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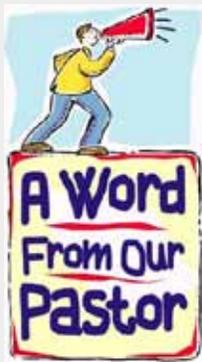
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The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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minister's message



Direct TV has a series of humorous “get rid of cable” commercials. They all start in similar fashion with a seemingly small nuisance associated with cable that will soon snow ball into utter chaos. For example, when the cable company provides unsatisfactory service,

you feel stressed and subsequently, take a vacation, get attacked by an exotic insect, are refused reentry back to the US, and live the rest of your days as an unhappy local fisherman. Clearly, to avoid such a fate, one must switch from cable to Direct TV. Very convincing.

Although these commercials are meant to be utterly ridiculous, there is a small nugget of truth in them; one decision can have a tremendous impact on the trajectory of a life. For some of us with more years under our belt, there’s more time to trace the events of our lives backwards. Perhaps, we can reflect on how things would have been different had we chosen college A vs. college B or if we had decided to take job A instead of job B. Sometimes even choosing whether or not to join friends for a seemingly meaningless social event can mean marrying girl A and never meeting girl B. Too bad, girl B!

In Matthew 4, a couple of fishermen were given the option to follow Jesus when he called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” The first disciples’ decision to follow Jesus made all the difference. Had they chosen to stay on their original path, it’s very likely they would have simply lived out the rest of their days as everyday fishermen. Instead, they were an integral part of establishing the movement that ultimately became the Church and the Christian Faith.

Today, we still have the same decision before us: Will we follow Christ or reject him? Maybe we had, at some point, decided to follow Christ, but in the journey of faith, there are ups and downs, highs and lows. The decision to follow might be easy, but the commitment to stay true to the decision is difficult. I pray in the same way Spring brings the trees, the grass, and the flowers back to life, the Holy Spirit would do the same in the hearts and lives of the people at Calvary.

Let your one decision to follow Christ spur on other decisions in your life creating a snowball effect of God’s love in every facet of your life so that you may be used in beautiful, life creating ways. I know I have decided to follow Jesus. Will you join me?

Andy

spring cleaning at calvary!

The Church Spring Clean-up Day will be held this year on **Saturday, May 17 from 9 am -12 pm.** Come for a little work or for the whole time. Many hands make light work!!



may is habitat month

As Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley kicks off their 25th year working in Washtenaw County, they are celebrating the legacy of past faith builds by working on the 2014 Block of Faith! The 2014 Block of Faith will be comprised of four homes located in a new targeted neighborhood that will be completely funded and renovated by congregations across the county, of all denominations. The Good News Group Calvary is a part of will be renovating their 24th and 25th homes this year at 1091 & 1101 Rambling. That's Habitat's 25th year and Good News' 25th house!

Work on the two Rambling St. houses in Ypsilanti begins May 15. We need your participation for Calvary's work days on **Friday, May 23; Saturday, June 14; and Saturday, July 12.** Can you wield a paint brush, screwdriver, or hammer or help with lunch? A sign up will be in the Narthex soon for you to participate 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 that the Good News group will renovate.

Calvary has pledged to raise \$900 to support the project. 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 18. Make checks out to Calvary and write "Habitat" in the note section. More information about the Good News House group, the families etc. is available at <http://goodnewshouse.org/>

Also this year, Calvary and Pastor Andy and Steering Committee member, Karen Woollams, attended an appreciation event for participating Good News House churches. Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley says, "Congratulations on another year of amazing work, and we look forward to this year's builds! THANK YOU!!"

Thank you Calvary!!



imagine no malaria!

Every 60 seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa. Millions of lives, needlessly lost each year. Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting our faith into action to end preventable deaths by malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother. The Imagine No Malaria approach is focused on four key areas: prevention, education, communication and treatment.

Malaria is a disease of poverty. It severely affects those who cannot afford treatment or have limited access to health care, leading to a detrimental effect on attendance at workplaces and schools.

Good News Homes: By The Numbers

- 1997: Year of Good News founding
- 23: Total GN Homes built/renovated to date
- 64: Children living in GN Homes by the end of 2013
- 15: Total GN Homes with Energy Star Rating (all homes since 2005)
- >4,000: GN Homes work site volunteer hours in 2013
- 2: GN Homes renovated in 2013
- 2: Will you help us add 2 more homes in 2014?



IMAGINE NO
Imagine Saving Millions Of Lives
MALARIA



Malaria is both preventable and treatable. There is currently a plan to eliminate



malaria in our lifetime. Insecticide-treated mosquito nets are a simple, cost-effective way to prevent malaria, but nets are only part of the solution. To overcome malaria, we must continue to support the most effective prevention methods, while also improving education about the disease, establishing community-based malaria-control programs, conducting communications outreach through radio, and revitalizing hospitals and clinics to improve treatment across the African continent.

Social holiness has always been a hallmark of who we are as United Methodists. John Wesley encouraged his followers to live like Jesus—to reach out to those on the fringes of society, heal them and send them back into their community for a greater good.

We are in this fight, and we will win it. We will save millions of children's lives, making sure these smiling faces see a bright future.

Calvary is participating in this important endeavor as part of our Change the World activities this spring. We will start with a returnable can drive for Calvary members and our neighborhood. You

CHANGE THE WORLD

can take part by helping distribute flyers in the neighborhood after church on Sunday, April 27. Then

on Saturday, April 3, bring your returnables and help pick up the cans and bottles left out for our fund-raising project in the neighborhood. Talk to Judy Wier for more information.

Happy Birthday to all of us! We will also have a Birthday Bash potluck fund-raiser after church on Sunday, June 1. We'll have a birthday cake for each month and a competition to see which birthday month can raise the most. Celebrate your birthday and help Imagine No Malaria.

our maple syrup man

It's maple syrup time! Tom Jameson helped celebrate maple syruping in southern Michigan with a

festival on Saturday, March 8. Despite continued winter weather, the festival included pancake breakfasts, tours of tapping areas and the syruping process, the release of a local maple wine, and lots of good things to eat.

Enjoy here a picture of Tom Jameson as he shared his time-tested techniques for do-it-yourself maple syrup making and showed off maple syrup he made at the Eddy Discovery Center in Chelsea during the Big 400 Maple Festival.



soap-n-socks

Barbara Robinson calls her ministry to help the homeless, "Soap-n-Socks." She asked Calvary members to help in a letter on March 23:

Although we enjoy the comforts of home and so many of God's blessings, there are others of our brothers and sisters who are without so much in this day and time. Three years ago, I initiated a method of helping some individuals who are without, that is simple and yet effective.

All one has to do to take part in the program is to contribute some soap (I also add crew socks and deodorant). These items are packaged and donated to all clients at the Delonis Shelter on Huron St. The Director there has assured me that this has been a great help to the clients.

Thus far, a chapter of the Red Hat Society and some other individuals are contributing to the program. However, at this time, there is a need for more individuals to take part, as homelessness has increased locally, state-wide and nationally.

Many donors find it easy to include some of the needed items on their grocery lists. If Calvary

members could provide some of the soap for the packet, this would be most helpful. For the sake of uniformity/non-allergy, **8-Pack Dial White Soap** is being used. I hope that you will consider taking part in the Program.

Sincerely, Barbara A. Robinson

A basket will be placed in the narthex to collect the 8-pack Dial White Soap for this important local mission.

project yum

Recently, we had an informational meeting about a meal Calvary would invite the local community to enjoy for outreach and fundraising for charities, that Pastor Andy has called Project Yum. If you are interested in using your skills, knowl-

edge, abilities, and gifts for this project, you can get involved in one of four small group sub-committees including **advertisement**, **food**, **ambience**, and **equipment**. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex or you can find the meeting notes and committee sign up on google drive at https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B6l6Q5ey_xc9YUktclpodGpfSE0&usp=sharing. You need a gmail account to access this (which can be obtained free at <http://gmail.com>).



These committees will meet and present a plan at a whole group Project Yum meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 26 at 2 pm. We're starting a great adventure — be a part of it!

birthdays

april

- 2 George Thompson
- 4 Allison Wier
- 5 Richard Fischer
- 7 Derek DeVee
- 10 Renee Griffin
- 13 Kathy Sanders
- 16 Nub Turner
Steve Roberts
- 18 Jennie Viery
- 24 Dion Woolfolk
- 30 Peggy Thompson



may

- 2 Nancy Roberts
- 3 Gerald Woolfolk
- 5 Christopher Griffin
- 10 Patrick Leonard
- 14 Margaret Storey
- 15 Hope Parow
- 17 Julianne Roberts
- 19 Nick Navarre
- 21 Stephanie Thompson
- 27 Bobbie Smith
- 29 Carol Miller
- 31 Ryleigh Lowe

anniversaries

april

- 21 Peg and Jerry Leonard

Celebrating an Anniversary



may

- 6 Linda and Val Losse
- 8 Chris Wallace and Judith Fardig
- 10 Jan and Nub Turner
- 28 Karen and Steve Roberts

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.

FOOD COLLECTION – April 13 (and every 2nd Sunday)

Non-perishable food and personal items for Faith In Action's food pantry.

EASTER CELEBRATION – Sunday, April 20

Easter service followed by Easter Egg Hunt for kids!

PROJECT YUM MEETING – Saturday, April 26, 2 pm

Whole group meeting of Project Yum for committees to report and put together plans for our first fundraising meal for the community.

CHANGE THE WORLD CAN DRIVE – for Imagine No Malaria: April 27 and May 3

Returnable can drive to benefit Imagine No Malaria project: flyer distribution in neighborhood on Sunday, April 27 after church and can pick-up on Saturday, May 3.

NURTURE MEETING – Thursday, May 8, 5:30 pm

FOOD COLLECTION – May 11 (and every 2nd Sunday)

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING – Wednesday, May 14, 5:30 pm.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY – May 17, 9-12 pm

Come for a little or for the whole time. Many hands make light work!!

HABITAT SUNDAY – May 18

Learn all about and then help out the Good News House project of Habitat for Humanity.

HABITAT VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS –

Friday, May 23 + Saturday, June 14 + Saturday, July 12
Help out at the Good News House Habitat for Humanity houses!

CHANGE THE WORLD FUNDRAISER – June 1

Birthday Bash potluck after church to raise funds for Imagine No Malaria.

FOOD COLLECTION – June 8 (and every 2nd Sunday)

Weekly Activities:

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST at Village Kitchen, 241 N Maple, 8 am

Start one morning a week with a GOOD breakfast and GREAT fellowship.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #5 MTG – Tuesday, 7:00 pm at Calvary

BIBLE STUDY – every other Wednesday, 7:00 pm

There is Bible Study every other Wednesday night, led by Dr. George Thompson or Pastor Andy Lee.



Alleluia!
He is alive!



HABITAT
Project



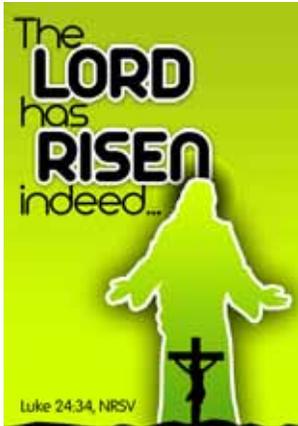
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