

THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER JAN./FEB. 2023



Dear Caldwell Congregation,

As I write, I am recalling with great joy, the “spreading of the light” on Christmas Eve, sanctuary full, and the small candle held in each hand, illuminating all the faces, aglow with wonder and peace, as we sang the most beloved hymn of all, “Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.” Christmas is the one day in the year when time stands still. We gather round to give and receive gifts, sit by the fire, listen and share, take a walk outside, prepare the meal, and intentionally do things that lie beyond our ordinary realm of routines, all for the sake of staying present to the holy birth, its promise and hope—the love that came down at Christmas.

During Christmastide, the 12 days until Epiphany, we look for and try to find more of those holy moments, to live into Christmas, carols still playing, tree and lights still charming our homes, leftovers reheated, family still in town for special visits. Looming for all of us is the reality of the New Year swiftly approaching, resolutions to make, pressing on of demands and, in some cases, unwanted or unwelcomed changes and challenges. For me, I have a strong desire for time to stand still just a little while longer, for things to wait, so that the miracle of the birth of our Lord can set in deeply before we must hasten on.

Even as we love to linger beside the manger, we know the New Year beckons. At some point we must rise up, gently step away, open that barn door, and, like the others, bravely return to the world, albeit by another road. Every year I turn to one of my favorite writings of inspiration for the leap we must make from the heavenly bliss of Christmas morning to the return to our routines. It is by Howard Thurman, theologian and Civil Rights activist, who wrote:

*When the song of angles is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.*

Friends, as people of faith, this is our New Year’s resolution, this year and every year. May the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts and minds and guide your intentions in the days ahead, and remember, God is with you, Emmanuel. God is determined to enter into whatever you must face, that is where God wants to be—in your heart. May God continue to bless you with signs of Christmas wonder, and moments of grace and deepest peace every day of your life, and may you linger in those moments, and cherish them, just as on Christmas morning.

*Faithfully,
Ali*

*May the coming year be one of increased riches of grace—
hearing His voice more clearly,
knowing His heart more deeply,
resting in His love more fully,
trusting His care more completely,
walking His pathway more peacefully,
knowing His presence more intimately,
blessed by His goodness more abundantly.*

-Roy Lessin, www.meetmeinthemeadow.com



Birthday's January:

1 Addison Potts	4 Dave King
4 Oscar Blanco	5 Grace Moody
5 Clay Moody	7 Lynda Glenn
7 Berne Kouba	8 Helen Horn
8 Beverly Roach	10 Sarah King
10 Kendall Glen	11 Judy Dewey
14 Nathan Fuller	16 Daniel Hoose
18 Ross McIntyre	19 Rodonna Leombruno
19 Denise Paddock	29 Tim Hunsicker
30 Melanie Hague	

Birthday's February:

3 Alex Parrott	4 Jean Stanton	5 Kate Trowbridge
7 Scott Mac Eachron	10 Tom Roach	11 Ann Kohland
11 Ben Gorey	14 Dana Whitcomb	

Prayer Concerns: Margy's friends Joyce & Greg, Persecuted Christians in Ethiopia, Duell's brother-in-law, Chuck and Alice Hubbert, Bruce Kilburn, Tom Roach, Helene Horn, Jess King, Rolf Ahlers, Papo & Lynn Villarubia, Joyce Compson, Volodymyr Abaschnik, Jessica Army, Margo's friend on hospice, Ella Cavas, the people of Haiti and the Ukraine, Jim Putnam, Pam Parrott, JoEllen's friend Peter & Ron, Andrea, Peg Earl, Nancy Hollenbeck, Fuller's father-in-law.

Hello Everyone,
 If you get a chance please try liking us/following us
 on our facebook page.
 Sarah has been busy uploading pictures and
 posting events.



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FREE TAX RETURN ASSISTANCE

for families and individuals whose household income is \$57,000 or less per year

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INCOME TAX
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A Tri-County United Way Collaborative



To schedule an appointment*, please call:

 **1-800-211-5128**

*SERVICE AVAILABLE FROM JANUARY–APRIL 15

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a national program sponsored by the IRS to provide free tax preparation for qualified residents.

Locally, Tri-County United Way, Cornell Cooperation Extension — Washington County and the Moreau Community Center have partnered to create a network of VITA volunteers who serve residents of Warren, Washington, and Northern Saratoga counties. In 2020, the local VITA volunteers filed 1,800 tax returns and generated \$3.5 million in tax refunds and tax credits.

Families and Individuals with an income of \$60,000. or less are eligible to have their federal and state income taxes prepared by one of our IRS-certified volunteers for free. Our volunteers are not qualified to complete returns for those with rental income, self-employed income, active military income, stock sales and farm income.

Your taxes will be prepared by a local VITA volunteer. All volunteers go through a comprehensive training program and are certified by the IRS to prepare VITA returns. Each VITA volunteer has been trained to assure that your taxes are prepared accurately, guaranteeing you receive all the credits to which you are entitled. When completed, all returns are submitted electronically for faster refunds. VITA returns are processed using a secured software program provided directly from the IRS. Additionally, your VITA information is always considered

Mission of the Month, January, 2023 —The Open Door Mission

The Open Door Mission started from Ernie Blanchette's concern for having a shelter in Glens Falls, New York. A feasibility study revealed that a soup kitchen was of more immediate need. The Open Door served its first 13 hot meals from an RV in Peter Shabat's parking lot off of South Street in Glens Falls on September 5, 1991. When it became too cold to serve outdoors, Peter Mastrangelo (representing Glens Falls National Bank) offered the bank's Community Room and a storefront on South Street. In October of 1993, Open Door moved to 24 South Street, and from there, to 47 Lawrence Street in 2010. In 2018, the Mission moved into its new facility at 226 Warren Street as the need for services to meet the growing poverty demands persists in the greater Tri-county region. From our founding in 1991 to today, the mission is focused on meeting the needs of those most vulnerable in our community.

The Mission serves, on average, more than 1,600 meals a month. It also provides temporary sanctuary to those people experiencing temporary homelessness. A 52-bed shelter will open in the fall of 2022 to expand its capacity to serve even more people. 226 Warren Street is also the site for Code Blue Shelter, a winter program designed to provide safety and protection from inclement winter weather.

The emergency food pantry provides over 20,000 meals and 254,196 pounds of food to 2,600 individuals and families. The Mission also distributes thousands of pounds of food items to local social service organizations. We also partner with a local school to provide weekend lunches for 64 identified "at-risk" students.

Frontline staff and volunteers serve Life Path Program participants in many ways, helping individuals find and engage with services that support their needs.

The Open Door Mission is a Christian ministry dedicated to reaching out and serving the needs of the people living in poverty. People who access the services of The Open Door experience a friendly, welcoming environment where staff develops meaningful relationships with them until they are stable.

Care is offered to all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, creed, or religion. Open Door has a very active cadre of volunteers from many local businesses, agencies, and churches. All of our services and programs are provided free of charge.

The Open Door is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization. The Mission's legal, tax-exempt name is Servants of the Word; it legally does business as The Open Door.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

As a result of your generosity, the Mitten Ministry, were able to bring JOY to many families. Together 25 children, yes that is not a mis-print, 25 children were served. The school after our initial mittens, asked if we could take a few more families that had recently entered the school. Of course, we said yes, trusting that God would provide. And He did. I wish you all could have seen the parents faces and words... "this is incredible" "Wow, thank you so much" and a few tears thrown in.

We also want to thank the Chase family owner of Castaway Marina, for a boat load of great toys for the kids from their patrons and because of the wonderful article in the Lake George Magazine about the Boat Load, from some local people. People, for the most part, really like to help others.

And we also want to thank Jose Flood and his wife, owner of Lake George Beach Club restaurant for donating over 85 turkeys, potatoes, rolls canned goods, and apple pies for Thanksgiving and Christmas for the food pantry and school families

Again, thank you, for being the heart and hands of a Child born in a manger who grew to be a Savior to All. You never know what a small act of love and/or kindness will produce.

The Deacons

YOUTH GROUP

Happy New Year Everyone! In a blink of an eye we say goodbye to 2022, and welcome 2023 filled with the lightness of infinite possibilities! May all of us have a year filled with courage & strength, hope & promise, with time to see and fulfill God's dream for us! "...Behold, I make all things new..." Revelations 21:5



This month please join us...

...Donate Newspapers to benefit the Upstate SPCA. There will be a box as you enter the Church in the narthex. **We'll be collecting Newspapers for the month of January!**

...1/8 at 9:15am & 1/15 at 11:00am "The Dream Giver" Youth Group Book Study

...1/15 at 11:30am - MLK Film Event "Woodlawn" In 1973, a spiritual awakening captures the hearts of the Woodlawn High School Football team. Rated PG. Popcorn will be served.

...Little Angels Sunday School during church: 1/8, 1/15, 1/22 & 1/29

...1/29 at 11:30am - "All Together Now" 5th Sunday Community Event: Making Dog Blankets and Cat Toys. Support our four legged friends at the Upstate SPCA. Materials provided.



Coming Up in February:

2/1 Fun in Fellowship: 12:00pm Up Yonda Farm Snowshoe Hike (snowshoes provided)

2/11 is Seasonal Saturday: 5:30pm Taize Service followed by Cultural Café at 6:30pm (Dinner, Music and Open Mic!)

Mission of the Month, Feb, 2023

Ronald McDonald Family Retreat at Krantz Cottage

The Ronald McDonald Family Retreat at Krantz Cottage provides a peaceful and supportive setting where families experiencing serious childhood illness can enjoy being together, making lasting memories. Located in the village of Lake George, the two-story cottage houses an apartment on each floor. The year-round retreat sits steps away from village attractions, and minutes from the beach.

Guest families are provided with a five-day, four-night accommodation – absolutely free of charge. To put families at ease during their stay, a Family Support Specialist is available locally to offer any necessary assistance. The Family Support Specialist also provides concierge-type services, connecting families to donated or underwritten activities and experiences. From freshly baked treats to special outings at local restaurants and entertainment venues, the Family Retreat offers a unique opportunity for families to regain their strength while fighting an illness, or to begin to restore their spirits after suffering a devastating loss.

The first floor unit of the Family Retreat offers two bedrooms, each furnished with a king and a twin bed, two bathrooms (one handicap-accessible), a modern kitchen, dining room, and comfortable living room space. The second floor unit offers a bedroom, bathroom, den, kitchen and living room, along with a beautiful deck for outdoor dining.



FRIENDS OF LAKE GEORGE LIBRARY LET'S FEAST!



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Thursday, January 12th,
4:00 pm - close

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Friends of Lake George
Library Fundraising Dinner

JOIN US FOR A FUNDRAISING DINNER BENEFITTING CALDWELL LAKE GEORGE LIBRARY ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH FROM 4:00PM-CLOSE. A PERCENTAGE OF ALL MEALS WILL BE DONATED TO THE FRIENDS OF LAKE GEORGE LIBRARY! HELP US PLAN BY RESPONDING TO THE LIBRARY AT (518) 668-2528. (SNOW DATE: 1/19/23)

Book Sale

Friends of Lake George Library Monthly Book Sale



TIME:

SATURDAY, JAN. 14TH, 10:00 AM - 1:45 PM

LOCATION:

**336 CANADA STREET
LAKE GEORGE, NY 12845**

The Friends of Lake George Library will hold their monthly book sale on Saturday, January 14th. As usual, this event will be held at at 336 Canada Street, Lake George. All events subject to change due to COVID-19. Please check our website for the most up to date information!

Save the date: our February book sale will be held the same time, same place on 2/11!

Looking to support our little library? Consider joining our Friends group! They are always seeking new members! To join the Friends, come to the library or visit our website by clicking the button below.

Thanks to all who participated and attended our Youth Christmas Service on Dec. 18.

As usual, the youth really stepped up to make this a very memorable and touching service. And thanks to KC and Becky too! You guys rock as kings!



We will resume our regular Sunday School classes on January 8th.

Elementary class each Sunday during worship, (3rd Sunday Rock painting).
Youth Group book study, 2nd Sunday at 9:15am and 3rd Sunday at 11am.
Join us and bring a friend!

Caldwell Puzzle Swap

Need help getting through those long cold winter days? Visit our puzzle swap shelf in the library off the middle room. Take a puzzle and return when you're done. Working a puzzle can be great fun and satisfying to complete.

The Caldwell Connection Jan/Feb. 2023

As we ring in the New Year, let us remember those in our Caldwell Family who we miss seeing regularly in church. There isn't much good to come out of Covid but it did give us the option of staying connected via Zoom. Take a minute to look over the list below and think about reaching out to one or more of these folks with a card or a phone call, to let them know they are missed and still a part of our Caldwell family.

Jess King- getting better every day from her stroke in Sept.

Stan Rummell- enjoyed a visit with daughter Holly to Jess King and daughter Sue.

Nancy Hollenbeck- getting great care from Neighbors NY and Ro Leombruno. She's usually on Zoom.

Leslie Clemmons- relocated downstate to help with her mom's care- We miss you Leslie!

Peg Earl- living in Hudson at Fireman's Home.

Rolf Ahlers- recovering from a hospital stay. Hopefully we'll see him and Luisa soon in church!

Gladys Taker- son Richard has moved in with her. Still reading lots of books!

Chuck and Alice Huppert. They get to church when Chuck is up to it.

Helene Horn- We miss seeing you Helene!

Prayers and Best Wishes for 2023 to these and all of our Caldwell Family!

If you know of someone in our congregation who should be recognized, please email Sarah King at scubakings@roadrunner.com and I'll include them in our next Caldwell Connection in March.



The Seeker

Caldwell Presbyterian Church

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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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