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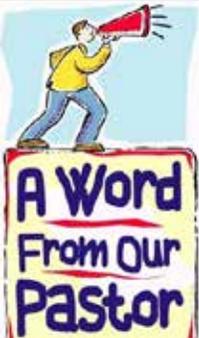
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The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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minister's message



As I was shopping for toiletries, I noticed a toothpaste tube squeezer on sale for \$1.99. At first, I smiled to myself as I wondered if anybody really used this tool. However, after thinking about it for a hot second, I realized the squeezer was probably a worth-

while investment. I imagined all the “empty” tubes of Colgate I’ve thrown away that still had a little bit of paste left in them. How could I have been so wasteful?!

As you may know, I’m being a bit playful. I didn’t end up getting the item, but I brought it up to ask you if you’ve ever felt like the last drop of your energy, intelligence, creativity, or talent has ever been squeezed out of you. To clarify, have you ever given all of yourself to a cause or a task? I imagine you have. Perhaps, you’ve participated in sports and the competition forced you to, as coaches say, “leave everything on the field.” Or, after a grueling semester and an even more difficult week of finals, you remember sleeping in for the next 3 days at the conclusion of the semester.

Every Christian has been called by Christ to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” I am certain the people of Calvary love God, but it’s been an amazing process to see how much more has been squeezed out of us the last few years. We have paid 100% of our apportionments, hosted several spaghetti dinners, volunteered at both Cass Community Services and Habitat for Humanity, and this June we will host our first ever block party. Five years ago, would we have imagined we could do everything on this list?

Calvary, be encouraged! If you ever feel like you don’t have much more to give or worry that the future does not look bright, there is still so much more you have within you. In time, God will reveal this truth as he continues to push, prod, and call us to love with everything we got. Thank you for being you. I pray you see how much you mean to me, this church, and to others. We have so much more to give. This is just the beginning.

In Christ,

Andy

community block party

Start to get excited about our 1st Annual Calvary Community Block Party from 3-5 pm, Saturday, June 18. We're inviting friends, family, and the neighborhood to a **FREE** outreach event to celebrate summer including a bounce house and slide, popcorn and ice cream, music, activities and games with prizes, and an opportunity to meet our neighbors and share the love of Calvary! Keep an eye out for ways you can help make the block party a success!



The 1st annual Calvary Block party will be in memory of Ruth Husung, long-time member of Calvary UMC and a dedicated church and community

volunteer. Ruth was also a dedicated advocate and volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association. Ruth loved people and loved to laugh. We know her spirit is with us in this neighborhood celebration.

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 in Ypsilanti for Melodie Tolbert (1410 Blossom) and Kevin and Kristell Platte and their brand new baby Annalise Cleo (1476 Blossom).

Work on the two houses begins June 3 and goes through August. We need your participation for Calvary's work days on **Saturday, June 25 and Friday, July 8**. 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 funds raised at the last Calvary Cooks Spaghetti Dinner! Each Sunday in May, we have been receiving our "Clatter Collection" to support the Good News Habitat House. You can make your "major" donation to support the Good News House on any Sunday or at Habitat Sunday on May 22. Make checks out to Calvary and write "Habitat" in the note section.

tion. More information about the Good News House group, the families etc. is available at <http://goodnewshouse.org/>

calvary losses

We recently have mourned the passing of Ray Herring, Bob Talbott and George Bigelow's daughter, Robin Winters.



directory updates

Please note these changes to the Directory:

Dion Woolfolk lives in Concord, NC instead of VA.

Rene Griffin's correct email address is rgriffin0410@gmail.com

great job!

Thanks go to Donna Hughes for doing a great job on the new Church Directory.



palm cross making party

Thanks for all who gathered to eat, have fun, and make palm crosses for our Palm Sunday service!



may is teacher appreciation month

Calvary United Methodist Church has a long history of cultivating dedicated teachers, be they past or present Sunday School teachers, Vacation Bible School teachers, Kids Club or Youth Club leaders, pre-school teachers, K-12 teachers, and not to be forgotten-- several university professors. Additionally, there are those that are or have been paraprofessional aides and who have vast experience helping in the classroom as well. Collectively, all of these individuals have made a big imprint on kids and adults of all ages locally and in the greater Ann Arbor/Detroit community. To honor this deep tradition of teaching and the ability to nurture the character and creativity of others, I interviewed one of our newest teachers, **Kelley Wier**, who is winding up her first year as a special education teacher after having graduated from Michigan State University in 2015! I thought it would be fun for our readers to hear about several aspects of that "first job", and thereby hopefully inspire others who will be launching into their own chosen careers in the near future and entering the job market. In that spirit, Kelley has graciously volunteered to share her first year reflections for this newsletter issue:

How did you go about your job search?

"I was hoping to move back to the Ann Arbor area so I researched and looked at job postings within the area. I looked into most districts in Washtenaw County and a few others in Oakland, Wayne, or Livingston County. I put in as many applications as possible and applied to almost everything that I was certified to teach."

What was the most helpful resource?

"For my job search, I spent a lot of time looking at district websites and K12jobspot (an online teacher job search site). I spent time subbing in different districts and classrooms to gain more experience. I went to two different job fairs to practice interviewing."

What advice would you give to anyone who is interviewing for their first job?

"Make sure you are prepared to answer the "big" questions that they will surely ask- Tell me about yourself, what have been your biggest challenges/successes, why you are interested in the particular job/location. Find opportunities

to practice- go to job fairs and mock interviews. Know what you are passionate about and why you would be a good fit for the position. Make sure you do your research about the district or company so that you can make as many connections as possible and show that you are knowledgeable."

What did you learn in the first few weeks on the job that was a surprise?

"It was certainly a big jump going from being a student teacher to full time teacher. All of the decisions and challenges were now all for me to solve on my own (with the help of a wonderful staff, principal, and mentor). It was surprising how fast I became a part of it all- open house, parent meetings, scheduling of students and paraprofessionals, staff meetings, IEPs. The year has not slowed down much and has gone by fast!"

Can you briefly describe your teaching position including the grade, the number of kids you are responsible for and their ages?

"I teach a K-4 Resource Room for students with disabilities. I have students in grades kindergarten-4th grade that spend part of the day with their peers in the general education classroom and part of the day with me receiving small group reading, writing, and math instruction. I have 10 students that I work with. They are all a joy and help keep my days exciting. I work with students with many different disabilities- cognitive impairment, autism, learning disabilities, physical impairment, speech & language impairment, and others."

What skills from your previous summer jobs or high school/college experiences are most helpful in your present job?

"MSU did a great job preparing me for the classroom. I was able to participate in many different field placements and teaching experiences while at Michigan State. I was also able to do a full year of student teaching through MSU, which I completed in Ann Arbor during the 2014-2015 school year. During the past five summers, I have also worked as the director for children's programming at Camp Michiganiana, a University of Michigan Alumni family camp located on Walloon Lake in Boyne City, MI. My experiences there helped build my confidence and skills in the classroom."

In this, your first year of teaching, what do you like best about your job?

"I have enjoyed getting to know my students and their families. Each is unique, fun, creative, and enthusiastic. It has been a joy to be such a big part of their day and life. I have loved watching them grow and progress throughout the year."

As you wind down your first year, what is the most memorable experience of your career so far?

"Just recently, my school put on a Leadership Day event for members of the community. We are a Leader in Me school- which is a program that teaches kids leadership skills and what it means to be a leader through a variety of lessons and activities. The event was put on to demonstrate the different things that the kids have learned this year. It was very memorable to see my students demonstrating their unique takes on what it means to be a leader. Some groups did songs, videos, plays, or posters. It was a very memorable day."

What was your best survival skill to make the adjustment from "being a student" to now "being a teacher"?

"Make sure you take time for yourself. It is easy to get caught up in everything that there is to do all of the time as a teacher. The work is truly never ending and there is always a new idea or project to try. It has helped me to take time for myself and remember to spend time doing things for me- going to the

gym, meeting up with friends, spending time with family, relaxing every now and then!"

Have you discovered that you have strengths or talents that you didn't know you had?

"There are a number of skills that have been strengthened and put to good use this year- thinking on my feet, enduring patience, knowledge of Legos/Pokemon/Disney, and much more! I have learned a lot about myself as a teacher, and as a person."

Calvary is proud of and thankful for Kelley and all those that have committed their lives to educating others. And by the way, being a pastor provides a unique teaching platform. Thus, we also take this opportunity to applaud our pastor, Andy Lee, as part of our teacher appreciation recognition. Our first teachers may have been our moms, dads, grandparents or siblings, but that foundation is supplemented by our formal education in the school and church. With grateful hearts, let us pause this month to salute all those teachers that have touched our lives and the lives of many others.

Submitted by Marilyn Woolfolk

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

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.

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY – Saturday, May 14

NURTURE/OUTREACH/WORSHIP MTG – Thursday, May 19, 5:30 pm

PPRC MEETING – Sunday, May 22, 11:30 am

HABITAT SUNDAY – May 22

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 pm

DONATION COLLECTION – June 12 (and every 2nd Sunday)

1ST ANNUAL COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY –

Saturday, June 18, 3-5 pm

Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy this family friendly **FREE** event including a bounce house and slide, games with prizes, popcorn and ice cream sundaes! Details to come soon--find out how you can participate!

HABITAT VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS – Saturday, June 25 + Friday, July 8
Help out at the Good News House Habitat for Humanity houses!

DONATION COLLECTION – July 10 (and every 2nd Sunday)



Weekly Activities:

HOLY YOGA – Tuesdays, 5:15 pm

Enjoy a weekly yoga class with scripture and praise music to heal the body and soul! Open to all--walk ins welcome at \$10/class.

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

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

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Sunday School 11:15

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