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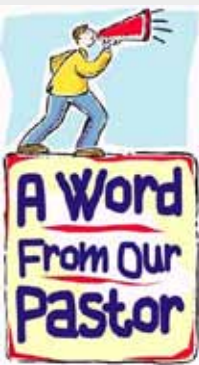
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The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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minister's message



Every Sunday, I like to go to church a few hours before service starts. I check over the powerpoint, pray for God's presence to fill the building, visualize people's faces, run through the service a few times, and then I'll simply pace back and forth. Remember, I love pacing. It's what

I do. Often times, as I pace alone in the church, I will look out the windows and see one of our neighbors going for a jog down Miller Avenue. Others will take their dogs out for a morning walk. I can't be certain, but I imagine many of these people will not attend a Sunday service at any point in the day. It's a shame, but unfortunately, it's also a growing trend.

In 2015, I hope we can be a church that is really focused on the mission that Jesus personally gave to us: making disciples and spreading God's love. While the mission is a noble task, it might also be a bit frightening to think about what this mission focus might mean for us. Will Pastor Andy now ask us to cold call people into accepting Jesus as their lord and savior? Will we abandon our familiar worship service in favor of "seeker-friendly services" popularized by mega churches like Willow Creek?

When I observe my brother taking care of my niece, I can't help but smile. This is the same person I grew up with playing bas-

ketball, pulling pranks on my parents, and getting into fights over the TV remote. So, at times, I am in disbelief that he could become such a good parent. Although fatherhood is a totally new and different experience, my brother is still the same person he's always been. As the oldest of three, he always possessed a nurturing, responsible, and caring side. Fatherhood simply provided an occasion for him to display and put these skills to further use. In short, it's different, but it's also the same.

Every Sunday after I pace alone, people start trickling into the church. First, our music people come for practice. Our ushers and unofficial welcoming crew come next. Finally, the rest of us start filtering in the sanctuary at or a little after 10 am (C'mon guys!). Then, our service is filled with joyful singing, humble service, warm hospitality, generous giving, laughter, and love. It's very easy to see why it's such a shame that our jogging neighbor isn't here with us. He or she is simply missing out. In 2015, as we brainstorm ways to close the seemingly infinite chasm between Christ disciples and our neighbors who don't know him, the tools we already possess and the people we already have will be the key to making progress on our mission. May this year be different, but also at its heart, be very much the same.

Grace and Peace,

Andy

movie night

Join with Calvary friends and watch the uplifting movie *Joshua* on **Saturday, January 31 at 6 pm.** Based on a popular book, in this gentle fable about the Second Coming, a carpenter named Joshua (Tony Goldwyn) brings joy and light to every person he meets when he arrives in a small town. From troubled teens to a smitten TV anchorwoman to a frustrated wife, Joshua helps them all. But when word gets out that he possesses supernatural abilities, some folks in town show their concern. F. Murray Abraham co-stars in this life-affirming drama.



We'll enjoy a pizza dinner plus, of course, popcorn with our movie!

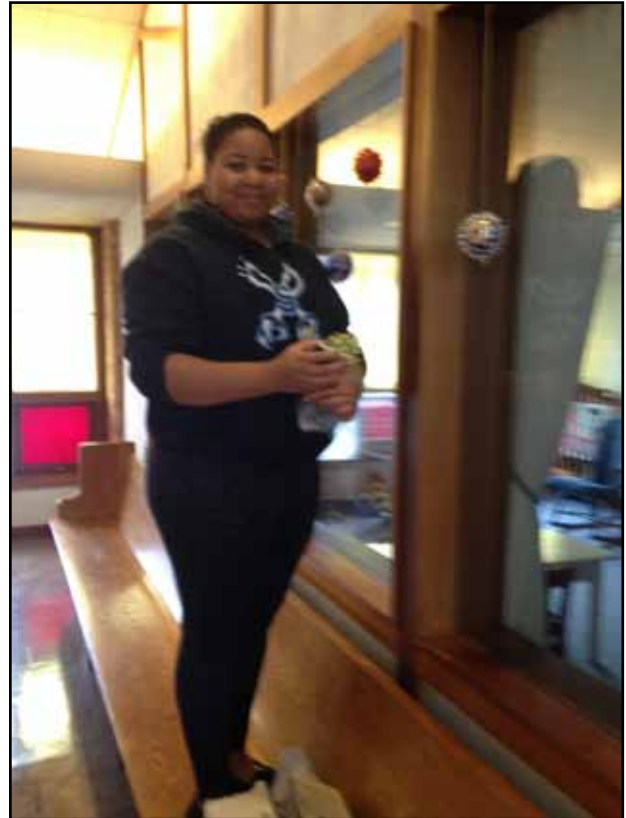
meet'n eat

Warm up with a meal (and pie!) with Calvary friends at the Grand Traverse Pie Co at 291 N Zeeb Rd (at I-94) on **Saturday, February 21 at 6 pm.** Look for a sign-up in February.



reaching new heights

Thanks for all the help decorating the church for Advent during our November 23 Hanging of the Greens. Here are some *highlights*.



**progressive
dinner fun**

We had a another great progres-
sive dinner on November 15 starting
with appetizers at Steve and Carol
Miller's house, dinner at Tom and
Sandra Jameson's house and dessert
at the parsonage with Pastor Andy.
Enjoy some photos from that night
and I hope we'll see you there next
time!



birthdays**january**

- 4 Val Losse
- 11 Helen Staebler
- 13 Karen Woollams
- 14 Priscilla Woollams
- 15 Doug Smith
- 16 Ruth Thompson
- 20 Yvonne Gillies & Tyler Leonard
- 25 Emily Schildhouse
- 27 David Gates & Andy Lee
- 30 Roger Miller



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

february

- 2 Alyssa Miller & Corey Woolfolk
- 4 Betty Whiting
- 6 David Wooten
- 7 Steve Miller
- 8 Bob Talbot
- 14 Justin Wooten
- 16 Jada Wooten
- 23 Bob Leffler

anniversaries**january**

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

**february**

- 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.

FOOD COLLECTION — January 11 (and every 2nd Sunday)
Help replenish Faith In Action's food pantry after the holidays.

WORSHIP MEETING — Tuesday, January 13, 5:30 pm

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING — Thursday, January 15, 5 pm.

TRUSTEES MEETING — Tuesday, January 20, 5 pm

MOVIE NIGHT — Saturday, January 31, 6 pm

Watch the uplifting movie *Joshua* with Calvary friends and, of course, pizza and popcorn!

FOOD COLLECTION — February 8 (and every 2nd Sunday)

NURTURE MEETING — Thursday, February 12, 5:30 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY — Wednesday, February 18

MEET 'N EAT — Saturday, February 21, 6 pm

Come for dinner or just coffee or dessert at the Grand Traverse Pie Co at 291 N Zeeb Rd (at I-94). Bring your friends and family!

FOOD COLLECTION — March 8 (and every 2nd Sunday)

EASTER CELEBRATION — Sunday, April 5

Easter service followed by Easter Egg Hunt for kids!

FOOD COLLECTION — April 12 (and every 2nd Sunday)

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



Weekly Activities:

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST at Village Kitchen, 241 N Maple, 8:00 am
Start one morning a week with a GOOD breakfast and GREAT fellowship.

BIBLE STUDY — every other Wednesday, 7:00 pm

Join Bible Study at the church every other Wednesday night, led by Dr. George Thompson alternating with Pastor Andy.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY — Thursdays, 7:00 pm

At the Parsonage with Pastor Andy.

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Sunday School 11:15



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