



# THIS MONTH

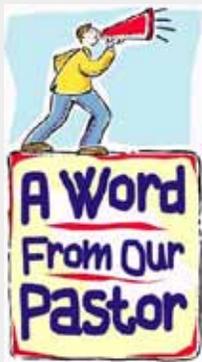
## January-March 2014

**The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter**

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### minister's message



In the earlier part of January, I was able to take some time off to rest, gather myself, and fulfill a promise my dad made to my sister by driving her to South Carolina where she will stay for an internship. The road trip itself was fun as we ate snacks, developed inside jokes, and enjoyed the sight of mountains on our way down. When we arrived, I went back to work as I had emails to send out and deadlines from the denomination to meet in order to ultimately be ordained. I realized I should have sent in all my paperwork and the DVD recording of my message before this trip, because I only had two days for everything to arrive at its destination in Michigan. A little worried, I wondered if there was any leeway concerning the deadlines, but my requests were denied. Either I got everything in on time or I had to wait another year so I went to FedEx and spent quite a bit more than I had wanted.

On the way back to my sister's apartment, I was still worried whether or not the documents would arrive on time. There were ridiculous amounts of snow in the Midwest and perhaps this would affect the timeliness of the package's arrival, which means all the time I spent on the required documents was a waste and I would have to wait another year. For whatever reason,

during this drive, something clicked in my head, and I decided not to worry about it anymore. FedEx is a Fortune 500 company that has guaranteed my delivery will be on time. I realized I could trust them and stop my needless worrying; that is exactly what I did. As a result, I enjoyed the rest of my night exploring downtown Greenville with my sister.

I wonder if God has the desire for us to act accordingly with Him. It is funny how I can place my trust in FedEx, but sometimes I am unwilling to do that with an invisible but all powerful God who can carry the smallest or largest of my burdens and worries. Instead, often times, we hold onto our own false sense of control and as we stress ourselves out, we produce premature grey hairs, wrinkles, and an endless fatigue. Even worse, all our fretting usually does not add a single ounce of productivity.

Don't we all desire a freed mind and a liberated soul? I think of a young David when he went down the valley to slay an imposing figure in Goliath. While the task at hand was daunting, David was not weighed down by worry but focused on completing his objective. Or, I recall Noah who tirelessly worked to build a boat for 120 years despite the absence of heavy rain in the area. There's also Ruth who laid down her knotted grief, left her home, and followed her mother-in-law in order to love and care for her.

It is the beginning of a new year, and I am

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sure we all hope for it to be a memorable time filled with vibrant, rewarding experiences unlike any year before it. Honestly, we cannot hope for a new and different life simply because our calendars have replaced "2013" with "2014." Instead, we need to lay down the pain of the past, fruitlessness of rumination and worry, the illusion of control, and place our lives in the hands of the God that loves us. In doing so, may God grant you healing, wisdom, perspective, hope, and peace.

Blessings to a new year and to a new you,  
Grace and Peace,

*Andy*

**memorable korean eats**

On October 27, 2013 we enjoyed a special fellowship time with a fantastic Korean lunch of Bulgogi (marinated rib eye), Kang poong gi (Chinese-Korean fried chicken), Chap Chae (stir fried vegetables with sweet potato noodles), chicken fried rice, and salad served by Pastor Andy's family and friends.



Great thanks to Joseph Jeon, Julie Jeon, Michelle Lee, Ben Lee, Gloria Jeon, Kenny Lee!!



**bell ringing**

Thank you Calvary members for spreading Christian joy bell ringing for the Salvation Army on December 5, 2013.



**let's eat!**

*From: Pastor Andy*

You know, there's something special about sharing a meal. When I visit my mom, she really likes to make sure I eat well so she goes to the kitchen and whips up what seems like a 10 course meal. So that night, we dined like royalty, and we were happy.

It's strange how eating food with another person can have a kind of sacredness. We do it with the people we love over the holidays or on a daily basis, we do it when we want to join forces for business ventures, and we do it when we'd like to make a pretty stranger into a future spouse. Recently, some of us went to the G.T. Pie Company for dinner, and why did we do this? For some delicious pie, of course! But, I think there were some unintended consequences as well, because when I arrived home, I could not help but feel blessed and united with my brothers and sisters in Christ. So, while I know it's just a meal, just some calories we're consuming, I hope everyone

can come out to the next meal we plan. Until then, eat well and God bless!

**round the world**

Get ready for a Round the World potluck on Sunday, March 16 after church. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy food from different cuisines – perhaps from your heritage – or make it something completely different!

**administrative board**

Did you know that you are encouraged to attend Calvary's Administrative Board meetings, which will next occur at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, January 29. Chairs of various committees like Finance, Worship, Pastor/Parish Relations and Nurture/Outreach present reports and information of interest to all. You can be a part of the discussion as important decisions are made! The meetings keep you in the loop about what's up at Calvary and are open to all!



**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



Wish These Friends a  
"Happy Birthday!"

**february**

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

**march**

- 1 Mark Roberts
- 3 J.R. Leonard & Chris Wallace
- 5 Keith Jameson
- 8 Amanda Lowe
- 9 Elaine Roberts
- 11 Pam Grob
- 14 George Bigelow
- 17 Abigail DeVee & Ryleigh Lowe
- 18 Hannah Wallace
- 24 Regina Noland

**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.

**FOOD COLLECTION** — January 12 (and every 2nd Sunday)  
Help replenish Faith In Action's food pantry after the holidays.

**NURTURE MEETING** — Thursday, January 16, 5:30 pm

**MEET 'N EAT** — Saturday, January 18, 5-7 pm  
Come for dinner or just dessert 5-7 pm, Saturday, January 18 at Grand Traverse Pie Co at 291 N Zeeb Rd (at I-94).



**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING** — Wednesday, January 29, 5:30 pm.

**GAME NIGHT** — 6 pm, February 8  
Enjoy the evening with games, friends and pizza!



**FOOD COLLECTION** — February 9 (and every 2nd Sunday)

**WORSHIP MEETING** — Tuesday, February 25, 5:30 pm

**ASH WEDNESDAY** — Wednesday, March 5

**DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING** — Saturday, March 8  
Training opportunity 8:30-12:15 at the Ypsilanti FUMC.

**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY** — March 9

**FOOD COLLECTION** — March 9 (and every 2nd Sunday)

**ROUND THE WORLD POTLUCK** — Sunday, March 16  
Bring a dish to pass and enjoy food from different cuisines in a potluck after church.

**NURTURE MEETING** — Thursday, March 20, 5:00 pm

**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!

**CHANGE THE WORLD** — May 17-18  
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?



**Potluck  
LUNCHEON**



### 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  
There is Bible Study every other Wednesday night, led by Dr. George Thompson.

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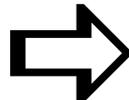
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Sunday Worship 10:00  
Sunday School 11:15



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