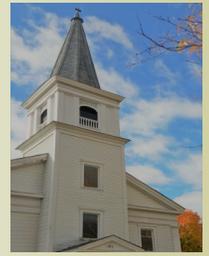


# The Seeker for September 2018

## Newsletter for the Caldwell Presbyterian Church



### Imagine the Possibilities

This past week tributes and remembrances have flooded our screens and inboxes about the life and legacy of Senator John McCain. No matter what your politics, our country mourns the loss of this great American patriot, whose life was marked by many noble attributes, perhaps most prominently—optimism.

It's remarkable the friendships he forged with people from the other side of the aisle. Vice President Joe Biden in his eulogy spoke about the bond he shared with Senator McCain, and how it became the talk of their respective parties, that they'd better cool it—their friendship—because “it doesn't look good, you two sitting beside each other all the time.”

But isn't that precisely the example of our Lord? He would reach across “aisles” and “barriers” and interrupt protocol for the sake of connection, understanding, and friendship, time and time again—it was for the sake of the Kingdom.

And another thing I treasure about John McCain's legacy—the committed life. He was a full participant on many fronts, and yet he never took himself too seriously. I think he knew that sacred truth, perhaps born out of his POW days, which gave his entire life perspective: that we are part of something much larger than ourselves and our present circumstances, and that fact sustained him and fueled his optimism, even in the face of the most grave concerns.

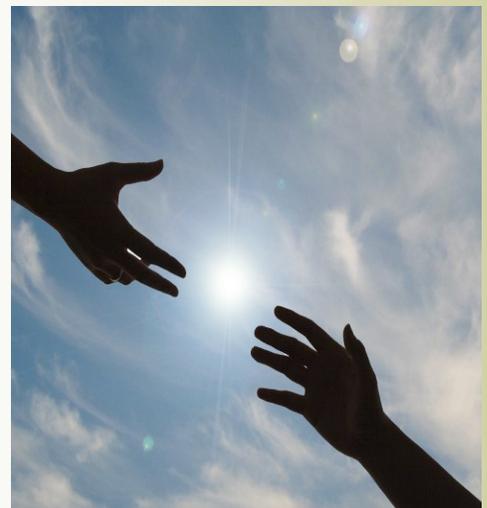
For us here in Lake George, the summer is nearly spent, the days are growing shorter, and the temperatures at night are dipping into the 50's—all of which means Fall is coming. Many Caldwell families are preparing children for the start of a new school year, and still many more have had to say goodbye for now as older siblings head off to college. I have always loved the tradition we have at Caldwell for our Rally Sundays throughout the month of September beginning with September 9<sup>th</sup>. During coffee hour you will find new ways to participate in something larger than self. I invite you to make time throughout September to take a look and sign-up to join a new small group such as the Crandall Library Film group or the Habitat for Humanity LG build or the Women's Group breakfast or the Parent Group with our Preschool or the Garden Group or the Bible Study Group or the Sunday School Teacher Group. Jump in! And watch as your life grows in gratitude and joy as you participate in something larger than yourself. Professor of theology at Austin Theological Seminary, Cynthia Rigby, sums it up eloquently in the recent edition of the Presbyterian Outlook:

*“Our joy is not preserved by minimizing or overwhelming the struggles of our lives. Rather, it is sustained and nurtured by the hope against hope that the God who enters into suffering with us also lifts us to participation in the life and work of God. We are part of this thing that God is doing, this new creation that is bigger than our circumstances, bigger than ourselves. And so we groan for redemption, along with all creation, shining with joy as we step toward its impossible possibility.”*

Imagine with me the possibilities...

Faithfully yours,

Ali



## Caldwell Preschool News:

Dear Church family,

It is hard to believe that we are already getting you information for what's coming up in September. I am looking forward to September~~ the most wonderful time of the year! New crayons, paper, glue and pencils!! And most of all, new families and students.



We also have new teachers~ in the 3's class we are welcoming Catie Messenger. She is taking Kate Pape's place and we are excited for what God is doing to fill Kate's position. We are going to miss Kate, but Catie is going to do a great job in there. In the 4's class, Lee Ann Bombard is going to be my assistant every day of the week, which is going to be great for me and for our students. So many exciting things happening this year in the preschool.

School is going to start for us on September 10th.  
Our Open House is going to be September 6th.

Thank you for all you do to make it such a joy to serve in the preschool.

Chris Sallstrom

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

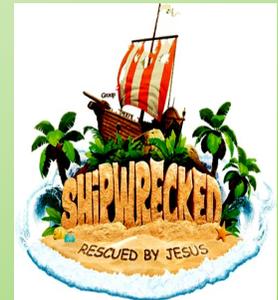
I would like to again thank the many people who volunteered their time and energy at Shipwrecked vacation Bible school. We had a great, fun filled week, averaging 50 kids from our community each day. None of this would have been possible without the many adults, teens, and out-of-town friends that contributed to the success of this very worthwhile program. My heartfelt thanks goes out to each and everyone of you.

Well, school will be starting soon and so will our Sunday school classes. Classes will start on September 9. The youngest group will again be exploring favorite Bible stories through crafts, songs, and games. The two older groups will again be using Seasons of the Spirit, a lectionary based curriculum. We have some fun activities planned for this year, and hope you can join us for some of them.

See you in church.

Sarah King  
Christian Education Committee

**Please note that Sunday School**  
will begin again Sept. 9th.



**Youth Group will be playing  
mini golf at Around the World  
Golf course on Sunday Sept.  
16th at 11:45. The cost is free,  
and all youth are invited!**

## Coffee Hour Hosts

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SHARED WITH  
A FRIEND IS  
HAPPINESS  
TASTED AND  
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### September

- 2 Eileen Horgan & Dale Tolene
- 9 KC Glenn & Rebecca Potts
- 16 Ed Kopf & Joanne Pedersen
- 23 Don & Marybeth Tenne
- 30 Bombard family

### October

- 7 Blanco family
- 14 Jenne family
- 21 Amrock family
- 30 Pat Carpenter & Leslie Clemons

## Save These Dates!

Communion Sunday is Sept. 2

The Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 on Sept. 7th and 21st.

The Women's Breakfast is Sept. 22nd at 9 am. Jo Anne Pedersen will present a program on herbs. Hope you can join us!

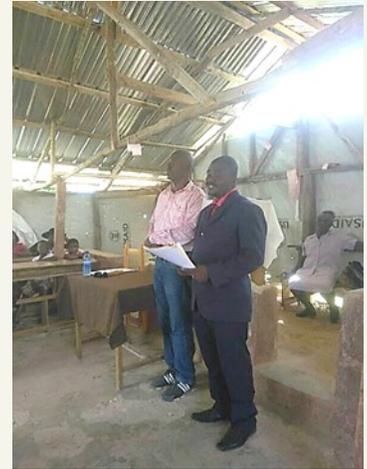
The Ecumenical Book Group will meet at Sacred Heart Sept. 26th from 11:30-12:30. Bring your own lunch. All are welcome.

The Session Meeting is Sept. 18th at 5:30.

## News from the Haiti Mission School

Good news! We have just received notification from the school committee in Haiti that they have finalized an agreement with the Haitian Education Department. So the school is scheduled to open on September 3, as a Government-sponsored school. A new director, Jean Delva Menelas has been appointed and has arrived to begin preparation for opening the school. We understand he has been interviewing and hiring the new teaching staff who will all be certified teachers.

A dedication and installation service for Mr. Jean (*Haitians put the surname first*) was held August 20. Those present included the students, parents, the committee and teachers as well as other members of the Labastille area. We celebrate this milestone with our Haitian sisters and brothers and pray for their continued work.



New director Jean Delva Menelas at his installation--(Also note the church's new roof- Congratulations, but I'd hate to try to preach over the racket in a typical Haitian rainstorm...)

This has all been a long time in coming, as those of you who have been following the story with us know. It actually began a few years ago, when our Board of Directors came to the realization of two things: First, that Tom and JoEllen were not getting younger and there seemed to be no one waiting to take over their role, and second, that if the school were to continue, the Haitians should be the ones actually providing education for their children.

The process has moved ahead slowly in fits and starts with tentative agreements falling through for one reason or another. Finally, in 2017, we told the committee in Haiti that June of 2018 would conclude our actually paying for the teaching staff and they would need to make other arrangements. We worked with the committee and the government to come up with an agreement, which once again fell through. But finally, through prayer and persistence, the committee reached a final agreement with the government which included an assurance that a new director would be appointed.

Though the government is assuming responsibility for the operation of the school, our commitment to the children of the area has not come to an end. The committee has asked us to assist them by continuing to provide the food program. So far, that is the only commitment we have made. We plan to go to Haiti in late October or early November to see how those parts are going and to determine if there are other ways we can be helpful. That may include our being part of a group committing to help build a building or buildings to replace the ones destroyed by Hurricane Matthew.

*Again, we thank you for your continuing prayers and support for this mission and please remember to continue to pray for Sabrina and the other Haitian restavec children.*

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### PRAYER CONCERNS

Karen Azer, Justin & Alex Blanco, Pam Parrott, Peg Edwards, Linda Carr, Len Bunalski, Judd Brynes, John Kohland, Johnny Coccozza, impoverished Haitian children, Naomi's sister, Mannix's coworker, Chas's mother, Jenne family, Daneille & others with cancer, Jack Amrock, Bombard's sister Judy, Joan Peltz, Bill O'Reilly, Rachel Bush, Bud Steiner, Edward Quin, Chet Ross, Danielle Morgan, Sharon Phillips, Pat's sister Cathy, Joy Willman, Nancy Monroe, Parson's friends in Haiti, Paddock's friend's son, Kenny Austin, Albert Constantine, Curt Dybas and family, Jay Rhinehart, Garrett Jahoda, Gabrielle Carpenter as she serves in Puerto Rico, Sue Moore, Kathy O'Day, young people and teachers returning to school, Hsu family, those serving in the military.

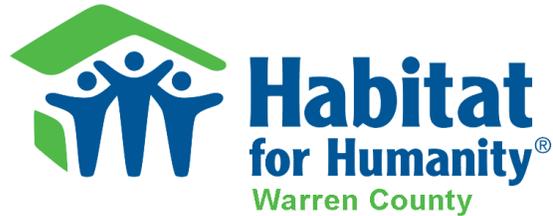


**Boundary Training required for all volunteers such as Sunday school teachers, babysitters, youth leaders and others who work with our children and youth. This will be held on September 23rd at 11:30 in the middle room.**

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Emily Fuller
- 8 Stan Rummel
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- 13 Rachel Hunsicker
- 16 Sarah Mannix
- 17 Norman Duell

## Habitat for Humanity is Mission of the Month for September



Just a few short blocks from our church, at 87 Birch Drive a new Habitat house is being built to provide housing for people who might not otherwise be able to afford to purchase their own home. According to Adam Feldman, the director of the Northern Saratoga-Washington-Warren County Habitat, this is the second Habitat house to be built in Lake George. It is right next door to the first house Habitat built 25 years ago. It is also the 29<sup>th</sup> home built by the Northern Saratoga-Washington-Warren County Habitat. Current plans for the three-county district are to increase from one house this year to two next year, and eventually to five in 2023.

According to a July 18<sup>th</sup> article in the Post-Star:

*“The completed house on Birch Avenue will likely be appraised for about \$175,000, Feldman said. The owners will take out a subsidized mortgage with payments that will never be higher than 30 percent of their monthly household income.*

*The families are selected based upon a variety of criteria, including if they are living in dilapidated or cramped housing. Owners are required to put in 500 hours of “sweat equity.” Feldman said that number is set high by design to get the community involved in the process. It would be too much for a family to accomplish on its own.*

*Michael Bittel, president and chief executive officer of the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce, said projects like these are successful because of the support of people in the community.”*

Habitat is our mission of the month for September. In addition to financial support, we hope that we will be able to sign up for a Saturday this month so that we can work alongside the new homeowners with the actual construction. To volunteer, you do not need to be a professional carpenter... there is work for all skill levels. Stay tuned for further details which will be forthcoming during September worship services.

## **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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