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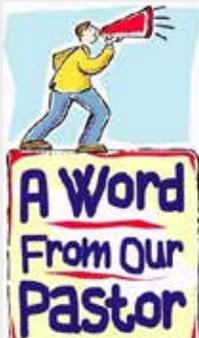
May/June 2017



The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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minister's message



Living in Michigan, you can expect a drop in church attendance during the first few months of the year: the weather is cold, the roads are slippery, and it is always dark outside. When Sunday

morning finally rolls around, I can certainly understand why some of Calvary's faithful might choose the comfort of their warm beds over the stiff, cold pew. While I enjoy worshiping in a fuller sanctuary, I can always count on someone's encouragement as he/she reminds me that attendance will pick up in the warmer months.

The encouragement makes sense. The logic follows. In warmer months, the conditions are more conducive for people to attend church. For the most part, this seems to be true. A small uptick in attendance follows in the spring after the winter ends. However, there are also months in the summer where we, again, experience some very sparsely attended services. Humorously enough, the weather can be held responsible once more. How-

ever, it has less to do with snow or ice and more to do with sunny skies or warm weather as people go on vacation and take advantage of the summer months.

In this way, depending on the weather to bring in a larger crowd for church is not really reliable. Let us rely instead upon a different strategy. I want to take this time to **challenge you to make a personal invitation to just one friend to attend an upcoming church event:** Game Night, Calvary Spaghetti Dinner, and/or Sunday service. I understand not everyone will say yes to our invitation. Even so, if we all extend an invitation, a few people will invariably accept and we will have an opportunity to share our lives and God's love with a few more people. In this way, please consider taking on not only my challenge but obeying a command we know comes from our heavenly father. In this way, please consider taking on this challenge from me as we continue to obey God's call to love neighbors.

As always, God bless and thank you for your faithfulness.

In Christ,

Andy

big week at calvary

The first week of May begins a busy week at Calvary! On **Wednesday May 3**, we hold our monthly **Game Night at 7 pm** which is fun for all ages with games and free snacks! Join Calvary friends and visitors who want to meet YOU!

Next is the **Spaghetti Dinner** which raises funds for Habitat for Humanity on **Saturday, May 6 from 5-7 pm**. We're inviting Peace Neighborhood families and Miller Manor residents to bring in special flyers for a free dinner as an outreach to our neighbors. Please come to enjoy a fabulous dinner served in style, to meet and talk to new folks, and to support the Habitat for Humanity Good News Houses!

may is habitat month!

Spring is gloriously and officially here so it's time to start thinking about Calvary's participation in the Good News House of Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley! We will work with the Good News group of churches to renovate houses at 1509 and 1513 Harvest Lane in Ypsilanti.

Work on the two houses begins June 2 and goes through August. We need your participation for **Calvary's work days on Saturday, June 17 and Friday, July 21**. 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.

2017 Homes BEFORE:



1509 Harvest Lane



1513 Harvest Lane

Calvary has pledged to raise \$1,00 to support the project. We have a head start with funds raised at the Calvary Cooks Spaghetti Dinners! **Each Sunday in May**, we will receive our "**Clatter Collection**" to support the Good News Habitat House. You can make your "major" donation to support the Good News House at Habitat Sunday on May 7 or at on any Sunday in May. 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://goodnews-house.org/>

At **Habitat Sunday on May 7**, we will welcome speaker **Maurice Stovall**, a Habitat homeowner who leads the refrigerator program for Huron Valley Habitat for Humanity. He'll give us an overview of the homeownership program, community development and other programs. He has helped renovate over 35 homes and helped over 2,500 families receive a new refrigerator. He'll highlight the importance of volunteers in the Habitat mission.

Following Habitat Sunday on May 7 we'll enjoy a potluck lunch. Calvary good times at their best!

happy happenings

Here are happenings that bring smiles to all:

Wedding Bells are/were in the air this year for many with Calvary United Methodist Church roots and branches!! Congratulations to:

Zach Hamilton – son of Melanie and Brad Hamilton

Regina Noland – our devoted lay speaker and daughter of Marla Noland

Sarah Jameson – granddaughter of Tom and Sandra Jameson, daughter of Keith and Dottie Jameson

Kelley Wier – daughter of Ed and Judy Wier



Graduation at the Big House on April 29th included **Alyssa Miller** and **Tyler Leonard** in cap and gown among the many students excited to celebrate their latest accomplishment as degree recipients of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and the School of Education respectively at the University of Michigan! Way to go Alyssa and Tyler!! All of us at Calvary are proud of you!! Carol and Steve Miller and Peggy Leonard are the "glowing" parents of these esteemed Calvary graduates.



We were excited to have **Daniel Roberts**, grandson of George and Ruth Thompson, join us for Easter worship and appreciated Dan's musical accompaniment on the trombone together with Gerald Woolfolk on the trumpet as part of our service.

Steve Roberts, one of our Calvary's former members and choir director, has announced that he will retire at the end of the year from AAPS after a distinguished career as Director of Bands at Huron High School. Congratulations, Steve, on all your efforts to nurture musical excellence in our schools and community!!

At the Michigan Dental Association Annual Meeting on April 29th, **Marilyn Woolfolk** was recognized as a Life-Fellow by the Michigan Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. The Pierre Fauchard Academy is an honorary dental service organization that includes dental researchers and teachers that have had a continuing role in fostering dental science.



Congratulations to **Dr. Lynn Wooten** who will assume a new position as Dean of the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University effective July 1,

2017. All the best and God's speed to Lynn and her family as they make their move to Ithaca, NY.

And, last but not least, congratulations and thunderous applause for **Pastor Andy Lee** who, in March, successfully passed all the tests and requirements to become an ordained minister!! The ceremony that makes this official will take place during the Annual Methodist Conference session on June 4, 2017 in Traverse City, Michigan.

thanks

On behalf of the Trustee Board we thank our "Gardening Angel/Angels" for enhancing the exterior beauty of our church with flowers planted in the big jardiniere and other attention to our front entrance.

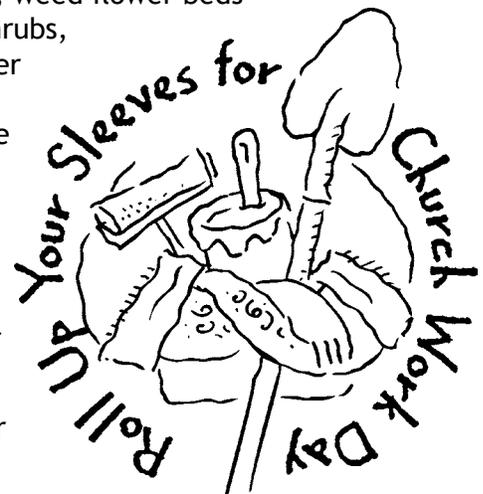
We were also blessed to have beautiful flowers on the altar and at the base of the speaker's podium that were provided by Pastor Andy's mom, "Michelle" Lee. Thanks to her for bringing joy on Easter Day with that special touch!!



spring church clean-up

Join Calvary friends at the Calvary Spring Clean-Up day, **Saturday, May 13 from 9-12**. We'll wash windows, clean pews and all around the church, weed flower beds and trim shrubs, and do other outside jobs. Come dressed for the tasks you prefer and bring supplies and tools if you can.

Be There or Be Square!



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.

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT – Wednesday, May 3, 7 pm
Games, snacks, and fellowship at our monthly game night!

CALVARY COOKS SPAGHETTI DINNER – Saturday, May 6, 5-7 pm
Community spaghetti dinner to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

HABITAT SUNDAY – Sunday, May 7

Learn all about and then help out the Good News House project of Habitat for Humanity. Potluck following church. First Sunday for Clatter Collection which will be in all the Sundays in May.

BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday, May 10, 7 pm
Bible study on *Invitation to John* session 7.

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY – Saturday, May 13

DONATION COLLECTION – May 14 (and every 2nd Sunday)

TRUSTEE MEETING – Tuesday, May 16, 6 pm

BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday, May 24, 7 pm
Bible study on *Invitation to John* session 8.

NURTURE/OUTREACH/WORSHIP MTG – Thursday, May 25, 5:30 pm

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT – Wednesday, June 7, 7 pm
Games, snacks, and fellowship at our monthly game night!

DONATION COLLECTION – June 11 (and every 2nd Sunday)

HABITAT VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS – Saturday, June 17 + Friday, July 21
Help out at the Good News House Habitat for Humanity houses!

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT – Wednesday, July 5, 7 pm
Monthly Calvary Community Game Night. Enjoy games, snacks, and fellowship!

DONATION COLLECTION – July 9 (and every 2nd Sunday)

CHURCH PICNIC AND WORSHIP – Sunday, July 16 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 river-side location!



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 \$15/class and the first class is free!

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

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Bring *a* Friend

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Sunday School 11:15

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