



THIS MONTH

September/October 2010

The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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pastor's ponderings



Amazingly enough, it's fall again, the time when it feels we start again. Programs are starting, school schedules are getting back into full swing and here

at church we have things starting too. I am very excited about what this year holds for us as a church. Several new things will begin and some of our favorite things will continue.

We are starting a new **Sunday School program** for elementary age children that will take place during the worship service following the "Time Out for Youth." I have a new curriculum, that includes activities for the variety of ages and a DVD that promises to engage the children. It's important to share our faith with the next generation. Sunday school teachers will be scheduled on a rotating basis so that no one has to miss church every Sunday. This is a great way to get to know the kids, meet the parents of young families and welcome those families as they visit our church. To volunteer to teach, please sign up in the narthex.

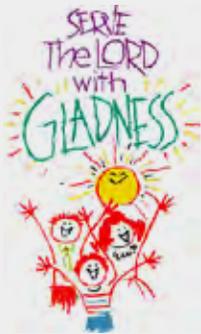
We are also going to provide a **Nursery program** for our youngest church family members. I have purchased some activities that are appropriate for toddlers and some DVDs for their time in the nursery. But we need you to volunteer to help in the nursery, so that we can provide a warm welcome to their families as they are our guests in worship.

There is a new **Bible Study** starting

in **October**. It will be on Tuesdays at 7:00. We will be looking at the scripture for the next Sunday. The group will explore what it says and how we apply it to our life today. I hope that by doing this we will learn the scriptures and find more meaning in the worship experience.

You will also notice some **new equipment** being installed in the sanctuary at the end of September. We are purchasing a screen and projector that will allow us to project words for songs and develop creative presentations as part of the worship experience. Many people living in this digital generation are visual learners and this will help them connect with the message. It is also helpful for people who have trouble reading the small print in the hymnals.

The **Calvary Singers** have started rehearsing on Sundays at 9:00. If you like to sing, please join us. The **Adult Sunday School** will begin meeting on September 12 after worship. **Breakfast** is returning again before worship. The **Tuesday Morning Breakfast** group continues to meet at the Flim-Flam at 7:00 am. Find a place to jump and get involved. See you Sunday!!



Beth

fall for these opportunities

Leadership Opportunities

The Committee on Lay Leadership will be meeting soon to fill spots on our Boards and Committees. If you would like to serve the church in any way, please let us know. You can talk to Beth or any member of the Lay Leadership Committee, or email the church.

Nursery

We have been having young children in church. YEA!!! It would be really nice for parents if the nursery was staffed every week so that if they chose to leave their toddler they can, or if they want to keep their child in church for a while and then come back to the nursery they do that too. I will set up a rotating schedule for volunteers. If you are would like to be blessed be the youngest of our congregation, please sign up in the narthex or email the church.



Sunday School

We also have some school age children that attend on occasion. I think it would be good for them to have a Sunday School program that they could attend during the second half of the worship service. A rotating schedule would work for this class so that no one had to miss worship all the time. Curriculum and resources will be provided and any support you may need to get started. If you would like to be part of sharing your faith with our special young people K-5th grade, please sign up in the narthex or email the church.

Fellowship Time

Please volunteer to host fellowship time on the veranda/fellowship hall. This is a good time to meet guests and catch up with friends. There is a sign up in the narthex.

Haiti Vim Trip (Volunteers In Mission)

The Haiti School Project is October 12-20, 2010.

Many Haitian families who lived in Port au Prince were displaced to other cities when their homes were destroyed by the January hurricane. We invite you to help our Haitian partners in mission and the Haiti School Project team as they finish work on the school.

Pat Grainger PPGTIPS@aol.com and Keith Thomas kthomas2741@yahoo.com will be the co-leaders for the Haiti School Project team.

calvary prays!

Nearly 2 Centuries ago, prayer was viewed as a stage in the development of religion from a magical to a "higher" stage, this was a time when various evolutionary theories were in vogue. Such theories, failed to recognize the strictly personal characteristics of prayer.

"Lord, teach us to pray..."

Luke 11:1



Now in the 21st Century, prayer at Calvary is still evolving. While it is still very personal and private, it is moving into the electronic age by emailing the prayer requests to our congregation at large. Phones and snail mail still play an integral part of Calvary's caring network, however many of us learn in a matter of milliseconds when the sender hits the "send" button from as close as Ann Arbor to as far away as Texas and Florida "Snow Birds". The response has been great.

On any given week following the service as many as 10 to 12 requests can go out on a Tuesday or as few as 1 to 3 during the busy summer months. This has led Calvary to be better engaged in what's going on in others lives as well as needs of the world.

Our latest regional needs include praying for health, doctor's wisdom for those struggling with medical needs. We pray for our youth going off to college and our new found friends in Detroit, whom we helped while on our mission trip this past July.

Folks are now more quickly engaged and aware of other members and attendees prayer needs both globally and at home.

Who knows what next technology leap will enable us to continue our intimate relationship with a Mighty God! ~ maybe we should pray about it?

submitted by Dale Titus



habitat news

In our 11th year of participation, Calvary reached its fundraising goal of \$800 this past year and provided workers and lunch for two work days in addition to many, many additional hours of work by individual Calvary members on Habitat for Humanity homes. This work and financial support, joined with the other congregations of the "Good News House," have renovated three local houses this summer and provided additional funds enabling a family overseas to receive their first home. Wow!



Did you know that Habitat for Humanity was there following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita too? Habitat responded to these disasters quickly and they have stayed for the long haul. Habitat affiliates and their partners have built, rehabbed or repaired more than 2,200 houses in the hardest hit areas of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Texas. In addition, Habitat volunteers removed debris and cleaned more than 2,500 homes in preparation for rehabbing.

crop walk

You can participate in the CROP Walk which takes place on Sunday, October 10th. The annual Washtenaw



County CROP Hunger Walk is an interfaith response to local and world hunger. Funds raised support local, national and international organizations and efforts to end hunger. Sign up to walk with Karen Woollams or support a Calvary walker with your donations.

memory walk

The Annual Memory Walk for this area is scheduled for October 10th at 1:00 pm at Gallop Park, Ann Arbor. All are welcomed to attend. Donations help those affected by Alzheimer's disease and are tax deductible. Your donation may be made in Honor of or in Memory of someone. Donations made be made in cash or by check payable to Alzheimer's Association and given to Ruth Husung by October 10th.

haiti nursing update

The Haitian Foundation celebrated its five year anniversary in May 2010. The 18 board members developed objectives to support nursing education in Haiti: 1). To increase collaboration between Haiti and US schools of nursing. 2). To establish a graduate nursing program. 3). To support events to improve.

The nursing school has received support from many different places.

- Mrs. Francher, of Florida, donated \$56,000 to purchase a 30 passenger bus to transport students to clinic sites.
- Student nurses and faculty from U of M and 2 other school have had fund raisers.
- A medical foundation has allocated \$800,000 as a grant for the Haiti nursing schools for an auditorium, administration offices and more classrooms.
- Many groups and individuals have sent financial gifts to support the nursing school's programs.

The two classes of student nurses have received their B.S. in Trinity Cathedral in Port of Prince. This church was destroyed in the earthquake. The third class of students will receive their bachelor degrees in nursing in December 2010.

There is a photo of the current students with the title "We are the difference". Hopefully such attitudes and hope will lead the school of nursing and the Haitian nursing Foundation a long way in the future. Please keep these wonderful people in prayer.

from Ruth Husung

church office hours

The church office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call or stop by to see Heidi Vacca for help with anything.

birthday wishes

Heidi is updating the birthday and anniversary lists. Please let the office know about your and your family's birthdays and anniversaries via email or on the communication cards on Sunday.

youth group scoop

Youth will give a presentation to the congregation about this summer's Motown Mission trip on Sunday,

September 12. After the time for sundaes, youth and families will meet briefly to discuss youth group plans for the year. The proposal is to meet on the first and third Sundays of each month from 11:15-2, including a fun lunch! Perhaps an optional Haunted House on October 31! Youth, middle school and above, are encouraged to come for the first full YG on Sunday, September 19 for a fun day of maybe bowling, putt-putt, or a nature hike – suggestions welcome! Hope you can join in!!



birthdays

september

- 3 Kim Kracman
- 4 Sherri Givens
- 6 Bill Roche
- 9 Van Monroe
- Janelle Gates
- 10 Selena Monroe
- 11 Winslow Roche
- Jael Woolfolk
- 15 Vernita Gilkey
- 16 Karen Gates
- Denise Leffler
- 23 Tom Jameson
- 25 Jerry Leonard
- 28 Justin Gates



october

- 4 Rachel Miller
- 7 Thelma Monroe
- Chuck Sanders
- 8 Donna Hughes
- 10 Kyle Simpson
- 12 Grace Park
- 14 James Olsen
- 15 Geoffrey Smith-Woollams
- 18 Rose Smith-Woollams
- 21 Daniel Roberts

anniversaries

september

- 3 Judy and Ed Wier
- 9 Sandy and Doug Olsen
- 18 Jennie and John Viery
- 19 Ruth and George Thompson



october

- 2 Andrea and Bill Roche
- 10 Betty and Ron Whiting
- 11 Denise and Bob Leffler
- 26 Betty and Clarence Brewer
- 30 Donna Reed and Michael Parow

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.

SPECIAL HYMN SING SERVICE – Sunday, September 5

TRUSTEE MEETING – September 7 at 7 pm

SUNDAE SUNDAY – September 12

Sunday School Kick-off Sunday - Sunday School begins for youth and adults. We will celebrate with Sundaes at fellowship time. There will be a *Special Worship Presentation* by the Youth and their adult leaders who will give a presentation on their Motown Mission experiences. The following Sunday, September 19th, Sunday School for Elementary ages will begin. The students will start in worship and following the TIME OUT FOR YOUTH they will be dismissed for Sunday School.



The **new 40-60 small group** will tentatively meet for dinner and discussion to kick off a series about Aging Parents, Children, Losses, Spirituality, etc. See Pastor Beth for more information and specifics.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS – September 15 Finance Committee at 4:30 pm and Ad Board at 7 pm

BENEFIT RESTAURANT OPPORTUNITY – Wednesday, September 22

Eat at **Bandito's Mexican Restaurant** - The owner of Bandito's will give 20% of our sales back to the church which we will use for mission projects. Postcards will be available to pick up in the narthex and you may cut out the coupon below to present at Bandito's. Pass them out to your friends and co-workers. Good food for a Great cause! Go for lunch, go for dinner, bring the office, and bring your friends and family!

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT INSTALLATION – Sunday, September 26

The Ann Arbor District Superintendent, Rev. Mark Spaw, will be installed during a worship celebration at Brighton First UMC at 3:00 pm with a reception following.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY – October 5 at 7 pm

We will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday's sermon.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE – Sunday October 10 at 4:00 pm. Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet at 3:15.

CROP WALK – October 10

NURTURE COMMITTEE – October 19 at 5:30 pm

CARL GLADSTONE IN CONCERT – October 22

Carl is a modern day Abolitionist. Come and find out more about modern day slavery and hear music from his new Abolitionist Hymnal. You know Carl because he also directs the Motown Mission. Watch for more details.



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FRIENDS AND FELLOWSHIP IN ANN ARBOR!

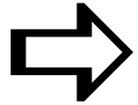
JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 22ND for LUNCH AND DINNER.

Bandito's will be donating 20% of your bill back to Calvary UMC to help support their mission projects.

Can't join us for lunch or dinner? Bandito's has a takeout menu too!

Please present this coupon to give credit to Calvary UMC.

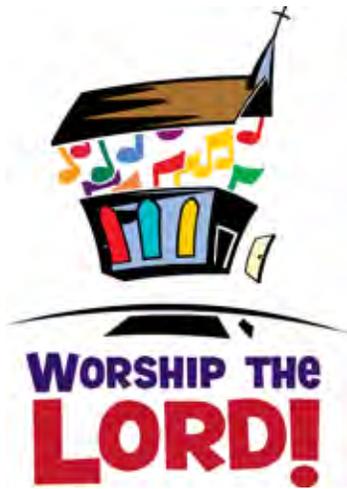
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Sunday Worship 10:00
Sunday School 11:15