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PUMPKIN PATCH

Guess what time it is??!! Okay, I'll give you a hint. It's a very special event each year during the month of October. Got it? Here's another hint: think of a big, round, orange vegetable. Hey, you got it! It's Pumpkin Patch Time! Yes indeed, it's time again for Calvary's annual Pumpkin Patch. The pumpkins will be delivered and, oh yes, unloaded, on Sunday, October 4th at 4PM. Unloading the pumpkins is always a fun time and everyone is invited to participate. Even if all you can do is hand out water to the unloading team, your participation is welcomed.



I am quite sure that the local community is looking forward to the arrival of the pumpkins again this year, and many of us have already experienced the fellowship that the patch creates. The pumpkins are grown in the upland region of New Mexico and are driven directly from the farm to our location. Our supplier, Pumpkin Patch USA, has promised a wonderful variety of pumpkins this year, with many sizes, shapes, and colors to adorn our church grounds. We will need a group of motivated and enthusiastic volunteers to share the responsibilities of our patch, so, if you are interested in serving on the Pumpkin Patch committee, please attend our first meeting on Friday, September 4th at 6:30PM, or contact Sarah Ferguson or Ron Coleman for details. Watch for the daily sales sign-up sheet... it will be available very soon. Remember...pumpkins will arrive on Sunday, October 4th at 4PM. Come on Calvary and friends, let's get busy! IT'S PUMPKIN PATCH TIME!!!

Sunday Worship

8:15 a.m. Blended

11:00 a.m. Traditional

9:30 Sunday School



Pennings by Pastor Esther



Laughter and tears are part of living. But do you find enough time for laughter? I am not asking if you experience lots of good times. Of course we should laugh during the happy times. But do you also laugh during the difficult times?

I want to share this with you from one of my favorite bloggers, Steve Goodier:

“Erma Bombeck is known for her humorous books, but she wrote one that covered a more serious topic: cancer in children. The book is titled, *I Want to Grow Hair, I Want to Grow Up, I Want to Go to Boise* (Harper and Row, 1989). Bombeck talks with numerous children with cancer and learns important life lessons from them. She learns, for instance, that cancer survivors know how to laugh.

She cites the experience of 15-year-old Jessica from Burlington, Vermont (USA). Jessica’s leg was amputated at the knee because of cancer. She was learning to wear a prosthesis. Jessica tells about playing soccer. She kicked the ball hard and it flew off in one direction while her artificial leg flew another way. Then “the tall, gorgeous person that I am,” she said, “convulsed on the floor in laughter.”

Jessica may not have laughed about her cancer, but she laughed about dealing with the consequences of it. And her laughter helped her cope.

Then there is the story of 17-year-old Betsy. She made her way to the radiation room for her regular radiation therapy. As usual, she dropped her hospital gown and, wearing only her birthday suit, climbed onto the table and waited. After a couple of moments she began to realize something disturbing: the extra people in the room were not the medical students she had thought, but rather painters giving an estimate on painting! Betsy laughs heartily about the incident. And like Jessica, her ability to laugh helped her to cope with one of the most difficult things a young person can endure -- cancer.”

Biblical wisdom teaches that “there is a time to weep and a time to laugh.” Do you find plenty of occasions for laughter? You can...if you also find reasons to laugh during the especially difficult times.

Survivors know how to laugh. If you can laugh even when the going is rough, you’ll make it. And you’ll smile at the end.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Esther

W E Cherry School Partnership

We have had great success in collecting donations for our partner school, W. E. Cherry Elementary. This month, September, they are requesting plastic pencil boxes and 3 prong folders WITH pockets. These are easily less than a dollar each, so let’s fill several giant boxes with our collections and help students and teachers have a better, blessed year

While school supplies are often most needed in the classrooms, it’s easy to forget some children are in need of clothing as well. If you have any gently used, stain free clothes for both genders and sizes covering pre kindergarten to 6TH grade, please bring them to the church and set them by the supply collection boxes in the sanctuary.

Thank you in advance and remember God loves you, and so do we.

Anne Flores

Food Bank

Many people have been asking me, "When will the Food Bank reopen". Well here is the answer: I am presently looking at reopening the Food Bank the beginning of October. It will be open twice a month. The goal is to NOT use any FDA food, so that we may also witness and tell people about our Church and God's Abundant Love.

This can be accomplished in a number of different ways. Here are a few:

1. Donations from within our Church. Donations are always welcome. I intend to have a box labeled Food Bank for donations to be left. Items like Pasta, Soup, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Canned Veggies, etc are always needed and welcome.
2. Donations from the community: Winn Dixie, Publix, Walmart, Rowes, Target, Save-a-Lot, Dollar Tree, and Aldi's, just to name a few. If you have any other place in mind, please let me know.
3. Partnering with other Churches.

If you have any other ideas, please contact me. Call or leave a note in the United Methodist Men box outside the office.

If you are interested in helping, please let me know.

God's Blessings,
Larry Rood
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United Methodist Men

There will be a United Methodist Men's Meeting/Dinner in September.

Exact date will be announced in the Bulletin. Please make plans to attend. We will be talking about different things the Men of our Church can do, not only in the Church, but in the community as well.

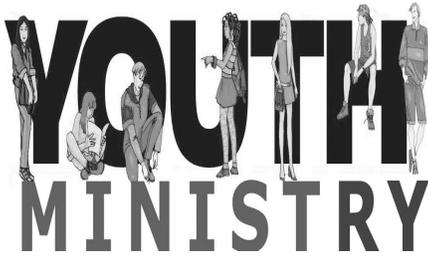
There are also some opportunities available to attend an United Methodist Men's retreat in October. Could you use some restorative time before the 2015 holiday season begins? Join us in October for one of two Men's Retreats to recharge your batteries@ We are taking advantage of the peacefulness found at the Life Enrichment Center outside Leesburg to offer inspiration, relaxation and fulfilling relationships. There will be retreats on October 9-10, 2015 and October 23-25, 2015. Please visit the website <http://ummflconf.org/florida-umm-october-retreat-date-announced/> for more information or to sign up.

God Bless,
Larry Rood

DO YOU HAVE CALVARY UMC MEMORABILIA?

We are gearing up for our 50th anniversary celebration in starting in January. Do you have any photos or news articles pertaining to Calvary, that would be appropriate for our scrapbooks? We are especially looking for events from 2012 to the present.

If you have anything you would like to share, contact Nancy Walker. 904-264-9790



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

The youth have had a lot of fun activities this summer; pool parties, ultimate Frisbee matches, preparing for the Connect 4 tournament, assisting with Vacation Bible school, and plain old general fun!

Here at Calvary we have a warm positive accepting youth group where all youth can be a part. 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, participate in the selling of pumpkins in the Pumpkin Patch! We also perform in the annual Christmas play here at Calvary. Additionally we take part in the Easter egg hunt. Additionally, we perform dramas during Holy Week.

Our Youth Group is open to all ‘Rising’ Sixth Graders through High School seniors and/or 12 years of age. 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.

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!

Fran “The Man” Ronan

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club met at the church for the regular meeting on Thursday, August 10th at 12 noon. There were 18 in attendance. The meeting was opened with prayer by Gene Clark with a blessing of the food. After our meal, we participated in a game of identifying items found on the dinner table with each table competing against each other. The winning table was successful in naming 18 out of 20 items.

It was decided our next meeting, September 10th, would be an outing at Outback Steakhouse on Wells Rd, arriving between 11:45 and 12 noon. IT IS REQUESTED THAT IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT ATTEND, PLEASE RSVP TO GENE CLARK, 264-2018. This is not a commitment, it is only to get an approximate number to give the restaurant.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP INVITATION

Here at Calvary UMC we are excited to begin a new ministry for Young Adults! If you are between the ages of 18 to 25, this is perfect for you. This will give you the opportunity to interact with fellow Christians who have and share similar ideas and interests.

Our first meeting will take place on Sunday, August 30 at 5:00 till 6:00. Additionally our regular meetings will take place on Sunday evenings from 5:00 till 6:00.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please speak with Andy Haney.

Honoring the Past, Building for the Future

God Bless you all! As many of you know, 2015 marks the 50th Anniversary of Calvary United Methodist Church. Over those years we have seen many faces come through, but more importantly, we have continued to do God's work and share the message of Jesus Christ. Our title says everything! We want to honor our past, the members and Pastors. But we want to continue building for our future.

Beginning January 29th, 2016, we will be kicking off our celebration with a "Homecoming" weekend. Sue Mikell is heading up the task group for this event. We will be inviting our former Pastors, charter members & other guests. I am sure it will be a wonderful time and God's presence will be felt by all. Pastor Esther Robinson will be forming a task group called "Exploring Our Dreams," this group will be meeting to discuss what our dreams for the future of Calvary are, which would include building on to our church building, etc. I know that each one of us at Calvary have an idea of how we want our church to grow, and this is just the type of group to help share those dreams and ideas. Finally on May 1st, 2016, we will have a "Block Party" for the community. I anticipate having a Dunking Booth, Face Painting, and many more fun activities for children and adults. This will be a way for us to celebrate our past and our future, while also thanking our community for supporting Calvary United Methodist.

If you are interested in being a part of any or all of these task groups, or to help in any way with any of the events, please feel free to speak to Sue Mikell, Pastor Robinson, Bob Seymour, or myself (Tracy Zang), as I know we can all use many faith filled hands!

Again, God Bless you all.
Tracy Zang

50'S DINNER & AUCTION
Saturday Night at the Hop
CALVARY FUNDRAISER
OCTOBER 17 6:00 PM
TICKETS: \$10 \$25 FAMILY WITH CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS
ON SALE SEPTEMBER 13 LAST DAY OCTOBER 11
NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR
WEAR YOUR 50'S CLOTHES PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED
AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED MIKE ZIEMAN WILL BE OUR AUCTIONEER
CONTACT NANCY WALKER OR ROBIN STOWERS

Go Getters

I am sure most of you have heard the chatter about the 50th year celebration that is happening in January. Well it takes a lot of planning and preparing for an occasion such as this and Calvary has the people to "get er done."

I am sure you have noticed some of the sprucing up around the church, such as the white bench over by the pump house, the power washing or numerous other odd jobs that have been done. Kudos to Margie Harris and her band of helpful handymen for all the hard work they have done.

Sue Mikell

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The Fundraising Committee is currently sponsoring the sale of 2016 Entertainment Books and Entertainment Digital Apps.

Orders are being taken for the 2016 books, which will be available on September 28, 2015. We will have books for the Jacksonville area and will have access to books from other areas. The Entertainment Books include the Digital App. for your smartphone or computer.

The Entertainment Digital Apps. are available separately now, and can be activated any time after purchase. They can be used in all 50 states and Canada.

You can also order the book & app. or just the app. on line and Calvary will receive credit for your support. Go to:

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Click on the orange Supporters box

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Click on blue "Shop Now" box

You can select the 2016 Entertainment Coupon Book (with free mobile app.) and/or the Entertainment Digital Membership. On line, the book is \$25. You will need a credit card.

You can also order for other areas and/or share the above information & have your friends and relatives order on line, for themselves. Calvary will get the credit.

The Youth group is also helping us and we certainly want to thank them, for their participation.

If you are interested in joining our team or you have questions, regarding the books & apps. contact Nancy Walker, 904-264-9790.

History Lessons about Calvary

We were really hoping for some rather creative answers to last month's trivia, however we didn't have any participation at all. If this is to continue, participation from you, our readers, is necessary. Please stop by after service during this month and fill out one of our slips with what you think to be the answers to this month's trivia. Let's get the ball rolling!

Last month, we asked:

1.) What was the date, MONTH & YEAR, of Calvary's first newsletter issued?

The answer is December 2010.

2.) What was the name of that Newsletter?

The answer is *News from the Garden*

This month:

1.) How well do you know your brother or sister at Calvary? At the start of the publication of the Newsletter at Calvary, a monthly poem was a part of each issue. What was the name of our poet or poetess?

2.) Did you know that there was once a calendar published by the United Methodist Women at Calvary? This was a fund raising event (or mission for the UMW group). Approximately how much was raised by this event and who was its president?

Please take a moment on a Sunday and stop by the box in the hallway outside the sanctuary and take your best guess at answering our history lesson questions.

AARP Smart Driver

Thank you, Calvary United Methodist Church, for hosting our AARP Smart Driver Classes this summer, while our regular host was renovating their classrooms. Because of your willingness to share your facilities, approximately 100 people have learned or been reminded of factors that will make them safer drivers. And, because they are safer drivers, you and I are safer on the roads.

Ron Carlberg

Zone Coordinator, AARP Driver Safety

Recipe of the Month

Miss Betty's Peanut Butter and Cream Cheese Pie

submitted by Beth Locke

Ingredients

1 8oz package cream cheese, cut up

1/2 cup peanut butter

1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar

2 Tbsp milk

1 4oz container frozen whipped dessert topping, thawed (I use the 8oz)

1 pie shell of your choice (ex- chocolate flavored crub shell, graham cracker crumb pie, or butter flavored crumb pie shell)

Instructions

In a large mixer bowl, combine cream cheese and peanut butter, beat with an electric mixer until combined.

Add confectioners' sugar and milk, beat until combined.

Fold in the Cool Whip.

Spoon into the pie shell.

Cover and chill in the freezer for 15 minutes.

If desired, drizzle each serving with chocolate syrup.

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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Brian Fuller

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

Maverick Stowers
Robbie Taylor
Ali Varong-Ellison
Aaron Williams



September Birthdays

- 3rd Drew Cox
- 4th Joan Cooper
- 5th Tony Mantone
- 7th Joe banks
- 8th Larry Fenwick, Judy Walker
- 10th Bob Lambing
- 12th Michael Bresnahan
- 13th Donald Giles
- 14th Eloisa Gibbs
- 16th Mary White
- 17th Johnnie Hoffmann
- 23rd Jaymie Cox
- 25th Pastor Esther Robinson
- 27th Barbara Coleman
- 28th Annabelle Natividad
- 30th Maverick Stowers

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Items for the October issue are due by **September 15th.**

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