The Seeker – November Newsletter for the Caldwell Presbyterian Church 2026

THANKSGIVING throughout NOVEMBER

November is here, and English poet Thomas Hood from the early to mid 19th Century put it like this:
"No butterflies, no bees, no fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds!—November!"

It is true that many of the markers of bustling life in creation quiet down at this time of year, and nature goes underground for deep rest and silent preparations for next spring. In the meantime, Thanksgiving is coming, a time to pause and give our thanks to God for all of life, and life together.

Karl Barth once said that the basic human response to God is not fear and trembling, not guilt and dread, but thanksgiving. "What else can we say to what God gives us but to stammer praise?" Barth asked. And what better way to stammer than with some of the greatest hymns of all, which we will sing at our worship service on November 22nd, the Sunday before Thanksgiving: "Come Ye Thankful People Come," "We Gather Together," and "Now Thank We All Our God," which the late Robert McAfee Brown once said is the best all-purpose hymn, suitable for every important occasion—birth, baptism, wedding, ordination, or funeral—and was sung at his own. Here is the first verse:

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Every November I turn to *Fresh Bread*, by Joyce Rupp, and the November litany, that I invite you to pray every morning. As the days grow shorter and we turn back our clocks, marking the end of Daylight Savings, may Thanksgiving be on your mind and this litany of gratitude on your heart—a companion throughout the month of November:

A Litany on Gratitude

Gracious God, silence in us any thoughts but your own so that we may live in gratitude:
To share whatever gift it is that you have given to us…
To acknowledge you as the giver of all good gifts…
To give without counting the cost…
To share without expecting something in return…
To be wise in the way of caring for ourselves and others…
To hold all of our treasures and values with open hands…
To have gospel priorities and to align our life, love, and time in their light…
To be gracious and unbegrudging in our giving…
To recognize the abundance of blessings in each passing day…
To know the freedom that comes with true generosity…
To accept our talents, whether many or few, and to use them in service of the Kingdom…
To grow in giving thanks for everything.

Thanks be to God for each of you.
Faithfully,
Ali

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Emily, our new choir director!

Emily Waters graduated from the University of Chichester Conservatoire, United Kingdom with her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Music Performance with a concentration in Choral Conducting. She was an active member of the University of Chichester Chamber Choir.

Also during her time in England, Emily was involved with community music in the West Sussex region including singing as an alto choral scholar at Arundel Cathedral, serving as assistant conductor/rehearsal accompanist for the Brighton Early Music Festival Community Choir and serving as assistant conductor for the Arun Choral Society.

Since returning home to the Queensbury/Lake George area, she has become the President of Adirondack Voices and enjoys singing in their alto section. When not involved in music Emily can be found at work right down the road at Lake George Family Dentistry!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Every 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Lake George. No sign up, just show up! Feel free to bring a friend who might be interested in joining this men's group! Next breakfast is Saturday, October 10th.

Learn How to Spot Scams

Join us on Sunday, November 8, after worship for a talk with Gretchen Amrock about common scams and ways to protect yourself. Learn what warning signs to look for and what to do if something seems suspicious. Gretchen will also have helpful materials on the topic. Bring your questions!

Gratitude from The Haiti Mission School

Many thanks to all who gave of their time and themselves and helped in any way to make our annual Haiti Luncheon such a success. We are grateful to those who made soup, cut & served pies, came early to help get ready, cooked up the grilled cheese sandwiches and to those who stayed to help cleanup. There was much talking and laughter, carving of pumpkins and a few s'mores toasted. So difficult to decide between the pie and the s'mores?

The luncheon is part of our way to say ***Thank you!!! We are so very grateful to all who pray for and support the Haiti School and our College Students. Our Caldwell Church Family has been among our most faithful supporters. You have been such a blessing in the lives of so many in need. Are Gratitude hardly seems adequate and yet, that is what we have…Thank you so very much.***

From JoEllen for our Students, their families, our Board and all involved.

NOVEMBER

3 Bianca Hoose

4 Becky Glenn

10 Alice Huppert

13 Beth Corriveau

16 Scott Quigan

17 Bob Gunther

22 Jeb Trowbridge

27 Drew Stevens

We are updating our Birthday List!

Please let us (office) know if we don't have you listed!

Thank you!

DECEMBER

1 Joyce Compson

4 Ted Mosebach

10 Dave Paddock

14 Tatum Chase

17 Kathy Duell

20 Karen Azer

22 Todd Earl

25 Jesus Christ

31 Oliver Hoose

Interested in Joining Caldwell Church?

You are invited to attend a meeting on November 8th after worship to learn more about Caldwell Church and the PC (USA). This is the only prerequisite to becoming a member. Discussion lasts approximately 1 hour. Please contact the church office to RSVP!

Join us for an organizational meeting about the Deacons Pulpit Banner Quilting Project! November 11, 2026, 10 a.m. Let's learn together and create beautiful pulpit banners for our sanctuary! Please sign up in the Coffee Room.

Mark your calendars for the annual PIE AUCTION, Sunday, Nov 22, 2026 following worship! We need all bakers! Sign up in the coffee room! Always so much fun and a great way to take home fresh pies in time for Thanksgiving!

Highlights from special moments this Fall at Caldwell Church

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 1: All Saints Day Communion Sunday
November 1: Deacons Meeting after Worship
November 4: 12 pm-2 pm Ecumenical Bible Study
November 4: 6 pm AA Meeting
November 4: 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
November 5: 10:00 am Worship Meeting
November 8: New Members Class after Worship
November 9: 5:30 pm Christian Education Meeting via Zoom
November 10: 12 pm-2 pm Caldwell Book Club
November 10: 4:00 pm Security Team Meeting via Zoom
November 11: VETERANS DAY
November 11: 10:00 Deacons Pulpit Banner Quilting Project Meeting
November 11: 12 pm-2 pm Ecumenical Bible Study
November 11: 5:00-6:00 pm Community Dinner @ Sacred Heart
November 11: 6:00 pm AA Meeting
November 11: 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
November 13: 9:30 am-11:00 am Food Pantry
November 14: 8:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Holiday Inn, Lake George
November 15: Story Hour after Worship
November 17: 12:00-1:00 pm Women's Bible Study
November 17: 4:30 pm Session Meeting
November 18: 12:30 pm-2:00 pm Advent Study
November 18: 6:00 pm AA Meeting
November 18: 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
November 19: 2:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting
November 22: Hanging of the Greens after Worship
November 22: Pie Auction after Worship
November 23: Preschool Thanksgiving Festival
November 25: 6:00 pm AA Meeting
November 25: 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
November 26: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
November 27: 9:30 am -11:00 am Food Pantry
November 29: Christian Ed Advent Wreath Making after Worship

Community Dinner:

And a good time was had by all! Lots of food, fun, laughter and sharing around the table happened at our October Community Dinner. Our food was provided by our friends at the ADK Pub. It was plentiful and delicious and we always enjoy the fun wooden Octoberfest characters they bring and place outside and around the room.

Many thanks ADK Pub!

There were also many kind people who prepared delicious desserts and who came out to help with the last minute preparations, serving and cleaning up. We are so grateful to each one. We could not do this without you. Many thanks to our volunteers and our dessert makers!

Time to mark your calendar for the second Wednesday in November the 11th from 5 pm – 6 pm in the Community Room at Sacred Heart Church. The Holiday Inn will be providing the food. No menu as of yet, but I'm sure it will be delicious! Stay tuned! We are always so grateful to the Holiday Inn for providing space and food for our one Saturday each month Mens Breakfast and sharing time.

If you would like to help by making dessert or helping with the final setup, serving food or cleanup, there will be signup sheets in the coffee room following worship starting November 1st.

Hoping to see you there, and don't forget to mark your calendar!

Angels on Call:

Your Angels on call continue providing transportation to those among our church family who are in need of transportation assistance. In the process they also continue to spread much cheer and good will. They remain active in providing transportation to worship, church meetings and activities, appointments and for other needs. If you or your loved one is in need of Angel Transportation, please call Bianca Hoose (845-802-6473) or JoEllen Parsons (518-480-5714). We will need your name, address, contact information, appointment date & time and your destination when you call. We will contact you when an angel has responded.

We are so very grateful to each Angel for the kind and loving care provided.
Please keep our Angels and those we serve in your prayers.

We are updating our Angel text list. If you would like your name removed from the list or if you have a little time and would like to join in this special ministry, please see or contact JoEllen or Bianca.

Additional resources:

Did you know that Warren/Hamilton Counties Office for the Aging offers two different senior meal program options for seniors in Warren & Hamilton counties? They are great options to make sure the senior(s) have access to nutritious meals.

***** Congregate meals:*** Healthy, nutritious, balanced meals are served Monday through Friday at noon, in senior centers, senior clubs, senior housing complexes, town halls and other nearby locations. Any person 60 years old or older and their spouse of any age are welcome regardless of income level or resources. A voluntary contribution is suggested of $3.00 for those 60 and over. Individuals under 60 can partake as well, but are required to pay $12.25.

Congregate meal sites are located in:

* Bolton (518-644-2368)
* Indian Lake (518-648-5412)
* Johnsburg (518-251-2711)
* Lake Luzerne (518-696-2200
*Long Lake (518-624-5221)
* Queensbury - Cedars Senior Living (518-832-1705)
Also call this number for reservations for Solomon Heights
* Warrensburg (518-824-6662)
* Wells (518-924-4066)

For Home-Delivered Meals:
Utilizing volunteer drivers, healthy, nutritious, balanced meals are home-delivered for any person 60 years or older who is home-bound and can't prepare meals for themselves. Since COVID, we have been delivering a combination of hot and frozen meals on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If married, their spouse may get meals even if they are not 60 years old. Again, a voluntary contribution of $3.00 per meal is suggested and appreciated.
You can find more information at
www.kwarencountymy.gov/ofa
or call 518-761-6347.

Christian Education
Save the Dates!

SUNDAY
NOV 29

Advent Wreath Making

Directly after church

Make an Advent wreath and a kid-friendly Advent calendar with Miss Megan!
We'll provide all the materials. Bring clippers if you have them, and a wreath ring from last year if you have one.
Sign-up sheet will be in the coffee room. Contact Sarah at sskcache@gmail.com if questions

SUNDAY
DEC 6

Cookie Swap

Directly after church

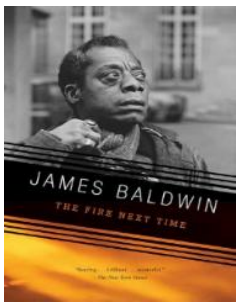
Bring 3 dozen homemade cookies and go home with 3 dozen assorted cookies.
Please bring an extra container to take your cookies home!

SUNDAY
DEC 13

Christmas Pageant

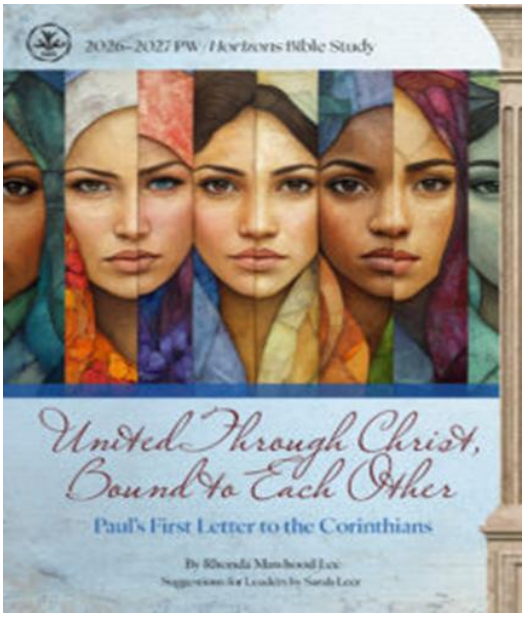
Join us for a Christmas pageant celebrating the true meaning of Christmas!

CALDWELL BOOK CLUB:



"God gave Noah the rainbow sign,
No more water, the fire next time!"
We will meet on Tuesday, November 10 at noon for social lunch then discussion from 12:30 to 2:00 to discuss ***The Fire Next Time*** **by James Baldwin.** This compact book of 106 pages includes 2 essays that were pivotal thoughts at the start of the Civil Rights Movement. Baldwin examines racial injustice with evocative prose, a classic. All are welcome!!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY THIS FALL!
United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other:
***Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians,* by Rhonda Mawhood Lee**



The 2026–2027 PW/*Horizons* Bible study

"Paul wrote at a time when Christians expected Jesus' imminent return; he challenged his friends to be ready when that day came. Two thousand years later, the church is still waiting, still affirming that Jesus will return, and still proclaiming that this world has already been transformed by God's life-giving love. Our challenge remains to live in ways that demonstrate our trust in the resurrection.

Many of the questions asked by our earliest siblings in faith remain ours, too. How can our lives demonstrate our trust in Jesus Christ's victory over death? What do we do when different understandings of the gospel undermine church unity? How can Christians understand gender and sexuality? When conflict arises, how do we deal with it?

This Bible study will raise many questions while providing few direct answers. Those, we will seek ourselves through prayerful reading, thinking, and grace-filled discussion."

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A copy of the Bible Study is in the Coffee Room for you to look through. Workbooks are $14 each to the church office. Our meetings will take place in the church Library Nook **from 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: Nov 17, Dec 8, Jan 5, Jan 26, Feb 9, Mar 2, and Mar 16. *ALL ARE WELCOME!***

Care Corner

JoEllen and Alice

Please email the office photos and brief description for the Care Corner!

Please note the latest update(s) to the Directory:

Do you have any changes in your contact information? Let the office know!
Call (518) 668-2613, Email: secretary@caldwellpres.org or stop by the office during business hours.
Tuesdays-Fridays 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Let us "pray without ceasing"
(1 Thess 5:17) for the following:

Those with health concerns: John Onjack, Jeff York's sister, Emma Donnelley, Jack Amrock, JoEllen's friend Alyce, Janie's sister Linda, Micki Guy, Lynda Glenn, Tom Roach, Emilia Bernd, Aaron Palait, Pam Parrott, Addison Potts, Jim's friend Danny, Yvonne Nixon, Andrew Leombruno, Edna May Bodmen, Diane Hailey, Bill Green, Paul Kubik *(Emilia's cousin),* Andrea' Leombrubo, Marie's daughter with breast cancer, Judith Fiske.

Those who grieve: Amrock family, Jean Stanton's family, Jerry McKinney's family, Nitz Family, Oregon School Victims.

Those with general prayers: Carol Hunt & Family, Chelsea Blanco, Bob Enzinna, Richard Waters, Veaury & Dowd Family, Jennifer Bantschi.

Those who are in a care facility: Alice Huppert.

Those who are in the military: Hayden Grant USAF

Our friends in Haiti: Pierre family, Baptiste family

November Mission of the Month

Warren Washington C.A.R.E Center

At the Warren-Washington Child Advocacy, Resource, and Education (CARE) Center, their mission is to guide children through trauma to hope by providing a safe and child-friendly environment for children who are victims of sexual and or physical abuse and their non-offending family members.

The CARE Center provides a safe and child-friendly environment that feels just like a home for children and their non-offending caregivers and helps them get the services and referrals they need. They minimize the scariness of child abuse investigations and bridge the gap between silence and action by coordinating a team of partners who are involved in the child abuse investigation process. By bringing together law enforcement, medical professionals, and social services, they ensure that a child only needs to share their story once. This collaborative approach means:

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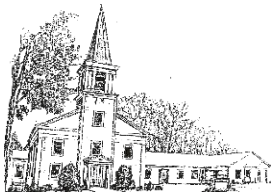
Less emotional stress for the child
A more efficient investigative process
Comprehensive support services under one roof

Located in Glens Falls, New York, the CARE Center is a lifeline for families in crisis. They serve more than 300 families each year, offering each a compassionate, child-focused approach to help navigate the challenges of abuse and trauma.

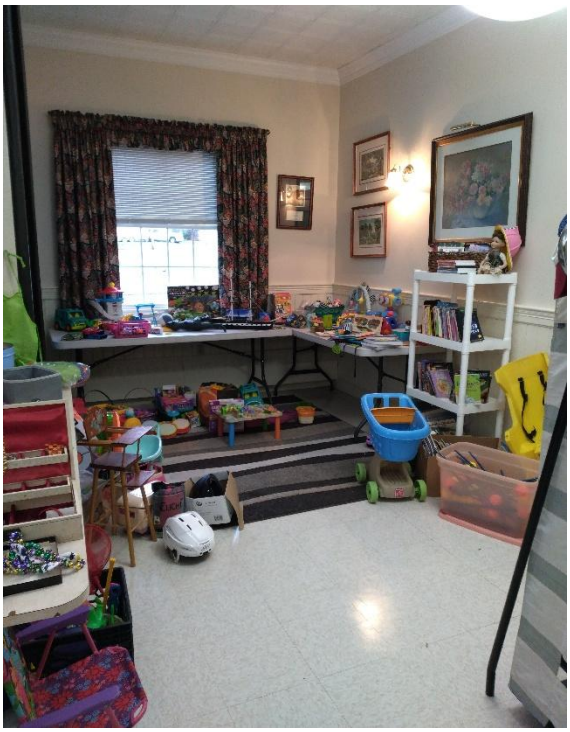
Happenings Around the Building and Grounds



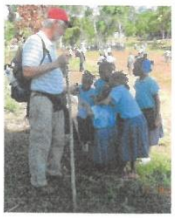
- The stained-glass windows are in final stage of preservation.
- The splits and the furnace have been inspected and serviced.
- Fire extinguishers have been inspected and updated if needed.

RUMMAGE SALE SUCCESS!

The Rummage Sale was busy and the baked goods were delicious! Thank you to all the hard - working volunteers for another fantastic sale. Looking forward to the Spring Rummage Sale!



November 2026
News from:
Haiti Mission School



Haiti Mission School
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To our Church Family and Friends who have prayed for and supported these five students and so many, many other Haitian children through six years (6) of Primary School ... five (5) years of Secondary School ... and ... as if that was not enough ... you have prayed for and supported these five students into their College years. You have gathered them all ... you have ... fed them ... provided potable water ... medicine ... helped rebuild their little homes and their church (school) after hurricanes and earthquakes ... provided them with light ... bibles ... books ... shoes ... and so much more. Through your acts of generosity and faithful prayer ... you have provided opportunity ... restored their faith ... given hope.

How can they and I thank you enough for all the faithful kindness and generosity you have shared throughout these 20 years?!!! Mere words cannot convey how very, very grateful they (and Tom & I) have been over the years and remain today.

Bruno
Graduating
2027

Sonia
Graduating
2027

Jennyfer
Graduating
2028

Roseberline
Internships
Remaining
Graduating in
December

Brunia
Finished
Graduation in
December

Thank you again for another amazing Mission of the Month (MOM)
For: The Haiti Mission School

God bless and keep each one of you and your families ...
our many students from across the years & their families ...
Our College students ... their families ... and ...
All our Haitian Sisters and Brothers.

The Seeker

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All are welcome to the Caldwell Church Family.

We would love to see you in church on

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM!

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