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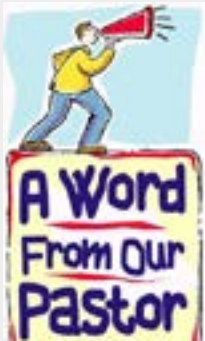
January/February 2017



The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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minister's message



John 1:40-42:

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.

41 The first thing Andrew did was to

find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus.

Every first Wednesday of 2017, Calvary will host a community game night. While I enjoy a competitive game of Monopoly or Euchre, we all know the game night isn't really about the games. As a by product of playing games, we hope to build friendships with the people of our community.

On Sundays, we sing songs that may be familiar and meaningful to us, listen to a sermon based on the holy word of God, and consume juice dipped bread that we've dubbed

"Christ's body and blood." It's business as usual for those of us who have spent time in the walls of the church. However, for the unchurched, Christianity can be a whole new world. Still, this new world can become significantly less strange if it's filled with people they have met many times before, perhaps, at a game night.

As we see in the book of John, disciples come to follow Jesus by invitation from someone they already know. An important key in introducing people to Jesus is, often times, an established friendship between the inviter and the invited. Through providence or just happenstance, the 2017 District Leadership Training Day's theme is "Building Relationship that Build Churches." It takes place on February 25th at Northville UMC. There are brochures in the narthex for more information. I will be there, and for the expansion of God's kingdom, I hope you can join me!

In Christ,

Andy

leadership training day

Bishop David Bard will give the keynote talk at this year's Ann Arbor District Leadership Training Day on "Building Relationships That Build Churches" on **Saturday, February 25** at First UMC Northville.

Workshops include Essential Skills for Building Relationships, Making the Welcome Real, Connecting with the Unchurched and Dechurched, Bridges Out of Poverty, Built For Groups, and Building Relationships Across Cultural Boundaries.

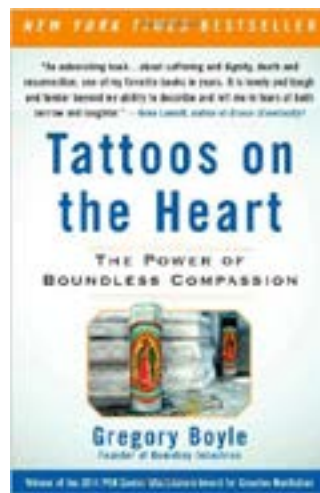
Our District Superintendent says, "Attending the Leadership Training Day will not guarantee that you will build relationships that build churches. You must actually apply the things taught in the workshops, work hard with relentless effort, consistently reach out beyond the walls of your church, try new things, be dissatisfied with the status quo and give more credit to your DS. Unbelievably, results from these workshops may vary depending on whether you stayed awake, heard correctly or made notes rather than doodled. The Ann Arbor District Leadership Day is not guaranteed to grow your church, only working with the Holy Spirit can do that, but being here can't hurt."

So let's get a good group together to attend the training day to learn new things and do something the Holy Spirit to work with!!

tatoos on the heart

The informal Calvary Book Group will begin discussing *Tatoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle after fellowship time on **Sunday, February 12**.

Father Gregory Boyle's sparkling parables about kinship and the sacredness of life are drawn from twenty years working with gangs in LA.



How do you fight despair and learn to meet the world with a loving heart? How do you overcome shame? Stay faithful in spite of failure? No matter where people live or what their circumstances may be, everyone needs boundless, restorative love. Gorgeous and uplifting, *Tattoos on the Heart* amply demonstrates the impact unconditional love can have on your life.



fun at game night

The very first Calvary Game Night had a solid turn out. There were about 20 in attendance including 7 visitors on January 4.

I was very impressed by the way our church welcomed and seamlessly integrated these visitors. Give yourself a big pat on the back!

While we had an encouraging start, I invite you to consider the following in order to grow what we have begun:

Attend, play, and share in the fun!

Invite your friends to the next Game Night on **Wednesday, February 1 at 7 pm**. A personal invitation can be very effective.

Above all else, pray.

Submitted by Pastor Andy

greatest spaghetti dinner ever?

Let's make the next Spaghetti Dinner to support Habitat for Humanity from **5-7 pm on Saturday, February 25** the GREATEST SPAGHETTI DINNER EVER!

We can do that if you invite your neighbors, friends and family! February can be dreary, so a warm, friendly meal can improve anyone's day!

calvary leadership for 2017



Administrative Board (Church Council):

- Chairperson Carol Miller
- Finance Chair Steve Miller
- Financial Secretary Tom Jameson
- Treasurer Gerald Woolfolk
- Lay Member, Annual Conf. Carol L. Miller
- Pastor/Parish Chair Al Storey
- Trustee Chair Tom Jameson
- Members at Large ALL members of Calvary Church

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

- Chairperson Steve Miller
- Financial Secretary Tom Jameson
- Treasurer Gerald Woolfolk
- Members-at-Large George Thompson, Trustee Representative, Pastor/Parish Representative

Pastor Parish

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| Chairperson: Al Storey | | |
| 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Jen Sullivan | Steve Miller | Connie Nichols |
| Judy Fardig | Brad Hamilton | Amanda Lowe |
| Al Storey | | RJ Schildhouse |

Trustees

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| Chairperson: Peg Leonard | | |
| 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Marilyn Woolfolk | Renee Griffin | Ed Wier |
| Barbara Robinson | Peg Leonard | Brad Hamilton |

Lay Leadership

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| Chair: Pastor | | |
| 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| Carol L. Miller | Carol J. Miller | Gerald Woolfolk |
| Dave Gates | Melanie Hamilton | Tom Jameson |

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Nurture: GROWING IN CHRIST (Education, family, youth, congregational care, fellowship)

- Chair: Judy Wier
- Members - Peg Leonard, Karen Gates, Regina Noland, Carol Miller, Gerald Woolfolk

Calvary Leadership 2017 continued

Outreach: SERVING IN LOVE (Missions, Other Outreach)

Chair: Karen Woollams
Members - David Gates, plus you?

Worship: WORSHIP JOYFULLY (Witnessing Ministries)

Chairperson: Ed Wier
Choir Director: Gerald Woolfolk
Worship Director/Organist: Sandra Jameson
Member at Large: David Gates

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



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.

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT – Wednesday, January 4, 7 pm

First monthly Calvary Community Game Night. Enjoy games, snacks, and fellowship!

DONATION COLLECTION – January 10 (and every 2nd Sunday)

NURTURE/OUTREACH/WORSHIP MTG – Thursday, Jan 12, 5:30 pm

MOVIE OUT NIGHT – Saturday, January 21

Meet at Quality 16 to see the 6:50 showing of *Hidden Figures* and we'll enjoy coffee/ice cream afterwards at the Coffee House Creamery near the theater.

BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday, January 25, 7 pm

Bible study on *Invitation to John*.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MTG – Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 pm

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT – Wednesday, February 1, 7 pm

Enjoy games, snacks, and fellowship at our second monthly game night!

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY – Sunday, February 5

DONATION COLLECTION – February 12 (and every 2nd Sunday)

TATOOS ON THE HEART BOOK GROUP – Sunday, February 12, 11:15 am

Discuss the inspiring book "Tatoos on the Heart" by Gregory Boyle after fellowship time.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY – Saturday, February 25, 8:30-12:15 pm

Theme: "Building Relationships that Build Churches" at Northville UMC.

CALVARY COOKS SPAGHETTI DINNER – Saturday, February 25, 5-7 pm

Community spaghetti dinner to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT – Wednesday, March 1, 7 pm

Enjoy games, snacks, and fellowship at our second monthly game night!

DONATION COLLECTION – March 12 (and every 2nd Sunday)

NURTURE/OUTREACH/WORSHIP MTG – Thursday, March 16, 5:30 pm

Weekly Activities:

HOLY YOGA – Tuesdays, 5:15 pm

Enjoy a weekly yoga class with scripture and praise music to heal the body and soul! Open to all--walk ins welcome at \$15/class and the first class is free!

Dial Soap Collection for the Delonis Shelter donations accepted in basket in the narthex!



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a
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Sunday Worship 10:00
Sunday School 11:15

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