



The Booster

Calvary United Methodist Church
December 2013



??LIVE NATIVITY??

Some people at Calvary have expressed a desire to bring back the Live Nativity to Calvary this Christmas.

I have agreed to head this up if there is indeed enough interest in this project to support it. I will not know if we have enough interest unless you let me know that you are willing to help with this project. I am asking that each of you give it some thought and let me know very soon. I have sign-up sheets on the Welcome Center or on the table outside Fellowship Hall that you can sign. We will not only need people to be in the Nativity but we will need to have people help set up and tear down, people to help with costumes and also people to help with the kitchen so that there will be hot drinks and goodies for the participant. Right now I cannot tell you how many nights we will do this (I would like to see it done 3 nights - Sun. Mon. and Tues.) this will all depend on the response I get from you. It is very important that you respond very soon so that we can get publicity out in the community. If you have any ideas about this project and would like to talk, please feel free to give me a call. (485-0799)

Thank you and God Bless,
Pat White

Fruitful Congregation Journey

On December 8, 2013, we will have a Start Up meeting to prepare us for the Weekend Consultation of the Fruitful Congregation Journey. It's referred to as the "Pre-Consult". We need for everyone who possibly can to stay after our Worship Service for that meeting.

We plan to start as soon after the Worship Service as we can, most likely in the Fellowship Hall. We have a Soup and Sandwich Lunch planned. Would you please not plan to have adult Sunday School Classes that day. Please put this on your calendar.

Thanks, Pastor Dave



Dear Friends of Calvary UMC,

I want to use this opportunity to highlight two upcoming things.

First, is that on December 8, 2013, right after our worship service, we will have the "Pre-Consultation" to help us prepare for the Consultation Weekend on January 24 – 26, 2014.

On December 8, 2013, we will have a presentation by one of the persons who will be part of the Consultation Weekend. The purpose is to begin to inform us of some of the things that will be considered on the Weekend. We chose to have it on Sunday morning in order to have as many persons as possible attend. To help us, we will also have a lunch of soup and sandwiches served.

On the weekend of January 24th to the 26th, we will have various times in which there will be interviews of some of our people and group meetings at which the Consultation Team will listen to what we have to say about Calvary UMC and our thoughts and dreams about the future. Resulting from this will be some prescriptions that the Consultation Team will present to us as directions for us to consider.

Please, put these dates down and reserve them for this purpose.

Looking to the future,

Pastor Dave



SOCKS FOR SENIORS

Socks are much appreciated at our local nursing homes. A box will be placed in the Narthex to collect donated socks. Diabetic socks are needed. The Searchers will match the amount of socks donated. 200 pairs were donated to this project last year. December 15 will be the last day to donate socks. Warm feet will warm a heart! Questions? Ask Muriel Muth

To the Members and Friends of Calvary Church:
As the bulletin from November 10 reflected, during the month of October 2013, the expenses exceeded income by \$3160.86. Unfortunately this has been a consistent pattern for many months. We have been blessed to have a “nest egg” so to speak due to the generosity of the Rex Griffin Estate.

Visually it is easy to see how the parking lot appears after the recent re-seal. This project was actually put off until there was really no choice but to beat the coming winter months. This project alone cost \$5000 to complete. Currently the hot water servicing the kitchen and the educational wing is leaking. It will have to be replaced soon. I have not been informed as to the actual cost of the hot water heater replacement.

We are currently in the midst of our Stewardship campaign for 2014. Estimates of giving were placed on the altar on Sunday November 10. We must be good stewards of all our resources. Every person in leadership truly thanks everyone for their gifts and service. While our primary goal as a church is spiritual growth, it is important that we provide you with this information concerning the financial status of the church.

Please prayerfully consider donating to these 2 large maintenance items. Any extra giving to these 2 large projects to maintain the Church would be greatly appreciated.

Yours in Faith,

Bob Muth
Ad Council Chair



Bring your Christmas cards one and all,
They'll be passed out in the Fellowship Hall.
Pick yours up and give some out,
Merry Christmas we all will shout!!!

Starting December 1st, you may bring in your Christmas Cards for church members and friends to the Fellowship hall. Drop them off before church and they can be picked up after the service. **LAST SUNDAY TO DROP YOUR CARDS OFF WILL BE DECEMBER 15TH**
Contributions of the postage money will be given to local missions.

Advent Quiet Morning

All are invited to come share in a new adventure for the folk of Calvary Church. Beginning the first Saturday in Advent, December 7th, you are invited to come share in an Advent Quiet Morning. A sign-up sheet is available so that we can provide a lunch for those attending.

The three sessions will be built around traditions and customs of the season with emphasis on the Jesse Tree as well as time for contemplation and prayer. We gather at 9:45 in the Choir Room. Advent Quiet Morning affords the participant the opportunity to escape the busyness of the season to reflect on this time of the year in a different manner. Advent Quiet Morning concludes with a simple lunch around noon. Doug Speakman will be the facilitator. If interested please contact Doug or the Church Office. There will be a sign-up sheet so that we know how many to prepare lunch for.



Christmas Cookie Walk

December 15, 2013

After Worship

In Fellowship Hall

Calvary Women and will provide the Holiday Goodies

For all to buy.

Five dollars will buy you a bag which you can fill with Goodies of your own choosing.

Ladies please bring your treats ready to sell

And everyone bring five dollars to buy those special Holiday Treats

All proceeds go to the Women's Outreach Missions

The Almost Christmas Pageant

Mark your calendars now! "The Almost Christmas Pageant" will be present Sunday afternoon, December 22, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. Come hear the Christmas story from a different perspective that includes a challenging message, familiar carols, and choir. There will be a Wassail Reception following the presentation.

A Baby Shower for Jesus

Jesus came into the world as a baby, even though He was a king. He didn't sleep in a royal crib, but in a manger. He didn't have beautiful clothes, but simple strips of cloth wrapped around Him. But Jesus was God's gift to the world. John 3:16 says God loved the world so much that He gave His Son to save the world. Jesus was the greatest gift ever given!

Ladies of Calvary please plan on attending a baby shower for Jesus. It will be held in the Fellowship hall on Monday December 9th at 6:00pm. We will be serving dinner and doing something to help babies around the world.

The Baby Closet has requested we donate perishable items such as lotion, baby shampoo, diapers, wet wipes etc. Please bring your items unwrapped to be placed under the tree.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan on attending. See you there. Pat White & Jeri Fireoed

Christmas Eve at Calvary

The Chancel Choir will present the Christmas cantata, Bethlehem's Child, arranged by Lloyd Larson. Again, the Christmas Story is presented in beautiful choral arrangements and congregational singing. Come share in the candle lighting and the Service of Holy Communion on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm.

Event Advertising

Do you like to see Calvary's name in print? If you have a Calvary event that you would like advertised, call or e-mail it to: tuttlesj@frontier.com and it will get to the local media for publication. Also, if you would like an upcoming event or an item published on Calvary's web site, call or e-mail your item to RTuttle778@frontier.com. Advertising in papers, media web sites, and the Calvary web page will remain blank unless we receive information from you about what you are doing. Thank you for your assistance.

Thank you!

Ralph & Sandy

Dean Walker has a new email address:

deanwalker@frontier.com



There will be a Christmas tree in the Narthex to benefit InAsMuch ministries this Christmas season. It will be decorated with sample items of the things that are always in great demand for the clientele. There will be lists also available for you to take to purchase items. The lists will be on the back of homemade Christmas paper ornaments, stars, crosses etc. Items such as bath soap, shampoo with conditioner, men & women's deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, warm gloves for men & women. There will be boxes under the tree for you to place items in that will be taken to InAsMuch. I want to thank you for your donations and remind you of Matthew 25:40. "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren you did it to Me. Thank you,
Carol Moore and Anita Pearson



Dear Calvary people,
June and Janice just delivered a lovely bag of treats. Thank you for remembering me. God bless you.
Ruby McKee

We want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers after Ked's heart attack.
Ked & Sue Herstad

To the Congregation of Calvary UMC:
The congregation of Waynedale UMC wish to thank you for your donation of \$300 to our Food Pantry. At this time of the year it is greatly appreciated. Last year in the month of October, we gave food to 583 people. This year in October that number grew to 649. So the need in our neighborhood has increased. God Bless you for your gift!
Pastor Mike Harris
and the congregation of Waynedale UMC

Dear Calvary UMC,
InAsMuch Ministries would like to thank you for your donation. It is such a gift as this that allows our Ministry to continue. Our ministry provides assistance to families in need, and we provide financial counseling and assistance to individuals in crisis. Our mission statement says: Helping people in need, offering hope through a relationship with Jesus Christ, and promoting personal responsibility.

Most importantly, it gives us an opportunity to share with them the Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. We appreciate your support and pray that you have God's peace and joy.

Blessings,
Alyn Biddle
Benevolence Minister
Broadway Christian Church

I want to thank all of you who filled the shoeboxes. Once again you have shown your caring and generosity for all these little children around the world. Because of you, these children will come to know Christ. We collected 82 boxes this year! You are amazing! Thank you very much!

Nancy Lake

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Don't forget these dates. January 24th through the 26th, those are the dates for our Weekend Consultation as part of Step 2 of the Fruitful Congregation Journey. There will be a team of people who will be coming to interview, study, and make prescriptions as to how we may, more fully, be a Fruitful Congregation and move into a future being a congregation that fulfills our mission of "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ, for the transformation of the World."



Coffee and Conversation

The December Coffee Host – New Builders

Deadline for articles for the next Booster is December 15th



People to keep in our prayers Chelsa DeMarchis, Denise DeMarchis, Paula Girdner, Olive Paxson, Lynn Umber, Tim White, Al Zimmerman

Nursing care, Assisted living and Homebound: Charles (Bogie) Boghosian, MaryAnna Brookhart, Edna Eickhoff, Norma Fisher, Paula Girdner, Delight Hostetler, Ruby McKee, Naomi Osborn, Evelyn Phillips, Jo Pond, Jim & Joan Roth, Al & Marge Zimmerman

Prayers for our service men & women
Benjamin Garrison is in Alaska, (grandson of Marge Hughes, nephew of Jay Hughes); Kent Taylor is in the National Guard Reserves, Nathan Stocking serving in San Diego (nephew to Phylis Richter); Brandon Fawbush is in San Diego (grandson to Elaine & Sheldon Light)

