

## Old lessons shed new light on Latino immigration

Multi-week seminar views this important topic in biblical, modern contexts

Immigration is a hot-button item in the news and political races but a group of nearly 30 Caldwell members and guests are examining the issue from two perspectives: present-day realities and how the subject was treated in biblical times.

For 4 Sunday evenings, the group is gathering to explore the impacts on immigrants who are hopeful of a better life in the U.S. and how we as Christians can bring a religious perspective to the debate.

The seminar grew directly from Caldwell's involvement with the Latino community including the **Bilingual Preschool**, Guatemala mission trips and English As A Second Language courses, among other efforts to reach our new neighbors.

"There's a bigger picture that what we hear on radio or see in newspaper," says **Liz Wagner**, who facilitates much of the discussion.

She notes that many Latinos have "left their home, culture and language and the way they got here was perilous, and they are often treated with disdain." Some of the group discussion has centered on how participants would feel if they were in the shoes of an immigrant.

To bring the issue closer to home - and demonstrate that most of us came from somewhere else - attendees used stickpins to mark their ancestral nation of origin on a world map.

The seminar centers on *Becoming the Church Together: Immigration, the Bible, and Our New Neighbors* a guidebook published by the **North Carolina Council of Churches**.

The authors say "Each lesson focuses on Scripture...to help everyone investigate how faith in Christ affects views on immigration."

Indeed, a small group discussion on one recent Sunday evening cited Genesis 12:10-20 - and the 'immigration' dilemma of **Abram** and his wife, **Sarai**, at the hands of the Pharaoh when the husband and wife went to live in Egypt as aliens. The parallels between ancient times and today are not dissimilar.

Liz says "I think as a church, we are called to take care of those who are in distress. Jesus' mandate in the Old testament is God wants us to be working on justice issues."



*Maggie DeVries listens during one of the frequent discussions among seminar attendees on immigration topics. The group meets at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings.*

*Ann Smythers uses a stickpin to mark her ancestral home. We share experience with today's immigrants: we come from elsewhere. (Photo: Sally Thomas)*



Beyond differences in language and culture and fears of legal/non-legal status, Latinos face other obstacles in their assimilation into the U.S. mainstream. According to **Joyce Deaton**, immigrants are sometimes preyed upon by others who "offer" to help - for a fee - unsuspecting Latinos to overcome immigration and other issues. The deck is, says Joyce, often "stacked against" them.

The seminar will soon move from individual awareness to what can be done collectively to help the

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## What's Going On at Presbytery, Pt 2: Local and National

### Pastor's Message

Back in February, I used this space to write about how Presbyterian churches work together, locally and nationally, as a characteristic of our denomination's "way." We Presbyterians continue to be in the news, so I wanted to address some new developments.

You may have read a story in The Charlotte Observer on June 11 headlined "Denominational divide grows among Charlotte's Presbyterian Churches." The story explained how 9 churches are leaving the Charlotte Presbytery (the regional grouping of PCUSA churches) for other denominations. Issues cited included the PCUSA's recent decision to remove homosexuality as a reason, in and of itself, to preclude an otherwise qualified person from being ordained as

an elder or pastor. Other, more recent issues cited included discussions within the denomination of same-sex marriage.

The membership of the departing congregations, mostly ex-urban and rural, totals 2,490, or about 6.2%, of the Presbytery's total membership of 40,000. Their departure reduces the number of churches in the 7-county Presbytery from 129 today to 120. Regardless of the magnitude of the division, the underlying story locally reflects a national one. Our denomination has always sought to balance what it means to stay connected and the conviction of individual conscience, as led by scripture and the Holy Spirit. At times, some congregations cannot find a way to stay with the whole.

We Presbyterians have parted ways before, including movements that led to the creation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church in America. Each of these groups leaned toward more conservative theology, Biblical interpretation and approaches to social issues.

So, as complex and regrettable as today's consternations are, they are nothing new. However, many believe that the scale and pace of change in all denominational bodies seems to have increased.

Where is all this taking us? Covenant Presbyterian Church Rev. Bob Henderson aptly told the Observer that the ongoing changes are a movement toward "clarity, focus and simplicity." Trends point to a future when PCUSA churches are still connected but regional and national offices play even less of a role and local congregations have more latitude and independence. Such a future has its pros and cons. Smaller, less financially sound churches will struggle



**Rev. John Cleghorn**

even more. Larger, more well-financed churches will do relatively well, though not without their own struggles.

God has put Caldwell on its own path. We are "old" and "new" at once, diverse and growing, slightly above average in size, ample in resources, busier and more engaged in ministry than the average congregation. God has given Caldwell a fresh start, free of the burdens and legacies of many of our sister churches.

These discussions will continue. Nationally, the PCUSA's biennial General Assembly (think "national convention") gathers at the end of this month in Pittsburgh. A range of issues will be debated – sexuality and marriage, new approaches to denominational organization and governance, immigration, social justice, evangelism, our role in the Middle East and more. Intern Liz Wagner will attend as a "student representative" and report back to us. Locally, the Presbytery staff has been cut dramatically and we will be rebuilding the function and role of that office practically from the ground up.

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## Computer resource room at shelter sees more use

The first 5-week computer training program for our guests at Elizabeth's Caldwell House has ended.

A second cycle of the course is already underway for women who need the course to improve their chances of landing work.

The computer equipment is the refurbished work of **Jim Wooden**. "To me, you can't get a decent job without computer skills," says Jim. "That is just the expectation of employers." When women build a resume or set up an email account, to employers that is a "display of proficiency," says Jim. Computers also allow women to search job websites or conduct interviews online.

**Leslie Gipple**, Caldwell office manager, says the women now use the computer resource room on Monday evenings plus other nights.

Note: Jim will refurbish donated computers with Pentium 4 processors. He will also accept flat-screen monitors. Reach Jim at [jim@woodenu.com](mailto:jim@woodenu.com).



**Jim Wooden** and Caldwell office manager **Leslie Gipple** are two of the driving forces behind creation of the computer resource room in the women's shelter. A second 5 week training program is about to begin for shelter guests. The class is aimed at helping women create resumes and their overall computer literacy.

## Economy and justice for all

On three Sunday evenings in July we have an opportunity to increase our understanding of the growing wealth and income divide in our country, and think about appropriate Christian responses to it.

In the first *Economic Apartheid* session on July 15, we will learn about the causes of this disparity, as well as its negative effects on our society. As we talk we will look at paths our country might take to move toward greater financial equality for everyone.

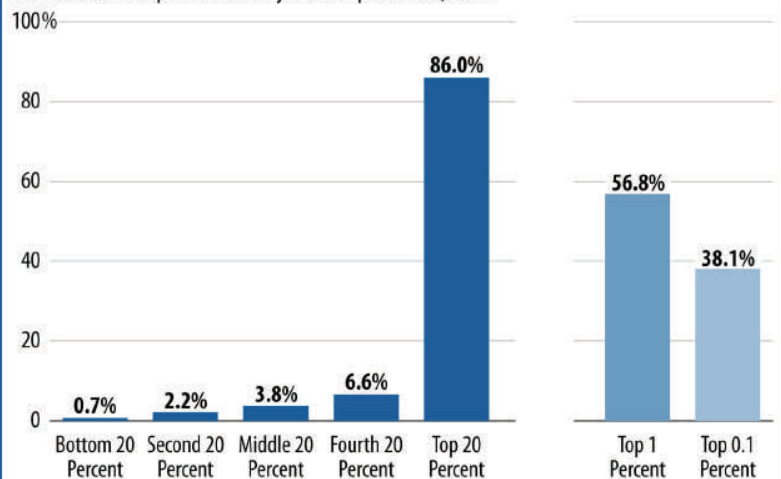
On July 22, we will work with the Presbyterian study paper: *Living Through Economic Crisis – The Church's Witness in Troubled Times*.

Sunday, July 29 will be a time for deeper discussion of the crisis our country is facing and how we as Christians can look for ways to follow Jesus' leading as we deal with moral, political, budgetary and other dilemmas of these times. The discussions will be led by **Sally** and **Zach Thomas**, Rev. **Diane Mowrey**, and Rev. **John Cleghorn**.

**Sally Thomas**, CGN! correspondent

### Capital Income Highly Concentrated

Distribution of capital income by income percentile, 2011



Note: Figures are for calendar year 2011, current law. Capital income includes taxable and non-taxable interest income, income from dividends, realizes capital gains or losses, and imputed corporate tax liability. The cash income percentile classes used are based on the income distribution of the entire population and contain an equal number of people, not tax units.

Source: Urban Institute-Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center

If you seek to better understand our economic situation, the practical steps that might provide solutions, and Biblical guidance about how to move forward, this is the series for you.

## Weaving our stories in the fabric of faith



**Veronica Rogers**

### Take Up Your Mat and Walk!

On Sundays, after consuming a deliciously nutritional breakfast prepared by our Caldwell breakfast volunteers, some of the women of the Caldwell House gather for a morning devotional. Sometimes the meditation is based on a passage of scripture; other times it is an exploration of a universal truth.

A few Sundays ago, we were meditating on the passage found in the Gospel of John (5: 1-9). It is the story of the man who had an encounter with Jesus at the pool at Bethesda. Many with various disabilities came to the pool which was purported to have healing powers. Some came to its entrance to beg for alms. This man had been sick for thirty-eight years and had been sitting at the entrance of the pool each day. He was asked by Jesus: "Do you want to be healed?" The man explained to Jesus that he did not have anyone to put him in the pool after the water was "stirred up." Then Jesus told him to stand up, pick up his mat and walk!

In our subsequent discussion, we expressed sympathy for this fellow. We agreed that the man had a good excuse for not being able to get into the pool because of his disability. But one of our devotion participants had doubts about this man's excuses. She noted that that same "homeys" who would run errands for him, get his necessary supplies, take care of his personal needs, could have also gotten him in the pool if he really wanted to be healed. Then she shared with us her life as a panhandler on the streets and how she survived for many years.

For her, panhandling became an art. She had no interest in living in a shelter or in living a different way of life. It was easier for her to ask others for alms. But now, she had reached the point at which she welcomed a change in her life. So she had taken the necessary steps towards healing.

We all have a need to be healed of some affliction. Healing can take many forms: spiritual, emotional and physical. But like the man at the pool at Bethesda, are we ready to be healed of our afflictions of doubt, fear, inactivity, apathy and hate? Do we want to be healed of whatever ails us? Or do we use excuses about not being able to get in the pool when the water is stirred up? Do we live our lives in a constant state of "when"? I will be happy when... I will start eating healthy foods when... I will be financially sound when... I will share my gifts with others when...

It is significant that Jesus asked the man, "Do you want to be healed?" There are some things in our lives over which we have no control. But there are others over which we do. Think: *What excuses am I using today to keep me from opening myself to spiritual, emotional and physical healing? What mats would I have to take up in order to walk?* Then abide in the voice of the Master Healer: **Take up your mat and walk!**

## Let's see what this journey brings!



So what exactly is a 21-year-old Davidson College student who is majoring in English and minoring in theatre doing at a church for the summer?

Good question. Everything in my academic background says I technically don't belong in the ministry. I've been studying everything from literature to theatre acting throughout my 3 years in college. When people hear I'm doing a ministry internship I usually get a confused look followed by the usual comment 'Shouldn't you be teaching?'

The truth is I could spend my summer teaching, acting at a community theater, or interning at a publishing company. However, I chose to be right here in the heart of Caldwell Presbyterian church. I've felt a "calling" to go into ministry for quite some time. I was graciously offered the opportunity to be one of 5 Ministry Fellows at Davidson College. This internship provides us with an opportunity to see how ministry works and to clarify whether this is where we should be in life.

I had the option of choosing any church in America to be this summer and with no doubt chose Caldwell. Everything from Caldwell's website, to its diverse congregation, outreach

activities, and history captivated me. I've only been here a week and a half and have met some of the sweetest and most intriguing individuals. Everyone is so sweet! The outpouring of love I've felt from the congregation is amazing. Within my first week, I was able to lead Adult Sunday School and begin work on my first sermon! I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to be a part of you. I learn something new everyday and I'm thankful for every bit of information I receive. Rev. Cleghorn, Rev. Rogers, Liz, and Leslie have all been such blessings to me while I'm just getting started. I'm looking forward to an incredibly amazing summer with everyone here at Caldwell. Let's see what this journey brings!  
**Tianna Butler**, Caldwell Intern

# Adult education forum: the Christian Nurture



**Liz Wagner**

## Discerning a call to nurture the young and strengthen the faithful

Christian Education has a complicated history. The early reformers realized that education was essential to the community of faith for a number of reasons. The printing press was making the Bible more affordable and accessible to the emerging middle class and it was being translated into 'common' languages from Latin, Greek and Hebrew. In order to benefit from this new accessibility, people needed to be able to read and understand basic theological concepts to interpret God's Word. Calvin, particularly, was instrumental in establishing schools for all citizens of Geneva, who by the way just happened to be members of the Reformed Church. Classes were even held on Saturday for those young people who were apprenticed during the week and the entire congregation attended catechism classes on Sunday between morning and evening worship services.

Founders of the United States were heavily influenced by the reformed tradition, primarily through the Church of Scotland, which became the Presbyterian Church when it crossed the Atlantic. Public education was offered to support the governance of the community, development of a stable economy as well as promoting a standard morality. We need to remember that many political jurisdictions, cities and states, developed around religious communities. The local public schools reflected the prevailing religious affiliation and differed from region to region.

Back in the United Kingdom, public education was slower to grow and churches became concerned about the welfare of working children. The Sunday School Movement began in the late 1700's as an ecumenical attempt to offer these children basic education on their one day of rest from the factory. Thousands of children attended these schools so that the classes could no longer be held in church buildings. Huge buildings were constructed and offerings were expanded to include lectures and reading classes for adults.

When the Sunday School Movement crossed the Atlantic, its focus changed to an evangelical opportunity by participating churches. The Bible based curriculum varied by denomination, offered different perspectives and was extremely popular. Classes were held in the afternoon when public school programs ended or on Saturday and were open to all who were willing to attend. Some churches in the 19<sup>th</sup> century reported 80% of their new members were generated through Sunday School.

Beginning in the late 1930's, Sunday School programs transitioned to classes offered primarily on Sunday morning as part of the weekly worship service. Speculations abound as to the demise of Sunday School Movement's popularity. Some claim impetus was lost when the church focus shifted from evangelism. Others blame the invasion of technology into family life. Still others note the impact of dual wage earners and organized youth activities.

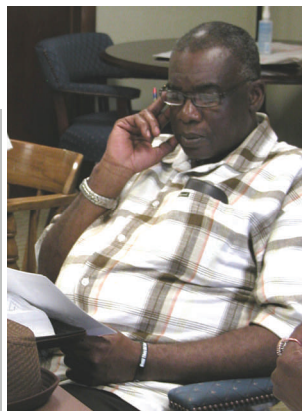
The Price Building on Caldwell's campus is evidence of a once vibrant Sunday School Program. Though late in the Sunday School Movement, Caldwell's alumni spoke fondly and almost exclusively about the impact Sunday School teachers had on their development as people of faith.

The needs of the community and the congregation have indeed changed over the past fifty years. The Price Building now houses a bilingual preschool and women's shelter. Worthy uses of God's resources, but a far cry from the traditional Christian education model. Amid clamors for time from occupations, families and community, the congregation is discerning its call to nurture the young and strengthen the faithful. We trust the creative power of the Holy Spirit will guide Caldwell's education programs well into the future.

## 'The start of all of it'

**Adult Sunday School** continues to draw well on Sunday mornings (9:45 a.m. in the Shelby Room), including **Michael Anthony Wingate** (right).

Asked what he gets out of what has become regular attendance, Michael says Sunday school is "the start of it all. I think coming to Sunday school is vitally important because that's where it all begins in praise of the Lord. You get to that point when you come here."



### *Pastor's column...*

The truths before us are both familiar and concerning, old and new, in their own ways. But they are wrapped in the larger truth that God calls us forward to a future that is already laid out for us to discern. As Paul wrote to the early church at Corinth, "For now we see through a dark glass, but then we will see face to face." Amen.

## Ice cream a just dessert

### Children at Merry Oaks Elementary earned a sweet treat as a reward for reading

With welcoming shouts of “congratulations!” from Caldwell volunteers, 280 students at **Merry Oaks Elementary** dug into bowls of Cookies & Cream, Chocolate Swirl and Neapolitan ice cream as a reminder to the successful young readers that reading is way more than an okay thing to do.

In what has become a regular celebration, a group of Caldwell volunteers scooped ice cream into bowls for grateful **Merry Oaks Elementary** students who met their reading quota for the prior quarter.

The Caldwell volunteers pitch in to help students and staff at Merry Oaks throughout the year. Handling the business end of ice cream scoops is just one of the ways we help this very diverse school north of Central Avenue.



*Children waited patiently in line for their reward of a bowl of ice cream. The ice cream was provided by Caldwell volunteers, many of whom spend more than one day each week helping in a variety of ways at the school. Caldwell has provided volunteer support to Merry Oaks for several years as part of our larger mission.*

### Caldwell volunteers welcomed at Merry Oaks

Helping a broad mixture of children at Merry Oaks has earned Caldwell volunteers a big helping of thanks from the school.

Caldwell members “are good role models for our children,” says **Kathryn Bentley**, literacy facilitator for the school. “It’s just wonderful to have your (Caldwell) support.” Bentley adds that beyond helping the children read, “you help with recycling and you’ve donated endless boxes of books.”

As for the ice cream party, Bentley says “it’s great bang for the buck. The children are so motivated by it.”

Children are tested for reading proficiency early in the year and earn points for reading books at their ability level.

Each child has a goal for the quarter, and for this just-concluded school year, students took more than 32,000 tests to advance their reading skills - all while they kept a watchful eye on their point totals in their quest to earn enough points for ice cream.

Perhaps totaling their points helps student math skills, too.



**Kathryn Bentley**, Merry Oaks literacy facilitator, thanks Caldwell volunteers for being “good role models for our children.”

*In addition to the yummy ice cream (they pick their choice of flavors) the children also get a certificate of their reading proficiency.*



*I like to see the joy on the children’s faces and knowing they are working so hard to get to this party. It makes it all worthwhile.*

**Nancy Nance**

# for readers at Merry Oaks



*The Caldwell scoop brigade displays the tools of the ice cream trade. From left to right: **Jean Nance, Nancy Nance, Joyce Deaton, Jeff Michiner, Mary Lou Lindsey and Sally Thomas.** This faithful crew - including other volunteers who are not shown - devote untold hours to the children, teachers and staff at the multi-cultural school.*



*This is the most bang for the buck. It's a great incentive to get them to read.*  
**Mary Lou Lindsey**



*The school year may be over but the drive to collect children's books for Merry Oaks is far from done. The collection basket sits inside the main entry to the church. Your donation of time at the school is welcome, too.*

## Recent visitors to Caldwell

From left to right are **Mary Mandeville, Henrietta Keever and Kirk Mandevellie**, all of Charlotte. They are friends of **Liz Wagner** and they visited Caldwell to see her preach.



**Ben Johnson** and his son, **Patrick Rocio**, age 7, were here for our joint service with the bilingual preschool.



**Paula Kohut** of Wilmington, **Kristie Greco** of Charlotte and **John Johnson** of Charlotte were first time guests.

*Seminar continued...*

integration of Latinos into Charlotte and the larger U.S. community. "I think they (seminar attendees) are interested, and they are like me, they wonder what they can do about it," says Liz. Individuals may not have the wherewithal to foster change, but "If I can get a group of people that are with me, and garner support of Scripture, we may have a little more power and clout, and maybe can make some changes." says Liz.

Joyce adds that the seminars, months in the planning, are striking a chord. "The course is really based in the Bible and what the Bible teaches us about welcoming strangers in our midst," she says. "This is about how we respond and how attendees think about it in their faith journey." CGN! correspondent Sally Thomas contributed to this article.



**Liz Wagner** leads the class. It is worth noting that Caldwell, through several existing outreach efforts to the Latino community, is already providing some of the answers to questions the group is talking about.

## Caldwell Centennial video an online sensation

If you have not seen, or simply want to view the marvelous Centennial video again, make haste now to Caldwell's Facebook page.

The 11 minute documentary *Resurrecting Caldwell Presbyterian Church* drew rave reviews from visitors and guests at a recent Sunday showing.

**Peg Robarchek**, who was deeply involved in the preparation of the video with **GreyHawk Films**, says the local Presbytery "wanted to show how a church resurrected itself." The video premiered at a diversity conference in Charlotte.

Peg says it was a chore to pare nearly 12 hours of video to its essence, but the final product is a gem.



## Bilingual preschoolers, parents both graduate

The **Charlotte Bilingual Preschool** is ready for graduation! Twenty-eight children will graduate and are ready to enter kindergarten and will be at or above grade level. How do we know? In collaboration with UNCC, this year all 54 children were tested on vocabulary, English comprehension, social and emotional skills when school started in September. This month the same tests were administered and results evaluated. Using a 5 point scale, all students (except those with learning challenges) tested in the top two tiers indicating readiness for kindergarten! Congratulations to the students, their parents and teachers who collaborated to ensure the children's success.

Eighty-four people- students and their families- took a day trip on Saturday, June 9th to Lazy 5 Ranch. After enjoying the wild animals at Lazy 5 ranch everyone gathered in the park on the grounds of the ranch and enjoyed a picnic. An action-packed day riding huge horse-drawn wooden wagons gave even the smallest child a panoramic view of the rolling terrain and the very BIG animals. A fun day out of the city and into the country.

This year the school was a recipient of a grant from Arts and Science Council in collaboration with the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art. The program was enjoyed by both parents and their children. On June 14 the school held an art exhibit in Caldwell's Fellowship Hall. **Erin Dennison**, a Caldwell member and a teacher at CBP, coordinated the art lessons with the Bechtler, their artist and the school. All participants enjoyed learning about different art forms and culminated the project with a trip to the Bechtler Museum.

June 22 is GRADUATION DAY and a cause for celebration. Graduation ceremonies will be held at 11 a.m. at Third Presbyterian. Please plan to join this fun event!

As soon as graduation is over we will do home visits and then start planning for the 2012-2013 school year. Currently, there are over 300 children on our waiting list. The need for additional classrooms to meet the demand is great. Please pray that we find funding sources that will allow us to expand our capacity to accommodate this under-served population that lives among us; all God's Children.

**Ann Alford**, *CGN!* correspondent



*Children were a big part of a joint worship service between families from the bilingual preschool and Caldwell. It was a wonderful service for all.*



Bilingual preschoolers aren't the only graduates in many Latino families: many of their parents completed English as a Second language courses taught by Caldwell members.

The adults students took classes on Mondays and Thursdays since last fall. The parents were divided into classes for beginners and those with more advanced English skills. They worked very hard throughout the year, and these pictures were taken at the ESL graduation party on May 31. Lead teachers for the ESL classes were **Alex and Ann Smythers**, with regular assistance from **Ann Alford, Joyce Deaton, and Judy Atwell**.

**Kitty Bohr**, *CGN!* Correspondent

(Photo: **Ann Smythers**)

# Caldwell in photos



*Barbara Cantisano, the long-time executive director of the Bilingual Preschool, says goodbye and 'thanks' during the recent Sunday service that included many bilingual preschool families as guests. (Photo: Sally Thomas)*



*Dianne Sullivan and Willie Mae Mobley, friends of Wilma Petty, visited Caldwell on a beautiful Sunday morning.*



*Brenda Moricle was guest organist at our May 20 service. Brenda is a frequent accompanist at weddings performed at Caldwell.*

*Elizabeth Johnson, right, a frequent visitor to Caldwell on Sundays, recently moved out of the shelter and into her own apartment, and she says "I want to give thanks to the congregation, friends and family for all their gifts I've received. I am very truly grateful."*



*Former Caldwell pastor Charlie McDonald, right, was in attendance at the May 20 service which was conducted in the manner of services held in Caldwell's early years. The service was part of Caldwell's 100th anniversary celebration.*



*Fred Powers can do more than ring the tower bells. He shows a deft baby sitting touch with Elijah Kleinmann while Elijah's mother, Joan, rehearsed with the choir before a Sunday service.*

# Caldwell Good News! Bulletin Board

## COMING UP SOON...

### JUNE

#### Monday, June 18

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

#### Tuesday, June 19

Finance Committee, 12:15 - 1:30 p.m., Upstairs

Music Ministry Town Hall, 7 - 8 p.m., Shelby

#### Thursday, June 21

Education Committee, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Upstairs

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

#### Sunday, June 24

Congregational Meeting, after service

Music Ministry Town Hall, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Immigration Education Program, 6 - 8 p.m., Shelby

#### Monday, June 25

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

### JULY

#### Tuesday, July 3

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

Music Ministry Town Hall, 7 - 8 p.m., Shelby

#### Wednesday, July 11

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

#### Thursday, July 12

Congregation Care Committee, 6 - 8 p.m., Shelby

#### Sunday, July 15

Economic Apartheid, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Shelby

#### Monday, July 16

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

## 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 p.m. - Mission & Justice Comm., Shelby

### Wednesdays

7 p.m. - Choir practice

### 2nd Thursday

6 p.m., Congregational Care, Shelby

### 3rd Tuesday

12:15 p.m. - Finance committee, Upstairs

### 3rd Thursday

12:15 p.m. - Worship committee, Shelby

6:30 p.m. - Education committee, Upstairs

### Every Friday

7:30 p.m., AA, Shelby

### Sundays

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

11 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 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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## **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!*

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## 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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