

**Caldwell Methodist Church**  
**January 2024 Newsletter**



**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

**2024**





# 2023

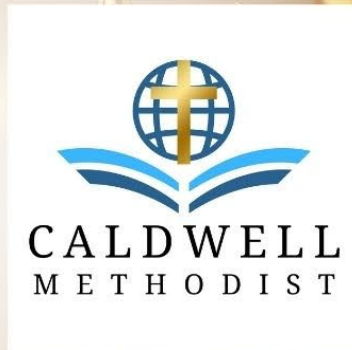
# LOOKING BACK



We welcomed  
Pastor Kevin  
McMachen and his  
wife Dawn to lead  
our congregation.



We observed Ash  
Wednesday. Dawn  
McMachen joined the  
MDO staff, our  
Methodist Men put on a  
delicious pancake and  
bacon supper, and we  
selected our new  
church branding.



We hosted the  
Chapman wedding  
and our Hullabaloo  
potluck.



We celebrated the Easter season, began the use of our Church Center app, and welcomed Rebecca Chapman and Lauren Segoviua on staff.



We collected food for the Caldwell Christian Cares food pantry and placed flags at the graves of veterans.



Mark McGowan performed his introductory concert before joining church staff, we hosted our Breathe women's mini-retreat, and started our 'Fresh Air' book study. We also held a blood drive, celebrated Father's Day and launched our Instagram.







**July**



Ten of our youth passed their confirmation class. we participated in Caldwell 4th on Main. we travelled to Livingston for UM Army. and we rocked out at Vacation Bible School!

We hosted Safe @ Home training. we blessed backpacks as our kids returned to school. and we welcomed Don and Louise Shockey to membership.



**August**



**September**



We baptised Kailey Simons. welcomed Gabbie Perez to membership. built a wheelchair ramp for someone in need. welcomed Sarah Segovia on staff. and hosted a string quartet.





We participated in Scare on the Square, went on Emmaus walks, started 5th Quarter Fridays for the youth, and we welcomed Tori Sandage and Trystan Fernandez on staff.

We blessed a number of local animals with Blessing of the Animals, thanked our veterans for Veterans Day, raised over \$9,000 for our youth with a bake auction, collected 88 boxes for Operation Christmas Child, saw a new sign installed on our building, and welcomed our pastor's first grandchild.



We welcomed Savannah Welch to our MDO and nursery staff. We did so much in December, you'll just have to look at Page 6 to see...



# DECEMBER 2023

## What a Month!



**A garage sale that raised over \$2,500 for our children's ministry and MDO**



**Christmas concerts to pack the house and touch hearts**



**Sweet treats and yuletide joy at Wednesday Night Life and Parents' Night Out**





# A YEAR IN CALDWELL

## Kevin McMachen reflects on his inaugural year as pastor

"Happy New Year Caldwell Methodist Church,

Well, 2023 is in the books, and we are looking forward to 2024. 2023 was a year that brought forward some new challenges for our church as we transitioned into a new denomination. I am forever grateful for the hard work our Board of Stewards and staff have put into creating a foundation for the future. And we certainly have a great new foundation.

Over the past year we have added several systems and technologies to our church including campus wide internet via WiFi, a new communication database, a revamped website, and many systems for communication, scheduling, planning, and implementation. We have also adopted a new vision statement that we are taking into this new year. It is:

*Caldwell Methodist is a Bible-based church located in the heart of our community that sees and welcomes all people as equally loved and valued by God. Our vision is to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to connect us with Jesus Christ and each other in service to God and His purpose. We strive to be a multi-generational church that equips all people with a foundation to live life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.*

There are three words that drive the focus of this vision statement: inspire, connect, and serve. Every decision that is made by our leadership will be driven by this. We seek not to be a church that just exists, but we want to inspire people from all walks of life to have a deep relationship with Jesus Christ. We also believe that having opportunities to connect with other Christians, our community, and the world are ways that can nurture those relationships with Christ and each other. Finally, we exist to worship and serve our God by serving is people.

I pray that as you begin to make your New Year's resolutions, you consider where God is calling you in service to your church and His world. It has been a wonderful 2023, and I am very excited about 2024."

May God Bless You Always,  
Pastor Kevin.



# LOOKING AHEAD

**It's going to be a big year for  
Caldwell Methodist.**

From Easter worship to summer camps,  
we've got so many events planned for  
2024. We'll hear from some amazing guest  
speakers this year, see upgrades and  
improvements around the church campus,  
and hopefully reach our community in new  
ways for Christ.

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**Elaine Doonan - 1/1**  
**Brent Sears - 1/2**  
**Colton Sears - 1/3**  
**Doug Beavers - 1/8**  
**Tammy Weigand - 1/8**  
**Benjamin Wolz - 1/11**  
**Haley Sears - 1/12**  
**Faye Cihat - 1/12**  
**JC Majors - 1/13**  
**Michael Bennett - 1/13**  
**Sarah Segovia - 1/13**  
**Christine Telg - 1/15**  
**Jacy Anderson - 1/16**

**Jeff Leubner - 1/16**  
**Patricia Mynar - 1/16**  
**Rachael Sears - 1/17**  
**Isaiah Baron - 1/18**  
**Julie McGowan - 1/21**  
**Jeanne Prestwood - 1/22**  
**Waylon Chapman - 1/26**  
**Melissa Macik - 1/26**