



# THIS MONTH

**January — March 2013**

**The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter**

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## pastor's ponderings



As we begin 2013, I reminded of how much promise the New Year holds for each of us and for us as a church. There is something about the newness of the year that makes us take stock in what we have accomplished, what we still want to accomplish, to think about what want to change in our lives. This year there will be opportunities for us to grow in our faith, to serve others, to build new relationships and in general share the love of God. There will be opportunities to build our career, to travel, to be with family, maybe even get rich, who knows what might happen. It's exciting to think about and dream about.

We will have to make decisions about all those opportunities. We will have to decide how we want to spend our time and our resources. We will need to think about what we stand for and what is important to us. I am not going to try and tell you that the only thing important is church, because I know in our lives, it is only part of all we have going on, only a little bit of the responsibilities we have in our daily lives. However, as you think about all that is before you, I invite you NOT to put your church last on your list of things to do.

Church doesn't have to be first, but your relationship with God in Christ should be. When that relationship is vital and alive in our lives, everything else seems to fall into place. Remember that God is the giver of all you have. God created your wonderful your spouse and gave you those beautiful children. God brought friends into your life to support you and encourage you. God has blessed you with jobs and homes. Begin the year by remembering where it all comes from and be thankful.

Grace and Peace,

Beth



## haiti trip

Beth, Dale and Kristin are leaving for Haiti on Feb 27. They are going as part of a group from the Haiti: Jeremie Project, which is group of people from the Detroit Annual Conference working with the Methodist church of Haiti in the Jeremie Area. When they would go, they would like to help supply some medication for the area clinic. If you would like to help they are collecting Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Tums (as a calcium supplement for women and children) and Refresh Eye drops. Thank you for anything you can donate.

## bible study

Dr. George Thompson is leading Bible Study every other Wednesday. He is looking at the Letters of the Apostles, beginning with James. Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. (Dates coming up: Jan 23, Feb 6, Feb 20, March 6.)

## the season of lent

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, we celebrate Lent during the 40 days before Easter. It is a time to reflect on fallibility and mortality, helping us to appreciate our need for forgiveness and the power of the resurrection. It's a time for personal reflection, to see where we need to grow in our Christian faith and become more faithful in our walk with Christ.



It is also a time to come together as a faith community, to grow together as the Body of Christ. We are shaped as the church by Jesus' act of love in his death and

resurrection. When we spend this time together, we remember who we are as the church and why we are called to this community. We hope that you will all make it a point to try to be here during this special time of year.

(PS... Easter joy of the resurrection is so much more meaningful when you have spent time remembering that as an act of love Jesus suffered and died... and then the joy!)

During the season of Lent we will be looking at the words of Christ on the cross. Using Adam Hamilton's book, Final Words, as a resource we will explore Jesus' final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross.

## worship during lent

### February 13, Ash Wednesday

We will have a service of ashes and communion in the chapel at 7:00 pm.  
"Father Forgive Them"



### Sunday, February 17

This is the final sermon in our series on Love, Sex and Marriage, "Making It Last"

### Sunday, February 24

"Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise."

### Sunday, March 3

"Behold Your Son.....  
Behold Your Mother."



### Sunday, March 10

"My God, My God,  
Why Have You Forsaken Me."

### Sunday, March 17

"I Thirst"

### Sunday, March 24

"It Is Finished...Into Your Hands I Commend Your Spirit."

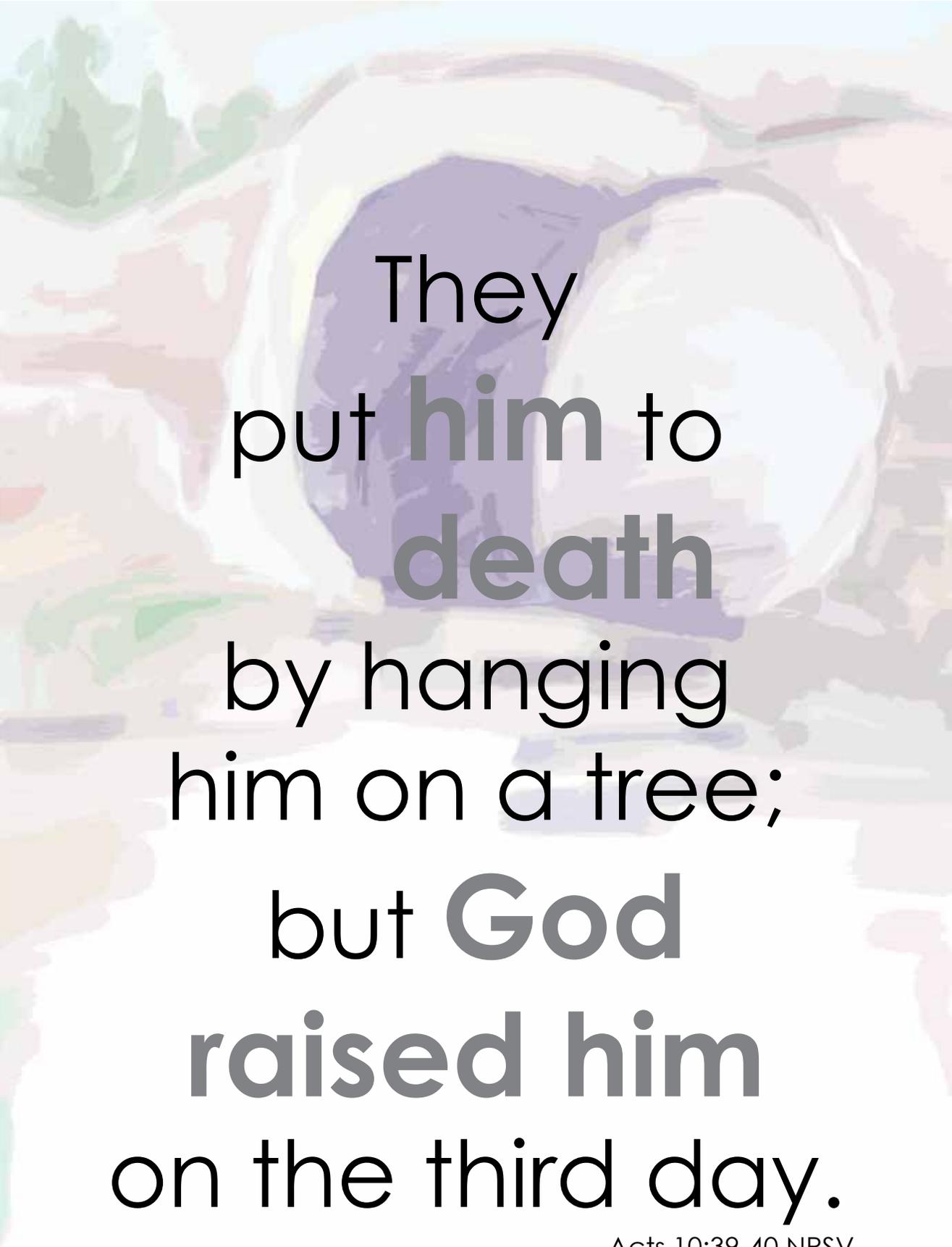
### March 28, Maundy Thursday

Communion service at 6:30 pm at *The Gathering*.

### Sunday, March 31

Easter Celebration ... 10:00 am





They  
put **him** to  
**death**  
by hanging  
him on a tree;  
but **God**  
**raised him**  
on the third day.

Acts 10:39-40 NRSV

**birthdays****january**

- 3 Richard Totten
- 4 Val Losse
- 11 Helen Staebler
- 13 Karen Woollams
- 14 Priscilla Woollams
- 15 Doug Smith
- 16 Ruth Thompson
- 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
- 23 Bob Leffler

**march**

- 1 Mark Roberts
- 3 J.R. Leonard
- 5 Keith Jameson
- 8 Amanda Lowe
- 9 Elaine Roberts
- 11 Pam Grob
- 14 George Bigelow
- 15 Pam Totten  
Peter Smith
- 17 Abigail DeVee

**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



*Congratulations*  
ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY!

**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.

**CASS WORK DAY – Saturday, January 19**

Please see Dale Titus for more details or all the church office (734)769-0869 to help rehab Cass operated apartments for people in need of housing.

**NURTURE/OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Thursday January 31 at 5:00 pm****SPRC MTG – Sunday, February 3 after worship****BOY SCOUT SUNDAY – February 3****JAZZ AT CALVARY – Friday, February 8**

Mark you calendars and watch for more details!

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**HAITI MISSION TRIP – February 27-March 8**

Pray for our Calvary participants Pastor Beth, Dale Titus, and Kristin Titus and for those they meet in Haiti!

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Sunday, March 24****MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE AT THE GATHERING – Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 pm****EASTER CELEBRATION – Sunday, March 31****CHANGE THE WORLD – May 18-19**

What if you could change the world, one choice at a time? We'll be planning Calvary opportunities to participate--how do you want to make a difference?

**Weekly Activities:**

**TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** at Bell's Diner, 2167 W. Stadium, 7:00 am  
Start one morning a week with a GOOD breakfast and GREAT fellowship.

**BIBLE STUDY – every other Wednesday, 7:00 pm**

There is Bible Study every other Wednesday night, led by Dr. George Thompson.  
(Jan 23, Feb 6, Feb 20, March 6)

**THE GATHERING AT CALVARY – Thursdays, 6:30 pm**

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Sunday Worship 10:00  
Sunday School 11:15