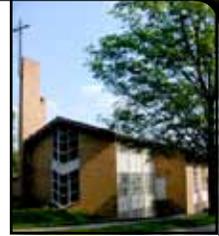




THIS MONTH

April/May 2012



The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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pastor's ponderings



Spring has arrived and it has been beautiful. It's a time of new life and awakening from slumber. I've talked to many people who find the dark winter months very difficult and the cold, gray days don't help much. When the days get longer and warmer, flowers and trees bud and blossom, animals come out of hibernation and human beings begin to open their windows. For many it's a time when hope is reborn.

The gift of Easter is the promise of new life and incredible hope. As those who believe that the promise of God's love for us is witnessed on the cross, and that the hope for the future is witnessed in the resurrection, this is an incredible time of year. The challenge is to live it out through the rest of the year.

My hope is that we can count on the love of God and promise that God has a future for us and live it out as a church. We need to celebrate life! We need to claim the promise that God has planned for us. I love Easter because it is a natural time to re-claim hope in our lives. We find many reasons to be discouraged, people walk in and out of our lives, finances are a continual issue and



people in our lives are sick and coming near the end of life. It's easy to be hopeless but..... Jesus.

On the cross, Jesus says in love "you are forgiven." In the resurrection Jesus says, "Because I live you shall live also." Before ascending into heaven, Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Helper, our Advocate and says, "I will be with you always." We are the church and the world needs this message, we've got to work to do. I don't care if we don't have very many people, I don't care if we don't have very much money, we are called to be Calvary Church in this time and in this place. The Spirit will lead and guide us and we will be the church we are supposed to be.

Obviously on a personal level, the promise of God's love through eternal life is really important to me this year. My mother's passing has been more emotional than I thought it would be and has taken more out of me than I realized. You have been incredibly supportive through her illness and through this past month as I have dealt with this loss. Thank you for your cards, prayers, the reception, and your love. I am counting on the promises of Easter!

Grace and Peace,

Beth

change the world

Calvary will participate in the United Methodist Church's Change the World activities May 19-20 again this year. Change the World is a global movement of United Methodists doing what they can to improve lives and communities. **What if you could change the world, one choice at a time?** You cannot do everything, but you can do something.

Please note or sign up in the narthex for these events:

Saturday, May 19, 9-11 am
Volunteer at Food Gatherers
 1 Carrot Way (off Dhu Varren Rd)
 Calvary provides 20+ workers (ages 8 and up, of all abilities!) to sort, pack or distribute food at the Food Gatherer's warehouse to help fight hunger in our community.

Sunday, May 20 church service
Habitat Sunday

Learn about and support our Habitat for Humanity project, Good News House, during Habitat Sunday in church! Fundraising Goal: \$900.

Tuesday, May 22, 8 am - 4 pm
Volunteer at the Good News House
 1211 and 1221 Clarita (Ypsilanti)
 Get involved at the beginning of the rehab of our houses next door to each other near Ford Lake.

Find a way you can participate in Change the World! If we all work together — we can CHANGE THE WORLD!

may is habitat month

Work on the two Habitat for Humanity Good News Houses on Clarita St. in Ypsilanti begins May 15. We need your participation for Calvary's three



work days on **Tuesday, May 22, Saturday, June 16, and Thursday, July 19.** Can you wield a paint brush or screwdriver or help with lunch? Sign up in

the Narthex and please offer your prayers for this summer's workers and the families who will move into the two houses next door to each other in the Ford Lake area that the Good News group will renovate. Our May 22 work day is a part of Calvary's Change the World week.

Calvary has pledged to raise \$900 to support the project. Making some noise - Each Sunday in May, we will be receiving our "Clatter Collection" to support the Good News Habitat House. Bring your "pocket" change and "make some noise" to fill our bucket for Habitat. You can make your "major" donation to support the Good News House on any Sunday or at Habitat Sunday on May 20. Make checks out to Calvary and write "Habitat" in the note section or put in an envelope noting "Habitat" and place in the Radical Renovation house mailbox!

birthday bash mission fundraiser success

Thanks for your involvement in the mission fundraiser at the March 24 Birthday Bash/Talent Show! We raised \$395 for the Habitat Good News House, Haiti school fund, and Imagine No Malaria. Donated money was collected by birthday month — congratulations to June for raising the most!



a note on finances

In our continuing effort to keep you all up-to-date with the finances of our church, we offer the following facts for March:

General Fund Revenue: \$6,440.86

Checks Written: \$11,196.56

We also had \$1,421.89 in special contributions. Like all accounting efforts, some interpretation is required. Some of the checks include expenditures for designated purposes and should not be taken directly against the general fund revenue. In March we may also have "caught up" with expenses that occurred in previous months. Nevertheless we spent more than we received, which is typical and only sustainable because generous special gifts allow us to directly or indirectly offset the deficit.



youth group scoop

Calvary Youth are hoping to raise \$300 to send a child in Haiti to school. Our bottle and can drive raised over \$190! Thank you to our Calvary supporters and neighbors for your generosity.

Congratulations to our Talent Show participants. We had another great year of entertainment and fellowship. Based on audience vote, our top three acts were Allie, Spencer and Ruth!

**YOUTH
GROUP
SCOOP**

not in our church bulletin

I hear that these sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance

to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday, there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy."

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hostility.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours".

A Sacristan was so pleased that the vicar had recovered from an illness that the following appeared on the notices: GOD IS GOOD. THE VICAR IS BETTER.

Tuesday at 4 p.m. there will be an Ice Cream Social. All ladies giving milk please come early.

At the church concert next Wednesday Mrs Sharp will sing, 'Put Me in My Little Wooden Bed' accompanied by the vicar.

From Kings Lynn Parish Magazine: 'BURIAL CHARGES are to go up at the cemetery. Increased cost of living is to blame.'

birthdays**april**

2	George Thompson
4	Allison Wier
5	Richard Fischer
7	Derek DeVee Jim Acheson
8	Susan Johnson
9	Ann Isbell
10	Renee Griffin
13	Kathy Sanders
16	Nub Turner Steve Roberts
17	Jason Eyestone Melanie (Simpson) Malec
18	Jennie Viery
24	Dion Woolfolk
27	Betty Wier
30	Peggy Thompson

**may**

2	Nancy Roberts
3	Gerald Woolfolk
5	Christopher Griffin
10	Patrick Leonard
14	Margaret Storey
15	Hope Parow Mary Ford
17	Julianne Roberts
21	Stephanie Thompson
22	Gail Davis Barnes
27	Bobbie Smith
29	Carol Miller
31	Jennifer (Rosenbaum) Maiwurm
19	Matthew Turner
23	Paul Grob
24	John Freeman Regina Noland
26	Amy Roberts
26	Doralea Skomp

**anniversaries****april**

21	Peg and Jerry Leonard
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**may**

6	Linda and Val Losse
10	Jan and Nub Turner
28	Karen and Steve Roberts
30	Barbara and Chuck Willey

the refrigerator page

(you know, to hang on the frig door, so you don't miss anything)
Check your bulletin for details and dates and times that may change.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT THE GATHERING – Thursday, April 5 at 6:30 pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Wednesday April 11 at 7 pm

ST ANDREWS BREAKFAST MINISTRY – Saturday, April 14

LIVING TRUTH 2 – Sunday April 22

Special treat for our worship service! Invite your friends and family for this special event.



NURTURE/OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Tuesday May 8 at 5:30 pm

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY – Saturday, May 12 at 9 am

Pick up a rake, paintbrush, squeegee, or clipper and help put the church in ship-shape both inside and out!

CHANGE THE WORLD – May 19-20

What if you could change the world, one choice at a time? Volunteer at Food Gatherer's 9-11 am on Saturday, May 19 and support our Habitat for Humanity house during Habitat Sunday in church! As a part of Change the World, there is an additional opportunity to volunteer at the Good News House on Tuesday, May 22.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Sunday, May 20

CALVARY HABITAT WORK DAYS

Join with other Calvary members to work on the Good News Houses at 1211 and 1221 Clarita in Ypsilanti on **Tuesday, May 22**, **Saturday, June 16**, and **Thursday, July 19**.



HABITAT
Project

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MTG – Wednesday, May 23, 7:00 pm

All are invited to attend and participate in the administration of our church.

Weekly Activities:

MAY IS HABITAT MONTH!

Bring your change for the Clatter Collection each Sunday

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST at the Village Kitchen, , 7 am

Start one morning a week with a GOOD breakfast and GREAT fellowship at our NEW location.

BIBLE STUDY – Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

THE GATHERING AT CALVARY – Thursdays, 6:30 pm



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Sunday School 11:15

