

THE SEEKER FOR NOVEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



For Such A Time As This

Dear Caldwell Congregation,

The holidays will be different this year, just as the changes to our lives over the last 8 months have been different—to a greater or lesser degree depending on one's stage in life. We grieve what we have had to go without for now: singing in church, coffee hour connection, gathering with friends over a shared meal, hugs. It has been a long time of going without, and we still have a ways to go.

I'm reminded of the witness of the Psalmist: "How long, O Lord?" (Psalm 13:1) Those words of lamentation resonate within me and I'm guessing also with some of you. But as we approach Thanksgiving and Advent, let us be reminded of the equally important witness of our faith: that of hope, gratitude, and counting our blessings not because things are easy, but because of faith's steadfast hope even amidst the challenges of our present circumstances. The Apostle Paul said it best: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Joyce Rupp is a member of the Servite (Servants of Mary) community and has written numerous books and led retreats throughout the world. In fact, the women's retreat we did a few years ago at Wiawaka on Lake George was based on her book *The Cup of Our Life*. In another book called *Fresh Bread*, she divides the year into months and seasons. The chapter on November includes a litany that I invite you to read. Perhaps we each can try to find a quiet moment over the weekend, as we turn our clocks back marking the end of Daylight Savings, to use the time for her meditation on Gratitude—an invaluable companion and guide, even and especially for such a time as this.

A Litany on Gratitude

Gracious God, silence in us any thoughts but your own so that we may live in gratitude:

To share whatever gift it is that you have given to us...

To acknowledge you as the giver of all good gifts...

To give without counting the cost...

To share without expecting something in return...

To be wise in the way of caring for ourselves and others...

To hold all of our treasures and values with open hands...

To have gospel priorities and to align our life, love, and time in their light...

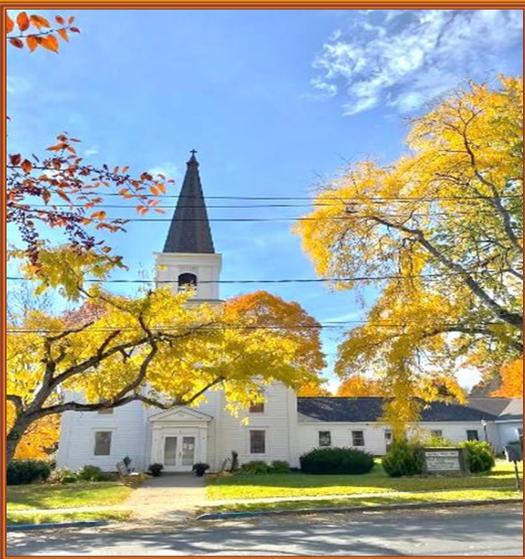
To be gracious and unbegrudging in our giving...

To recognize the abundance of blessings in each passing day...

To know the freedom that comes with true generosity...

To accept our talents, whether many or few, and to use them in service of the Kingdom...

To grow in giving thanks for everything...



Gracious God, who so generously lavishes our lives with goodness, create in our hearts a deep center of gratitude, a center that grows so strong in its thanksgiving that sharing freely of our treasures becomes the norm and the pattern of our existence. Remind us often of how much you cherish us, of how abundantly you have offered gifts to us, especially in the hours of our greatest need. May we always be grateful for your reaching into our lives with surprises of joy, growth, and love. Amen.

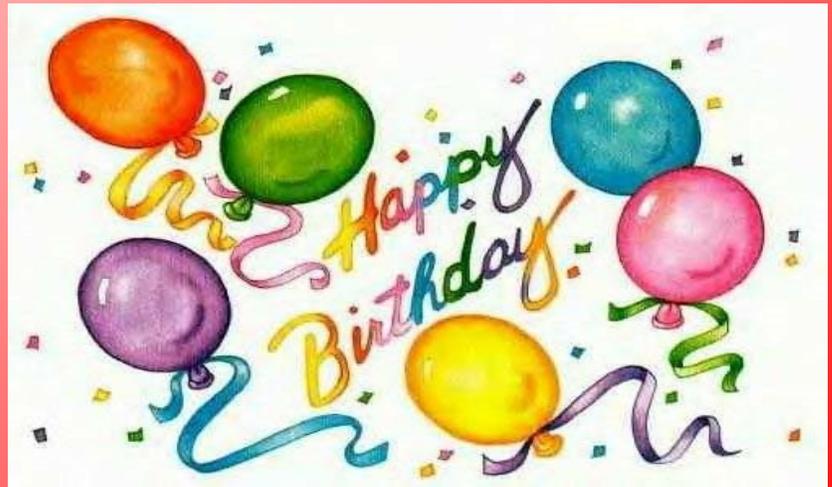
God's deepest blessings to you and yours.

Gratefully,

Ali

Happy Birthday

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Joni Steiner | 22 Jeb Trowbridge |
| 11 Dotty Kopf | 23 Susan Moore |
| 13 Beth Corriveau | 25 Alan Chandler |
| 16 Scott Quigan | |
| 17 Bob Gunther | |



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



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!

With the uptick in COVID cases and more and more schools going remote for short periods, we have decided it would be wise to do Sunday school via Zoom for the time being.

We will have regular classes on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from approx. 9:30-10 am. If your child is in grades 7-12, expect to hear from Dana regarding that class and I will communicate with the younger group my Zoom links.

Stay healthy and and we hope that we will see many of your kids on Zoom. Not an ideal situation but we're doing the best we can based on the current circumstances. We hope you understand. Your health (and ours) is our first concern.

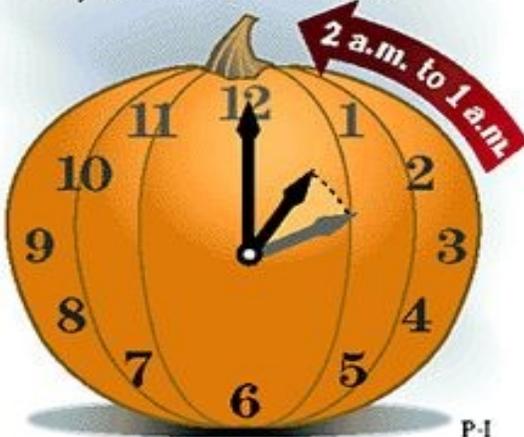
Change of Pulpit Ministers for November

Nov. 22—John Barclay

Nov. 29th—Tom Parsons

Daylight-saving time ends

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



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 KC Glenn the address for your student.

Email: kcglenn129@yahoo.com

Thanksgiving Meal Baskets



Thanksgiving Note Cards

Dear Parents, please encourage your child to write or draw a little note of thanksgiving to return to the church so that the Deacons can put one in each families food basket. Sarah King has placed packets of cards on the back porch of the church to be picked up if you prefer. Please return finished cards to the office or the card bin on the back porch.

Thank you. The families always appreciate the hand written cards made by our children.

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 as non-perishable canned goods. Families will pick up their baskets on Friday, November 13th at church from 9-11:30. For more information please contact Patti Brozyna.

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
ON NOV. 15TH TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE
NOMINATING COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

PRAYER CONCERNS

James Rhinehart, Nicholas Orsini, Ann Brendal, voters and the upcoming election, for a covid vaccine to be found, Janet Spahn and her family, Linda Penn, Betty Pridmore, Dale Tolene's daughter Kira's baby in utero, fire and hurricane victims across the country, school administrators, teachers, staff and students, Danielle Morgan, Jo Ellen's brother-in-law, niece Melissa and friend Hannah, Laurie Southworth's father, Linda Nicols, her brother-in-law Ronny, her daughter Chrissy & their missing dog, Compson's niece & friend's Ronny & Ellen, Pat McCoy, Susan Conklin, Gwen DeLong, Jim Woodrift, Levi Ayala, Beverly Corman, Tom Jenne's friend & Aunt Gisela, Peter Barry, Liz's mother-in-law, Roger Finney, Aimee Toole, Jim Dumas, Pam & Sue Parrott, Kay Kupa, Mike Dalby, Bud Steiner, Anita Rios, Donnie Smith, Ryan Armstrong, Peg Edwards, Nancy Hollenbeck, Bill Tinsen, Joan Baldwin, Emma.

A Word on Caldwell's Stewardship Campaign 2020,

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 2020. 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: Robert Blais (Treasurer), Darlene Gunther, Laura Moody, Howard Nicols & Rod Cornelius.



Dear Caldwell Family,

I would like to use this final Seeker of mine to thank you for a wonderful time being Director/Teacher at the Preschool. Your love and support of the preschool and of me has made this a wonderful time in my life. I am grateful for God's goodness in sending so many special families our way to prepare their children for life and for Kindergarten. It has been my heart's desire to teach them of God and His Word first of all and then to give them the skills needed to be successful in their elementary years. It has been a complete joy serving here with you.

I am grateful for Alex Parrott, who has been with me on this journey since the beginning back in 2013 when I started. He has made sure that the teachers were cared for, that we had what we needed as a staff and in the last few months especially, he has been a great support of our emotional as well as professional needs. Thank you Alex!

Thank you also to Kim Cornelius who was there the day that I brought in my resume in 2013 and had a tremendous influence in my hiring and starting up the preschool again. Kim has been there to help financially as well as administratively to make sure the preschool runs well and brings glory to God. Thank you Kim and Rod for making this preschool a priority in this Lake George community.

Ali, Darlene, Beth and Lesley have had such an intricate part in keeping the preschool going thru the years and I would like to thank you all for your service to the LG community.

Thank you once again church family for your support for my family as well, I have so many fond memories of your kindness. The excitement over our kids graduating high school, getting married, and having our grandbaby. You have been a part of our lives and hearts all these years and we will hold these memories close for many years to come.

My husband and I are moving to Floriday after Thanksgiving to be part of Ardella Baptist church in Lakeland, FL. I will be the Children's Ministry Director, working closely with our dear friends who are on staff there. God still amazes us with His goodness and kindness in allowing us to be used in ways we couldn't dream of in this life with Him.

Love to you all,
Christine Sallstrom

I Peter 1:24-25

For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the **Word of the Lord endures forever.**"

And this is the word that was preached to you.



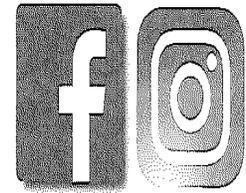
Volunteer Opportunity!

Lake George Teen Center
22 Schuyler Street
(The Senior Center)

ATTENTION: Are you looking for a great way to get involved with our Lake George community? Do you have an activity or class you'd like to plan with us?

*Follow us on Social Media
for updates!*

Volunteer at the Lake George Teen Center any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday from 3-5:30pm for games and snacks or just to spend some quality time with our Lake George Teens.



lakegeorgeteencenter.org
*website currently under
construction

If you'd like to connect with us, use the Sign-up link below or contact the Teen Center Director:

Jennifer Dell'olio - Email: lgteencenter@gmail.com

The Seeker

Caldwell Presbyterian Church

71 Montcalm St.

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.

Contact Information:

Office Number—(518) 668-2613

Office Email—secretary@caldwellpres.org

Pastor's Email—pastor@caldwellpres.org