

THE SEEKER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FEB. 2019



Epiphanies of Love

February is the month for the Super Bowl, President's Day, Winter Break, and, of course, Valentine's Day. Regarding the subject of love, I think of poet Mary Oliver, who died in January at the age of 83, and whose life's work gave us new language and insight on the blessings of love.

She was world renown. "The utmost of ambition," Robert Frost once wrote, "is to lodge a few poems where they will be hard to get rid of": not on university syllabi but in the memory of a generation." So begins an essay by Stephanie Burt, professor of English at Harvard, in the latest issue of the New Yorker magazine. In her homage to Mary Oliver (she calls her the poet who wrote "epiphanic nature poetry"), Burt highlights some of the very best reasons why Mary Oliver has crept in beside us, and found a place in the memory of our generation.

"*What is it you plan to do / with your one wild and precious life?*" and, "*Tis better to have loved and lost,*" and, "*Fill your hands with the mud, like a blessing,*" and "*My work is loving the world:*" these lines give us a glimpse into the essence of her poetic eye and authentic voice which touched on the sacred in everyday life. Many in this generation looked to her for advice about how to live love-filled lives, how to "take moments not as tokens to be exchanged for later achievement but as and for themselves." "*What I want in my life,*" she announced, "*is to be willing to be dazzled.*"

Many times I have quoted her poetry from the pulpit. "*Have I experienced happiness with sufficient gratitude? / Have I endured loneliness with grace?*" Oliver's decades of litanies and rediscoveries provided so many readers with what a contemporary of hers called "equipment for living, tools to fight gloom, to open the front door, to lead wilder or more precious lives."

I count myself among those in her following, captivated by her love of nature and her ability to express it. She discovered answers to life's mysteries in nature—answers that seemed always to reaffirm a Loving Creator: "in an owl at dusk, in

beach roses, in brief words with one favorite person, in tides on the sand, in the tracks of bears, in the contemplation of wild geese."

This February, may we all be attentive to the world around us and embrace nature's beauty in new and profound ways, and there find epiphany upon epiphany, our Creator's love poem to us all.

Faithfully,
Ali



Photo by Beth Corriveau, Jan 29, 2019.

Mission of the Month—Caldwell Presbyterian Preschool

The preschool strives to prepare children, so that they can be successful as they begin school by using play to develop socially, emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually. We keep learning joyful and playful, and teach skills needed for kindergarten. We are looking forward to February when we will again emphasize God's amazing and gracious love by sending Jesus for us. What a joy it is to share this most important message with them. Praying that God would continue to give them hearts to follow after Him.

We are so grateful for your support and prayers throughout the year. We are having a pie auction this month to benefit our preschool and hope you get a chance to participate. It was such a fun event last year!

Caldwell Pie Auction! Sunday, Feb. 10, 11:30 am.

**Please mark your calendars for this wonderful
event benefitting our Preschool.**

We need lots of volunteers to make pies to donate.

Please sign up in the coffee room. Thank you!



The Mission Committee wants to thank all of the people that came out to volunteer or give blood at the January Blood Drive. The Red Cross was able to get to 14 pints!

Our Mission of the Month in January was Code Blue and the Open Door. We were blessed to have Kim Cook speak and give us an update on their organization. If you have not given to this Mission please consider it.

February's Mission will be the Preschool. This is a vital part of the church as a whole and is a great asset to our community. The Preschool board will be running this and we hope you can attend the upcoming pie auction.

Kids Corner: We have lots of fun things planned in CE land over the next few months. Check our activities line-up and mark your calendars!

Feb. 8th Movie Night featuring “A Wrinkle In Time.” Enjoy free popcorn and hot chocolate. Sign up in coffee room or RSVP to Gretchen Amrock at famrock1@roadrunner.com by Feb. 6

Feb. 17th No regular class due to school vacation week. Come do some crafts with Dana and Sarah

Feb. 24th No regular class. We'll do some baking for the community dinner on the 27th.

Feb. 25th Next CE meeting at Ambrosia Diner at 5:30pm. All are welcome.

Feb. 27th Community Dinner at Sacred Heart at 5pm. Dinner provided by Fort William Henry. Helpers for set up, clean up and dessert making always needed.

Lots more fun coming in March including a spaghetti fundraising dinner, community dinner at Sacred Heart, trip to the Latham mosque for confirmation class and all interested youth, and Adirondack Thunder hockey night at the Glens Falls Civic Center. Details to come!

Confirmation classes continue on the first Sunday of the month with Pastor Ali following the service. Upcoming dates are March 3 and April 7. Lots of fun trips being planned! Remember no regular Sunday school on those days for gr. 8-12 class.

Enjoy the snow and hope to see you out at some of these great events!

Your CE Committee

Caldwell Events For Kids

Sunday, February 3rd- Confirmation Class After Church

Friday, February 8th- Movie Night at 6:30

Sunday, February 17th- Arts and Crafts During Sunday School

Sunday, February 24th- Cooking Desserts During Church for the

Wednesday, February 27th- Community Dinner at Sacred Heart

Sunday, March 3rd- Confirmation Class visit to Temple Beth El

Saturday, March 9th– Visit to Latham Mosque

Sunday, March 10th- Spaghetti Scholarship Fundraiser After Church

Wednesday, March 27th- Community Dinner at Sacred Heart

Saturday, March 30th- Hockey Game at the Civic Center 7 p.m.



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 or 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) or Berne Kouba.

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 you may add other snacks as you see fit. There is a list of instructions to follow on the cupboard door near the sink describing how to make the coffee etc.



Coffee Hour Hosts:

February

- 3 Cornelius family**
- 10 Dana Power & Emma Boucher**
- 17 Corriveau family**
- 24 Tom & JoEllen Parsons**

Property Committee is looking for volunteers to help with little chores around the church both inside and out. Please speak with Laura Moody or put a note in her mailbox.

Drivers Needed: Help transport area seniors to medical appointments. If you could take a turn driving even 2 or 3 times a year, that would help. Contact Helene Horn at 518-656-9373.

February 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Communion	4 Woman's Bible Study 10:30	5 Preschool Mtg. 12:15	6 Book Club 11:30 @Sacred Heart	7 Choir 7	8 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	9
10 Preschool Pie Auction Fundraiser 11:30	11	12 Supervisory Mtg. 12:15	13 Community Dinner @ Sacred Heart 5 Book Club 11:30 (@Sacred Heart)	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 WINTER BREAK FOR AREA SCHOOLS FEBRUARY 18-22th	19	20 Book Club 11:30 (@Sacred Heart)	21 Choir 7	22 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	23
24	25	26 Session Mtg. 5:30	27 Community Dinner @ Sacred Heart 5	28		

Birthday's this Month:

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| 2 Michael Sullivan | 15 Peg Edwards |
| 3 Alex Parrot | 19 Scott Wells |
| 4 Jean Stanton | 21 Nicholas King |
| 5 Kate Trowbridge | 21 Olivia King |
| 7 Scott MacEachron | 27 Gale Freiberger |
| 10 Tom Roach | |
| 11 Ann Kohland | |
| 11 Ben Gorey | |
| 14 Dana Whitcomb | |



News from the Haiti Mission School

Acts 9:17-18 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again.

*At one time it was believed that
the sun, moon and stars revolved
around planet earth.*

*Fancy if you will
The missionary heading to the "third world".
She imagines how she will help
The poor hungry unfortunate
And lift them from their poverty.
Perhaps if the scales fall from her eyes,
They will be opened to see
That wealth consists of more
than one's bankroll--
That Christ is alive and active
In other parts of the world—
and
mission work is a two-way street--a partnership.*

*Poem by Tom Parsons**



In this picture, JoEllen is eating *Joumou*, a special Haitian pumpkin soup, steeped in history, and made for us by our good friend Marie Claude. Over the years we have known her, Marie Claude has demonstrated in numerous ways what real faith is. Our own sense of hope and faith has grown tremendously as we have seen Haitians like Marie Claude live their faith daily. We believe this gift, given to us, is at least as valuable (if not more so) as the things we give them from our abundance. Other team members we have taken to Haiti have stated how much their own faith has grown through getting to know Haitians and experiencing how they live their faith.

Team Heading to Haiti

Howard Nicols and JoEllen Parsons will be accompanying a team to Haiti March 15-25. (*Follow us on Facebook at JoEllen Parsons and/or Howard Nicols. Both are posted publically. It will take a couple of days to get up and running.*) The primary purposes of the trip include following up on the fall trip, visiting the school, our secondary students (always a special treat), Howard's projects and assisting Dr. Jena Curtis in her work with our young women and others.

More specifically, we will meet with both Inspector Kazy and the school committee. We are hoping to find the government is more faithfully committed to supporting the school, with completed staffing and books for both teachers and students. Everyone hopes we will be able to come together and begin the process of constructing a much needed building. We continue to remind ourselves that life (and our mission) is a process and things happen in God's time and in God's way, and that is the best time and way. (PATIENCE!)

The committee has requested that we assist them with uniforms. Students at nearly all schools in Haiti wear uniforms. Uniforms instill a sense of school pride and result in a greater sense of equality among the students. The committee has asked us to help replace $\frac{1}{4}$ of the uniforms each year (we buy the material—they make the uniforms). Material costs about \$6.00 each at current exchange rates, and at current student levels that will cost about \$250 per year. We are also continuing to provide a hot meal each school day for students, teachers and others at the school.

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



*Published in his book *The Haitian Chronicles*, available from amazon.com.
All proceeds from sale of the book go to the ministry for the school.

Free Tax Return Preparation

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is offering free tax help to families and individuals whose household income is below \$54,000. In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, free electronic filing (e-filing) will be offered. Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program will receive their refunds in half the time compared to returns filed on paper – even faster if you have your refund deposited directly into your bank account. Tax Returns with stock sales, business or rental income cannot be completed by us. To schedule a tax appointment for Warren and Washington County call 800-211-5128

Prayer Concerns

Karen Azer, Justin & Alex Blanco, Pam Parrott, Linda Carr, Len Bunalski, Judd Brynes, John Kohland, Bill O'Reilly, Bud Steiner, refugee children & families, Jerry Cashion, Ken Austin, Marie Himes, Carpenter's son-in-law, neighbor Chris & Gabrielle, Bill Wicks, Horgan's mother Shirley, Camille Cadaluto, Melody Courter, Barbara Brundage, Kevin Galloway, Sue Moore, Paulie Stevenson, Paige Brower, Margy Mannix, Pam & her dad, Pastor Shawn, Jean Miller, Ken, Vickie's daughters, Mel's cousin, Laura's students Nick, Oliver, Michael, Jean Klein, Joyce Willmen, Dean Allen, Peg Edwards, Lesley's cousin Matthew, Dari Norman, Don Peltier, Kayla's friend Debbie & Shawna, Nancy M. Maritza Morrine, Barbara Howell.



GOD'S ACCURACY

One may observe God's accuracy in the hatching of eggs. . . . those of the canary in 14 days; those of the barnyard hen in 21 days; eggs of ducks and geese in 28 days; those of the mallard in 35 days; the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.(Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

See God's wisdom in the making of an elephant. . . . The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body - too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily. The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

A watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind. An orange has an even number of segments. Each ear of corn has an even number of rows. A stalk of wheat has an even number of grains. Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

Amazing! There's more...

The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, a great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture, and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed.

The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with our lives..

LAKE GEORGE TEEN CENTER 2019 UPDATE!!

Now in its third year, the Lake George Teen Center continues to build momentum and touch students' lives. 2018 saw the hiring of an *interim* Director, Haley Pogonowski, whose energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, has guided the Teen Center steadily into a "place to be" after school. Last fall we asked her to become the Director, and we have watched as programs and opportunities for Lake George students grades 7-12 have flourished. From making blankets for Open Door to making crafts for Christmas gifts; from jumping at Sky Zone to being mesmerized at Magic Shows; from Poetry slams to playing the African Talking Drum; Haley's vision has brought the Teen Center to soaring new heights...and much more lies ahead in 2019!

Caldwell's session agreed to assume responsibilities for the Teen Center Director's payroll and bookkeeping during the calendar year 2018, and after presenting a proposal to the Lake George Town and Village, we rejoice that the Village has taken on the responsibility of managing the Director's position with the Town's commitment to meet the Village's budget half-way, and with the need for ongoing fundraising efforts from our coordinating team. A very special thank you to the Caldwell volunteers who lovingly show up on a consistent basis to mentor students. You each play such a big part in the center's success: Melanie Quigan, Linda Nicols, Jeff Moody, Sarah King, JoAnne Pedersen, and Lynda Glenn.

Please don't hesitate to contact Haley Pogonowski at lgtteen-center@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer. The Teen Center is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3p.m.-5:30p.m., and Thursdays is time for special enrichment such as those mentioned above.

The Teen Center needs YOU! Thank you for your prayerful consideration, and thank you to the leadership and volunteers at Caldwell Church who have devoted themselves faithfully over the past 3 years to seeing the Teen Center succeed.

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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