#### Our littlest ones graduate

Caldwell has a history with the Bilingual Preschool. Many students just graduated - and are ready to move onward and upward. Page 3

#### 3D comes into focus

More than 20 groups of Caldwell members and friends continue their journeys to help the church determine a purposeful, missional direction in the coming years. But the discussions raise as many questions as there are answers.

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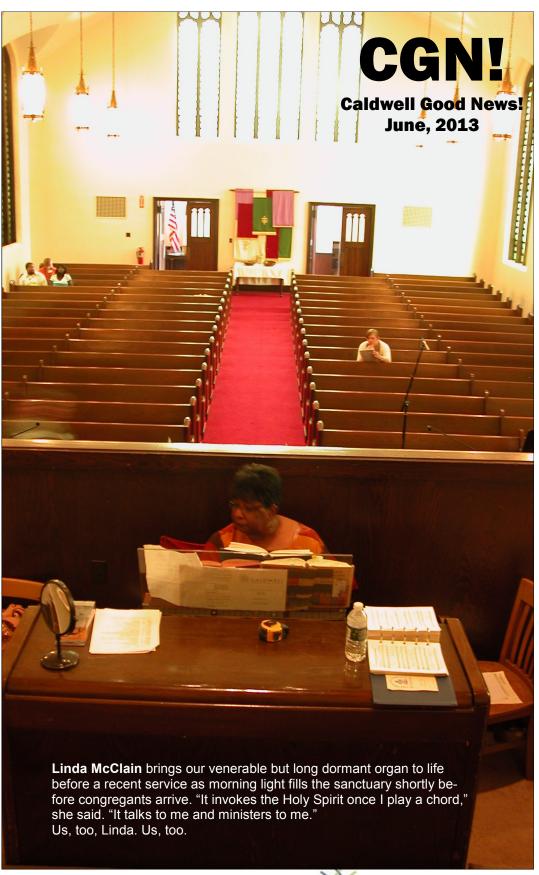
#### This summer it's all about the kids

Activities for underserved children will be sure to ring a BELL for lots of students and parents this summer. Page 8

## "Mama, what was your role during the crisis?"

Strife in war torn portions of Africa lead a strong willed woman to find - insist, really - on a surprising solution to end the violence: prayer.

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Pastor's Message

#### **Participating with Christ**

The headline phrase above comes from the core of Reformed theology. We should pay attention to the words and their meaning.

We are called (as Evie says in her column this month) to serve God. We may do so in all sorts of ways that we identify as needed to build God's "kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven," as Jesus instructed us to pray. Our ongoing 3D process is designed as a way to help us think afresh about what God is calling us to do.

Whatever we do, however, we strive to join God in Christ already at work in the world. So, we "participate with Christ." This is in no way a more passive or secondary form of activity, as we respond to God's grace. It still requires prayerful consideration,

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humble discernment and committed energy.

This understanding helps us see that we are never alone and never "out in front" of Christ. Rather, if we seek God's guidance in everything, we are participating with Christ, whether that is teaching children the Gospel, seeking justice, tending the garden to feed the hungry, embracing immigrants and "strangers" or any of the other things we do at Caldwell.

As our PC(USA) constitution reads: "To be members of the body of Christ is to be sent out to pursue the mission of God and to participate in God's new creation, God's kingdom drawing the present to itself." (F-1.02d)

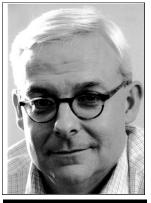
How reassuring to know that God's new creation is already unfolding and that God is standing in the field, waving us to join in this sacred task.

#### **Our Staff is Complete**

I can't tell you how happy I am now that our church staff is complete. In recent weeks, we have welcomed Anne Hunter Eidson as Music Director and Worship and Membership Coordinator; and, Rev. Evie Landrau as Associate Pastor. They join me and Business and Operations Manager Leslie Gipple on the payroll, to which we so joyfully work with volunteer music leaders Smitty Flynn and Manley Roberts, along with a steady stream of interns.

We have come a long way from the days when **Rev. Dr. Charlie Mac-Donald** worked as a 20-hour-a-week, part-time pastor with a part-time church secretary. I thought it might be helpful to provide a snapshot of our general areas of responsibility:

I will continue to divide my time across several areas – preaching and leading worship, congregational care and newcomer outreach/evangelism, discipleship of time, talent and treasure, coordinating the work of session and its 12 committees, leadership development, missions, justice and public witness in our community, staff



Rev. John Cleghorn

oversight, help with Christian education and spiritual development, communications and serving as pointperson to our campus partners (Bread of Life Christian Ministries, Salvation Army, Charlotte Bilingual Preschool and BELL). In addition, I serve on the boards of several church-related non-profit service organizations.

Rev. Evie Landrau will work 30 hours a week focusing primarily on congregational care and leading worship (including preaching when I am not). Secondarily, she will focus on young adults, enhancing congregational diversity and missions and justice. (A note: We will review the divisions of responsibility between Evie and me later in the 3D process, according to what it suggests.)

Leslie Gipple remains more than busy handling all of the nonministerial responsibilities, including finance and budget management, administration, buildings and grounds management, technology, communications and more.

Anne Hunter Eidson serves 20hours a week as Music Director, coordinating weekly music and choir directing alongside Smitty and Manley and guiding our overall music ministries. She also serves as Coordinator of Worship and Membership.

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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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## Graduados, gran trabajo!

(Graduates, great job!)

Caldwell knows these children well. Many studied at the Bilingual Preschool in our Price Building. And a graduation is always a good thing, as **Sally Thomas** reports about the Bilingual Preschool graduation ceremonies.

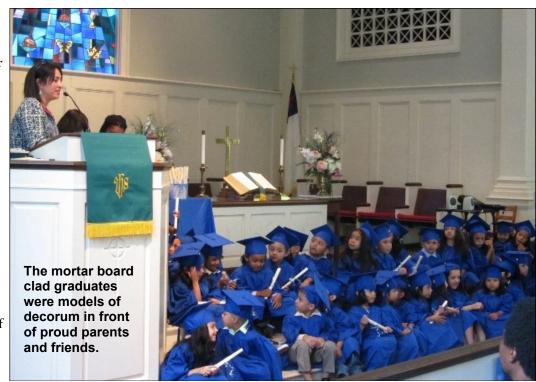
- There were two alumna who spoke at the graduation, a sixth grader and a first grader. Their speeches ... were quite wonderful in both the words and the delivery.
- Then they opened it up for any of the children to speak (4/5-year-olds), and a good number did! They were very cute and amazingly well-spoken.
- Zach has written a "school song" for the school, and this was the first time it was sung in public, by the students, teachers, and -- at the end -- the parents.
- **Anne Eidsen** played the piano.
- They gave out little diplomas, and at the end all the students threw their caps up in the air!
- **Joanne Tate**, the new director of the bilingual preschool, has shared a change in focus. Instead of just trying to get the students to learn English well enough for public kindergarten, they now will intentionally be

a TRUE bi-lingual school. This means that there will be a focus on making sure that the children not only learn proper English but also learn proper Spanish, so that they can become truly bilingual. In today's world this is a very good skill to have, but many of these children's parents never went to school (or not for long, anyway) and don't know their own language very well. So the school will focus on teaching good language skills for both English and Spanish.

 Education plays a central role in the development of these hopeful and ambitious students.







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Rev. Evie Laudrau

Ask yourself this question:
What is my purpose in the Caldwell community?

#### It's more than a job, it's about purpose!

## I am filled with joy and great expectations at being here at Caldwell!

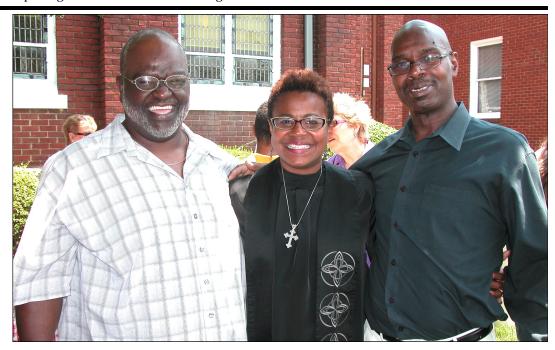
Thank you all for receiving me so graciously with enthusiasm. Your reception has caused me to meditate on our purpose as a Christian community. I am convinced that coming to Caldwell is more than a job, it is my purpose. Over time many of us have engaged in different jobs/employment to further our careers or simply make ends meet. Some of us may have worked

jobs we did not enjoy and others may have had jobs that brought about great satisfaction and learning opportunities. I believe that each opportunity in life brings us closer to our God given purpose.

However, instead of focusing on getting the job done here at Caldwell, let us be encouraged to see our lives as purposeful instruments for the Kingdom of God. Purpose is defined as "the reason for which something is done or created or which something exists." Living with purpose will means embracing yourself as created in the image of God and, as such, knowing that you have something significant and powerful to do here in this place.

You are created with gifts and talents that Caldwell and the community need. I am reminded of Psalm 139:14, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." Ask yourself this question and reflect on it: What is my purpose in the Caldwell community? You and I are not here just to get the job done. We are here to fulfill God's given purposes through proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ in innovative ways, sharing our talents, and opening our hearts to God's healing love!

Great weather allowed a 'welcome to Caldwell' reception for Rev. Evie
Landrau to be held on our lawn. Richard Campbell and Leroy Stinson are glad Evie is here.



### Caldwell finances on track

#### Thanks to all who continue to meet their church pledges on schedule!

Pledged giving and other sources of income are on track year to date through May. Combined with careful expense management, the church continues to be in sound financial condition. Through May, income totaled \$157,628 compared to expenses of \$153,482. Members are encouraged to stay current with pledge payments and other contributions through the summer months, when payments tend to lag.

If you would like to make it easy by supporting the church through secure, on-line giving, go to the church website (caldwellpresby.org) and look for the "Donate Online" button in the upper right hand side of the home page. If you have yet to make an annual pledge, please do as a response to God's grace and love. Look for the "Discipleship/Pledge" button, also on the home page. Every pledge matters.

## Our garden is doing great, but more volunteers are always needed to water during the week or on Saturday mornings

# Caldwell Bilingual Preschool Garden

#### Mission & Justice groups

are beginning to plan for the fall, but summer activities are still going on.

- The over-all M&J Committee finished up the spring season with the first theme/guest speaker meeting.
   We watched a video about "Empathy," the motivation for missions, and then Jill Aleong talked about the flexibility of opportunities for CMS-Mercy volunteers within walking distance of Caldwell.
- Ryan Kingston outlined the activities coming up during the Gay Pride Festival in August (24 and 25).
- Moral Monday demonstrations will continue as long as the North Carolina Legislature is in session.
- The Merry Oaks committee is exploring the addition of animals to the elementary school classrooms, the expansion of gardens, and recognition for teachers.
- Latino Ministries has more than 20 people interested in teaching ESL next year. Caldwell will be providing our own training for new and returning teachers.
- Our team of missionaries to Guatemala leaves October 6.
- The Caldwell Vegetable Garden is going great.
   Some vegetables are already being harvested.
- Calls for help with Caldwell House breakfasts are going out via the list serve.
- The next full Mission & Justice committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 9.
- By Alex Smythers



Our crack photo staff - okay, Jim and Dave - are taking portraits before and after Sunday services the next few weeks for the church directory. Sittings start at 10 a.m. and wrap up at 1 p.m.



The first Sunday of each month is communion Sunday ... it's when we welcome new members, too.

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Caldwell in 3D: Discernment - Discussion - Dreaming

#### How do we deal with

## growth?

Caldwell's journey as a missional church stretches our boundaries in ways not imagined a few years ago

Every 3D group (now more than 20) wrestles with a dichotomy not easily answered: how does once-small Caldwell cope with growth as it keeps a strong missional presence inside the church and out - and all the while maintain the sense of a closeknit, diverse community that attracted worshippers in the first place?

"One of the charms is feeling all the love" at Caldwell, said **Sands Harne**. "It's the first church where I've liked the meet and greet because it's sincere."

That view spoke to the core of a 3D session at the home of **Sherry** and **Richard Bargoil**. How the church prepares itself to minister 2-3-4 years down the road is not easily answered.

#### Steep learning curve

Their discussion was influenced by powerful videos challenging parochial views of U.S. churches that see themselves as somehow the face of Christianity around the globe. Some 80 percent of the world's Christians are non-white said missional leadership specialist Reggie McNeal in one of the videos offered at caldwellpres**by.org**. The church in the U.S., he said, faces

know they are welcome?," acknowledging a church known for inclusiveness.

It's our church personality which gets at the heart of the matter according to **Jean Prewitt**. "I just really feel that part of what feels different at our church is the energy going out, not in. You can feel that accep-

Caldwell House, the Bilingual Preschool, Bell's usage of offices, and Bread of Life holding services in our gym, as well as a community garden, among other things.

Is there any part of the church not being used?" asked Sands. It looks like all parts are, he said.



"a very steep learning curve" about its place in the order of Christianity and its approach to religion given that 15 percent of Americans want nothing to do with the church.

"We have to quit thinking of church as a 'what' but a 'who'," said McNeal. To do so, he said, requires a "different scorecard."

Which is what Caldwell is attempting to create.

tance when you come in. It's been there all along."

#### **Requests for space**

Still, there is more demand for our space and for services.

Carol Williams pointed to our education programs as a ministry where one room wasn't enough to meet the needs of children. A few years ago, "The kids went to one room," she said, "then we added Godly

#### **Growing relations**

Best use of space is a consideration, but so the growth and nurturing of relationships outside our walls.

We are a "neighborhood church and I appreciate being part of that" said Jean of her role in the choir. "I've appreciated being part of the larger church community," which brought nods of approval.

#### "It's a hard concept to deal with, growth."

#### **Energy out, not in**

There's no better time than now to talk, said Richard. "Everyone says how we're changing and becoming more crowded," he said, so "the timing of this discussion is fortuitous."

To Cornie Pleasants, a central question includes "How can we be a church where so many people

Play. It took a renovation, major leg work and elbow grease to change it." Young adult programs are also now being offered. "There are all kinds of needs within the walls every Sunday," said **Cornie**. And other days, too. The group rattled off a litany of ministries both internal and external to assist those in need, including Elizabeth's

How Caldwell strikes the balance between a warm past and an equally warm, future has few easy answers. "It's a hard concept to deal with, growth," said Richard. "To be a church we have to grow a church. There's not a model for Caldwell as a missional church. There are multiple things to think about."

#### Caldwell in 3D: Discernment - Discussion - Dreaming

## So much has gone

right for Caldwell it's hard to know where there's room to improve. One 3D group wondered how to improve the church experience for everyone.

Caldwell hasn't been the sole influence on the religious lives of **Sally Thomas**' 3D group. Their church upbringing helped shape how they view and appreciate their experience at Caldwell - and how that impacts the experi-

ence - and perception of Caldwell - for visitors, newcomers and members.

- Virtually every topic the group talked about the effect of services on members, our community impact, problems associated with services, etc. reflects a church in transition as it readies itself for what a new future may hold.
- The group sees Sunday worship as an pure source of joy. "I enjoy this church," said **Don Cowan**. I'm real happy here that we cling to welcoming people." Caldwell does a good

job of shaping a sense of togetherness. "It provides a communal experience," said **Helen Hull**.

 Although the church goes to lengths to welcome visitors portions of the service may catch some guests off guard, such as the highly informal and energized Passing the Peace. What Caldwell regulars see as a joyous few minutes "can be intimidating to visitors," said **Alice MacKay**. But to others, such as Helen and Sally, this portion of the service has special meaning. "It is a genuine source of joy in the service," said Helen, and Sally likes it because "it's hard to see folks in other settings" and to her "it's not long enough."

■ Certainly, Caldwell's rapid growth has created issues of



another variety. As the sanctuary fills on Sundays, some notice the increased numbers of worshippers. "It's getting crowded," said **Mike Watson**. Even so, **Nancy Pugh** said "I'm new and I feel like I'm wanted. When older members say there are too many new people, that's dangerous." But Mike noted that the influx of new visitors and inquirers, including those from Caldwell House, "bring a good presence" to the church.

■ The length of services, which varies from 70 to 90 minutes, was also discussed. None of the group saw

#### What's next for 3D?

Our discussion groups will wrap up their deliberations by mid-July followed by a town hall tentatively set for July 14 to gather in any people who could not participate with a 3D group. A 'Dream Team' will pour through all meeting notes through September and produce a final summary and options which is due in the autumn.



length as an issue but many guests are probably more used to hour-long services. Sally's group looked at possibilities to possibly shorten services without impacting the natural flow of worship. Among noted ideas: reduce the number of people involved in a service to how to treat Joys & Concerns (the service-ending opportunity for the congregation to stand and speak). Some lamented its lesser role, while others said more attendees might result in a protracted J & C. "It's important to me since it makes me feel a strong connection to a small group," said Nancy. Don added "It gets more difficult as we grow. I dearly enjoy it, but it is in transition."

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#### THIS SUMMER it's all about THE KIDS

Building Educated Leaders for Life (BELL) is one of Caldwell's campus partners, using offices off the Shelby Room. BELL features summer programming for at-risk kids.

- Approximately 1,200 children in Charlotte will take part in the BELL Summer Experience for six weeks this summer. The program is a full-day learning experience that combines rigorous academic support with fun, hands-on enrichment activities, field trips, and service learning projects. The program is designed to help children, which BELL calls scholars, in grades K-8 to strengthen the academic skills learned throughout the school year, thereby preventing summer learning loss and preparing them to enter school in the fall ready to excel. The program is free of charge to the scholars and their families.
- A day at BELL Summer starts with a healthy breakfast and community-building activities. Scholars then transition into classrooms, where certified teachers and trained teachers' assistants lead small-group instruction in literacy and math. BELL's staff use research-based curricula aligned to Common Core standards and apply data from computer adaptive assessments to target instruction on scholars' unique learning needs.
- After lunch, scholars participate in a series of enrichment courses with themes including STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), creative arts, and health and exercise. Examples of courses include robotics, digital music production, creative writing, drama, character development, and financial literacy.
- Fridays in BELL Summer are "Mentor Fridays," which include an array of field trips to local attractions like Discovery Place, The NASCAR Hall of Fame Museum, universities like UNC-Charlotte and Johnson C. Smith University and other fun local destinations. Guest speakers are invited weekly to speak with scholars on a variety of relevant topics designed to inspire and engage.
- BELL's local partners include Project L.I.F.T., First Presbyterian Church, A Child's Place and Sister's of Mercy. For more information, please contact **Sherrinne Reece at sherrinne.reece@experiencebell.org** or 704-298-8276. You can also learn more about BELL at experiencebell.org.



## Women's retreat

Caldwell's women got away for a joyous weekend at Montreat for the annual women's retreat.

The primary focus was on the adult version of Godly Play and stories told by way of scripture.

#### COFFEE, FELLOWSHIP AND GROWING UP IN CHRIST

What does it mean to fully grow up "to the stature of Christ?" Begin to explore the question this week during a new Adult Christian Education (ACE) study of the Eugene Peterson book *Practice Resurrection: A Conversation on Growing Up in Christ*. Peterson is an ordained Presbyterian minister and author of many books including the popular contemporary Bible translation *The Message*.

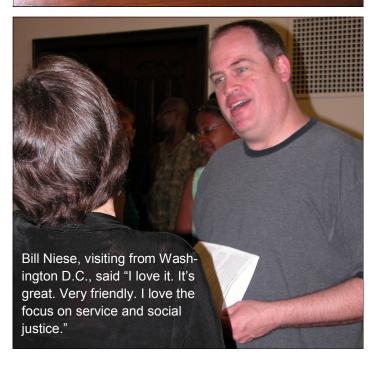
Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30, with the discussion beginning at 9:45. The book uses Scripture - especially Paul's letter to the Ephesians - and the voice of the contemporary Christian congregation to move readers to restore transformed Christian character to the center of their lives.

No preparation is required and no need for a weekly commitment - join us when you can. It's a great place to get to know your Caldwell family on a deeper level. It's a great place to ask questions and ponder answers. And it's a great place to get to know God in a tangible way. ACE wants YOU!









Pastor's column...

As it relates to worship, she produces the weekly worship bulletin, helps plan worship with me and Evie and supports anything else that occurs in the sanctuary. Relative to membership coordinator, she facilitates new members' transfers onto our rolls and keeps track of other member-related administration.

Thanks be to God for the privilege of working alongside these dedicated professionals and servants of our Creator. **Finally, Two "New Things" This Summer** 

This summer, Caldwell's ministries expand in a couple of ways.

Several months ago, Davidson College approached us seeking a partner for a new program it calls "Service Odyssey." From Aug. 5-11, incoming Davidson freshmen will be immersed in a range of urban service opportunities in Charlotte, sleeping and eating at the church when they are not in the "mission field." I am grateful they chose Caldwell for this partnership and mightily appreciate the leadership of **Beth Van Gorp**, who has coordinated this effort with Davidson. Stay tuned for ways you might get involved, if interested.

Also, for the last two years, Caldwell has been blessed to host the interfaith worship service that opens the Charlotte Pride Festival. Many members have joined worshippers from around the city as we lift this activity to God. That service will be at Caldwell again on the afternoon of August 18.

Now, through the leadership of member **Ryan Kingston** and the support of the Missions and Justice Committee, we are broadening our outreach to the LGBT community during Charlotte Pride in these ways:

- On Saturday, August 24, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Caldwell will host a table at the Pride Festival. This is a great opportunity to extend God's inclusive love and invite the thousands of people at the festival to learn more about God's work here. We will need volunteers to "staff" the booth. Please see Ryan, me or Evie.
- On Sunday, August 25, Caldwell members (gay and straight allies) are invited to march in the Pride Parade, assembling just after worship. In worship that day, we will again be joined by Kathy Baldock, whose powerful story of her own journey of acceptance was shared with us last year. If you would like to be a part of the parade outreach, see Ryan, me or Evie.

Justice Forum June 30::

#### Land of opportunity?

Is America the land of opportunity for immigrant youth? That's what speakers - and the audience - will address on June 30 from 5:45 - 8:30 p.m. as part of a Justice Forum at Caldwell (Fellowship Hall) sponsored by our Mission & Justice committee.

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The Prayer Room is

open 3:45 - 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday. Mark your

calendars for these spe-

cial dates: July 17, Inter-

family and friends at 6

p.m. June 26 and July 10,

prayers for social justice

cession for Caldwell

at 5:45 p.m. July 31,

Taize contemplative

music service at 6 p.m.

#### "Mamma, what was your role during the crisis?"

The words in the sermon by **Abong Fankam**, our current intern from Union Presbyterian Seminary, smacked me in the head on June 2.

She was telling the story of 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner **Leymah Gbowee**, a Liberian woman who played a significant role in achieving peace and governmental reform in her country. This courageous woman said, "We are tired. We are tired of war. We are tired of running. We are tired of begging for wheat. We are tired of our children being raped. We are now taking this stand, to secure the future of our children. Because we believe, as custodians of society, tomorrow our children will ask us 'Mamma, what was your role during the crisis?'" And what was Leymah Gbowee's role? What radical step did she take to contribute to sweeping change in her country?

She launched a prayer movement.

She prayed. She encouraged other women to pray. She urged them to stand in the gap against oppression and hunger and violence.

## **Praying for Change**

A few weeks ago, Caldwell began opening its Prayer Room every Wednesday from 3:45 - 6:45 p.m. The space

waits for us to show up and spend time in contemplation, in intercession, in silence before the cross, in journaling our prayers, in allowing God to pray through us. I also believe God spoke to us through Abong about another way we can use that space: To stand for those who are impacted by the crises that threaten us here, across the nation and across the globe.

"What was your role during the crisis?"

I believe Jesus was very clear about where we are to stand in the kind of crises we experience today. We are to stand with the poor, the hungry, the under-served, the unsheltered, the strangers in our midst, those who are too small or too weak to stand for themselves. I've felt the call to do something and I've felt that call acutely. So I post information on Facebook for friends who might want more information or inspiration about the issues we face in today's world. Sometimes I write blog posts. I try to make the right choices in my own life. But surely, surely, there is something more. Something that could make a real difference.

Abong, in telling the story of Leymah Gbowee, showed me how I could do more.

I can pray.

Abong agreed to lead us in prayer (photo below) about specific issues during the remaining weeks of her internship. The first such event was June 12, when a dozen people gathered to sing and pray and observe moments of silence. The next dates will be June 26 and July 10.

We are all invited to come to the Prayer Room to add our voices to these intentional prayers for God's kingdom in the areas of poverty, hunger, health care, education, voting rights, immigration and more.

- By Peg Robarchek

What is our role during the crisis?
For some of us, it is to pray.



#### BG and Bob Metzler want you!...

... to read scripture or welcome everyone during worship service on Sundays. Can you help voice the word of the Lord through scripture? To welcome guests ...come on, we can all do that!! Simply welcome all, have guests stand up and then go through a few housekeeping chores, like those doggone phones that ring during the service. Feel free to let us know so that we may call on you. Our e-mail is bmetz-ler@cruiseholidays.com or phone 704-334-5656.

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#### **Caldwell Good News! Bulletin Board**

#### JUNE

Tue., 25th, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Session, Shelby Room

Wed., 26th, 3:45 - 6:30 p.m.

Prayer in the Prayer Room

Sun. 30th, 4 - 5:45 p.m.

Mission & Justice Forum, reception

on Immigration, Sanctuary

Sun. 30th, 12:30 - 2 p.m.

Guatemala team, Fellowship Hall

#### JULY

Tue., 2nd, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Yoga, Fellowship Hall

Wed., 3rd, 3:45 - 6:45 p.m.

Contemplative Prayer in the Prayer

Thurs. 4th, TBD

Ice cream social

Fri. 5th

Church office closed

Mon. 8th, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30

Women's Circle, Shelby Room

Tue., 9th, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Yoga, Fellowship Hall

Wed., 10th, 3:45 - 6:45 p.m.

Contemplative Prayer in the Prayer Room

Thurs., 11th, 6 - 8 p.m.

Congregational Care Committee,

Shelby Room

Mon., 15th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Women's Book Club, Shelby Room

Tues., 16th, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Buildings & Grounds Committee,

Shelby Room

Tue., 16th, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Yoga, Fellowship Hall

Wed., 17th, 3:45 - 6:45 p.m.

Contemplative Prayer in the Prayer Room

Thurs., 18h, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Education Committee, Shelby Room

Fri., 19th, noon - 1:30 p.m.

Finance Committee, Upstairs

Tues., 23rd, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Session, Shelby Room

Tue., 23rd, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Yoga, Fellowship Hall

Wed., 24th, 3:45 - 6:45 p.m.

Contemplative Prayer in the Prayer 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**

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

Worship (including children's Sun-11 a.m.

day school)

Holy Communion 1st Sunday

Session receives new members

Loaves & Fishes Collection All Sundays

(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

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

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 Mrs. Irene Kennedy 419 Clement Avenue 3315 Faith Church Rd., Room 600 Indian Trail, NC 28079

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Charlotte, NC 28204

#### **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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