



THIS MONTH

Summer 2012



The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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pastor's ponderings



Summer is an interesting time in the church. Some people are so busy doing fun stuff with their families that we see

very little of them. They are camping and traveling, enjoying the summer weather and the schedule that is not so demanding as the rest of the year. Some of us have a older kids home from school and enjoy our limited time with them. So we, who handle summer church schedules, try to lighten up also. We don't schedule as many meetings and we put some weekly things on hold until fall. I hope you enjoy the summer months and all the benefits that come with it.

However, I want to encourage you to remember that you don't have to stop growing in your faith during these warmer months. There is nothing saying that you have to attending to Bible study just to read the Bible. It's a great time of year to pick up some of those Old Testament Books and read the stories that are there. It can be really refreshing to read a Psalm or two, while sitting by the lake or on your deck. Or go to the bookstore and look in the religion section and find an interesting book to read. (There

is even some good Christian fiction out there.) When you're taking a walk or sitting outside, communicate with the giver of the beautiful world that you are enjoying, (more simply put: pray). Don't think of summer as a time to quit church, rather think of it as a good time to grow your relationship with God, preparing yourself for the rest of the year.

Here at Calvary we are going to spend the summer with Jesus. I am reading a book called *What's the Least I Need to Believe and Still Be A Christian?* The second part of the book is 10 things Christians should believe and it's about Jesus. In the introduction it

says, "The nonnegotiable item in Christianity is Jesus Christ. Take Jesus out of the church, and you might have an impressive religious organization, a nice building and noble ethical teaching, but you won't have Christianity. So what's the least a person can believe and still be a Christian? The answer is Jesus." So this summer is worship, we are going to spend time learning about and getting reacquainted with Jesus.

Join us on Sundays for worship at 10:00 or Thursdays at 6:30 for The Gathering. See you there.

Grace and Peace,

Beth



praise in the park

Sunday, June 10 at 10:15 am we will be having worship in Gallup Park. Followed by an all church picnic. Bring a dish to pass, a chair to sit in and some outdoor games to play, and come and enjoy this time for worship and fellowship.



good news!

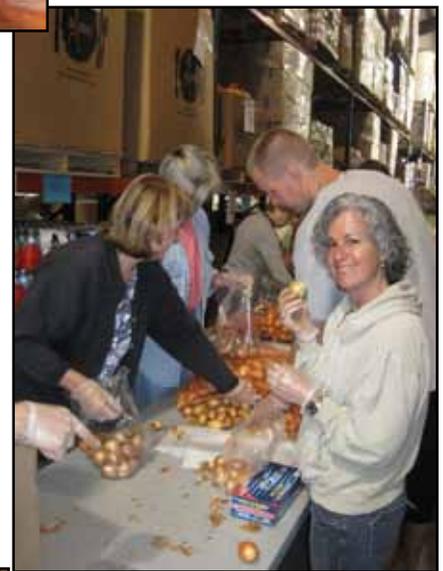
Calvary work day #1 at the Habitat for Humanity Good News Houses on May 22 went great! Take a look at what we did in these pictures. We're looking forward to future work days on *Saturday, June 16, and Thursday, July 19.*

Calvary has met our goal and will send \$900 to financially support the project. Thanks for your involvement and sign up to work or make lunch later this summer!



we changed the world

Calvary sent 20 volunteers to Food Gatherers on May 19 as a part of our Change The World activities. Change the World is a global movement of United Methodists doing what they can to improve lives and community with over 2,000 events in 15 countries taking place this year. We created an assembly line to box a variety of canned goods and bagged up onions to be ready for distribution to needy families. And we had a lot of fun!



birthdays**june**

- 3 Donna Reed
- 6 Raegan Barnes
- 8 Dale Titus
- 10 Emma Parow
- 14 Caroline Roberts
- 15 Al Storey
- 16 Pat Fischer
Bev Sanders
- 24 Beth Titus
- 25 Stacy DeVee
- 27 Connie Nichols
- 29 Linda Losse

july

- 9 Jackie Goerke
- 13 Lynn Storey
- 13 Kelly Wier
- 16 Peg Leonard
- 18 Dottie Jameson
- 19 Sandra Jameson
- 23 Erin Lin
- 26 Betty Brewer
- 31 Lena Lowe

august

- 2 Betty Talbot
- 5 Ben Wier
- 7 Xavier Kimbrough
- 9 Pander Kimbrough
- 11 Neil Gates
- 12 Kristin Titus
Milt Andrews
- 16 DuWaine Hoy
- 17 Allie Jameson
- 18 Luke Hayden
- 20 Frank Lin
Andrea Roche
- 23 Abigail Smith

**anniversaries****june**

- 5 Nancy and Mark Roberts
- 7 Karen Woollams and Doug Smith
- 9 Erin and Frank Lin
Laura and Brian Hayden
- 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
Pander and Melvin Kimbrough
- 27 Margaret and Al Storey

july

- 12 Pat and Dick Fischer
Pam and Dick Totten
- 29 Bonnie and Milt Andrews

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.

PRAISE IN THE PARK! – Sunday, June 10, 10:15 am

Worship on Sunday, June 10 is in Gallup Park at 10:15 am. Go in the main entrance and follow the road to the last parking lot and then follow the signs to the pavilion. It will be a great day of worship and fun. Bring a chairs and drinks and a dish to pass. If you have outdoor games you'd like to play bring those too! *And pick up a friend or two on your way!*



CALVARY HABITAT WORK DAYS

Join with other Calvary members to work on the Good News Houses at 1211 and 1221 Clarita in Ypsilanti on **Saturday, June 16**, and **Thursday, July 19**.



TIGER'S GAME – Sunday, July 17

Calvary day at the park outing!

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MTG – Wednesday, August 8, 7:00 pm

All are invited to attend and participate in the administration of our church.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Sunday, August 19

Weekly Activities:

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST at the Village Kitchen, , 7 am

Start one morning a week with a GOOD breakfast and GREAT fellowship.

THE GATHERING AT CALVARY – Thursdays, 6:30 pm

We will be starting an ongoing conversation, what is essential to believe as a Christian, and what is okay to not believe. Join us.



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Sunday Worship 10:00
Sunday School 11:15