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Children’s Ministry Frozen Party

The Children’s Ministry is sponsoring a FROZEN party Saturday, February 6th from 9 to 11:30AM. Along with watching the movie “FROZEN”, we will decorate cookies shaped like mittens and have them with ice cream for a snack. Please join us for some winter fun!

We will need adult helpers too. Anyone wishing to help in ANY capacity will be deeply appreciated. There will be another planning meeting Monday, February 8th at 6PM.

Call Barbara Hoose at 704-5229 for more info. Come help plan the activities for children and make this a Spirited year for our children. Watch for upcoming events throughout the year.

Annual Chili Cook-off

Thank you to all those who participated in the annual chili cook-off. We had eight participants who made chili and five judges. The winners were:

- * 1st prize went to Deedee Dannelly
- * 2nd prize went to Sarah Ferguson
- * 3rd prize went to Andy Haney

We brought in about \$90 for the general budget.

Thanks again for all those who participated!

Cookbooks are Finally Here!

We finally have cooks books! Please contact Sally Cook or Peggy Clark to purchase one for \$8.00 each, or if during office hours, you may contact Sue Mikell in the office for one. Start the New Year with new recipes.

PHOTOS NEEDED

We’re updating our scrapbooks for the Anniversary celebration. If you have photos of church activities taken in 2012, 2013 or 2014, please contact Nancy Walker at 264-9790 or grovepk2@aol.com. Thank you.

Sunday Worship

8:15 a.m. Blended

11:00 a.m. Traditional

9:30 Sunday School

Pennings by Pastor Esther



Find the Helpers

Did you know that the Arctic Tern, that lives about seven degrees south of the North Pole, leaves its home every year and flies all the way to Antarctica and back -- some 23,000 miles in all?

It flies all that distance and returns to just the same spot it left the year before. I can hardly drive across town without getting lost -- how does the little bird do it? Twenty three thousand miles! Instinctively, the Arctic Tern flies halfway around the globe, returns home every year and never makes a wrong turn.

Other animals have a similar ability. It's well known that the salmon leaves her little mountain stream as a fingerling and swims, perhaps hundreds of miles, to the ocean where she lives most of her life. Then, when it's time to lay eggs, she swims back to her place of birth. She somehow finds just the right river, and all of the correct tributaries and streams and creeks until she arrives home. It's the trip of a lifetime -- one she may not survive. But she presses on, somehow knowing just the right paths to take along the way. Like the Arctic Tern, the salmon somehow knows the way.

We don't all have a refined sense of direction. But human beings have something else that is perhaps more important. It is also instinctual. We are born with the ability to ask for help and to give it.

Television personality and pastor Fred Rogers put it like this: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of 'disaster,' I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers -- so many caring people in this world." We are born to be helpers.

When you're lost, look for the helpers. When your life is headed in the wrong direction, when you are afraid of making poor decisions, look for the helpers. When you don't know if you can navigate life's complexities by yourself, look for the helpers. You don't have to go it alone - there is always someone close by who is ready to help.

This life is not a long journey you have to travel by yourself. We're made to do it with each other. Look for the helpers.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Esther

Florida Conference: Imagine No Malaria Update

As the global *Imagine No Malaria* campaign of The United Methodist Church celebrates reaching 90 percent (\$68 million) of its \$75 million goal, Florida Conference churches can take part in the celebration by knowing they have been a big part of the success, having raised \$1.2 million from churches big and small, to help wipe out malaria deaths. More than 500 congregations, representing over 75 percent of Florida Conference churches, committed to *Imagine No Malaria* through prayer, donations or awareness.

The Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church

Worship Committee

This year, Ash Wednesday Service will be a little bit different, although no less important. The focus will be more individual based. The Church will be open from 6-7:30PM for people to come for personal meditation and/or having ashes imposed. Please come and leave as you desire, as there isn't an actual group service.

Here is a small brush up history lesson on Lent and Ash Wednesday:

Lent is a season of 40 days, not counting Sunday's, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and the seventh Wednesday before Easter. It derives its name from the early ecclesiastical custom of putting ashes on the heads of believers on that day, as a sign of penitence.

Where do the ashes come from and how are they used?

If there is access to dried palm leaves, they may be burned and ground into a good black ash. Actually the Palm fronds from Palm Sunday should be saved for Burning for the next years' Service. But they also come from just burning some dried leaves and ground into a fine powder, or even a Church supply house.

The thumb is used to place the sign of the cross on the foreheads of those receiving it. The ash itself is a sign of mortality. As at baptism, the cross is the sign of Christ's death AND victory over sin and death. The gospel texts for this service that speak of not showing our piety before the whole world mean that, but Christian worship is not public in that way. People are encouraged to keep the ash in place during the rest of the service.

After worship, remove the ash by rubbing it with oil, not with water. If the ash was applied "dry," it will generally rub off easily, leaving at most, a dull smudge. Those who wish a more thorough cleaning may use a few drops of olive oil on a moistened finger, and a quick wipe of a cloth towel. **DO NOT USE WATER** to try to remove ash. This may create a caustic solution that will cause skin irritation and possibly more serious burns.

Also the extra ash from the service could be used for the following year. It may be stored indefinitely, or reverently returned to the earth.

Please also note that Maundy Thursday Service will be on March 24th at 7PM. On Good Friday, March 25th, we will hold a Community Cross Walk with service to follow. The walk starts at 9AM, more information will follow soon.

Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

The Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts will be participating in the church service on Feb 14th, please attend. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are looking for volunteers/leaders and councilors, especially Den Leaders for the Cub Scouts. We will appreciate all the help we can get. Please contact Bryan Gernhard or Rhonda Barlow for more information.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will meet Thursday, February 11, 2016, for their Valentine's pot luck lunch. Each person is asked to bring a gift wrapped box of candy, at the cost of \$5.00 - \$10.00.

Here at Calvary we have a warm loving accepting youth group where all youth can be a part. We hope each of you had a warm loving Christmas and that the New Year brings you endless blessings and joy!

Through the school year we take part in service projects such as "Souper Bowl Sunday" to help the homeless or those in need of food with the Calvary food pantry.

This year "Souper Bowl Sunday" is February 7. We are asking for all to bring a can of soup and one dollar that Sunday! Let's top last years collections of nearly 200 cans of soup and \$150 for our food pantry here at Calvary.

Our Youth Group is open to all 'Rising' Sixth Graders through High School seniors. We would love for any and all youth to come and share in Christian fellowship! Our regular meetings take place on Wednesday evenings 5:30 till 7:00. During that time we also enjoy pizza or tacos and hamburgers, and sometimes steamed lobster. And if we are real lucky, Burrito Brothers!!

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please speak with Youth Director Fran "The Man" Ronan or his PA, George Clooney. We hope to see you real soon!

Email FTMYD@hotmail.com 904-272-4210

Fran "The Man" Ronan

Dress a Girl Continued



Mark your calendar for the second Friday in February (2/12/16). There will be a demo at Pinewood Presbyterian Church from 9:30 am to 12 noon.

I am having a meeting on Friday, February 5th at 2 PM to get together as a group and see who wants to do what.

Thank you in advance for all those who will join forces with us to Dress a Girl.

Call me or email me with any questions, Diane Rood at 904-993-2586 or email: dkny0716@hotmail.com

Letter from our Cuban family

Beloved family:

I hope you are well to receive these lines. As a family we thank you very much to God for their lives and for all shared blessings this year. For 2016 we wish you the richest and abundant blessings and the commitment to keep praying for you always.

We declare that 2016 is a year where we see promises fulfilled God work supernaturally.

We love you with all our heart and wish them many congratulations

Your Cuban family,

Reydel, Margaret and Rebecca Ada.

IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Spread of Methodism among African Americans

During the Great Awakening of the 1740's, white Protestant evangelists began to proselytize to black Americans - Methodists were most successful. Owing to their belief of a near, rather than distant God; self help, liberation from sin through conversion, a lively worship style - and John Wesley's denunciations of slavery - Methodists easily attracted blacks throughout the middle and northern colonies.

Evangelical revivals empowered the lower classes, including slaves, to publicly pray and preach. By the 1770's, black preachers were ordained and many had their own Baptist or Methodist congregations. During the Revolution, large numbers of blacks joined congregations in Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, and Charleston. Tensions rose between whites and blacks over slavery.

In November, 1787, white elders attempted to relegate black parishioners to a newly built gallery at St. George's Methodist Church in Philadelphia. That resulted in the founding of the black-governed Bethel Church, and in 1816, the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), the first independent, African-American Protestant denomination, with Richard Allen as its first bishop. Membership in the new churches grew in the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest regions. Following the Civil War, their numbers increased widely throughout the South.

Today, The AME and AME Zion churches maintain their original connections to the larger Methodist Family as a sister denomination.

Expansion and splintering in the 1800's

The political issues of slavery greatly contributed to the splintering of the Methodist Church in the 19th century. Fearing a split from the Southern church, leaders from the northern church refused to take a stand on slavery. Unable to prevent the breakup, the Wesleyan Methodists and the Free Methodist Churches were established by staunch abolitionists. The Free Methodists were especially active in freeing slaves through the Underground Railroad.

Such differences in ideology caused a further rift between the Northern and Southern churches in 1845, when the slave-state churches left the Methodist Episcopal Church and formed the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Louisville, Kentucky. They were not reunited until 1939. As a result of that 1939 merger, some conservative segregationist, Southern members formed the Southern Methodist Church.

Methodism in the 20th century

In 1939 The Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church united to form The Methodist Church. In a shameful part of its past, blacks were segregated into a separate Central Jurisdiction.

It wasn't until 1956, when the General Conference met, that an amendment was adopted, allowing transfers of churches and conferences out of the Central Jurisdiction into geographical jurisdictions.

In 1968, Roy C. Nichols became the first African American to be elected bishop by a regional jurisdictional conference in the new United Methodist Church and segregation by race came to an end.

Information obtained from The Methodist Church - United States History.com

Calvary United Methodist Church

2016 Church Committees

Council at Large:

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Diane Burshulak James Ferguson	Gene Clark Jeanene Ward	Sally Cook

SPRC:

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Ron Coleman (chair) Myra Nichols Ron Woodworth	Lee Aymond June Holden Kay Porterfield	Gene Clark Bill Mc Gaha Jan Seymour

Trustees:

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Bill Cook Huey Dannelly Margie Harris	Esther Robinson Jamie Stowers Don Giles	Paul Burshulak Audrey Frey

Nominating Co.: Pastor chairs

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Barbara Hoose Jean Storey	Sue Mikell Larry Rood	Peggy Clark Beth Locke

Finance Chair – Deedee Dannelly

Lay Leader – Ken Aymond

Council Chair – Bob Seymour

Trustee Rep. – Jamie Stowers

At Large – Bill McGaha

At Large – Joan Killebrew

Financial Secretary/Treasurer – Sue Mikell

Pastor – Esther L. Robinson

Stewardship – Barbara Coleman

Lay Mem AC – Ron Coleman

Staff Parish Rep. – TBA

Communications Form Changes

The Communication Committee has been working to make our forms easier to use. We want to get your information out to the church and applicable media in a timely and successful manner. Please keep an eye out for these new forms in the Communication and Newsletter boxes in the hall, by the office. We can't wait to make 2016 a great year!

Recipe of the Month

Cinammon Rolls

submitted by Sarah Ferguson from Tulsa Public Schools

Ingredients

Dough

1 package active dry yeast

1 1/2 cups lukewarm water

3/8 cup sugar

3/8 cup shortening

1 egg

6 Tbsp powder milk

5 cups all purpose flour

1 tsp salt

Cinnamon Mix

1 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup sugar

1 1/2 Tbsp cinnamon

Glaze

1/2 box powder sugar

1/4 cup melted butter

water or milk as needed to thin to glaze

Instructions

Dissolve yeast & sugar in lukewarm water.

Add melted shortening & beaten egg to yeast mix.

Add flour, powder milk & salt and mix thoroughly.

Cover & let rise in a warm place, until doubled in size.

Work down & roll into 1/2 inch thick rectangle.

Brush with melted butter & generously sprinkle cinnamon mix. Roll up, lengthwise.

Cut into 12 (2 1/2 inch) rolls.

Place on a greased baking tray.

Let rise in a warm place until double.

Bake at 400° for 20-25 minutes.

Brush or drizzle with powdered sugar glaze.

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.



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Jonathan Emler
James Ferguson
Brian Fuller

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Joseph Haney
Josh Haney
Mario Hernandez
Shannon (Hause) Kizer
Christopher Mills
Brian Perkins

Gene Register
Maverick Stowers
Robbie Taylor
Ali Varong-Ellison
Aaron Williams



February Birthdays

- 9th Barbara Tello
- 16th Amy Pilarski
- 17th Phillip Natividad, Bill Walker
- 20th Bill McGaha
- 22nd Kay Lewis
- 23rd Bryan Scott Gernhard
Ivey Gernhard
- 27th Mary Dickson

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