

THE SEEKER FOR NOVEMBER 2018

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dear Caldwell Church Friends,

All our hearts have been broken by the loss of life at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and the expressions of hate shown to our Jewish friends and neighbors this past weekend, and we want to do whatever we can to express our concern and act against such hate and anti-Semitism.

The Squirrel Hill neighborhood is home to several houses of worship, including Sixth Presbyterian Church which sits across from the Pittsburgh Jewish Community Center. Here is a link to an article from the Presbyterian Mission Agency with an account of how members and leaders of that congregation are responding in light of this tragedy:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/after-synagogue-shooting-presbyterians-share-shock-grief-stand-in-solidarity-with-neighbors>

Some watching the events in Pittsburgh made the connection to Presbyterian Minister Fred Rogers. Squirrel Hill was the real-life "Mister" Rogers' neighborhood." For the New York Times' Bari Weiss, it brought to mind one of Rogers' more famous quotes often repeated during tragic events:

Thinking of Mr. Rogers today. Tree of Life is three blocks from his home. Of this especially: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" Squirrel Hill is full of them.

Rev. Nanette Sawyer, Chair of the Presbytery of Chicago's Ecumenical and Interfaith Work Group, wrote a statement and a prayer which I'd like to share with you for your personal devotions.

We stand in solidarity with all of our Jewish neighbors as we grieve the murders and condemn the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. We call on all of our churches to reach out proactively to our Jewish neighbors, offering words of support and acts of care and concern.

Turning to the God of All Creation, we pray for strength and vision to confront the anti-Semitism in our society, to address the growing violence that is tearing us apart, and to build a world based on God's vision of peace and justice.

Pray with us.

Holy God, Prince of Peace, Spirit of Life, we turn to you in our shock and grief. Relying on your grace, empower us to be real and true friends to our Jewish neighbors. Guide us with compassion, and fill us with conviction for your kingdom of justice and peace. Help us to find its power within us so that we may build it around us, relying always on your steadfast love.

Shape us in our discipleship that we might embody the will and the courage of Jesus, that we might confront the powers and principalities as he did, that we might shine forth the light of Christ and the power of your love, O God. Amen.

For those who have expressed interest in writing to the Tree of Life, their address is Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, 5898 Wilkins Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

May we find ourselves "among the helpers," both near and far, who stand in solidarity with all who mourn, and who seek a day where anti-Semitism and gun violence is no more.

Faithfully yours,

Ali



Coffee Hour Hosts

November

- 4 Haiti Luncheon Fundraiser
- 12 Morraine family
- 19 Mel Quigan & Laura Chapman
- 26 Nicols family



December

- 2 Dave Madden & Bonnie Kraham
- 9 Dave & Denise Paddock
- 16 Mannix family
- 23 Sarah & Dave King
- 30 Jess King & Naomi Hodgekinson



**Volunteers needed to rake the church's leaves.
Bags are provided on the back porch.
Thank you!**

Love Feast, Advent Wreath, & Cookie Exchange

Again this year, we will hold our Love Feast and Advent Wreath Activity followed by our second annual cookie swap on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2 at 5:00 pm until 7pm.

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in this special event open to all Caldwell families and friends.

Here's how it works:

Those attending should bring enough sandwiches, fruit, chips, etc. for their family. The idea is to make the sandwiches special, as if for a friend because all the food is pooled and shared. (You may not necessarily eat what you bring but if you have a picky eater who only eats what you make, it isn't a deal breaker- come anyway!)



After the Feast, we will distribute Styrofoam rings, fresh greens and candles... all the materials needed to make a beautiful Advent Wreath. If you have pruning shears, bring those along. If you have your ring from last year, bring that as well.

This activity will conclude with a brief Advent reading, song, and the lighting of the first Advent candle.

If you would like to participate in the cookie swap immediately following the Love Feast, please bring 6 dozen homemade cookies, all the same type and an extra tray/container to collect cookies. We will then "swap" cookies, each going home with a beautiful assortment of everyone's cookies. At 7pm, we will head into the coffee room to exchange cookies.

Come, join your Caldwell family in this meaningful Christmas tradition. Watch for the sign-up sheet or contact Sarah King at 518-798-0615 or at scubakings@roadrunner.com if you would like to attend.

Christian Education Updates

“Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.” – *Psalm 95:2*

Happy November from The Christian Education Committee!

In this season of gratitude, let us give thanks for those who give of themselves to the youth of Caldwell - Sarah King, Dana Power, Howard Nicols, Lynda Glenn, KC Glenn, Jeb Trowbridge, Tom Jenne, Yvonne Fuller and Gretchen Amrock.

If you'd like to help out with Christian Education, in any way, please contact Sarah, Howard or Dana.

Just a reminder that the grades 9-12 class does not have class the first Sunday of the month. The 4-7 grade class will return to the sanctuary for communion.

Some Dates to put on your calendar-

November 18- Youth will make Thanksgiving cards to add to food baskets.

December 2- Love Feast, Wreath Making and Second Annual Cookie Swap. 5-7pm.

December 16- Christmas pageant/celebration.

Our next CE meeting will be on Nov. 30 at Panera at 5:30pm. Please join us if you can.

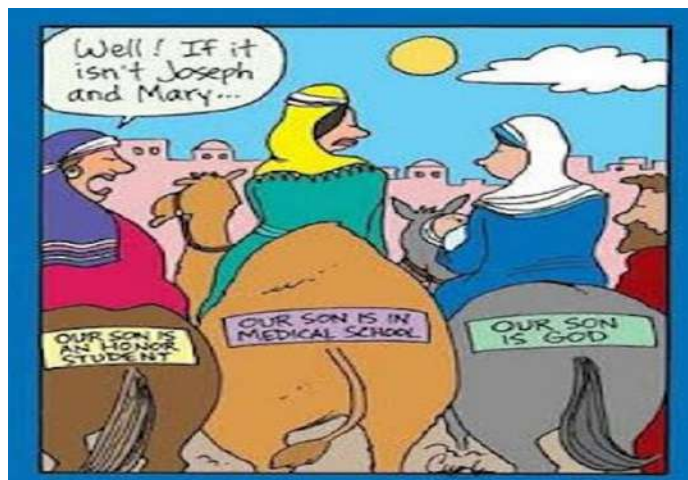
See you in Church,

The CE committee



New Member Class Available on Nov. 11th

If you are interested in joining the church during Advent, please plan to meet with Pastor Ali in her office after the service.



"Lake George Colonial Army Chaplains And Native American Ministry" In the Sanctuary immediately after Sunday church service on November 18th, Jeff Brozyna will tell us about the efforts of the British/Americans and French to convert Native People to Christianity and how this influenced the outcome of the French and Indian War. Q&A discussion will follow presentation. Hope you can join us!

Thanksgiving Meal Baskets



The Board of Deacons will once again be offering Thanksgiving Meal Baskets to our Food Pantry recipients as well as members of the Lake George Community. We work with the elementary school nurse to identify families in need who don't necessarily come to the scheduled Food Pantry distribution. The basket will include a traditional Thanksgiving menu including turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, vegetables and dessert. You can support this annual mission with a monetary gift or a food item such non-perishable canned goods. Families will pick up their baskets on Monday, November 19th at church. For more information please contact Margy Mannix at 668-3118.

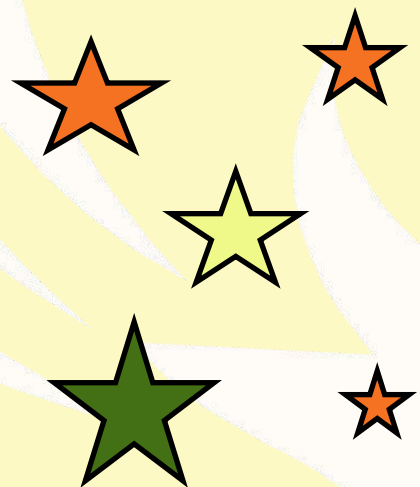
THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
ON NOV. 18TH TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE
NOMINATING COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

November 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Choir 7	2	3
4 Communion Confirmation Class	5	6	7 Mission Committee Mtg. 2	8 Choir 7	9 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	10
11 New Member Class 11:15 Roast Pork Dinner 5-7	12	13	14 Book Club 11:30 Community dinner 5:00 @Sacred Heart	15 Choir 7:00	16	17
18 Congregational Meeting - Thanksgiving- basket prep.- Brozyna presen- tation on Colo- nial Chaplains..	19 Preschool Thanksgiving Party // Deacon Meal Baskets Pick up	20 Session Mtg. 5:30	21 Seeker Deadline	22 Happy Thanksgiving!	23 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	24
25	26	27	28 Community dinner 5:00 @Sacred Heart	29 Choir 7:00	30 Christian Ed- Mtg. 5:30@ Panera	

Happy Birthday

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| 1 Vivianne Bombard | 20 Lindsay Corriveau |
| 2 Joni Steiner | 22 Jeb Trowbridge |
| 10 James Bombard | 23 Susan Moore |
| 11 Dotty Kopf | 26 Billy Green |
| 13 Beth Corriveau | 28 Karen Bombard |
| 16 Scott Quigan | |
| 17 Bob Gunther | |



PRAYER CONCERNS

Karen & Lauren Azer, Justin & Alex Blanco, Pam Parrott, Peg Edwards, Linda Carr, Len Bunalski, Judd Brynes, John Kohland, Jenne family, Daneille & others with cancer, Bill O'Reilly, Rachel Bush, Bud Steiner, Edward Quin, Danielle Morgan, Sharon Phillips, Joy Willman, Kathy O'Day, Christine Nicols, Albert Constantine, Curt Dybas, Jay Rhinehart, Garrett Jahoda, Sue Moore's sister Judy, Jeff Anderson, refugee children & their families, Jerry Cashion, flood victims, Ken Austin, Marie Himes, Carpenter's son-in-law and neighbor Chris, Leslie Clemons, Tenne's cousin Wayne's family, Bill Howell's family, Bill Wicks, our nation's leaders, Heather & Joel Palmer, Eileen Horgan & her mother, Camille Cadalutto, Wayne Reinhold, Melody Courter, Joan Kapriki's family, Wendy Burt's family, children in foster care, David Haskell.



A Word on Caldwell's Stewardship Campaign 2018,

As we enter this year's Stewardship campaign, the Finance Committee wants to acknowledge, thank and encourage all of you for the many ways in which you give your time and talent in serving the church, and volunteering, during Caldwell's fundraising efforts; including parking, Americade breakfasts, dinners, and rummage sales.

Stewardship, however, is in many ways even more important. By funding our church, we lay the foundation for all that we do at Caldwell. We provide the space for our Food Pantry, the home for our Preschool, and host meals and meetings important to our community. From Christmas Dinners to meetings for Scouts and AA, it is our collective support of Caldwell that allows us to provide it all. In these ways, your Stewardship Pledge is the first among equals in your giving at Caldwell.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your pledge for 2018. With your commitment and with God's guidance, Caldwell will continue to strive to make a difference in the lives of many.

Sincerely,

Your Finance Committee: Don Tenne (chair), Darlene Gunther (Treasurer), Laura Chapman (Financial Manager), Howard Nicols & Rod Cornelius.

THE HAITI MISSION SCHOOL NEWS

Annual Board Meeting

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors for the Haiti Mission School met on October 7. In addition to the usual items of business, minutes, financial reports, etc. we spent much of the meeting discussing how things are going at the school since operation of the school was assumed by the Haitian Ministry of Education.

Among other items of interest is the appointment of a new director, which we reported on previously. There is also a new committee overseeing the work of the school composed of a parent representative, a teacher, the director, a student and a representative of the church where the school is located. We were pleased to hear that the outhouses have been completed and are in operation this fall.

Because the director and committee are new and many aspects are new, we felt it was important that representatives of our Board visit the school. JoEllen Parsons and Howard Nicols will travel to Haiti early in November and will hopefully come back with information that will help us set our course for the next year(s).

Items of interest to the Board are the ways we can assist the school in the future. 1] One current project is the continuation of the food program where a hot lunch is provided each student each school day. 2] The other major project continues to be scholarships for secondary school students. These two have been our largest expenditures for several years.



Questions still remain around what other programs we can and should be doing. Examples might be providing money for their uniforms, bibles, and facilities. We eagerly await Howard and JoEllen's report.

We had been wondering if the change to government operation would affect enrollment. As far as we can tell, currently it remains about the same with 150 students registered in the primary school at Labastille. We are also sponsoring 21 students in nearby secondary schools.

We discussed the idea of possibly changing our mission emphasis to a wider role in southwest Haiti rural education in general. The Board decided until we have a clearer idea about our role with the school that we should not make any changes.

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.



Haiti Mission School
P.O. Box 445
Lake Luzerne, NY 12846

DEACON NEWS:

The **Board of Deacons** will be providing a **Thanksgiving Meal basket** for our food pantry clients and families from the Lake George Elementary school. We work with the school nurse to identify families in our community who are in need. In 2017 we assembled **approximately 55 baskets** and will most likely be doing the same this year.

If anyone would like to contribute money or help with assembly we will be working on Sunday, November 18th to put together the bags. Pick up will be on Monday, November 19th. We will also welcome donations of **frozen turkeys** to include with the bags.

Our **Food Pantry is the November Mission of the Month**. We serve 35-40 families per month at the twice a month Friday pantry. Our dedicated volunteers show up every other week for 2-3 hours to assist with the operation. There volunteers working behind the scenes to order, pick-up, deliver and shelve the great amount of food which arrives each month. It has grown to become a part of the church community and outreach. We provide healthy food for the families and it is a welcoming, and friendly place where people can be helped. Please consider stopping by on one of the pantry mornings to lend a hand or simply to witness this mission in real time.

Stuff the Bus, organized by C.W.I. (Community Workshop Inc), services 13 area soup kitchens and food pantries around the area. It is the second year that our "Lake George Ecumenical Food Pantry" will participate. The mission, in coordination with Price Chopper on Upper Glen St. in Queensbury, challenges shoppers to purchase non-perishable food items to "Stuff the Bus". We will be at the store on Friday afternoon, November 2 asking people to contribute. Our Food Pantry will receive a portion of the donated items on Sunday, November 4th.

College Care Cards; the Deacon's will soon be mailing off a friendly greeting to our college freshmen. We understand how it may be hard to be away from family and home so we hope to send them our love and prayers. Please give Margy Mannix the **mailing address** for your student.

Preschool News:

Dear church family,

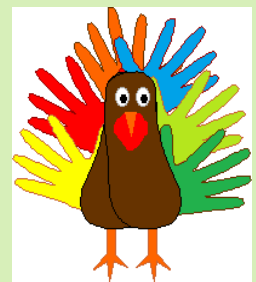
As we look forwards to this wonderful season of Thanksgiving, I'm so excited to share with our little ones all that God has done for us. It is always fun to hear of the things they are thankful for. It makes me think of all that I'm thankful for; God's love and salvation, hope of heaven and forgiveness of sins.

Our students have enjoyed Grandparents Day (about 50 grandparents) and Pumpkin Patch. They also did a great job with our Tavern Soup Fundraiser. It looks like we raised almost \$2000. Thank you for taking part in our fundraiser.

I'd like to thank Laura Moody for always coming to our rescue in a pinch. She has recently taken care of the cedar chips we needed under the playhouse and also getting some things out of the basement for us. I would like to thank Laura for her sweet spirit and kind heart whenever I ask her for help.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all and we hope you know that we are thankful for the church family who always support the preschool in so many ways.

Chris Sallstrom



Community Dinner Schedule of Providers at Sacred Heart.

All are welcome at 5:00!



November 14 ~ Sacred Heart

November 28 ~ Caldwell will provide a Chili Dinner

December 5 ~ Sacred Heart

December 19 ~ The Barnsider

January 9 ~ Sacred Heart

January 23 ~ TBA

February 13 ~ The Knights of Columbus

February 27 ~ The Fort William Henry

March 13 ~ Sacred Heart

March 27 ~ Holiday Inn

April 10~ Sacred Heart

April 24 ~ Adirondack Brew Pub

May 8 ~ Sacred Heart BBQ

There are two community dinners each month. The food, fun and fellowship are great. Please mark your calendar and come out to help set up and serve, or to join us for the meal. The cost is free.

Thank you to Kelly at Bella's Deli for the great food served at the Community Dinner last week. It is such a blessing to have merchants in our community who willingly give back. Please stop by and tell her thanks.

She wants the community to know that she is starting a new fall and winter take out dinner service. Bella's Deli now has a weekly dinner menu available for pick up if you call by 1 pm. Pick up is between 4-5 pm. Delivery will be provided for shut ins living in the Lake George village.

Roast Pork Dinner

Delicious home style cooking
Mashed potato, gravy, vegetable,
applesauce, beverage and dessert
Eat-in or take-out

Sunday, Nov. 11th, 2018

5:00 to 7:00 pm

Take-outs: 4:30 to 5:00

Seatings: 5:00, 5:30, & 6:00

\$12 per person

\$25 per family

Caldwell Presbyterian Church
Corner of Montcalm and Ottawa Streets
Lake George, NY

The Seeker

Caldwell Presbyterian Church

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Lake George, NY 12845

All are welcomed into The Caldwell Church Family.

We would love to see you in church on

Sunday Mornings at 10 am.

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