THE SEEKER FOR NOVEMBER 2016

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Now Thank We All Our God

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,

With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;

And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

Dear Friends,

Have you noticed how minutes fly into hours and days become weeks? Time seems to fly by these days. The world's news, our country's presidential election, the commitments in our own lives leave many of us breathless at the end of each day wondering, "what just happened?" Sometimes at my dinner table, when asked to reflect upon something yesterday or the day before, for a few daunting moments, I truly cannot recall what I did. We all move fast and rarely take time *to just be*.

I have benefited greatly from a new practice of late: that of carving out stillness in the day. I find that, just like exercise, "no one's going to do it for you." We are so over programmed and over stimulated with technology, that sometimes we can forget that being present, quieting the mind, can do for us what most nothing else can: return us to somewhat of a long lost friend— our deepest self.

November is a month for such quieting and stillness, for it is the month when we prepare for winter and the more spare, colder months of the year. It is also when we celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends, a holiday that invites us to pause, to give thanks, and to be grateful for life, for opportunity, for hope, and for the gifts and blessings we have received.

In the days ahead, as you watch the leaves swirl and the moon rise and the night sky glow with brilliant stars, as the days grow shorter and the mind begins to jump forward to to-do lists and commitments, my wish for you is that right then, you pause, and find a quiet place, and sit a while. Listen for what the silence has to say to you, and treasure the wisdom revealed to you there… for to be alone with silence, is to be alone with God, and what better company than our Creator, to companion us through these blustery beautiful autumn days.

Faithfully,

Ali

A NOTE FROM FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Peg Earl is the caller for our Coffee Hour People.

Your name will appear on a schedule on the coffee room bulletin board and also in the Seeker each month. Peg will call you during the week to remind you of your upcoming date the following Sunday. We hope that this reminder call will eliminate any question about who is providing the coffee hour and when.

If you need to change your date, please try to find someone to trade your week with or call Tom Jenne for assistance.

Please let the office know if you change your assigned date.

Coffee Hour Hosts

November

6 Guilford family

13 Scott Quigan family

20 Deacons

27 Roger Glen family

December

4 Dave Madden & Bonnie Kraham

11 Sarah King & Mary Beth Tenne

18 Melanie Quigan & Laura Chapman

27 Jess King

Love Feast and Advent Wreath Making Activity

We will hold our Love Feast and Advent Wreath Making Activity on the first Sunday in Advent, November 27th at 5:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in this special event open to all Caldwell families and friends.

Here's how it works:

Those attending should bring enough sandwiches, whole pieces of fruit and baked goods for their family. The idea is to make the sandwiches special, as if for a friend because all the food is pooled and shared. You may not necessarily eat what you bring. If your child only eats peanut butter and fluff sandwiches, don't sweat the sharing concept, come anyway!

After the Feast, we will distribute Styrofoam rings, fresh greens and candles…all the materials needed to make a beautiful Advent Wreath. The 2-hour evening will conclude with a brief Advent reading, songs, prayer and the lighting of the first Advent candle. Come; join your Caldwell family in this meaningful Christmas tradition.

Watch for the sign-up sheets or contact Sarah King at 798-0615 or at scubakings@roadrunner.com if you would like to attend.

If you have your ring from last year, please bring it to use for a new wreath this year. Last year, we depleted my stash of picks and Christmas baubles to add to the wreaths. Donations would be appreciated so we can accessorize our wreaths again this year. Thanks and hope to see you there!

HOLIDAY Bazaar

St. James' Episcopal Church

November 19, 2016

9:00 am - 3:00

Hand Crafted Items

Adirondack Crafts

Knit and Crochet items

Gift Baskets

Painted Glass

Fresh Christmas Wreath

Cookie Walk $6.00

Bake Sale

Luncheon $6.00

(Homemade Chili or Chicken soup

Waldorf Salad and Finger rolls

Ice Cream)

Donations for Food Pantry will be accepted

Kids' Corner

Well we are off to a wonderful start in Sunday school class. Thank you to the parents that are stepping up to help with Sunday school classes. We have been talking about the Parables Jesus taught us. Following the same Lesson as Pastor Ali has been preaching on is working very well. We are encouraging you to talk to your children about what they are learning in class.

We had a wonderful turnout at Adirondack Extreme on Columbus Day. Thank you to Pastor Ali and Yvonne for all their hard work and effort. All who attended had a wonderful time.

Sunday school teacher for next Block:

Pre-school: Yvonne and Julia (we appreciate Mark Mannix helping out also when needed)
1st thru 6th: Dana Power/ Youth: Jeb Trowbridge

Confirmation Classes start Sunday October 23rd. There is still time to sign up if you are interested. The classes will be held the following dates:

> **October 23** first class, **Nov.20th** (4pm interfaith service **), December 4th, Feb. 5th, March 19th, April 9th ,June 4th** , and confirmation will be **June 11th.**

We are actively getting ready for the Christmas pageant. Thank you to Lesley for helping.

Reminder that Youth Choir practice is after Sunday school class in the preschool class. It's just 10 minutes so grab a snack and meet Lesley in the Preschool room after Sunday school.

We are actively looking for help with Sunday school classes. Please be open minded and sign up to help even if it's once or twice.

Happy fall!! ~ Dana, Judy & Sarah

Christmas Bazaar and Santa's Shop

Mark your calendar!

It will be held Saturday, December 3rd from 9:30 to 3:00

Watch for more details.

DEACON'S CORNER

The Board of Deacons will once again be offering ***Thanksgiving Meal Baskets*** *to our Food Pantry recipients as well as members of the Lake George Community. We work with the elementary school nurse to identify families in need who don't necessarily come to the scheduled Food Pantry distribution. The basket will include a traditional Thanksgiving menu including turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, vegetables and dessert. You can support this annual mission with a monetary gift or a food item such as a turkey or non-perishable canned goods. Families will pick up their baskets on Tuesday, November 22 at church. For more information please contact Margy Mannix at 668-3118.*

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ON NOV. 13TH TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

November 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Fellowship & Hospitality Mtg. 9:30	2	3 CE Committee Mtg. 9:30 Choir 7:00	4	5
6 Communion	7	8 Supervisory Mtg. 12:15	9	10 Choir 7:00	11 Food Pantry 9:30-1:30	12
13 Congregation Mtg. after Church	14	15	16	17 Choir 7:00	18	19
20 Assemble Meal Baskets	21	22 Session Mtg. 5:30 Thanksgiving Meal Baskets 1-3	23	24 **Happy Thanksgiving!**	25	26
27 Advent Wreath making at 5:00	28	29	30			

Happy Birthday

Joni Steiner
Dotty Kopf
Beth Corriveau
Scott Quigan
Bob Gunther
Jeb Trowbridge
Lindsay Corriveau
Sue Moore
Billy Green
Mace McCann
Nancy Munro

PRAYER CONCERNS

Len Bunalski, Pamela Parrott, Lauren & Karen Azer, Justin & Alex Blanco, Melissa Thomas & Andy, John Kohland, Jenne family, Carol Foster, Ron Madeira, Peg & Les Edwards, KC Glenn, Raymond Becker, Ron Barrett, Twila Fitzgerald, Louis Polermo, Jean Paul Michel, Tom Parsons, hurricane victims and relief workers, people of Haiti, Charlie Fuller, Barbara Little, Mike McGlaughlin, Chris Miranda, James McHugh, Ron Treurniet, John Elmendorf.

Hospital, Nursing & Retirement Homes:

Fort Hudson: Charles Sandora

The Pines: Ted Brothers

A Word on Caldwell's Stewardship Campaign 2016,

from the Finance Committee

As we enter this year's Stewardship campaign, the Finance Committee wanted to acknowledge, thank and encourage all of you for the many ways in which you give:

***giving of your time and talent in serving and volunteering,**
***becoming involved with one of Caldwell's fundraising efforts;**
including parking, Americade breakfasts, Dinners,
Christmas Bizarre, and Rummage Sale.

These gifts are real, loving, and are seen and appreciated by all in the congregation.

Stewardship, however, is in many ways even more important. By funding our church, we lay the foundation for all that we do at Caldwell. We provide the house for our Food Pantry, the home to our Preschool, and host meals and meetings important to our community. From Christmas Dinners to meetings for Scouts and AA, it is our collective support of Caldwell that allows us to provide it all. In these ways, your Stewardship Pledge is the first among equals in your giving at Caldwell.

So this year, as we encourage you to consider ways to increase your pledge to Caldwell, the Finance Committee also wanted to suggest ways you might give more by giving smarter and in more tax efficient ways. Throughout November, resources discussing smart giving will be available in the Fellowship Room for your reference.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your pledge for 2016. With your commitment and with God's guidance, Caldwell will continue to strive to make a difference in the lives of many.

Sincerely,

Your Finance Committee: Rod Cornelius (chair), Ted Guilford (Treasurer), Darlene Gunther (Financial Secretary), Howard Nicols.

THE HAITI MISSION SCHOOL NEWS

Only one month has passed since we last wrote the news. And yet for all of us who love and have supported the Haiti Mission School, it seems an eternity.

Sitting in church this morning I was thinking about our brothers and sisters at Labastille who also were gathering amidst the ruins to worship and praise the God they need so desperately. "Very bad broke" was the way they described things… food sources gone (the fruit trees… bananas, oranges, mangos, avocados… once vibrant and green and laden with fruit, if standing at all, were bare skeletons. The fields once green with corn, beans, pumpkins, squash, now all bare. The small houses, always alive and welcoming, now without roofs, if indeed they exist at all…the rains causing their dirt floors to turn to mud. I prayed, "What hope is there, O God, for these people with already so little, now that little taken away? As always Lord, it is you… you are their hope… their only hope. Thank you God for being there to love them, cry with them and support them in their losses."

It isn't all bad news, however. All our friends and all the staff at the school have made it through with their lives. Most are homeless… some living with friends, some on the street, some in shelters but alive and safe. One of our teachers, Mme. Lavalasse is living in a local school in Jèrèmie with hundreds of others. (She used to live in a cute little yellow house next to the school.) Food and water are in short supply… On the streets, people are tired, tempers are growing short…yet who can blame them?

Many people are sending what they can… NGO's and the U.S. Marines are arriving with supplies and support. For our part, we are doing what little we can. JoEllen Parsons and Howard Nicols are going to Haiti Oct. 18. They should be home by the time you receive this newsletter—(thanks to newsletter deadlines). They are bringing tarps, rope, 200 bucket water purifiers that can each purify up to 170 gallons per day, basic medicines, Pedi lite (for the young and vulnerable) and other miscellaneous supplies (as space and weight restrictions allow). They are also going to meet with parents, local residents and the Committee for the school in Haiti to discuss how we can work together in the rebuilding process.

We have hopes of restarting the school somehow after the start of the new year (si Dieu vle—if God wishes). We remember that as Jesus reminds us, "…With God all things are possible...with people nor so much…" (Matt 19:26) The U.S. Board of the Friends of the school is now prayerfully considering our future options. Meanwhile, we have decided to continue paying the staff their wages at least through the end of the calendar year.

The school year itself started off on a good note. We had nearly a full school with 147 students registered. The teachers had finished a four-day workshop and were enjoying trying some of the new things they had learned. The food program was underway, although nearly $700 worth of food we had just purchased was destroyed in the hurricane. We have since been able to send another $900 worth of food up to residents of the area through the efforts of our good friend, mission worker Lindsay Anderson.

In closing we would like to leave you with this picture of our good friend Marie Claude taken shortly after she lost her home in the hurricane. Thank you God for friends such as this who through their faith, hope and love help strengthen and renew our own faith. And thank you God for each and every person who has supported and continues to support, pray and encourage us in this difficult time.

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For those of you who have sent us your email addresses, we will keep you up to date as we gather new information and make decisions. If you would like to be on our mailing list, just send an email to us at haitimissionschool@gmail.com.

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November Mission of the Month

Operation Christmas Child

The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication!

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Operation Christmas Child is a program through Samaritan's Purse in which churches and other groups fill shoeboxes with small gifts for children for Christmas; often it is the first gift they've ever received.

Each year, Samaritan's Purse delivers more than 10 million shoebox gifts to children in need in more than 100 countries. Last year we filled 56 shoeboxes and collected $376 for shipping! This year we hope to do even better and have invited our Preschool families and several Lake George churches to join us.

Shoeboxes and instructions will be distributed beginning October 30.

All boxes must be returned by November 13 --

a bin to collect boxes will be in the coffee room.

For more information, go to: http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation- Christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/

Questions: Contact Linda Nicols – 623-6888 or lindan12817@yahoo.com

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Dear Church family,

There are so many exciting things that have happened in October.

- **New lights in the preschool (Thank you Laura for making it happen!!). New picnic tables in the playground (Thank you Rod and Kim Cornelius).**
- **Cooke Tavern Soups~ We had a very successful Fall Fundraiser (over $1300 raised for our school) We are hoping to get a laptop or some kind of tool for educational activities.**
- **Grandparents Day~ we had about 40 grandparents come and share the day with us**
- **Sunnyside Gardens~ we had over 50 people on our field trip (great time of getting to know our families and for them to get to know each other.)**
- **The 4's class has started going to The Library for Story Hour.**
- **The 4's class has started our Lunch/Free Play after school on Wednesdays, the 3's will join us in Nov.**

We purchased a very nice wood firehouse which the students are so excited about. It is good to have this firehouse to go along with our Fire Prevention Week.

Thank you for the many ways you all support the preschool. We are off to an incredible year and are enjoying our families so much. Continuing to look forward to all that these children can accomplish.

Serving with you ~ Chris Salstrom

Alternative Gifts for Christmas

This a way to make a donation to a worthwhile ministry and to honor someone you care about. On Sunday Nov. 20, 27 & Dec. 4 visit the Alternative Gift table during Coffee Hour to make a contribution to one of the following missions: Regional Food Bank, Heifer International, North Country Ministries, or the Haiti Mission School. Once you fill out the information sheet and choose which group you'll support, you will receive a card to give to the person you honored. You may pay cash or write a check to Caldwell Presbyterian Church.

Harrisena Community Church,
1616 Ridge Road
Queensbury, NY 12804

Saturday, **November 5th, 7:30 PM,**
Robinson Hall
Tickets are $8 per person; no family will have to pay over $20!

(518) 792-1902 (*Tuesday-Friday*)

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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