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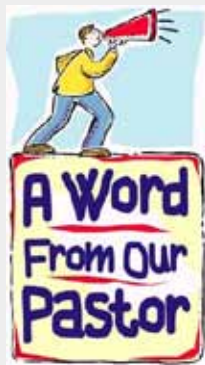
Summer 2014



The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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minister's message



We all know the story of the fable of the Ant and the Grasshopper. The two insects are diametrically opposed as the grasshopper spends his summer months singing and dancing while the prudent ant spends his summer months gather food and preparing for the winter.

When summer ends and the harsh weather rolls around, the grasshopper is left with nothing while the ant has his storehouse of food because of his foresight and hard work.

Now that we've put one of the worst winters in recent memory behind us and summer has finally decided to show up, it's time to enjoy ourselves, take some vacation, and make memories in the glorious sun. Considering how none of us are ants or grasshoppers, I think it's plausible that we could fill our summer with both leisure activities as well as planning and prepping for the year ahead of us.

With the summer months at Calvary typically being a slower and more relaxed time relative to the rest of the year, it provides us a perfect opportunity to reflect upon the past year and think about where we'd like to go in the future. None of us ever plans to fail. I don't plan to give bad messages, offer poor advice, or brainstorm awful ideas.

No one plans to do that. However, we are guilty of another crime. While none of us plans to fail, we often fail to plan. Like the grasshopper when we fail to plan, we will receive, what we planned to get: NOTHING.

God has given us an important task, which is to share his love and light with this world so that people will come to know him. This mission sounds rather vague and that's because it is. Sharing God's love with this world will look different in Africa, South America, or Detroit than it would in Ann Arbor, and that's because context will influence the nature of the mission. The question for us, then, is this: How do we want to be used by God in Ann Arbor for 2014 and 2015? What does Calvary want to accomplish in the next 12 months?



I'm not a fortune teller, but I do know the only way to accomplish any task is to plan to make it happen. So let's enjoy the summer and all it has to offer, but at the same time, let us always keep our eyes on the beautiful mission we've been tasked.

Andy

farewell to heidi

We offer great thanks and good wishes to Heidi Vacca who has been our church secretary since 2008 and is now leaving for another opportunity.

Pastor Andy has these thoughts:

"There are several people in this church whose service often times goes unnoticed. Sometimes, this means someone from Calvary fixes the faucet. Other times, it means the flowers are planted to beautify the grounds. Well, Heidi was one of these people. Most of us hardly knew her, but she served this church dutifully for over 5 years blessing all of us even though most of the time we didn't know it. Personally, I'm indebted to her. While she could have quit immediately after Beth left, Heidi stayed for almost a year as she drove from Canton, because she didn't want the transition for both Calvary and me to be too difficult.

Heidi was and is a fine person. We were blessed to have her so if you could, please lift her and her family up in prayer from time to time. Thank God for good people and good times."

farewell from heidi

Heidi offers us these farewell wishes:

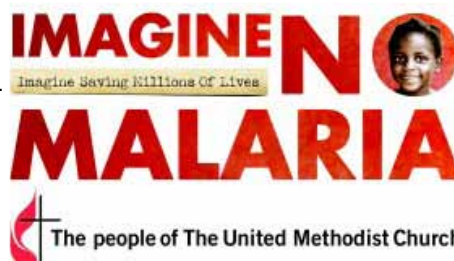
"Dear Calvary Family,

It has been truly a blessing to be a part of your family. It's hard to believe how much time has past since my first day. Emma was 3 and in preschool. She is now 9 and will be in the 5th grade in the fall. We have traveled a great journey together. Thank you for all you have done for me and my family. I will continue to pray for each you and the church. You will always hold a special place in my heart.

In His love and grace, Heidi"

starting to change the world

Calvary has raised funds for the United Methodist Church campaign, Imagine No Malaria, as part of our Change the World activities this spring. The returnable can drive for Calvary members and the



area neighborhood plus the June 1 Birthday Bash potluck fund-raiser raised \$200.50. This is only a beginning in our efforts to help stop malaria deaths around the world.

trustees corner

The Trustee Board, with many of your ideas, input, and labor, have been hard at work throughout the year to help maintain and plan for the physical property needs of both the church and the parsonage. Balancing the resources we have, we try to keep up with routine maintenance issues and explore other opportunities to enhance our facilities and its usage during the year.



Most recently we have been updating our fire safety equipment and procedures, organizing the Spring Clean Up Day, clearing leaves from the gutters, ordering mulch, spreading mulch, trimming bushes, washing windows and replacing cracked ones, improving drainage areas, filling in ruts in our driveway, polishing pews, painting the pastor's study to refresh walls after a leak was corrected, fixing electrical outlets, faucets, and ceiling fans, switching out incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs to increase energy efficiency, clearing attic accumulation, etc, etc.

Earlier in the year we were advised by the City of Ann Arbor that some of our sidewalk slabs needed to be shaved down to comply with code and we have arranged to get that work done soon now that the weather is more favorable. We are grateful for the gardening/planting/watering expertise that is provided to beautify our grounds and for those who offer their talent to either create or put up banners that advertise our events and activities. We also have benefited from the technology gurus among us who have allowed us to establish an on-line calendar to keep track of and schedule requests from various groups to use spaces within our building.

Sometimes it is easy to forget that our church building and parsonage are valuable assets that should give us all a sense of pride. It takes a lot to ensure

that we have an attractive and welcoming place to worship and fellowship and we thank everyone who helped in some big or small way – especially some of our winter “angels” who chunked ice, spread salt, or shoveled snow to supplement the snow removal service when it was needed to make our entrance and sidewalks more accessible this winter. (If anyone would like to bring flowers for the altar on any given Sunday, please feel free and remember to keep them watered if they can be used for more than one Sunday).

In summary, we are glad winter 2014 is behind us and spring has finally sprung. The current trustees are grateful to be able to continue, with your support, the faithful service of all those that have previously served the church in this capacity. Have a great summer!



good news house work

Summer means it's Habitat time and work is progressing nicely on the Good News houses on Rambling Rd. in Ypsilanti. Here are pictures from Calvary's day on May 28. Thanks Tom and Sandra Jameson, Gerald and Marilyn Woolfolk, Judy Fardig, Chris Wallace, and Judy Pasich!

You can help out on upcoming days on June 14 and July 12!



birthdays**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

**august**

- 2 Betty Talbot
- 5 Phoebe Schildhouse
- Ben Wier
- 11 Neil Gates
- 12 Kristin Titus
- Milt Andrews
- 16 DuWaine Hoy
- 17 Allie Jameson
- 18 Lynn Wooten

july

- 4 Ben Wallace
- 13 Lynn Storey
- Kelley Wier
- 16 Peg Leonard
- 18 Dottie Jameson
- 19 Sandra Jameson
- 31 Lena Lowe

anniversaries**june**

- 5 Nancy and Mark Roberts
- 7 Karen Woollams and Doug Smith
- 28 Peggy and David Thompson
- 29 Renee and Chris Griffin

**august**

- 2 Karen and David Gates
- 11 Carol and Steve Miller
- 16 Sandra and Tom Jameson
- 27 Margaret and Al Storey

july

- 12 Pat and Dick Fischer

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.

CHANGE THE WORLD FUNDRAISER – June 1

Birthday Bash potluck after church to raise funds for Imagine No Malaria.

CALVARY COOKS SPAGHETTI DINNER – Saturday, June 7, 4-7 pm

Community spaghetti dinner to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

FOOD COLLECTION – June 8 (and every 2nd Sunday)

HABITAT VOLUNTEER WORK DAY – Saturday, June 14

Help out at the Good News House Habitat for Humanity houses!

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING –

Wednesday, July 2, 5:30 pm

Preparing and envisioning for upcoming year. Be involved in the PLAN!

ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR LEE'S FIRST SUNDAY – July 7

HABITAT VOLUNTEER WORK DAY – Saturday, July 12

Help out at the Good News House Habitat for Humanity houses!

FOOD COLLECTION – July 13 (and every 2nd Sunday)

WORSHIP MEETING – Wednesday, July 23, 5:30 pm

Worship planning for upcoming year. Be involved in the PLAN!

NURTURE MEETING – Thursday, July 31, 5:30 pm

Nurture and Outreach planning for upcoming year. Be involved in the PLAN!

FOOD COLLECTION – August 10 (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.



HABITAT Project



ANNUAL PLANNING



FEED THE HUNGRY



Meet for Breakfast

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