



**It is the
season of Lent
at Caldwell**



A growing church means Caldwell gladly adapts to the growth of families with children.

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Pastor's Column

Where are they now?

One of the callings our Lord seems to have for Caldwell is to serve as an incubator. God has allowed this place and this congregation to help give life to new community ministries, new ideas, new friendships and new understanding of the Divine, among other things.

Another aspect of this role of Caldwell as incubator is that we have helped many interns form their identity in training for ministry. What a gift it's been to walk with these amazing people who are giving themselves and their lives in the service of God in "many and various ways."

In just the last few weeks, several former interns have been called into specific aspects of ministry, something we can all celebrate. So, here's a round-up of "where are they now?"

Just this month, **Liz Wagner**, now the Reverend Liz Wagner, moved to Arkansas, where she is Associate Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista. Liz served as an intern and as a part-time staff member at Caldwell, contributing greatly to our adult Christian education program, pastoral care and worship leadership. She reflects on that time, noting that when she did not think she wanted to do parish ministry. Yet, Caldwell awakened that desire in her and encouraged her in that direction. Now

she serves her own flock. We rejoice in her call!

Within the last few weeks, former intern **Phanta Lansden** joined the staff of Mulberry Presbyterian in Charlotte as the new outreach director. Phanta helped out greatly at Caldwell and with Caldwell House. She then did another internship with the Salvation Army, continuing her work with the homeless and impoverished there. Phanta has a year-plus to go to finish her master of divinity degree and stays busy with three young children and a husband..

As previously reported in *CGN!*, former intern **Danny Trapp** is the new executive director of Mecklenburg Ministries. He completed his degree last spring. At Mecklenburg Ministries, Danny holds a position of great influence in shaping our city's interfaith dialogue, reconciliation and cooperation. Mecklenburg Ministries' motto is "From Common Ground to Higher Ground." The Charlotte Presbytery is considering whether to ordain Danny in his role, which would make him the Rev. Danny Trapp. Danny is the first Presbyterian to hold this position, once held by Caldwell friend Andy Baxter.

Rev. Veronica Rogers is in semi-retirement, though she still provides ministry everywhere she goes by sheer force of presence and kindness of spirit. When in Charlotte, she teaches Sunday school classes and helps out as a volunteer at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Otherwise, she divides her time between Charlotte and visiting family in Wadmalaw Island, S.C., Washington, DC and Seattle, WA. We've enjoyed seeing Veronica at various Caldwell events and appreciate how she still uses "we" when she talks about Caldwell.

Lisa McLennan serves God and the church as the admissions counselor for Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte. This is a great calling that matches Lisa's outgoing personality with those who are considering attending the Charlotte campus, as she



Rev. John Cleghorn

did. In her 'spare' time she is also a mom and wife.

Abong Fankam is still completing her divinity degree and running her non-profit organization, A Place of Hope. It's an education-oriented ministry for children in her native Africa, which Caldwell supports.

Former undergraduate intern **Tianna Butler** works at Charlotte Country Day School as a middle school teacher. We loved having Tianna back late last year.

And, while she is not an intern, we shouldn't lose sight of our own member and Elder **Susan Pierson**, who is wrapping up her second year at San Francisco Theological Seminary. We look forward to update from her on her summer plans and career thinking.

As I think about all of these disciples, I am reminded again of the theme of my sermon on March 16. God called and *Abram went*. In the same way, these servants got and went when God called them. Thanks be to God. Please keep them all in prayer.



Former interns **Danny Trapp** and **Liz Wagner** celebrate their seminary graduation last spring. Now God has called both to important ministries, along with other former Caldwell interns.

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Caldwell's mission - what is truly our joint calling - is to help inside and outside the church. There are many ways you can become involved.

You in?



**Equality for
ALL matters!**

Our participation in the **Charlotte Pride Festival** last year was a huge success! The visibility of our booth in the street fair brought us new members. Our enthusiastic and large group of marchers in the Pride Parade had a great time and we were tremendously well received. We want it to be bigger and better this year! While the festival is not until August, we plan to have our first Caldwell Pride Committee meeting in April. If you are interested in participating in the planning, contact **Johnny Johnson** (johnnyajohnson@hotmail.com).

This year's annual Caldwell Women's Retreat will be our seventh in a row ... my, how we've grown.

Perhaps you're a "frequent flyer" and you've attended each and every one. Or maybe you're on the other end of the spectrum, a potential first-time attendee, wondering what a weekend away with Caldwell women is all about. If so, please read on...

We are a wonderfully diverse group of women, teeming with wisdom, quick to hug and full of spirit. We gather together, young and old, at our beloved Lookout Lodge, where new friendships blossom and existing bonds get stronger. We sing, we play, we ponder our faith and, of course, we eat. We rock on the porch, we hike Lookout Mountain, we wander into Black Mountain, we nap -- there is something for all. Friday evening is about getting to know each other and eating ice cream ... Saturday morning we will "Celebrate and Go Within," led by the enthusiasm and energy of our very own Rev. Evie. We've even booked additional meeting space this year, which will allow extra room to spread out and *strreeetch* ... Saturday afternoon is free time and Saturday night is playtime. Then Sunday morning we pull it all together in a jointly led service, full of spirit and of our own making.

Tradition has it that we snap a group photo on the front steps of Lookout Lodge before we head back home. Here's our shot from last year -- will you be the one we'll soon be snapping???

April 4-6, Montreat Conference Center, Black Mountain, NC.





Rev. Evie Landrau

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Pastoral Care: behind the scenes and in the open

Enriched by a congregation's wisdom

Many pastoral care books have been written over the years to help people in ministry understand its importance. Many of these books are mainly to help us pastors understand pastoral care, practice it and cope with its challenges. What is true is that many pastors' journey through pastoral care is behind the scenes. For instance a pastor is called to the bedside of a dying member; they may provide pastoral counseling or journey in confidentiality with a member/visitor through a family crisis. Much of this is not visible to the congregation. Although pastoral care is many times placed on pastors as an exclusive responsibility, I would venture to say it goes beyond that. Pastoral care although a Pastor's main task is also about what **Rev. Dr. Susan J. Dunlap** calls congregational wisdom.

Rev. Dunlap taught a class at Duke Divinity School I had the honor to take called *Congregations and the Care of the Sick*. In that class, I learned that parts of pastoral care practices are indeed behind the scenes. However, many of them are in the open and are enriched by the congregation's wisdom and practices. In her book *Caring Cultures*, Rev. Dunlap says it this way:

"It is my firm conviction that congregations have much wisdom to share with one another. As congregations from different traditions enter into the places of suffering together, and hear stories, beliefs, and accounts of responding to suffering, the wisdom residing in each congregation will be enhanced. This is not a vision of merging wisdoms. Nor is it a vision of pasting a new practice onto the old. Rather, it is a vision in which each congregation's wisdom is enlarged; it sees a little more of God and where and how God is present; it learns a little more about forms of praying, caring, thinking, advocating, serving and teaching that expands its ability to receive the grace of God."

Therefore, it is my firm belief, brothers and sisters at Caldwell, that you all bring wonderful experiences, traditions and wisdom to this place that help Rev. Cleghorn, myself and each of you provide pastoral care in different ways. While Rev. Cleghorn may be called to the bedside of a dying member, you and I can pray and provide support to that family in different ways. Pastoral care is not so much about the "pastors" doing it alone. Instead, it may be about all of us tapping into our congregational wisdom to have a part in it, even when it is behind the scenes. A smile, a hug, a card, a letter, some flowers, a phone call may be what is needed at times to encourage someone in our midst. In addition to the pastoral care provided by Rev. Cleghorn and myself, I dare to say that the Caldwell congregation teaches us continually how to enact pastoral care through your wisdom and example.



Making Connections in the Prayer Room Each Wednesday, 4 - 6 p.m.

Lenten prayer series continues 6 - 7 p.m.

Join us Wednesday nights as we become 'bread for the world' - taken, blessed, broken and given back by God; prayer vigil to start after Maundy Thursday service.

There are three more weeks in our Lenten prayer series, and according to **Peg Robarchek**, there's still plenty of time - and room - for you to participate. "It's not necessary to have sat in on the first two," said Peg. "The discussion is self contained every week." The series is from 6- 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights in the Youth Lounge. The Lenten series will finish the week before Easter with the last session on April 9.

What the talk centers on is each of us becoming 'bread for the world.' Peg said "We have been taken, blessed, broken and given back to the world by God. We've been talking about being in the wilderness, transforming ourselves and what comes from transformation is becoming a blessing back to the world."

There is no required reading, but books are available, "and we read passages each time" along with some singing, said Peg. Discussions are based on a Henri Nouwen book, *Sacred Relationships: Becoming the Beloved*.

Another annual event, the 24-hour prayer vigil, will start immediately after the Maundy Thursday service (April 17). Peg said sign-ups will start very soon for individuals to spend an hour in the prayer room during the 24-hour vigil.



Having a good time maybe?

Sunday evening is apparently a high old time for our young musicians during the Caldwell Kids' Choir rehearsal.

If you think your child might want to join this revelry, call our Music Director, **Anne Hunter Eidson**, at 704-334-0825



That we have a confirmation class speaks to the growth of Caldwell and the needs of families with children

Young learners find their 'faith base'

FIVE TEENS ARE IN THIS CONFIRMATION CLASS OF MEMBERS-IN-TRAINING

Earlier than most teenagers want to get up on a weekend morning, a group of five young adults does just that and heads to Caldwell - as members of the church's first confirmation class in a long, long time.

Beyond this group getting a Biblical education, it marks a turning point in the resurrection of the church: we have enough families with

children that we have sufficient numbers for a class.

Confirmation is a tradition in most churches - provided they have enough children to attend. Caldwell didn't - but now we do.

"We started right after Christmas and we go until after Easter, says class facilitator **Caroline Cheek**.

The intent of the class is to help students understand "how we interpret the Bible and observe our faith," said Caroline.

Leading the Sunday morning lessons are pastors **John Cleghorn** and **Evie Landrau**. The class meets in the Price Building in a space especially suited to their needs.

"It's created a faith base to talk about what our faith together looks like at Caldwell," said Caroline. "It's been good."

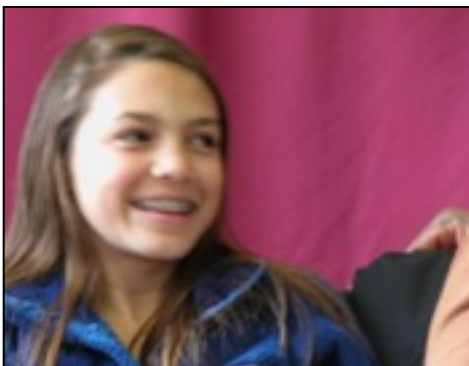
And the kids come prepared. Caroline says they arrive "already knowing about the Holy and Spirit

and they know about their faith."

And the young students seem ready for what they learn. "They've already exhibited open hearts and they hope their faith does good in the world," she said, adding that the students recognize a "broken" world and that religion can well play a role to overcome that.

Their training might even lead to a more prominent role in the church - possibly even the addition of a youth elder. "I see that day coming," Pastor Cleghorn told the group. The only question is ... age and volume (of children)."

But this first group has already gained a critical mass. "It's a good group of kids," said Caroline. "I think it says that God is doing something special here and that families are growing up here and we're reaching a time where we need to be more attentive to the needs of kids ... and teach a message of hope for our young people."



Are you smarter than a confirmand?

Our young folks show incredible Biblical knowledge. How do you compare?



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How many books are there in the Bible?

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Worth 100

True or false: Pres. believe every word of the Bible is literal truth.

Stumped? Find answers on page 10

Mecklenburg Ministry Events Calendar

Food for Thought: Mindfulness

Thursday, April. 17	Food for Thought: Mindfulness - Resting in Body, Mind and Spirit April 17, noon - 1 p.m. Covenant Presbyterian Church Presenter: Ruth King- founder of Mindful Members Register for lunch at www.meckmin.org or 704-565-5455
	For questions, visit Mecklenburg Ministries Website at www.meckmin.org , or call email Marion Idol at cmmsidol@carolina.rr.com .

They were all strangers, the total of 49 men whom Caldwell hosted at St. John's Baptist Church the first Friday night of each month this winter season (December 2013-March 2014). They got off a church bus that had picked them up at Urban Ministry. They hauled most of their belongings in either backpacks or a large black garbage bag. They trudged into the gym at St. John's and dropped their worldly goods next to their individual mattresses. The first Friday night of each of these months they came - tired, hungry, weather-beaten. Some were quiet. Some were boisterous. Most were grateful. Some had jobs. Some had family. Some had an upcoming interview. Some were on their way to somewhere else.

Forty-nine strangers - about 12 men each night - were served by 35 willing servants from Caldwell, many of whom volunteered multiple times during these four months. The set up was the same each time: put out the mattresses, make them up with fresh bedding, put out towels and wash cloths and toiletries, make the coffee, set the tables, turn on the oven, set up the kitchen, await the food, await the men, turn on the TV, greet the guests, serve the dinner, clean up the kitchen, turn off the lights, turn in, sleep through the night, arise early to prepare the breakfast, awake the guests, serve the guests, bid the guests God-speed along with their bag lunches, clean up the kitchen, clean up the bathrooms, grab the bags filled with the dirty laundry, turn off the lights, lock the door, and transport the laundry to Holliday Cleaners for pick up by St. John's the following Monday, ready for the next Friday's use.

Yes, the framework was always the same. But each Friday evening/Saturday morning was always different. Different because of the interactions between our neighbors who were homeless and the volunteers who served them. There were amazing blessings offered before the evening meal by men who were obviously well-versed in Scripture and in hearing the Word and even in preaching the Word. There were shy men who were later engaged in conversation with those around them, encouraged by the friendliness of our volunteers. There were offerings of help with washing dishes and vacuuming under the dining tables. There were words of appreciation and requests for prayers for good weather and for restored relationships and for a chance at a job.

Statistics abound at the Urban Ministry for this year's Room In The Inn. At the end of January, halfway through the season (which ends in March), 53 families, 81 children, 215 single women, 602 single men under the age of 60 and 53 men over the age of 60 were provided with a total of 8,697 bed nights at all of the churches and other facilities with Room In The Inn programs. And that was just halfway through the season.

Forty-nine men; 5 Fridays; 245 bed nights. A bit of a drop in the bucket when you look at the total numbers. But each of them wasn't just a number. Each was a child of God. Each had a face and a name and a story. And our prayer is that we won't see them next year. Our prayer is that they got that job, reconnected with family, moved into housing, found adequate resources, received the help they needed. Our prayer is that they felt nourished in many ways and on many levels when they were our guests and we had the opportunity to serve. Room In The Inn isn't the final solution. But until we reach that final solution, it's a way to live out our call to be servants to the marginalized and those in need. Thank you, Caldwell volunteers, for your dedication and commitment. You made a difference in 49 lives.

I know you made a difference in mine.

By **Carol King**



A WONDERFUL FIRST WORSHIP SERVICE

Casita De Amor - a first of many services

'People of different walks of life worshiped together as strangers who became friends ... Our sisters and brothers feel welcomed by the Caldwell community as they are!'

- **Caldwell's new worshipping community held its first worship service in Spanish and English on Saturday, March 1 in Belk Hall.** It was a beautiful sight to see! There was a diversity of Caldwell members and Latina/o sisters and brothers present. This was an opportunity to create community in spite of language barriers and differences. People of different walks of life worshiped together as strangers who become friends. *Casita de Amor* (Little House of Love) is becoming a beacon of light as it seeks to be inclusive.
- Some of the Latina ladies have shared a desire to engage in mission work in the community. They expressed the desire to feed the homeless and participate in ministry opportunities with Caldwell. Our sisters and brothers feel welcomed by the Caldwell community as they are! One of the ways we are enacting community in innovative ways is by seeking to be whole in body, mind and spirit. *Casita* is a part of **Village Heart B.E.A.T. (VHB)**.
- **"The Village Heart B.E.A.T., Building Education and Accountability Together** is designed to promote better heart health awareness and to enhance community resources in a coordinated health care service model to address obesity and heart disease awareness among African American and the Hispanic populations. The 15-week, free fitness program is aimed at a fun, healthy competition among competing faith-based congregations, each with a team of 10 participants accepting the challenge to lower their heart disease risk factors."
- The great thing about **Village Heart Beat** is that the Caldwell community can journey with us as well. You can journey through becoming aware of your own health risks, needs and participating. Perhaps this may be your Lenten practice, finding ways to become more holistic. We can journey toward greater health, whether that is through walking with VHB at Freedom Park every Saturday at 9 a.m., coming to *Casita* Zumba class every Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Third Presbyterian Church or Yoga practice here at Caldwell every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Let us also welcome our team captain **Ellissa Hunt**, who is in charge of motivating the VHB participants whether from *Casita* or from Caldwell! For any questions or how to become a part of the journey email Ellissa at ehunt03@gmail.com.

**FIESTA CON AMIGOS! SUMMER CAMP**

A cross-cultural day camp experience for four-and five-year-olds will be offered at Caldwell this summer in partnership with the Charlotte Bilingual Preschool. Native English speaking and native Spanish speaking children will learn more about each other's language and culture through activities incorporating pre-reading/writing, S.T.E.A.M., outdoor play, music, dance, and spirituality. Both English and Spanish will be spoken, so the children will have fun together as dual language learners.

The week-long camp will be **July 21-25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** with a finale fiesta on Friday. Activities will be in the Price Building, Belk Hall, and outside spaces. The program is designed for four-and five-year-olds who have completed one year of preschool, with preference going to rising kindergarteners. With 32 spots available, enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee is \$110 with an application deadline of May 16. Some scholarship money is available.

The summer camp application is on the Bilingual Preschool website: www.bilingualpreschool.org. For more information, contact **Chrissy Bassler** at chrissy@bilingualpreschool.org or 704-535-8080. The information flyer and application will also be posted on Caldwell's website.

Bilingual Preschool staff and interns will teach, lead and administer the camp with additional support from Caldwell's Latino Ministries Committee. Want to volunteer? Contact **Kitty Bohr** at kswbohr@carolina.rr.com or 704-552-9474.

If you or anyone you know has children, grandchildren, neighbors, or friends in the *Fiesta con Amigos!* age group, tell them about this opportunity to have a fun, unique camp experience and a wonderful introduction to our multi-cultural world.



Merritt Tracy, Greg Shell and Carol Williams make short work of a pile of compost for Caldwell's community garden. Gardeners work individual plots but much of the harvest goes to Friendship Trays.

Watch for more garden coverage in the April issue of *CGN*!

Caldwell financial update

Two months of financial reporting shows member contributions getting off to a bit of a slow start. The 2014 budget calls for average monthly giving of \$33,000.

However, contributions totaled \$25,129 in January and \$24,087. Expenses were \$ 37,361 in January and \$36,032 in February.

Giving in the first part of the year is frequently a bit slow. Nonetheless, please try to maintain an even pace in meeting your pledge or other intended giving to bring income in line with expenses.

Counting other income and expenses through February, year-to-date income stood at \$54,455 and total expenses at \$74,328, creating a current net operating deficit of \$19,873. Total cash in the bank stands at \$125,503, with some heating repair bills still to be paid.

Mark Your Calendar – Sunrise Easter Worship Service

Caldwell has been invited to take part in something new this year – a multi-Presbyterian congregation sunrise worship service on Easter morning in Uptown. Worshippers are invited to gather at 6:30 a.m. in the new Romare Bearden Park for an informal, outdoor service, to be followed by muffins and coffee on the lawn of First Pres. Church. In addition to First and Caldwell, participating churches are Grier Heights Presbyterian and First United Presbyterian. The La Casita new worshipping community will also be invited. This event will kick off a series of events offering these churches a chance to deepen relationships and faith across lines of race and experience. Caldwell's normal Easter activities will be held as usual with worship at 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation class answers are in **bold**:

Category - Caldwell's Mission Statement

750 - How do we want our servant leaders to serve God and humanity? **Humbly.**

500 - What are the two ways we can "proclaim the Gospel", i.e. attract people/bear witness to God and the church? **In word and deed.**

200 - How are we supposed to challenge injustice? **Boldly.**

100 - What "tradition" is Caldwell part of? **Reformed.**

Category - Great Ends of the Church

750 - What is meant by proclaiming the Gospel? **Evangelism.**

500 - Who is the church supposed to nurture? **The children of God.**

200 - Whose Kingdom are the people of the church to build on earth? **"... of Heaven, i.e. God's."**

100 - How many Great Ends are there? **Six.**

Category - Wild Card

750 - How many books are there in the Bible? **66.**

500 - How many days does the Bible say Jesus was in the tomb before his resurrection? **Three.**

200 - True or false: The Bible is a science text book. **False.**

100 - True or false: Presbyterians believe every word of the Bible is the literal truth. **False.**

Caldwell Good News! Bulletin Board

March

Sun., 23	Children's Choir	4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Choir Room
Mon., 25	ESL class Session Yoga	9 - 10:30 a.m., Price Building 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Shelby Rm. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Price Building, second floor back room
Wed., 26	Lenten Service Latino Ministries Committee Lenten Series CMA	Noon, Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church 5:30 - 7 p.m., Shelby Room 6 - 7 p.m., Prayer Room 6 - 7 p.m., Price Bldg. parlor, first floor
Thur., 27	ESL class	9 - 10:30 a.m., Price Building
Sun., 30	Children's Choir	4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Choir Room

April

Tues., 1	ESL class Yoga Theology on Tap	9 - 10:30 a.m., Price Building 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Price Building, second floor back room 7 - 8:30 p.m., LeRoy Fox Restaurant
Wed., 2	Lenten Service Latino Ministries Committee Lenten Series CMA	Noon, Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church 5:30 - 7 p.m., Shelby Room 6 - 7 p.m., Prayer Room 6 - 7 p.m., Price Bldg. parlor, first floor
Thur., 3	ESL class	9 - 10:30 a.m., Price Building
Fri., 4	Women's Retreat	6 p.m., Montreat
Sat., 5	Women's Retreat	8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Montreat
Sun., 6	Women's Retreat Children's Choir	8 a.m. - noon, Montreat 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Choir Room

Church Calendar

Sundays

9:45 a.m. - Adult Christian Education, Shelby Room
10:45 a.m. - Nursery is open
11 a.m. - Worship (including Children's Sunday School)

1st Sunday

Communion

Session receives new members

2nd Sunday

Ten Cents a Meal Offering

All Sundays

Loaves & Fishes Collection (non-perishables in entry basket)

Mondays

6:30 p.m. Mustard Seed Men's Group (biweekly)

3rd Monday

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

Tuesdays

6:30 p.m. - Yoga, Fellowship Hall

7:00 Theology on Tap (biweekly)

2nd Tuesday

10:30 a.m. - Women's Circle

3rd Tuesday

6:30 p.m. - Building and Grounds, Shelby Room

4th Tuesday

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

Wednesdays

3:45-6:45 - Contemplative Prayer, Prayer Room

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice, Choir Room

2nd or 3rd Wednesday

6:00 p.m. - Mission & Justice, Shelby Room

2nd Thursday

6:00 p.m. - Congregational Care, Shelby

3rd Thursday

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

6:30 p.m. - Education Committee, Upstairs Meeting Room

Fridays

9:30-11:30 Casita de Amor Bible Study & Zumba, Third Presbyterian Church

7:30 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous, Shelby Room

2nd Friday

6:00 p.m. - Young Adult Fellowship

3rd Friday 12:15 p.m. - Finance Committee, Upstairs Meeting Room

Administrative office hours

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

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

Pastor's office hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Reach Pastor Cleghorn on his cell: 704-957-4511

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 in 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, follow the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
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