



# THIS MONTH

June — August 2013



## The Calvary United Methodist Church Newsletter

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### pastor's ponderings



I write this realizing that it is the last time I will do so as your pastor. There are many things I could say, I've been thinking about all we've accomplished

together. And I've also thought about all the things I would have liked to accomplish that I didn't. For anything I did that offended or for that I didn't do that I should have, all I can do is say I am sorry and ask for your forgiveness.

I also want to say thank you! Dale and I have loved being part of this community and we've loved you. In return, we've felt your love. You have been supportive of us as a couple. You've supported us as we've gone through the parental transition from having teenagers to having young adults in our family. And you loved is through caring for my mother and the grief and loss we experienced as she become more and more advanced in her Parkinson's disease, that eventually took her life. You have prayed us through it all. We are thankful for your love and care.

We've also had lots of fun. We've laughed at talent shows, where I proved my inability to sing. We've enjoyed many meals together, pot-lucks and progressive dinners. We've celebrated birthdays and accomplishments. And I have been introduced to Michigan sports and even own a

few maize and blue shirts.

We have developed some very good friends over these past 5 years, and hope to maintain some of those good friendships. That said, it is necessary for me to tell you that as of July 1st, I am no longer your pastor. It is important that you build a strong and loving relationship with Rev. Lee. I cannot and will not respond to pastoral requests or church related opinions after Andy has started here as the pastor of Calvary.

I believe God has great plans for Calvary. We've done some difficult work together, some remodeling, some change in leadership and in our knowledge and thoughts about what it takes to be a church. As a congregation, you are ready to move forward in ministry and I pray that you will become more and more the presence of Christ in this place and in this community. I will be praying for each of you and for Rev. Andrew Lee.

Love,

*Beth*



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

## goodbye to pastor beth

Enjoy fellowship and an opportunity to say goodbye to Pastor Beth Titus and her family at a potluck after church on Beth's last Sunday, June 23. Bring a dish to pass (meat provided) or just come--because this is our last chance to say **THANKS** and **WE'LL MISS YOU BETH, DALE AND FAMILY!!**



## mission impact

Calvary participated in the United Methodist Church's Change the World activities by volunteering at Food Gatherers on Saturday, May 11.

We learned that Food Gatherers is expanding to create additional freezer and cooler space to accommodate more fresh, healthy food. Demand for hunger relief services from Food Gatherers partner agencies continues to grow. 1 in 7 adults and 1 in 6 children struggle with hunger in Washtenaw County. Food Gatherers efforts to increase the quantity and quality of nutritious food available for people in need is resulting in a greater need for cold storage and freezer space. 50% of their current food distribution is perishable produce and protein (including dairy). The expansion, to be complete in the fall, will almost double their current food distribution capacity!

We had a great time sorting crates of fresh fruits and veggies as a part of this effort to provide healthy food to hungry people. Food Gatherers distributes more than 5.6 million pounds of food to a network of more than 150 local community programs serving our neighbors in need.

## church secretary

Calvary will need a new church secretary starting the first of July when Heidi will be starting a new job (yeah Heidi!). The position is for about 8 hours/week and pays \$12/hour. The schedule is

flexible and negotiable, but midday two or three times per week would be perfect.

Basic knowledge of computers is necessary. Computer expertise is not a requirement, but a working knowledge of MS Word and Excel (or similar) is necessary. Ability with the Internet, e-mail, and social media is expected. A successful candidate will need to compose and send reasonable e-mails to lists, must be comfortable accessing the Internet with a Web Browser, and should be able to read and post things on social media. The job includes routine office work such as gathering mail, filing, data entry, preparing bulletins, making copies, etc.

We are hoping that we might find an individual who is interested in this high paying, prestigious, career enhancing job. Failing that we would settle for someone interested in making a few bucks, getting some human contact outside regular activities, and contributing to a Christian community. Please pass this on to anyone who might be interested.

Interested parties should respond to: Donna Hughes (dona1034@aol.com), Ed Wier (EdWier@aol.com) or Steve Miller (Stephen.Miller@caienr.com).

## habitat action

We have raised \$758 of our \$900 goal to support the Good News House project renovating two houses this summer. Over \$143 of that was the Clatter Collection!! If you want to help out, you can still make a contribution (checks written to Calvary with "Habitat" in the note section).

Work is progressing with speed at 1244 and 1269



Lester Street in Ypsilanti. Calvary volunteers worked at the houses on Saturday, June 15 along side youth from multiple participating churches during the first Youth Day! Another Youth Day is June 22. It's great to have Crystal Kinard and Tanesha Coner, future homeowners, working with us on their houses!

**progressive dinner**

Wow, what a great progressive dinner we had on May 31! Of course there was delicious food and conversation but the highlight of the progressive dinner was everyone getting a chance to see a deer and it's very new-born fawn feed and explore in the Wool-folk backyard.

Great Time!



**welcome for pastor andy lee**

Come to a special pot-luck (meat provided) to meet our new pastor, Andrew Lee on Saturday, July 6 at 12 noon.



**message from pastor lee ...**

**Greetings Calvary!**

I have spent the last few weeks praying for and about Calvary UMC, and I can barely contain my excitement. Before I have the pleasure of meeting all of you, I'll give you a little sneak peak. I am originally from Rochester Hills, MI. For college, I attended Michigan State University. From there, I went straight into seminary at Methodist Theological School in Ohio. For the last 3 years, I also had the pleasure of serving as the youth pastor of Korean First Central UMC in Madison Heights or, as my kids and I affectionately call it, "KFC."

Aside from my short biography, some of my interests include walking in parks, thinking about life, brainstorming new and (hopefully) amazing ministry ideas, and following MSU athletics. I also really enjoy playing euchre so hopefully there are a few Calvary UMCers that would not mind spending a few hours calling trump with me.

Finally, I simply want to state that I firmly believe God has great things in store for Calvary. Based on the people I have met at Calvary thus far, the physical and intangible assets of the church, and the nature of God's faithfulness, there is good reason to have confidence and hope in the good work Calvary will accomplish in Ann Arbor.

Keep me in your prayers and I look forward to meeting you all in the near future.

*Andy Lee*

**birthdays****june**

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

**august**

- 1 Melanie Hamilton
- 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

**july**

- 13 Lynn Storey
- 13 Kelly Wier
- 16 Peg Leonard
- 18 Dottie Jameson
- 19 Sandra Jameson
- 26 Betty Brewer

**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  
Pander and Melvin Kimbrough
- 27 Margaret and Al Storey

**july**

- 12 Pat and Dick Fischer  
Pam and Dick Totten

**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.

**HABITAT VOLUNTEER WORK DAY** – Saturday, June 15

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

**PASTOR BETH'S LAST SUNDAY** – June 23

Come wish Beth and the Titus family well at a potluck after church.

**WELCOME POTLUCK FOR PASTOR LEE** – Saturday, July 6, 12 noon

Meet and greet our new pastor!

**PASTOR LEE'S FIRST SUNDAY** – July 7

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD** – Tuesday, July 16, 7 pm

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – Sunday, August 18



*For surely*  
**I KNOW THE**  
**plans**  
*I have for*  
**YOU,**  
says the  
*Lord...*  
**TO GIVE YOU A**  
**future**  
**WITH**  
*Hope.*  
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

**Summer 2013**

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Sunday Worship 10:00  
Sunday School 11:15