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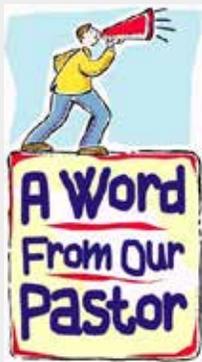
May/June 2015

The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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minister's message



During my time at Calvary, I have affectionately referred to our summer time as “Calvary’s shut down mode.” We can expect a drop in attendance as people go on vacations. I can still remember the Sunday our

District Superintendent decided to pay us a visit we had about 15 people in church that day. The memory will forever haunt me. Furthermore, we postpone our bible studies and weekly breakfast gatherings at Village Kitchen until the fall.

In the scriptures, there are several examples highlighting the need to rest and be replenished. After creating universe and humanity, God rested and instituted the Sabbath for God’s people. In a lesser known story, after the Israelites spent several years building the temple, they hoped for rest, but ultimately the nation was divided as King Rehoboam foolishly threatened there would be even more work under his reign. As you can see, rest is important!

Let us take a moment to reflect upon the work we have done and the fruit we now bear. As for the very tangible and visible things, we have a beautiful new sign in the front of our building, our church will receive

a new paint job (more details in this edition of the newsletter), and we will install new lighting in the front of the sanctuary. Furthermore, this has been a year of experimentation as we launched our Calvary Cooks spaghetti dinners, hosted Holy Yoga on Tuesdays, and opened our building in new ways for a group that is excited to work with us in Insight Meditation. It’s been a good year and none of it would have been possible without the work of God’s faithful people.

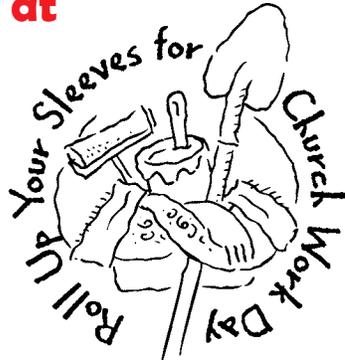
For those of you who will enjoy your time this summer in locations ranging from Taiwan, the Caribbean, Traverse City, Colorado, California, Florida or on the deck of your backyard, I ask that God would bless your time of rest and rejuvenate you. Because we are smaller church, many of us wear several hats to keep the church running. As we come into this summer and season of rejuvenation, let us reflect upon the fruit of our labors, the blessings from our Heavenly Father, and the future toward which he is still calling us.

Grace and Peace,

Andy

spring cleaning at calvary!

The Church Spring Clean-up Day will be held this year on **Saturday, May 16 from 9 am -12 pm**. Come for a little work or for the whole time. Many hands make light work!!



may is habitat month

It's that time of year again! Calvary will participate in the Good News House of Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley again and will be renovating homes at 654 Ivanhoe and 665 N Mohawk in Ypsilanti. The homes are located south of Holmes Rd. and back up to one another. You can find out more at <http://www.goodnewshouse.org/?q=node/30>.

Work on the two houses begins June 5 and goes through August. We need your participation for Calvary's work days on **Saturday, June 27; Friday, July 24; and Saturday, August 22**. Can you wield a paint brush, screwdriver, or hammer or help with lunch? A sign up is in the Narthex to participate and also please offer your prayers for this summer's workers and the families who will

move into the two houses that the Good News group will renovate.

Calvary has pledged to raise \$900 to support the project. We have a head start with \$521 raised at the last Calvary Cooks Spaghetti Dinner! Each Sunday in May, we also 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 Habitat Sunday on May 24. Make checks out to Calvary and write "Habitat" in the note section. More information about the Good News House group, the families etc. is available at <http://goodnewshouse.org/>

it's painting time

Every Sunday, just before David Gates opens the door with a greeting, you might notice the paint is chipped on the overhang. It is also possible you have seen the chipped paint that covers the church so many times it is now barely noticeable to you. However, faded and chipped paint can serve as the small hurdle that deters our friends in the community and prospective members from exploring the treasures within the church.

We are blessed with a great building, and we hope to continue to properly maintain it. The

exterior of the church was last painted almost 20 years ago in June 1996. For context, gas was \$1.36/ gallon, Mission Impossible was released in theatres, Bill Clinton was in office, and Pastor Andy just finished the 2nd grade. As such, we have set forth a plan to repaint the outside of the church but Calvary needs your help.

Calvary UMC has contacted and received bids from Jack of All Trades LLC, Tribble Painting Company Inc., and painter Joel Henry-Fischer for repainting the exterior of the church. With estimates ranging from \$18750 to \$44,265,

Good News Homes: By The Numbers

- 1997:** Year of Good News founding
- 25:** Total GN Homes built/renovated to date
- 65:** Children living in GN Homes so far
- 17:** Total GN Homes with Energy Star Rating (all homes since 2005)
- >4,000:** GN Homes work site volunteer hours per year!
- 2:** GN Homes renovated in 2014
- 2: Will you help us add 2 more homes in 2015?**



the Board of Trustees has decided to move forward with Joel Henry-Fischer because of price and previous services rendered. The estimate for our project comes in at \$18750.

Fortunately, Calvary UMC submitted a grant to the Board of Mission seeking \$12,000 for the completion of exterior painting project, and on April 22nd, the proposal was approved.



With \$12,000 of the \$18,750 accounted for, Calvary UMC is responsible for the remaining \$6750. At this time, you are invited to prayerfully consider donating to this overdue project. Donations will be received until the end of June.



new member sunday

We will welcome several new members to Calvary on Sunday, May 31. Take the opportunity to have fellowship with them after church at a potluck lunch.



eat well and do good

Participate in a fundraiser for the Habitat Good News House by eating out at the TGI Fridays at 3015 Lohr Rd in Ann Arbor on Thursday, June 4. Just bring in the ticket below and 20% of your pre-tax (non-alcohol) sales will be donated to the Good News House! Invite your friends and family! Flyers will also be available at church.




Join us at T.G.I. FRIDAY'S ®

🔦 **T.G.I. FRIDAY'S** ® restaurants are helping us raise funds by holding a fundraiser event. On the date and time listed below, 20% of all the pre-tax sales* will be generated by this ticket to:

Habitat for Humanity Good News House
Organization

🔦 **T.G.I. FRIDAY'S** ® restaurant address:
3015 Lohr Rd, Ann Arbor

🔦 Date: **Thur, June 4** 🔦 Time: **All Day!**

Bring this ticket to TGI Fridays! om

*Alcohol sales excluded.

birthdays

may

- 2 Nancy Roberts
- 3 Gerald Woolfolk
- 5 Christopher Griffin
- 10 Patrick Leonard
- 14 Margaret Storey
- 15 Hope Parow
- 17 Julianne Roberts
- 19 Nick Navarre
- 21 Stephanie Thompson
- 29 Carol Miller
- 31 Ryleigh Lowe



june

- 1 Grace Baek
- 3 Donna Reed
- 8 Dale Titus
- 10 Emma Parow
- 14 Caroline Roberts
- 15 Al Storey
- 16 Pat Fischer
Bev Sanders
- 22 Judith Fardig
- 24 Beth Titus
- 25 Stacy DeVee
- 27 Connie Nichols
- 29 Linda Losse



anniversaries

may

- 6 Linda and Val Losse
- 8 Chris Wallace and Judith Fardig
- 27 Brad and Melanie Hamilton
- 28 Karen and Steve Roberts

Celebrating an Anniversary



june

- 5 Nancy and Mark Roberts
- 7 Karen Woollams and Doug Smith
- 18 R.J. and Emily Schildhouse
- 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.

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

FINANCIAL MEETING – Wednesday, May 13, 5:30 pm.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY – Saturday, May 16, 9 am-12 pm
Come for a little or for the whole time. Many hands make light work!!

HABITAT SUNDAY – May 24

Learn all about and then help out the Good News House project of Habitat for Humanity.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING – Thursday, May 28, 5:30 pm.

HABITAT GOOD NEWS FUNDRAISER AT TGI FRIDAYS – June 4
Use the ticket in the newsletter to raise 20% of your meal at TGI Fridays at 3015 Lohr Rd, Ann Arbor

FOOD COLLECTION – June 7 (and every 2nd Sunday)

NURTURE/OUTREACH/WORSHIP MEETING – Thursday, June 11, 5:30 pm

BOOK COLLECTION LAST DAY – June 14

Books for Christian Resources International will be collected in a box in the narthex until June 14.

HABITAT VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS –

Saturday, June 27 + Friday, July 24 + Saturday, August 22
Help out at the Good News House Habitat for Humanity houses!

FOOD COLLECTION – July 12 (and every 2nd Sunday)

CHURCH PICNIC – Sunday, July 19 at Island Park

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

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

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



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Sunday Worship 10:00
Sunday School 11:15

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