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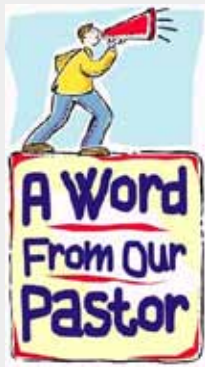
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The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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minister's message



In the scriptures, there are several references to farming. This makes sense considering the Bible was written thousands of years ago when people lived in agrarian societies. For example, in Ecclesiastes 3:2 it mentions, “there is a time to sow, and a time to reap.”

I believe we are in the season of sowing seeds. In June, we carefully dug out a small hole in the ground and planted our Calvary Cooks dinner. In more recent times, I’ve been bombarded with a plethora of ideas: Collecting for House By The Side of The Road, expanding Calvary Cooks, implementing a young adult bible study, Holy Yoga, a mentor system, combining styles for worship, renting out our facilities to new groups, and the list goes on.

While I am not an expert on plants--I killed an orchid I was given as a gift--I do know if you never plant a seed, you cannot expect to reap a harvest. If our mission as the church is to help people know God so that they might become Christ followers who in turn spread God’s love for the transformation of the world, then we’re going to have to go through the process of planting some seeds. As we know, after you plant a seed,

there’s still a long journey ahead. Seeds need water, sunlight, fertilizer, and some good old fashion TLC.

If we want a fruitful ministry that genuinely reflects God’s mission, then, like all things, it’s not going to be easy. Although it might not be easy, I do know the work we put in will be worth it. So, let’s move forward together. Get your shovels out, and plant some seeds! If you have a great idea, then let’s see

if we can make it happen, because we’re in the season of sowing. Hopefully, not before long, we’ll be in a season the reaping.

May God bless our work!



Andy

dine about town

It's time again for our progressive dinner-- starting at 5 pm on **Saturday, November 15**. Enjoy fabulous appetizers at Carol and Steve Miller's house at 2412 Georgetown Boulevard, dinner at Tom and Sandra Jameson's house at 2876 North Maple Road and dessert at the parsonage with Pastor Andy. Sign up in the narthex to participate or just come!



lighting the tree

Our tree is seen from afar, just ask anyone who drives Newport Rd! It has become a symbol for many neighbors and gets the attention of anyone who drives by, rides the bus, or is out for a run. It costs \$640 to light the tree for Christmas and is done by private donations, not from the church general giving. If you would like to help Light the Tree, you can make a donation to the church and memo it, *Tree*.



The tree will be lit this year on Thursday Nov. 20th. As we look forward to our own traditions of celebration, look for those lights and remember the joy of the season and the greatest gift -- the birth of Jesus Christ into the world. Thank you!

donation corner

We collect donations every 2nd Sunday. Last month we delivered several bags of needed food to Faith In Action, nine large bags of clothing/small household items were donated to House by the Side of the Road, and many needed bars of Dial Soap went to the homeless

ministry. Thanks for your participation!

Upcoming dates are November 9, December 14, and January 11.

holiday baked bliss

Plan on Sunday, December 7 for an opportunity to purchase fantastic home made baked goods for all your holiday gatherings and gift-giving needs. All proceeds to go the Peace Neighborhood Center. Invite your friends and neighbors to come and find their holiday treats at Calvary on **Sunday, December 7 from 11 am-12 noon** and help out all the important programs PNC does for our neighborhood!



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

young adult bible study

Join the new bible study for young adults starting with dinner at 7 pm on **Thursdays** at Pastor Andy's house.



holy yoga

Calvary is investigating starting a holy yoga class. "What is Holy Yoga," you may ask. Yoga is about creating balance in the body through developing both strength and flexibility. This is done through the performance of poses or postures, each of which has specific physical benefits. Karen Woolams has been taking yoga classes for awhile and

finds it has really helped her back comfort, balance, posture, and flexibility. Her teacher, Diane Buckery, now teaches Holy Yoga too. This brings praise music, prayer, and scripture into the practice of yoga, expanding the impact from body to Christian mind at the same time.

Yoga is great for young and old. It helps with balance, flexibility, muscle or back pain and more. Holy Yoga makes the experience a time of prayer and bible study too--with your Calvary Family. Calvary can make this an outreach opportunity for our neighbors too!

Would you like to try Holy Yoga? What about a 4 pm class during the week? Please let Karen Woollams know so we can make a plan!

crop success

Under beautiful blue skies and colorful fall leaves, Calvary CROP walkers joined the crowd on Sunday, October 12 to raise funds to fight hunger. Thanks to those who walked and many thanks to all those who made donations!



October 12 Calvary CROP walkers, from left to right: Sandra and Tom Jameson, Regina Noland, Alison Wang, Doug Smith and Karen Woollams

birthdays**november**

- 4 Ed Wier
- 6 Bonnie Andrews
- 9 Ruth Husung
- 13 Nickolas Griffin
- 18 Marilyn Woolfolk
- 29 Robyn Hughes

**december**

- 5 Agnes Warren
- 8 Sarah Jameson
- 12 R. J. Schildhouse
- 18 David Thompson
- 22 Judy Wier
- 22 Susan Glysson
- 30 Penelope Schildhouse
- 31 Ghia Parow

**anniversaries****november**

- 1 Paula and Neil Gates
- 26 Suzanne and Corey Woolfolk
- 29 Dottie and Keith Jameson

*Celebrating an
Anniversary*

**december**

- 27 Mandi and Rolf Lowe
- 28 Bev and Chuck Sanders

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING – Thursday, November 6, 5:30 pm

DONATION COLLECTION – November 9 (and every 2nd Sunday)
Dial Soap and Socks Ministry for the homeless, Canned and Dry Good for Faith in Action, Clothes and Housewares for House by the Side of the Road.

WORSHIP MEETING – Monday, November 10, 5:30 pm

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – Saturday, November 15, 5 pm
Appetizers at Millers, dinner at Jameson's and dessert at Andy's.

HANGING OF THE GREENS – Sunday, November 23
Decorate the Church for Advent and enjoy a lunch together afterwards.

TRUSTEE MEETING – Tuesday, November 25, 5 pm

CHARGE CONFERENCE – Sunday, November 30, 5 pm

NURTURE MEETING – Thursday, December 4, 5:30 pm

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE – after church Sunday, December 7
Buy holiday baked goods to benefit Peace Neighborhood Center.

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – Tuesday, December 24, 5:30 pm
Celebrate the birth of Jesus with a candlelight service!

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

Weekly Activities:

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST at Village Kitchen, 241 N Maple, 8 am
Start one morning a week with a GOOD breakfast and GREAT fellowship.

ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS Bible Study at Church, 7 pm

THURSDAY YOUNG ADULT DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY, 7 pm at Andy's.



Hanging of the Greens



CHRISTMAS



BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

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