



THIS MONTH

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The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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pastor's ponderings



After Jesus left the tomb on Easter morning and talked to Mary, he went to the disciples, who were fishing. I think that is what many

people, men in particular, like to do when they need to think. It doesn't really matter if we catch anything but it's nice if we do. (that is a general "we" I don't fish, it involves worms and well, fish) Anyway, the disciples had gone fishing. They thought they knew what to expect there. Until Jesus shows up. He has a conversation with Peter that I believe is important to the life of all of us who claim to be followers of Jesus.

He asks Peter, three times, "Do you love me?" Three times Peter says, "Yes, Lord, I love you." And three times Jesus responds with "Feed my sheep." It's an important call to be the followers who love God's people. Feeding might involve actually feeding but it might also involve building homes, going to the poor and helping to provide for their needs, caring for those who need extra help.

You might notice in this newsletter that the number of mission opportunities for Calvary to be part of is growing. A group of people have been busy putting together opportunities for us to work together in caring for God's people. There are so many ways to be involved that one of them should work for you. Some are here in our community,

helping with breakfast at St. Andrews and helping to build homes with Habitat for Humanity. Some of us are heading into Detroit to help out at Cass Social Services. Hopefully, we will be making plans for international missions before the year is up. There are opportunities for fund raising to support these efforts and the opportunity to volunteer and work together to help change the world.

The work we do will help many people, make a home, and supply people with basic needs for daily survival. But the work we do will also change us and bless us. The opportunity to do God's work is also the opportunity for each of us to grow in faith, to be blessed by the people we serve. I hope that each of us will get involved in some way in the mission projects that we will be doing together this summer.

Jesus asks Peter – asks us – "Do you love me?" "Yes, Lord, we love you!" "Then feed my sheep."

Grace and Peace,

Beth

youth group scoop

Mark your calendars for "Calvary's Got Talent 2" our second annual Youth sponsored talent show! The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th, in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:30 with performances starting at 7. Come and enjoy a home cooked meal and see the brightest and best talent in the neighborhood. Please sign up in the Narthex for dinner and to show off your special talents! Your free will offerings will be used to support the church mission trip to Detroit in July.

Thank you for your support of our recent can and bottle drive. Over \$90 was raised to help support mission work in our community.

Youth are accessing their creative side and have begun work on a mosaic. Feel free to come visit ups in the Upper Room and watch our progress.

**YOUTH
GROUP
SCOOP**

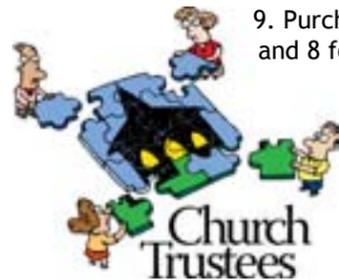
trustee corner

The trustees have the following projects in progress and/or completed:

1. Tune the piano in the sanctuary.
2. Getting a service contract on the lift so that the required inspections are timely conducted.
3. Getting the boiler inspected.
4. Installing new light fixtures by the men's and women's bathroom by the lift, as well as in the pastor's office. New blinds are also being installed in the pastor's office.
5. Fixing leaks in the men's bathroom by the lift, as well as in the bathroom in the nursery.
6. Fixing the drain and installing a new sink in the boiler room.
7. Putting a sealant on the flat roof to stop the leak.
8. Getting first aid kits for the church.
9. Purchased a new vacuum cleaner and 8 foot step ladder.

10. Mr. Bond is working removing the graffiti from under the outside stairway.

There are additional projects in progress. If you are aware of a project that we



need to work on, please let Van Monroe or Val Losse know.

Don't forget **May 21, 2011 is our Spring Clean Up**, we can use all of the help we can get. Once again, we are fortunate to have the scouts helping us out. If there are projects that we should do during spring clean up, please let Van Monroe or Val Losse know so that they can be added to the list.



from ruth

A reminder that most folks have one mouth and two ears, We should, therefore, try to listen more and hear what someone is saying. Such effort is especially beneficial for anyone older, have a hearing deficit, has trouble finding words, or is just pre-occupied or tired.

As always thanks so much on behalf of the many folks you help by donations. Please continue to save metal tabs, eye glasses, and labels for education. You can leave them in the narthex, or give to Ruth Husung.

The Trouble Tree

A woman hired a carpenter to help restore an old house. One day his electric saw quit and his truck failed to start. It had been a rough day. So the woman drove him home as he sat silently beside her. On the way, he stopped to touch the tips of a tree branch. Then he invited the woman to come in and meet his family, and when he went inside, his whole attitude was transformed.

Later he walked the woman back to her car. She asked him why he had stopped to touch the tree. He replied, "I may have rough days at work but they do not belong with my family.

The next morning when I go to the tree and pick up yesterday's problems, they are not nearly as many as I recall hanging on the tree the previous day."
author unknown

change the world

Change the World is a global movement of United Methodists doing what they can to improve lives and community. What if you could change the world, one choice at a time? You cannot do everything, but you can do something. Calvary will participate in the United Methodist Church's Change the World activities May 19-26 with three events. Join us for our first Habitat work day on Thursday,

May 19, a fundraising concert for Habitat and the Calvary Local Housing Fund by *Mail Boxes in 3-D* on Friday, May 20, and a Habitat Homeownership

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THE WORLD**

workshop on Thursday, May 26. If we all work together – we can CHANGE THE WORLD!

may is habitat month

Work on the two Habitat for Humanity Good News Houses on Warner St. in Ypsilanti begins May 12. We need your participation for Calvary's two work days on Thursday, May 19 and Saturday, July 9. Can you wield a paint brush or screwdriver or help with lunch? Sign up in the Narthex and please offer your prayers for this summer's workers and the families who will move into the two houses the Good News group will renovate. Our May 19 work day is a part of Calvary's Change the World week.

Calvary has pledged to raise \$800 to support the project. Making some noise - Each Sunday in May, we will be receiving our "Clatter Collection" to support the Good News Habitat House. Bring your "pocket" change and "make some noise" to fill our bucket for Habitat. You can make your "major" donation to support the Good News House on any Sunday or at the *Mail Boxes in 3-D* concert. Make checks out to Calvary and write "Habitat" in the note section or put in an envelope noting "Habitat."



what is mail boxes in 3-d?

Come enjoy the Special Fundraising Concert by 2/3rds of the Cairn to Cairn group: *Mail Boxes in 3-D* at 7 pm on Friday, May 20. *Mail Boxes in 3-D* is an acoustic duet comprised of Calvary members flutist/vocalist Kelly McDermott and bassist/percussionist/vocalist Rob Crozier who play traditional folk music and beyond. Donations at the concert will benefit the Calvary Local Hunger and Housing Fund (which includes our Habitat Good News House).

Bring your family, friends and neighbors for this special treat at Calvary



Fundraising Concert on May 20

at 7 pm on Friday, May 20! This event is part of Calvary's Change the World week.

calvary in mission

Calvary is expanding its opportunities to work in mission locally and in Detroit. We will have work groups of about 6 people participating in the breakfast ministry for the homeless at both Cass United Methodist Church in Detroit and St. Andrews Church in Ann Arbor in an on-going Saturday morning mission project. We plan to have one Saturday a month alternating at Cass and St. Andrews starting this summer. St. Andrews is scheduled now for 7-9:30 am June 25 and August 20.

There will also be a mission trip to Cass, July 5-7 this summer. This is an extension of the youth mission trip to Detroit in the Joy-Southfield community with Motown Mission last summer. But this opportunity is open to all at Calvary! You can stay all three days, commute, or come only one day!

how you can become a habitat homeowner

Learn more about Habitat Homeownership at this workshop at Calvary from 6-8 pm on Thursday, May 26 offered by Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley staff.

Did you know that you can own a Habitat home with a zero percent mortgage and \$500 down payment with low monthly payment based on your info? You may qualify if you are willing to partner with Habitat (sweat equity), have the ability to pay a monthly mortgage, live or work in Washtenaw County and other simple requirements--check out the information sheet in the Narthex or call Habitat at (734) 677-1558.

You or someone you know could qualify for homeownership through Habitat for Humanity. Share this opportunity with your friends and family. Call (734) 677-1558 to sign-up or sign-up in the Narthex. Flyers to pass out are available in the Narthex as well.

This workshop is also a part of Calvary's Change the World week.

remembrance of easter

Take a moment to observe the empty cross hanging in the sanctuary. It is a reminder that Christ no longer hangs on the cross but lives for each of us today.

birthdays

may

- 2 Nancy Roberts
- 3 Gerald Woolfolk
- 5 Christopher Griffin
- 10 Patrick Leonard
- 14 Margaret Storey
- 15 Hope Parow
Mary Ford
- 17 Julianne Roberts
- 19 Nick Navarre
- 21 Stephanie Thompson
- 22 Gail Davis Barnes
- 27 Bobbie Smith
- 29 Carol Miller
- 31 Jennifer (Rosenbaum)
Maiwurm



june

- 3 Donna Reed
- 6 Raegan Barnes
- 8 Dale Titus
- 10 Emma Parow
- 14 Caroline Roberts
- 15 Al Storey
- 16 Pat Fischer
Bev Sanders
- 24 Beth Titus
- 25 Stacy DeVee
- 27 Connie Nichols
- 29 Linda Losse



anniversaries

may

- 6 Linda and Val Losse
- 10 Jan and Nub Turner
- 28 Karen and Steve Roberts
- 30 Barbara and Chuck Willey



june

- 5 Nancy and Mark Roberts
- 7 Karen Woollams and Doug Smith
- 9 Erin and Frank Lin
Laura and Brian Hayden
- 28 Peggy and David Thompson
- 29 Renee and Chris Griffin

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.

SYNERGY SUNDAY – May 1
Service featuring special talents of our Calvary members.

TRUSTEES MTG – Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 pm

CALVARY'S GOT TALENT – Saturday, May 7

'WHAT'S SHE THINKING' – Tuesday, May 17 at 12 noon

HABITAT WORK DAY AT GOOD NEWS HOUSE – Thursday, May 19
1126 and 1129 Warner, Ypsilanti. This is a Calvary Change the World event.

FUNDRAISER CONCERT BY MAIL BOXES IN 3-D – Friday, May 20
Donations benefit the Calvary Local Hunger and Housing Fund. This is a Calvary Change the World event.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY – Saturday, May 21

HABITAT WORKSHOP "How YOU Can Become a Habitat Homeowner" – Thursday, May 26, 6-8 pm
Learn more about Habitat Homeownership. This is a Calvary Change the World event.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MTG – Tuesday, May 31, 7:00 pm
All are invited to attend and participate in the administration of our church.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Sunday, June 19

ST. ANDREWS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – Saturday, June 25, 7-9:30 am
Mission opportunity to provide set-up and breakfast for the homeless. Sign up in the Narthex.

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
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Weekly Activities:

MAY IS HABITAT MONTH!
Bring your change for the Clatter Collection each Sunday

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.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY at 7 pm

THURSDAYS MAY 5 - JUNE 9 from 5:30-7:30 pm
Free U of M Community Health sponsored Chronic Pain Management Workshop (with childcare provided).

SUNDAY BREAKFAST WILL END ON MAY 1 THIS YEAR.
We've had a wonderful year eating various breakfast foods and having great conversations. We are even putting puzzles together. Come join us on May 1 or we will see you again in the fall. Thanks to all the "helping hands". From Van Monroe (AND THANK YOU VAN AND THELMA for great food and fellowship Sunday mornings!)



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Sunday Worship 10:00
Sunday School 11:15