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Sunday Worship

8:15 a.m. Blended

11:00 a.m. Traditional

9:30 Sunday School

Celebration of Love

The Spirit Team sponsored an evening, here at Calvary, on February 7, 2015, to share our love for the Lord and our love for each other.



The fellowship hall was decorated appropriately for Valentine's Day, with hearts, streamers and balloons. Pink and red tablecloths adorned the tables, which were centered with bowls of conversation candy.

A delicious catered, Italian dinner was served to over forty people, by waiters, Jamie Stowers, Larry Rood and Bill Walker. The meal consisted of garden salad, spaghetti, with meat sauce and garlic bread. A tasty strawberry cake topped off the dinner, in style.



The evening was completed by a rousing 'Not So Newlywed Game' with good sports, Sheri and Edsel Hatch, Darlene and Huey Dannelly and Rhonda and Allen Barlow.



AND THE WINNERS ARE? SHERI AND EDSSEL HATCH

WATCH FOR THE SPIRIT TEAM'S NEXT BIG EVENT COMING
IN JUNE

Pennings by Pastor Esther



Dear Friends:

A short story by William Saroyan is titled “The Man Whose Wife’s Hair Was Too Long But Whose Understanding of Music Was Too Short.” If you think the title strange, listen to this:

In the story, a husband plays the cello and never changes notes. He just continues to repeat the same note without variation.

His wife is driven to distraction and finally protests: “Why do you play the same note over and over and over again? Other cellists play different notes.”

“Other cellists play different notes,” her husband replies, “because they are trying to find the right one. I’ve found mine.”

Ah, the beauty of finding your note! I think I could like him. Finding your note is something like finding your purpose in life or landing where you need to be.

A philosopher once advised, “Above all be of single aim; have a legitimate and useful purpose, and devote yourself unreservedly to it.” He could have said, “Find your note and stay with it.”

I believe that is an important part of being happy. Like Helen Keller believed, true happiness is attained “through fidelity to a worthy purpose.”

In music, staking your claim on one note will drive everyone around you nuts. But finding the right note in life, and giving yourself to it, can be a source of unending joy.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Esther

Malaria Basics

Malaria is caused by a parasite, which is transmitted to humans through the bite of the female anopheles mosquito. This mosquito flies and feeds at night (which is why bed nets are an effective prevention tool).

When an infected mosquito bites a person, the parasite enters the bloodstream and heads for the liver, where it multiplies. It then re-enters the bloodstream, attacking red blood cells. Typically, someone with malaria experiences a high fever, chills, joint pain and headaches. Left untreated, symptoms eventually advance to organ failure. Nearly 90 percent of malaria’s victims are children under the age of 5 and pregnant women.

Unlike many other diseases that are awaiting a cure, malaria was eliminated in the U.S. in the 1950s. However, in Sub-Saharan Africa, malaria continues to kill a person every 60 seconds. But there is hope! Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary effort of the United Methodist Church to end preventable deaths from malaria. We’re part of a global partnership, and we believe that our generation can beat malaria once and for all.

If you haven’t already done so, pick up a “Giving From Abundance” calendar for the season of Lent and learn how to deepen your faith while making giving fun!

Prayer: God, help us to create a better world where no child lives in fear of a mosquito bite. Help us to Imagine No Malaria, and then make it happen.

March Spotlight: Deloris Landis

Have you seen the bundle of energy, that bustles through the halls and rooms of Calvary, joining in so many different activities? That's Deloris.

Deloris Jean Snider was born in Cumberland, MD, to Ruth and Homer Snider. She has a brother Allan, who lives in Cumberland, MD and a sister, Brenda, who is deceased.

When she was six weeks old, her family moved into a house that her dad built. It had two rooms and as they could afford it, he added more rooms. Her parents never had a mortgage.

They didn't have a credit card, either, until they made a trip to visit Deloris. At that time, hotels wouldn't take cash.

Deloris attended Pennsylvania Ave. Elementary School and Fort Hill High School, both in Cumberland, MD.

She has two sons, Mark, who lives in Charlotte, NC and Jeffrey, who is deceased. She also has two grandchildren, in Ridgeley, WV and a great granddaughter, Sophia.

Over the years, Deloris worked in fast food, a department store, an employment office and then spent thirty years with CSX Transportation. She retired from CSX in 2009.

She moved to Florida in June of 1989 and joined Calvary in 1992. She has fond memories of the Vespers services, neighborhood Christmas caroling and of course the loving, caring people.

Deloris is always involved in some group and/or activity, here at Calvary. She has served as chairperson for the Staff Parish Relations and Evangelism committees and United Methodist Women. She helped paint the nursery, has worked on the church landscaping, assisted with Vacation Bible School, taught children's Sunday School, helped with Spring and Fall Festivals, as well as the Pumpkin Patch and has lead Bible Study groups.

In her spare time, she likes to bake and entertain. She has also tried painting, quilting and crocheting.

Deloris says her goal in life is to have Jesus live in her heart, so people can see His light in her face. Her plan appears to be working.

Thank you, Deloris, for your past and continued service to Calvary and it's family. We sincerely appreciate your faithful contributions.



New Member Class

Pastor Esther will be teaching a class on the meaning of church membership on Sunday March 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 9:30 AM – 10:30 am. It is for anyone who is interested in finding out more about what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church as we find it at Calvary. It's also for people who would like a refresher course on Methodism or would like to jump start their faith.

Please join us!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The year 2015 brings a new committee to the Children's Ministry. This group is blessed with members who have creative minds, refreshing ideas and a sense of humor. Let me introduce them.

Chairman-Gladys Lopez
Vicki Banks
Dee Dee Dannelly
Deloris Landis
Sue Mikell
Gail Wagers

Co-Chairman-Sheri Federice
Susan Crabtree
Barbara Hoose
Theresa Long
Amy Pilarski
Max Wagers

These individuals have a love of children, a gift for working with children and they want to put the love of Christ into the hearts of our young ones. If your gift is in this area, you are most welcome to join us. Children's Ministry meetings are at 6:00 PM, on the first Monday of every month.

Upcoming events include a Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 2015, starting at 10:00 AM, for children in the age group of 2 to 10 years. The committee is requesting donations for this event. A box for the requested items will be located in the back of the sanctuary. Needed items are: plastic Easter eggs, marshmallows (large and small sizes), original Rice Krispies cereal and plastic cups (4-5 ounces). We will also need volunteers for this event. If you are interested in helping to make this a very special morning for the children, please sign on the sheet for volunteers, on the bulletin board by the church office.

The second event, in the plans is Vacation Bible School (VBS). It's the highlight of the summer and scheduled for July 13-17. Again, we welcome volunteers.

Please mark your calendars for these activities and remember, we can use lots of help.



***** YOUTH NEWS *****

Youth Confirmation Classes

Classes are being prepared to help our youth become more knowledgeable of the formation of the church, its disciplines, member opportunities and obligations.

The sessions will be held during the Sunday School hour, starting April 12, 2015, and continuing for eight weeks. They are open to young people, ages 12 years to 20 years and will be conducted by Annette Jeffery and Fran Ronan.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB MEETING

The Friendship Club meeting will be held, at the church, on Thursday, March 12th at 12 noon. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck. There will be a meeting following lunch. If you don't have to work on Thursday, you are invited to join us. We are looking for new ideas on things to do and what kind of outside speakers and topics, such as safety in the home, self defense, etc., would interest you.
Deloris Landis

BIBLE STUDIES:

Thursday Bible Study 7:00 PM at Calvary UMC

In the new testament, the word “disciple” literally means “a learner.” The Christian is called to be enrolled in the School of Christ. Careful study of the Bible is necessary for true discipleship.

Jesus said to His own students, “If you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31-32)

Our Lord calls for a continued application of the mind to His Word. A disciple does not dabble in learning. He makes the pursuit of understanding God’s Word, a chief business of his life.

OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY GOD’S WORD

Hebrews 4:22

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and of marrow and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

“Invitation to the New Testament”

Wednesdays at 2 PM

Start date: February 4th

with Pastor Esther

“Invitation to the Old Testament”

Thursdays at 2 PM

Start date: February 26th

with Gene Clark

“God’s Will” Bible Strong Group

Thursdays at 7 PM

with Robin and Jamie Stowers

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY REPORT

The Thursday afternoon Advent Bible Study group “CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY” completed its study in January. During our study we had an average attendance of 14 participants, who enjoyed the new way of looking at Christmas as Christ’s birthday and not ours. In response to the study, our group agreed to accept the challenge to support a mission project. It was decided that everyone would make a monthly contribution to IMAGINE NO MALARIA, to help meet Calvary’s goal for 2015. Gene Clark

UNITED BIBLE CLASS –CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

This Bible class meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, here at Calvary UMC, at 5:00 PM. It is open to all. Come with your friends, family and others of like, precious faiths. We will study how to relate, fellowship or live with God and our fellowmen, in all places and at all times. Open minds, open hands, open hearts and open doors of God in Christ Jesus!

Thank you and God bless you real good.

Rev. Luis Ordonez

CHRIST ’S OUTREACH MISSION EVANGEL (C-O-M-E)

To Multiracial Americans in the Community at Calvary United Methodist Church of Orange Park

INVITATION AND WELCOME to our Friday Night Fellowship Service, on March 20, 2015 at 6:30 PM. Bring your family and friends for a special dinner. AMERICAN-ASIAN FOOD to be served, for a donation of \$10 per person, \$25 for a family, and free for children under 10 years of age. Tickets are available, now, from Rev. Ordonez or the church office.

A special program will be featured.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: Women of the United Methodist Church

Women in the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren traditions organized about the same time in history (1869-1893) when women and children were legally classified as “chattel, legally dead, non-persons.” There was little service to women because of prejudice and limitations of cultural attitudes in the church and society.

In 1869, the wives of two missionaries to India, were home on furlough. They spoke to a group of women in Boston. Only six women were present because of an intense storm. The wives told about the desperate spiritual and physical needs of women in India. A male doctor could not treat women. Schooling for girls was almost non-existent. Single, trained and dedicated women were needed for medical and educational work.

The six women who were present called another meeting of women, wrote a constitution and organized the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS). By November 1869, the newly formed organization raised funds and sent Isabella Thoburn, an educator and Dr. Clara Swain, a medical doctor, to India. Ms. Thoburn began a school with six young girls, in Lucknow. This school expanded to include Isabella Thoburn College, the first women's college in Asia. Dr. Swain began her medical work, resulting in the establishment of the first women's hospital in Asia. Both of these institutions are still serving the people of India.

During the following years, several women's missionary societies were founded. These groups became powerful, independent women's organizations, sending hundreds of missionaries all over the world and supporting many projects.

The Ladies Aid Societies, which had existed for many years, were incorporated into the missionary societies in the 1940s. Through reorganization and denominational mergers, these various groups were brought together. In 1973, United Methodist Women became the women's mission organization of the United Methodist Church.

Even though women were excluded from participation in church activities, prior to 1869, John Wesley, the credited founder of the Methodist movement, was the first, within the movement, to authorize a woman to preach. He had a sincere appreciation for the importance of women in the church.

In 1761, he granted a License to Preach to Sarah Crosby. Later, Wesley also licensed other women as preachers. One of the youngest ordained women, Mary Fletcher, began preaching at age 16, and at age 21, was thrown out of her parent's home because of her faith.

After John Wesley's death in 1791, there was a shift in the view on women in the church. Some denominations continued to officially sanction the status of women. In 1866, for example, Helenor Alter Davidson was a circuit rider for the Methodist Protestant Church in Jasper County, IN. She later became the first ordained minister of any Methodist denomination. Starting at the end of the 19th century, the Methodist Protestant Church had not only begun to ordain women, but had also granted them full rights as clergy.

In 1880, despite support from the Alumni of the Theological School of Boston University, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church refused to ordain many of the female graduates, for various reasons.

An appeal was made to the General Conference to have all distinctions on the basis of gender removed from the Book of Discipline, regarding status for ordination. Not only was the appeal denied, the Conference revoked the licenses to preach of all those women who currently held them.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH: Women of the United Methodist Church con't

In 1939, the Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South merged. The newly formed Methodist Church recognized the ordination for the women and accepted them into the conference, yet offered only a few actual appointments.

In 1956, the General Conference of the Methodist Church approved full clergy rights for women. This was done by adding one sentence to the Book of Discipline. "All foregoing paragraphs, chapters and sections of Part III (of the Book of Discipline) shall apply to women as well as to men."

In 1968, when the United Methodist Church was formed from the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church, women clergy were afforded the right of full connection. In 1980, the first woman was elected and consecrated as a bishop within the United Methodist Church.

Today, over 12,000 women serve as United Methodist clergy at all levels, from bishops to local pastors.

Source: United Methodist Women's Website

Boy Scout Troop # 418

Calvary UMC is proud to sponsor Boy Scout Troop #418. Our troop is having a spaghetti dinner, fundraiser, on Friday, March 27, 2015, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The dinner is "dine in" or "take out" and features spaghetti, salad, roll and a drink for \$5.00. Desserts will be available for an additional fee.

Also, the scouts are selling Camp Cards, for \$5.00. We have discounts for different eateries, as well as one for Publix. Each scout earns \$2.50, for each card he sells and the remaining \$2.50 goes to the council. Please see a scout or Rhonda Barlow to purchase your card.

The boys are working to attend Camp Shands, for summer camp. The fee for each attendee is \$250.00 and your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

5th Sunday Potluck Dinners

A Potluck dinner is a gathering of people where each dish is prepared by a different individual. The idea of a communal meal, where guests bring their own food appears to have originated in the late 19th century or early 20th century, particularly in Western North America.

As Methodists, we like the idea of eating after church, so we're going to resume our 5th Sunday Potluck Dinners, with the following schedule. Join us, the food is always delicious.



March 29

May 31

August 30

November 22 (4th Sunday)

YOUR WORSHIP TEAM

On Wednesday, February 18, we entered one of the most important seasons of the church year, the “40 days” of Lent.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and the seventh Wednesday before Easter. I am pleased that many of us, here at Calvary, were able to attend the special service with Pastor Esther. We have begun our journey together, to prepare ourselves for Easter, by observing a period of Fasting, Repentance, Moderation and Spiritual Discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ; His suffering and His sacrifice, His life, death, burial and resurrection.

As a new member of the Worship Committee, I am learning a lot about the seasons of the church and how each is represented with a different color. Now that we are in the Season of Lent, we have changed the colors in our sanctuary to purple, which can symbolize pain and suffering; therefore, mourning and penitence. It is also the color of royalty and is traditionally used for Advent.

Palm Sunday is March 29 and after our 11:00 AM service,, we will be having the first of four 5th Sunday Potluck Dinners. This will also be the beginning of Holy Week. Listed below is our schedule for services during that week.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 @ 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 3 @ 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 4 @ 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 5, Three services:

Sunrise Service @ 7:00 AM

Early Service @ 8:15 AM with Communion

Regular Service @ 11:00 AM with Communion

The choir will have their Cantata at the 8:15 AM and 11:00 AM services.

Robin Stowers

A Blessing for You

May the power of God guide you,

The might of God uphold you,

The wisdom of God teach you,

The eye of God watch over you,

The ear of God hear you,

The word of God give you speech,

The hand of God protect you,

The way of God go before you,

The shield of God shelter you.

Adapted from the Lorica by St. Patrick

Recipe of the Month

Strawberry Muffins

Submitted by Abygail Ferguson from food.com

Yields 12 regular muffins or 36-40 mini muffins

Ingredients

1 2/3 Cups fresh strawberries

2/3 cup sugar

1/3 cup vegetable oil

2 eggs

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 tsp baking soda

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 tsp cinnamon

1/4 tsp baking powder

Instructions

- 1. Heat oven to 425° and put baking cups in muffin tins, or grease the pans.*
- 2. Slightly smash strawberries in a large bowl, using a fork (or potato masher).*
- 3. Stir in sugar, oil and eggs until mixed.*
- 4. Stir in dry ingredients just until moistened.*
- 5. Spoon Batter into muffin cups and bake 15-18 minutes or until light golden brown or toothpick poked in center comes out clean.*
- 6. Enjoy! These are very good for a snack as well.*

If you would like to share one of your favorite recipes, please put it in the “newsletter” box by the office or email it to newsletter@calvaryumcop.org and we will do our best to feature it in next month’s Recipe of the Month section.

Church Calendar

We love having a calendar full of events to offer our members, however we do ask that you contact Sue in the office instead of writing on the calendar. It causes confusion when new things are added and old removed without her knowledge, and it also makes it very difficult to provide an updated calendar to our newsletter readers. Thank you

Tool Belts United



Rebuilding Local Churches Together

TOOL BELTS UNITED:

Local Churches are often in a state of disrepair without enough men to psychically turn them around. God created men to wear tool belts and to use their gifts to help others. Tool Belts United is a partnership of sweat equity from the Godly men from surrounding congregations to repair and refurbish local Churches.

No experience required!



We support our family and friends in the military with prayer.

Over Seas Assignments

Aaron Ermer
Alex Fogel
Tyler Crabtree

Bobby Price
Daniel Richardson
Ronald Mark Tello

U.S. Assignments

David Chapman
Christine Davies
Matt Ellison
James Ferguson
Brian Fuller
Josh Haney
Mario Hernandez

Shannon (Hause) Kizer
Christopher Mills
Mark Neil Natividad
Brian Perkins
Gene Register
Maverick Stowers
Robbie Taylor

Ali Varong-Ellison
Aaron Williams

March Birthdays

1st Edsel Hatch
2nd Chuck Long
4th Eric Crabtree, Katherine Richards
9th Ana-Mae Gerrity
10th Marlene Stone, Nancy Walker
13th Kaitlind Bonner, Jennifer Mantone
16th John Bryant, Maggie Kaat
22nd James Bryant
23rd Jeff Zang
24th Mario Hernandez
26th Jonny Hammond
29th Myra Nichols





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Check your email for a copy of *The Beacon*. Let us know if you would like to be included in the email listing.

**TO THE MEN OF CALVARY
FROM LARRY ROOD:**

We have not had an active United Methodist Men's Group, here at Calvary, for several years. It's time to get Active again. Below is a questionnaire designed to find out what you would like, so I can help meet the needs of as many as possible.

Please fill it out, cut it off and put it in the United Methodist Men's box, outside the church office or put it in the offering plate. No names required. I thank you, in advance, for your response.

1. Are you interested in being a part of the Calvary United Methodist Men?
Circle One: YES NO
2. Which evening of the week works best for you? _____
3. What time works best? _____
4. What Service projects would you like to see the Men of Calvary become involved in?

5. Any ideas or suggestions you might have: _____

6. Ideas for speakers you would like to have talk to our group? _____
