



Fresh look acknowledges our past, recognizes future

A new logo (seen above) and website will usher our church into its next century

Caldwell's recent revival has taken another upward turn - this time with a fresh expression of our identity just as we enter our second century.

The Session has adopted a new mark - or logo - that will, in effect, be the identification of the church that members, guests and the community see whenever and wherever they encounter Caldwell, including campus signage, letterhead and business cards along with the sparkling new **caldwellpresby.org** website just unveiled today.

"What we know from the world is institutions have to have a look that is recognizable and consistent and expresses the personality of the institution," says Pastor **John Cleghorn**. "This caused the Session to consider a fresh expression entering our new century. It's our best effort to define Caldwell today."

As part of this expression, the church's name is now **Caldwell Presbyterian Church**.

The look may change, but not the underlying tenets that have brought Caldwell to where it is today. Worship committee chair **Richard Campbell** says the new look "opens up a new way to understand that we are a new church in so many fashions," says Richard. "This is really a new birth, not a changing of the church or knocking down the walls of the old church, but it lets us see our new spirit. It's the same church, but this is a new arising. And when you have something new, you have

Caldwellpresby.org is live

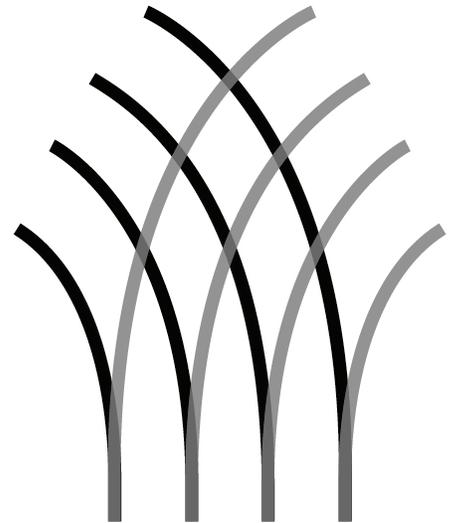
A first look at Caldwell's new website - caldwellpresby.org - and a related story is found on page 3 of CGN!. The website is ready to view.

to stay in the spirit so it will grow in the way God wants us to grow. I'm not talking about cutting down the tree because every tree has a new branch with new color."

Pastor Cleghorn says the fresh approach is emblematic of "Caldwell today as a warm, welcoming and hospitable congregation that has energy and commitment with a forward looking perspective."

Work toward Caldwell's new 'brand' has been in developmental stages since mid-2011. The logo is the brainchild of member **Greg Shell**, a graphic designer.

The logo, evocative of Caldwell's beautiful stained glass windows, was the final of "15 or so (concepts) to start out with," says Greg. "I was



The colorful new logo - seen today on both the cover of the Sunday worship program and the home page of the website - is the design of **Greg Shell** and hold many symbolic elements.

The arcs leaning left or backwards represent how the church honors its past and is rooted in a century of history and togetherness.

The green arcs that tilt right symbolize new growth. Together, the merged arches depict Greg's view that our stained glass windows are "a really strong architectural element."

trying to find that strong architectural element and translate that into a mark for the church. I kept coming back to the church itself. The design is really the windows."

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Tales of Caldwell's Past: 7 p.m.

Hear many past Caldwell members reminisce about Caldwell 'back in the day' tonight at 7 p.m. in our Sanctuary. It is one of our first Centennial events: Tales of Caldwell's Past. Read the story on page 3.

We can do better

Pastor's Message

This is Pastor Cleghorn's response to news that our neighborhood opposes an affordable housing project.

In the Christian scriptures, Elizabeth provides sanctuary amid complexity and uncertainty. An angel has announced that her cousin, Mary, is to give birth to the Messiah. Mary, an unmarried young woman, faces the sure scorn of her community. She needs time to ponder the mystery and the magnitude of the annunciation. Elizabeth takes Mary in, allowing her time to sort things out. In Charlotte, the Elizabeth neighborhood had the chance to provide the same kind of calm amid complexity and openness to new possibilities. But we haven't, at least so far.

Last week's *Observer* story, "Elizabeth association opposes housing project," surprised many neighborhood residents. Only a month earlier, neighbors were invited to hear about a supportive

housing proposal for an empty nursing home that stands apart from any residential streets. The building would be converted into apartments for formerly homeless men, women and families who are disabled or may be recovering from addiction. For the developer, The Affordable Housing Group, and Supportive Housing Communities, which would operate the facility, it was the first opportunity to explain the project to the neighborhood.

The project's model, McCreesh Place, has operated in Charlotte's Villa Heights since 2003. Its 90 residents have earned welcome and acceptance. The developer invited Elizabethans' inquiry: Ask McCreesh Place's neighbors about their experience with a supportive housing community. Ask the parents and leaders of the school nearby. Visit the city park, (McCreesh residents work to keep clean and safe). The Elizabeth Community Association (ECA) then gathered input via email and, when even close followers didn't expect a vote, announced its opposition. It posted a statement citing "findings" from three months of "due diligence." It shared none of those findings with their stakeholders and didn't allow project developers to respond before voting. Full disclosure: The church I serve shares a property line with the proposed project. We host a Salvation Army-run transitional shelter for 50 women and a 34-student bilingual preschool.

Neighbors can have their differences – and they do. But we can do better. Elizabeth can do better. Charlotte can do better. This summary judgment comes just as our mayor has proclaimed 2012 "the Year of our Neighbor," a time to regain momentum toward ending homelessness in Charlotte. Faith leaders from



Rev. John Cleghorn

all traditions will gather to discuss new solutions and strategies for housing poor, marginalized and working-class individuals and families. Ironically, the summit stems from the last big case of neighborhood opposition to affordable housing – Ballantyne's sinking of a proposal by the Charlotte Housing Authority.

We can do better. We must, to address Charlotte's shortage of affordable housing and solutions to homelessness. In that spirit, a few dispatches from the front lines of Charlotte's ongoing conversation about affordable housing.

Do not be afraid: This oft-repeated phrase in scripture should guide us. Fear is a powerful thing. Neighborhood leaders must call 'foul' when those who live in affordable or alternative housing are demonized as riff-raff, second-class citizens, predators or other kinds of imminent threats. Those who would live in the Elizabeth building would be screened for criminal backgrounds, closely monitored and held to high expectations or kicked out. Fear is winning in too many places in America. We can do better.

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*Do you have event or committee news, calendar items, photography and other tidbits Caldwell members and guests should see in the newsletter? Please send items by the first of each month to the editor: david.bradley@yahoo.com
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New web page connects Caldwell to the online world

Caldwellpresby.org has a new look and an ease of navigation you'll like

Caldwell is back online.

The completely redesigned Caldwell web page is packed with plenty of features with an emphasis on ease of use. The new site is live today.

"This is the next telling of the tale for Caldwell," says communications committee chair **Peg Robarchek**. "The words are minimal and there's plenty of content. In minimal language we can tell people this is a different kind of place."

Function took precedent according to designer **Greg Shell**. "It needed to be very functional," he says. "I wanted it to be clean enough that you didn't have to start looking for information." He says the home page is a virtual one-click-and-go experience where users "wouldn't have to look for phones or email links, you could find that on the home page."

The genesis for the website owes to the new logo and building a theme in tune with the congregation. It all came from "the simplicity of the logo," says Greg. "That was the starting point and how we carry that theme through the website." A site reflective of our people and mission was of critical importance, too.



The redesigned home page of the new caldwelldpresby.org puts the vibrancy of our church on full 24/7 display. Just about anything you want to know about the church is a click away. The photo rotates to a new image every few seconds.

The website tries "to represent the mix of people across race, economic status, sexual orientation, religious background, the whole thing" says Greg. "The diversity is just so amazing here, and how accepting it is, as well. The tag line is great. What it says is everyone is welcome, just come and worship with us."

Leslie Gipple, church office manager, served as team lead to bring together the different parts: graphics, copy and coding. She says "The website is designed to facilitate

better organization and communication. For the congregation it shows how to get involved and who to contact." She says the long term plan is a website that can handle "social media and more church interaction. The structure will take that into account. What it does is bring our identity together in one place. What makes us strong is all the diversity, and this through multiple means, video, pictures, words, captures who and what Caldwell is and where we're going."

Stories to abound during 'Tales from Caldwell's Past'

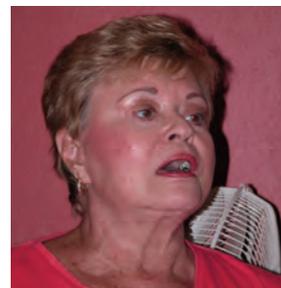
Alumni and friends from Caldwell's past will share stories on March 11 at 7 p.m.

*What did people wear to church?
What was the neighborhood like?
What about church life?*

Those questions and many more will be answered at a special Centennial event on March 11 at 7 p.m. in

the Sanctuary when past members and friends of Caldwell gather to recall the church's storied past.

Elaine Hultman, whose mother carried her into Caldwell wrapped in a blanket as a baby, says "the church was our hang-out for people who grew up in the church in the 50s and 60s. That is the group we are targeting. We're just saying 'come back, and have a meal with us and chat.'" Dessert will be served afterward.



Elaine Hultman says attendees "really do have lots of memories... We lived around the church."

Laughter as a Spiritual Discipline



Veronica Rogers

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17:22

In the Lenten season, we open our hearts to remembering the passion and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The practice of observing Lent began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. It is a forty-day preparation period of repentance and renewal. Repentance involves turning around, cleansing the heart, mind, and spirit, and making a commitment to live our lives differently. But how can laughter play a role in our repentance? There is an old Yiddish proverb which reminds us that “what soap is to the body, laughter is to the soul.”

In this period of reflection, many Christians engage in regular spiritual disciplines to feel closer to God. We engage in practices such as prayer, scripture reading, meditation, mantras and journaling. As an act of repentance, we make sacrifices by giving up something or some activity that we really enjoy. So go ahead. Give up meat, chocolates, cigarettes, alcohol, sodas, chewing gum, soda, television, or even Facebook. But do not sacrifice laughter. Instead, let us incorporate laughter as one of our spiritual practices during this time of reflection.

Laughter is a gift from God and a source of optimal health and well-being. Laughter is good for us spiritually. We are reminded to serve the Lord gladly and to worship God in joyful praise. Theologian Karl Barth noted that “Laughter is the closest thing to the grace of God.”

Laughter is good for us emotionally. In the September 13, 2011 *New York Times*, Robin Dunbar, an evolutionary psychologist at Oxford reported that laughter contributes to group bonding and fosters closeness in a group. (So maybe a church that prays and laughs together grows together.) Social laughter creates a relaxed stage and laughter is contagious. Have you ever entered a room where people were bent over laughing uncontrollably and you started laughing too, even though you did not know what was funny? You find yourself laughing hysterically and yelling, “What’s so funny? What?” Or have you noticed that when you see a baby smile, you can’t help but respond in kind?

Laughter is good for us physically. The muscular exertion involved in producing the laughter triggers an increase in endorphins, the hormones produced in the brain that gives us a sense of well-being and serves as the body’s natural painkillers. Other therapeutic benefits of laughter include lowering blood pressure, reducing stress hormones, and increasing efficiency of the immune system by raising the levels of T-cells, our infection fighters.

This Sunday, our church will be filled with the joy of remembering as many share their tales of the Old Caldwell during this Lenten Season. Many of these stories will bring laughter as our members and guests recall the fun times that they had here in this sacred space. For all of us, this will be good medicine as we celebrate this Centennial year.

In January, one of our oldest members, Irene Brown, died at age 92. Her son, David and daughter-in-law, Linda shared this story of Irene’s “Laughing Rock” with us. Irene was an ardent gardener. She found a rock somewhere and got her husband, Bud, to move the rock to the backyard of their house on Westbury Road. When children came to visit the house, Irene told them that the Rock was a “Laughing Rock.” She went on to say, “If you sit on this rock, it will make you laugh.” Of course, as soon as the children sat down, they would break into peals of laughter” just from the power of suggestion. I am now searching for a “Laughing Rock” for my backyard. In the meantime, there is a reminder on my fireplace hearth which was given to me by Caldwell’s resident engineer, Fred “Scottie” Powers. It reads: *You don’t stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.* (Michael Prichard) So the next time you feel a belly laugh coming on, go with it! And give thanks to an All Wise and Generous God for the gift of laughter.

24 hour prayer vigil April 4 - 5; volunteers needed

An around-the-clock prayer vigil will be held at Caldwell starting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4 and will conclude at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 5.

The vigil is part of the Caldwell Centennial celebration. Coordinator **Beth Van Gorp** says volunteers are needed, and are asked to sign up for one hour of prayer. The vigil will be held in the sanctuary.

April 4 happens to be the anniversary when the first-ever officers were elected when the church first formed in 1912.

Want to volunteer?

If you are interested in the 24 hour prayer vigil, please contact Beth Van Gorp as soon as possible.

Reach Beth at 980-722-3768 or bvangorp@habitatcharlotte.org.

A few thoughts...

Lisa McLennan



As my internship moves closer to its conclusion, I thought I would share with you some of the things I have treasured most about my time here at Caldwell.

First and foremost, I have treasured the tremendous support you have shown in launching the Sunday breakfast for Caldwell House. It's hard to believe that we weren't serving breakfast for our neighbors six months ago. You have really stepped up to make it happen and I have just about worked myself out of an internship thanks to your efforts!

Second, you have taught me what it looks like to worship as forgiven sinners who gratefully worship the Giver of grace. I come from a background of the 'frozen chosen' types and am still a bit stiff, but I have treasured the experience of the joyful worship.

Third, I am truly grateful for the welcome I have received and the opportunity to learn as an intern. I have learned so much while I have been here and gained some confidence in areas where I had no experience. So many of you ask how I am doing, offer to help, and give a word of encouragement as I begin this vocation. You are truly welcoming and nurturing to students of the ministry. How many congregations in Charlotte would actually let the intern preach on a celebratory Sunday like this one? Only Caldwell does.

Lastly, though there are many more things, I treasure being part of the family. Not for one single day have I felt like an outsider. From the very beginning you have welcomed me in as family, as one of you. Thank you! I will continue to treasure my remaining time here at Caldwell, and each of you.

The results are in...



Liz Wagner

Over 50 people responded to the Caldwell Adult Education Survey.

Of those responding, 19% participate in the current Bible study class held Sunday mornings before worship. Over 60% of survey participants noted that they would be interested in classes that address "Faithful response to current events" and "Spiritual practice, faith development," while half of the respondents indicated an interest in classes in "World Religions, religious diversity, and ecumenism." There was also some interest in classes covering "Theology, church history, Reformation" and "Life stages; i.e. parenting, newly single, aging.

The time favored for a new class was equally divided among three offerings; Sunday before worship, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening before choir practice. 93% of the respondents do not need childcare. Half of them might be interested in participating in class leadership and planning.

Participants had the opportunity to make additional comments. Many hope the new class will foster congregational fellowship as well as personal growth. Some suggested the class be formatted in a few sessions around a specific topic with breaks between each unit rather than weekly consecutive meetings.

THANK YOU to all who participated in the survey. You have provided valuable information to be used in planning future adult education activities at Caldwell.

Mission and Justice activities “going great”; care to volunteer?

The **Mission and Justice** committee (and each activity associated with Mission and Justice) encompasses a wide-range of activities at Caldwell.

According to **Susan Pierson** of the committee, “All activities are going great” so far in the new year, and this includes significant involvement in the women’s shelter.

The committee hopes to “increase congregational involvement with the women’s shelter,” says Susan. The committee is looking for a “point person” to as a link between the shelter and the church. Volunteers are needed for breakfast and for evening events, too. Interested? Reach Susan at susanmpierson@gmail.com.

What got Caldwell to this point?

As Caldwell celebrates 100 years, members and guests reflect on our past - and our next century

Caldwell Good News! posed the question of 'where has Caldwell been and how will we move ahead?' to members and guests. Here are their answers.



You certainly can't move forward until you've looked back. It has all come together in a wonderful way.
Joy McAuley



What got us here is divine intervention. This church was meant to be. What's ahead of us is social activism and social justice.
Rosalyn Jacobs



It's an intentional community. When I came here in 2007, the revival had already occurred. There was still a large group meeting on Sunday night, and at that first service, there was an intention around it. People could see what it could be. People felt free to worship God and be respect. That's what drew me here.
Susan Pierson



I see the wonderful act of worship here. It's a beautiful thing. It's current here, the preaching is relative to what's going on today.
Roderick Simpson
I see a lot of growth. Just a whole lot of growth.
Ruthie Simpson



We've been coming about a year. The music and the preaching are the main attraction. Then, of course, the fellowship is a big part of that attraction.
Chuck Atwell (with his wife Judy)

What lies ahead in a new century?



I hope we can grow together as a nation of red, yellow black and white. We can only do that with our faith in God.

Jean Nantz



There has been perseverance from people who want to preserve what we have. The way to take us into the next century is to be inclusive, and continue our missional focus to improve God's kingdom on earth.

Johnny Johnson



The church took off when they opened their arms to everybody when there were only seven members. The way they got them into the fold has got to strengthen the church. I just see a lot of happy people. The way they greet each other, they just seem happy to see each other.

Mary Ann Everitt



It's like many things, you learn from the past to move into the future. Any failure to learn from the past will lead you to the same mistakes.

David Robison



The forward thinking of those who took the first steps to revive church. The same forward thing will get us into the next century.

Linda Matney



I think we have a great base to go into the next century. We have great chemistry, a buzz when you walk in the door. We can do it if we keep our service commitment into our next 100 years.

Bob Metzler

The complexity of becoming an American citizen

Latinos work hard to become U.S. citizens. Could you pass the civics test?

On a Saturday last month, Caldwell hosted the **Latin American Coalition of Charlotte's** workshop on citizenship. As a volunteer that day, I was drawn to the speaker's presentation. As he spoke to about 40 Latino immigrants I was struck by the complexity of becoming an American citizen. Most of the attendees were given packets of material that needed to be filled out before they met with an attorney who had volunteered to counsel them that day right on Caldwell's campus. So many immigrant faces full of hope and determination; others reflected fear and trepidation; all were hopeful of obtaining U.S. citizenship.

As a volunteer for the **Bilingual Preschool**, I have grown to know and care for not only the children but their parents, too. All of their stories are full of hope for a better life in America; much like those early immigrants from hundreds of years ago. As the parents open up and share with me stories of their journey to this country, I learn that many of them have not seen their parents for 10 or more years. One mother left behind a son who is now 13. A mother arrived here 7 months pregnant, knew no English and knew no one other than her husband. So, as I listened to the speaker, it occurred to me I really didn't know what was required to become a U.S. Citizen.

Intuitively, I've always believed that overcoming the language barrier was the key to success for all immigrants but what were the other requirements? In addition to a Green card and the 5 year continuous residency requirement, being 18 years old, a person of good moral character and an ability to demonstrate an attachment to the principal



Caldwell member Alex Smythers helps a man with limited English skills fill out paperwork at the workshop. (Photo: Kitty Bohr)

and ideas of the U.S. Constitution, an applicant must be able to read, write and speak basic English and have a basic understanding of U.S. History and government (civics).

The filing fee for citizenship is \$595 plus an \$85 biometric (fingerprinting) fee. Total: \$680. Consider one in four U.S. Hispanics lives in poverty, a total of 12.4 million people*, the fee is often prohibitive for struggling immigrants.

As I reviewed the requirements for citizenship my appreciation grew of an immigrant's challenges. Curiosity got the best of me. I went online to take the test (www.uscis.gov). An immigrant must memorize 100 questions and answers although they are tested on only 10 randomly selected questions. Here are some questions. Do you know the answers?

1. *What is one (1) responsibility that is only for U.S. citizens?*
2. *What is the name of the National Anthem?*
3. *What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?*

4. *What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?*
5. *What is one thing Benjamin Franklin is famous for?*
(Answers, page 10)

So, as I left Caldwell that Saturday, reflecting on immigrants in general, and on our families next door in particular, I was struck by their courage and determination; their faith that their tomorrows will be better and that their children will have opportunities that they have dreamed of. However, the path to citizenship is not a simple process and can be somewhat subjective.

I have a renewed appreciation and empathy for all immigrants. Arriving in a foreign country, not speaking the language, not knowing anyone; feelings of isolation, fear and uncertainty must be overwhelming.

How bad was it for an immigrant to take such unknown risks to come to this country? I hear, "Feed my sheep" John 21: 15-17

Ann Alford, CGN! correspondent

* From US Census data

Women at the shelter now sheltered from the storm



Scout's project at Caldwell his last before attaining the rank of Eagle

For the second time in scarcely a year, a Boy Scout has completed a project at Caldwell to push himself over the top to Scouting's top rank: **Eagle**.

George Williams constructed - with nearly \$500 of his own money and 250 hours later - a shelter to protect women from **Elizabeth's Caldwell House** from the elements as they wait for transportation.

Working in tandem with his Scoutmaster on a design, Williams, an 18-year-old member of **Troop 11** at **Providence United Methodist Church**, finished his project in late February.

George says he chose the shelter after talking about needed projects with Pastor John Cleghorn. "He showed me some things I could do, but this seems the most beneficial," says George. "It was nice to build something that will stay there. It looks better than I thought it would."

Last year, another scout earned his Eagle by constructing a sand box for use by children at the Bilingual Preschool.

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Treasure Trove

Wanted: items in useful condition (new or gently used) you can provide to others at no charge.

Contact: **Zoraida Stewart**
704-900-7558

zstewart1@carolina.rr.com

Your message should include:

- 5 - 10 word item description
- Size - quantity - color
- Your name, phone and email

Contact the provider directly.

Deadline: The 10th of each month.

N = new GU = gently used

Raw Silk pant, elastic waist w pockets (GU) Quantity: 1
Purple, petite/medium
Zoraida Stewart

Ladies rayon blazer & skirt suit (GU) Quantity: 1
sz. 9/10 Floral print
Zoraida Stewart

Ladies elastic waist pant (N) Beige, sz. 8, Quantity: 1
Zoraida Stewart

Junior IDEAS denim jumpsuit, (N) sz. L Quantity: 1
Zoraida Stewart

Short Sleeve Ladies Shirts (GU) Rayon button front
Rayon blend golf shirt purp/teal stripe, sz. M/L Colors:
Blk print w/ PurpleNavy/white Quantity: 1 each
Rayon tee with pocket Cotton tapestry print
Zoraida Stewart

Magazine, *Today's Charlotte Woman* 2011-2012
Zoraida Stewart

Magazine, *Kripalu* (yoga & health) win 2011, spr 2012
Zoraida Stewart

Su-Sa Medication Organizer (N) Quantity: 1 Pink
Zoraida Stewart

Sinus Wash Neti Pot Kit (N) Quantity: 1
Zoraida Stewart

One Day My Soul Just Opened Up (IyanlaVanzant) (N)
Zoraida Stewart

3'x6' unframed mirror (GU)
Dave Bradley, 704-989-8407

Mizuno Wave Rider woman's running shoes, blue/white,
size 9.5, (GU)
Marilyn Rowland, Mrowlan1937@att.net

"Art deco" love seat w/ pillows, eggplant purple (GU)
Terri/Marie, 704-535-6146 discodivasmn@hotmail.com

Molded Foam Dog Bed (N) Molded Crate with door
Cream top, green bottom
Carol King, carolking@gmail.com

Fifth year for women's retreat

The Women of Caldwell will soon gather together for the fifth year running at Montreat's Lookout Lodge

The theme of the April 20-22 annual retreat is "Weaving Our Stories into the Tapestry of Faith" with **Liz Wagoner** and **Felicia Pine** leading Saturday morning's program. Friday evening we will begin with "mindful" introductions; Sunday morning will culminate with joyful

worship led by Veronica Rogers.

Throughout the weekend we will weave, sing and eat as we nourish our souls and strengthen the ties that bind us.

Cost of the retreat is \$75, as able, with a \$25 deposit holding a spot. Contact Katy Hill at catharine.hill@gmail.com or 704.335.1510 for additional info and/or to reserve a spot.

Katy Hill, CGN! correspondent



A new, and larger, cross has been placed in our front yard as part of our Easter season observance.



Lee Roberts, 10, and his mother, Jennifer, at a recent Sunday service.

Pastor's column...continued

One way to start: groups and congregations can view and discuss a video called "Souls of our Neighbors," obtainable through Mecklenburg Ministries.

Keep minds and communications open: When neighborhoods start with a defensive posture, it's hard to get to "maybe", much less "yes." Doing so takes transparency and proactive communications that builds trust from all involved. In Elizabeth, the developers and operators should have engaged the neighborhood earlier. They respond that they did only when they had a viable project plan. Call it a draw and move on.

Neighborhoods have the power and influence. Why not collaborate as *partners* in planning rather than leading with opposition and summary judgments?

Ensure all stakeholders are heard: In the month after the neighborhood meeting, neighborhood leaders report that 50% of the emails received are negative toward the project while the rest reflect either support or questions. Gathering emails doesn't equate to a poll and is always vulnerable to one side organizing and stacking the

discussion in their favor. Many project supporters had yet to weigh in, believing there was time. The parent-teacher leadership team at Elizabeth Traditional Elementary School, one block away, has brought no significant opposition. The pastors of the neighborhood's churches requested a chance to meet with the decision makers but were put off until after the decision. When some opponents are citing risks to kids, shouldn't school leaders' opinion be a major factor? What's the risk of talking to some preachers, whose congregants live in the neighborhood, before announcing a position?

The future of the project is unclear. Neighborhood leaders indicate they're ready now to talk more with the developer, get questions answered and meet with stakeholders. A real estate veteran quoted the adage, "All real estate deals die once." Perhaps there is a resurrection to come.

In the meantime, we might remember scripture's call to covenant community: "Love your neighbor as yourself," "Welcome the stranger" and Jesus' words, "In as much as you have done it for the least of these, you have done it for me."

Citizenship answers...from page 8

1. Serve on a jury.
2. The Star Spangled Banner
3. The Bill of Rights
4. Checks and Balances
5. U.S. Diplomat

Caldwell Good News! Bulletin Board

COMING UP SOON...

MARCH

Sunday, March 11

Caldwell "Tales from the Past", 7 p.m., Sanctuary. Dessert to follow.

Monday, March 12

Women's Circle, 10:30 - 12:30 p.m., Shelby
Women's Book Club, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., TBA

Monday, March 26

Session, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., TBD

APRIL

Sunday, April 1

Palm Sunday

Tuesday, April 3

Caldwell Women, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Shelby

Wednesday, April 4

Centennial 24 hour prayer vigil, 2 p.m. through
2 a.m., Sanctuary (continues hourly through
2 p.m. Thursday)

Thursday, April 5

Holy Thursday

Prayer vigil continues until 2 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday, April 8

Easter Sunday

Monday, April 9

Women's Circle, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.,
Shelby

Women's Book Club, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., TBA

Friday through Sunday, April 20 - 22

Women's retreat, Lookout Lodge, Montreat

Monday, April 23

Session, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., TBD

Church Calendar

1st Monday

6:30 pm - Men's Group

2nd Monday

(Women's Circle in recess until Fall)

3rd Monday

6:30 pm - Women's Book Club

4th Monday

5:30, Session, Shelby Room

1st Tuesday

6:30 pm - Women's Group

2nd Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mission & Justice Comm., Shelby

Wednesdays

7:00 pm - Choir practice

3rd Thursday

6:30 p.m. - Worship Committee, Shelby

6:30 pm - Finance Committee, Upstairs

6:30 pm - Education Committee, Upstairs

Every Friday

7:30 pm, AA, Shelby Room

Sundays

9:45 am Adult Sunday School, Upstairs

11:00 am Worship (including children's Sunday school)

1st Sunday Holy Communion

Session receives new members

All Sundays Loaves & Fishes Collection

(Non-perishables in entry basket)

Administrative Office Hours

Monday, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Reach Pastor Cleghorn on his cell phone:

704-957-4511

See calendar events online: caldwellpresby.org

PLEASE! REMEMBER OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON

A card, a call, a visit - please remember our longtime members & keep in touch!

Mrs. Barbara Atkinson Lake Park Nursing Center
Mailing address 830 Faircrest Drive

Miss Toby Herring Emeritus @ Eastover

Mrs. Irene Kennedy 419 Clement Avenue

Mrs. Ann Ranson Legacy Heights

3315 Faith Church Rd., Room 600 Indian Trail, NC 28079
Charlotte, NC 28210

3610 Randolph Rd, Memory Care Charlotte, NC 28211

Charlotte, NC 28204

11240 Ballantyne Trace Ct. Charlotte, NC 28277

Caldwell's Mission Statement

In the Summer of 2007, Congregational Dialogues formed the foundation of our church's renewed mission statement as adopted by action of the Session that Fall:

- We seek to build a diverse, intentional, affirming community animated by joyful worship and called forth into social action for service to the greater good.
- We seek to hear God's call not only as individuals but also as a progressive, missional community striving to reflect the Kingdom of God in the here and now.
- We embrace the rich history of the Reformed Tradition and the storied past of our once-prominent, center-city church, as we welcome a diverse, urban community of seekers—young and old, gay and straight, rich and poor, of all races and ethnicities.
- We are called into a meaningful, transformative community that values the unique blessings and perspectives of each member and offers a place of welcome and healing to weary souls.
- We seek dynamic servant leaders who serve humbly, embrace change, and boldly challenge injustices in the wider community.
- Most importantly, we seek to proclaim the Gospel in both word and deed, following the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

God Invites. We Welcome. All.

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