spirit of community outreach for the good of Lake George. *If you have time, literally an hour or so prior to the start of the fireworks, please sign up.* It will do you good: it will help raise money for the church’s programs, and it will get you out in the community with a chance to meet visitors, enjoy the fireworks, and look up.

I remember the words of the beloved 121<sup>st</sup> psalm, a psalm we use at both baptisms and burials alike, a psalm for beginnings and endings, but also a psalm for sojourners on the journey of life. I think of all the faithful who would have known these words through the millennia, who have leaned on these words, clung to them, and taught them to their children and grandchildren, so they’d know their creator is not in some far away stratosphere, but right there with them, watching their comings and goings, with them every step, and that even the writer of this psalm felt it necessary to lay down the distractions of life, and remember to look up. Psalm 121, a psalm of ascents, and an assurance of God’s protection:

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.



Thanks be to God.

Faithfully,

Ali

**Caldwell Preschool News:**

Dear Church family,

How exciting for me to come to you in the middle of the summer with some good news.

This good news begins by telling you that our Kate Pape (3's teacher) is stepping down to continue her education and hours in the elementary school towards her Teaching certification. We are excited for all that God has ahead for Kate, but we are going to greatly miss her at the preschool. Hopefully, we will get her here sometime as a sub so that we can have her smiling face here again soon. Kate has been such an important part of all that goes on here at the preschool since day one. What a joy to have watched her teach and love the children and families of our school. We will miss her so much!



God has been good to already bring another teacher for our 3's class. We are so glad to tell you that this teacher is also a follower of Jesus and His Word. She has been with the school the last 3 years as her 2 sons came through our preschool. Her name is Catie Messenger, and she has a degree in Sociology. She is excited to come and be a part of our team and anxious to see what God has ahead this year of school. We are confident that she will be a wonderful addition to our sweet little school.

As we are still getting calls each week for the preschool, I'm happy to tell you that we now have:

12 students in the 4's class                      10 students in the 3's class

I am asking God to send 14-16 students for our 4's class and 12 students for the 3's class, as you can see, we are very close to that goal. I am confident that we will reach those numbers in the next couple weeks. If you know anyone who thinks they are signed up for next year and they haven't paid their deposit or registration yet, they need to get in touch with me, because the spots are filling quickly and as of now, first come first serve.

Have a great summer!

Serving with you,

Chris Sallstrom

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**AUGUST 6-10– SHIPWRECKED VBS.**

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING INTO 7<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**Please note that Sunday School for the children will begin again Sept. 9th. More details will be in the next Seeker.**

## Coffee Hour Hosts

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A FRIEND IS  
HAPPINESS  
TASTED AND  
TIME WELL  
SPENT.



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### August

- 5 Mannix family
- 12 Cornelius family
- 19 Glenn family
- 26 Emma Boucher & Barb O'Reilly

### September

- 2 Eilenn Horgan & Dale Tolene
- 9 KC Glenn & Rebecca Potts
- 16 Ed Kopf & Joanne Pederson
- 23 Tenne family
- 30 Bombard family

## Save These Dates

The Food Pantry has changed the August dates to Aug. 3rd & 24th from 9:30 to 11:30.

The Ecumenical Book Group will meet at Sacred Heart Aug. 15th from 11:30-12:30. Bring your own lunch. All are welcome.

The Session Meeting is Aug. 21st at 5:30.

Communion Sunday is Aug. 5th.

## News from the Haiti Mission School

**Final Assembly--End of year celebration.** In June, Howard and JoEllen went to Haiti to celebrate the end of the school year and our sponsorship of the school. We wanted to thank our employees, the committee, the church and Junior for their years of work. We gave bonuses, depending on their years of employment for us. We hope that will carry them until they can find new work. (Until the teachers complete their education degrees they cannot teach in government schools).



During the assembly, JoEllen and Howard also spoke with the parents and students, and thanked them for their involvement in the school. They encouraged the parents to continue to support the education of their children. While we are (as has been the case from the beginning) unclear of what the future will bring, we are confident that God has a plan, even if we are not certain in the moment what that plan is. As the plan becomes clearer, we hope to continue to provide the food program as well as assisting with uniforms and other means of support. Meanwhile, we plan to continue to beseech God to lead the way, and we will ask God for more faith and patience. Please continue to pray with us.

## Secondary school

As the new school year begins in Haiti, and as the school transitions to new management, we will be continuing to provide support to the secondary school students. A new group of six top students from last year's class will be joining the 20 for whom we are currently providing scholarship aid. It has been such a joy for us when we visit with them to see these young men and women blossoming into the future leaders of Haiti.

**Building Bridges.** This is Howard standing on the new suspension bridge across the river below the Labastille area. It was built by a volunteer engineering group and will make it possible to go to the market in Mawfranc without having to wade across the river (impossible during high water). JoEllen and Howard traveled to see this bridge. Like the other days on this trip the roads were rough, dry and very dusty and they ate a lot of dirt.



While in Haiti, they also traveled to Monet to visit with the family of the children that were burned so badly two years ago and whom on the last visit they found suffering from severe mal-nutrition. Both children are doing well now thanks to Howard's *Voice of the Children Foundation*. They have been sending food to children in Monet and also built a little house for each family of the burned babies.



Thank you for keeping Sabrina and Haiti's other Restavec children in your prayers and thank you for your continuing support of the school.

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

Lauren & Karen Azer, Justin & Alex Blanco, Pam Parrott, Peg Edwards, Linda Carr, Len Bunalski, Judd Brynes, John Kohland, Johnny Coccozza, impoverished children in Haiti, Samantha, Mark's co-worker, Naomi's sister, Liv's mother-in-law, Danielle and others with cancer, Joan Peltz, Karen Bombard's sister Judy, Tenne's friend Jen, Jack Amrock, Bill o'Reilly, Rachel Bush, Bud Steiner, Edward Quin, Chet Ross, Danielle Morgan, Parson's friends in Haiti, Paddock's friend's son, Kevin Austin, Nancy Monroe, Joy Willman, Pat's sister, Sharon Phillips. Gazley family, Albert Constantine.



**Historic Tours of Lake George Battlefield Park** will be given free to the public by Jeff Brozyna and Todd Earl on behalf of the Ft. George Alliance (not for profit) every Saturday in July and August 11-12 am at the picnic pavilion near Sir William Johnson's statue. There is a fee to park.

**North Country Ministry's Summer Jackpot Raffle – THE WHOLE ENCHILADA! – is underway! There is one Grand Prize of \$10,000!!!** The drawing will take place at NCM's Golf Tournament at Cronin's on Sun., Sept. 16. Tickets are \$100 each with a max of 250 to be sold. Proceeds of the raffle support the Ministry's many programs: 2 food pantries, the Baby's Place, Clothing Center, and the Furniture Barn. To purchase tickets, please call #518-623-2829.

**Oriental Shrine Circus will be in Lake George at the Charles Wood Park, West Brook Rd. on Friday, Aug. 3 at 5 & 7.** Please help support the Shriners. Adults are \$15. , two children under age 12 are admitted free with a paying adult. For info contact #18-480-3982. They will also be in Hudson Falls at Derby Park, Coleman Ave. on Sat., Aug. 4th at 4 & 6.

AUGUST

- 1 Pat O'Reilly
- 2 Margy Mannix  
Tiffany Cornelius
- 5 Lilly Trowbridge
- 8 Aubrey Corriveau  
Max Jenne
- 12 Michele MacEachron
- 20 Laura Chapman
- 28 Cheryl McCann

## **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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