THE SEEKER FOR OCTOBER 2024

NEWSLETTER FOR THE CALDWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FALL at Caldwell Church…JUMP IN!

Hello Friends! Fall is here and we've hit the ground running! It is so important to be in service to others, and Caldwell is a place where many of us are able to participate in such a life-giving way. As Jesus said, *"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it."* I give thanks for this great congregation, each one of you, and your willingness to serve. Below is a brief outline so may plan to jump in and join any and all programs that interest you:

Rummage Sale set-up begins this week, and we hope many will donate and help out as your schedule permits, and we hope many will come through and find treasures that, in return, will fund the continuation of our outreach ministries to help people in the community and beyond.

For children/youth ages Pre-K-12th Grade, in addition to Scuba-themed **Sunday School** every week for our younger children, we begin our **Faith Keepers** class on October 6st, a chance for our High Schoolers to delve more deeply into applying faith values to everyday life. Our **Christian Education** offerings are both age-specific and universal and offer a place for everyone to jump in and get involved—if you have a child or grandchild, please do not miss CE's report this month! S'mores and Pumpkin Carving will be epic!

Our **Faith Formation for Adults** takes the form of Bible Studies, Book Discussions, and Gatherings in Community—there is something for everyone. The Ecumenical Group on Wednesdays is viewing together and discussing The Chosen, Season 2, this Fall. The Women's Bible Study is using PC(USA)'s Horizons study titled *Let Justice Roll Down*. You are always welcome to join, even if you can make only one session…come! Jim Corriveau is launching an evening bible study this Fall, and Rev. Ted Mosebach is hosting the Men's Breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the LG Holiday Inn. And if you love to read, please stay tuned for our next book group discussion later this Fall!

In our continued effort to get to know our **Preschool** families, we will begin "Mornings at Caldwell" this Fall to offer a place of welcome, hospitality, and friendship for the adults after Preschool drop-off over delicious coffee and muffins. Some of the most lasting friendships are made through our children!

Congregational Life is working to bring us another exciting line-up of **Story Hour** speakers the 3rd Sundays beginning October 20th. A light lunch will be provided and we hope you can be there!

Our monthly **Community Dinners** happen Fall/Winter/Spring on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month and will begin again on Wednesday, Oct 9th, with **ADK Pub** offering an Oktoberfest meal, free of charge, at Sacred Heart Church. We hope you can come and invite a friend/neighbor to this special gathering. It's also a great way for high schoolers to serve the community by lending time to help set up, serve, clean up, or bring a home-baked dessert. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

Our **Mission of the Month is the Haiti Mission School**, a ministry started by Tom and JoEllen Parsons which has grown near and dear to so many of us over the many years.

We will welcome a **New Member**, Carol Whalen, on October 6th during worship, and we cannot begin to count the blessings she brings to this congregation.

Time to Talk remains one of the most fun and exciting times of my week—the "stop and chat" ministry that always yields new ideas, fresh inspiration, and constant renewal of friendships. It's also a great opportunity to be in community with others. There's no homework, no requirements, just show up. Bring a story from your life, a thought you have, or just come and be.

And our **worship** together on Sundays is the source of sustaining strength in God and a renewal in Spirit by which many of us live and move and have our being. Our **music ministry** led by Beth and Jim Corriveau is always a gift, as is your presence in the pews and on zoom each week. If you are musically inclined, our **choir would love to have you** and meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

It's not quite Thanksgiving time, but my cup overflows with blessing. Thank you to each one of you for your willingness to JUMP IN and contribute so generously to this church family. You each make Caldwell Church radiate with God's light.

Faithfully,

Ali

The Adult Choir (Age 13 and up) is Practicing Thursdays at 6:30pm.

We hope to sing in church 2 times a month.
We have lots of fun together!
Beth and Jim Corriveau

To Celebrate the new confirmands, we had a boat outing on Lake George with Ray Van Anden. It was lots of fun and we thank Ray for taking us out!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Happy Fall to One and All; Check out these exciting offerings happening at Caldwell Church in October!

Event: This year we are rolling two of our favorite activities into one event; Pumpkin Carving followed by Smores Around the Campfire!
Date: Sunday, Oct. 27 right after church. We'll distribute a sign-up sheet for all the necessary supplies as we get closer to the event. We'll be looking for donations of apple cider and donuts, marshmallows, graham crackers, and chocolate bars. Bring any carving utensils you have for the pumpkin carving and we'll pick up the pumpkins. Let us know **if you plan to attend by Sunday, Oct. 20** so we're sure to have enough pumpkins.

Classes: Our Faith Keepers will meet with Ali after church on Sunday, Oct. 6.
Our Youth Disciples will continue diving into friendship with God with our Scuba curriculum.

Faith in Motion: Calling all Youth and Angel Disciples for the opportunity to **serve the community** and enjoy a great meal! Your help is needed in setting up, serving at, and/or cleaning up at the Community y Supper. **Wednesday, October 9th** at Sacred Heart Parish Center Office, 51 Mohican St. Setup starts at 4:30. Servers begin at 4:45pm. Cleanup 5:45 – 6:30pm.
Perfect if you need volunteer hours.

Hope to see you in church!

Sarah and Dana

Preschool News:

Preschool is off to a great start! We have 35 students this year in three classes and everyone is settling in and learning our new routines. We are looking forward to a trip to Sunnyside Gardens in October. We also have a Halloween parade for the whole school. It is such a joy to see all the families and the costumes.
Thank you for your continued support.

-Meghan Quillen, Preschool Director

Lunch & Learn Series at St. James Episcopal
Thursday, October 24, 2024 – 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Birth of The Chronicle—Presented by Mark Frost
Learn about the beginnings of our hometown regional newspaper.
Lunch - Soup, Dessert, Beverages. We do not charge for the lunch, but please bring in a donation for the food bank.
Reservations required: Call 518-668-2001 and leave a message.

As you all know our Fall Rummage Sale is close at hand.

This event is the top fundraiser for our Food Pantry that feeds approximately 50 families a month. The more we sell, the more people we can feed. We, the Deacons, ask that you please give some of your time to assist us with this extremely important fundraiser. **Please help us set up for the fundraiser on Sunday September 29th after church (wear comfortable clothes), then sign up to take a shift organizing the treasures (this is a great way to get to know members better) and taking money during the event. Plus, it is super important to get as many people as possible to help break-down and clean up after the event on Saturday, October 5th starting at 11AM. We especially need men to help with the tables etc. during set up and take down**. While this all is hard work, it is also great fun and wonderful fellowship. As they say, "The more hands the lighter the work". Remember at Caldwell you are the heart and hands of God.

Thank You So Much!!!

The Rummage Sale will be held Thursday, Oct. 3 2—6 pm

Friday Oct. 4 , 10 am—5 pm

Saturday, Oct. 5 9 am—11:30 am. This is bag sale day.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL is available during the service: for our Angel Disciples-Pre-k-grade 5 and youth group grades 6-12.

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Prayer Concerns:

Melissa Chambers, Lance Cleveland, L. Rose, Carole Hunt, Dan Kaptur's family, Haitians in the USA and abroad, Ro Leombruno, Barb O'Reilly, Tim Kopf's family, Dave Paddock, Betsy Roan, Ray's friend Tom, Margy's friend Dorothy, Cathy Thomas, Jesse Kent, John Onjack, Berne Kouba, Lauren Azer, Barlo McCann, Peg Earl, Roger Glenn, Michael Amrock, Ann Marie Wasiewski, Paul Kubik, Tom Roach, Judelin's family, Pam Parrott, Liz & Megan Klein, Ron Powers, Stan Rummel, Marge Mannix, Katie Boxley, Nicole Goller.

WE NEED DRIVERS! If you have some free time in your schedule and would like to help transport church members to/from church or to appointments and errands from time to time, please call the church office and let us know. We have several transport teams set up but each one could use more helpers! Thank you!

Story TimeEveryone Has a Story

STORY TIME: Among the many thoughtful things Jesus said to the disciples in Episode 2 of Season 2 of "The Chosen" went something like this…"***That is what we do…We tell stories and listen to stories."***

Over the past two years we disciples here in the Caldwell Church Family have been doing just that "telling (our) stories and listening to (others) stories" and what a joy this has been…both the telling and the listening. October is the month to once again take up this tradition that is old in our history yet new to our Church Family.

It goes like this…following worship on the third Sunday of the month we share in a light meal of soup, bread, beverage and dessert and have some time to greet each other. We return to the Sanctuary to hear some about the live and times of someone in our church family. The sharing and listening usually last for 20-30 minutes…the memories for much much longer. We are usually finished between 12:30 and 1. The Story Time is also shared on Zoom…so sorry we are unable to do that with the food and the fellowship.

At this writing we do not, yet, have a storyteller. So, we encourage each of you to prayerfully consider joining in this special time by sharing some of your story 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.

We are looking froward to hearing from you and from others in our Church Family. If you are willing to share some of your story with us please contact the church office, JoEllen Parsons, Sarah King or Bev Roach. If you do not see us in church, our contact information can be found in your church directory.

So…don't miss our, please save the third Sunday, 20 October 2024 following worship and stay tuned for our mystery speaker.

Happy Birthday

Annabelle Trowbridge	Oct. 3
Dorothy Prouty	Oct. 17
Ed Kopf	Oct. 27
Diane Matthews	Oct. 25
Samantha Gorey	Oct. 30
Carol Whalen	Oct. 31

COMMUNITY DINNER: October 9, 2024...put this date on your calendar... it is our first Community Dinner of the 2024-25 season. Dinner is free and is served from 5 to 6 PM in the community room of the Sacred Heart Church.
This month our meal will be provided by our faithful friends at the ADK Pub (Stay tuned for the Menu)!!!
We, the people from our Lake George Community Churches provide desert, beverage and fellowship. We also volunteer for setting up, serving and cleaning up. There are signup sheets in the coffee room if you are willing to help in any of these areas. There is no signup sheet for helping to provide the fun, fellowship and relationship building. Just come and eat and meet and enjoy .
We hope you will plan to join us.

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Church Finance Report

- Our summer 50/50 raffle to benefit our Capital Campaign grossed $4650.00 The winners were: John Carr, 8 Forest Ridge, Lake George, $1,500.00, Ted Mosebach, 14 Lochlea Lane, Lake George, $750.00 and Todd Earl, Konci Terrace, Lake George, $250.00
- Our Finance Committee is preparing an updated "facility use permit" that will include guidelines and fees for use of our church building and grounds. The final draft will be presented to session for their approval.
- Parking cars during the Village's weekly Fire Works Shows and Car Show netted $2417.00 Many thanks to the volunteers who donated their time.
- We have submitted a grant application to Albany Presbytery for $20,000 to offset the costs of our proposed new heating system expected to cost approximately $28,000. Much thanks to JoAnne Pedersen and Pastor Ali for the work involved in preparing this important application.
- Our pledges continue to come in faithfully, and along with our fundraising and loose offerings, we are able to sustain a balance in our daily operation account. Our Finance Committee does anticipate a special asking may be necessary near the end of 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Blais, Treasurer

Mission of the Month for October—Haiti Mission School

The Haiti Mission School was started by Rev. Tom and JoEllen Parsons in 2007. Not knowing much about starting or running schools in Haiti, they joined with a Haitian committee in the town of Jeremie. The school started with one kindergarten and one first grade class of 24 students ranging in age 4 to 14. Many in this area had never attended school. JoEllen says they prayerfully admitted "whoever the Good Lord brought to us." Thus the wide age range. They continued to enroll a new K1 class each year until they had a complete primary school of 125 students. In 2010, they began providing a hot meal each school day. In 2012, a 45,000 gallon cistern with a water filtration system was built to supply portable water for drinking and cooking. In 2013 following the graduation of the first class ever from the primary school, the school board began providing scholarships to 6 students to begin secondary school which was a 40 minute or more walk. Eventually, they were able to scholarship two of the graduates to college, one in dentistry and one in agronomy/business. Each year they have added two additional students and currently have 6 enrolled in college.

JoEllen says "Where does it end you might ask?!! Only the Good Lord knows. We have a complete primary school, we held an eye screening clinic, we built the cistern, replaced the roof following hurricane Matthew, and rebuilt the walls following an earthquake." She continued "Each time we face trials the Lord says "Look, I am creating something new!!! Join Me!!!" And so we do and we invite you to join un this adventurous journey of faith. We also join our students, their families, the staff the school boards, and others in sincerely thanking each and every one who have joined with us in this ministry. Your prayers and support mean the world to so many.

We are planning to have our annual fund raising luncheon in October, so stay tuned for details!

There are copies of the October Haiti School newsletter available in the Coffee Room. Due to scanning issues in the church office the newsletter is not attached so please contact JoEllen if you would like her to email you a copy. **haitimissionschool@gmail.com**