



The Booster

Calvary United Methodist Church

June 2013



I want to share an article from our Bishop Michael Coyner. It's a good reminder for us all.

"What are the Marks of a United Methodist Congregation?"

At our summer planning retreat, the Cabinet had a good discussion with our Church Development Director, Mark Gough, about the renewed emphasis in our Indiana Conference for starting new congregations, new worship services, and new off-site or multi-site ministries. The Cabinet and I applaud this effort by Mark and his staff, which of course means we applaud the various churches and districts who are involved in these efforts with the help/support of our Church Development staff.

We also had a lively discussion about the question: How do we ensure that these new ministries and new congregations are United Methodist? What are the "marks" or characteristics of a United Methodist congregation? We asked those questions, not to quench the Spirit or to thwart this effort to start new ministries, but because we have supervisory responsibility to ensure that all of our congregations are being faithful to our United Methodist mission and values. In fact, as we developed our list of the Marks of a United Methodist Congregation, we realized that many of our existing congregations in the Indiana Conference fail to live up to this list.

In order to facilitate discussion and to involve more persons in developing this list, we offer the following list as a "draft" or starting point for this discussion. Please feel free to respond to this E-pistle, and your responses will be compiled and shared with the Cabinet as they continue to develop this list. Here is our list:

The Marks of a United Methodist Congregation:

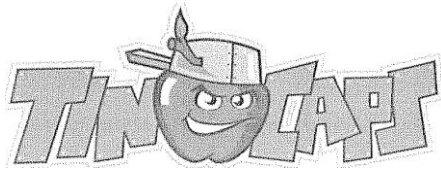
1. Preaches/teaches Wesleyan theology, including the quadrilateral of truth and the means of grace.
2. Makes disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
3. Has a "connectional" understanding of the church's mission and organization.
4. Focuses outwardly upon outreach, evangelism, missions, advocacy, and service.
5. Follows the Three Simple Rules of Wesley: Do no harm, do good, stay in love with God.
6. Practices the Five Fruitful Practices of congregations: radical hospitality, passionate worship, risk-taking mission and service, intentional faith development, extravagant generosity.
7. Focuses upon the grace of God in worship, congregational life, and personal devotions.
8. Opens the doors of the church to all who come seeking God.
9. Welcomes laity and clergy working in partnership in ministry.
10. Abides by our Book of Discipline, including Wesley's understanding: "in essentials unity, in non-essentials freedom, and in all things love."

Of course all of these Marks are also an indication of what patterns or characteristics are not the Marks of a United Methodist Congregation. #1, for example, means teaching Wesleyan theology not Calvinist theology. #3 means having an interdependent, Connectional understanding of ministry, as opposed to an independent, congregational understanding of ministry. #4 means being outwardly focused in ministry and mission, as opposed to being inwardly focused upon our comfort or even just our survival as a congregation. #7 means a focus upon God's grace, as opposed to an implicit or explicit focus upon the works righteousness of being religious. #8 means welcoming everyone, in contrast to those congregations which are subtly or not so subtly exclusive. #9 means clergy do not dominate the ministry, but rather they lead as servant leaders. #10 means living with a sense of discipline and purpose, but not being hamstrung by rules.

What do you think? Are these the right “marks” of being a United Methodist Congregation? What others do you suggest are more crucial? Are any of these incorrect or unimportant?

More importantly, how does your congregation measure? We want our new congregations to be United Methodist in nature, but we also want to challenge all of our existing congregations to be fully and faithfully United Methodist. Is your congregation hitting these marks?

Pastor Dave



Tin Caps Are Playing Ball

The United Methodist Task Force for Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring a night out at the Ball Park.

When: Monday, June 10 at 7:05.

Mondays are family night and dollar night!!!

Where: Parkview Field Cost: \$8.00

See Bruce Lake for tickets!!! Come and join everyone at the ball park!! Help build a house for those in need!!

UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who contributed to the loan pay down. We received over \$6,000. We renewed the remainder of the loan (approximately \$8,500) for 3 years at 4%. We will continue to apply any designated funds toward the loan. Thank you from the Finance Committee.



The Family of Ked and Sue Herstad
Are hosting a Celebration of Ked and Sue's
60th Wedding Anniversary

On Saturday June 29th

From 1:00 – 4:00 pm

In the Fellowship Hall

Please join us to celebrate this wonderful occasion!

Kim & Terri, Kent & Mindi Herstad

Calvary Women's Group News

June 2013

Thank you to all who helped with the Workers for the League for the Blind Luncheon. It must have been a success because they asked if they could return next year.

Our next regular meeting will be on June 12th at 6:00 p.m. at my home (7258 Nelwood Dr.) If you will bring a dish to share with the group, I will provide the meat and drinks. In the past it has always been a lot of fun! (Gentlemen are invited for this one too!)

Remember that we are doing a Bake Sale during Calvary's Annual Rummage Sale the weekend of June 13, 14, & 15, because this is a three day event we will need a lot of goodies. Talk with Dean Walker about this one, she is in charge. Hope to see you at all of these events!

God Bless You All,

Pat White



RUMMAGE SALE

The Annual Rummage Sale is fast approaching! Do you have the urge for spring cleaning and organizing all those cabinets, closets, and drawers? Don't throw away those items you no longer need or want! Donate them to the rummage sale. The Rummage Sale will be June 13, 14, 9-3:00 and 15, 9-1:00. Please bring lots of stuff. We will need anything and everything you no longer need. You may bring your gently used items to the church and put on the stage in June. If you need to get rid of them before then, see Nancy or Bruce Lake. Need help transporting them, see Nancy or Bruce Lake. Proceeds will go toward the Habitat Build sponsored by the United Methodist Task Force.



2013 Season of T-Ball Begins!!

T-ball begins June 10th and runs through July 15th. It will be played every Monday evening from 6:30-7:30 pm. In case of rain, make up games will be the Wednesday of the same week.

Vacation Bible School

"Leaders of Old"... VBS is coming soon! June 25-29, 2013. It is open to all children at no cost! The kids will learn about a few Old Testament leaders and a leader from the New Testament that we should all still be following! Every day the kids will start and end with music, song and dance! There will be games and crafts to go along with the days' story about each leader and also a light meal. On the last day, Saturday June 29th, we will have a celebration of the week which will include an ice cream social and other surprises! Parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends are all asked to join us on the 29th! Registration dates are 6/13, 6-8 p.m. and 6/15 1-3 p.m.

We are still in need of ushers, and greeters. During the summer it would be a perfect time for you to volunteer to do a little ushering or greeting. Just sign up for one Sunday, and see how you like it. Here is your chance to greet people as they come into church and start their day off with a smile. Usher and provide a service to your church and its people. Please consider this; it's a small way to get involved.



Coffee and Conversation

The June Coffee Host– Calvary Seniors



With Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathy is with the families of Mark Merriman and Evelyn French. Please keep Their families will be in our thoughts and prayers.



Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals

I just wanted to say thank you so much to all of those who prepared the meals for the Wednesday night Fellowship Meetings. You all did an awesome job! Hopefully you will all be ready to go again in the fall. Thanks again,

Pat White

I know a Thank You note is long overdue to all of you who have been praying for me, sending beautiful cards and calling. So they tell me the chemo is over, but I certainly have had my share of reactions to it. Summer is here and I've been assured I'll be getting much stronger.... So from the bottom of my heart; I'll say thanks so much for all your concern.

Joyce Hambrock

Thank you for your generous donation of \$390 to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry served 421 individuals in April. Your contributions help serve the needs of many in Waynedale. God bless you.
Pastor Mike Harris and the congregation of Waynedale UMC.

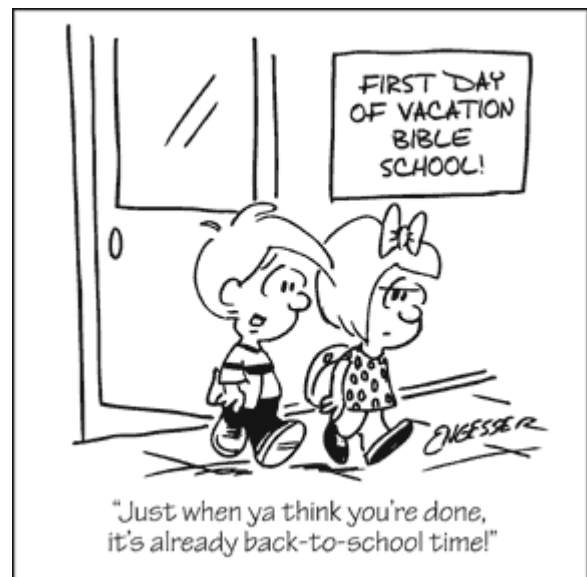


People to keep in our prayers: Paula Girdner, Olive Paxson, Lynn UMBER, Tim White, Al Zimmerman

Nursing care, Assisted living and Homebound: Charles (Bogie) Boghosian, Gil & 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).





06/01 - Sara Herstad
06/05 - Majorie Milliman
06/06 - Ron Nelson
06/08 - Helen Forst
06/13 - Justin Kaiser
06/17 - Edna Eickhoff
06/20 - Elaine Light
06/20 - June Meads
06/24 - Nancy Dickerson
06/24 - Ked Herstad
06/25 - Nathan Muth
06/26 - Lenny Yearling
06/27 - Kim Herstad
06/28 - Jim Polka

06/04 - Andy & Doni Dukarski - 19 years
06/07 - John & Margaret Williams - 42 years
06/13 - Jim & Barb Mast - 54 years
06/15 - Mel & Barbara Herring - 50 years
06/17 - Rick & Lynn Loy - 35 years
06/17 - Jim & Rhonda Polka - 13 years
06/20 - Don & Susan Walters - 48 years
06/25 - Sheldon & Elaine Light - 52 years
06/27 - Ked & Sue Herstad - 60 years