

Caldwell ‘alums’ return, and so do the memories

The stories and remembrances pour out at a very special evening

They came from Charlotte and surrounding states, and for most it was their first look in many years at their former church. That’s when the memories began to pour out.

These were alumni and old friends of Caldwell, invited back for a special evening to share their recollections with a congregation that has seen the ‘good old days’ of the alums become the ‘good new days.’

After hugs and handshakes all around as the group reconvened after years apart, things kicked off with a guided tour of the church. Hardly a step was taken without a ‘I recognize this’ or ‘I remember what happened here’ comment.

The evening was planned as part of Caldwell’s 100 year anniversary. In welcoming remarks, Pastor **John Cleghorn** told the group of 20 (plus the congregation and other guests) “We wanted to bring you all home, and we want to stand on your shoulders.”

Introduced by emcee **Elaine Hultman**, our visitors stood up one by one to recall earlier times at a church that bustled with activity then, too.

“It was a great church to grow up in,” recalled **Bill Crockford**. “The church was part of our social life.”

“We were blessed with so many people who cared for the young people,” said **Sam ‘Skinny’ Harris**.

A common theme was the commitment of the church to its education

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***Skinny Harris** serenades alumni and guests at a welcome home meal. “We were blessed with so many people who cared for the young people,” he said.*

The sanctuary is quiet at midnight during the serene late night hours of the 24 hour prayer vigil. The vigil marked 100 years since the first steps to found our church on Elizabeth Ave.



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Our Multicultural Future

Pastor's Message

In this season of Eastertide, we reflect on God's abundant grace in the risen Christ, who told his followers to go and make disciples "of all nations." For 2,000 years, Christians have fulfilled that mandate, radiating out from a small corner of the world around the globe. Here at Caldwell, Christ's "great commission" has a special meaning. We are graced with the enormous blessing of experiencing multicultural community in all aspects of life together.

What does it mean to be "multicultural?" In short, it means to be a community where more than one culture is relevant to life together. Yes, Caldwell is diverse in so many ways, across class, color, sexual orientation, neighborhood, religious background and understanding of the Gospel. But being multicultural means something more; it means welcoming, learning, practicing, celebrating and growing from more than one heritage. Here that

focuses mostly how African-Americans and white folk live in faith in community, experiencing growth and reconciliation in Christ from worship to service to spiritual formation and Christian education.

As you have heard me say many times, the need to accelerate our practice of multiculturalism is urgent for our denomination and American Christendom in general as our society moves rapidly toward becoming a minority-majority society. That is a society where there is no racial or ethnic majority, a society where each of its members and segments must learn to see the world through others' eyes, a society where the norms of no one culture or race dominate by default, a society where unprecedented flexibility and cooperation will be required, a society where new life is possible and real.

Two-plus years ago, on your behalf, I was invited to help organize our denomination's bi-annual National Multicultural Church conference to be held in Charlotte later this month, April 26-29 at the Hilton Charlotte University Hotel. It's hard to believe the conference is almost here. The conference will showcase many models of what it means to be a multicultural church, feature leading speakers on how to do it and model best practices in multicultural worship.

At my suggestion, your leadership has voted to defer our worship on Sunday, April 29 to the closing worship service at the conference, which will be at 8:30 a.m. Worship will be family- and children-friendly. I hope you will see this as a chance to worship with Presbyterians and others from across the nation. After the service, your Worship Committee will host a brunch and dialogue at a nearby eatery (TBD) to reflect on our experience and observations.



Rev. John Cleghorn

In many ways, our multicultural journey is still in its early stages. Rev. David Anderson promotes an idea he calls "gracism," which is more than tolerance or accommodation of another way of doing things based on racial or cultural difference. It means lifting up those "different" ways. It means making gracious room for taking risk and experimentation. It means emphasizing community over individual comfort, at least individual comfort 100% of the time.

I am excited about ways we can explore those ideas even more deeply than we already do here at Caldwell. We cherish our diversity and multicultural experience. At the same time, that experience requires constant attention and cultivation. It means exploration of new and different approaches to leadership and governance, sharing power in the church, thinking seriously about who is NOT in worship and offering gracious invitation to others and injecting new ideas into worship, service, fellowship and evangelism.

Most of all, it means loosening our grip on how "we do things" at Caldwell and inviting the Holy Spirit
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Caldwell connects with the holy season

The Easter season at Caldwell was filled with many highlights

Among our celebratory efforts this year: a Palm Sunday breakfast, our regular participation in Wednesday worship services with other churches in the Elizabeth area, a moving and emotional Maundy Thursday service, and finally, our annual tradition of covering the Easter cross on our front lawn with flowers from our gardens and lawns before a wonderful Easter Sunday service.



Among those baptized on Easter: (left to right) member **Tracy Hewett** with grandson **Cash Hewett**; member **Joan Kleinmann** with her son, **Elijah Kleinmann**; **Tatyanna Montgomery**; **Thomas Lyall**.



The congregation waves in Palm Sunday on a high note.



Jean and Nancy Nance add the symbolic purple cloth to the new and larger cross as it stood in our front lawn in the weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. It was decorated on Easter morning by church members and guests using flowers from their gardens and lawns, as is the Easter morning custom at Caldwell. (Photo: Leslie Gipple)

Still time to attend Fifth annual Caldwell Women's Retreat

Weaving Our Stories into the Tapestry of Faith

It's not too late – there's still space left at Lookout Lodge...

The fifth annual **Caldwell Women's Retreat** will take place at Montreat Conference Center from April 20-22. Share a big comfy lodge and enjoy the beauty of the mountains with your Caldwell sisters while we nourish our souls and strengthen the ties that bind us.

Bring yarn, strips of fabric, beads and other charms and trinkets to weave into our communal tapestry, which will ultimately find a place to hang at CMPC. Contact **Katy Hill** – 704.335.1510 or catharine.hill@gmail.com to register.

Holy Week Revisited



Veronica Rogers

A Team of Disciples

How breathtaking was Holy Week? Were you there? Have you had time to meditate on the significance of this period between Palm Sunday and Easter at Caldwell? Holy Week is always a time of awe as we reflect on the miracle of the Resurrected Christ. But in this 100th year of the establishment of this church, we are becoming more aware of ongoing revitalization in God's creation in every sacred moment. We can see resurrection in the activity of animals, the regeneration of plants, and the rebirth of our spirits. As we observe the patterns of nature and the part that teamwork plays in renewal, we are called to observe the birds, especially geese.

Geese are often maligned in many circles. However, there is a lot that we can learn from these creatures. Perhaps you have heard the popular analogy used in organizational development regarding teamwork, entitled "Lessons We Can Learn from Geese." **Lesson 1:** As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird following. By adding a "V" formation, the whole flock has a 71% greater flying range than if one bird flew alone. **Lesson 2:** Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. **Lesson 3:** When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose flies at the point position. **Lesson 4:** The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up the speed.

During Holy Week at Caldwell, we saw many disciples working as a team of geese to produce remarkable results. We started with the Palm Sunday breakfast where a team of volunteers, working at home or in the church kitchen, presented a meal that would make any restaurant proud. Many on that same team had already provided breakfast for our Caldwell House neighbors earlier on that Sunday morning. Still others planned and participated in the Sunday worship, preparing the bread and the wine; counting and securing the offering; teaching in church school and supervising the nursery; ushering and providing transportation for those who cannot drive... Each Wednesday of the Lenten Season, there were those who came to St. Martin's Episcopal Church for the noon service in support of the Elizabeth Community of Churches and selected charities.

The planning for the 24-hour Prayer Vigil was meticulously executed and more people "showed up" than were "signed up." Those who participated in the meditative sanctuary worship have expressed the significance of intercessory prayer with others and for others on their own spiritual growth. Many who were unable to come to the sanctuary prayed at home.

On Maundy Thursday, the rain provided a cleansing of the air and the communion provided a cleansing of our spirits. Each element in the service was carefully coordinated from the setting of the table, the lighting of the candles, and the reading of the scripture *to the* appointed time at which the lights would go out and the Bible would be slammed shut! Yet others decorated the cross outside, prepared for the Sunday reception, provided the music, mowed the lawn, captured moments through photography, rang the bell, adjusted the heat, moved the furniture, and decorated the sanctuary with palms and Easter lilies. Holy Week at Caldwell even included the celebration of the two sacraments of our church: the **Lord's Supper and Baptism**.

This glorious week of celebration was possible because of a team of believers who gave their gifts with joy and persistence, just as they do during every season of the Church Year. Some took the leadership positions while others preferred to be the wider part of the "V" formation, honking their encouragement and being available when needed. There were many disciples flapping their wings, creating uplift in the celebration of God's gift to humanity in the person of Jesus Christ. Therefore in every effort, our little Caldwell flock has least a 71% flying range that if any one disciple flew alone. The teamwork during Holy Week was so well implemented that even the Canadian geese could learn a thing or two.

However, some of the lead geese are feeling a bit fatigued and have expressed an interest in rotating back into formation, giving others a chance to serve in a leadership capacity. Are you ready to be the lead goose? The groundwork has been laid. Detailed templates exist for each activity and a team of disciples will support you as you take the point position. The next time you see a flock of geese, picture yourself at the most narrow point of the angle. You too can lead. (Honk! Honk!)

Recent events at Caldwell



Lisa McLennan ended her internship at Caldwell with a going away party. The icing on the cake at right implores Lisa to "Go and Sow Good Grapes."



Tom Bohr and Brenda Campbell are responsible for the beautiful refinishing and staining job on our heavy wooden front doors. They sealed the cracks between boards and spent a Friday afternoon matching the stains until the color was just right.

Are you on track to meet your 2012 pledge?

Did you pledge to give to Caldwell last fall during the annual discipleship drive? Are you on track to meet your pledge for the year? Pledged giving income is down 25% from expectations for 2012. Pledged giving refers to the expected income from individuals who "pledged" to contribute to the church during last fall's pledge drive.

Pledged giving makes up 62% of Caldwell's budgeted 2012 income. It is also generally Caldwell's most dependable source of income. Aside from pledged giving, Caldwell's income comes from "unpledged" giving from friends, visitors, and members who have not committed to contribute any set amount as well as rental income from mission partners that use our campus.

Overall pledges for 2012 totaled \$226,000. That was a 15% increase from 2011 and allowed a 15% increase in

the church budget for 2012. New funds were mostly allocated for staff salaries, including funding an assistant pastor, and to increase outreach for Mission and Justice.

So if you did make a pledge and have slipped behind, please catch up as you are able to help with the church's cash flow. Going forward, consider fulfilling your pledge on a regular basis to keep the important work of Caldwell going. A quick email or call to Leslie Gipple (admin@caldwellpresby.org or 704-334-0825) can update you on how you stand with regard to your pledge. Caldwell will also send out pledge fulfillment updates later this year. Note that pledges and giving amounts are handled confidentially. And if you haven't pledged for 2012 and feel called to do so - it's never too late.

Christopher Polk, CGN! correspondent

Many hands help the Caldwell

Those who are hungry or are in need will benefit from the Caldwell garden

Another spring season brings hope for another bumper crop from what has become a community garden hosted by Caldwell.

On a recent Saturday morning, more than a dozen volunteers did the dirty work of digging and spreading manure, cleaning up the seed beds, harvesting the final vegetables from the winter crop, and planting new seedlings.

On this sunny morning, **Merritt Tracy**, the garden coordinator, held winter crop cabbages and turnips, plus a few bags of greens, destined for guests at **Elizabeth's Caldwell House**. Merritt says space is set aside in the garden for plots assigned to the **bilingual preschool, Bread of Life**, Caldwell, and other organizations.

As for why our green-thumb gardeners turn over the good earth, many shared their own reasons to work in the dirt.



I love gardening. My grandfather had a farm, and I love the idea of giving back with something we created ourselves.

Merritt Tracy



Many hands make short work of prepping the Caldwell garden plot for seedlings and transplants. This is a highest and best use for this land.



I actually have family that attends Bread of Life, so I'm doing this in good faith and to give a good helping hand.

Carlos Easter



I am here because I love gardening, and I am taking care of the herb part of the garden.

Susan Poel

garden into a season of new growth

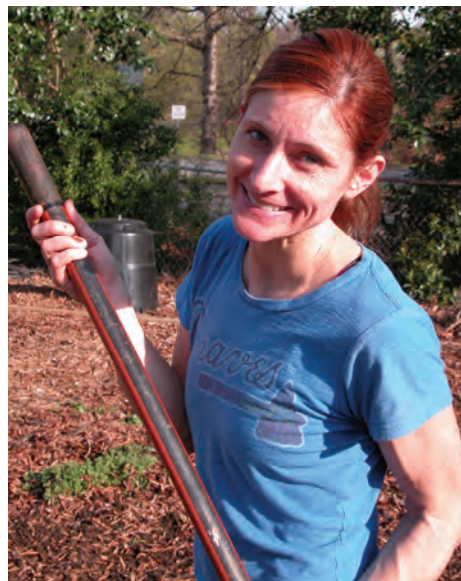


Various sections of the sizable plot are set aside for other organizations (above) whose members will welcome some fresh seasonal produce. Flats with seedlings (left) are ready for spring planting. Volunteer help to water and weed is always welcome.

Who needs red clay? **Greg Shell** harnesses horsepower to dig in manure and tree leaves to create the best possible foundation for plants.



I was just looking for a way to give back to the church. You can't complaint on a day like this. I love the tight knit group at Caldwell and wanted to be a part of it.
Rob Mayo



I'm doing this because I love the church and I feel I haven't been able to give back everything that was given to me - and I love to work outside.
Jacqueline White



Why am I here? Because it is just a small part of the holistic nurturing of the temple that I want to be a part of and to nurture the vessel.
Alyce Lewallen

Caldwell House Ministries expand, again

Ask any of the ladies at Elizabeth's Caldwell House what they really want and most of them will probably say that they want a job and a house.

These ladies work hard every day pounding the pavement in search of work. They meet with case managers who assist them in their efforts to find employment and housing. However, this isn't always enough. It is hard for most people to be competitive in today's job market. For the ladies at Caldwell House, it can be an even greater challenge for them to stand out.

Starting May 7, Caldwell House is kicking-off a **Monday Night Professional Development Program** in order to address this challenge that the ladies face. Every Monday from 7 - 8 p.m., shortly after the ladies get back to Caldwell House for the night, volunteers are invited to share their professional development skills with the ladies. Volunteers have the opportunity to speak about a variety of job readiness topics in order help the women gain stable employment. Such topics include: goal setting, resume building, job searching techniques, getting the interview, and maintaining a job.

Can you help?

This is a chance to share your knowledge and help the ladies in a fun, interactive, and educational way! Do you want to get involved?



If you can volunteer, please contact **Jackie Trail**, Volunteer Associate at the Salvation Army Center of Hope to sign-up! 704-348-2560 x256 or jaelyn.trail@uss.salvationarmy.org. Have a few more questions about what the program entails? Contact Caldwell member **Tracy Godfrey** at tlg0612@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Memories...from cover classes. "This church was my life," told one woman. "I love it. If I wasn't here, something was wrong." Sunday school contributed to "most of my values" said **Jack Claiborne**.

But back in the day the church had other impacts, too. "I'm also grateful to the church for the role it played in the development of the Elizabeth area. It was part of the fabric that held it together. And I'm grateful to see this church flourishing again," said Claiborne.

"The church just wasn't brick and mortar," said **Margaret Alexander**. "It was Jesus Christ who died on the cross for our sins. This church kept the Lord in our hearts."

"The years that I was here have forever influenced my life," said **Corny Pleasant**. "I love this church so much." As does **Sara Belk Gambrell**. "The church meant a great deal to me all my life," she said. "It is remarkable what you have done here."

***Margaret Alexander** points out Sunday school classmates during her tour of the reborn Caldwell. Photos and memorabilia elicited many comments by attendees.*



It didn't take long for those returning to Caldwell to rekindle relationships from years gone by - just as is done now by current Caldwell attendees.

"God wasn't done with Caldwell, something was going to happen here," said one alumni. "It does my heart good to see what Caldwell is doing by taking the lid off the lamp and letting the light shine."



'Who's at the door?': new security at office entry

An update from Building & Grounds

If you haven't used the front door to the church office lately, the next time you'll notice a new security system. Replacing a *no-tech* peep hole and shouting "Who is it?" through closed doors is a video/audio communication and remote access system.

Now, church staff can identify who is at the door and let them in from the office upstairs, thus adding safety and eliminating multiple disruptive and time-wasting trips up and down the stairs.

Aside from the office door upgrade done now and, hopefully, in the near future falls in the category of *not-very-visible-not-glamorous-but-very-necessary*.

In recent years a long list of deferred maintenance built up because of a lack of funds. Many of these projects - repairing leaks and plaster damage, rotting bell tower roofs, and sagging floors; servicing HVAC systems; upgrading electrical service; refinishing exterior doors - have been or soon will be addressed.

Tom Bohr, *CGN!* correspondent

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to guide us in ways that invite others and enrich our shared experience (which is how the new Caldwell began, after all). May the Spirit descend on Caldwell and all churches to do just that. Thanks be to God.

Please note: No service at Caldwell on Sunday, April 29

All from Caldwell are encouraged to attend the closing worship service at the 2012 PCUSA National Multicultural Church Conference at 8:30 a.m. at the Hilton Charlotte University Hotel. To attend the conference, more information is at

www.pcusa.org/multicultural.

2012 National Multicultural Conference

April 26-29
Charlotte, NC

"God's Door is Open:
Who Are We to Stand in the Way?"
-Acts 10-11



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The Caldwell Good News!

Treasure Trove

Raw Silk pant, elastic waist w pockets (GU) Quantity: 1
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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)
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Men's Falcone Tropical/Worsted Double-Breasted 2-pc
Suit (GU) Hunter Green, size 36
Zoraida Stewart

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

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Cream top, green bottom
Carol King, carolking@gmail.com

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704-900-7558

zstewart1@carolina.rr.com

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- Size - quantity - color
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Contact the provider directly.

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N = new GU = gently used

3-pc backed book cases. Use together for U shape, or separately. (GU) Brown wood stained, 2 pieces: 11.5" deep x 36" wide x 35" tall; 3rd piece 96" long
Carol King, carolking@gmail.com

Ladies Sketchers Shape Up tennis shoes (GU), size 9.5, black and white, 1 pair
Janet Blanchard, 704-333-5997, 704-906-9438

Donations made easy: QR codes

Have a Smartphone? You can pledge safely with our QR code

You see the little squares with squiggly lines on ketchup bottles and lots of consumer products - and now you'll see them on Caldwell materials, too. Those are QR (quick response) codes, and they can instantly whisk you to the online contribution page on Caldwell's web site so you can donate quickly and safely to the church.

QRs are "commonly used to take you directly to a web site," says **Leslie Gipple**, Caldwell's office manager. "This is a mobile online contribution page optimized for SmartPhones, and you can give a safe, secure contribution anywhere, anytime." Or, use our regular giving web page from your home PC.



Caldwell's QR code (above) will be on our bulletins, and soon, in *Caldwell Good News!* The codes have "really grown popular," says Leslie. Of course, your SmartPhone needs an 'app' - available free at app stores - and you simply turn on the app, hold the phone above the QR code, and the code is then scanned. You are taken automatically to the web site. "If you forgot your check-book, you can scan the code in the bulletin, and it takes you straight to our page," says Leslie.

Giving Thanks

Thanks be to God for bringing me here

Thanks be to God for holding me near

*Thanks be to God for blessing me so
Thanks be to God for never letting go*

Thanks be to God for guiding and showing

Thanks be to God for being all-knowing

Thanks be to God for keeping me sane

Thanks be to God that I still know my name

Thanks be to God, for my soul is his claim

And I praise Him and love Him

In His holy name

Amen!

By **Zoraida Stewart**, 1993

Their presence graced our church



Rhett Brown (center) with his parents, **Willa** and **Reggie Brown** of Florence, South Carolina.

Anne Hoffman (Steve Montgomery's sister) and her niece **Eleanor Montgomery**, age 6.



Sarah Gray, age 7, (left) great niece of **Jean Prewitt** and **Don Cowen**. Sarah was visiting from Atlanta.

Sheldon and Caroline Dellinger (far left). Sheldon is the son of **Eloise Hicks**.



Caldwell Good News! Bulletin Board

COMING UP SOON...

APRIL

Monday, April 16

Women's Book Club, 6:30 p.m., location TBD

Tuesday, April 17

Finance committee, 12:15 p.m., upstairs room

Thursday, April 19

Merry Oaks committee, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., upstairs

Education committee, 6:30 - 8 p.m., upstairs

Worship committee, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Shelby

Friday through Sunday, April 20 - 22

Women's retreat, Lookout Lodge, Montreat

Saturday, April 21

Caldwell grounds beautification, 8 a.m. - noon.

Monday, April 23

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

Sunday, April 29

NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT CALDWELL

Worship service, National Multicultural Church Conference, 8:30 a.m., University Hilton; Caldwell members are encourage to attend

MAY

Tuesday, May 1

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

Sunday, May 6

Newcomer class, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 9

Mission & Justice committee, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Shelby

Thursday, May 10

Congregational Care comm., 6 - 8 p.m., Shelby

See calendar events online: caldwellpresby.org

Church Calendar

1st Monday

6:30 p.m. - Men's Group

2nd Monday

Women's Circle

3rd Monday

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

4th Monday

5:30 p.m., Session, Shelby

1st Tuesday

6:30 p.m. - Women's Group

2nd Tuesday

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

Wednesdays

7:00 pm - Choir practice

2nd Thursday

6 p.m., Congregational Care, Shelby

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

Sundays

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Upstairs

11:00 a.m. 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

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

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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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