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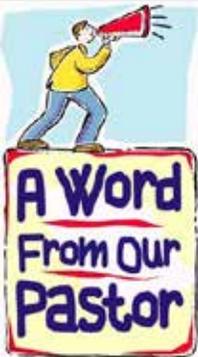
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The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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minister's message



As many of you know, our good friend and long-time member **Ruth Husung** passed away earlier this year. In the next issue of our newsletter, you can expect an article about Ruth written by Marilyn Woolfolk. Consistent with Ruth's generous nature and willingness to build God's kingdom, she

left \$123,750 to Calvary UMC. Without any specific instructions in place for this gift, I humbly urge you to join me in prayer as we discern how best to use this resource.



Grace and Peace,

Andy

worship in the park + church picnic

Join us for the Calvary Church Picnic at Island Park on Sunday, July 19.



We'll worship at the park starting at 10:30 am. A potluck picnic will follow. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex but all are welcome whether or not you're signed up!

Come out and enjoy a day of worship and fellowship at the beautiful, riverside Island Park! We'll be at the first shelter, right next to the parking lot. Enter Island Park off Island Dr. which is accessible from Maiden Lane across the Huron River from Fuller Rd.

worship ushers

Our regular Calvary worship usher schedule runs through June 28. For the summer months (July and August) we will be looking for volunteers on a weekly basis to assist with ushering and to collect

our worship offering. Ed Wier will be "recruiting" volunteers on a week-to-week basis each Sunday. Please come to summer worship in an attitude of service ready to pitch-in and join the ushering crew. If you would like to commit to a specific week ahead of time, please contact Ed. We welcome your participation in this important Calvary ministry.

meet calvary new members

Meet Rodger Miller:

Tell us a little bit about yourself. Favorite Restaurant? Hobbies? Favorite travel destination? I am enjoying my retirement with my wonderful (and wondrous) wife Carol. I am somewhat of a "foodie" and like to cook and visit interesting restaurants in the area. Some of the restaurants I like are Terry B's in Dexter, Logan in Ann arbor, Metzger's on Zeeb Road and Sidetrack in Ypsi. I love northern Michigan and spend as much time as possible there. I devote a lot of time to some intellectual pursuits that I did not have time for in the pre-retirement days - computational

linguistics, automata, etc. Other interests include classical music, film and digital photography.

In a few sentences could you tell us about your faith journey? My faith journey began as a result of becoming involved with the Word of God Community here in Ann Arbor in the 1970's. Since then I have lived in many places around the country and have been very fortunate to have experienced diverse communities of faith.

What words of encouragement can you share with the Calvary faithful? Both Carol and I are happy to be a part of the Calvary family and look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone better.

Meet Carol Miller:

Tell us a little bit about yourself. Favorite Restaurant? Hobbies? Favorite travel destination? Retiring is wonderful, especially when it came with marrying Rodger 6 years ago. Life is now filled with my books, my plants, online surveys, and days spent with my granddaughter. My favorite foods come from Rodger's kitchen--his dark chocolate ice cream, crisp cheese crackers, meatloaf, and anything with shrimp. My favorite restaurant is wherever my son is cooking--right now, at Terry B's in Dexter. (I know that I am very blessed to have so much delicious food all around me.) The Leelanau peninsula is a favorite vacation spot. We get to hike the landscape all day, and then celebrate with walleye, whitefish or perch at dinner.

In a few sentences could you tell us about your faith journey? My faith journey surely started as a young child as I pondered and imagined our God. Although I have happily remained in a Methodist church, I have also explored countless interfaith experiences, which have vastly expanded my relationship with the Father.

What words of encouragement can you share with the Calvary faithful? Rodger and I are very happy to be at Calvary. This is truly the friendliest church we know. Thank you for your warm welcome!

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Meet Brad and Melanie Hamilton

Tell us a little bit about yourself. Favorite Restaurant? Hobbies? Favorite travel destination? Melanie and I will be first time grandparents in December. We do like to travel: we have been to Hawaii 4 times and Aruba 2, soon to be 3 times. We have been blessed

with two wonderful kids Betsy a Psychiatric Social Worker who resides in Evanston, Il with her husband Mark and Zach a Michigan State Police Officer stationed in metro Detroit who lives in Milford.

In a few sentences could you tell us about your faith journey? Our faith journey has been more of a life journey that has been surrounded by our faith. We both were raised in Christian churches (Brad Presbyterian, Melanie Baptist), and have kept our faith a constant through our lives together, and in raising our two children. Through all of our ups and downs of life, the one thing that has always held strong for us was, and is, our faith in God. Knowing at the end of it all, we will live eternally with Jesus Christ, gives us a daily promise and reminder that it's all good. Our faith journey continues in this new chapter of our lives as we share it with our church family at Calvary.

What words of encouragement can you share with the Calvary faithful? Melanie and I are excited to be a part of Calvary. Let's face it, Calvary is not now or probably will never be mega-church, however we are a small group of loyal and devout Christians. Much as the boxing world has weight divisions, churches come in all shapes and sizes. But quite often people will talk about a boxer in the lighter weights being pound for pound the best boxer in any weight class, even though he couldn't possibly beat or even compete with the heavy-weight champ.

So what does that say for Calvary, I think we should be pound for pound, the best church we can be despite our size. If we can grow that would be great, but let us be devout disciples of Christ each day until then I believe as it says in Psalms 23:6 " surely goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." The Lord is OUR Shepherd. We wouldn't want it any other way.

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Meet Alison Wang

Tell us a little bit about yourself. Favorite Restaurant? Hobbies? Favorite travel destination? I don't have a favorite restaurant, but Asian food is my comfort food in life. It's hard for me to turn down a good bowl of soupy noodles. I enjoy binge watching TV shows on Netflix and reading. I'm not really a big



fan of traveling, but anywhere I get to be with family and eat good food is fine by me.

In a few sentences could you tell us about your faith journey? It's hard to talk about any faith journey in just a few sentences, but here are the basics of my story: I grew up in a Christian home and accepted Christ when I was 4 years old. Like most Christians, I've had my ups and downs with my faith and for me, I've had times where I really wished that I wasn't Christian. Thankfully, God has worked through others in my life to encourage me during these times so here I am. In my present day journey, I am still striving to grow (and sometimes striving to desire to grow) and learning what it means to be faithful and loving in everything I do.

What words of encouragement can you share with the Calvary faithful? I'm not entirely sure how to write blanket words of encouragement like this, so instead, I'm just going to share with you what I admire most about Calvary. It's pretty incredible to me that not only is there is such a diversity of strengths in our small community, but that you all seem to have a propensity to use your talents to humbly love and serve others. I see it every week from serving in various capacities at Calvary to your commitment to volunteer organizations that help our local community to even just remembering to follow up on a conversation from last week's fellowship hour. It sets a good example of what Christ-like love looks like on a daily basis and it's what I love most about our community. Keep on keepin' on, Calvary.

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Meet the Snider Family

Hello, my name is Charon Snider, and I currently reside in Ypsilanti, Michigan. I was born in Brooklyn, New York, but my parents, siblings and I moved here to Ypsilanti in 1979 when I was a child. I attended Belleville and Ypsilanti schools districts and graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1990. Two years after graduation I went to Job Corps in Grand Rapids for a year where I earned a Clerical Typist diploma. I returned to Ypsilanti and started a position at Tele-Health, a television/telephone company, where I worked from 1994-2002. I later went on to work for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where I've worked for the last 14 years.



I have 4 beautiful children. My oldest child is 9 years old and her name is London-Lisa; my niece whom I was blessed to be able to take care of from birth. London-Lisa attends Estabrook Elementary. Aria (my second child) is 8 years old, and Bryce is 5 years old. Both of them attend New Beginnings Academy. My youngest, Candence, was born this past December. They are all full of energy, outgoing, fun-loving and an absolute joy to be around. My children and I love to have movie nights at home, and we also love to go out to the movies. I like to be outside with the kids while they play and ride bikes. We also spend quality time with their grandmother, aunts and uncles because the kids love being around all of their cousins.

I've always wanted to own my own home but never thought it would be affordable with my income. I was encouraged by a friend to apply for Habitat for Humanity's homeownership program. I am very excited to embark on this journey, and for the opportunity to become a homeowner so my children and I can have a place to call our own!



The Snider Family's new home will be
The **Good News House**
under renovation at
654 N. Ivanhoe Ave, Ypsilanti

Meet Robert Sheu

Tell us a little bit about yourself. Favorite Restaurant?

Hobbies? Favorite travel destination? I like to cook and eat. My favorite restaurant in Ann Arbor is Grizzly Peak. They have a good burger. My favorite place to visit would be Taiwan, because most of my extended family is there and because there is lots of yummy food!

In a few sentences could you tell us about your faith journey?

My mom introduced my sister and I to church at a young age and I have been going ever

since. I think college was a critical growth phase in my faith journey. I was away from home and had a lot of freedom to do whatever I wanted, but I was lucky to find a group of committed Christians who helped me grow in my walk with Christ.

What words of encouragement can you share with the Calvary faithful?

Its very encouraging to see how committed the Calvary family is to God and to this church. I hope to be as faithful as all of them when I become their age, in a short few years, since they are so young ;).

Meet Lola Joiner



Lola Joiner is a grandma who is so excited to be able to move into her own house. When her children were young and with the help of Section 8, she was able to raise her two children in a rental house in Ann Arbor. They all enjoyed the stability a house can bring. After her kids graduated from Pioneer, she has moved quite a bit and it now ready to plant roots and enjoy the reality of home ownership. Home ownership has always been a dream of Lola's. When you pay rent, you aren't building equity and the money is like going down the drain. With the help of H4H, her hard earned money will work for her as she pays for her house.

Lola first applies a year ago, but realized she needed to work on some credit issues. She did some research, paid off some bills, reapplied and was accepted into the program.

Her daughter, Victoria has one daughter herself, Mariyah who is 4. Lola's son, Gilbert, has 3 children, Myah, 7; Jordan, 3; and Gabby, 1 1/2. The grandkids come over to Lola's apartment often and Lola would love for them to have room to play in her yard.

When Lola is not working as a Resident Care Specialist at Superior Woods, she enjoys going out for dinner, going to the movies and taking ballroom dance classes.

Lola's new home will be the Good News House under renovation at 655 N Mohawk Ave, Ypsilanti



Thank you Good News Group for helping make Lola's home a reality!

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(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 – July 12 (and every 2nd Sunday)

CHURCH PICNIC – Sunday, July 19 at Island Park, 10:30 am

Worship at the park at 10:30 am with potluck lunch to follow. Come out and enjoy a day of worship and fellowship at the beautiful riverside location!

HABITAT VOLUNTEER WORK DAY – Friday, July 24

Volunteer to work at the site or to help provide lunch at the Good News House Habitat for Humanity houses!

FOOD COLLECTION – August 10 (and every 2nd Sunday)

HABITAT VOLUNTEER WORK DAY – Saturday, August 22

Volunteer to work at the site or to help provide lunch at the Good News House Habitat for Humanity houses!

CALVARY COOKS SPAGHETTI DINNER – Saturday, September 12, 4-7 pm

Community spaghetti dinner to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

FOOD COLLECTION – September 13 (and every 2nd Sunday)

CROP WALK – Sunday, October 11

The annual Washtenaw County CROP Hunger Walk is an interfaith response to local and world hunger. Funds raised support local, national and international organizations and efforts to end hunger.

Weekly Activities:

HOLY YOGA – Tuesdays, 4:30 pm

Enjoy a weekly yoga class with scripture and praise music to heal the body and soul! Open to all--first class free, \$8/class, scholarships available.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY – on break for the summer

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



HABITAT
Project

birthdays

july

- 4 Ben Wallace
- 13 Lynn Storey
Kelley Wier
- 16 Peg Leonard
- 18 Dottie Jameson
- 19 Sandra Jameson
- 31 Lena Lowe



august

- 2 Betty Talbot
- 5 Phoebe Schildhouse
Ben Wier
- 11 Neil Gates
- 12 Kristin Titus
Milt Andrews
- 16 DuWaine Hoy
- 17 Allie Jameson
- 18 Lynn Wooten

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Sunday Worship 10:00
Sunday School 11:15

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anniversaries

july

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august

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