The Seeker for July/August 2016

Newsletter for the Caldwell Presbyterian Church

"Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, to thee we sing; Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; Protect us by thy might, Great God our King."

Many of us will be humming these words from *My Country 'Tis of Thee,* this weekend as we celebrate the Fourth of July. Independence day conjures up memories of barbeques and picnics, corn on the cob, watermelon, and apple pie, playing Capture the Flag till the lightning bugs appear, spreading a blanket on the fragrant summer grass and listening to the music of John Philip Sousa triumphantly play our nations' beloved marching hymns, watching fireworks together with friends and family, and pausing for a moment to take in what our founding fathers had in mind when they wrote:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal,

that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights,

that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Those brave souls who signed the Declaration of Independence understood political liberty to mean more than freedom from British rule; they understood it to mean the obligation to serve the common good. They also knew, I'm sure, that future generations would have to continue to struggle for it, fight for it, protect and defend it, live and die for it.

Whenever I walk down Canada Street in the heart of summer, and I see people of diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious heritages, none of them afraid but all of them free, literally engaged in their human right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, enjoying a day at the lake, some recreation, some shopping, I can't help but think our founding fathers would be pleased. Freedom. It's at the very heart of our spirit as a nation. What a precious thing it is to be free. We are reminded again and again that free societies are vulnerable. But as followers of Jesus Christ, we also know that because of his love, we have been freed finally from all that would threaten, diminish, or oppress us—we are freed from our fears, and free to live, laugh, love, and give our lives away in the service of others.

St. Augustine put it this way: "Help us, O Lord, so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you; whom to serve is perfect freedom."

As I think of the world and our place in it, I can't help but hum another national hymn, my own father's favorite that still brings him to tears, even now, whenever he hears it, especially this verse:

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years

Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God shed his grace on thee

And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

A safe and happy Fourth of July celebration to all.

Faithfully,

Ali

Fellowship and Hospitality

Committee Members: Emilia Bernd, Helene Horn, Ann Kohland, Tom Jenne, Joni Steiner, and Jessica King (chairperson) arrange for Coffee hour hosts. Please check the bulletin board in the coffee room to see when your name appears. If you find the date you have been assigned is not good for you, we ask that you find someone to take your place. It is possible to just switch dates with someone else who is listed with their permission. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHANGE ON THE CHART AND NOTIFY TOM JENNE OF YOUR ACTION. (Tom's-cell-#716-870-0013).

We celebrate the first Sunday of each month as Birthday Sunday for all people who have birthdays in the current month. A cake is provided which will be found in the refrigerator in the church kitchen. You may choose to serve just cake and coffee or if you prefer you may add other snacks as you see fit.

Coffee Hour Hosts:

July

5 Jess King

10 Davis/O'Reilly

17 Picnic on the Lawn

24 Kopfs

31 Brozynas

August

7 Duell/Hollenbeck

16 Clemons /Carpenter

21 O'Reilly

28 Bernds

Church Cook out!!!

Please mark your calendar:

The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee is providing a cookout to be held following the service on Sunday, July 17th.

We will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass or a dessert. If you have any questions please call Helene Horn or Jess King.

Kid's Corner:

Happy summer!!

We want to thank all involved in the success of Youth Sunday. The kids did a wonderful job. We have lots of talent here at Caldwell. Thanks too to all the teachers and parents involved.

No Sunday school classes through the summer. There will be a video available in the youth room for small kids who rather watch a DVD then stay with parents in Sunday worship.

Enjoy your summer!!

Judy, Dana, Laura

Bible School is coming August 8-12 from 9am-noon.

Our theme this year is "**Cave Quest"**. As always, I look forward to working with all our wonderful volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please let me know. If you have a conflict for part of the week, we'd still love to have your help. It is only through the dedication of many folks that we are able to offer this wonderful week to our community.

Registration forms are in the coffee room and on the church website. **Teen helpers** also need to fill out this form!

Please drop your forms in the office or mail them to Sarah King, 12 Jacqueline Dr., Queensbury, NY 12804.

Thanks,

Sarah King/VBS Coordinator

Host Families needed for the L.G. Music Festival musicians!

Every August, families in the Lake George area open their homes to Lake George Music Festival musicians. While some hosts are Festival volunteers or board members, many are local residents who just love music and musicians, or simply want to help. It's a unique and wonderful experience!

Hosts are recruited throughout the year, and are matched with guests in August. Musicians are responsible for their own transportation and meals during their stay (some hosts like to invite their guests to join them for meals when possible, but this is not required). Hosts provide a place to sleep and practice. Musicians arrive August 15 and depart August 26, 2016.

Please call 518-791-5089.

North Country Ministry's Baby's Place is in need of size 3T girls' and boys' shorts in both the Warrensburg and North Creek centers. If you have any gently used or new clothing that might help, we would appreciate your donation of these items. If you have any questions, please call either location: North Creek 251-4460 or Warrensburg 623-2829. Thank you in advance for your help!

Summer Book Study on Weds., July 19th

You are welcome to join us at Cafe Vero at 10 am to discuss the book, "Love Poems from God". Books are available in the office for $18.00.

Father Tom from the Sacred Heart Catholic Church is Retiring

On July 17th, Pastor Ali will be presenting him a gift and a letter from Our congregation to thank him for all of the Work and service he has done for our Community. Everyone is invited to a reception In the Parish Hall at 11:00 am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MOW THE GRASS.

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet in the coffee room or call Laura at #368-0540. Sign up is by week for the following Sunday.

No Deacon or Elder Meeting in July. Will meet again in August.

August 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 **Shelter Box leaders are here.** **Communion**	8	9 **Ch. Ed. Mtg. 5:30**	10 **Deacons Mtg. 6:30**	11	12 **Food Pantry**	13
14	15	16 **Session Mtg.** **5:30**	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 **Food Pantry**	27
28	29	30	31			

Vacation Bible School

Lake George Music Festival August 17th to the 27th

Find the concert schedule at LakeGeorgeMusicfestival.com

Happy Birthday

July	**August**
Roger Glenn	Pat O'Reilly
Jessica Hunsicker	Margy Mannix
Les Edwards	Tiffany Cornelius
Jed Moody	Aubrey Corriveau
Ree Humphrey	Max Jenne
Dorothy Quigan	Laura Chapman
Gladys Tasker	Lilly Trobridge
Emelia Bernd	Cheryl McCann

PRAYER CONCERNS

Len Bunalski, Pamela Parrott, Lauren & Karen Azer, Weisners, Justin & Alex Blanco, Corriveau's friend-Andy, John & Ann Kohland, Linda Nicol's sister-in-law, Jenne family, Ben Green, Carol Foster, Ron Madeira, Becky Compson, Joe Mazilli, Amrock's uncle Norm Hern, Carol Sprague, Antwon Mundae, Jean Paul, Michele Molldrem-Hotko's husband, KC Glenn, Harry Spahn, Peg & Les Edwards, Isel Dickerson Sr., Sierra Beebe, Pat Carpenter's daughter, Lesley's son's friend Scott, Russell Bates, Tracy Skidmoore, Jana DeCamilla, Keri Delaney, Heather Lackey.

For Those Who Mourn:

Orlando victims, Earthquake Victims in Japan & Ecuador,

Alberta, Canada fire victims

Shooting Victims

Those Serving In The Military:
John-Navy Seal.

Hospital, Nursing And Retirement Homes:

Warren Center: Pat Eaglestone, Fort Hudson: Charles Sandora

Persecuted Christians Around the World.

Wholeness and Healing Service

This special service will be held at the church on

Wednesday, July 27th at 7:00.

All are invited to attend.

July Mission of the Month—Roswell Park Alliance Foundation

Over the past dozen years I have had the good fortune, ability and health to do numerous multi-day bike tours to some amazing locations in the United States . I have done these trips for the camaraderie of fellow travelers, exercise, to explore new places and the pure joy of riding my bike. Essentially these rides were for my fun and enjoyment.

When I became aware of the Empire State Ride- a 500+ mile week long bike ride from Manhattan to Niagara Falls- dedicated to raising money for cancer research, I knew in my heart and soul this was a ride I had to do because of its higher purpose.

I have watched 4 incredibly important people in my life lose their lives to cancer. Blood cancer took the life of my brother Bobby at age 35; my best friend and brother in law John was lost to brain cancer at age 46; close friends Darlene and Mary Ellen died of ovarian cancer in their mid 50s. Darlene was a neighbor and co-coach of our daughters' youth commission soft-ball team, and Mary Ellen was the wife and paddling partner of one of my canoe racing bud-dies. It was overwhelming to watch how quickly this disease decimated and ultimately claimed the lives of these 4 vibrant people. Additionally, there is Eileen. a vivacious and strong willed woman with lung cancer, and my long time college roommate, close friend, and confidant, Whit, with pancreatic cancer. Both are inspirations of courage, true fighters, and multi-year survivors.

The world is a better place because of the contributions of these people and it is truly a shame the effect cancer has had on them, their families, and communities.

In honor of Eileen and Whit, and in memory of Bobby, John, Darlene, and Mary Ellen, I am seeking to raise a substantial amount of money for the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buf-falo , NY . I am dedicating my 500+ mile ride in August to the above named individuals and also to all those people who can no longer ride a bike, paddle a canoe, or hike a forest path because cancer took them well before their time.

Undoubtedly, someone important in your life has been impacted by cancer as well. Won't you please join me in this cause and donate generously what you can on behalf of your loved ones and mine?

In advance I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Together, we can do this.

Dave Paddock

If you can donate—please make check out to –Roswell Park Alliance Foundation- and mail back to me or go on line to www.EmpireStateRide.com and click the donation button. You will receive a tax donation form. Thank you so much.

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July Haiti Mission School News

Another Year in the books

Its summertime and just like in the States, school is out in Haiti. This was our biggest year yet with nearly 150 students registered in six classes and another 15 in secondary school. We prefer class sizes of no more than 25 students so this is pretty much a full school.

One of the things the staff at the school had worked on was to qualify our school to give the National Exams at the end of the 6th grade. After we finally received approval and administered them last year, the government has now decided that national exams will only be given following 9th grade. The good news is that because we are qualified, we are still on the list of schools where the government is considering paying our teachers. Government salaries are greater and there are benefits for the teachers.

Of course in Haiti this is a mixed blessing since the government can't really afford to pay them anyway. (See the following article on the public hospital in Jèrèmie.)

Public Hospital in Trouble

Staff at the public hospital in Jèrèmie have been failing to show up for work since the government has not been paying their salaries. Since this hospital is really the only medical option for many Haitians in the Jèrèmie area, it is a serious problem.

The hospital was never anything to brag about in any case. They were understaffed and had little in the way of equipment. Families or friends were tasked with the responsibility of providing food, medicine and sheets for patients, but there were doctors and nurses and the hospital was there as a first line of defense.

Antwan Lendi Finds a Home

Little Antwan Lendi the "crossroads baby" left at the hospital we reported about in the last newsletter has found a home at a nearby orphanage. Because of the turmoil at the hospital they released him to an orphanage.

Our friends in Haiti tell us that he is doing well and Madam Pastor Isaac who manages the orphanage seems to love him. There are 18 other children in the orphanage who all seem well cared for.

We hope that everyone will continue to pray for little Antwan and all the other abandoned children of Haiti.

Medical team a possibility

We have had a few inquiries from people about serving on a medical team to Haiti in the coming year. We would like to hear from others who might be interested in being a part of such a team. Doctors, nurses, or others with medical training would form the core of such a team.

Depending on the makeup of the team, we might be able to do physical exams, provide inoculations and even some simple surgeries at the school and perhaps some of the orphanages.

Please drop us a line us at haitimisionschool@gmail.com if you have any interest in joining such a team. Dates of travel and other important decisions will be determined based on perceived interest.

Concerns continue about long-time teacher

As reported last month, our longest serving teacher, Jean Paul is being treated in Port Au Prince for serious kidney and prostate problems. Please join us in continuing our prayers for Jean Paul.

Bus Travel to Jèrèmie continues to improve

The good news is bus travel in Haiti continues to improve. The buses are now air conditioned with comfortable seats. Road work continues and each time we make the trip, the journey takes less time. From 12, we are now down to about 6-7 hours from Jèrèmie to Port Au Prince. Unfortunately because of airline schedules, this usually means an extra overnight in Port Au Prince either coming or going. There is still no scheduled air service to Jèrèmie.

Shelter Box Mission of the Month - August, 2016

Shelter Box provides emergency shelter and vital supplies to support communities around the world overwhelmed by disaster and humanitarian crisis.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of families across the world lose everything when disasters strike. Often with no warning, families lose their homes, their possessions and their livelihoods. Every day they are faced with a battle for survival.

Since Shelter Box began in 2000, they have responded to earthquakes, floods, volcanoes, tsunamis, hurricanes, landslides, typhoons and conflict, delivering emergency humanitarian aid to communities in need.

They have responded to some of the largest humanitarian crises the modern world has ever known. The 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, the 2010 Haiti earthquake, the Syria crisis, and the biggest storm to ever make landfall – Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; Alongside this, they have also helped many thousands of people displaced by disasters that are not featured in the media. Simply put, if there are families in need of emergency shelter, they do everything they can to help them.

The top priority of many aid organizations is to provide food, water and medical care to help people survive the immediate aftermath of a disaster. Without protection from the elements, survivors are at a higher risk as they await nourishment or medical attention. It was recognized that little or no assistance was given in terms of proper shelter to help them through the first few days, weeks and months as they tried to rebuild their lives. Today, ShelterBox assists disaster survivors during the critical period following a disaster but preceding reconstruction.

Shelter Box aid is tailored to a disaster but typically includes a disaster relief tent for a family, thermal blankets and groundsheets, water storage and purification equipment, solar lamps, cooking utensils, a basic tool kit, mosquito nets and children's activity pack.

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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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