

# THE SEEKER FOR MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MAY is off and running, another busy time at Caldwell Presbyterian Church. For those of us hoping for Spring to actually show itself—let's not hold our breath! There are still mounds of ice melting in some places, still forecasts with snow in higher elevations, and truth be told, we are still a ways from warm sun-filled days. I was standing beside someone at a lacrosse game the other day, we were literally shivering because we were in our spring windbreakers instead of winter coats because, on principle, we refused to wear them any longer, and after bemoaning the chilling winds, I said, "this weather builds character!" to which my friend responded, "I don't know if I care to have that kind of 'character!'"



Sometimes it is simply the will to hold-on that carries us through these lingering seasonal transitions. The sight of a bud on a tree or a crocus or daffodil pushing through the soil is enough to take one's breath away.

Time is like that—sometimes passes too fast, sometimes painfully slow—but always is beyond our reach to tame. And in this Eastertide, I'm reflective of *lifetime*, the time we are given to live in this world, and how precious daily life is, and how too soon it all passes: the time when our children are young, the time when we are active and mobile, the time when we savor the quiet outdoors ever more once the limits to our physical selves set in, and ultimately the time when we face our mortality.

So this May, as we give of our time to the greater good in the community— I pray you remember the Easter promise—that ultimate victory over the limits of time, and that you live into the promise of God's eternity, here and now, and forever. And remember: warmer days are on their way.

A blessed Eastertide to all.

Faithfully,

Ali



## ECUMENICAL BOAT CRUISE

**SUNDAY, MAY 5TH AT 4:30.  
BOARD AT THE LAKE GEORGE STEAMSHIP  
DOCK, SHORELINE DRIVE.**

**COST IS FREE. PICK UP TICKETS IN THE  
COFFEE ROOM.**



## Caldwell Kids Corner

**Save the Date :**

**May 5th** - Inspiration Rock painting - after service until noon.

**May 5th** - Confirmation Class Meets at Café Vero

**May 8th** - Combined Community Dinner- Volunteers needed  
to make desserts and help serve

**May 12th** - Deadline for Scholarship Applications

**May 19th** - Youth Group Rock Painting/Gardening Day

**June 9th** - Youth Sunday & Confirmation  
(This is the last day of Sunday School)

**Aug. 12 – 16** - Vacation Bible School “Roar” Teens needed for crew  
leaders!! See SARAH KING if interested.

## Spring Rummage Sale

Set up tents and tables after the service on May 5 th.

Start collecting your rummage and consider helping with the set up any of the days leading up to the sale. This is a huge fund raiser for our church so please plan to join in the fun !

Sale Dates:

Thursday, May 9, 3-7

Friday, May 10, 10-6

Saturday, May 11, 9-11



## Fellowship and Hospitality

The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee encourages anyone who would like to be a part of this committee to join us. Perhaps you would just like to help at some of the events we sponsor. If that is your choice please contact one of our committee members.

Our 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. It is possible to just switch dates with someone else who is listed with their permission. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHANGE ON THE CHART AND NOTIFY TOM JENNE OF YOUR ACTION.** (Tom's cell-#716-870-0013).



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 if you prefer you may add other snacks as you see fit. There is a list of instructions in the kitchen on how to use the coffee urns.

### Coffee Hour Hosts:



#### MAY

- 5 – Amrock Family
- 12 – Elder's Mothers Day
- 19 – Linda and Lee Davis
- 26 – Carol Bayle and Berne Kouba

#### JUNE

- 2 – Dana Power and Sarah King
- 9 – TBA
- 16 – Board of Deacons – Fathers' Day
- 23 – Howard and Linda Nichols
- 30 – Pat Carpenter and Leslie Clemons

**Host a J-1 Student. Would you like to host an international student this summer for a one time outing such as dinner, a hike, a visit to a historical attraction, or an outing on the lake? This is an opportunity for cultural exchange and friendship. All interested please sign up in the coffee room.**

### **Wild Edibles Program**

**Warrensburg, NY** – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County will be presenting a program on Wild Edibles on Saturday, May 18th from 9am-4pm at the CCE Education Center in Warrensburg. Cost will be \$20 per person.

What wild plants are able to be safely eaten? Are certain parts of plants safer than others? What about the timing of harvesting? This interactive class, open to the general public, will cover identification, harvest, and preparation techniques of a number of safely edible wild plants. Please note that this class will be held, rain or shine, so make sure to dress accordingly! Participants should plan to pack a lunch. Registration is required and can be done by calling the CCE office at: 518-668-4881 or via email: [mem467@cornell.edu](mailto:mem467@cornell.edu).

Amy Sabattis

Association Public Affairs Liaison

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### **Keep Tech Support Strangers Out of Your Computer**

By Lisa Lake, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

If you need tech help with your computer, where do you go? Most of us probably search online. But your online search can lead you straight to scammers who scare you into thinking your computer is in dire need of repair...and then sell you costly security software that you don't need. That's just what happened in the FTC's lawsuit against Elite IT Partners, Inc., announced today as part of a massive law enforcement sweep. According to the complaint, Elite bought key words on Google that let them target people searching for how to recover lost passwords. You'd fill out an online form and give your contact information. Then, says the FTC, Elite's telemarketers would call and ask to get online access to your computer – supposedly to check for problems. Once they were in, the caller would show you fake “evidence” of viruses or other threats that, they said, had to be removed right away. Then came the sales pitches. Elite allegedly got people – many of them older adults – to pay hundreds of dollars for unnecessary repairs and maintenance programs. If you find yourself in a similar situation, here are some steps you can take:  If you're looking for tech support, go to a company you know and trust, or get help from a knowledgeable friend or family member. If you search online for help, search on the company name plus “scam,” “review,” or “complaint.”  If you get a phone call you didn't expect from someone who says there's a problem with your computer, hang up.  Never call a number in a pop-up that warns you of computer problems. Real security warnings will never ask you to call a phone number.  If you think there's a problem with your computer, update its security software and run a scan. If you spot a tech support scam, tell the FTC: [www.ftc.gov/complaint](http://www.ftc.gov/complaint). And learn more at [www.ftc.gov/techsupport](http://www.ftc.gov/techsupport) scams

### News from the Haiti Mission School

Due to Tom's two week stay in the hospital we were unable to put together a newsletter for the month of May. The hospital stay also further postponed our spring trip to Haiti. We are working on our schedules to see when the trip will be possible.

The school and the meal program continue to function as before. We are eager to get to Haiti as soon as possible to see the students, their families and others, and to begin implementing some of the decisions recently made by the Haiti Board. Meanwhile, we expect to produce a newsletter in June.

*And for those of you who knew of Tom's illness and sent your prayers, we are ever so thankful. He is home now, recovering and regaining his strength.*

In Christ's service,

Tom and JoEllen Parsons

The Board of the *Friends of Siloam School at Labastille*

And the students and families of the school

Haiti Mission School  
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[www.haitimissionschool.org](http://www.haitimissionschool.org)



Please continue to keep Sabrina and the rest of Haiti's Restavec children in your prayers

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

**Any high school senior or person actively involved in the ministry of Caldwell Presbyterian Church who wishes to further their education may apply for a scholarship. Applications may be picked up in the Church Office. The deadline for applying for the scholarship is May 12, 2019. The Scholarship Committee would like to remind members and friends of Caldwell that they may donate to the Scholarship Fund by giving a gift in memory of or to honor someone or as a general donation.**

# May 2019

| S   | M   | T   | W   | T   | F                               | S  |
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|   |   |   | 1 Mission Mtg. 1:00<br>Book Club 11:30-12:30<br>@Sacred Heart                                   | 2<br>Choir 7  | 3                               | 4  |
| 5<br>Rummage Sale<br>Set up<br>Communion<br>Confirmation Class<br>11:15<br>Deacons Mtg. 11:15 | 6   | 7<br>Preschool<br>Meeting<br>12:15        | 8<br>Rummage Sale 3-7<br>Book Club 11:30-12:30<br>Community BBQ<br>Dinner 5:00 @Sacred<br>Heart | 9<br>Rummage<br>Sale 10-6<br>Choir 7                | 10<br>Rummage<br>Sale 9-11      | 11 |
| 12  | 13<br>Christian<br>Ed. Mtg<br>@Panera<br>5:30 | 14<br>Session<br>Meeting<br>5:30          | 15<br>Book Club 11:30-12:30   | 16<br>Choir 7<br>Maundy<br>Thursday<br>Service 7:00 | 17<br>Food Pantry<br>9:30-11:30 | 18 |
| 19<br>Safety Presentation<br>for the<br>congregation.   | 20  | 21<br>J-1 Student<br>Orienta-<br>tion 6-8 | 22<br>Book Club 11:30-12:30<br>J-1 Student Dinner<br>5:00 @ Sacred Heart                        | 23<br>Choir 7                                       | 24                              | 25 |
| 26  | 27  | 28  | 29<br>Book Club 11:30-12:30   | 30<br>Choir 7                                       | 31<br>Food Pantry               |    |

## Happy Birthday

1 Linda Carr

16 Peg Earl

16 Lesley Clemons

22 Rod Cornelius

26 Darlene Gunther

29 Chrissy Nicols

30 Dante Corriveau

### Prayer Concerns

Karen Azer, Justin & Alex Blanco, Pam Parrott, Linda Carr, Bud Steiner, Len Bunalski, John Kohland, Bill O'Reilly, Ken Austin, Marie Himes, Bill Wicks, Horgan's mother Shirley, Camille Cadaluto, Melody Courter, Barbara Brundage, Paulie Stevenson, Paige Brower, Pastor Shawn, Vickie & her daughters, Mel's cousin, Laura's students Nick, Oliver & Michael, Joyce Willmen, Dean Allen, Peg Edwards, Lesley's cousin Matthew, Dari Norman, Don Peltier, Kayla's mother-in-law, Nancy Monroe, Barbara Howell, Carpenter's sister, son-in-law, neighbor Chris & Gabrielle, Jean Miller, Barb & Sean O'Reilly, Port Au Prince-Haiti, Ryan Cooper, Lucy Barrett, Elaine Berninger, John Bunalski, Amrock's uncle, Sharon Koshak, Tom Parsons, Nancy Hollenbeck, Williams & Cook family, Red Dingman, Harris Morris Jr.'s family, Judd Byrne's family.



### PRESCHOOL NEWS

Spring is Here! We are so glad that we are now able to get outside!

The kids are learning the things they need for kindergarten.

We are looking forward to hearing the great job they do at Kindergarten Round-up in May.

It was great to go out on the playground after the trees were trimmed.

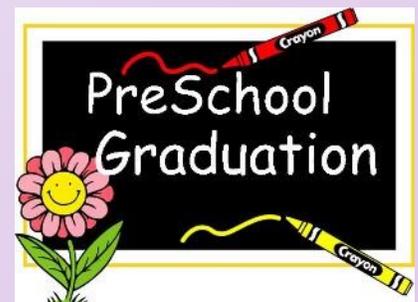
How wonderful to get so much sunlight and also to know that the children are safe out there. Thank you for making the playground a safe and fun place for the children of our school.

We look forward to our Graduation on June 7th at 10:00 am. We would love to have you come and celebrate with our families and children.

All of us teachers are amazed at how quickly this year has gone. We are thankful for safety and for good learning. It is good to see these kids now displaying so many of the skills that we have been working hard for them to know.

God has been good to give us a good school year and we are grateful for your love and support.

Chris Sallstrom





**Our May mission of the Month** is the Krantz Cottage, located just up the way at 161 Ottawa Street here in Lake George Village.

The Krantz Cottage is an arm of the Ronald McDonald House Charities. It will provide a family retreat program designed especially for children with life threatening diseases and their families or families who have recently lost a child. It is said “When you have a seriously ill child...it is critically important to create as many positive family memories as you can.” And this is the number one goal of this program.

From their brochure: “At Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), we witness daily the profound emotional, physical and financial toll that serious childhood illness has on the families we serve. As a means of expanding our compassionate web of comfort, hope, and love to families under stress, we are establishing a family retreat program at Krantz Cottage.

While the hospital can provide medical care and treatment for a child’s illness, the uncertainty, anxiety, and fear evoked by life-threatening illness can be difficult to dispel. We hope to provide a beautiful setting where families with a seriously ill child, or those grieving the loss of a child, can spend precious time together in a calm and relaxed environment a world away from the hospital environment.

To put families at ease during their stay, an onsite RMHC Ambassador will provide compassionate support and concierge-type services connecting them to donated or underwritten activities and experiences. From a pantry stocked with their favorite foods, to special complimentary dinners at local restaurants, to free access to tour boats, amusement parks, and the many attractions Lake George has to offer, our families will enjoy a memorable, customized getaway in the midst of their child’s challenging medical journey. They will build memories there, and will be given precious time together to regain their strength to fight illness, or begin to restore their spirit after suffering a devastating loss.”

And what an ideal place ....our beautiful village and lake is for a first ever program of this type. Some opportunities we will have during this month and beyond are to learn more about this wonderful, life altering program, provide financial support for scholarships, property improvements and preparations, provide in kind donations and for those who have them donate trade skills.

We hope you will join us in worship and learn more about these children and families and prayerfully consider how you can support this challenging and worthwhile endeavor.

## Report from the Caldwell Safety Team

In response to a November 2018 information and safety training program provided by Undersheriff Shawn Lamoure, a safety team was formed to explore safety concerns and procedures here at Caldwell. The safety team members lead by Pastor Ali include Todd Earl, KC & Becky Glenn, Jeb Trowbridge, Roger Glenn, Alex Parrott and JoEllen Parsons.

Our first meeting focused on safety plans for the Christmas Eve service. At later meetings we have made longer range plans. We considered issues of fire safety, the possibility of an active shooter, health emergencies, the safety of our preschoolers, our Sunday School students and Beth, Pastor Ali or others when they are in the building alone.

Some decisions have been made and implemented:

- (1) Space has been cleared at the front of the sanctuary so, if necessary, people can evacuate through the choir loft and/or past the grand piano as well as the narthex. (Main doors at back of church)
- (2) A new FIRST AID KIT AND AED DEVICE have been purchased and installed in the hall next to Leo's Closet (near the bathrooms).
- (3) A decision was made and has been implemented to LOCK ALL DOORS AFTER WORSHIP HAS STARTED so we will know who is in the building when our children are in church school and to prevent unwanted visitors from entering the building. IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO LEAVE THROUGH ANY DOOR AT ANY TIME. DURING WORSHIP, PEOPLE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARTHEX DOORWAY (doors at the rear of the sanctuary).
- (5) We believe that in case of an emergency, it is important for the congregation to know what to do and be able to do it as quickly and as safely as possible. Because of this, on May 19th, there will be a brief presentation by the safety committee, and a practice evacuation.
- (6) The safety team will be meeting again. In the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please feel free to talk with any of the committee members. We believe it is better to be prepared with a plan and not need it than to need a plan and not have one.

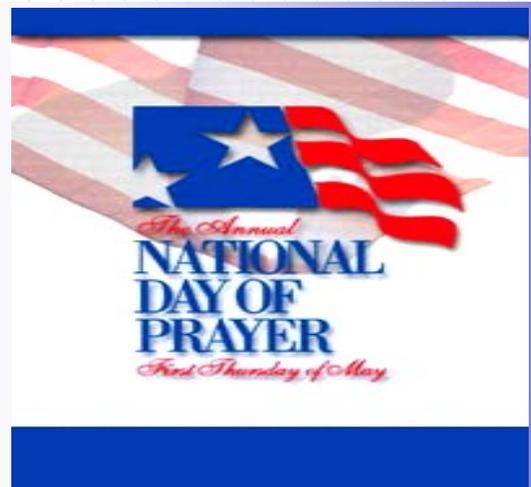
We thank you for your prayers and support.

### National Day of Prayer

**Thursday May 2, 7:00 pm.**

Join us as we pray for our nation on the green of St. James' Episcopal Church.

Guest speaker Karen Love.



## **The Seeker**

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All are welcomed into The Caldwell Church Family.  
We would love to see you in church at 10am Sunday!

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