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## A Faithful Response to Gun Violence

By Rev. Bob Henderson and Rev. John Cleghorn

The following op-ed column appeared in *The Charlotte Observer* to mark the Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath, March 15-17.

On January 25, America's scourge of gun-related violence descended on our congregations. Early that morning, Caldwell Presbyterian member Mike Middleton was shot and killed in his driveway. A selfless mentor and friend to hundreds, Mike had once served as his assailant's Narcotics Anonymous sponsor.

Hours later, a thief burst into the college apartment of Covenant Presbyterian member Robby McNeil, firing a shot causing significant brain damage. Only 19, he is now on his long road of recovery.

Faced with these tragedies, our congregations are now searching for a faithful response to America's epidemic of gun violence. As their pastors, we take our place in a confession

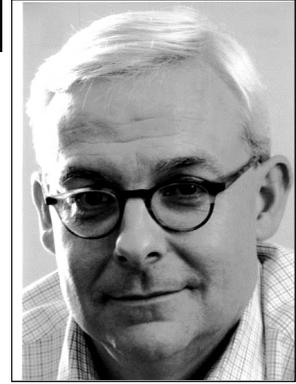
that we, as a society, did not do enough to protect Mike and Robby. At the same time, our faith requires that we recommit to the passage of common sense public policy that makes ours a safer and more peaceful nation.

We stand with virtually all major world religions, which share an ethic that parallels what Christians call the "Great Commandment" to love neighbor as self. Our Old Testament tells of a people God commanded to live in a just covenant community, elevating the common good over individual rights. The prophet Isaiah envisioned "new heavens and a new earth ... where the wolf and the lamb shall feed together." We hold fast to that vision, not as a soft, idealist sentiment but as a sacred duty we must pursue, even in the face of failure and tragedy.

The Gospel in particular envisions a radical reorientation away from self and personal piety and toward God and neighbor. Love of God without love of neighbor amounts only to selfish spirituality, vacuous in content and insipid in application. Leave out love of neighbor and religion becomes exclusive, self-righteous, and oftentimes dangerous. Our nation's love affair with guns has moved well into the dangerous phase.

As Presbyterians, we are particularly mindful that our Reformed tradition emphasizes a responsibility beyond a private faith to the larger ordering of a peaceful society in which each human life is valued equally.

To that end, we endorse a coalition of nearly 50 denominations and faith-based organizations observing a Gun Violence Prevention Sabbath this weekend. It is a time to reflect, unite and act on the issue of gun violence. We do so aware of the potential for disagreement but confident that this world needs more than peace-talkers;



Rev. John Cleghorn

it needs peace-makers.

As Congress studies the issue, we urge a call on federal and state lawmakers to:

- Reinstate the assault weapons ban that expired in 2004. Assault weapons are weapons of war and have no place in the hands common citizens.
- Require universal background checks when purchasing any firearm. Guns only belong in the hands of those who know how to handle them with correct intention.
- Make gun trafficking a federal crime and require all guns to be registered with the state and insured by their owners, just as we do automobiles.

We also suggest a hard look at taxing the sale of bullets – as we do cigarettes and alcohol. This could offset the public costs that bullets help create, estimated to be \$12 billion a year in court proceedings, insurance costs and hospitalizations paid for by government health programs, according to a recent study.

As Americans, are grateful for freedoms we enjoy in our country. As Christians, we also remember the Apostle Paul's teaching, "For you were called to freedom ... only do not

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# New music director: ‘...music is joyful and from the heart’

*“...it seems like a kingdom on earth kind of place, and that’s how it should be.”*

*Ann Hunter Eidson*



“It’s such a welcoming, friendly church. It’s authentic, no one is putting on airs for anyone else. It’s kind of rare to find a group of worshippers who are happy to be there. People exude that at Caldwell.”

Ann Hunter Eidson learned first-hand of Caldwell’s reputation as a “vibrant and authentic” church when she visited the church unannounced last summer while on sabbatical. Now, as our music director, she sees the potential for growth in music from both our inspirational choir and the congregation. “I would really

love for the congregation to grow more and more ... to enjoy congregational singing more and more,” she said.

Much like a fresh canvas is primed and ready to be painted, the musical potential at Caldwell appears just as receptive to Ann, who knew of the church’s reputation before she ever visited.

“It’s such a welcoming, friendly church,” she said. “It’s authentic, no one is putting on airs for anyone else. It’s kind of rare to find a group of worshippers who are happy to be there. People exude that at Caldwell.”

As for what our music future holds, Ann said “that will become clear with the 3D (Discernment, Discussion and Dreaming) process. I sense that in the next step, we can widen the range of musical genres, keeping the gospel as our main course, but we can expand the menu some.”

There may also be some momentum toward expansion of our musical sounds beyond singing that may have current choir members, congregants and guests polishing off their non-vocal skills. “I’d like to do an inventory of instruments, and use that in worship a good bit,” she said.

## **Our ‘joyful noise’**

And as our music ministry grows, Ann foresees that our joyful noise won’t be confined to Caldwell itself but extended to the larger community as well. This would dovetail with Caldwell’s long tradition as a missional church.

“With the missional vision of this church, I would like to find a way to take our song outside of Caldwell,” said Ann.

She is also grateful for the opportunity to work with those who have kept Caldwell’s music program in the forefront at Sunday and other services.

“I feel fortunate to work on a team with Smitty (Flynn) and

Manley (Roberts) and to learn from them and share music making with them,” she said.

## **A strong background**

Ann comes to Caldwell with a well-rounded background including 24 years of experience in church music. Most recently she was Minister of Music at Park Road Baptist Church in Charlotte. She has also held music positions with other churches in Raleigh and Chapel Hill.

Ann also has a long tenure as Director of the Interfaith Children’s Choir along with other music-related duties at Mecklenburg Ministries. She also serves on the board at Hyaet Ministries.

At a time when Caldwell is firming up its music ministry, Ann recognizes what others have long seen in her new church.

## **A ‘thoughtful church’**

“The music is joyful and from the heart and lively and their social ministries are known around town,” she said. “People seem very genuine here, and the diversity is so rich. It’s a very thoughtful church. They are united in being part of this community.”



## ‘... faithful to what God has called ...’

A recent PC-USA moderator says Caldwell is a “congregation that is deciding how it’s going to be Presbyterian”

Change is in the wind for Presbyterian congregations, and how well the church adapts depends in large part on its ability to accept “the new world view” of church demographics and dynamics, according to a recent moderator (2008-2010) of the Presbyterian Church-USA (PC-USA).

### Small church growth

Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow told Caldwell’s adult Sunday School class that Presbyterians will become smaller as a denomination and that most growth will come in small church communities that serve niche needs while openly recognizing societal changes.



Reyes-Chow says Presbyterians “will change by momentum.”

“We care more that you land in church,” said Bruce, instead of worry what form that church takes.

### His ‘greatest fear’

What is already shifting is “our demographic ethic,” said Bruce, “which will change by momentum.” Presbyterian churches will become more minority yet not as diverse as other denominations. Bruce said his “greatest fear” is that Presbyterians will not readily adapt to this new environment.

His remarks painted a picture whereby Presbyterians have only to look at themselves for the root cause behind shrinking church attendance and a schism that has divided the church on social and other issues.

Bruce said the leadership culture of the church stems from a time as older leaders try to hold onto power. The solution, he said, is “we

have to shift our roles and not resent it. Our biggest struggle is about the new world view, and it’s incumbent on older leaders to figure out how to bring that view about. Reyes-Chow admits, however, “I’m not sure we’re ready for it, but these conversations could not have been held 10 years ago.”

### ‘This is the place’

He points to churches, such as Caldwell, that can and will thrive. “The healthiest churches are those where you walk in and know ‘this is the place’.”

He said Caldwell is a “congregation that is deciding how it’s going to be Presbyterian. Individual congregations have to discover what they will be.” Caldwell is, he said, “a church that is being faithful to what God has called them to become.” He was in town for a Presbyterian conference.



*Liz Wagner*

- **Week 1** – considered the use of a centering word to help focus our wandering minds.
- **Week 2** – incorporated breath work and Scripture passages or hymn fragments.
- **Week 3** – blended intercessory prayer with our contemplative time, lifting congregational concerns shared on prayer cards.
- **Week 4** – explored the use of images or icons as an aid to worship and contemplation.
- **Week 5** – will incorporate song to center our minds before entering silence.
- **Week 6** – will practice meditative walking either on the labyrinth at Presbyterian Hospital or within our Caldwell courtyard.

## Contemplative prayer is an ancient practice common to many religious traditions.

However, it may be new to many 21<sup>st</sup> century American Protestant Christians. This Lenten season, we have been exploring contemplative prayer on Thursday evenings at Caldwell in the prayer room and Tuesdays at noon in the Scott Lindsay Chapel at Presbyterian Hospital.

Our sessions have included up to 20 minutes of silent meditation and an opportunity to experience different prayer practices (*see the list on the left*).

Those who have participated in our sessions have enjoyed them a great deal; some reveling in the embrace of silence, some delighting in new methods of prayer, some finding comfort in the communal experience of group prayer. Many welcome finding a prayer method that aligns with their learning style or favorite activity. Of course, all have relished the opportunity to strengthen their prayer life and deepen their relationship with God.

The capstone of our contemplative exploration is a prayer vigil, beginning immediately after the Maundy Thursday service and lasting through Good Friday. We hope to incorporate lessons from our six week study in those 24 hours.

## Not volunteering - yet? There is no shortage of opportunities at Caldwell, starting with:

### Children's Christian Education Programs

Since Caldwell's Christian Education Program is 100% volunteer led, assistance is always needed! The greatest need for help is in the nursery, but we can always use help with the other programs. Volunteers can commit to whatever schedule works for them - once or twice a month is ideal. All parents of children in our programs are especially urged to volunteer (and we know many of you do already). All volunteers must pass background checks before working with children. **Contact Caroline Lublinkhof at 704 651 1077 or carolinecheek86@gmail.com or Joe Lublinkhof at 704-998-1060.**

### Congregational Life Committee

The congregational life committee can use volunteers and committee members to plan church-based activities and to help during the activities. **Please contact Yolanda Dentley at 704-604-4851 or at ymdentley@yahoo.com.**

### Finance Committee

The finance committee is looking for members. It meets once a month to review the church's financial statements. It also oversees the financial processes of the church, including the collection of the offering, and monitors the church bank accounts. The committee is also responsible for developing the budget of the church each year.

While some familiarity with accounting or banking is helpful, mostly the committee just needs people who are willing to share their time and common sense! **Contact Molly Griffin at mabgriffin@aol.com or call 704-376-5524.**

### Bilingual Preschool

The bilingual preschool's English as Second Language classes in the Price Building need volunteers on Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Call Alex or Ann Smythers at 704-258-0361.**

### Know computers?

We are looking for volunteers to help the Elizabeth Caldwell House clients Tuesday evenings with computer skills. We are offering an orientation for potential volunteers on Monday, March 25. Contact **Helen Hull** nhelen2012@gmail.com or 704-806-1410.

(Sharon Harmon-Robinson, CGN! corresp.)

# Everyone gets something different out of Adult Sunday School. How about you?

All viewpoints and thoughts are welcome. Bring your coffee or tea, too, to 9:45 classes. Here's how some regular attendees view the impact of Sunday school on their lives.



### Daisy Oatman

I do it simply because it's been my upbringing to attend. I'm seeking to learn more about the Word so I can apply it.



### Craig Ogle

I've been to Sunday school for 20 or 30 years. It's what I do.



### Michael Wingate

I have to come here. This is where I build my spirit. It's where we share the Word. I didn't have any footing in the church, and I began to grow and learn about life. I needed someplace to grow.



### Joe Lublinkhof

I like the time to come together for discussion. It brings the Bible into current day discussion. I get the biggest fulfillment out of that.



### Gwendolyn Stanley

It's the opportunity to hear everybody's input on whatever the Word is we are partaking. I like the sharing.



### Helen Hull

It's a great community that helps me to learn more about my faith and faith in general. For me it's about the only place you talk about the Bible and what it's about in your life.



### Maryann Ogle

It's a chance to hear many different voices and try to understand what God is saying to me through all those different voices.

### ACE is ready for you

Caldwell has Adult Christian Education programs in place - with potential for more. The 9:45 a.m. Sunday School class has met faithfully for several years, benefiting from the fellowship and discernment that comes from being in community. The Book Club provides other opportunities for reflection and friendship. Different, shorter series focus, for example, on immigration issues. We want to expand ACE offerings, providing opportunities for members and friends to come together at a variety of times to consider a variety of topics. If you have ideas for topics and/or would like to help coordinate a Sunday or any other series, etc., contact Helen Hull via email at [nchelen2012@gmail.com](mailto:nchelen2012@gmail.com).

### New! Seekers class for middle schoolers!

Caldwell has a new middle school class. Most Sundays middle school kids will exit with other children but assemble as their own class! Other Sundays the kids will take notes during the sermon for further discussion. Caroline and Joe Lublinkhof are leaders for this new class and are excited for the group to grow. The middle schoolers decided to name their group the *Seekers*. On April 14 they will take part in our Youth Sunday Service.

Mark these on your calendar

## Mecklenburg Ministry Events for you

<p><b>Saturday, March 30</b></p>	<p><b>Steve Green: Live in Concert</b> Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, 7 p.m. Event is free (love offering)</p>
<p><b>Thursday, April 18</b></p>	<p><b>Food for Thought: Education: Paying it Foward</b> Location: TBA - 12 Noon - 1 p.m. Guest: Patricia Moore Harbour, Kettering Foundation</p>
<p><b>Need information?</b></p>	<p>Check out <a href="http://www.meckmin.org">www.meckmin.org</a> for more information or contact our Caldwell Mecklenburg Ministries liaison, Marion Idol at <a href="mailto:cmmsidol@carolina.rr.com">cmmsidol@carolina.rr.com</a>.</p>



### Your Easter invitation

The Fellowship Committee will host ***Breakfast on the Lawn*** on Sunday, March 31, 9:30-10:45.

As the members of Caldwell continue the tradition of bringing flowers on Easter morning to be placed on the cross, the Fellowship Committee will also be hosting a continental breakfast on the lawn near the cross. You are invited to come and enjoy a bite to eat and a cup of coffee while you enjoy fellowship with other member and guests.

Gluten-free and sugar-free choices will be available.

(Yvette Wilson, *CGN!* correspondent)

## A note of gratitude from Guatemala

Excitement is growing for Caldwell's **Vision Team** trip to Guatemala and spaces are filling up! There is still time for you to sign up for this life-changing trip scheduled for October 6-13, 2013. As I reflect on my return to Guatemala and Caldwell's mission with **Common Hope**, I would like to share a portion of a letter that I recently received from **Katerine**, a 13 year old girl that I sponsor through Common Hope. Katerine and her family of 7 live in a small village in Guatemala on a very small family income. Her education is made possible by her affiliation with Common Hope. Above our team photo is a portion of her recent letter translated in English.

Beautiful words of gratitude from a child. As we begin preparations for returning to Guatemala,

*"I am excited to tell you how much I like my school. I have many friends and am getting good grades. I want to thank you for the card you sent me and the little stars. I really love stars. I contemplate them before going to bed. I talk to God and thank him for his many blessings and for keeping me healthy. I always have you in my mind and my heart. I really want to meet you and thank you in person for all your support. You are like a star to me."*



**Caldwell's Guatemala Mission Team joins new friends on a recent tour of service.**

I am grateful for this opportunity and grateful to be a part of a church whose mission goes far beyond its four walls. If you would like to join Caldwell's Vision Team, work alongside Common Hope staff and volunteers and meet the families whose lives have been changed by their partnership with Common Hope, contact **Cathy Lum**, 704-237-3731 or by email at [catbivslp@aol.com](mailto:catbivslp@aol.com).

To learn more about Common Hope's work, mission and sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.commonhope.org](http://www.commonhope.org). Gracias!

(Cathy Lum, CGN! correspondent)

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use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love serve one another."

As we observe the Christian season of Lent, we reflect on our belief that God came into the world in Jesus Christ "not to be served but to serve and to give his life." Surely, that sacrifice is for something greater than what we are seeing today on our streets, in our neighborhoods and in our congregations.

Lent is also a time to turn in a new direction. As a nation, let us turn away from our violent ways, for Mike Middleton, Robby McNeil and all others whose lives have been forever changed by our loving guns too much and our God not enough.

To sign a petition calling for action against guns, visit: <http://www.capwiz.com/pcusa/issues/alert/?alertid=62382861&type=C>



**Communion by intinction is held the first Sunday of each month.**



There will be four prayer stations:

Intercessory prayer for Caldwell family and friends	Contemplative reading	Journaling and art	Contemplative music
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## How does our garden grow? With many hands



Recent cool weather was no reason to delay digging in Caldwell's dirt as *CGN!* garden correspondent Merritt Tracy reports:

*We had a great day Saturday preparing the community garden plots. Caldwell members can now garden and work their own garden plot. Everyone was filled with excitement about getting started!*

On our soiled but happy crew: back row: Doreen Byrd, Merritt Tracy. First row: Greg Shell, Katy Hill, Jesca Yiskah-El, Maisha Terrel, Jared Gardner.

## Holy Week Prayer Vigil:

**'... so powerful that I didn't want to leave when my hour was up.'**

**What will your experience be?**

Last year, I sat in the sanctuary at 2 a.m. during our Holy Week Prayer Vigil and found it to be so powerful that I didn't want to leave when my hour was up. I stayed an additional hour. So when the opportunity came to participate in this year's Prayer Vigil, I couldn't wait. I've spoken with others who experienced the same awe and joy that I felt.

### Volunteers needed

We're signing up volunteers right now to cover the 24-hour period, which will begin immediately following the Tennebrae service on Thursday, March 28, and continue until 8:30 p.m. on Good Friday, March 29.

We'll incorporate most of the forms of prayer that were offered last year, plus a few additional activities. So no matter what kind of prayer speaks to you most powerfully, there should be an opportunity for you to experience it this year.

### More prayer stations

There will be four prayer stations (below photo, upper left). Throughout the space you'll also find inspiring messages related to healing hope, rebirth, social justice and more.

In addition, whenever we have a large enough group of people and the weather permits, we plan to offer walking prayer on the hour, circling the exterior of the building while engaging in silent prayer for Caldwell, its mission and its future.

### Room for youth

We also hope to engage the youth in a more active form of prayer—creating a prayer pathway around the church using sidewalk chalk during the day on Friday.

### Sign for one hour

We would like to have a minimum of six people participating at all times, which should offer the opportunity for people to move from one station to the other at various times during their hour. Please see Carol King, Liz Wagner or me about signing up for an hour...or more.

Contact Peg Robarchek at [coachpeg@aol.com](mailto:coachpeg@aol.com) about the Prayer Vigil or message her on Facebook.com/peg.robarchek. You can call Peg at 704-497-6486.

(Peg Robarchek, *CGN!* correspondent)

**You have more Prayer Vigil options than ever before at this important time of year. Please feel free to join us.**



'Passing the peace' is always a joyous part of Sunday services.



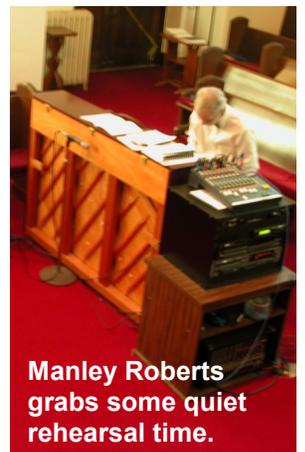
Jeremiah (7), Tianai (5) and Sunny Hager visited recently.



Jeff Mitchiner leads a group of attentive children in a recent Godly Play class.



Recent visitors (l to r): Dominique Deshommès, Chris Skibinski and Erin Dougherty, Benjamin, Jacob and Melissa Ratliff.



Manley Roberts grabs some quiet rehearsal time.

# Caldwell Good News! Bulletin Board

## March

Tues., 26th, noon - 1 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer, Presbyterian Hospital, Scott Lindsey Chapel
Tues., 26th, 5: 30 - 8:30 p.m.	Session, Shelby Room
Tues., 26th, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Yoga, Fellowship Hall
Thurs., 28th, 7:30 p.m.	Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary
Thurs., 28th, 6:30 - 8 p.m.	Prayer Vigil, Prayer Room
Good Friday, 29th, to 8:30 p.m.	Prayer Vigil, Prayer Room
Easter Sunday, 31st 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Continental breakfast on the Lawn by the Cross.

## April

Mon., 8th, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Women's Circle, Shelby Room
Wed., 10th, 6 - 7:30 p.m.	Mission & Justice Committee, Shelby Room
Thurs., 11th, 6 - 8 p.m.	Congregational Care Committee, Shelby Room
Mon., 15th, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Women's Book Club, TBA
Tue., 16th, 6:30 - 8: p.m.	Buildings & Grounds, Shelby Room
Thurs., 18th, 6:30 - 8 p.m.	Education Committee, Upstairs
Thurs., 18th, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee, Shelby Room
Fri., 19th, 5 p.m. -	Women's Retreat, Montreat
Fri., 19th, noon - 1:30 p.m.	Finance Committee, Upstairs
Sat., 20th, all day	Women's Retreat, Montreat
Sun. 21st, until noon	Women's Retreat, Montreat
Tues., 23rd, 5:30 - 8 p.m.	Session, Shelby Room

## 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, 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Pastor's Office Hours

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

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!*

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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 important, 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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