THE SEEKER FOR OCTOBER 2021

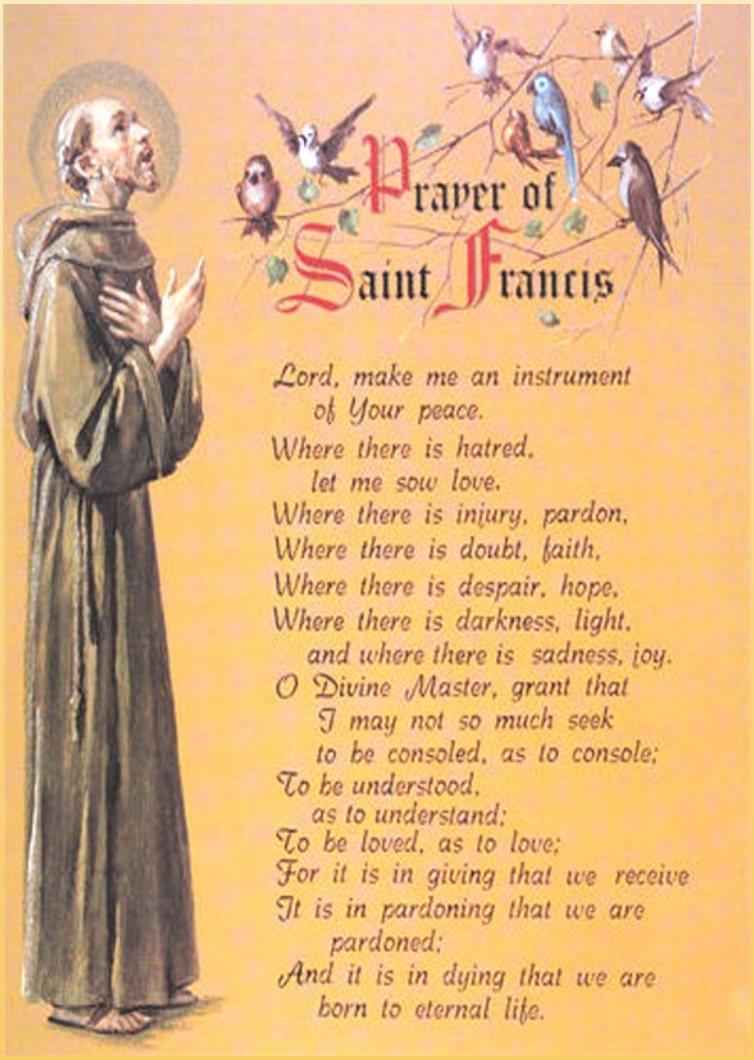
NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We have two dogs, Homer and Winnie. Homer is 8, Winnie is 2. Winnie is our wonder-girl. She loves to play catch. Every morning when we wake up and sleepily go downstairs to put on a pot of coffee, she is already up, tennis ball in mouth, squealing with delight and with the entire back half of her body wagging, ready to go outside to play before breakfast. When it's time for the girls to leave for school, Winnie becomes calm, takes her place on her mat by the back door, and protectively watches them to ensure their safe departure. She feels that responsibility intensely. We never taught her that, it's just in her.

Homer is our caregiver. When my sister came to visit us shortly after her son died last summer, she sat down in the living room. Homer immediately sensed her grief even though she was not expressing it at that moment in any outward way. He jumped up on the couch, all 80 pounds of him, and he laid down on top of her. He has never done that to anyone before.

I know many of you have pets who exhibit incredible instinctive behaviors like this too. Our dogs, our cats, our pets, oftentimes show us what unconditional love really looks like. As a dear friend of mine who said goodbye recently to her 16 year old dog put it, our pets rescue us from loneliness, from anxiety, from fear, from monotony, and from sadness. They teach us so many important life lessons, and we are indebted to them for that: lessons in forgiveness, resilience, acceptance, trust, and never-ending love. Even when they die, my friend eloquently explained (which is always too soon), they continue on in our best selves when our hearts are open, our hands are gentle, and our thoughts pure and good.

On Sunday afternoon, at 1 p.m., on the lawn of St. James' Episcopal Church, there will be a celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, otherwise known as the Blessing of the Animals, to which you are all invited. St. Francis lived in Italy in the 13th century and founded the Franciscan order of the Catholic Church. Among many things, he is remembered for his generosity to the poor, his willingness to minister to the lepers, and for his love for animals and all of nature. If any of you have ever attended such a blessing with your pet, you will know how moving it is to take a moment to give thanks and praise to God for the gift of your furry friend, and to ask God's protection for the many animals who are in danger, neglected, or abused. We continue to pray for them.

Also attributed to St. Francis is the finest prayer I think I've every prayed, and I can't resist including it here for us once again. Perhaps there's a quiet moment in your day to pray it, with your eye on your birdfeeder, or your pet on your lap or nearby on the couch, to give God thanks and praise for all creatures great and small:

Faithfully,

Ali

Caldwell Presbyterian Church Deacon Fundraiser

Little Caesars® Fundraising

The fundraising will start October 1st and end October 22nd.

All orders and money must be received by Oct. 22nd

Order forms will be at the church or with a deacon.

KC Glenn will send out a sample order form for those that do not come to church. You can look at the form online, see what you want and call him and he will place the order. His number is 518-683-2659. You will then need to drop off the money at church.

The kits arrive frozen. They are specially packaged and can remain at room temperature for over 6 hours and can be refrozen.

When KC gets a delivery date he will send out an email of the time and date for pick up.

The kits come with the items you need to assemble the pizzas and don't come pre-made. The crust is formed and ready, you just have to add the sauce and toppings which are included in your kit. It is fun and easy. Within minutes, you'll enjoy a tasty pizza.

Ordering Online is Easy!

Go to PIZZAKIT.COM

#1. Click on Products, then Shop

#2. Add the Group I.D. 161064

And Fundraiser ID 399058

#3. Start Shopping

IMPORTANT:
DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT PAYMENT WHEN THE ORDER IS PLACED OR YOU CAN ORDER ONLINE WITH A CREDIT CARD AT PIZZAKIT.COM

SELLER'S NAME: _____ **SELLER'S PHONE #:** _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____ **TEACHER:** _____

DATE TO TURN IN ORDER FORM & PAYMENT: _____

Make checks payable to your organization (not Little Caesars)

WEEK OF DELIVERY: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

GROUP EARNS $6 PROFIT ON EVERY KIT

NAME & PHONE NUMBER:	Pepperoni Pizza Kit $23.00 P	Cheese Pizza Kit $23.00 C	Thin Crust Pizza Kit $23.00 TC	NEW! Pepperoni Cheese Bread Kit $23.00 PB	Italian Cheese Bread Kit $23.00 IB	Personal Pepperoni Pizza Kit $23.00 PP	Crazy Bread® Kit with Crazy Sauce® $20.00 CB	Pizza Cutter 2-Pack $20.00 CU	Pizza Server Paddle $25.00 PA	NEW! Cookie Dough Brownie with M&M's® $23.00 MM	Chocolate Chunk Cookie Dough $20.00 CH	Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Dough $20.00 OR	TOTAL KITS	AMOUNT PAID
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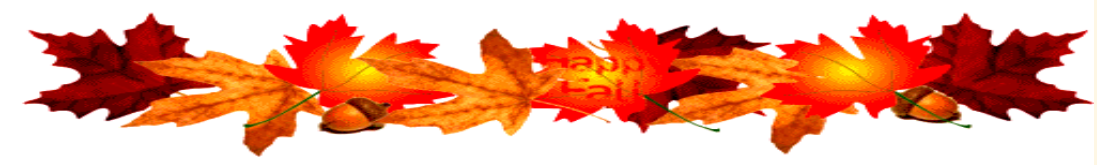
For your convenience, please remember to tally the rows and columns to ensure your order is accurate.

Youth Events—Save the Date!

Oct. 10th– Mini Golf for all youth directly after church. Cost is free.

October 31st—Carve your own pumpkin. Please RSVP to Margo Nelson. Her email is doublelightangel@yahoo.com, so that we know how many pumpkins to purchase. Bring your own carving tools!



Announcements

Flowers are needed for the chancel each Sunday service. If you have some in your garden to share or would like to purchase some one week, please call the office.

The Wednesday Ecumenical Book Study is watching a video series called "The Chosen" from 12:30-2:00 on Wednesdays. This is an awesome series that depicts the life of Christ. Hope you can join us!

Pastor Ali's "Time to Talk on Tuesdays" has changed! Meeting times on the first Tues. of the month are at 10-11:30 in person or by Zoom. The following Tues. are from 10-11:30 on the lawn as weather permits.

Beth and Jim Corriveau thank Pastor Ali, the Deacons, and the congregation for honoring them this month for their 20 years of service providing a music ministry at Caldwell.

"We thoroughly enjoy playing and singing music and hymns for the church each Sunday. Thank you for the amazing flower arrangement placed in a large pot, the money, and gift cards. We are grateful for your kind words, gifts, and being able to share God's blessing of music with everyone."

Sincerely,

Beth and Jim Corriveau

Food Pantry: Dates for October are Friday the 8th and 22rd from 9:30 to 11:30.

Happy Birthday

Laura Corriveau	Oct. 1
Pam Quigan	Oct. 1
Annabelle Trowbridge	Oct. 3
Sue Hunsicker	Oct. 21
Charlie Fuller	Oct. 24
Samantha Gorey	Oct. 30
Carol Whalen	Oct. 31
Howard Nicols	Oct. 31

October 2021
News From the Haiti Mission School

Haiti Mission School
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Earthquake: Due to the recent earthquake, Haitian education officials have delayed the opening of school until October 4. We are unsure how this will affect the rest of the calendar, and even more important, the education of our students. However, it will give our teachers and students time to get their homes and situations restored to the best of their ability.

Meanwhile, we have continued to try to assist our students' families. We did a special food distribution last month, and gave out 32 tarps and rope. (Junior had to travel to Port au Prince to get these.) These will provide some cover for their homes (most of which lost exterior walls-see picture). The good news is, many of the tin roofs replaced after Hurricane Matthew, survived the earthquake. We also sent $500 for medical supplies for the nearby clinic that was destroyed in the earthquake.

Rebuilding assistance: We have been asked by many student families for rebuilding assistance. These families suffered damage to their homes and in one case, the home disappeared into a sinkhole. Our U.S. Board has asked Junior for information on prices of materials and more specifics on damages before we determine what we can do. While we are concerned about these situations, we are also aware that our fundamental mission is education. Still, a student living in a home without walls is surely at a learning disadvantage. We expect to have further information about this in our next newsletter.

Primary School: At the primary school, the temporary buildings which we have been using survived the earthquake with minimal damage. These are wood frame buildings which are most likely to suffer damage from hurricanes, but survive earthquakes. We are anticipating close to our usual limit of 150 students this fall. However we will not know for certain until we actually get started and have students in seats. Money has been sent to buy food for student meals that will begin when classes open. We have also sent money for material for uniforms, replacement books and other supplies.

Secondary School: We have paid the first quarter tuition and inscription fees for the secondary school students. Twenty-three students passed their exams and three are waiting for results from their tests. None of the 6 seventh grade students passed their exams. (Under our current policy, students who fail their annual exams must sit out one year). These are being replaced by six students from last year's primary school graduating class who were chosen by the committee to receive scholarships, so we will have essentially the same total enrollment as last year.

If you wish to assist in the earthquake relief, you can send a check to Haiti Mission School at the above address, or to Haiti Mission School at PayPal, and we thank you in advance.

Please continue to pray for Sabrina and all the other Haitian Restavecs and the children in orphanages

Preschool News:

We are thrilled to announce that one of our two fall fundraisers for the preschool netted approximately $ 3500. It was graciously hosted by Karis and Jose at the Lake George Beach Club during Car Show Weekend. Our second will be the same venue on Americade Weekend.

A very big thank you to Karis and Jose for their generosity, love and devotion to our preschool . Every parent associated in any way with our little ones is God's gift to us, and we are truly thankful.

Submitted by Lesley Clemons, Preschool Elder of Session

Christian Education for October

Sunday School will resume in person in October on the first and third Sundays of the month for all ages. The second and fourth Sundays will be the elementary zoom class for grades 1 through 6.
We are super excited to welcome Margo Mullein as our new Youth Director for Caldwell. Margo will be involved in running youth group events and teaching Sunday school. Stay tuned for more details. Be sure to check out our Getting To Know You article about Margo in this month's Seeker.
Come meet Margo after church on Sunday, Oct. 3 at our Lemonade on the lawn. Ice cream will be served.

The Christian Ed. Committee

Getting to Know You: Margo Nelson our new youth director.

written by Shelby Decker

Margo Nelson joined our church during the quarantine of 2020 but started coming in person as soon as it was allowed. She originally grew up in Greenpoint, Brooklyn playing skelzey with her older brother, which is a game similar to a mix between hopscotch and shuffleboard played with old bottle caps. Her father, who was a great influence on her life, was the one who first introduced her to the Adirondacks and made her love the outdoors. Margo is an herbalist and says if she could go back to any age she would go back to when she was 6 years old and first realized that trees could "speak" to her.

She shared several of her favorite memories with me including memories of her Irish great grandmother who used to sing and make tea. She also told me about the life she was living in her teens and early twenties, she recalls getting her first mini dress in the 70s and told me that she went right to work after high school with dreams of traveling.

We then went on to talk about our faiths, "I've been a Christian all my life, I definitely became less interested in attending mass as a teen but I never doubted my faith or God". Growing up in Brooklyn she went to a very large church and commented on how much she loves the small, intimate nature of our church. She says spending time with her family and friends, especially her son and daughter, Harley and Nicole, make her happy and keep her connected to God. She is self described as creative and spontaneous and is very excited to begin working with our church and its youth. She is always looking at the positive side of things and says she really likes to just enjoy life with all of its blessings. Before we finished she offered me some advice that I've been thinking about since I left the interview, "Hold onto your faith,

Prayer Concerns

Nell Brendel, Nick Suare'z, Ansie Carrasquillo, Jan Loonan and family, Ted Brothers, friends with drug addiction, Rice's friend Karen and her family, Refugees at the border, the missionaries and people of Haiti, Twila Fitzgerald, Michelle Martino, People in Afghanistan, Hurricane/flood/fire/shooting victims across the country, Our country and leaders, Protection from Covid and Delta, Peg Earl, Children and teachers returning to school, Douglas Dunn, Jason Ashline, Compson's grandson and daughter Becky, Peg Edwards, Delaney Locke, Sue Conklin, Mary Ann McCarthy, Jesse Kent, Billy, Sharon Koshak, Cayden Goodspeed, Mel Quigan, Bob Bayle, Gina & Rachael Kip, Sean, Joyce Duffy, Jack Choppa, Charity & Yvonne's father, Pam Parrott, Nancy Hollenbeck, Bob Gunther, Blais's friend with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Stewardship Campaign 2021

As we enter this year's Stewardship campaign, the Finance Committee wants to thank all of you for the many ways you give your time and talents in serving the church.

Stewardship is so important. By funding our church, we lay the foundation for all that we do at Caldwell. We provide the space for our Food Pantry, the home for 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 for it all. In these ways, your Stewardship Pledge is the first among equals in your giving at Caldwell.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your pledge for 2021. With your financial commitment and with God's guidance, Caldwell will continue to strive to make a difference in the lives of many.

Sincerely,

Your Finance Committee:
Darlene Gunther,
Laura Moody, Nate Fuller,
Rod Cornelius, & Bob Blais.

The Seeker

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