The Seeker for September 2017

"Beginnings"

Dear Caldwell Church Friends and Family,

Summer is past and it's back to school time for our children and grandchildren. Whether you are in school mode or just recalling those memories, Fall offers all of us a chance for a new start. We can hit the reset button and direct our days toward new goals and pursuits that enrich and challenge us.

This September during coffee hour you are invited to "Get Connected Stat Connected," a time to meet and greet, learn what's happening at Caldwell, and sign up to join in. I've found that faith comes alive in community, and Caldwell's signature strength is you, the people, the heart and soul of the church, radiating God's light and furthering God's kingdom, all to God's glory, honor, and praise.

If you are looking for connection and fellowship, there are book studies and bible studies, parent groups and youth groups, Sunday School and the Teen Center; if you like to roll up your sleeves there is the property committee and our new garden committee, there is Rummage sale and Food Pantry, and new volunteers are needed for the Teen Center, all of which are occasions for meaningful connection. If you like to sing, there are the choirs, adult and youth; and if you like to ring the bells, we are hoping to start a new bell choir this year.

We are very pleased to offer our youth kick-off event on Sunday, Sept 10. After worship and coffee hour, we will meet at Sky Zone at 12noon and jump for 2 hours. All Youth Invited! The cost is FREE! This is a great way to reunite our wonderful youth and have a fun event to begin the new year together. More details can be found in this Seeker.

On September 17th we will hold a New Members class for anyone interested in learning more about the Presbyterian traditions and Caldwell Church. If you are new to Caldwell or if you have been a visitor for some time and are curious about taking your commitment to the next step, please come and explore. This is the only prerequisite to becoming a member. All are welcome.

And the Steamboat Company has donated a special boat cruise for the afternoon of October 15th, the entire proceeds to benefit two youth organizations, one of which is the LG Teen Center, so please save the date and don't miss the chance to support the Teen Center, Now entering its second year!

As you look to the Fall, come and see our special Get Connected Stay Connected coffee hours on Sept 10, 17, and 24, and look around for the ways you and your family can jump in and make a new beginning.

One of my favorite prayers is by Ted Loder, a Methodist minister, and it captures something of the spirit of beginnings unique to the Fall season:

"God of all things, allow me to see afresh, to learn again, that life is never quite as serious as I suppose, yet more precious than I dare take for granted. Help me to believe in beginnings-- to make a beginning, to be a beginning, so that I may not just grow old, but grow new, each day of this wild, amazing life you call me to live with the passion of Jesus Christ".

Faithfully,

Ali

Preschool News

Dear Preschool Friends,

How exciting that we are coming to the Fall season. What a joy to look forward to a new school year. We have all had a wonderful summer and are excited to get things ready for the new year ahead.

I would like to say thank you to the Caldwell Church family for the wonderful retreat for our staff and board members. How special to spend some hours together enjoying God's creation together and being taught what the plants all around us can offer us for good health. Our retreat at Wiawaka was a great way to stir our hearts and know that we are appreciated and that we are all working together to reach the families of Lake George. Thank you to Ali for thinking of such a treat for us all!

First of all, the Preschool garden was such a success this summer. We had over 2 dozen cucumbers, which were so delicious. We had a good batch of green beans and some tomatoes. The flowers out back are just so beautiful. Thank you to Kate for having this vision and then having the kids and families involved in planting it. I enjoyed watching some of our kids eat it's harvest this summer.

Secondly, We have a good full class of 4yr olds this year. We have 16 students right now. Our 3's class has 6 students so we are trying to get the word out that there area a few openings in this class. We know that God has this all in His control and we are also working hard to make sure we have full classrooms this year.

Lastly, thank you for your dear partnership and love for our preschool. We are all blessed to be part of this ministry of your church. Please pray for us this year as we are seeking God to do great things though us. Pray that we are true to His Word and that we are careful to see the needs of each individual child. Also, that we would be successful in preparing these children for kindergarten.

Serving with you,

Christine Sallstrom

Deacon's Corner

We hope everyone had a great summer filled with laughter, love, family and friends. The Deacon's are looking ahead to our annual **FALL RUMMAGE SALE** scheduled for Thurs., Sept.28th 3-7 (student $1.00 night on hats, mittens and more (5-7); Fri.29h ,11-6 (Early bird bag sale 4-6); and the bag sale on Sat. Sept.30th , 9-11 (tent sale 11-2). We need help with setup the week leading up to the sale. Please start collecting your gently used clothing, and household items. This is a huge fundraiser for our church so plan to come and lend a hand sorting and organizing Sept 25 through the 27th. **Bake sale items** are also needed. Please come be a part of the Caldwell team and experience great fellowship, laughter, and the joy of helping others!

The **FOOD PANTRY** didn't take a summer vacation in fact, we're busier than ever. The need for food is always on the minds of the hungry. Our wonderful friendly staff served over 110 people in June, July and August. The pantry is open the second and fourth Friday each month. We welcome donations of non-perishable food as well as personal care items.

Fellowship and Hospitality

The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am in the middle room at Caldwell Church. We encourage anyone who would like to be a part of this committee to join us.

Our committee arranges 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.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHANGE ON THE CHART AND NOTIFY TOM JENNE @#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.

September Coffee Hour Hosts

03 O'Reilly family
10 Kopf family
17 Amrock family
24 Bombard family

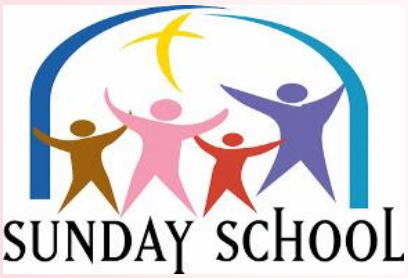
October Coffee Hour Hosts

01 Nicol family
08 Roach family
15 Ann Kohland & Joni Steiner
22 Gunther family
29 Mel Quigan & Laura Chapman

The Lake George Teen Center is beginning it's second year!

Volunteers are needed Tues. & Weds., from 3:30 to 5:30 beginning Sept. 19th. If you have a few extra hours to invest weekly or occasionally in the young people of our community, please sign up. The Teen Center is at the Lake George Senior Center. There is a basketball hoop, Wii, pool table, Wi-Fi, ping pong, and plenty of tables and chairs. The center will provide a safe space where teens can relax, build relationships, have a snack, and get some tutoring if they want it. Current volunteers should watch their email for sign up slots. New volunteers need to attend a brief training meeting at the center on Wednesday, Oct. 4th at 3:30.

Sunday School Rally Day



Please mark your calendars for the beginning of Sunday school classes on Sept. 10th. Parents will be able to register their children. They won't want to miss our great program!. We are also in need of volunteers to join us in teaching classes. Think about teaming with a friend.
Please contact Dana Power if you are interested.

YOUTH KICK-OFF AT SKY ZONE IN QUEENSBURY!

Please save the date of this fall kick-off event for all of our youth to attend on September 10th following worship. Please rsvp to Gretchen Amrock, Youth Coordinator at famrock1@roadrunner.com.

Plan to arrive at 12:00 noon at Sky Zone to register. We will jump for 2 hours, from 12:30 to 2:30. **Cost is FREE!**

Parents do need to **fill out a waiver online prior to leaving.**

Please visit Skyzone.com, click "safety", then "fill out waiver."

Caldwell Children's Choir starting again this Fall!

Leslie Clemens will meet with any children who want to participate for 10 minutes at the beginning of Sunday School each week in the Middle Room. She will start the choir in October

All are welcome!

New Member's Class

If you are new to Caldwell or would like to learn more about our church and the PC(USA), please join Pastor Ali for an Inquirer's Class discussion, Sunday, September 17th, from 11:30-12:45, in the Middle Room. Attending this class is the only prerequisite for membership at Caldwell. Please RSVP to Beth in the church office at 668-2613.

North Country Ministry's 9th Annual Golf Tournament

This event will be held Sunday, September 17, at Cronin's Golf Club at 1:00 p.m. Cost is $95 per player and includes lunch, cart, greens fees, prizes and a delicious steak bake dinner! Call North Country Ministry's Warrensburg office at: 518-623-2829 or download a registration form at www.NorthCountryMinistry.org.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

It is time to think about joining the Caldwell Choir. We have lot's of fun singing together, praising, God, and sharing a brief devotion. We rehearse Thursday nights at 7:oo starting Sept. 7th. 9th graders through retirees welcome!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Hurricane Harvey

Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. You can give with a credit card by visiting presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-HARVEY or by phone at 800-872-3283.

Roast Pork Dinner,
Sunday Oct. 22 from 5-7.
Watch for details in the next Seeker and bulletins.

FALL ECUMENICAL BOOK STUDY:

Please join us for the Fall Book Study, "Finding God in the Questions," by Dr. Timothy Johnson. *"'Do you wonder whether or not God is real? Do you doubt that religion can be relevant? Do you wish that faith were possible for you? Don't shy away from your questions,' says Dr. Timothy Johnson, medical editor for ABC News. He believes that's where God meets you--in the midst of honest grappling with heartfelt issues...it is possible to find God even while you are still asking the big questions."* We will meet on Wednesdays from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Middle Room beginning September 27th. Bring your own lunch. Please RSVP to church office to reserve a book, $12 each. All are welcome!

Prayer Concerns

Lauren & Karen Azer, Justin & Alex Blanco, Ron Madeira, Peg & Les Edwards, the school, people & Seed Program in Haiti, Linda Carr, Judd Brynes, Pam Parrott, Tom Parsons, Suzy Trowbridge, Peter Apgar, Gus Hoffman, McGinnis family, Sharon Phillips, Dennis Buckley, Doug Coon, Fascio family, Ann & John Kohland, Pastor Shawn, Jenne family, Compson family, Hunsicker family, Colleen Cook., John Davis, Jake Corriveau, hurricane victims and aid workers in Texas.

September 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6 Mission Committee Mtg. 2	7 Choir 7 Preschool Open House 6-7:30	8 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30 Supervisory Meeting 9	9
10 Sunday School Rally. Youth to Sky Zone at noon.	11 1st Day of Preschool	12	13	14 Choir 7	15	16 Lake George Library Book Sale 10-2
17	18	19 Session Mtg. 5:30	20	21 Choir 7	22 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	23
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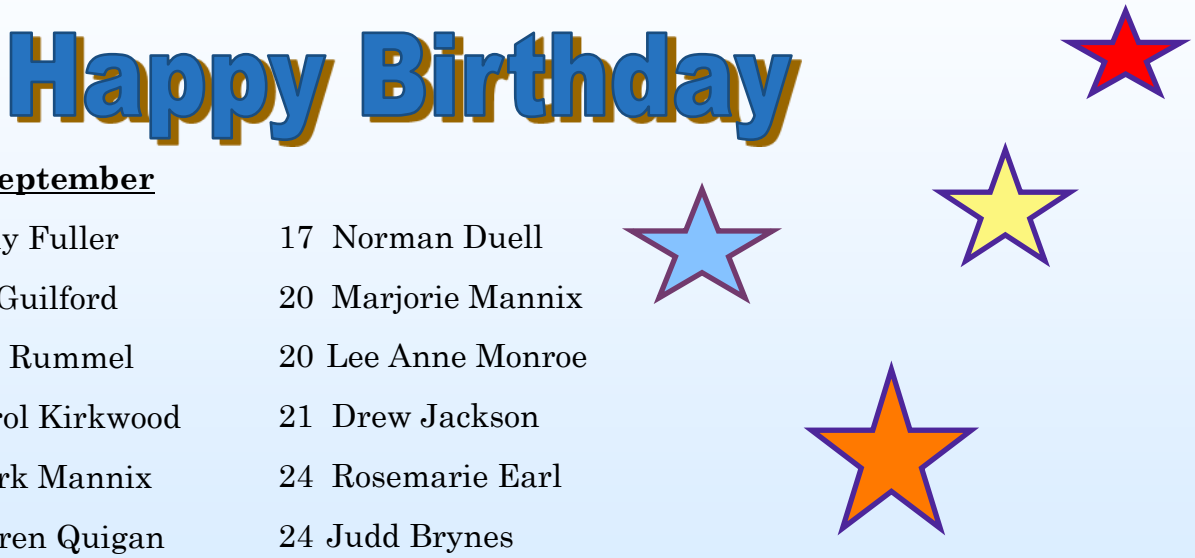

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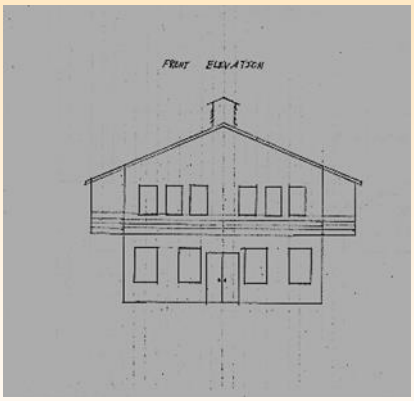
4 Emily Fuller
8 Ted Guilford
8 Stan Rummel
10 Carol Kirkwood
12 Mark Mannix
12 Lauren Quigan
13 Rachel Hunsicker
16 Sara Mannix
17 Norman Duell
20 Marjorie Mannix
20 Lee Anne Monroe
21 Drew Jackson
24 Rosemarie Earl
24 Judd Brynes
25 Judy Guilford
26 Bobbie Hoffman

September Mission of the Month: *Haiti Mission School*



We are excited. We have a building plan circulating to our U.S. Board and the Boards in Haiti. Once this is agreed to, we have a mason in Haiti who is ready to complete a workup of a final estimate for the cost to build.

The plans call for this first portion to be a two-story structure constructed on the original foundation of of the church which remained after the Hurricane (*a portion of which is seen in the picture*). The second story will house two classrooms, an office and a library/media center (These latter two will serve as temporary classrooms until the second part is built).

The lower level will serve as a church sanctuary/community room/assembly hall for the school It may also serve as two additional temporary classrooms until the second segment of construction is complete. The first floor will be designed to withstand hurricanes and earthquakes and can serve as a shelter for area residents.

As soon as this first section is complete, we will move on to the addition. This will also consist of two stories, with two classrooms on each floor, attached to, and constructed directly behind the first segment (*to Howard's left in the picture).* When both are complete, we will end up with six classrooms, an office, a library/ media center and the church sanctuary/ community center/ assembly hall.

In order to accomplish all this, we have to operate under difficult conditions. First, since there is no water at the site, we will have to get the cistern filled, which means we will first have to construct a means to collect rainwater. We are working on this now. Also, since there is no road to the school, we have to transport all our construction materials from the road *(30-40 minutes for an American, 20 for a Haitian*). The means of doing this is on the backs of local residents, and/or using donkeys/horses. Blocks will be constructed roadside at sister and brother Lucienne's house, and then transported to the school. Local residents have agreed to manage transport in exchange for food for their families, and the knowledge that they will soon once again have a church and school.

We will also count on members of the church, parents of students, and students to assist the builder where he needs help. As you can see, building in Haiti is not as simple as signing a contract with a builder.

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There is, of course, one additional aspect to building. This is our role! We anticipate costs to complete the building in the neighborhood of $40-50,000. The Board has set aside some funds already and a team has been chosen to develop the funding campaign.

We continue to work with the Haitian government in preparation for them to take over paying our teachers. The government requires that all their teachers have an education degree. Two of our teachers have completed their education and will be hired. Two more are in the process of taking exams that, if they pass, will qualify them. This means that at least two of our teachers will no longer have teaching positions at the school. One of those, however, has a serious illness and would not have been able to continue in any case. We are sorry that the remaining teacher will not be able to continue. Still, he was reminded several times over the past three years that he needed to complete his degree and did not do so.

Please continue to pray for the students, teachers, committees and all who are involved in the Haiti Mission School.

Caldwell Presbyterian Church

Annual Fall Rummage & Bake Sale

71 Montcalm Street Lake George Village

Thursday, September 28th 3 -7 pm

Specials from 5 -7 pm Get ready for winter with $1 hats, mittens, scarves, and more!

Friday, September 29th 11 am -6 pm

Bag Sale from 4 -6 pm Friday night!

Saturday, September 30th 9 -11 am ~ Bag Sale continues

Buy one bag for $3 or two bags for $5 and fill to the brim!

For your shopping convenience, the tents on the lawn will be open until 2 pm for last minute deals!

For more information, please call the church office at 518-668-2613

The Seeker

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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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