

The Seeker - April 2021-Newsletter

For the Caldwell Presbyterian Church



Hope for the Post-Covid World

The Seeker is distributed on the first day of the new month, which this month finds us at the table, dimly lit, the scene of the Last Supper, and our journey through Holy Week nearing its end. Tonight at 7 p.m. is one of the most moving services of our church year, the Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service, when we read the passion narrative, and we remember, in gesture and in word, how Jesus expressed the whole mission of his life: to love, and to love by serving one another. By this, we will be known as his disciples.

We have all experienced profound changes over the last year: some changes have been welcome ones— more time at the dinner table with our family, and more time for self-reflection and prioritizing what truly matters. On the other hand, we have had to adapt to a 'new normal' with sanitizer at every door, and masks part of our daily routines. The handshake, a very personal form of greeting that dates back to ancient Greece, has been replaced with the elbow pump, and hugging, my personal preferred way of greeting, has been suspended indefinitely. Our homes have become our sanctuaries, our schools, our entertainment centers, our restaurants, our cultural centers, our gyms, and the place where we have developed strategies to fight loneliness and isolation. *So what have we learned?*

As more of us are vaccinated and as Covid rates begin to come down, this is a moment to begin to envision what lessons have been learned during the pandemic, and to ask ourselves what wisdom we would like to bring forward so that we may come back stronger than before and make our world a better place.

Caldwell has formed a new area of ministry called Congregational Life. Elders JoEllen Parsons and Jeff York and I have conceived of a project we are thrilled to introduce to you and invite your participation: **Voices of Hope from Caldwell**, a compilation of recordings of your thoughts, ideas, and wisdom to share your hope for our world.

At the heart of this project are the following questions: *how might we use the experience of the last year constructively in our life together as the body of Christ? How may we make this a moment for growth, of rekindling our connections, and the very sparks of servant love that make us who we are as a church? What precious kernel of wisdom have you gleaned from the past year that you are willing to share with others?*

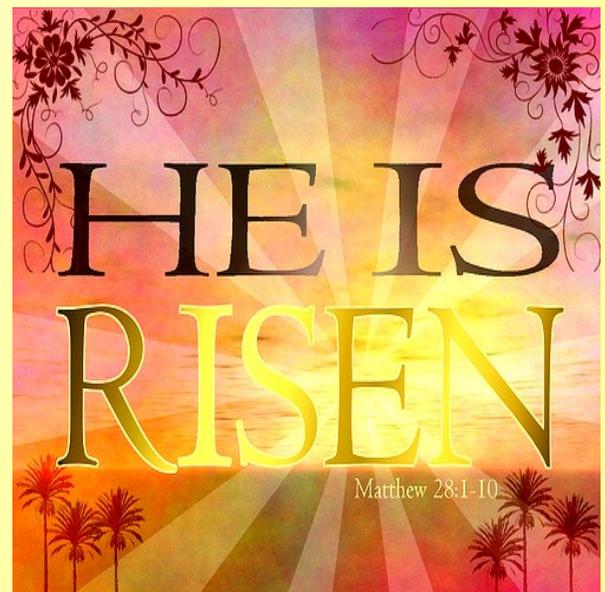
And so we are asking you, the congregation and friends of Caldwell Church, to join us in **Voices of Hope from Caldwell**. We will reach out to you and ask to record your voices later this Spring. We will produce a CD to give to you, your friends, visitors to Caldwell, and whomever may need a special hopeful word, and we are looking into a digital format as well. In addition to offering your reflections, you are welcome to read a favorite poem, or sing a song, whatever comes to mind to express your unique hope for this time. We want everyone who would like to participate to have input—from babies to toddlers to teens to adults to grandparents and great grandparents—all of us, expressing our sincere hope for our world.

Ours is a faith based not on death and diminishment, but on the power of resurrection hope. The miracle of Easter gives us hope that energizes, creates and re-creates, where the angels' song tells us that He Is Risen! May there be for you, for all of us, a transformation this Easter. "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me," Jesus tells us this night. May we each be cleansed this night, and may there be a collective letting go of the doubt and despair that has so characterized our world in the past year, and may it be replaced with the seed of hope planted in us on Easter morning. Please join us in sharing your voice, your vision, for how Caldwell can make the world a better place in the world awash with the miracle of new life. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

A blessed Holy Week and Easter celebration to you all.

Faithfully,

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Mission of the Month, April, 2021
The Benjamin D. Osborn Memorial Fund, Inc.

“Helping Local Children With Need”

In The Tri-County Region

Our Mission of the Month for April is The Benjamin D. Osborn Memorial Fund, Inc.

This fund was created in loving memory of CPL Osborn who was killed in Afghanistan, June 15, 2010, while serving in the United States Army during *Operation Enduring Freedom*.

“It is our mission and hope that the values being learned, such as discipline and pride, will be encouraged and passed on through Ben’s legacy. As he taught us through example and selfless sacrifice, we simply wish to do our part by “giving kids a little lift,” in honor of Ben’s memory.” The positive impact that Ben made in life continues in death through this fund.

The fund is aimed at helping children in need, ages 5 through 18. Modest assistance can be provided in the form of items such as: school supplies, tutoring services, winter clothing items, field trip admission expenses, electronics, musical instruments and lessons, eyeglasses and more!

Donations can be sent to Caldwell Presbyterian Church, with checks made out to Caldwell Presbyterian Church with April Mission in the memo. Or they can be placed in the offering plate at church or dropped off at church.

Caldwell Library will be open to the public for browsing and computer use starting on Monday, April 12th.

The staff will be fully vaccinated and will be ready for patrons to come and see the reorganized shelves and to meet the new director, Laura Burrows.

Consider joining the Friends of Caldwell Library. The Friends host a monthly book sale, and this month it will be held on Sat., April 17th from 10a.m. until 2p.m.

Sign up for the library’s monthly newsletter by calling the library at: 518-668-2528 or by stopping by in person after the 12th.



Lake George Community Garage Sale -

Sat. May 1 & Sun. May 2, 9am - 5 pm. \$10.00 puts your location on the map. Proceeds will go to the Lake George Dog Park Fund. Please sign up at the village Hall. Deadline for listing on the map is Weds. April, 28th. Merchant sidewalk sales contact Carollee Labruzzo #518-588-4840.



The Get To Know You Project: An Interview with Roger Glenn

By Lilly Trowbridge

Hi, I'm Lilly Trowbridge, and I'm in 8th Grade at Queensbury Middle School. Recently I talked with a member of our church, Roger Glenn. I learned so many amazing things about his life and I'm very excited to share!

For starters, Roger was born in North Creek, NY. He was born in his very own home, not a hospital. The year was 1938, which Mr. Glenn joked, "That's older than dirt!" Roger had four siblings, three deceased, and his younger brother lives in Glens Falls today. They get together for lunches and dinners often. His dad was a doctor, a general practitioner in town. He would visit people in his old model A Ford, which Roger still remembers fondly. As a child, Roger said, "I was a bullet, a real Dickens!" Roger skied his entire life up until last year, but more on that in a minute.

His dad decided to get into radiology, so the family moved to Boston for two years. When they moved back to Glens Falls, even though Roger attended Glens Falls Jr/Sr High, he still needed some credits. So, he went to Darrow, an all-boys prep school (It's co-ed today) in New Lebanon, NY, near the border with Pittsfield, MA. He was a major athlete: the Captain of the Lacrosse team, the Quarterback of the Football team, and the Captain of the Ski Team. Wow!

At Darrow, they had a motto; "Hands to work, hearts to God." And that motto has, I think, shaped a lot of what Mr. Glenn has done in his life. When I asked Mr. Glenn about his favorite memories as a child, many of them pointed to perhaps the sport he loved the most: skiing. He would go over to Little Gore every Saturday and Sunday, and vacations too. He skied all the time! While at Darrow school, Roger was one of five very good skiers on a ski team. They competed with schools and traveled all around. Mr. Glenn explained that being on the ski team meant that you competed in downhill, large slalom, small slalom, cross country, and, you had to *jump*! As a kid, Mr. Glenn did jumps all the time, but they were what he called "little bumps." In high school, at Darrow, this was a 40 meter jump. His jump skis were 4 inches wide and 8 feet long... "A little tough to handle those!" Mr. Glenn said. He said that when you were standing at the top, you couldn't see the hill you were landing on. When you'd go off the bump, you'd go in the air and have to lean forward, otherwise you'd land on your butt! I asked Mr. Glenn, "Did you ever land that way?" "Oh yes," he said, "The first time I ever went down, the coach had to push me!"

His love of skiing became a lifelong source of joy. For 40 years, Mr. Glenn ran the ski patrol, as a first aid instructor, then as a patrol leader, then a section chief, then senior examiner, and finally, regional director—his region being from Whiteface to Hudson, NY. But nothing could top what might have been his most famous ski performance, when the January 14th, 1944 edition of the New York Times covered North Creek's annual junior ski races: "*The Preschool group honors were captured by 5 year old Roger Glenn, son of Dr. Glenn, local ski pioneer. He made his single descent in 0:21 to win comfortably from another 5 year old lad, Roger Brassel, son of the former Gore Mountain S.P. President who did 1:12.*" A 5 year old making national news? Incredible! A sign of the big ski career to come for Mr. Glenn!

In terms of his career, Mr. Glenn's first official job was in Lake George at Howard Johnsons at around the age of 16. He said, "I realized I could've been at Storytown playing Cowboys and Indians, but they only paid \$1/hr. I was up at HoJo's earning \$2 dollars an hour washing dishes!"

As a young man, Mr. Glenn joined the National Guard and did basic training and schooling for the first 6 months. It was toward the end of the Korean war and before Vietnam. So for the next 5 and ½ years, Mr. Glenn served in the Reserves, which entailed 2 weekends per month and 2 weeks every summer of service in the National Guard. He met his wife Lynda at Hudson Valley College, where Mrs. Glenn was training to be a dental hygienist. Mr. Glenn and his friends would go get their teeth cleaned so that the students could practice on them. "Anything to be near the girls!" He said. He even sang in the choir! It wasn't long before Lynda and Roger got married.

Mr. Glenn joined the Mohawk Brush Company, in Quality Control, and loved working there, but when the company decided to move to Kansas, he knew it was time to switch jobs because as much as he enjoyed his work, there's no skiing in Kansas! He figured he'd have to travel 350 miles to find a mountain.

After that he worked at McNiel Fence Company, which handled all the fencing around the Northway and residential properties such as pools and yards. After several years, he decided to go into his own business. He loved art and was always really good at drawing and creative things. His business was making boat tops, covers, cushions, and awnings. He loved and enjoyed his work. He was up early every day and worked 7 days a week, in summer months especially.

Believe it or not, in the midst of all his other activities, Mr. Glenn was also a volunteer fireman at Center Brunswick. He volunteered two nights a week. When he and Mrs. Glenn moved to Lake George in 1977, he had to let go of the volunteer fireman job because with ski patrol on weekends and firefighting two nights a week, Mrs. Glenn said something had to give! She was right! It was about 1979 when they started at Caldwell Presbyterian Church—and both Mr. and Mrs. Glenn have served in practically every role, and done a ton of things for our church over the past 40+ years. We didn't really talk about this, but my mom says that Mr. Glenn took special care of church property and knows every nook and cranny and hiding place there is.

When I asked Mr. Glenn what some of his favorite memories are, he said they are when he and Mrs. Glenn would travel with Pat and Bill Carpenter and Barb and Bill Howell, when they used to rough it with tents and canoes. "We'd paddle to somewhere, set up camp, eat, sleep, get up the next morning, pack up, paddle a little further, and do the same thing all over again. We got to the stage where it was too much work doing all that, so we decided to pick a spot and just go there!" When I asked him his favorite place to paddle, he said the Fulton Chain from Raquette Lake all the way down to Old Forge, and they had to portage their canoes from lake to lake.

Another amazing fact about Mr. and Mrs. Glenn is that they have visited every state in the continental United States except Oklahoma. Somehow they always bypassed Oklahoma in their travels. They would take every April and September off from work, get the Triple A tour book, and plan a route to explore America. They wanted to follow Louis and Clark! Sometimes during their April trips, it was not until North or South Carolina when they could "de-winterize," open up the lines, run the antifreeze out, and turn the water on in their trailer camper!

When I asked Mr. Glenn for his opinion about the greatest invention he has seen, he said probably the computer and the internet, although he does not use either except for a game of Solitaire in the morning and some puzzles. "I email with one guy, I might pass it on to my brother, but that's about it!" he said.

I asked him how much gas cost in his 20's, and it was 25 cents a gallon. "You could put 2 dollars in the car and drive the whole week!"

His favorite age, he said, was probably his 40s and 50s with all the kids, skiing, and travelling.

His most important life lesson to pass on is to get away from the phone, get out, and see the world. "When we were kids," Mr. Glenn said, "We were never home. We were always outside. We had a good life; we were very fortunate."

Toward the end of this amazing conversation, I asked him a final question of what makes him the happiest in his life. He said, "Oh, being around good friends, being a good Christian, enjoying church and companionship. We have people from church up here at the house. And being alive, getting up in the morning, and enjoying the day like there's no tomorrow."

If that doesn't inspire you and bring a smile from ear to ear, I don't know what will. It was such an honor for me to get to know Mr. Glenn, and I hope you've enjoyed getting to know him a little better too!





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Prayer Concerns: Kevin & Dennis Galloway, Shirley Horgan’s family, Larry Bennet’s family, Frank Bueler, Aunt Barbara, Asian Communities, Shooting victims and families, Refugees at the border, William Caslow, Tom Parsons, Dorothy Quigan, KC Glenn, Pat McCoy, Yvonne Fuller’s father, Jack Choppa, Mel Quigan, People and govt. of Haiti, Wasniewski family, Joyce Compson, Jim Trowbridge, Raymond and Anita Rios, Nicol’s relative Ronny and Stella Army, Jared Winters, Kathy’s hip, John Kohland, Kris Haskell, BLais’s friend with cancer and one with Lou Gehrig’s disease, Shirley Horgan, Pam & Sue Parrott, Bud Steiner, Peg Edwards, Nancy Hollenbeck.

Holy Week Schedule

April 1, 7 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

April 2, 12 pm - Good Friday Prayer Service

April 4, 6:30 am - Sunrise Service on the pier

April 4, 10 am - Easter Service Caldwell will be having in service worship on Easter at 50% capacity. **If your family would like to attend, please call the office** to make reservation.

*Christ
is
Risen!*

Please note that Easter is the only service that requires a reservation. All of the services will be in house and on zoom.

There may be an Easter egg hunt depending on how many families attend. many families sign up to attend the service.



CALDWELL DEACONS' APRIL COMMUNITY SUPPER –TO GO!



**The Deacons of Caldwell are offering
Take-Out Community Supper and *Invite You to Join Us!***

**WHAT'S FOR DINNER? Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup and
home baked Scones!**

**WHEN: Saturday, April 17, 9:30-11 a.m. pick-up on the back porch
of the church**

**FOR ALL VOLUNTEER CHEFS: If you would like to make chicken
noodle soup for the community dinner, please contact KC Glenn
by April 11 at kcglen129@yahoo.com. Drop-off your soup into the
church refrigerator April 14, 15, or 16 by 4 p.m.
We'd love some volunteer chefs!**

**READY TO SIGN UP? Please contact Dale Tolene by April 11
at 717-395-0898 or email him at dtolene@hotmail.com
so we can get an accurate headcount.**

**NEED US TO DELIVER TO YOU? We'd be happy to, just let Dale know
when you call or email him.**

**Though we have to forego in-person community suppers for the time
being, we can still participate in table fellowship in Spirit.
We pray you and yours will join us and will look forward to
a night off to enjoy a homemade meal from your church family!**

Spring Plant Sale – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Warren County is taking orders for their annual spring plant sale. A variety of annual and perennial flowers, herbs, and vegetables are available for purchase. Order forms can be found on the following link - <http://warren.cce.cornell.edu/events/2021/04/30/spring-plant-sale>. Submit your order form with a deposit of 50% of your total order by May 3rd. You may also pay in full. Orders are first come, first serve. Plant orders can be picked up on Friday, May 21, between 8:30am – 4:00 pm or on Saturday, May 22, between 9:00am – 3:00 pm. In addition to plant orders, leftover plants will be available for sale on those days. Order forms can be filled out and e-mailed to: jmh452@cornell.edu. Pay by check made out to CCE Warren and mail to 377 Schroon River Rd, Warrensburg NY 12885, or credit card by calling our office at 518-668-4881. All proceeds will benefit the Master Gardener and 4-H Youth Programs.

The Caldwell Preschool is beyond grateful for the donations received from our recent Hoffman's fundraiser. We exceeded our goal of \$1000.00!

OUR ANNUAL BASKET FUNDRAISER WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 24TH AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN LAKE GEORGE STARTING AT 6 PM. There will be a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and we will receive 20% profit from any dinners that are purchased during the event. If you are interested in making a basket for the raffle, please drop it off at the church office prior to the event.

Our program is already off to a great start for next year. We have eight 3 year olds, and five 4 year olds! Please continue to spread the word about our amazing preschool program so we can continue to grow.

We wish all of you a Happy Easter and thank you for your prayers and support of our program.

Lee-Ann & Ashley



Scholarship Applications

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 or coffee room. The deadline for applying for the scholarship is May 10, 2021.

The Scholarship Committee

Rebuilding the Labastille Church after the Hurricane

There is some good news this month!... Members have begun rebuilding the church at Labastille! But as they say: "Se dificile... It's hard! Imagine carrying all building materials on unpaved trails from the road which is more than a mile away. The first half of the trail is a steep downhill to the creek and the other half is a steep uphill to the school. Water is carried in buckets from the creek or other sources. Steel reinforcing rods, and sand, gravel and cement for the made on-site blocks is carried by people, or brought on mules. When it rains, the clay trails are slippery. Additionally, there is no insurance to cover the costs of rebuilding or injury. **Building here is difficult at best!**



We've been asked (sometimes we wonder ourselves) why we started the school at Labastille church. The answer is, the church wanted a school for neighborhood children and offered the space. The little children who live in these mountains had no other schools in walking distance. Older children can walk to the secondary school on the main road, but it is too far for smaller children. However, as you can see, the location of the school definitely poses issues.

World Bank approves \$75 million grant to Haiti

More good news! On March 9, the *World Bank Board of Directors* approved a 75 million dollar grant for Haiti. The purpose of the grant is to help improve health, nutrition and financial inclusion for extremely impoverished families living with small children, pregnant women or handicapped individuals. The grant will provide unconditional cash transfers to an estimated 18,000 families (or 90,000 individuals) and be focused on the Grand Anse department of southern Haiti. (Which is where our school is located).

The grant will also establish foundations to allow an additional 200,000 households to be registered in the social registers of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor. Our prayer is that these funds get to the ones most in need they are intended for.

Chaos continues in Port Au Prince

However the news is not all good... Major demonstrations, killings and kidnappings against President Moise continue in Port Au Prince. President Moise maintains that his term of office runs out in February of next year while the demonstrators say it ran out this February. **The good news** is unrest now seems to be pretty much centered in Port Au Prince (not so good for Port Au Prince), and areas like Jeremie seem to be escaping the mayhem and large demonstrations.

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



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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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