

The Seeker for September 2019

Newsletter for the Caldwell Presbyterian Church



Dear Caldwell Church Members and Friends,

Fall is here! And with it's arrival comes the return of that familiar time of year when the heat of the sun is more intense, the nights have a snap of chill in the air, and the lake seems more beautiful than ever. It has been a good and busy summer for Caldwell—from hosting two Orientations for J-1 International Students, to hosting PEP (Primary Enrichment Program) for the Lake George Youth Commission, to hosting VBS (63 children this year!), to hosting the musicians for their rehearsals during the Lake George Music Festival—summers at Caldwell are about serving the young people of our community. And now many of them are preparing to return to their first day of school—from preschool to graduate studies—they are off and running, and each one of them is in our prayers for a fantastic year ahead!

Though it has been years since I was a full-time student, I still get those “back to school jitters” this time of year. As my own family drops off new school supplies at lockers, attends preliminary meetings, and finishes up summer reading projects, I too am thinking about Caldwell's new Fall program offerings and am looking forward to gathering with many of you again.

Sunday School Kick-Off and Rally Day is September 8th when we start the new Christian Ed year. There will be an Ice-Cream Social that day as well as Rock Painting for our ever-popular Rock Garden which needs constant replenishing; Lake George residents and visitors alike enjoy this simple and friendly ministry outreach so much! Come ready to paint!

You will notice that our playground has been completely revamped, structures cleaned, and the grounds made new. That is all thanks to Michael Burrows who made Caldwell's Playground the sight of his Eagle Scout Project. After hosting a pancake breakfast at our church, and speaking during worship in August, and gathering your support in monetary donations and in-kind gifts, Michael has steadily persevered through this ambitious project and, as I write, today is the day the specialized playground mulch arrives. As I've said to Michael, this is a win-win for everyone. Come check it out and bring your kids to play!

Our Ecumenical Book Study begins again on Wednesday, September 18th with a relatively new book (2018) titled, “Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus,” by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg. See the write-up included in this Seeker for more details about this book. If you are looking for ways to deepen your faith life and awaken new streams of curiosity and engagement, join us! All are most welcome!

We are very excited for our ALL YOUTH –ALL CHURCH hike up Pinnacle in Bolton Landing on Sunday, September 22 following worship. We will caravan north for a great hike and hopefully, weather permitting, a marvelous view of the lake and surrounds. Mark your calendars!

Also this Fall we launch a new Photo-Directory project! Many of you have asked for a new photo directory, of all who attend Caldwell—both members and friends. We are very excited to make this happen! On Sundays following worship this Fall we will be taking photos in a designated place and will have a form for you to fill out your current contact information so that we can stay as up to date as possible with you. Thank you for your efforts in helping us complete this project with alacrity and zeal!

Fall is here. Come and see what God is doing in and through our shared ministry at Caldwell as we share the light of Christ and the Good News of God's blessing.

Faithfully,
Ali



Caldwell Preschool News:

We are excited to start the new year in the preschool. How fast this summer went, but it was full of God's grace and care. We saw Him do some great things for the preschool. We anticipate full classes for the 3's and 4's classes, a new playground is on the way, and we were given a beautiful new mud kitchen for outside. We are accepting donations of old pots, pans, kitchen utensils, metal bowls, measuring cups, and things we could use outside in our mud kitchen.



The preschool has been blessed with loving leadership. Thank you to our church family for supporting us in so many ways through the years, but especially this last summer. Your excitement for the preschool keeps spurring us on to make this a great place for the families of Lake George.

Please pray for our staff and school families as we begin a new journey together this year. We thank our Heavenly Father most of all for His unfailing love and guidance as we seek Him for our every need.

Please be listening for info on our Soup Fundraiser which will take place in October, just before all the Holiday Festivities begin. We know that you all enjoy the soup, and what an encouragement it is to the preschool to have so much support.

Serving with you,
Chris Sallstrom

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School classes start on Sept. 8. Welcome Back!

We had a great week of Roar VBS in August! My heartfelt thanks to all who assisted in making this a week such a success. We had about 50 kids daily and once again, a terrific team of crew leaders and station leaders. I'm so proud of all our teens who step up to be there each morning with a smile on their faces! It's a tremendous amount of work to pull off this week but so rewarding to see how we touch so many kids in our community who otherwise, I suspect, don't enter a church all year long.

Just a few items I want to call your attention to for this coming year.

New this year....digital Sunday school registration. Later this month, I will be sending a email with a registration form you can fill out and return to me online. This should make it easier to update them yearly without me chasing you around the church to fill out the new form! Thanks for your cooperation as we implement this new system.

Also new...our Sunday School goal for the year is to have all kids learn the Lord's Prayer.

And some dates to remember....

Sept. 8- start of Sunday School/ice cream social/rock painting party

Sept. 22- Pinnacle Hike after church. Bring a bag lunch to church to eat prior to hike.

Oct. 6- Annual Great Pumpkin Race with Yvonne Fuller. Thanks Yvonne!!

See you in church.....from Sarah and the CE Elders and Committee

Coffee Hour Hosts

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September

- 1 Barb & Pat O'Reilly
- 8 Fuller family
- 15 Carol Bayle & Berne Kouba
- 22 Mannix family
- 29 Bev & Tom Roach

October

- 6 Montgomery family
- 13 Moody family
- 20 Glenn/Pott's family
- 27 Laura & Mel Quigan

Save These Dates!

Communion Sunday is Sept. 1. Rev. Dr. Albert Bush, Jr. is preaching.

Linda Carr Memorial Service is Sept. 3, 11 am.

The Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 on Sept. 13th and 27th.

John Matthew's Memorial Service is Sept. 14th, 10:30 am.

The Wednesday Ecumenical Book Study starts on Sept. 18th, 11:30-12:30 at Sacred Heart Parish in Lake George to discuss "Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus," by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg. Bring a bag lunch if you wish. Coffee/Tea provided. All are welcome.

The Session Meeting is Sept. 17th at 5:30.

News from the Haiti Mission School

It's almost time for school to begin again in Haiti. And we are finally getting back to work after a very long spring/summer of health issues for the Parsons family. Here is why you haven't been hearing from us for a while:

First, in March, Tom had a scheduled knee replacement. Shortly after that, he spent 10 days in the hospital with a sepsis attack. Then, following therapy for the knee, Howard and Linda Nicols and the Parsons headed off to Europe for a bike and barge trip on the Danube River and a few days in Prague. Both parts of the trip were *amazing and wonderful*.



Arriving home, and on their way to visit Tom's liver specialist in New York city, they got on a subway, which started suddenly, throwing Tom to the floor and breaking his hip, which required a hip replacement. Additionally, for some time, he had been aware of a pain in his lower abdomen. He found he had a hernia which required another surgery.

Of course, much of this required the assistance of JoEllen, sitting in hospitals, driving to therapy, picking up meds, etc. I am thankful for JoEllen and we are thankful for medicare!!! It also meant that there was no visit to Haiti in the spring. And... all this is also why you have heard nothing from us for a while. Now we are getting back to business in Haiti.



When Howard Nicols and JoEllen Parsons met with the School leaders in November 2018, the school leaders requested money for books, uniforms, teacher salaries, food budget increase and new kitchen supplies (much of which was destroyed in the hurricane). The US Board later met and considered these requests. We increased money for food, agreed to redistributed amounts purchased, and sent money to purchase the requested kitchen supplies in January, 2019.

At our meeting, the Board also authorized money for books and uniforms for the 2019-2020 school year as follows: For student books \$750.00; for teacher books \$50.00. Because the K/1 students write in their books, the books must be replaced each year. With this budget there should be enough to purchase the K/1 books with some money left over to be used as the director decides. For uniforms, the Board authorized \$350.00, which should purchase enough material for 50 uniforms. (as you can see from the picture, uniforms are needed.

NOTE: (The exchange rate for dollar/goud has made almost a 50% jump in the last year. Meanwhile, inflation in Haiti has been nearly 50% in the past year. This means that while the American dollar purchases almost the same amount as last year, a Haitian going to the store for a loaf of bread will pay nearly 50% more that he or she did last year.)

The Committee in Haiti chose another six graduates for our scholarship program to secondary school. If all make it through the entrance exams, we expect to have 34 students in secondary school. Total tuition this year will be around \$4,000 USD. We will also be distributing scientific calculators and bringing solar lights to these students when we go later this fall.

One additional note... in a letter to the U.S. Board from the director of the school, he told us that the Haitian government had not paid teachers (or many other government employees) this year. This is apparently normal in Haiti, but they eventually get paid (so far). The director wanted us to give a bridge loan to the teachers. Our board will consider this at our fall meeting, although we are concerned about taking the pressure off the government if they know we paid the teachers. Working with Haiti can be interesting!

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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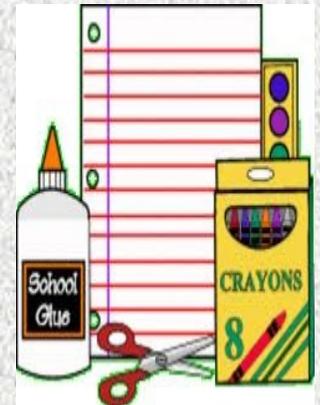
PRAYER CONCERNS



Karen Azer, Justin & Alex Blanco, Pam Parrott, Bud Steiner, Len Bunalski, Kenny Austin, Marie Himes, Bill Wicks, Eileen’s mother Shirley, Don Peltier, John Kohland, Camille Cadaluto, Melody Courter, Paulie Stevenson, Jenne family, Peg Edwards, Paige Brower, Rebecca, Pastor Shawn, Dean Allen, Dari Norman, Lucy Barrett, Elaine Berninger, Sharon Koshak, Buell Brayton, Danielle York, Nancy Hollenbeck, Debra Rota, Julianna Potts, Jacob Gabe, Linda Moxham, Helene Horn, Tom Duer, Patricia Dever, Bee Roman, today’s youth, Tina Bunalski, Chelsea Blanco, Anna, Linda Carr family, Anna Pridmore, Terry Pelton’s family, Bill O’Reilly, Kay Kupa, Ron & Judy Borchers, Al & Barbara Shell, Pat’s friend, John Matthew’s family.

The Mission of the Month will be the Lake George School back pack program. The school provides backpacks of food to students that need extra help to get through weekends and school- breaks. The money that we raise will go to church deacon Tom Jenne, who purchases products for our Food Pantry and can get the best value.

—We are not requesting actual food at this time.



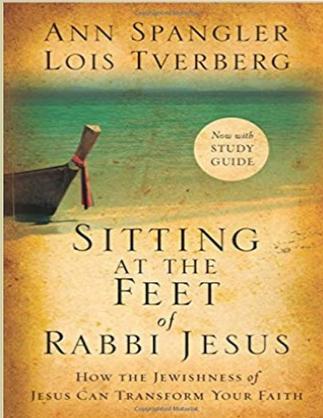
SEPTEMBER

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| 8 | Stan Rummel | 24 | Rosemarie Earl |
| 12 | Mark Mannix | 26 | Bobbie Hoffman |
| 13 | Rachel Hunsicker | | |
| 16 | Sarah Mannix | | |
| 17 | Norman Duell | | |
| 20 | Marjorie Mannix | | |



WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL BOOK STUDY

Join Us on SEPT 18th, 11:30-12:30 at Sacred Heart Parish in Lake George to discuss "Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus," by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg. Bring a bag lunch if you wish. coffee/tea provided. All are welcome.



From the Back Cover: A rare chance to know Jesus as his first disciples knew him. What would it be like to journey back to the first century and sit at the feet of Rabbi Jesus as one of his Jewish disciples? How would your understanding of the gospel have been shaped by the customs, beliefs, and traditions of the Jewish culture in which you lived? Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus takes you on a fascinating tour of the Jewish world of Jesus, offering inspirational insights that can transform your faith. Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg paint powerful scenes from Jesus' ministry, immersing

you in the prayers, feasts, history, culture, and customs that shaped Jesus and those who followed him. You will hear the parables as they must have sounded to first-century Jews, powerful and surprising. You will join the conversations that were already going on among the rabbis of his day. You will watch with new understanding as the events of his life unfold. And you will emerge with new excitement about the roots of your own Christian faith. Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus will change the way you read Scripture and deepen your understanding of the life of Jesus. It will also help you to adapt the rich prayers and customs you learn about to your own life, in ways that both respect and enrich your Christian faith. By looking at the Jewishness of Jesus, Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg take you on a captivating journey into the heart of Judaism, one that is both balanced and insightful, helping you to better understand and appreciate your own faith.



New Church Picture Directory! Caldwell is planning to have a new directory. Alex Parrott will be taking pictures of members and friends of Caldwell every Sunday after church for the next month. Please speak with him to have your picture taken, and address updated. We especially hope to catch our snowbirds before they fly south for the winter.

Thank you for your participation.



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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