THE SEEKER FOR MAY 2024
NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Time: Happy Spring!

May is off and running, another very busy time at Caldwell Presbyterian Church as we prepare for the end of the school year, the upcoming summer, and our welcome to the international students and summer visitors to Lake George, as well as our own congregation members who have spent the winter in warmer places. You will see in this Seeker a number of ways to jump into the life and service of this congregation and beyond. You may discover a renewed sense of purpose and a deeper understanding of your faith by participating in one of the events and activities you read about here. Please know you are most welcome and invited!

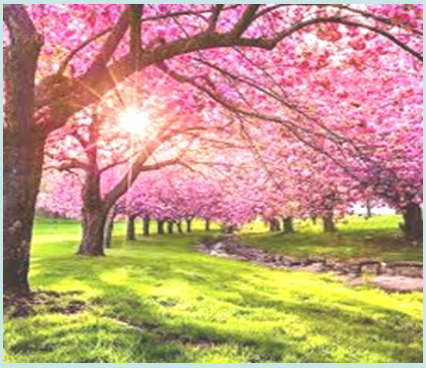
This winter has been a time of recovery for me, as well as for several of you, and I want to thank all of you for your love and prayers, your cards, books, meals, flowers, and special gifts. I've been reflecting on "time" and the seasons of life, this last one for me being the first season of "healing," I've experienced. The words of the writer of Ecclesiastes come to mind: "*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted…a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh… a time to mourn, and a time to dance…*"
I guess I would add, "a time to give, and a time to receive." I've been on the receiving end of God's goodness which shines through your grace and prayers, and I am forever grateful.

Time sometimes passes too fast, and sometimes painfully slow—but always it's beyond our reach to tame. Throughout this Eastertide, I'm also reflective of *life*time, the time we are given to live in this world, how precious daily life is, and how too soon it all passes: the time when our children are young; the time when our own children start their families; the time when we welcome grandchildren and great grandchildren into the world and gather with three and four generations in one room; the time when we are active and mobile with to-do lists too long to accomplish in one day; the time when we remember to pause to see and savor the beauty of God's creation; the time when the limits to our physical selves begin to pop up on our radar; the time when we are the ones in need; the time when all we can pray is "*help, thanks, wow (Anne Lamott!)*;" and ultimately, the time when we face our mortality.

This May, many of you will be integrally involved in the heartbeat of this church community, and for that I thank you and am inspired by you! This Spring, as we give of our time and talent and treasure to the greater good in the community—I pray you remember the Easter promise—the ultimate victory over the limits of time—and that you and I may be renewed by the assurance of the promise of God's eternal love and care, here and now, and forever.
Happy Spring, Caldwell Church! Thank you for all you do, to the blessing of many.

Faithfully,

Ali



Christian Education Events at Caldwell

And God said, "Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed…" Genesis 1:29

May – Month of Abundant beauty, where all of nature seems to be singing a fragrant song. Birds are singing, trees are in flower, bees are doing their dance. The height of spring, like a tall tree, invites us into the world of our senses where we take delight in what we see, smell, taste, feel and hear. Yet, is it not a more heavenly experience when we stop, breathe and tap into **the awareness of how it makes us feel *inside.*** And, in holding that awareness, take a moment to feel the fullness of your connection to a loving God, who has provided such beauty for our enjoyment. So in this month of May, imagine a smiling God each time you take a moment to appreciate the beauty of the flowering earth. ~ Margo

Upcoming Christian Ed: Note there are no classes for Memorial Day Weekend

5/5, 1st Sunday		Faith Keepers	Communion, Confirmation
		Angel Disciples	Beatitudes with Miss Sarah
5/6	4:00pm	Field Trip to Adirondack Region Cat Adoption Center.	
5/12	2nd Sunday	Angel Disciples	Rock Painting with Miss Margo
5/19	3rd Sunday	Faith Keepers	Spiritual Cinema
		Angel Disciples	Beatitudes with Miss Dana
	3rd Sunday	Both Groups	Children's message with Pastor Ted

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Community Events:

5/18, 19 Village Block Party

5/27 Join Pastor Ali & the **Lake George Battlefield Alliance for the Memorial Day Ceremony** at Battlefield Park in remembrance of the four unknown soldiers. The ceremony honors men believed to be American colonial soldiers killed during the Bloody Morning Scout in the 1755 Battle of Lake George during the French and Indian War.

Save the dates: *June 2nd – Youth Service Pizza Planning Party, Banner Making, Spiritual Cinema Filming of video. (during church)*

June 9th – Youth Service/ Our Theme is "Bloom"

Church Picnic! - Subs, Salads and Sundaes on June 9

Join us after church on Youth Sunday, June 9 for our annual church wide picnic. We'll provide the subs and sundaes; you provide the sides/salads. Questions? Contact Sarah at scubakings@roadrunner.com or at 518-744-9348. Thanks in advance.

You are welcome to come visit the Adirondack Region Cat Adoption Center on Monday, May 6th at 4:00pm. The church youth will be delivering the donations they collected, as well as taking a tour of their facility. We will meet in their parking lot, at 4pm.

115 Maple Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801.

May Community Dinner

Grateful thanks to all who participated in any way during our April Community Dinner.

Our food was generously prepared by 'Spargel on 9'. Thanks to Ted and all those who helped pronounce and define the word, you will surely remember if you were at the dinner, that Spargel is the word used for 'asparagus' in German. Although we did not have asparagus, we enjoyed a delicious roast pork dinner along with an *ample* selection of desserts provided by the members and friends of the Lake George churches. There was much positive feedback about the meal, the desserts and the sounds of talking and laughter. The room was filled with the clinking of dishes, the fragrance of good food and the joy and grace of fellowship. With the help of Ted, I was reminded that these dinners are about more than the feeding of our physical bodies…which is important…they are also about nourishing our hearts, our minds, our souls and our relationships. Much of that nourishment was offered and received during our time together.

So, our grateful thanks to Spargel on 9, those who provided desserts, those who helped to setup, cleanup, serve, pray, announce, fellowship or helped in any other way.

Many were asking about next month. That is still a work in progress. So please stay tuned and keep the second **Wednesday, 8 May 2024 from 5 to 6 pm** open so you will not miss out on the food and all the good things happening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Caldwell Presbyterian Church Rummage and Bake Sale will be May 2, 2-6 pm, May 3, 10-5 pm, and May 4th, 9-11:30 am. **We need volunteers** to help with set up today and help throughout the week. Please sign up in the coffee room. **We also need bake sale items**.

"Time to Talk with Pastor Ali " 10 to 11:30 a.m. on May 7th! Please join the Pastor for some friendly chatter and to make some new friends. Everyone is welcome!

Note: Change of Time for the Spring Ecumenical Study Group: Join us for Season 4 of The Chosen. Wednesdays, from 10:30-12:00 p.m. We will watch the episode, then have a brief discussion.

Community Dinner: Please mark your calendar for the second Wednesday, May 8th, 5 to 6 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ACTIVITIES today include children's message, Sunday school, rock painting and faith keepers: spiritual cinema.

Confirmation Class with Pastor Ali after worship May 5th.

Men's Breakfast at the Holiday Inn on May 11 at 8 a.m. Buffet Breakfast all you can eat for $11 not including tip! If you are looking to explore your faith among friends, please join us and bring a friend!

Lake George Community Block Party on May 18 & 19, 11-8pm. Meet our great not-for-profit organizations and enjoy activities such as a magic show, crafts, bake sales, food court, children's activities, live entertainment, chicken bbq, pony rides, bounce houses, face painting and other fun for all ages. Jo Anne Pedersen has more info.

Deacons Meeting, May 13 @ 7 p.m. on Zoom only.

Session Meeting, May 21 @ 5:30 p.m. on Zoom only.

New Member Sunday, May 19th!

Caldwell Book Group: Join us on Wednesday, June 5, 12:00-2:00, for a discussion on *Gilead*, by Marilynne Robinson. Bring your own lunch and enjoy the company of others as we discuss our takeaways and impressions of this novel which won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction: *"Gilead is an intimate tale of three generations, from the Civil War to the 20th a story about fathers and sons and the spiritual battles that still rage at America's heart."* Please join us for this literary journey.

SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE: Thursday, May 2th, 2-6 pm

Friday, May 3rd, 10-5 pm

Bag Sale, Saturday , May 4th, 9-11:30 am

Women's, Men's & Children's Clothing, Household Items, Toys, and Seasonal Items.

Sign up to help in the coffee room please!

Mission of the Month for May
World Central Kitchen

Over the past months we have all seen the devastation in the Middle East and the suffering of the people that live there. In the midst of this chaos there are people that step in to help. In the words from the hymn Here I am Lord we sing….

Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

The organization World Central Kitchen is one such organization. Many people have just heard of this organization due to the tragedy that happened in Gaza when the IDF killed 7 people from their organization in a missile strike.

World Central Kitchen (WCK) is first to the frontlines, providing meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. Applying our model of quick action, leveraging local resources, and adapting in real time, WCK has served hundreds of millions of nourishing meals around the world. When disaster strikes, WCK's Relief Team mobilizes with the urgency of now to start cooking and serving meals to people in need efficiently and with dignity. By partnering with organizations on the ground and activating a network of local restaurants, food trucks, or emergency kitchens, WCK serves comforting meals to survivors of disasters quickly and effectively. To support regional economies, WCK prioritizes purchasing local ingredients to cook with or distribute directly to families in need. **We know that good food provides not only nourishment, but also comfort and hope, especially in times of crisis.**

To find out more about them please visit their website at https://wck.org

"Story Time" Input from JoEllen Parson's:

On the third Sunday in April, we were well informed and entertained with stories about the life, work and times of Ray Van Anden. Thank you Ray for your willingness to share some stories about your life with us. Who knew Ray worked so many interesting jobs and he and Linda and the boys lived in so many exciting places. Thank you Ray for taking such good care of us and our homes and lives here in the Adirondacks.

Thanks also to people who helped with the delicious luncheon, clean up, zoom operation and who supported the morning in any other way.

So…It is Bravo!!!! Bravo!!! Bravo!!! It has been another good year of Story Hour. Thank you to all who have told us some of the stories about their lives, those who have helped with food, helped clean up, run the zoom camera's so folks at home could join in the fun and to record peoples stories. We are grateful to each one who helped in any way.

The Block Party has been scheduled for the third Sunday in May so there will be no Story Hour on that Sunday. We hope and plan to resume this fun and informative offering once again in the fall…probably in October.

Over the summer, we encourage each of you to prayerfully consider joining in the fun by sharing some stories of your own about your growing up years, your time here as part of our Caldwell church family, your work (volunteer or paid), your family, hobby, travel or other life experiences. Our story tellers usually share for around 15-20 minutes..some have pictures some do not. We would love to hear from and about you.

In the meantime, we hope you have a great summer. We also encourage you to plan to attend our Lake George community Block Party on May 18 & 19, 2024.

Blessings to each one.

LIFT UP THE WORD—LIGHT UP THE WORLD

For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.—2 Samuel 22:29-31

THE 73RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY MAY 2 @7:00pm

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COFFEE AND DESSERT

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

172 OTTAWA STREET LAKE GEORGE

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Come join us as we examine the importance of prayer
in our lives and in our world today.
Prayer service to follow.

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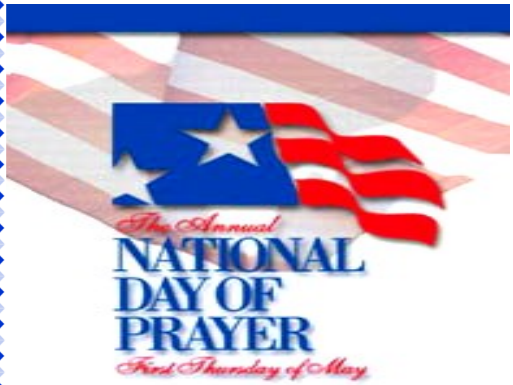
Hosted by the Lord's Light of the Lake DoK Chapter



More information and Events on the National Day of Prayer can be found at Nationaldayofprayer.org

Lunch & Learn Series at St. James' Episcopal Church, Tuttle Hall,

Thursday, May 16, 2024 – 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

"Anger, Forgiveness & Reconciliation" Presented by the Rev. Sally M. Heiligman

Achieving Emotional and Spiritual Healing though letting go of Anger and Moving toward Forgiveness and Reconciliation. Free lunch - Soup, Dessert, Beverages

Please bring in a donation for the food bank.

Reservations required: Call 518-668-2001 and leave a message or e-mail

INTERFAITH VISIT to Latham Mosque!

You are invited to join our Confirmation Class for a visit to our friends at the Al-Hidaya Mosque in Latham, NY, for a tour, learning about the tenants of Islam, and Q & A with Imam Djafer. We will meet at the Mosque on Saturday, May 25th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sign up in the Coffee Room to join us! All are most welcome! We can carpool from exit 18 for all who want to attend.

AMERICADE PLANNING MEETING!

Later this month Americade is coming to Lake George! We are having a brief meeting on Wednesday, May 8, at 12:30 p.m. in the Middle Room to plan our annual Americade Breakfasts and we need your help! Whether you can work the breakfast as a waiter, help with shopping for the food items, cook, clean up, or be a greeter, we need you! Please sign up in the Coffee Room if you'd like to volunteer. Join us for the brief meeting on May 8th so that we can get organized. Thank you!!

Happy Birthday

7 Ed Hoose

11 Frank Amrock

15 Donna Amoroso

16 Peg Earl

18 Linda Van Anden

22 Rod Cornelius

24 KC Glenn

26 Darlene Gunther

30 Dante Corriveau

***PRAYER CONCERNS**: family of Ruth Tift, Martin, Dan Kaptur, Jeannette Scanlon, Becky Bammert, Alex Parrott, Kathy Duell, Kevin Greenwood family, JoEllen's cousin & Ron, Lauren Azer, Linda Nicols, Andrea's son Christopher, Maria Dingman, Alex Blanco, Philip Shepherd, Mark Madeira, Dave Madden, Roger Glenn, Mac Russel, Jess King, Mary Moser, Jessica Gosselin, George Brendel, Katie Boxley, Michael Amrock, Ann Marie Wasniewski, Jay Burk & fellow sailors on the Red Sea, Aunt Bonnie, Paul Kubik, John Onjack, Kendie's mother, Addie Lynn, Judelin's family, Jean Stanton, Margo's daughter & friend Linda, Liz & Megan Klein, Peg Earl, Ron Powers, L. Rose, Shirley Von Dem Bussche, Tom Roach, Pam Parrott.*

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The preschool school year is coming to an end. Our end of the year celebration is friday, June 7 at 10am in Shepherd Park. Come and celebrate us and meet the preschool families. 12 students will be moving up to the next class and 11 students will graduate and attend Lake George Elementary school. Next year we will have a two-year-old, three-year-old, and four-year-old preschool class, enrollment for a total of 35 students.

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Lake George

Community Block Party

"Spectacular Family Fun For All Ages"

MAY 18-19, 2024
Ottawa Street
11-8pm
FREE!

Magic Show
Food Court
Chicken BBQ
Entertainment
Bake Sales
Bands
Crafts
Games
Children's Carnival

Bounce Houses • Pony Rides • Petting Zoo • Dunk Booth
Giant Slide • Obstacle Course • Face Painting • Money Wheel

"First Responders Touch-A-Truck"

Musical Instrument Petting Zoo

Historical Exhibits • Raffle

RAIN OR SHINE!

Popcorn & Movies

Meet all of our Great Not-For-Profit Organizations and enjoy their activities!

Art Sale
Chicken BBQ Sat. 5-7
Organ Concert

Live Entertainment See Reverse Side

• Free Parking • Coolers Allowed •

Main Stage Entertainment

Saturday 11-8

- Lake George Central Music Department
- Lake George Community Band
- Mr. Twisty Magic Show
- Stony Creek Band 50th Anniversary Celebration Concert

Sunday 11-6

- Lake George Steamboat Callioppe Concert
- Michael Linke Organ Concert
- Song Dogs Bluegrass Gospel
- Mr. Twisty Magic Show
- Rich Ortiz In Concert 3-6 PM
- Bolton Dance Academy

100% of all proceeds go to local organizations!

Town of Lake George

Village of Lake George

Bring your family!
Bring your friends!
Meet your neighbors!

Some activities will seek volunteer donations.

Lake George Community Block Party Activity Schedule

Caldwell Presbyterian Church
May 18-19, 2024 11am – 5:00pm

Come and enjoy some fun, some food and some friendship

Saturday, May 18

Time	Activity	Age/Grade	Fee
11am- 5pm	Bake Sale (Until we sell out)		
11am- 5pm	Pony Rides	PreK-5	**$10.00**
11am – 5pm	Local History Video (in the church)	All ages	No fee
	Rock Painting, Pinecone	PreK-5	No fee
	Birdfeeder, Coloring all ages		
	Bubbles, Scavenger Hunt		
11am – 1pm	Rainbow Loom Bracelets	Grades 4-8	No fee
1pm – 3pm	Straw Beads Necklaces	Grades K-3	No fee
1pm – 3pm	Pipe Cleaner/Pony Beads Creations	Grades 4-6	No fee
1pm – 3pm	Pick a Treat	PreK-1	**$1.00**
3pm – 5pm	Key Chains	All ages	No fee
3pm - 5pm	Simple Face Painting	All ages	No fee
3pm – 5pm	God's Eyes (craft)	Grades 4-6	No fee

Sunday, May 19

Time	Activity	Age/Grade	Fee
11am - 5pm	Bake **Sale** (Until we sell out)		
11am - 5pm	Pony Rides	PreK-5	**$10.00**
	Local History Video (in the church)	All ages	No fee
	Rock Painting, Pinecone	PreK-5	No fee
	Birdfeeder, Coloring all ages		
	Bubbles, Scavenger Hunt		
11am – 1pm	Coffee Filter Flowers/Butterfly	All ages	No fee
11am – 1pm	Straw Beads Necklaces	Grades K-3	No fee
1pm – 3pm	Pipe Cleaner/Pony Beads Creations	Grades 4-6	No fee
1pm – 3pm	Key Chains	All ages	No fee
3pm - 5pm	Seed Planting	All ages	No fee
3pm – 5pm	God's Eyes (craft)	Grades 4-6	No fee

*Crafts will be available until they run out. In case of rain, all activities will be moved indoors.

May 2024
News from the
Haiti Mission School

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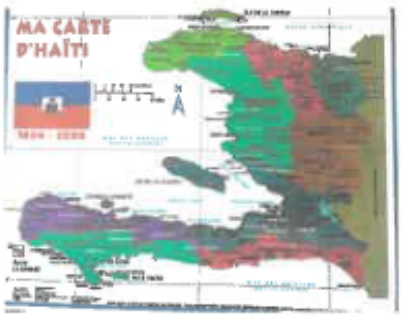
General News from Haiti:

As Many of you may have heard, the previously planned nine member Transitional Council has been appointed and officially installed as of last Thursday, 18 April 2024. Prime Minister Ariel Henry has resigned by letter, without returning to Haiti. Henry's Economy Minister, Michel Patrick Boisvert has been appointed as interim Prime Minister until the new Council appoints a new head of government and governing body. As I understand the process, the Council was appointed by the Cabinet and government of resigned Prime Minister Henry. The seven voting members, all men, included representatives from various political parties as well as former diplomats, a barrister, a businessman plus the two nonvoting members. Even as the council was being sworn in, local media reported houses being set on fire and shooting in the capital's downtown and Delmas areas and showed pictures of many families leaving there with as much of their belongings as they could carry. Since Henry resigned, the gangs have called for a broader "revolution". Earlier this week, gang leader Jimmy "Barbecue" Cherizier warned members of the transitional council to "*brace themselves*". Please pray for these courageous people willing to take this on… and also pray that they are doing it out of love for the Lord and the Haitian people and not to just enrich and glorify themselves.

The transitional government's mandate runs until February 2026. If elections have not been held by then their power will be rescinded and cannot be renewed. They truly have much on their plate. From January through March an estimated 2,500 people were killed or injured in gang violence, hundreds of thousands have been internally displaced and millions are facing catastrophic hunger. Where to start!!! Security, stability and elections are their mandate.

As I said last month the nine member council has seven voting members and two nonvoting members. The nonvoting members are representative of Civil Society and Haiti's religious sector. When I first heard there were nine members I assumed there was a representative from each of the nine Departments of Haiti so people from across the country would be represented. Departments in Haiti are a little like our states. Jeremie, where the Haiti Mission School is located, is named the Department of the Grande Anse'. Each color on the map to the right represents a different department. The Department of the Grande Anse' is the one in dark purple located on the northern part of the peninsula. Port au Prince, located in the Department of the West, is kind of the connecting piece for the two sections of the country and is colored in dark green.



School News:

We are grateful that our students are living in the countryside away from the chaos and danger of Port au Prince and many of other areas of Haiti. They are, however, among the millions mentioned above who are facing hunger and potential catastrophic hunger. In the midst of the chaos, confusion and uncertainty we continue trying to maintain some sense of consistency and normalcy. So we continue trying to keep the schools going and a little food flowing for our primary school students and their families who are trying to take in their family and friends from Port au Prince and other areas of chaos and violence. Our mission has become more difficult as one of our key people in getting money to Haiti has become unfaithful and untrustworthy with our finances. So please pray for Kendy that he will have a change of heart and return our money so we can continue to purchase food and pay for our children to attend school. In the meantime, we are continuing to feed our students by purchasing food on credit until we can find a different source for sending money to Haiti.

Please pray with us that we will be successful sooner rather than later. Our students and their families remain ever grateful to each one of you who continually encourage, support and pray for them. For most of our families this and their faith is what they have. *Thank you for your continuing prayers & support.*

The Seeker

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All are welcomed into The Caldwell Church Family.

We would love to see you in church at 10am Sunday!

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