



## Music on a gorgeous Sunday morning

**Jim Curtis** leads our children on a Sunday morning sing-a-long during the church school portion of a recent service. As the numbers of children attending Caldwell has grown, so have our offerings for these youngsters. Also, growing numbers of children mean a growing need for volunteers to assist on Sunday mornings.

## Immigration: is it still a dream - or a dead-end?

A large audience hears speakers talk about the immigrant experience - and what lies ahead for those who simply want to be new Americans.  
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## 3D begins to wrap up

Groups move from the *what* to the *what if* as our introspective look heads toward July congregational meetings.  
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## DOMA done - but what about the faith perspective?

Several church members talk about the demise of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) from their church perspective.  
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## Rain, mosquitoes plentiful in our garden ...

... but so is the produce. Check it out - and take some herbs for yourself. Also check out the new enclosure built by an Eagle Scout.  
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## It's almost time to "Dream Dreams"

You have been hard at work bringing the "Caldwell in 3D" journey to life.

We began with some collective reading and *discernment* of what it means to be a missional and transformative church. Next, you split up into more than 20 small groups to *discuss* the future of our church, specifically in regard to key questions about worship, diversity, use of the campus, youth and children and congregational life and care. Now ... it's almost time to move on to "dreaming," almost.

On Sunday, July 14 at 6 p.m. and again on Sunday, July 28, just after worship, we will host two town hall meetings specifically for those who have not had a chance to participate in a small group discussion.

On July 14, we will invite ideas about how a church that is missional and transformative seeks to worship and how it fosters diversity of all types.

The July 28 town hall will focus on

our ministries to youth and children, our use of our campus and how we care and enjoy fellowship with one another.

Then what, you might ask?

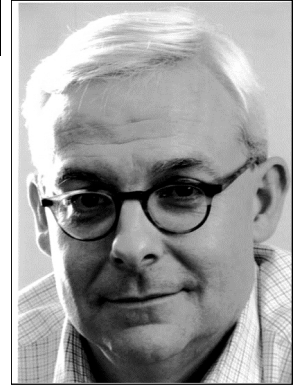
Each discussion group will submit their notes and ideas to Clerk of Session **Gina Shell**. By early August the Session will name a "Dream Team" to review all the small group notes, identify common themes and ideas and pull together an overview that gives shape and form to our collective thinking about God's call and direction for our ministries and life together in the next three to five years. This review and organization process will probably last into the autumn months.

For now, I hope you will have engaged in the process to make your voice heard. If you haven't had that chance, come to one or both of our town hall conversations. The Session also invites nominations for the "Dream Team," disciples who are knowledgeable of the church and its mission statement, have experience in planning or who otherwise demonstrate the wisdom and prayerful attention to what God would have Caldwell be and do as we seek to follow the path God has set out for us.

### Faith and Public Policy

This summer many of us have watched with growing concern as our one-sided N.C. General Assembly has moved with speed and determination to reverse the progress and forward-thinking that has long differentiated North Carolina from other southern states.

There is more we can do to advance the Gospel we know in Christ, a reality rooted in justice, mercy and common concern, especially for the poorest among us. Specifically, we need to move beyond protest and argument to real dialogue and mutual understanding. While the effects of this mean legislative season on many of our most vulnerable and powerless neighbors may linger for a time, those wishing to



Rev. John Cleghorn

see the Kingdom on earth need to stay engaged after the General Assembly ends its summer work.

A group of concerned believers of multiple perspectives from Caldwell and other churches is in the initial stages of organization and work. If you are interested in participating, please contact **Jeff Sinn**, who is coordinating this effort, at [sinnj@winthrop.edu](mailto:sinnj@winthrop.edu).

This is a wonderful opportunity to "work out" our faith in real ways. Let us remember what has happened this summer and sustain our effort to balance our faith with public policy in ways that serve the common good, honor our God and build God's Kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."

### Way to Go, Susan Pierson

One of the great blessings for any congregation is the opportunity to sponsor a member who has chosen to attend seminary. I recently caught up with Caldwell member and elder **Susan Pierson**, who has finished her first year at San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Despite her humble trepidation, Susan reports that she did well academically in those tough first-year courses (we never doubted you,

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## Leviticus 24:22

*You are to have the same law for the foreigner and the native-born.*

Are the hopes and aspirations of young immigrants a worthy dream - or at a dead-end? The challenge to an intent crowd of more than 60 is how to keep the American dream alive.

The debate on immigration policy may be national but the impact is most noticeable at the local level. Yet the heaviest burden falls squarely on individuals and families whose biggest goal is to succeed in our increasingly multi-cultural society.

The path to acceptance for immigrants is distinctly uphill. More than 60 participants at the Caldwell sponsored *Dream or Dead - End? The Future of Immigrant Youth* forum heard the stark reality of today's immigrant from one who is trying to live his dream and experts who looked at the debate from the perspectives of legislation and the heart-rending impact on families.

Listeners were "surprised" at what they heard, said one of the event organizers, **Joyce Deaton** of our Mission & Justice Committee. "Two or three people told me they were amazed" at the hurdles immigrants, even those who have been among us for years, have to surmount.

A long road is ahead when it comes to immigration reform. **Lori Fernald-Khamala** of the American friends Service Committee said while the U.S. Senate passed a bipartisan bill on reform, it faces less certain approval in a far more

conservative House. She also outlined where the issue stands with mostly skeptical North Carolina legislators.

There is plenty of gray area as both sides of the discussion seek to bolster their arguments. Joyce said some people tell would-be immigrants 'why not get in line?' and wait their turn for entry to the U.S. "The truth is, there is no line," said Joyce. "The way things are, it's almost impossible for people to get in legally."

Not entirely clear, however, are the next steps to move immigration reform ahead. Joyce said the audience was "supportive and empathetic" of immigrants, including Latinos. Increasing one's knowledge on the issue is key.

The Mission & Justice Committee and our adjunct Latino Ministry Committee arranged for resource and immigration advocacy groups to meet with the audience at a post-forum reception. Joyce said "People were encouraged to talk to these people about how to get involved."

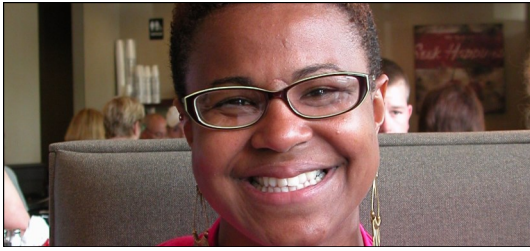
The forum attracted a diverse, multi-cultural and multi-denominational audience. As presenters spoke, **Rev. Evie Landrau** provided simultaneous



Growing up, **Moises Serrano** embodied the American dream. He earned good grades and his future seemed bright. But as the son of undocumented immigrants, he found himself priced out of college, blocked by North Carolina law that charged undocumented students out-of-state tuition: four times the amount paid by North Carolina natives. He told the audience of the frustrations, uncertainties and fears held by other immigrant youths in similar situations. Unwilling to settle for a low wage job, Moises continues his struggle for acceptance and has become an advocate for immigration reform and the rights of those new to the U.S.



A young Latino child proceeded to figuratively bury the items she played with during a play theory session with **Dr. Peggy Ceballos**. 'If they are dead,' the girl asked, 'will I be able to bring them back and see them again?' Behind this story is what Dr. Ceballos sees in other children: this young girl's father had been deported - and she saw him as effectively dead. Dr. Ceballos said such deportations, and the resulting turmoil when families are broken up, are difficult for children to comprehend. A professor of education at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and a board member of the Charlotte Bilingual Preschool, Dr. Ceballos described the chilling effects of immigration policy on families, and children in particular. Those impacts range from fear of driving without a license to other everyday aspects of living a life without acceptance in the U.S. (Photos: **Darla Davis**)



*Rev. Evie Laudrau*

**... as you have welcomed me, yet another stranger ...**

### One month in my new Caldwell home

Have you ever been a stranger? I have only been at Caldwell for one full month but it feels like I have been here for a long time.

As with any new opportunity, it takes a while to fully adjust to the many changes. As I am in that process of adjusting to a new office, space and community; I truly feel the love and welcome of the Caldwell community each week. Thank you!

I often go back to Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home." This scripture is true in my life as it proclaims what my reality has been as an immigrant. From the moment I left my Puerto Rican family to head to college in 2002, God has provided, fed and gave me fresh living water through strangers. Jesus the one who mediates among us has walked with me in tangible ways.

Caldwell, as you have welcomed me, yet another stranger, continue to make this church a new home for many more. This can be a home for all who are hungry for peace and justice; a home for those are hungry and need a warm meal; a home for those who are thirsty for God's love; a home for those who are ready to unpack the baggage of life in search of healing. We are the hosts that God uses to warmly welcome the stranger into a new home at Caldwell.



Exterior trim has been painted.

## YOUR MORTAR FOR MISSION DOLLARS AT WORK



Sanctuary walls were repaired and painted.

### Buildings & Grounds

Repairs to our aging campus are underway using funds raised last year as part of our Mortar For Mission campaign.

**Tom Bohr** of our Buildings & Grounds Committee provided an update of projects (the master list has 22 to-do items) that are finished or nearing completion:

- Sanctuary walls have been repaired and painted.
- The louvered windows in the bell tower have been painted ("Jimmy Todd smiling in heaven," said Tom. "He wanted this done so badly.")
- We finished securing and putting a metal cover the capstones on back parapet wall of the sanctuary (the wall that rises above the roof).
- Automatic external defibrillator (Tom suggests members take CPR courses to know how to use it).
- Roof decking in the old bell tower has been repaired.
- The exterior of the church sanctuary, Price Building and , gym - mostly trim - is painted.
- The roof above the narthex (front entry to the church) has been replaced. This has stopped leaks.

"We're trying to figure out what to do next," reports Tom.

### A time of encouragement and truly listening

When I began my internship in May, I really thought these 400 hours were going to take forever to reach. However, it has been completely the opposite.

I cannot believe how fast this internship is going.

At the beginning I was somewhat nervous but this experience has been amazing. From that day in April, when I stepped into Caldwell, I was embraced and encouraged to explore my calling. This has encouraged me to dive into endeavors with confidence.

I always felt called into the ministry but never knew in what capacity.

Spending time in Sunday morning devotions with the ladies at Caldwell House, worship, preaching and pastoral care is giving me the opportunity to truly listen to where God is calling me to serve in the church. I started this program with little more than hopes and I am leaving as a better person to continue my journey. It has been a time full of abundant blessings and revelations. It is a calling.

It is a privilege and, above all, it has been a chance to be empowered and to grow. My last day as an intern at Caldwell will July 28, but it will not be "a final good bye" because I will be back to visit, worship and share my gifts with you all.

- Peace and Blessings



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**New to Caldwell or want to get more involved?**

**Read this**

Are you a newcomer to Caldwell? Want to know how to get more involved? Curious about where Presbyterianism came from? Want the real scoop on predestination?

If the answer to any of those questions is "yes," please attend the upcoming Newcomer Classes scheduled for Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall from July 28 through Aug. 25. These classes, hosted by a range of pastoral and other leaders, will be a great chance to meet others, learn more about Caldwell and find your place in our ever-flowing set of ministries and activities. If you have any questions or want to make sure any specific questions or issues are addressed, contact either of our pastors or Newcomer Chair **Johnny Johnson**.

# 3D

Discussions have been lively, thoughtful as groups weigh in on Caldwell's future. Next up: wrapping it all together.



Yvette Wilson led her group through a thorough step-by-step review of several 3D topics.

Caldwell's 3D groups are still discussing where and how the church will head in coming years, but the end is in sight.

Congregational town halls will allow non-3D participants to weigh in on various issues (see *Pastor's Message*, page 2). Close behind will be preparations to digest pages and pages of notes and discussion results.

## Deep discussions

The small discussion groups have put considerable heft into their deliberations on a variety of set topics. That each group talked about the same issues will allow a continuity of notes and flow from group to group. This will make it easier on the 'Dream Team' to decipher what was said and report later this fall to the congregation.

Such depth was on display at a recent session held by **Yvette Wilson**.

"Ultimately, as Christians we want to trans-

form and grow," said Yvette, who noted Caldwell is "intentionally more inclusive."

## Lots of opportunities

The group felt Caldwell was getting it right ("Most people buy into what we are," said **Kitty Bohr**) but rather than rest on our laurels, there is much potential for our missional congregation to do more.

## "... uniquely qualified to dream big."

**David Robison** and his wife **Sharon Harmon** "have wondered if we could put together a food pantry for our church family," said David. "It would be for church families that need it." Money families save on food could be used for other needs, such as medications.

That spurred several ideas about 'clinic' types of health services to serve the larger Caldwell family. Beyond perhaps arranging for medications, other 'what if

suggestions surfaced about a potential health fair, tying health care efforts with schools, or even inclusion of mental health services. "I'm not sure what we can do, but people have needs," said Yvette.

The segue was made to helping newcomers navigate other possibilities, including a 'Committee fair' where volunteer

opportunities could be explained to those new to the church. **Jim Everitt** asked if committee leads could appear at new member classes "to explain what we do."

## 'The ball is rolling'

No one will know the precise length of the list of possibilities to expand our good works until the note compilation is complete, but "the ball is rolling to deliberately direct" the church where it is needed, said Yvette.

As other 3D groups have noted, Caldwell's strength lies in what got us to this point.

"People see us as a more multicultural church that people feel comfortable in coming here from a lot of backgrounds," said Kitty. "Caldwell is uniquely qualified to dream big because of who we are." Part of that is that the church

does not have to contend with its lengthy past; much of our good work is within easy memory of a rebirth only two or three years removed.

Town halls like those to be held soon only fuel the desire to make the church all it can be, and that sort of communication is a boon to the congregation.

"Communication is a big component," said Yvette. "The more people know, the more they want to be involved."

**The U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) on legal grounds. But Caldwell members say there's a faith perspective on the issue, too.**



*I believe it gives those who want to get married equal protection. It is more than a physical contract, it is love and commitment that no government can legislate.*

Eddie Capote



*I've never doubted that God created me this way. I've been baffled that other people would say what's God's will, to legislate their morality and deny me rights. It's a travesty of justice.*

Johnny Johnson



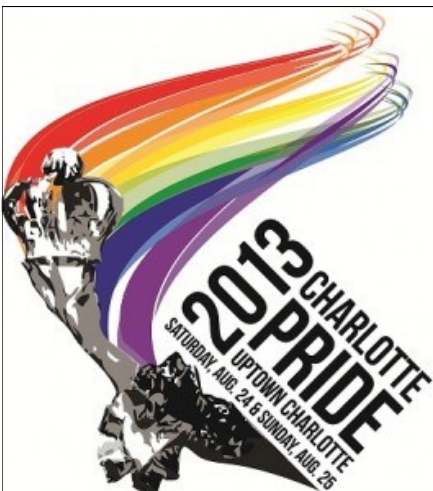
*I think we (she and Ginger) have felt so loved and encouraged and by our family and friends and our church family at Caldwell, that spiritually is strengthening to us. Just to know this issue is important to others. It's certainly disappointing, but encouraging, it's a slow moving wheel but it's moving forward. It's like in First Corinthians. Hope, faith and love. That's kind of enough said.*

Kim Bohannon



*From my perspective, DOMA being declared unconstitutional reflects the Spirit at work. As conversation around this subject continues, I'm grateful for leaders who are willing to listen to the other side, engage in conversation, question their own beliefs, change their beliefs, and brave enough to speak out on equal rights whether that be related to race, gender, or sexual orientation. I also look forward to seeing how the DOMA decision will affect conversations in the faith community on how the church can reflect equality related to marriage of same sex couples.*

Mark Rowe



## **Caldwell to participate in CHARLOTTE PRIDE**

Caldwell will participate in the CHARLOTTE PRIDE, a weekend celebration (August 24 and 25) of the gay and lesbian community that is expected to draw more than 50,000 to the Uptown festival.

Ryan Kingston said Caldwell's involvement includes a weekend interfaith service as well as a church information table at the celebration. He also said congregants and guests are welcome to march along in the event's featured parade. Ryan said the event, second in size in the South only to Atlanta, is "exposure for Caldwell to the gay and lesbian community ... and that we are an affirming church where people are welcome." Volunteers to staff the table are needed. Contact Ryan at [r.kingston@hotmail.com](mailto:r.kingston@hotmail.com) or 704-995-0736.

## Singing as Contemplative Prayer

Anyone who shows up at Caldwell on Sunday morning has seen first-hand how easily music can connect us to God. For me, the experience is a reminder that music is one of our most powerful and God-given forms of prayer.



On the last Wednesday of July, **Anne Hunter Eidson** will bring that experience into the Prayer Room when she leads us in prayer through the music of Taize.

The music of Taize is a form of contemplative singing in which simple songs with beautiful melodies and harmonies are repeated until they become almost meditative. The tradition comes from an ecumenical monastic order in France that attracts more than 100,000 pilgrims each year. You can read more about the Taize community at [www.taize.fr/en\\_rubrique12](http://www.taize.fr/en_rubrique12) and find samples of the music on YouTube.

"The music of Taize has exploded around the world in the past twenty years, and is sung in many U.S. churches each week (even in Charlotte)," Anne says. "One reason for this is its accessibility combined with beauty and devotion. This music is intentionally composed so that the most tentative singer, as well as the highly trained, can easily pick up the melodies and sing them 'by heart,' as powerful prayer.

"Brother Roger, the founder of the Taize community, is often quoted as saying, 'Nothing is more conducive to communion with the Living God than a meditative common prayer with singing that never ends, but continues in the silence of one's heart, when one is alone again.'"

A dozen people participated in May during our first Taize music session in the Prayer Room with Anne and guitarist **Jim Curtis**. Please join us Wednesday, July 31, at 6 p.m. for another round of the music of Taize.

*(The Prayer Room is open every Wednesday from 3:45 - 6:45 p.m.)*

- By Peg Robarchek



**The dialogue continues in adult Sunday school about Practice Resurrection: A Conversation in Growing Up in Christ.** "What I like about this class is someone doesn't come in and say 'this is what you'll leave with,'" said **Jeff Mitchiner**. "People really have their own 'aha' moments. It really stimulates your thinking. People take it away and think about it some more." And there's still plenty of weeks of discussion ahead - and room for more. "People can drop in and out," said Jeff. "You don't have to say 'Gosh, I wish I'd started that'. They can drop in any week." The class is held Sunday mornings at 9:45. Bring your coffee or tea.

### Pastor's column

Susan!). She is looking forward to resuming her studies in the fall. This summer she is learning about life in an intentional community as an intern at the Koinonia Farm in Georgia, founded by the famous southern preacher and writer **Clarence Jordan**.

Susan is involved in every aspect of the farm and office operation, which provides food, work and housing for a community where residents "strive to live a simple, peaceful, shared life and believe in the brother and sisterhood of all humankind." Koinonia was founded to foster racial reconciliation, peace and justice. It is the birthplace of Habitat for Humanity.

You can read more about Koinonia (Greek for communion by intimate participation) or buy its special peanuts or chocolate to support its mission: [www.Koinoniapartners.org](http://www.Koinoniapartners.org). You can also encourage Susan by writing her at this address: 1324 Georgia 49 Americus, GA 31719.



**While rain and mosquitoes are plentiful, so is the Caldwell Garden harvest. Squash, beans and tomatoes are springing forth, with a portion of the bounty shared with Friendship Trays. And Caldwell's community gardens are not just about veggies – flowers and herbs also grace our shared space.**

Walk around back and help yourself to some fresh herbs. While you're there, check out the dumpster enclosure, an Eagle Scout project led by **Harrison Lucas** which will create a much more attractive entry for the ladies at Caldwell House. Harrison also assisted with another Myers Park Presbyterian Troop 55 project – the garden shed built by **Will Morrill**, now being put to very good use by our community gardeners.

- Text and photos by Katy Hill





Rev. Evie Landrau walks Stapleton Interns from Davidson College through their assignments before they led a recent service. From left to right are Jessica Annonio, Gladys McLean, Julia Watkins and Stewart Dalton.



Kimberly and Robert Shumaker had their son William Preston Kenneth Shumaker baptized at Caldwell.



Fred Powers limbers up on the hammered dulcimer (a predecessor to the piano, Fred says) before the instrument was put to use to accompany the communion portion of a service.

# Caldwell Good News! Bulletin Board

## JULY

Sun., 14, 6 - 7:30 p.m.	3D Town Hall, Shelby Room
Mon., 15, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Women's Book Club, Shelby Room
Tues., 16, 6:30 - 8 p.m.	Buildings & Grounds Committee, Shelby Room
Tue., 16, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Yoga, Fellowship Hall
Wed., 17, 3:45 - 6:45 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer, Prayer Room
Thurs., 18, 6:30 - 8 p.m.	Education Committee, Shelby Room
Fri., 19, noon - 1:30 p.m.	Finance Committee, Upstairs
Tues., 23, 5:30 - 8 p.m.	Session, Shelby Room
Tue., 23, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Yoga, Fellowship Hall
Wed., 24, 3:45 - 6:45 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer, Prayer Room
Sun., 28, 12:30 - 2 p.m.	3D Town Hall, Fellowship Hall
Tues., 30, 5:30 - 8 p.m.	Session, Shelby Room
Wed., 31, 3:45 - 6:45 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer, Prayer Room

## AUGUST

Sun., 4, 12:30 - 2 p.m.	Guatemala Team, Fellowship Hall
Tue., 6, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Yoga, Fellowship Hall
Wed., 7, 3:45 - 6:45 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer, Prayer Room
Thurs., 8, 6 - 8 p.m.	Congregational Care Committee,
Sun., 11, 4 - 7 p.m.	MS Gospel Benefit, Sanctuary
Mon., 12, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Women's Circle, Shelby Room
Tue., 13, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Yoga, Fellowship Hall
Wed., 14, 3:45 - 6:45 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer, Prayer Room
Thurs., 15, 6:30 - 8 p.m.	Education Committee, Upstairs
Thurs., 15, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee, 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:  
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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 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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