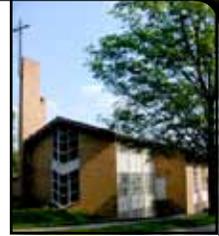




THIS MONTH

July/August 2011



The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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pastor's ponderings



It's definitely summer now, it is actually warm out, the flowers are up, and graduation parties abound. The other true sign is that attendance is down in church. People are traveling, spending time with friend and family, and otherwise busy on weekends. But even in the summer it is important to find time to worship. If you are not in Ann Arbor, find another church to visit. They will love having you and you may experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in a whole new way.



But as you are out and about, remember that we are still involved in ministry here. There are lots of projects going on – work on the building, mission work and regular ministries are still happening here. In fact many new things are happening:

1. New Mission Opportunities are available, along with the regular. The Habitat house is being built and we are helping. We volunteered for the first time at St. Andrews to serve the free breakfast, and another opportunity is coming up. A good size group is ready to go to Cass to work in the city of Detroit. It's very exciting to see this all

happening.

2. The Ad Board and the Trustees approved the Phase 1 plan for remodeling the sanctuary, now we will need to find someone to do the work. Also the flat roofs need some attention and the trustees have been working on that.
3. The Staff Parish Committee has been working hard to hire a worship leader and we are in the final stages of bringing them on board. This will bring new energy to our regular service on Sundays and give me some assistance in the beginning of a new mid-week service.
4. Worship is still exciting and we still need volunteers to work in the nursery and help provide refreshments for fellowship time.

All of this is to say, we are still involved in mission and ministry at Calvary. So as you travel and enjoy the summer, please remember us in your prayers. When you're in town, plan to be in worship. In order for the church to keep moving forward we need your support

Beth

phase I sanctuary remodel

A little more than a year ago, members of the church began considering the condition of our sanctuary and our worship needs and desires. After much work by several individuals and consideration and approvals by the sanctuary subcommittee of the trustees, the trustees, the finance committee and finally administrative board, a plan for Phase 1 remodeling of the sanctuary has been adopted. A budget of \$12,000 has been established and the finance committee and the administrative board have allocated approximately \$3,500 in the memorial fund to the project. Although we have back-stopped the project with another \$8,500 from the Hap Siebert fund so we can be sure that the project goes forward efficiently and expeditiously, our plan is to raise the necessary funds from special contributions so that the Hap Siebert fund remains intact for future projects. If you would like to contribute to this effort you can do so by marking a donation with "Sanctuary Phase I" and putting it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church.

There is additional work that could be done, including upgraded electric service and future improvements to the sanctuary, so if you are motivated to give something extra special to the sanctuary project, please do not let the small Phase I budget deter you from giving all that you are inspired to give.

If you would like more information please talk to members of finance, trustees, or the administrative board. If you don't know who you should contact, see Pastor Beth and she will tell you who to ask.

habitat has good news

Calvary members raised our goal of \$900 for the Habitat for Humanity Good News House. \$141.47 alone was in coins from the Clatter Collection!

Calvary members have a second work day on Saturday, July 9. Both houses are looking great and two families currently without affordable housing will be able to move in by fall due to our efforts combined with other Good News House churches and friends. Thanks — and please pray for the workers and families as the season continues.



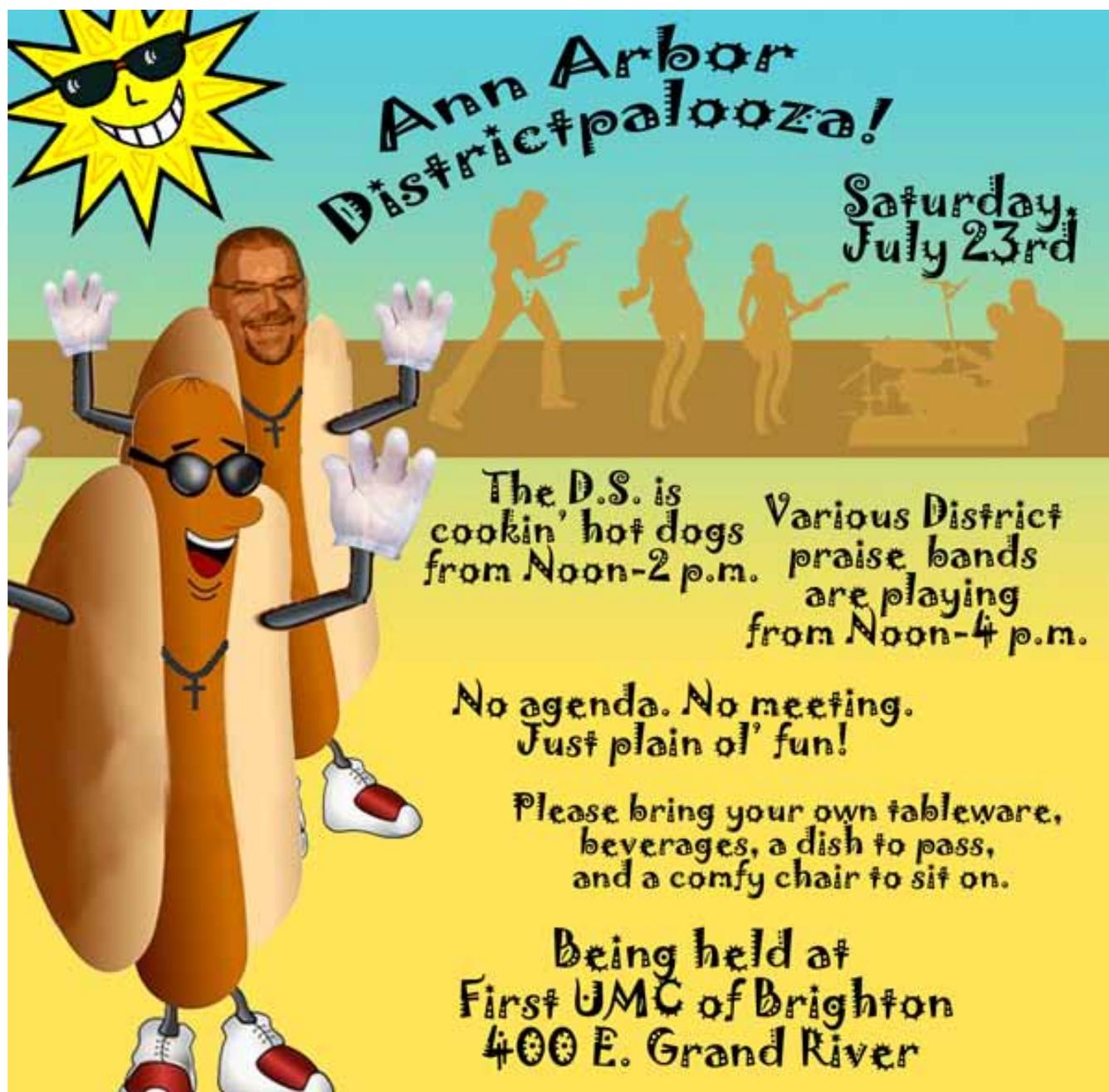
Recent scenes from the Good News House renovations at 1229 and 1246 Warner in Ypsilanti.

districtpalooza!

The upcoming first annual Ann Arbor District Palooza is on Saturday, July 23 at the Brighton UMC 12:00-4:00, rain or shine. Rev. Mark E. Spaw, the Ann Arbor District Superintendent, asks you to be sure to attend. He'll be looking for you and he'll have a hot dog ready between 12:00 and 2:00. He also asks for prayers for the event – for the plan-

ners, musicians and those who will attend. . . That the effort will be to "Make Disciples for Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."

Let's have fun singing, sharing, and having some fun on the 23rd!



birthdays**july**

9	Jackie Goerke
13	Lynn Storey
13	Kelly Wier
16	Peg Leonard
18	Dottie Jameson
19	Sandra Jameson
23	Erin Lin
26	Betty Brewer
31	Lena Lowe

**august**

2	Betty Talbot
5	Ben Wier
7	Xavier Kimbrough
9	Pander Kimbrough
11	Neil Gates
12	Kristin Titus
	Milt Andrews
16	DuWaine Hoy
17	Allie Jameson
18	Luke Hayden
20	Frank Lin
	Andrea Roche
23	Abigail Smith

**anniversaries****july**

12	Pat and Dick Fischer
	Pam and Dick Totten
29	Bonnie and Milt Andrews

**august**

2	Karen and David Gates
11	Carol and Steve Miller
16	Sandra and Tom Jameson
	Pander and Melvin Kimbrough
27	Margaret and Al Storey

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 MISSION TRIP — July 5-7

Mission trip in Detroit at Cass UMC. Stay all three days, commute, or come one day!

HABITAT WORK DAY AT GOOD NEWS HOUSE — Saturday, July 9

1126 and 1129 Warner, Ypsilanti. Sign up in the Narthex!

TIGER'S GAME — Sunday, July 17

Calvary day at the park outing!

ST. ANDREWS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY— Sunday, August 20, 7-9:30 am

Mission opportunity to provide set-up and breakfast for the homeless. Sign up in the Narthex.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE — Sunday, August 21

**Weekly Activities:****TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST at Flim-Flam Restaurant, 7 am**

Start one morning a week with a GOOD breakfast and GREAT fellowship at Flim-Flam Restaurant on Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor.

COMING SOON: A Mid-week Worship Service on Thursday Evenings

This worship service will be a new kind of worship gathering. No hype, no big production, but a gathering that begins with community, where you are important. A place to explore faith honestly and grow in love with God through following Jesus Christ.

The music will be a creative blend of traditional hymns and new music. It will be a community that encourages creative expression, allowing people to use their creative gifts and talents as expressions of worship. The message for the day will include the opportunity for honest questions and thoughts from you, the worshipping community.

Watch here as we develop this new service for the Fall of 2011.

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Sunday Worship 10:00
Sunday School 11:15