

*THE SEEKER FOR MAY 2022  
NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



**May: Time for “A New Thing”**

*“Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:19*

Recently a dear friend introduced me to a remarkable work called *The Lost Words* by Robert Macfarlane and illustrated by Jackie Morris. It is a large, beautiful, hand-illustrated book about the wonders of the natural world that are disappearing from children’s minds, or at least, from their mouths. Words like Dandelion, Bramble, Kingfisher (see above illustration), Wren, and Lark are literally disappearing from the dictionary and are replaced with words like Broadband, Bullet-point, and Blog that are more familiar in today’s technological world which our children more frequently inhabit. But the lost words still surround us—they lie hidden in the natural world, and the book takes the reader through pages of stunning art and wonderfully creative acrostic poetry to summon the lost words back into our minds’ eye. The book is, dare I say, a devotional of sorts, offering the reader the opportunity to commune with nature, words wonderfully woven together, and God’s creatures great and small. The act of reading aloud to one another, and watching and listening for these creatures as we go about our daily lives out of doors, brings us back into union with the natural world in ways that gladden our hearts, even heal us.

As I think of life at Caldwell this Spring, I can think of nothing more fitting than to urge us all to try to spend more time outdoors, today, or whenever you next have a few minutes, and if you can’t get outside, perhaps you can open a window, and listen and watch. What do you see, what do you hear, what do you smell, what do you sense? Here is Mary Oliver from her poem “I Will Try:”

*I will try.  
I will step from the house to see what I see  
and hear and I will praise it.  
I did not come into this world  
to be comforted.....*

*I came, like red bird, to sing.  
But I'm not red bird...  
but a woman...  
who thinks now, too much, of roots  
and the dark places  
where everything is simply holding on.  
But this too, I believe, is a place  
where God is keeping watch  
until we rise, and step forth again and –  
but wait. Be still. Listen!  
Is it red bird? Or something  
inside myself, singing?*

God is most certainly keeping watch over us all, urging us to rise, and to step forth again as our world opens up and as nature unfurls its wonders of Spring. God is urging you to find time to be still, so still that you can hear the birdsongs; so still that you can begin to hear your own song once again, and the new thing God is inviting you to *perceive*, to *behold*.

*We have come into this world not to be comforted, but to sing.*

Faithfully yours,

Ali



## Getting To Know You by Sarah King and Melanie Hague

I really can't take any credit for this article about new member, Melanie Hague. I asked her if she would be ok with being interviewed for the Seeker and sent her the questions to look over. Next thing I knew, she sent me back this very well written article! That was the easiest interview I've done! So let's get to know Melanie and be sure to say Hi next time you see her in church.

1. What is your name and when did you start going to our church? My name is Melanie Hague. I began attending Caldwell Presbyterian Church in August 2021 with my BFF Jeanie Norton. We met while working at Bolton Central School and have been good friends for many years. Jeanie moved to a condo here in LG. We love walking to church, listening to Pastor Ali and praying together.

2. Where were you born and where did you grow up? Do you have siblings? I was a premature baby, born outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but moved to Mobile, Alabama weeks later. I'm the youngest of 3 children. My parents, Roger S. Hague and Joan Spillane Barber, met and married while attending Tusculum College, a private Presbyterian College, located in Greeneville, TN. Tusculum has a rich history being the first college in Tennessee and the 28th college in the United States. My dad played football at Tusculum College and my mom proudly served as a Life Trustee until her death in 2021. My dad worked for Scott Paper in New York, Pennsylvania and Alabama before relocating to Glens Falls and joining Finch Pruyn where he was Vice President until his premature death. My mom was Warren County Commissioner of Jurors '71-'78 and served in the NYS Assembly '79-'82, after Jerry Solomon. I grew up with my brothers Jonathan (1 yr older) and Bradford (6 yrs older).

3. What did you and your siblings do for fun? After moving back to Glens Falls, my parents built a home in Rolling Ridge near the Warren County Airport. The neighborhood had few homes (unlike today) with lots of kids! A very family oriented neighborhood. We spent most of our time outside with our friends. We built tree forts, rode bikes, and had corn field fights (boys against the girls). In the summers we camped as a family at Lake Bomoseen in Vermont and West Stockbridge, Massachusetts with the Schierloh family. There we learned to swim, paddle and fish. We skied at West, Hickory and Gore Mountains in the winter months. My dad was a big outdoor enthusiast.

4. What is the first job you ever had or favorite job? My favorite job was teaching physical education in Mesa County, Colorado. First, at Grand Junction Junior High and later at Mt Garfield Middle School. Both jobs had progressive physical education programs centered on life-long activities rather than team sports. What's not to love about that, right? My longtime job was at Bolton Central School in Bolton Landing. I retired in January 2021 after teaching elementary education for 30 years. I consider myself very fortunate to have been affiliated with so many wonderful colleagues, parents and students throughout my career at BCS. .

5. What special memories do you have of your Grandparents? My fondest memories growing up include vacations in Lavallette, NJ with my dad's dad, Jersey Gramps. Mornings were spent at the bay swimming. Afternoons at the ocean gathering mussels and crabs in buckets for dinner. Jersey Gramps loved jigsaw puzzles which we worked on together every rainy day. I was very close to my mom's parents on Ridge Road near the Animal Hospital. My Nana taught me how to sew, embroider and cook, all pastimes I enjoy today. Gramps was an avid gardener. We tilled, planted, weeded and harvested together. We always enjoyed our bounty!

6. Do you have children? Where do they live? What do they do? I have a son, Kyle S. Carpenter (34 yr). Kyle was born on Halloween, thus making Halloween my favorite holiday. Kyle and his girlfriend, Lucinda have moved from Phoenix, AZ to Saratoga, NY. Kyle is employed by Global Foundries and Luci works at Ellis Hospital. They are the proud parents of three feline fur babies named George, Eliza and Lola.

7. What are your best memories as a child? I had a great childhood and my best memories are vast. If I had to select a single best memory, it would be my dad. He taught me so much about navigating life. He demonstrated hard work, manners, respect, responsibility, community, compassion, empathy, honesty, commitment, strength, courage and loved his family. My dad did for others before he did for himself. He was and will always be my hero!

8. Describe something that reminds you of your teenage years. I spent a lot of time with my brother, Jonathan, as a teenager. He loved his rock and roll music! I have his turntable and album collection from the 60's, 70's and 80's. I spin and dance to his vinyl records daily. Every day I'm reminded of my youth.

9. What were you doing in your 20's and where were you living? I moved to Colorado shortly after graduating from Plattsburgh State in the winter of '79. I had a desire to ski the elusive powder that my dad talked about, but had never experienced. I loved Steamboat and made it my home for a year before landing a teaching job in Grand Junction. I lived in the middle of an active orchard at the base of the Colorado National Monument. The orchard provided pears, apples, apricots and peaches. Asparagus grew in the drainage ditches and the pheasant laid their eggs in nests along the side. I could scamper under the BLM fencing and hike to the top of Liberty Cap and enjoy solitude.

10. How long have you been a Christian and do you remember a time you doubted your faith? I began attending the First Presbyterian Church in GF with my Nana at age 6. I attended church school and sang in the choir. I was baptized there just prior to becoming a member at age 15. I have always been prayerful and have attended many different houses of worship throughout my life. My faith has been challenged on many occasions, but the Lord worked in mysterious ways and managed to keep me believing in Him. My greatest struggle with faith was losing my brother, Jonathan, unexpectedly in 2017. My life was difficult before his passing. Unbearable after. I was angry on many levels. I surrounded myself with devoted, reliable, true friends who genuinely cared for my well-being. I am once again walking faithfully in Christ. I'm grateful He never gave up on me.

11. What inventions in your lifetime do you think were the most amazing? Index equipped shifters on bicycles, buckle ski boots, skis with metal edges that didn't screw on, bent shaft canoe paddles, and carbon fiber canoes. All of these wonderful inventions made outdoor activities so much fun!

12. What life lesson have you learned? It's important to pick and choose your friends wisely!

13. What are you most proud of in your life? I have learned to forgive myself and others.

14. What kinds of things make you the happiest in your life? Time spent with Kyle and Luci, my faithful friends and my German Shorthaired Pointer, Mr. Haney.

15. What are your hopes and dreams for the future? I hope to turn my house into a home where everyone feels welcome! I dream of a world where everyone feels valued and loved! A world that is safe from physical, mental and emotional harm.

16. What's the best advice you could give to live in the world today with all that's going on? PRAY for those who need it the most. Find JOY in simple pleasures. GIVE with a grateful heart. SMILE often.



## May's Mission of the Month-WORLD VISION

While researching programs for May's Mission of the Month, it was difficult to focus on the seemingly unlimited number of worthwhile programs available when the need in Ukraine is so great and so urgent. Despite having supported *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* providing aid to Ukraine for our March Mission of the Month, we decided to offer another organization helping those effected by the war against Ukraine. World Vision has worked in Eastern Europe for years, which positioned them well to support those affected by this crisis.



For World Vision, prayer is a first response. As a Christian organization, they believe that communities of faith have an important role to play in restoring peace and wellness to Ukraine and around the world.

They ask us to join them interceding with God:

- For peace and stability to be restored quickly.
- For His protection over children and families as they are uprooted from their hometowns or hiding in underground shelters.
- For World Vision staff to be able to quickly reach the most vulnerable families with the resources they need most.

One of their global staff members shared the following beautiful prayer:

*Loving God, Creator of all peoples and source of all love,  
We are saddened by the unleashing of horror and destruction in Ukraine.  
We pray that the very best practices of peace will prevail.  
We pray gratefully that Your Spirit of healing and hope is present.  
We are committed as Your people, as disciples of Your gospel of reconciliation,  
to wage peace as we are able in all Your good and lovely creation.  
We pray this in the name and healing spirit of Jesus. Amen.*

Learn more about World Vision's work in weekly bulletins throughout May.

In 2021, 90% of World Vision's total operating expenses were used for programs that benefit children, families, and communities in need. Only 6% Fundraising + 4% Management, they have a 4 star (out of 4) rating by Charity Navigator.

### **Lawn Mowers Needed beginning in May!**

**Please contact Property Elder Jo Anne Pedersen, if you would like to help mow on occasion this summer. Text or call her directly: 845-721-7576. We greatly appreciate your help--even if it's just one or two times--as together we help maintain our beautiful church grounds.**



## 2022 NATIONAL PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Lord, we exalt You.

We are filled with awe and wonder as our praise joins the heavenly hosts saying,  
"Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

You have established Your throne in heaven and the foundations of the earth.  
You alone are the Creator; the earth is Yours and all it contains is for Your glory.

You created and established all of us as Your image bearers.

May our lips and lives continually praise You, reflecting and magnifying  
You in all our words and ways.

You are the author of our days, You have established Your plans and purpose for us.

We respond to your glory and authority in obedience to Your Word and will.

You have established prayer that we, Your children,  
Can communicate with our Heavenly Father directing, strengthening,  
and disciplining us in Your everlasting love.

We join heaven's activities as we lift up our prayers

And pour out our praise, repentance, thanks, intercession and supplication.

Lord, You have established America through the hearts of our founding fathers and  
the documents they penned declaring our dependence on Your sovereignty and supremacy.

We overflow with gratitude having been firmly rooted and built up in our faith in You.

Let our reputation be of our faith in Christ alone, our love for all people,  
and fruitful lives bearing the attitude, affections, and actions of Your Spirit,  
Who dwells and works within us and through us.

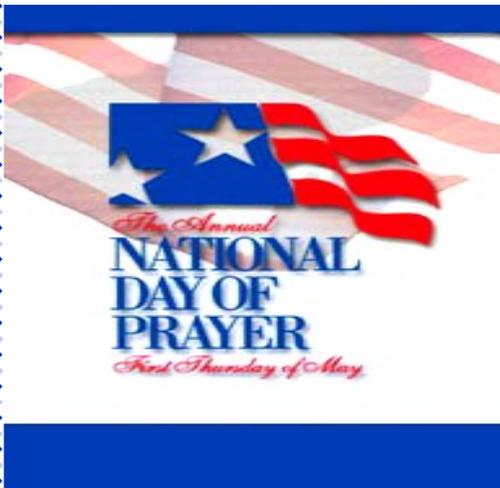
We pray for America: the Church, Family, Education,  
Military, Workplace, Government, Arts, Entertainment and Media.

United in Your love, we exalt the Lord who has established us.

In Jesus Name we always pray, Amen!

*Kathy Branzell, President, National Day of Prayer Task Force*

**Please join us for May 5th at 8 p.m. ET -  
The National Day of Prayer Broadcast will  
reach into millions of homes in America to  
unite hearts in prayer to "Exalt the Lord  
Who Has Established Us."  
[www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org)**



**Please note that women of Lake George are  
invited to celebrate the National Day of Prayer  
on Thursday, Mar 5th at 3:00 at St. James  
Episcopal Church in Tuttle Hall.**

“We will come together for tea and cookies to discuss  
prayer for our community and our churches. We will  
end with a prayer service for National Day of Prayer.”

Please RSVP to St. James by email or phone by May  
3rd. [office.stjameslg@gmail.com](mailto:office.stjameslg@gmail.com) or #518-668-2001.

**Adirondack Voices "Lead with Love" concert**, will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at Christ Church United Methodist at 7:30 pm in Glens Falls.

**Join Us for a Community Supper on Wednesday, May 4th, 5 p.m.** at Sacred Heart Church. ADK Pub is providing the meal. Cost is free. Please sign up during Coffee Hour to help set up, serve, or clean up, or to provide a dessert.

**Spring Ecumenical Bible Study:** "A Glorious Whisper: How Does God Speak to Us?" 12:30-2 p.m., on May 4, 11, 18, and 25th. Free copies available in the office. Please join us as we seek to deepen our faith practice, and to make new friends. Zoom is available if you send Pastor Ali your email.

# Happy Birthday

- 16 Peg Earl
- 16 Lesley Clemons
- 22 Rod Cornelius
- 24 KC Glenn
- 26 Darlene Gunther
- 30 Dante Corriveau

## Prayer Concerns

John Kelly, Gary Labruzzo, John Croyle family, Barbara Body, Loren Compson, Grandpa, Brundage family, Andrea, Refugees, Cliff & Linda, people of the Ukraine, Chuck & Alice Huppert, Sue Moore, Bev & Mike Bruster, Laurie Tozzi, Margo's friend Larry, Erin, Angela & daughter, Nancy Hollenbeck, Nate Fuller's father-in-law and sister, Jim Russel, Laurel Cormee, Judy Edmunds, Peg Earl, Ted Brothers, People in Haiti, Sue Conklin, Bob Bayle, Pam Parrott.



### **Attention High School Graduates who are planning to attend college, and College Graduates!**

The Deacons would like to send you a gift card for your awesome accomplishment. If you are the parent or grandparent of such a graduate, you are welcome to apply for them as well. Please contact [kcglenn129@yahoo.com](mailto:kcglenn129@yahoo.com).

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Spring is Here! We are so glad that we are now able to get outside! The kids are learning the things they need for kindergarten. We are looking forward to hearing the great job they do at Kindergarten Round-up in May. All of us teachers are amazed at how quickly this year has gone. We look forward to graduation on June 16th at 10:00 am.

It is good to see these kids now displaying so many of the skills that we have been working hard for them to know. God has been good to give us a great school year and we are grateful for your love and support.

The Preschool Committee



**Thank you to the Adirondack Foundation of Lake Placid, NY for their "Generous Acts" grant of \$2500.00 given to support our Food Pantry at the request of the Davidson family.**



**April Showers Bring May Flowers, And May Flowers bring us outdoors!** Whether it be to admire a flowering tree or a blossoming bulb spring is a magical season where in a blink of an eye God's creation is decked out in beautiful splendor! Creating an intoxicating atmosphere filled with fragrance, color and a lightness beyond imagination! Calling us to spend a little time with God in Nature. *"Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy."* Psalm 96:12



**Enjoy a Spring Hike! "Fun in Fellowship", for all Youth, will take us on the delightful trail of the Pack Demonstration Forest to "The Grandmother Tree".** Join us and visit the oldest known tree in Warren County and see for yourself how one woman's choice of nature over material possessions has made a difference for so many generations. We leave after Church Service and caravan to the Pack Demonstration Forest parking lot in our separate cars. Bring Your own Water Bottle and we will bring cookies!



**Calling All Youth!!!** Please join us for our season's final "In Your Own Voice." During service on May 1st we will have an important planning meeting for the June Youth Service to be held on June 18th. Let's plan our next Youth Service together! Music! Readings! An Inspirational Skit! The sky is your limit during this most special Youth Ministry!



**Scheduling Change:** Our fifth Sunday's "All Together Now" community Plain Air Painting event scheduled for May 29th is being rescheduled for the summer. Stay tuned for further information.

**Have a Question, a Suggestion, or just want to chat.....I'd love to hear from you!**  
Please feel free to contact Margo, our Youth Director, at: [youthdirector@caldwellpres.org](mailto:youthdirector@caldwellpres.org)

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**

### **THANKS FOR JOINING US!**

Thanks to those who participated in our tissue paper decorated egg event and our Easter Egg hunt. Some beautiful eggs were created in this craft organized by our youth director Margo. On Easter morning, we had two hunts going on.....50 candy filled eggs outside for the preschool kids and another 50 eggs inside for the older kids. We did have 4 golden eggs filled with money. When all the eggs had been found, we discovered that one golden egg that was hidden outside was missing. It was later found chewed up and in another spot outside, a \$5.00 bill with a big hole chewed in the center. We couldn't believe that between 9:45-11am, some ambitious squirrel found our golden egg and tried to eat it!

### **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

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

We are looking for youth participation at two 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](mailto: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. We are also looking for dessert donations. I got the gluten free goodies covered!



### **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](mailto: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.



## **The Seeker**

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All are welcomed into The Caldwell Church Family.  
We would love to see you in church at 10am Sunday!

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