THE SEEKER—MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear Caldwell Family,

One of the very unique aspects of a church community is multi-generational connection. Caldwell is richly blessed to have young and vital families and children paving the way for the next generation, and we are equally blessed to have the rich stories and deep wisdom of our elders. The Deacons, among many other important serving ministries, keep watch on the changing dynamics of our worshipping community. One phenomenon we are seeing more and more is people who are able to attend worship on Sundays, but who are increasingly on their own during the week. A small group of passionate people came together last week to discuss what we can do about this. And I am very excited to announce the launch of a new program, *Seasoned Adults Learning Together*, or S.A.L.T., at Caldwell starting this March.

Here are the words of Patti Brozyna, who explains it best:

"While attending our Pennsylvania church, The Presbyterian Church of Deep Run, I had the pleasure of assisting with our older adult program. S.A.L.T. (Seasoned Adults Learning Together) Now over 25 years and stronger than ever, the "Seasoned Adults" gather monthly for a soup luncheon and a program. Church members and community neighbors provide the programs with a variety of topics including history, travels, mission trips, memories, holiday celebrations, health and wellness etc, to church and community service projects.

There is so much to learn at every stage of life. Our Caldwell S.A.L.T. Group will be a time of fellowship and a fun and new way to come and learn together and explore ways we can deepen our relationship with each other and God."

If you are 55 or older, please join us!! Please mark your calendars for Tue**sday, March 24th, 12 noon-1 p.m., in the Middle Room at Caldwell, for our launch of the Caldwell S.A.L.T. Group! Our inaugural speaker will be Bev Roach who will speak on her childhood in Cuba.** Soup, bread, and desserts will be served. For anyone who would like a ride, please contact the church office and we will be happy to make arrangements.

As we make our way to Jerusalem this season of Lent, and follow where our Savior trod, let us remember his words: "You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world." I look forward to seeing you on Sundays for worship, for our special Lenten intercessory prayer time led by our Worship Committee following worship during Lent, at our weekly ecumenical book group, at S.A.L.T., for our Holy Week observances, and, of course, on Easter morning, which is, as E.E. Cummings wrote, the birthday of life.

A very blessed Lenten journey to you all.

Ali

Mission of the Month

Preschool Fundraising Pie Auction

There will be a delicious and fun Pie Auction on **March 29th at 11:30**

Thank you for allowing the Preschool to be the mission of the month. What a joy to partner with you to reach the families of Lake George with the Good News of Jesus as we prepare their children for kindergarten.

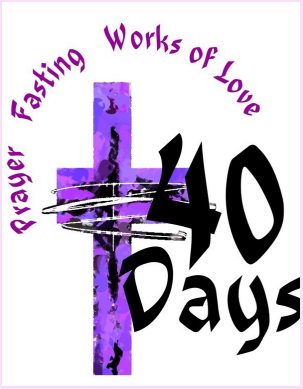
The last couple of years at the pie auction have been such a fun time together and many of us went home with delicious pies! We are again asking for your willing bakers to whip up some more of their tasty pies to donate to this years auction. Please watch for a sign-up sheet in the coffee room.

This year of Preschool has been such a sweet time with this class of children. God has once again put together a wonderful team of teachers, and we enjoy the opportunity of serving at the Preschool. We love these little ones in our care and their families.

Thank you for your pie donations and monetary contributions for the Preschool!

Sincerely,

Chris Salstrom, Director, and the Preschool Committee



LENT at Caldwell Presbyterian Church

***New!* A Lenten Book Study~** Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus: How the Jewish Words of Jesus Can Change Your Life, by Lois Tverberg. Beginning March 4th, 11:30-12:30, we will share in a 6 week book study, discussion and fellowship as we journey to Jerusalem. Please contact the office by if you plan to attend.

Service of Intercessory prayer will be held each Sunday during Lent immediately following the service. *All Are Welcome.*

The Columbiettes of Sacred Heart in Lake George are organizing a bus trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA to see Queen Esther! Thursday, April 23 & Friday, April 24

We will leave at 6:30 AM (Thursday) from the Sacred Heart Parish Center NOTE: Arrive 15 minutes prior to departure. Rest stop enroute, Lunch on your own. 2:00 PM Arrive at Sights and Sound Theatre. 3:00 PM performance of **Queen Esther.** 6:30 PM Dinner – **Hershey Farm Restaurant and Gift Shop– Traditional Smorgasbord** . 9:00 PM Check into the Country Inn of Lancaster, staff will bring bags to your guest room.
Day 2 Friday, April 24: Full, Hot Breakfast Buffet at hotel . Check out of hotel. 9:00 AM Depart from hotel. Shopping in Lancaster PA: The Shops at Rockvale, Outlets and Tanger Outlets. 1:00 PM Depart Lancaster Area . Rest stop enroute. 7:00 PM Approximately return to Lake George.

Rates Per person: Single $ 299.00 per person Double $ 239.00 per person Triple $ 219.00 per person Quad $ 209.00 per person **We are NOW READY to take names and payments for this trip. Checks will be made out to YANKEE TRAILS. Please call the Parish Center office at 518 668-2046. This is a trip for everyone, every faith, every gender. MARK YOUR CALENDARS & TELL YOUR FRIENDS!**

Fellowship and Hospitality

The Fellowship and Hospitality 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. 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 Berne Kouba #518-798-6180.

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. There is a list of instructions in the kitchen on how to use the coffee urns.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

MARCH 01 – Eileen Horgan & Dale Tolene
8 – Amrock family
15 – Quigan family
22 – Tom & Bev Roach
29 – Moody family

APRIL 05 – Hunsicker family
12 – Cornelius family
19 – Lynda & Roger Glenn
26 – Donut Sunday

Caldwell for Kids:

March 1st- Scholarship Fundraiser at Caldwell Presbyterian. Following worship we will be having a spaghetti luncheon. Everyone is welcome for salad, beverages, homemade sauce, warm bread, and dessert. The food is prepared and served by our church's youth. Donations are collected for the scholarships that are disbursed on Youth Sunday in June.

March 8th- Youth Group Meeting with Pastor Ali following worship. Pick up time at 12:30pm. These Youth Group meetings are for kids of any grade who would like an opportunity to discuss bible themes for daily life application. Meeting topics will vary, but the format will consist of group discussion, occasional games, prayer, and fellowship.

March 18th- Community Dinner at Sacred Heart Church food donated by Holiday Inn. We are looking for youth volunteers to help with table setting, serving, and clean up. Starting at 4pm finishing up by 6:30pm. Come help at any point during that time. Caldwell is providing dessert too, please sign up if you are able.

Please mark your calendars for Rocky Railway VBS for the week of August 10-14.

Can you help us with a few things? We are collecting the following items for our craft station: Animal or scenic pictures from Zoobooks, Ranger Rick, National Geographic or Adirondack Life. (As we are doing a train theme, we need pictures of anything you might see from a scenic train window. As examples, mountain, rivers, northern animals. Our animals of the week are the RAM, MOUNTAIN LION, FISH, HAWK AND ELK.)

*Christmas Cards or old calendars with same items
*Wooden trail whistles
*Letter beads

Wanted: interested teens (incoming 7th graders and older) to work as teen crew leaders. Community service hours given and it's a ton of fun!

Wanted: Bible Stories station assistant. Love reading and retelling the Greatest Stories Ever Told? Help kids become part of the Bible stories through all five of their senses! For more info, contact Sarah at scubakings@roadrunner.com

Preschool News:

It is with great anticipation of Spring coming that we update you with some things that are happening here in the preschool.

★ We just got our Open House announcement in the Chronicle.

★ We are getting calls for people interested in enrolling for next year.

★ Our Open House is going to be on March 5th (6:00-7:00 PM).

★ Pie Auction will be March 29th after morning service (11:30 AM).

Thank you church family for your incredible support of the preschool. It continues to be a light here in the Lake George area. What a blessing for each of the teachers to be part of this. I am so grateful for the team that God continues to put together in the preschool. We all enjoy being together each day watching these kids learn and love each other.

Thanks, Chris

A church in Annapolis, MD will be bringing 8-10 volunteers on a trip to Puerto Rico on Sunday, July 26th to Saturday, August 1st. This is a 7 day trip and the trip fee is $1,195.00 (this does not include airfare) There is room for a few more people and Rusty Pedersen (Jo Anne's brother who leads the trip) was wondering if anyone from Caldwell would be interested in going. As of right now the specific project have not been set up, but will be closer to the trip date. Anyone interested can contact Rusty directly. His information is provided below. Jo Anne has been on two trips while Ed has been on one of them. All the trips have been a great experience and they look forward to returning soon. This is the location that All Hands and Hearts stay at when they work in Puerto Rico

Crossing Thresholds Puerto Rico 2020: After a successful year of working in the community of Mariana, Puerto Rico, Crossing Thresholds has moved to the community of Caimito, PR and will begin sponsoring volunteer trips there in February of 2020. As was done in Mariana, a community based organization has been identified to act as a liaison for projects and donations. The Centro Zen Center for Mediation and Leaning has been in existence for the past 25 years and since Hurricane Maria has begun an outreach project to bring community members into the Center to participate in a variety of programs and projects.

The Retreat Center "Centro Zen" is located in Caimito, Puerto Rico and is the 2nd largest "barrio" inside the municipality of San Juan. Caimito is 30 minutes south and west of the airport in San Juan and the Center is located on the top of the highest point in municipality. In 2020, the Center will be used to house Crossing Thresholds volunteers and act as a base of operations to perform work in the community.

Groups visiting Centro Zen this February, March and April will be working on projects at the Center and in the community. The Retreat Center consists of 6 buildings, 4 of which remain damaged from the hurricane. The two buildings that have been repaired are a kitchen/meeting hall and a building used to house the Directors of the Center as well as volunteers.

One of the first community wide needs identified by representative of Caimito is for a library where children can do their homework, receive after school tutoring services, borrow and read age appropriate books. One of the first projects volunteers will be working on is the reconstruction of one of the four buildings in need of repair. The goal is to have one building rehabilitated and ready to host children from the community by May 1st, 2020. Visiting North American groups are being asked to donate primary level books in both Spanish and English to begin the "book stocking" process upon completion of construction. Plans to staff and run an after-school program will be made after the building is operational and community engagement is assessed. If it is determined that there is enough demand and there is financial support available for an after-school program, plans will be made to begin a program in September of 2020. Two Centro Zen Board members are faculty members at local campuses of the University of Puerto Rico. Efforts will be made to recruit college age students to act as mentors and tutors. Those students would be eligible to receive compensation from Crossing Thresholds via Centro Zen.

The 2nd community wide need identified by representatives in Caimito is for repairs to their 3 elementary schools. Many of the school buildings in the community were damaged by Hurricane Maria and have been marginally repaired. Plans are in the works for groups arriving in February, March and April to work on repairing and painting walls that were damaged so that local students, led by their art teachers, will be able to design and paint decorative murals. Further engagement in the schools will be developed as Crossing Thresholds builds its relationship with the local school administrators and educators.

A 3rd & 4th community wide need identified by representative of Caimito is for a "demonstration garden" consisting of examples of easy to grow fruits and vegetables. Family gardens are a valuable source of quality food. The 15 acre mountain top campus of the Retreat Center will be home to this demonstration garden as well as a network of hiking trails and nature walks. Caimito is densely populated with no public parks. The trail system being developed will provide opportunities for families to enjoy a "walk in the park" type environment which is not available currently locally. The Center is beginning to bustle with yoga and tai chi classes occurring on multiple days of the week along with overnight retreats sponsored by different organizations.

Crossing Thresholds is excited to partner with Centro Zen in their efforts to connect with the community and provide open space opportunities to its neighbors and friends.

RustyPedersen,

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March News from the Haiti Mission School

Travel to Haiti

The good news from Haiti is that the demonstrations have calmed for the time being, and this will allow us to finally plan a trip to Haiti. We are planning to travel in March. For various reasons, including health issues and the unrest in Haiti, we have not been to Haiti since the fall of 2018. The school has continued to function, thanks to the help of Junior Eustache, our man in Haiti and members of the school committee. Still, there is nothing like seeing things with our own eyes, being able to talk one on one and discuss hopes and plans with the various individuals involved in the school.

Airport renewed at Jeremie

On their trip, JoEllen and Howard will arrive at the newly rebuilt airport in Jèrèmie. In the many years we have been tomp318@hotmail12Chevalier432import addresses from pc to imacSiloam hTom, Max ang to Haiti, the airport at Jèrèmie has deteriorated from bad to worse. Plans to upgrade seemed to be on hold. But now the airport at Jèrèmie is being rebuilt. Currently, air service is with the charter service *Mission Aviation Fellowship* which flies to Jèrèmie on Tuesday and Thursday. We are hoping that once the renewal at Jèrèmie airport is finished, regular daily airline service will be resumed.

Government still not paying teachers

While we are pleased at some of the improvements being made in Haiti, such as those at the airport, we are concerned they have not honored their contract to pay the teachers. We understand this is true for other government employees also. For qualified teachers, doctors, nurses and others to not be paid over a prolonged period, we believe is a terrible situation that leaves the infrastructure including our school barely functioning. We will want to discuss this with the authorities while we are there.

Annual Reports Mailed

All tax contribution acknowledgment letters for calendar year 2019 have been mailed. We included our annual report with these letters. If you made a donation in 2019 and did not receive a letter, please contact us at the address below. We do want to thank everyone who has supported the school in any way, whether through physical assistance, financial donations and/or prayers. And please continue to keep all of Haiti in your prayers.

Please continue to keep Sabrina and the rest of Haiti's restavec children in your prayers.

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Mark Your Calendars…..Save these Dates:

March 1- Scholarship spaghetti Dinner immediately after church.
March 4 - Community Dinner at Sacred Heart served by their team at 5:00
March 4 - Lenten Book Study 11:30-12:30 for 6 weeks. Contact the office if you plan to attend.
March 8 - 2nd Sunday youth group meeting with Pastor Ali
March 8 - Soup by Patti and Vacation Bible School craft prep. Join us for lunch and help us paint boxes for the kids to use during day 1 of crafts.
March 15 - Len Bunalski's funeral service 2:00 pm at the church.
March 17 - Presbytery Meeting in Mayfield, NY
March 17 - Preschool Committee Meeting 12:15
March 17 - Elder Meeting at 5:30
March 24 - Luncheon for 55+. Bev Roach will speak on her time spent in Cuba. Soup, bread, and dessert will be provided. Free to all. Check bulletin for more details.
March 18 - Community Dinner at Sacred Heart 5:00. Please sign up to bring dessert or help serve.
March 29th - Preschool Pie Auction at the church 11:30.

The Erlowest is planning a Fundraiser Gala for the Ronald McDonald House Charities Krantz Cottage Lake George.Tuesday, May 19, 2020 will be "Casino Night For Krantz"

Along with Blackjack and Roulette tables, a performance from Elvis himself, passed hors d'oeuvres, live action carving stations, and other "McDonald inspired" cuisine, we will be offering silent auction items.

I am reaching out in the hopes that I can enlist your help in gathering silent auction items, donating items, or both! Please feel free to reach out with any ideas or help you can offer. With Krantz Cottage being the first of its kind within the Ronald McDonald House Charities community, Lake George has a wonderful opportunity to not only give families and children an amazing experience, but also, hopefully open the door for more properties of this kind.

Thank you to everyone in advance,

LeAnna Avila, Director of Sales & Events
The Inn at the Erlowest, 3178 Lake Shore Drive, Lake George, NY 12845, 518-668-5928, 518-681-1303 (cell)

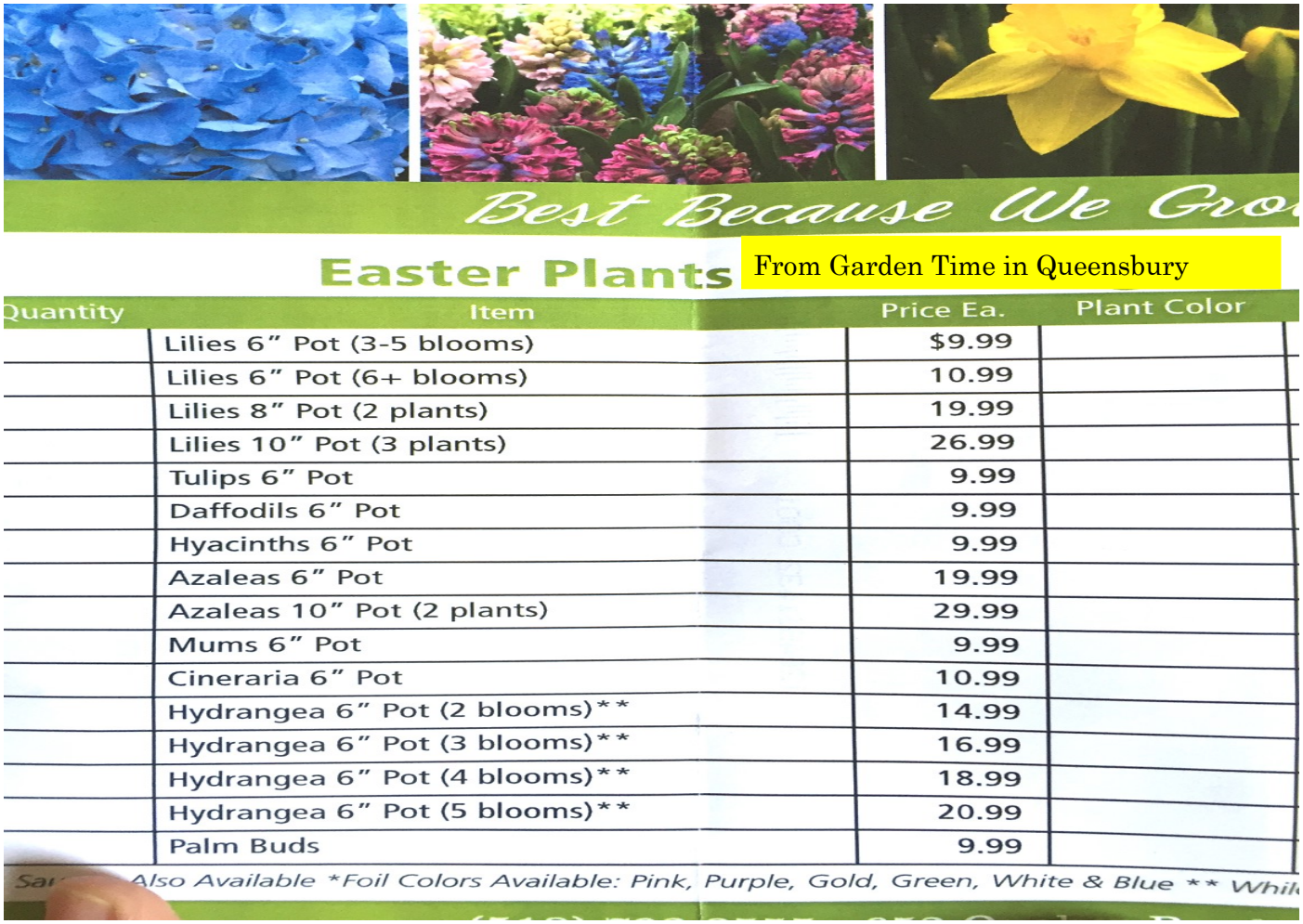
Happy Birthday

2 Dave Madden
3 Jeff Brozyna
9 Jim Corriveau
9 Carol Bayle
12 Barb O'Reilly
12 Lauren Azer
13 Pat Carpenter
16 Mel Quigan
18 Tom Parsons
22 Tim McCann
23 Kate MacEachron
23 Leah Jenne
26 Linda Nicols
26 John Kohland

Prayer Concerns

Karen & Lauren Azer, Justin,Chelsea & Alex Blanco, Mike Dalbey, Pam Parrott, Bud Steiner, Kay Kupa, Dottie Kopf, Janie Green, Anita Rios, Donnie Smith, Nancy Hollenbeck, Bill Tinsen, Marianne McCarthy, Peg Edwards, John Kohland, Mary Morrano, Megan Klein, Sharon Koshak, Julianna Potts, Jean Kratzer, Laurie Southworth, Kim Weiss family, Ryan Armstrong, Kathy Duell, Sue Moore, David Clemente, Shirley Horgan, Len Bunalski family, Melanie King.

It's Time to Order Easter Flowers:!!!!



Best Because We Gro

Easter Plants From Garden Time in Queensbury

Quantity	Item	Price Ea.	Plant Color
	Lilies 6" Pot (3-5 blooms)	$9.99	
	Lilies 6" Pot (6+ blooms)	10.99	
	Lilies 8" Pot (2 plants)	19.99	
	Lilies 10" Pot (3 plants)	26.99	
	Tulips 6" Pot	9.99	
	Daffodils 6" Pot	9.99	
	Hyacinths 6" Pot	9.99	
	Azaleas 6" Pot	19.99	
	Azaleas 10" Pot (2 plants)	29.99	
	Mums 6" Pot	9.99	
	Cineraria 6" Pot	10.99	
	Hydrangea 6" Pot (2 blooms)**	14.99	
	Hydrangea 6" Pot (3 blooms)**	16.99	
	Hydrangea 6" Pot (4 blooms)**	18.99	
	Hydrangea 6" Pot (5 blooms)**	20.99	
	Palm Buds	9.99	

Also Available *Foil Colors Available: Pink, Purple, Gold, Green, White & Blue ** Whil

If you order flowers, please fill out this form and make the check out to the Caldwell Presbyterian Church. Please place it in the offering plate **by Sunday, March 15th.** You can take your flowers home following the Easter Service. Thank you.

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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