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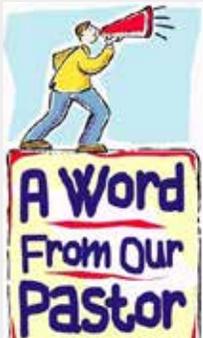
September/October 2016



The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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minister's message



“As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the

time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”
2 Timothy 4:5-7

Earlier this year, I ran a 5k hosted at Gallup park with my wife and a couple of friends. At the start of the race, a hundred or so people sprinted to the front. However, I simply started and continued at a comfortable pace. Over time, many of the “fast starters” quickly faded and began walking. I smiled as I passed each one.

As I crossed the finish line, I was sweaty and breathing a bit harder than usual. I wouldn't say I was out of breath or exhausted though. While

I finished the race, I realized I had a lot of gas left in the tank. I really could have or maybe even should have picked up the pace.

In our faith journey, it's an accomplishment in itself to keep the faith. The temptations of this world are loud and appealing, the call to carry the cross daily is daunting, and we live busy lives. Still, I wonder how many of us will wish we ran the race with more vigor, more intensity, more discipline, and more joy so that we can confidently declare we gave it our best shot.

This fall I encourage you to pick up the pace wherever you can. Let us welcome newcomers with radical hospitality, boldly invite our friends and family to visit us, selflessly serve our community, and in sum, let us take full advantage of every opportunity to worship our awesome God.

In Christ,

Andy

scramble fun

A good time was had by all who participated in Calvary's Golf Scramble and lunch at Brookside Golf Course in Saline in July. It was fun to play with church friends and feel triumphant moments at the game of golf regardless of your skill level! Thanks, Chuck Sanders for coordinating this event!

it's cropping up again

Join the 42nd Annual Washtenaw/Ann Arbor **CROP Hunger Walk** on Sunday afternoon, September 25, 2016, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1400 West Stadium Boulevard, Ann Arbor. Register from 1 pm; the Walk starts with a send-off service at 2 pm.

This year walkers will collect all donations before the walk and turn them in the day of the walk.



We walk to raise funds for hunger and poverty relief here and around the world, through Church World Service and its partners (www.cwsglobal.org). The Walk is organized by the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (germaine@icpj.org; 734-663-1870). This year, 25 percent of the funds raised will benefit the following local organizations:

- Avalon House
- Community Action Network
- Emmanuel House
- Hope Clinic
- Growing Hope
- Packard Health
- SOS Community Services
- St. Andrew's Breakfast Program

To make a credit-card donation, collect funds online, or just find out more, you can "Walk on the Web". Visit the website <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/annarbormi/>

For more information, contact Karen Woollams. Everyone can be involved! Calvary needs walkers and walkers need folks to make donations!

enjoy singing?

The Calvary Singers practice at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings. Join us starting September 11! Contact Gerald or Sandra for more information.

Also prayerfully consider being a part of the Cool Calvary Praise Team! Openings are available for you!



directory updates

Please note this change to the Directory:

Dion and Lorri Woolfolk
374 Cessna Road
Concord, NC 28027

congratulations!

Kudos to **Allison Wier** who graduated from Butler University in May with her bachelor's degree in education.



Congratulations to **Kelley Wier and Jack Stearns** on their engagement!

Congratulations to **Lynn Wooten** who was recently appointed Senior Associate Dean of Student and Academic Excellence at the UM Ross School of Business!

and now this...

Good Luck to all our students, teachers, and professors as they start a new school year!!

Go Tigers, Go Green (for Andy's alma mater and others) and GO BLUE!!

a loss in our church family

Elaine Betty Pearl Roberts passed into eternal rest on June 2, 2016. Elaine began attending and then joined Calvary United Methodist Church about 60 years ago, starting at its early location on Broadway and following its relocation to the present site on Miller Avenue. I am told that she and her husband, Bill, were a part of the adult Sunday School class at the church on Broadway.

Elaine was unexpectedly widowed early and was admired by many for her resilience and strong Christian discipleship in the face of that twist of fate. She instantly had to adapt to being the spiritual, physical and emotional anchor of the household, remarkably raising their four young children, Jeannine, Mark, John and Steve by herself after the untimely death of her husband.

A person of unending faith, Elaine's many contributions as a member of Calvary UMC included her efforts on the Nominations Committee, Lay Leadership Committee, and Worship Committee and as a Biblical scholar in the adult Sunday School class.

Perhaps, however, Elaine made the biggest impact at Calvary UMC through her leadership as Choir Music Coordinator for many years. She happily assumed a major role in the music ministry by listening, selecting and ordering choral music for the Chancel Choir and the Living Circle. She was a member of both singing groups, but the music presented by the

Chancel Choir was a particular source of pride for her.

She also shouldered responsibility to help plan Calvary's performances of an Annual Lenten Program by the Living Circle. The program, consisting of music and scripture readings, was

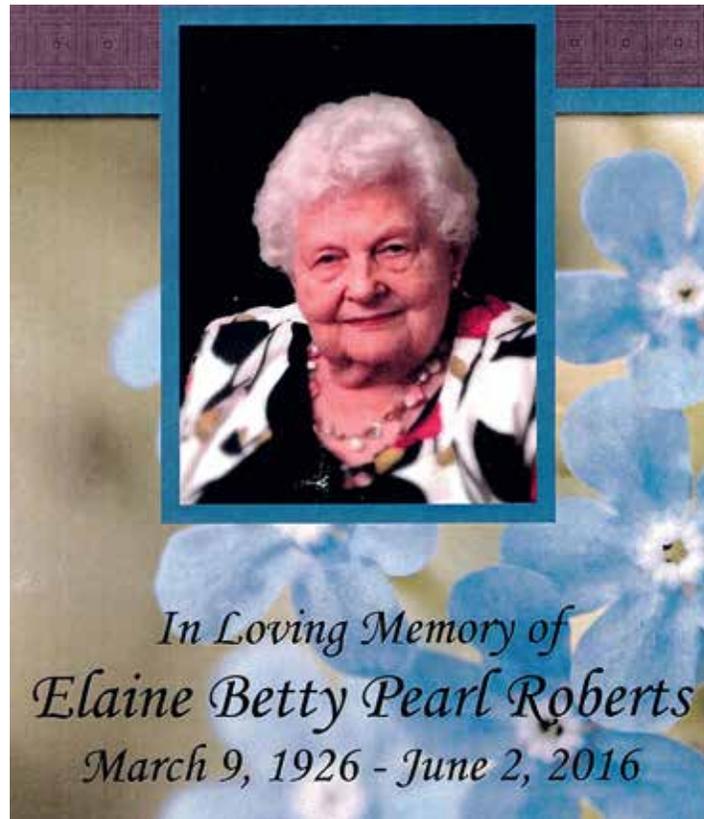
usually presented on Palm Sunday to the congregation and shared at other times at assorted places like Chelsea Retirement Home, Hillside Terrace, Sharon United Methodist Church in Manchester and Morrice United Methodist Church.

Although in the last several years Elaine was not able to worship or sing with us regularly, her spirit and influence were often remembered as we assembled and prepared music for all services, but especially during the Easter and Christmas season. She instilled

a love for music in her children, grandchildren and her fellow choirmates and Calvary UMC immensely benefited from and continues to be inspired by her musical talent and dedication over the years.

Elaine Roberts celebrated her 90th birthday on March 9, 2016 and her family and friends paid tributes with words and song at a special party to mark the occasion in late February. Little did we know that just a few months later, she would slip away from us on earth to go to her Heavenly Home. We miss her but know that she is resting in the arms of the Lord and singing many anthems there!

Submitted with respect and sorrow, Marilyn Woolfolk



birthdays

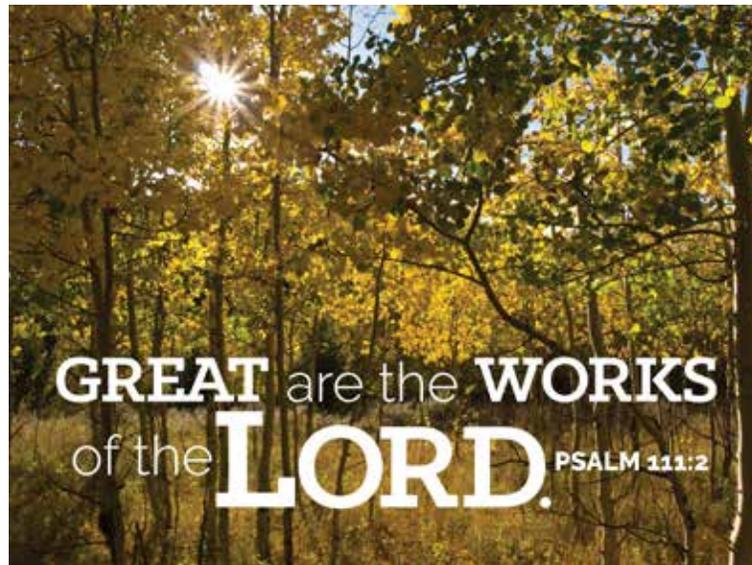
september

- 4 Sherri Givens
- 9 Janelle Gates
- 11 Jael Woolfolk
- 16 Karen Gates
Denise Leffler
- 23 Tom Jameson
- 28 Justin Gates



october

- 4 Rachel Miller
- 7 Chuck Sanders
- 8 Donna Hughes
- 15 Geoffrey Smith-Woollams
- 18 Rose Smith-Woollams
- 21 Daniel Roberts



anniversaries

september

- 3 Judy and Ed Wier
- 19 Ruth and George Thompson

*Celebrating an
Anniversary*



october

- 11 Bob and Denise Leffler
- 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.

CALVARY COOKS SPAGHETTI DINNER – Saturday, September 10, 5-8 pm
Community spaghetti dinner to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY and SUNDAE SUNDAY – Sunday, Sept 11
Come to Calvary for this special day and invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. We'll enjoy Ice Cream Sundaes during fellowship time!

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

TRUSTEE MEETING – Monday, September 12, 4:30 pm

CROP WALK – Sunday, September 25
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.

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

NURTURE/OUTREACH/WORSHIP MTG – Thursday, Oct 13, 5:30 pm

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, October 25, 6:30 pm

DONATION COLLECTION – November 13 (and every 2nd Sunday)

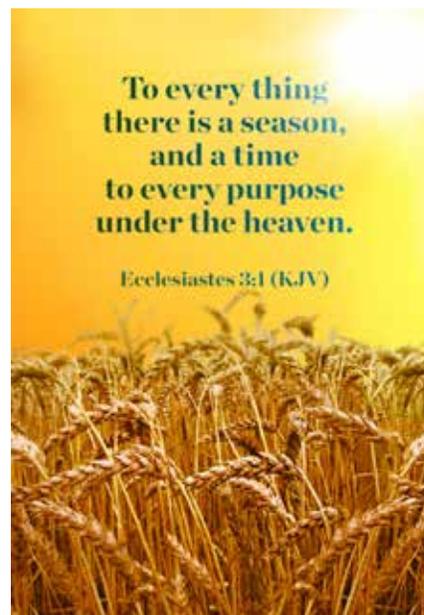
POTLUCK and CHARGE CONFERENCE– Sunday, November 20, 11:30 and 1 pm
Join your church family for a potluck at 11:30 then stay for this annual all church meeting with the district superintendent.



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.

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



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Sunday Worship 10:00
Sunday School 11:15

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