



# The Booster

Calvary United Methodist Church

October 2013

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## Pastoral Reflecting....

This year must have jumped a couple of months. Fall already? Can't be. But I guess it is. So I better keep moving.

Actually, a lot of things are moving. You will notice that the parking lot has been resurfaced and lined. Looks good. A necessity if the parking lot is to keep from crumbling. The Parsonage windows were replaced recently so our utility bills should be lower (unless they up the rate.). And a couple of guys named Bruce and Dave have cut down and hauled away all the overgrown bushes. (Thanks!) These are examples of things that cost us if we do, and cost us more if we don't.

We always want to be good stewards of that which is given to God through this Congregation. When we ask "what will it cost if we do this?" we need also to ask the second question: "What will it cost if we don't do this?"

These two questions are relevant when we talk about the Fruitful Congregation Journey we are on. I have heard some comments about the team we have put together and have trained as if they "are doing something to us." The Fruitful Congregation Journey Team is us! The objective of the Team is to help with enabling Calvary Church to move into the future. To have a future.

Granted, it will mean some change. Exactly what has not yet been determined. Change is almost always not easy or comfortable. But change has taken place in the decades preceding us, and will in the years following us. The question is what will those changes be and

what will be best for this body of God's church called Calvary UMC,

Remember that the purpose... the Mission for every church to exist is to: "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."

So, let's openly ask the questions. What will it cost if we do these things? AND... What will it cost if we don't.

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CONGRATULATIONS , Doni Adam!

Last year Doni was chosen "Tutor of the Year" from among all of the tutors that participated in the Study Connection Program in the Fort Wayne Area. Considering that there are many sites for this program, that is quite an honor. It is also a great testimony for Calvary Church since this is not the first time that someone from our church has been honored for their contribution and outreach to the community. (I personally know of at least two other times in the last ten years that someone from Calvary has received recognition from Study Connection.) This having been said, I just want to say thank you to all of the tutors and the people at Calvary Church for their support for this outreach ministry. And by the way it is never too late to get involved just see me.

Pat White

Site Director for Calvary's Study Connection



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

### Current Financial Situation:

As reported at the congregational meeting we are facing a cash deficit this year. Our spending is up approximately 2% over last year. This is mainly in the areas of utilities and building maintenance. Our giving year to date is down 4%. We have been using our savings account to make up the difference. As of the end of July we had 37,000 in this fund (some of which is designated for particular purposes). We cannot continue to rely on our savings to fund current expenses. We appreciate your giving and ask that you prayerfully consider our situation.

Consecration Sunday will be November 10th this year. At that time you will be asked to faithfully participate in the Ministry of Calvary by your prayers, presence, service and gifts. The Lord has blessed this congregation in so many of our activities allowing us to participate in missions including camp for the youth, In As Much Ministry, youth sports, the wells in Africa and many others. Thanks to everyone for your support of Calvary's missions.



### Study Connection Outreach

Thank you to all of you who have already let me know that you wish to help with Study Connection. I'm sure that with such a great response already that we will get up and running sooner than we did last year. While I have said we had a great response that doesn't mean that there is not room for more people to volunteer. There are a lot of children who need our help. So pray about it and let me know what the Holy Spirit tells you to do. I'll be waiting to hear from you!

God Bless you all,  
Pat White



*Silver Sneakers*



Silver Sneakers is being held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 9:15-10:00am. All are welcome to participate. Please bring your Medicare cards but coverage is not necessary to participate in this class.



## Happy Birthday Christie!!

The Family of  
Christie Lake

Cordially invites you to join in the celebration  
Of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Open House 1-4 pm  
Saturday, October 12, 2013  
Calvary United Methodist Church  
6301 Winchester Road  
Fort Wayne, IN 46819

Donations accepted in lieu of gifts to the  
Beth Lake Memorial Fund  
c/o Bruce Lake  
437 Englewood Court  
Fort Wayne IN 46807

Please RSVP by Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> to Nancy Lake 260-744-3449 or  
[Nancylake1967@gmail.com](mailto:Nancylake1967@gmail.com)



Keep November 16<sup>th</sup> open for the New Builders Dinner  
Theater at 6:30pm. More information to follow.

### SAFETY FIRST

Anyone setting up tables for an activity or event must make sure the leg locks are in place. I have found several tables with the leg locks not in place, the table can easily collapse which is a liability for injury. Tom Pearson



### 🕯️ LUMINARIES 🕯️

Wouldn't you love to see luminaries lighting your way to your Christmas Eve Service? WE CAN DO IT! With your help, of course. Please save your gallon milk jugs, wash them thoroughly, and bring to church. You will find a cardboard box at the end of the table near the Fellowship Hall.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of  
Gilbert D. Brookhart  
Sept. 13, 2013

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to come share in an Advent Quiet Morning.

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.

## 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.

## 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.

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## Christmas at Huntington Dinner Theater

Christmas is a wonderful time for music. Please join the Searchers for an evening of fun, music, and friends at the Huntington Dinner Theater in Huntington, IN on Saturday, December 7 @ 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$40.00/person. Beverages and tip are extra. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Sunday, October 13. See Muriel Muth for tickets.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Spiritual Gifts Study and Discovery

Our Fall Study session has begun with the study of our Spiritual Giftedness. It starts with a light meal at 6:30pm and the study will begin at 7:00pm.

We are studying how the gifts work and the problems that can occur. We are looking at how our giftedness can be used in the service that God has called us to be part of. The cost for this will be \$2.50 for the Spiritual Gifts Discovery booklet (our cost).

Please sign up on the Sheet on the table in the hallway on the way to the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

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."

The **Waynedale Food Pantry** could use Spaghetti Sauce, paper & plastic bags, and empty egg cartons.



## *Coffee and Conversation*

The October Coffee Host - The Caring Committee



To the Congregation of Calvary,  
Your contributions for the Food Bank are greatly appreciated. We received your donation of \$270 to the Food Bank today, and these funds help serve those in need. We served 523 individuals in August 2013. God bless you all.

Pastor Mike Harris & the congregation of Waynedale UMC

**Deadline** for articles for the next Booster is October 20<sup>th</sup>.

### *Changes*

**Nancy & Bruce Lake** have a new email address:  
nancylake1967@gmail.com

**New Address:**

Brittony Yankey           email: yankeybf@grace.edu  
200 Seminary Dr.  
#1339  
Winona Lake, IN 46590

Evelyn Phillips  
Woodview Rehab Unit  
Room 311, Bed 1  
3320 E. State Blvd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805



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)



### *ANNIVERSARIES in October*

- 10/02 - Chris & Elaine Rowlett- 20 years
- 10/04 - Bernard & Marylinn Lee - 8 years
- 10/08 - Mark & Cindy Ralph - 25 years
- 10/13 - Adam & Kelsey Bishop - 1 year
- 10/21 - Kenneth & Teri Vorndran – 13 years
- 10/24 - Kenny & Laurretta George-21 years
- 10/24 - David & Janet Tappy- 49 years
- 10/26 - Ralph & Sandra Tuttle-22 years
- 10/29 - Bob & Muriel Muth-36 years



### *October Birthdays*

- 10/02 Brenda Horn
- 10/03 Tom Bleakney
- 10/03 Bonny Nelson
- 10/04 Doni Dukarsi
- 10/04 Kenneth Vorndran
- 10/05 Marlene Umber
- 10/05 Brittony Yankey
- 10/06 John Dukarski
- 10/06 Robert Dukarski
- 10/08 Lynn Loy
- 10/11 Albert Zimmerman
- 10/11 Brandon Fawbush
- 10/12 Christie Lake
- 10/14 Joyce Herstad
- 10/21 Keith Egly
- 10/21 Amy Egly
- 10/21 Naoma Walter
- 10/23 Rhonda Polka
- 10/24 Alex Taylor
- 10/25 Maryanne Bleakney
- 10/27 Lindsae Harrold
- 10/28 Jay Hughes
- 10/29 Nathan Kaiser
- 10/31 David Harrold