



THIS MONTH

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The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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pastor's ponderings



Change is something that occurs in most of our lives every day. We accept it as a fact of life, at work, in school, in our community activities, but for some

reason we don't like it much at church. Maybe it makes some of us nervous, the place that we have counted on to be a foundation all our lives, doesn't seem like it should change. Just like everything else without change, the church will become obsolete in people's lives. It's the opposite of what we want. We want to be more relative to people's lives, we want people to find encouragement for their everyday living. We want to be able to offer Christian guidance for people who might be struggling with something. We want to be ready to welcome those who have never had church as a foundation. To be able to do that, the church has to change just like everywhere else.

I am excited about what the year 2010 has in store for us at Calvary. We are doing some new things around here and it feels good.

- We celebrated new life on Sunday with the Baptism of Phoebe Rose Schildhouse. Phoebe is the daughter of Emily and RJ, who joined the church this past fall. The service was full of life, and even really nice baby sounds. The joy carried through to a reception during fellowship time, where we discovered that Emily can make really good and really pretty cakes.
- We have started communicating with our sister church in Liberia and the youth have been raising money for a latrine and a well for their church. It's amazing that we can make an impact on the world so far away.

- The Youth are going on a mission trip this summer in Detroit, through Motown Mission. This is a United Methodist related program. I know the youth will touch the lives of many, I also know that their lives will be impacted through this kind of service.

- We continue to work on our welcome. I'm sure most of you have noticed a change in the bathrooms. We have "bathroom fairies" who bought the paint and the accessories, and did the work, to make these rooms much nicer!

- Worship Committee is working on making a positive impact to a Celebration Time, by developing a "Praise Team" approach. We believe that this will start worship with an energetic start and offer us the opportunity to be more creative with our resources.

Although our ministries and the way we do ministry might change some, it's good to know that one thing never changes. God's love always remains the same. I feel like our loving God that has loved us always, is leading us to do some new things and I am very excited. I hope you are too. If you would like to be involved in something you read or hear about, or if your concerned about something, my door is always open to you. Please feel free to talk to me about ideas, ways to help out, or things that bother you.

God has led his people through many changes and many exciting time. Think about Genesis and Exodus, the early Christian church that read about in Acts. Things have changed a little since then, but God is still with us and always will be!

Grace and Peace,

Beth

a winter get-away for two

Have a romantic weekend together with your spouse! Rekindle you love relationship at a United Methodist Marriage Encounter on Valentines weekend, February 12-14, in Romulus, MI. A brochure is posted on the church bulletin board, or call Registration Couple Chuck and Dalice Yost (313)937-1051, or CYOST@twmi.rr.com. Also see www. encounter.org.

memory walk update:

The Alzheimer's Great Lakes Chapter to which Washtenaw County belongs, reports that the Walk in October 2009 was a great success. A total of \$92,000 was collected which helps to provide funding to meet the needs of people coping with this terrible disease. Thanks again to those of you who donated to the 2009 Memory Walk.

Also many thanks to those of you who donate old eyeglasses, hearing aids, tabs from metal cans and Campbell soup labels to help other people. Please continue to bring in these items and leave them in the narthex at church.

---submitted by Ruth J. Husung

thank you

To the Congregation and Friends of Calvary,

Thank you for all the wonderful things you did for the Gates family in 2009. Prayers, meals, rides, cards, phone calls, and words of inspiration. We never could have made it through without your help and the grace of God.

Please continue your prayers and may 2010 be good to all of us.

God Bless, *David and Karen*



christmas thanks too

• Thanks to the Calv. Singers for the great music during the Advent Season as they presented "Rise Up! a New Light A'Comin' AND, a big thank you to our "orchestra" Christmas Eve. It was special to have Angela Noble, oboist; Alicia Holtz, flutist; Tom Jameson, bassoonist; Gerald Woolfolk on trumpet, and Ed Wier, percussionist.



• Thanks to the Calvary Youth's leadership in the service of Lessons and Carols was great and a big thank you goes to Judy Wier.

his eye is on the sparrow

Matthew 10:29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your father."

English sparrow are barely worth a penny (Jesus said so) ye of the world's nine thousand bird species the Master singles out the least noticeable and insignificant to make a point. If God takes time to care for every sparrow then surely he takes special care of you in every detail.

The Bible may point to eagles to underscore power and doves as symbols of peace. But God's word reserves sparrows to teach about trust. He cares for a tiny bird if it falls and is injured. He gently reminds us that he is worthy of our greatest trust and confidence. (by Joni Erickson)

--submitted by Ruth Husung

We have a new painting that will be hanging over the stairs to the Fellowship Hall, to remind us that if God is watching the sparrow, then you are surely being cared for too.

youth in action

The Youth had a bowling fundraiser in October. The high scores were: Tyler 137, Justin 136, Xavier 136, Ghia 130. The team high score was: Ty/Justin/Kelley 386. The low score was: Kristin 75. We raised \$275 from this fundraiser.

Our annual bake sale raised \$295. Special thanks to congregation members for their donations of baked goods and generous financial support.



We collected hats and mittens for the Peace Neighborhood Center, sent out 4 Christmas shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse, and sent out stuffed reindeer to shut-ins.

Also, bring in your unwanted returnable cans for the youth. There are buckets in the fellowship hall. All money raised will go toward the youth mission projects of a well for our sister church in Liberia and our summer mission trip to Detroit.

Thanks again for all of your support.

special recipe request

Many of you asked for this recipe after the Progressive Dinner. It comes from tasteof-home.com.

Scalloped Pineapple

8-10 Servings
Prep: 15 min. Bake: 40 min.

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 4 cups firmly packed cube bread (crusts removed)
- 1 can (20 ounces) pineapple chunks, drained

Directions

• In a bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in the bread cubes and pineapple. Spoon into a greased 2-qt. baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 375° for 40-45 minutes or until golden.

Nutrition Facts: 1 serving (3/4 cup) equals 357 calories, 20 g fat (12 g saturated fat), 113 mg cholesterol, 282 mg sodium, 43 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 3 g protein.



crop funds to fight hunger

Calvary walkers raised \$787--our part in over \$53,000 raised in the Washtenaw CROP walk this year to help end hunger! Thanks to walkers Tom and Sandra Jameson, Regina Noland, Kristen Olsen, Pander and Xavier Kimbrough, Kristen Titus, Doug Smith and Karen Woollams and many thanks to all those who made donations!

conference news

Board of Global Ministries Looking to Raise Funds For Truck in Liberia At 2010 Annual Conference

The Conference Board of Global Ministries has decided to not fill a container with medical and UMCOR kits to be sent to Liberia at the 2010 annual conference, according to the Rev. Margie Crawford, chair of the board's Hunger/UMCOR Committee.

Instead, the board will be using the annual conference session as an opportunity to raise funds to purchase a much needed delivery truck for use by the Liberia Annual Conference.

The Liberia Task Force and the conference Board of Global Ministries recently met with Bishop John Innis of the Liberia Annual Conference to discuss the Detroit Conference's covenantal relationship with Liberia. Conditions have improved dramatically since 1998, when the relationship was created, and the needs of the people of Liberia have changed during that time as well. In addition, as the government has become more stabilized, the United Methodist Church of Liberia is experiencing more and more red tape involved with the amount of funds needed to receive container shipments.

"In seeking new directions for how we may help our covenant partner, we are hoping to raise funds to help with the purchase of a truck for Liberia," Crawford said. "At our meeting, Bishop Innis spoke of how difficult it is to convey materials from the capital of Monrovia to many of the churches, especially those in more distant districts. A truck for the conference will help tremendously to deliver materials and supplies to the districts. We are asking each church in the Detroit Annual Conference to prayerfully consider how much they can give toward bridging the distance between Monrovia and the churches served by the Liberia Conference."

Crawford noted that checks may be made out to the Detroit Annual Conference, with the notation of "Liberia Truck Fund" on the memo line. Checks may be sent to the conference office, or delivered to the Board of Global Ministries table at the ministry fair during annual conference.



barn dance!

Coming February 19 from 8-11 pm is the first annual Calvary Barn Dance. Join our own dance leader John Freeman and live music in a fun time for all in our fellowship hall. Bring your friends! No dancing experience needed. To accompany the fun will be thirst quenchers and yummy treats. Donations accepted, proceeds will benefit Haiti.

birthdays**january**

3	Richard Totten Jared Simpson
4	Val Losse
11	Helen Staebler
13	Karen Woollams
14	Priscilla Woollams
15	Doug Smith
16	Ruth Thompson
19	Sunyoung Shin
20	Yvonne Gillies Tyler Leonard
27	David Gates
28	Jan Turner

**february**

2	Alyssa Miller Corey Woolfolk
3	Frank Mueller
4	Betty Whiting
7	Steve Miller
8	Bob Talbot Brock Burger
12	Barb Willey
19	Joanne Navarre
20	Gerald Navarre
23	Bob Leffler

anniversaries**january**

2	Marilyn and Gerald Woolfolk
11	Betty and Bob Talbot
28	Kathy and Michael Sanders

february

4	Pam and Paul Grob
24	Kim Kracman and Chris Skinner



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.

mark your calendars now

DINNER AND A MOVIE – Friday, January 22 at 7 pm -- More details will be announced in church and through email, but plan to join us for an evening of fellowship, while we share a meal and watch a movie.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD – Wednesday, January 27 at 7:30 pm

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAYS – Saturday, January 30 8:30am - noon
First United Methodist Church Saline, 1200 North Ann Arbor St., Saline, MI (734)429-4730

This is a FREE event. The day starts with Worship, followed by workshops. Brochures are available in the Narthex.

PRAY THE DEVIL BACK TO HELL – Sunday, January 31 at 3:00 pm
a documentary about the conclusion of the civil war in Liberia
screening hosted by Chelsea First United Methodist Church

Following the film a discussion will be facilitated by Rev. Charles Boayue, who is from Liberia and currently serves as the senior pastor of Second Grace UMC in Detroit. Pizza and Beverages will be provided by Chelsea First UMC. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted to the Brighter Future Children Rescue Center (for former child combatants and other war affected youth) in Monrovia, Liberia.



BOY SCOUT SUNDAY – February, 7

The Scout Troop that meets in our church will be joining us for worship on this special Sunday. Come and welcome them!

CALVARY BARN DANCE – Saturday, February 19 8:00 to 11:00 pm

Bring your friends! No dancing experience needed. Refreshments, dance caller and live music. Donations accepted, proceeds to benefit Haiti

ONE-EIGHTY - A TURNAROUND CHURCH CONFERENCE – March 4 8:30am - 3:45pm
Redeemer UMC, Dewitt, MI

New Topics have been added for this year.

LAY SPEAKING CLASS – March 6 and 20
Lambertville United Methodist Church

Choose from these two advanced classes: Lay Speakers Preach and Lay Speakers Are Servant Leaders



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Sunday Worship 10:00
Sunday School 11:15