

THE SEEKER—MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“I Arise Today”

Many of us look for ways to observe a holy Lent, and this year, the chance to take on a Lenten discipline is especially welcome as we continue to maintain vigilance, wear masks, and social distance. The liturgical seasons of the church help us shift our mindset, strengthen our faith, and grow as God’s own, and I’m particularly grateful for them in this year of prolonged separation when one day can sometimes seem to roll into the next. March is also the month of St. Patrick’s Day, which prompted me to think about a remarkable prayer that has come down through the centuries and has particular relevance for us in these times: It is called St. Patrick’s Breastplate, a portion of which is shared for your prayerful practice below.

St. Patrick of Ireland lived in the 5th century and wrote these words for protection on a journey. May your daily journey to Jerusalem be especially meaningful this year, and may these words from the Patron Saint of Ireland provide you with solace, inspiration, and God’s deepest peace.

A holy and blessed Lenten Journey to you all.

Faithfully,

Ali

*I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.*

*I arise today
Through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.*

*I arise today
Through the strength of the love of cherubim,
In the obedience of angels,
In the service of archangels,
In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward,
In the prayers of patriarchs,
In the predictions of prophets,
In the preaching of apostles,
In the faith of confessors,
In the innocence of holy virgins,
In the deeds of righteous men.*

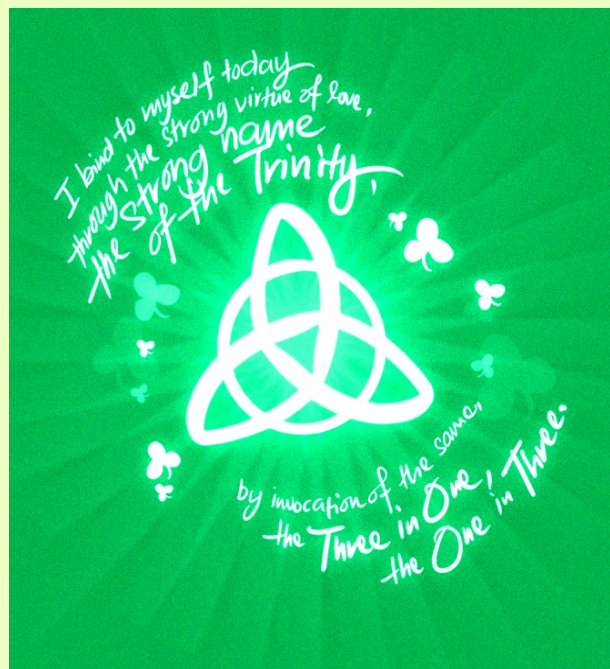
*I arise today, through
The strength of heaven,
The light of the sun,
The radiance of the moon,
The splendor of fire,
The speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind,
The depth of the sea,
The stability of the earth,
The firmness of rock.*

*I arise today, through
God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,*

*God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me
From snares of devils,
From temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
afar and near...*

*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who
thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who
speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

*I arise today
Through a mighty strength,
the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation. Amen.*



Lenten Book Study: *Lent in Plain Sight*, by Jill J. Duffield

Study is on Weds. @12:30-1:30 p.m. throughout the 6 weeks of Lent. We are meeting on zoom and in person if you prefer to come to the church. This daily devotional for the season of Lent, Jill J. Duffield reflects on ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection. *Lent in Plain Sight* reminds Christians to open ourselves to the kingdom of God. Let us journey to Jerusalem together as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Beth in the church office. #518-668-2613.



Men's Hiking Boots needed.

A man that visits our food pantry is in need of a pair of waterproof 10.5 wide hiking boots. He usually buys them at Supershoes store in the outlets and the boots are called Hightech Altitudes. If you would like to purchase these or have a pair of boots at home that you do not use, please give them to Beth in the office.

Thank you.

Preschool News:

It is with great anticipation of spring coming that we are updating you with some things that are happening here in the preschool.

*We just had our Open House announcement in the Chronicle and the Post Star. Our Open House is scheduled for March 4th, 6-7:00 pm.

*We are getting calls for people interested in the rest of this year and for enrollment next year.

Thank you to all the church families that helped out with ordering car washes through Hoffman's helping hands fundraiser. We passed our goal!!! We feel incredibly supported.

We are so blessed to have the support from the church and the community. We couldn't do it without you!

The Preschool Staff



MARCH 2021 NEWS FROM THE HAITI MISSION SCHOOL

HAITI REMAINS IN TURMOIL

Although it may not seem all that different from our own country, the nation of Haiti continues in turmoil. This week, the President asked for the retirement of three members of the Supreme Court. The legislature has not been reconstituted since it was dissolved earlier in the year. There is no agreement on when President Moise's term of office ends (a long story). He maintains that it is February of 2022. Others say that it ended this week, and the now opposition has installed their own "President" at Cap Haitiene. This does not bode well for Haiti! The good news is COVID19 is still not affecting large numbers of Haitians. As of this date (Feb. 12), according to the World Health Organization, there have still only been 244 deaths out of 11 million people.

BIBLE DONATION

Thanks to a special donation from one of our supporters, bibles in the French language (Psalms and New Testament) have been given to all of our secondary students. This has been one of their re-quests to us. We hope in the coming months to be able to expand this program to the lower grades. This is the picture of the students with their new bibles.



ANNUAL REPORTS MAILED

All tax contribution acknowledgment letters for calendar year 2019 have been mailed. We included our annual report with these letters. If you made a donation in 2020 and did not receive a letter, please contact us at the address below. Meanwhile, we do want to thank everyone who has supported the school in any way, whether through physical assistance, financial donations and/or prayers. And please continue to keep the children and staff of the Haiti Mission School and all of Haiti

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Please continue to pray for Sabrina and all the other Haitian Restavec and the children in orphanages

NORTH COUNTRY MINISTRY ONLINE AUCTION

MARCH 10TH -17TH, ST. PATRICK'S DAY



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PLEASE CALL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS #518-623-2829, EXT, 302

"MAY YOUR TROUBLES BE LESS AND YOUR BLESSINGS BE MORE."



Happy Birthday

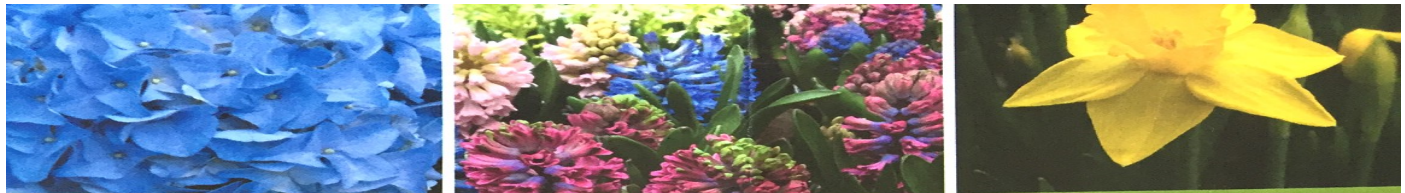
- 2 Dave Madden
- 2 Carol Bayle
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- 12 Barb O'Reilly
- 12 Lauren Azer
- 13 Pat Carpenter

- 16 Mel Quigan
- 18 Tom Parsons
- 22 Tim McCann
- 23 Kate MacEachron
- 23 Leah Jenne
- 26 Linda Nicols
- 26 John Kohland



Prayer Concerns

Caroline Tidd, Aaron Palait, Wasniewski family, Joyce Comp-son, Jim Trowbridge, Raymond and Anita Rios, Ella Mossing, Nicol's relative Ronny and granddaughter Stella Army, Jared Winters, John Kohland, Kris Haskell, Mary Jane Connor, Bob's friend with cancer and one with Lou Gehrig's disease, Dale's daughter Tiera, Shirley Horgan, Pam & Sue Parrott, Bud Steiner, Peg Edwards, Nancy Hollenbeck.



Best Because We Grow

Easter Plants From Garden Time in Queensbury

| Quantity | Item | Price Ea. | Plant Color |
|----------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Lilies 6" Pot (3-5 blooms) | \$9.99 | |
| | Lilies 6" Pot (6+ blooms) | 10.99 | |
| | Lilies 8" Pot (2 plants) | 19.99 | |
| | Lilies 10" Pot (3 plants) | 26.99 | |
| | Tulips 6" Pot | 9.99 | |
| | Daffodils 6" Pot | 9.99 | |
| | Hyacinths 6" Pot | 9.99 | |
| | Azaleas 6" Pot | 19.99 | |
| | Azaleas 10" Pot (2 plants) | 29.99 | |
| | Mums 6" Pot | 9.99 | |
| | Cineraria 6" Pot | 10.99 | |
| | Hydrangea 6" Pot (2 blooms)** | 14.99 | |
| | Hydrangea 6" Pot (3 blooms)** | 16.99 | |
| | Hydrangea 6" Pot (4 blooms)** | 18.99 | |
| | Hydrangea 6" Pot (5 blooms)** | 20.99 | |
| | Palm Buds | 9.99 | |

*Also Available *Foil Colors Available: Pink, Purple, Gold, Green, White & Blue ** White*

It's Time to Order Easter Flowers!!!!

If you order flowers, please fill out this form and make the check out to the Caldwell Presbyterian Church. Please mail it or place it in the offering plate **by Sunday, March 14th**. You can take your flowers home following the Easter Service. ---Thank you.

Get to Know You Project: Peg Earl By: Emily Fuller

Growing up, 97 year old Mrs. Earl had a tough early life but found ways to have fun. Mrs. Earl's mother was an only child and orphan who grew up on a farm in Vermont. They used to visit Keene Valley where her dad owned a hotel, but unfortunately it burnt down when she was around 6. Luckily, her family also had a few cottages in Keene Valley. Her family life was complicated because she was a child of divorce. Sadly, her dad had to go to Pennsylvania for a job as an adjuster while her mom worked in NYC as a nurse. "It's not ideal to be a child of divorce" she said and "I was sorry ever since." Like her mother, Mrs. Earl was also adopted by a couple when her mother was called to France as a Red Cross Nurse during the war. She explained to me that during the war, there were hard times. People lived off rations because food was scarce and you couldn't go to the store and buy anything you wanted. Although she didn't starve living off rations, she said they weren't very exciting. "Money is not like it is today, there was a lot less money in those days" she said.

Despite the war, Mrs. Earl found ways to have fun. During the winter, there was a hockey rink where she skated a lot. In the summer, she went to outdoor movie places similar to the drive in's. On top of that, she was athletic and played basketball. When she visited Keene Valley, she attended dances at the firehouse where a lot of the locals played instruments. She remembers one performer, Doctor Golf, who played the drums. Some of the popular dances were round dancing, square dancing, waltz, fox trot, the do-si-do. I asked her what type of clothing styles were popular during her teens and Mrs. Earl said that there were no extreme types of clothes but that jeans were popular. She only wore formal wear to church on Sundays, never to the dances.

Mrs. Earl's education was a long journey. She started school in NYC but since there was no 7th grade, she went to a private school on the Hudson River. She had to walk to get to a bus that would take her part of the way and then walk even more to get to school. She never learned to drive until after marriage so she took the bus a lot. Mrs. Earl attended college at New Paltz which became a four year college the year she entered. Prior to this, colleges were normally three years. She became acquainted with Lake George from a roommate in college.

She always enjoyed visiting Lake George so she was excited to be offered a job teaching 6th grade. She met her husband while teaching at Lake George. "He was in the army but he used to come into the gym and shoot baskets." After they were married, she gave up full time teaching to raise their four children but continued substitute teaching. I asked her what inspired her to be a teacher and she said she didn't know why she wanted to teach but she always did. Mrs. Earl says "I was born to teach." She was also a National PTA State Officer where she ran workshops.

Finally, I asked Mrs. Earl: What's the most important life lesson you think our generation should learn from yours? Her response: "You need to set goals. Live your life with goals in mind and even when things are tough, keep striving to accomplish those goals because you only have one life to live. It's important to make the most of it. Also, friends are very important as you get older."

Currently, Mrs. Earl lives happily with her daughter in Lake George. She says she's very fortunate her children are still around. She even has a 4 year old great grandchild whom she hasn't yet met in person, only via the T.V. Getting to know Mrs. Earl a little bit better and hearing about her life when she was growing up was a wonderful experience and I hope she inspires you as much as she inspired me.

Lent



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Lenten Poem by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take time to let the power
of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up
and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and
listen to his Word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....
Lent is a time to allow
a fresh new taste of God!
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,
for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future
knowing our past.
Give us courage, O God,
to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven
and give us the faith
to take up our lives and walk.



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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