

The Seeker - April 2022-Newsletter For the Caldwell Presbyterian Church



Congregational Life: Our Part in a Long Arc of Love and Devotion

Editor, writer, and literary agent Sheryl Fullerton wrote an article for the *Christian Century* recently about the joy of participating in the life of a congregation over many years. She captures some of the commonalities of a church-goer's experience: how you grow with people through the years, perform the privileges and duties of ministry together, sometimes forming very close friendships, and sometimes never learning a person's name in the pew right in front of you, but counting on seeing that person each week, nonetheless. I related so readily to her account. "Especially after being kept away from congregational life for so long by the COVID virus," she writes, "I gratefully ease in and out of it all, this congregational life, seeking to be part of a long arc of love, devotion, faith, obedience, doubt, belonging, error, confession, reconciliation, and sometimes joy."

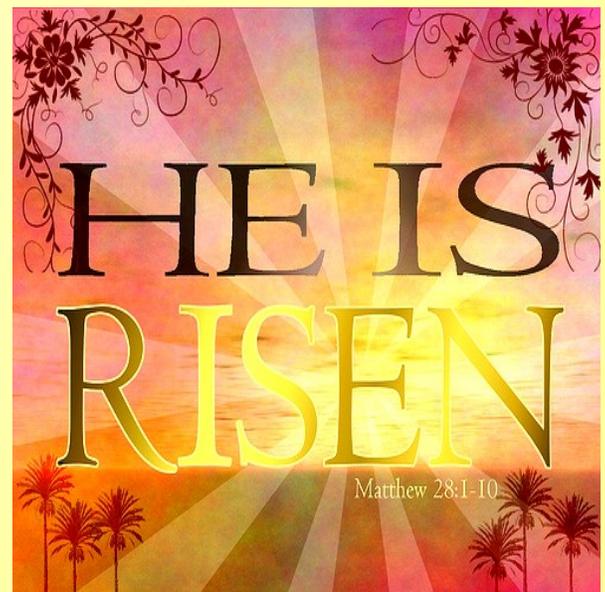
I couldn't agree more. I too am deeply grateful for that long arc of love and devotion which has seen us through decades, and in Caldwell's case, centuries, and especially through the past two years, when we have had to be apart from one another periodically. I am grateful for the strength of our congregation, guided by God's grace, that has kept us united in spirit as we worshiped together from afar. I am equally grateful for that long arc of love and devotion when we returned to in-person worship. There is something very palpable that is felt when we are in the sanctuary worshipping together. It is guided by the Holy Spirit, and each Sunday, it is original, unique—no two Sundays are the same.

Our congregational life is strong and also fragile, as all living things are inherently fragile. We have had new members join our congregation during the past two years, to the blessing of us all, and we have mourned the loss of some of our beloved faithful, whose earthly life has come to an end, but whose love and devotion never ends, and lives on in us and all who sat beside them in church over the years. They commune with us now through that great heavenly host; they are with us still. We have some of us who are comfortable returning to in-person worship at this point in the pandemic, and we have some of us who are not. I suppose it is true, that there is no going back to the congregational life we once knew. There is only this *new* normal that God is asking us to trust.

We are coming into the home stretch of Lent now. Next week is Palm Sunday, and as we approach the end of this Lenten journey, we begin to think about Holy Week and a Last Supper and a crucifixion on a Friday afternoon, and ultimately, the Resurrection. In Caldwell's history as a congregation, this will be our 212th Holy Week and Easter celebration. This Holy Week, in the year 2022, we are going forward with all the cherished church traditions and special worship opportunities from before the pandemic, and you are all invited to attend, either in-person or on zoom. My prayer is for all the faithful to remember the long arc of love, devotion, and liveliness that has defined Caldwell Church over the years, and to trust that God will lead us into the future with hope, purpose, and renewed joy in serving Christ.

A blessed Holy Week and Easter celebration to all,

Ali





Caldwell Preschool

We have been busy preparing for spring and our open house which will be held on April 7th from 6-7.

We had a parent gathering in March and everyone enjoyed being together. It was the first time parents were allowed in the classroom as masks were allowed to come off. We have also been enjoying weekly walks to the library for story time.

We hope all of you have a wonderful Easter. Thank you for supporting us.

Deacon Corner

The Deacons have been busy gathering food to create Easter Baskets for folks who attend our food pantry. The Deacons recently provided a take out chill and cornbread lunch to whoever wanted it.

There is going to be a **RUMMAGE SALE** April 28,29 and 30th. Details have not been worked out yet so please keep an eye on the bulletin for updates.



Caldwell Library in Lake George is Asking You to Celebrate National Library Week With Them!

Annual Library Dinner, Basket Raffle, Music entertainment by Lake George students on Thursday, April 7th, 5:30 pm at the Holiday Inn in Lake George.

Tickets are \$30.

All proceeds directly benefit the library.

RSVP by Friday, April 1st.

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



Lake George Community Garage Sale -

Sat. April 30 & Sun. May 1, 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.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS

JOIN US FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT!!

APRIL 17 AT 11:30AM, OUTSIDE -WEATHER PERMITTING

CAN YOU FIND THE GOLDEN EGGS??

ALL AGES WELCOME



"April showers bring May flowers" How many times have we heard this timeless saying and sang it sweetly during the rainy days of April? The hope and the promise to enjoy God's beauty in the flowers of the Earth is one of the glories of the season of spring.

We see the green sprouting from the earth, we watch with anticipation as the stalk grows, and then, one day...with patience, and faith...we witness the bright yellow of a blossoming Daffodil, breathe in the fragrance of a blooming Hyacinth, and/or enjoy the colorful burst of a tulip opening. And in that moment, our hearts sing as we hold the truth that we are present to something much bigger than ourselves. ...You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail." Isaiah 58:1

- ~ **Youth Group:** *Grades 6 - 12*, April 3rd, "In Your Own Voice:" in person during church service. Exploring God's Word Through The Arts: *Letters To God*.
- ~ **Children's Message with Pastor Ali:** All Youth, Second and Fourth Sundays. April 10 & 12th.
- ~ **Young Disciples:** Grades 1-6, Second and Fourth Sundays. April 10th and 24th. 9:30am Via Zoom. Also In Person during Church Service.
- ~ **New: Little Angels:** Grades PreK, April 10th and 24th. In Person during church service.



Fun in Fellowship, Sunday April 3rd

Tissue Paper Eggs - Discover a fun and easy method of dying Easter Eggs using Tissue Paper and water. Feel free to bring and repurpose tissue paper that you have at home, or enjoy the paper and eggs we will supply for the event. Either way enjoy making your own unique Easter Eggs with this marvelously messy method of dying eggs! Happening after church till 12:00 pm.

Please contact Margo at YouthDirector@Caldwellpres.org for questions, information, or to Pre-Register for an event.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth" 3 John:1:4



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

THANKS FOR JOINING US! Thanks to those who participated in our SPAC cat and dog toy-making session and newspaper drive. The newspaper and toys were delivered by Margo to the SPCA with many thanks. Margo's class also made a neat poster in support of this community service project.



It was a small but enthusiast group of bowlers for our March outing. I think a few strikes were had judging by the pictures!



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, or by emailing Sarah King at scubakings@roadrunner.com. The deadline for applying for the scholarship is June 1, 2022. 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.

ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS ON TRACK FOR THIS MAY!!

We are holding a modified VBS for Caldwell Preschoolers beginning Sunday, May 15. From 10am-11:30. It will run for 5 consecutive Sunday ending on June 12. We will celebrate our participants and all Caldwell youth on June 19 at our Youth Sunday service, followed by an all-church picnic on the lawn. No regular Sunday school classes will be held during this time.



CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for youth participation at three upcoming events.

Want to help at VBS from May 12-June 15? Sign up to help on one or more Sundays from 10am-11:30 at Rocky Railway Preschool VBS. Contact Mrs. King at scubakings@roadrunner.com to help.

Another opportunity to serve is at our first Community Dinner since 2019 being held on Wednesday, May 4 at Sacred Heart church. Contact Sarah King to sign up.

Decorate some Easter card which will be added to the Easter food baskets being provided by the Deacons to our community. Packs of 5 cards are located in a bin on the back porch.

PLEASE RETURN DECORATED CARDS BY APRIL 7.



6 Mary McIntyre

9 Susanna Bernd Gorey

17 Ron Eaglestone

18 Alex Blanco

22 Bill Carpenter

23 Nancy Hollenbeck

26 Laura Moody

26 Linda Grant

28 Jennifer Blanco

Prayer Concerns: Refugees, Rice's friend Cliff & Linda, Connelly family, people of the Ukraine, Ree Humphrey's family, Chuck & Alice Huppert, Tom Parsons' family, Sue Moore, Bev & Mike Bruster, Laurie Tozzi, Margo's friend Larry, Erin, Angela & daughter, Nancy Hollenbeck, Nate Fuller's father-in-law and sister, Jay Brundage, Jim Russel, Laurel Cormee, Judy Edmunds, Peg Earl, Ree Humphrey, Ted Brothers, People in Haiti, Sue Conklin, Bob Bayle, Pam Parrott.

Holy Week Schedule

April 10 - Palm Sunday Service at CPC

April 14 - 7p.m. Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service with Communion at CPC

April 15 - Good Friday "Walking the Way of the Cross"

12 p.m. start at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lake George

April 17 - Easter Sunrise Ecumenical Service at 6:30 a.m. on the pier at Shepard Park.

Complimentary Continental Breakfast following Sunrise Service at CPC

April 17 -Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. -Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.



*Christ
is
Risen!*



Domestic Violence Project of Warren and Washington Counties (DVP)

Mission of the Month - April, 2022

Life can be frightening and chaotic in a home where domestic violence occurs.

Domestic violence:

- *has a significant impact on the general health and wellbeing of individuals by causing physical injury, anxiety, depression, impairing social skills and increasing the likelihood that **they will engage in practices harmful to their health**, such as self-harm or substance abuse.
- *is **a serious problem around the world**. It violates the fundamental human rights of women and often results in serious injury or death. While statistics vary slightly, women are victims of violence in approximately 95% of the cases of domestic violence.
- ***affects one's thoughts, feelings and behaviors** and can significantly impact one's mental stability. Increased anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder and depression symptoms are commonly observed among survivors of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence Project Services:

24/7 Hotline
Supportive Counseling - Individual and Group
Court Advocacy
Shelter
On-Site Resources
Referrals to community agencies
Community Coordination – education and outreach
Support Groups
Youth Services

Provides a safe and confidential place for survivors and their children to temporarily stay to escape **abuse and violence**.

All services are free. ***** For more information: <https://www.dvpww.org>

AGENCY: Catholic Charities of Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties

In addition to Financial donations, the following items are often needed and can be donated and placed in the box in the coffee room, labeled, "Domestic Violence:"

**Gift cards for grocery or general merchandise stores. (Walmart, Target, Price Chopper)

**Laundry detergent, **Full size toiletries, **underwear and socks for women and children in any/all sizes.



COMMUNITY DINNER IS BACK!

Throughout the ministry of Jesus, feeding people and sharing table fellowship was always at the heart of his mission. Therefore, after a two year hiatus, it brings me great joy to invite you to please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, May 4th, at 5 p.m. for our first Community Dinner back at Sacred Heart.** Our meal will be generously provided by ADK Pub. We will plan the evening to carry out the same way we have always done community dinners and hope there is no reason to prevent us from gathering and sitting at table with one another. However, If we need to turn to a Plan B due to a spike in Covid, we can always make it take-out only, and ADK Pub is prepared for that.

If any of you would like to help set-up, serve, make desserts or clean-up, please sign up in the coffee room or call the office, so we can know whom to count on for those duties. We will also have our good friends at Sacred Heart who are usually in the kitchen with us and have already told us they will help serve that day too. A true ecumenical effort!



COFFEE HOUR HAS BEGUN AGAIN!

Caldwell is excited to be meeting to enjoy coffee and a snack together after church. If you would like to help serve one Sunday, please call Beth in the office. Thank you!





Get to Know You Project: My interview with Chuck Huppert

By Lilly Trowbridge, 9th Grade, Queensbury High School

For the Get to Know You Project, I recently interviewed Mr. Huppert, a member of our Caldwell Church. I have learned a lot about him and his life and accomplishments, and I'm very excited to share!

Charles H Huppert (Chuck) was born in a town called Baldwin, on Long Island, here in NY, in 1928. Mr. Huppert started coming to Caldwell with his wife, Mrs. Huppert (Alice) on a formal basis about 2 years ago. Here are some of the questions I asked him:

Do you have siblings? If so, what did you and your siblings do for fun?

I have a sister who is no longer living. And I had a brother who is no longer living. I'm the sole survivor. I remember we all had tricycles and we used to ride our tricycles on the sidewalks out in front of the houses. When we got a little older, we ventured into the street. It wasn't too bad because there wasn't too much traffic in the roads. It was pretty safe. We used to ride from my house to the elementary school which was about 2 miles.

What is your best memory as a child?

There was a boy who lived across the street from us, his name was Billy Jones. He was probably the closest one. Another fellow I became friendly with lived a mile and a half away, and we used to get together in the summer time. We had a good time together.

What were you doing in your 20's and where were you living? Can you remember your goals for your future at that time?

Just before I was 20 I worked in a butcher's shop as a butcher's helper. I used to work on the chopping block and I used to clean chickens. I was asked to slice the pork. I had to help keep the shop clean. Saturday was clean-up day. That was the usual routine. That friend I was talking about, he and his friends had a summer place on the eastern end of Long Island, and he'd invite me to come visit in the summer. It was on Peconic Bay. I'd stay for a month or 6 weeks, and we'd do a lot of sailing, fishing, and swimming. Then I graduated from high school and was just the right age to be drafted, and I signed up on the draft board. About a year and a half later I was drafted and joined the Navy. I was trained in Maryland and learned the basic stuff there. I was in the Navy about 2 years and served in CT and RI and served on Long Island Sound. It wasn't a very exciting Navy experience but at least I completed what I was supposed to do.

After that, about that time, I got interested in going to college. I enrolled in Wagner College in Staten Island, NY. I was there four years and graduated with a BS in Biology. That was the beginning of my working career.

When I finished my studies at Wagner College, I went to work in the town of Hempstead in LI, and stayed about 1.5 years in the diagnostics laboratory. I decided I needed more education so enrolled at Lehigh University and got a master's degree there. I looked around for a job which I would have for the rest of my life. But before I did that, I decided I needed a PhD. I enrolled at Syracuse University and after four years came out with a PhD. Then I worked for the Federal Government Laboratory, the US Public Health Service in Savannah, GA. It kept me interested.

During that time, I found a very lovely girl and courted her. We were both working at the same place in the summertime in Narrowsburg, NY, on the Delaware River, which sort of forms the state line where PA and NY come together on the Delaware River. The two of us worked there for two years and that is where I met Alice. I drove a tractor, I hammered nails, I cut a lot of wood, and in the evenings I was a bartender. Alice waitressed and was also a chamber maid. We got married and lived for a short time down in Savannah where I worked. I ended up in Syracuse University for that PhD, and there, the oldest of our 3 children, our daughter, was born. She learned how to walk and get along with other people in Syracuse.

Career-wise, I ended up at the Albany College of Pharmacy where I became a professor of microbiology and immunology. I worked there for 30 years and that was the end of my working career. I spent a lot of time on college campuses when you look at it.

What invention in your lifetime do you think is the most amazing?

I would say the whole atomic business—atoms and the makeup of material, not the bomb. But the atomic business probably impressed me more than anything else. I never got into that kind of business, but I know I watched it pretty closely.

Who has influenced you most in your life and why?

I would say the early biological scientists influenced me the most. I was always interested in educational opportunities, always a follower of biological things.

What are you most proud of in your life?

My family—my daughter and two boys, and my wife, Alice. I'm most proud of what they did and how they behaved and what their interests were. They were all interesting to me. They were always the closest to me and we always lived close together, and then they got married and disappeared!

What kind of things make you the happiest in your life?

I've always respected and admired people who speak up for other people; people who are more educated than I am and I could learn from them. The family are the closest relationships I have. Our close family members are probably the best people that I have had to interact with, and that has made me very happy.

What is the best advice you can give me to live in the world with all that's going on?

Learn as much as you can about your environment, and use your environment to make it what you want it to be. Always be careful how you treat your environment. If you don't do those things, you will have troubles. Also, I would say it is so important to be a part of a church and go to the church services. If you don't have that, the rest of the world doesn't look as good if you don't pay attention to it through your religious beliefs.

I was brought up in a family by a mother and father very active in the Lutheran Church. Both were Sunday School Superintendents. My father was a member of the council at that time. They were very active in the church. That was a great influence on my life and I was brought up that way, and I guess it worked out OK.

My biggest problem these days is getting to church and sitting down in the pew to listen to the service. Because of the auto accident, I don't have a car and have to rely on other people to get us to and from church. In the meantime we listen to the service on zoom.

I could have spoken with Mr. Huppert for the rest of the morning. I had so much fun interviewing him. He is a very special person. Also since this interview our church started a transport team to help bring Mr. and Mrs. Huppert to church on Sundays. I'm so glad we are coming together as a team and can do that for them. I loved learning about Mr. Huppert's life and I hope you did too!



The Caldwell Food Pantry is in need of toothbrushes, tooth paste, floss, deodorant, shampoo, and laundry detergent. Please drop it off on the back porch of the church next to the rear parking lot, or bring it into the church library/ youth sitting area.

Thank you for your help.



Tickets available in
the church office.
Please call Beth
518-668-2613.



Please Join Us for a Brooks BBQ Benefit Dinner!

When: April 7th 4pm-7pm (or until sold out)
Where: 616 Quaker Rd, Queensbury, NY 12804
(North Country Subaru)

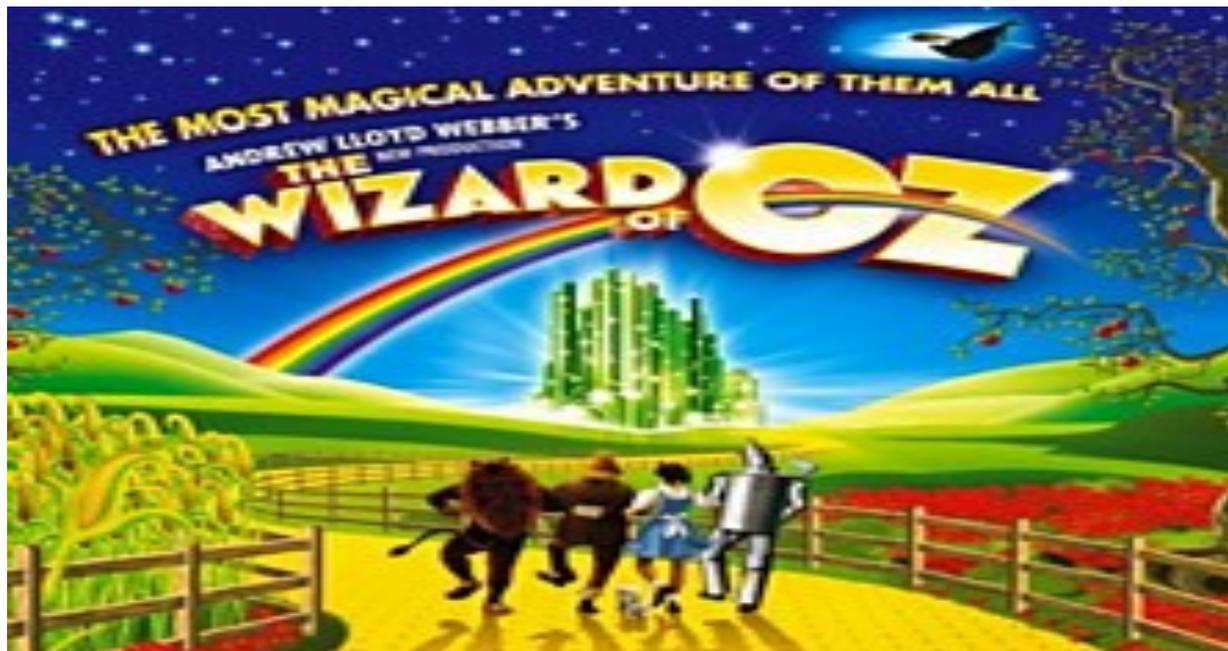
Every \$15 ticket sale benefits the Adirondack Samaritan Counseling Center. Proceeds help them continue to provide quality mental health services to children, adolescents and adults in Warren, Washington, Essex and Saratoga Counties.



**Adirondack Samaritan
Counseling Center**

Providing counseling and therapy for families, individuals, and couples in the Adirondack region.

North Country Subaru



Warrensburg High School is performing the Wizard of Oz musical.
March 30th, April 1st, and April 2nd at 7:00. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door.
Under the direction of Jim Corriveau, with a live band accompaniment.

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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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