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OCTOBER

PARSON TO PERSON

A Message from Pastor Rob Carter

Reporting Our Vision



At each Charge Conference I am asked to make a report regarding the state of the church. Over the years this has usually meant written narrative reports. But in recent years, the conference has been providing a form to fill out with some written answers to the questions. I’m going to use my column this month to share some of that with you. For the full Charge Conference experience, you’ll need to come to our annual Charge Conference Oct 23 at 4pm at La Plata United Methodist Church.

The Conference form asks me for my vision. This is my response:

Early in 2011 Calvary entered into a planning process with our District Superintendent and Guide, Ianther Mills. After reviewing demographics, evaluating our congregation and listening for the call of God we arrived at a vision for Calvary—"We see ourselves as a diverse, multigenerational congregation sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with our community and the world."

I embrace this vision as mine for ministry at Calvary. The most important elements for future ministry are diversity and reaching out to the community.

They further ask me what our accomplishments are toward this vision:

- Developing new vision statement
- Working with Hannah Tucker - intern from Wesley Seminary
- Taught confirmation class and confirmed 1 youth from Calvary
- At least 11 new members by end of 2011
 - 1 youth, 5 young adults, 2 African Americans (*diversity and multi-generational*), 3 Professions of Faith
- Re-established Vacation Bible School

Calvary United Methodist Men

"Love is like the Five Loaves and Two Fishes. It doesn't start to multiply until you give it away."

The Joy of Encouragement - David Jeremiah

Chili Cook-Off November 5, 4-6 pm

Everyone is invited bring your favorite chili dish, along with family and friends, to Calvary United Methodist Men's (CUMM) annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, November 5, from 4:00 until 6:00 pm.

First-place winner will receive a \$25.00 gift card. Second and third-place winners will each receive a \$10.00 gift card. Although not everyone can take the first, second or third-place prize, everyone is a "winner." Each contestant will receive a *fun gift* just for bringing a pot of chili. If you would like to vote on your favorite chili, tickets will be available for purchase at \$1.00 per vote, and you may vote as often as you wish. For those who may crave a chili dog, we'll be selling hotdogs as well. In order to cover expenses for this event, we will accept a free-will offering. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us, and let's enjoy some great chili.

Advent Devotionals

We are in the process of acquiring Advent Devotionals to distribute in early November. This

devotional, donated by the Society of Saint Andrew Ministries, will be used to help raise funds to feed our hungry brothers and sisters throughout our U.S.A. homeland. The Society of Saint Andrew is recognized as a partner organization by the United Methodist Church, and is also recognized by the General Commission on United Methodist Men. Watch the Sunday bulletins during the upcoming weeks for more about this devotionals fundraising project. In the meantime, I am available for questions at any time, before or after church.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 5, at 8:00am. All UMC men are welcome to attend.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things,

⁹keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

We are here for you. If we can help you in any way, just talk to one of the CUMM.

God loves you and we love you!!!

YBIC - Gary

Reporting Our Vision (Continued from Pg. 1)

- Two baptisms
- Sponsored Cub Scout Pack 424
- Approved development of Child Care Center as a ministry of the church
- Made progress with youth on establishing a "Paint Ball Ministry" on property in back of church building
- Operated Food Bank, fed over 700 families
- Coat Drive just beginning goes through Nov.
- Operation Christmas Child—over 100 shoe boxes
- Talent Show to benefit UMCOR for Japan, over \$1,200.
- Friendship Club made and distributed table favors for Morningside House, a local Assisted Living facility
- Men and women supported "Shop with a Cop," sponsored by Sheriff's department.

These are just the first two parts of the form but they indicate significant movement toward our vision. It reflects that we are on our way.

God Bless,

Pastor Rob

God's time is the best . . . though with us, everything is now or never —by Doris Sawyerr-Guest

We are all familiar with the saying “much haste, less speed!” Impatience and impulsiveness are often the reasons for hasty decisions that are later regretted. Many people make quick decisions and follow their own instincts, but then they cannot escape the tension and worry that must inevitably follow. In this demanding world, God's timing is always perfect. We need to trust God unconditionally.

This story is an example of two long-term, best friends who each wanted an I-phone. One worked hard, saved a whole month, camped out all night at the Calvary Electronic store for the pre-launching early specials, and waited in line long to buy one. His friend, on the other hand, wanted one but was going to get it by any easy and quick means possible. While both were in the men's room he stole his long-term, best friend's I-phone:

Bad: What's up man?

Good: Nothing but my bills, Heaven and God. My salary stays the same though.

Bad: Buddy you know we got to get on board with the new I-phone. I wan one bad. We will be so popular to have those. Not to mention the cool chicks we can impress.

Good: We have to work hard and save. We can't buy the new designer sneakers we were gonna get if you are serious about each of us getting the I-phone. I will work overtime on Saturdays for the next couple of weeks.

Bad: Man, you know we can't miss the picnic next Saturday, so I can't work. I'll pass. I am sure there is an easier and faster way to get those I-phones.

Good: I know you and your schemes in that pea brain of yours. Patience is a virtue. Easy come, easy go. If anything is worth having or keeping, it is worth fighting and working for. You never learn your lessons from your mistakes.

Bad: I hear you man. I plan on going about getting my I-phone the straight way—working for it.

Two weeks went by . . .

Good: Dude, how much have you saved? I'm almost there. I am only a few dollars short.

Bad: Yea fellow, about that, I'm still trying to start saving. I just don't know what to give up. Oh, by the way, I don't know if you noticed, got my foamosites. Aint these some cool kicks (puts his feet out and points to the brand new sneakers he had on.)? Man, it's like I'm gliding, and I can walk and run without any problems! They are really the bomb. Don't worry though, I'll come up with some money somehow. I know that the I-phone comes out next Monday and I still have a week to come up with a money-making idea to catch me up with you.

Good: Well on the day Calvary Electronic plan to put the I-phone out, I will camp out there the previous night so I will get mine at the introductory price before they run out. You can join me.

Bad: Good, you know that I got to have my sleep. I need my rest. You know me, ha ha ha. NO! You are on your own. We've been friends for over 20 years and you know I do not give up my sleep unless there is a party.

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Donate new and used coats, in good condition, to help families in need stay warm this winter. Coats can be dropped in designated boxes in the narthex or the fellowship hall at Calvary; and will be distributed to families throughout the metropolitan area.

Children's Sunday School



October Lessons

Oct. 2 - DAVID (Samuel 5:1-5, 10; 7: 8-16)
This month we will be learning about "The Stories of Kings." The first one will be David who began his life as a shepherd.

Oct. 9 - SOLOMON (1 Kings 2:1-4; 3: 3-15; 4:29 - 34)
The children will learn that David chose Solomon to be the next king. God gave Solomon the wisdom to lead the kingdom of Israel. Children will learn we always turn to God for guidance.

Oct. 16 - HEZEKIAH (2 Kings 18 - 20; 2 Chronicles 29 - 32)
Children will learn King Hezekiah was a good king who trusted God. He helped his people understand what it meant to follow God. We need to take care of our church and make sure it is ready for people to worship.

Oct. 23 - JOSIAH (2 Kings 22: 1-13; 23: 1-30)
Children will learn that Josiah was only eight years old when he became king. When he was in his teens, he cleaned up the temple and found the book of the Law. He was able to turn the people of Judah back to God.

Oct. 30 - JESUS, KING OF KINGS (Luke 1: 26 -33; 2: 21-22; John 18: 36 -37; Revelation 17: 4b; 19: 16)
Children will learn that Jesus is the King of kings. We are all important to the work of God. Jesus is known by many names, Son of God, Teacher and Messiah.



Shania Jaigobin October 2
Ethan Marsh October 30

Funnies

Out of the Mouth of Babes!

Finding one of her students making faces at others on the playground, Ms. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child. Smiling sweetly, the Sunday School teacher said, "Bobby, when I was a child, I was told if that I made ugly faces, it would freeze and I would stay like that." Bobby looked up and replied, "well, Ms. Smith, you can't say you weren't warned."

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year old daughter and said, "would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered.

The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?" ~

COUPONS

Give your unwanted coupons to the Food Pantry for our pantry clients. Bring them to church on Sundays or mail them to the church. You can also give them to Sharon French. Questions, see any member of the Food Pantry.

News from

The Friendship Club

By Shirley Page

A plaque was dedicated in memory of Ruth Lloyd on Sunday, September 18 for her relentless efforts in maintaining the beautiful flower gardens around our church; Ruth, Kathie Auth, and Rebecca Morris worked side by side in this endeavor. Ruth's son and daughter were present for the dedication which was held outside after our regular Sunday worship service. Rebecca Morris and Kathie Auth were instrumental in achieving the fulfillment of this memorial. Solar lights on each side of the plaque were donated by Ed and Gail Van Cleaf.

Our third quarter "birthday" luncheon was held on August 15, at the Longhorn Restaurant in Waldorf. Good food and fun was had by all.

September 24 we participated in the United Methodist Men's Annual Yard Sale. Our household items and baked goods were a big hit. And although the weather didn't exactly cooperate, we managed to hang in there until the last customer came through.

The Club will be sending homemade cookies in the next few weeks to some of our troops overseas. A name was provided; however, we always send enough for "sharing."

We are pleased to announce we have a new member in the Friendship Club. Sandy Livingston joined us this month and hit the ground running with a "2011 Hospice Festival of Trees" project. Some of our members are helping with the decorations which are needed for the finished product. Tree fluffing and final decorating will begin on Sunday, November 20th, at the Jaycee Hall in Waldorf from 9:30 am till 6 pm.

We are also in the process of planning for our annual Christmas Party on December 5th, and Rebecca Morris has graciously invited us to have the festivities at her home again this year (more on this later).

Last, but not least, Marion Schreiber and Janet Talbert were the "hostesses" at our meeting on 26 September, and provided us with delicious homemade pie and whipped cream. Needless to say, it was a great way to end our meeting. ~

God's Time ...

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After the sales introductory day, "Good" had his I-phone but "Bad" had none. One week passes and while both are in the general public bathroom, Bad steals Good's I-phone, not knowing that there is a camera in the bathroom.

Good: Bad, I left my I-phone on the sink and it was only the two of us in there. Did anyone come in while I was still in the stall, since you came out of there before I did?

Bad: No. It was still there when I came out and washed my hands, and you know I waited for you outside.

Good: No one else went in the bathroom, did anyone?

Bad: I saw a guy go in and get paper towels but I know I did not take it.

Good: Oh, I know you did not take it. Why would I blame my best friend? I will report to security, maybe someone turned it in.

Security then views the camera and it reveals Bad as picking up the I-phone and pocketing it. Bad was arrested and lost his long-term best friend.

Psalm 40:1

I waited patiently for the Lord. He inclined to me and heard my cry.

Psalm 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. ~

WOMEN OF FAITH 2011 “CELEBRATE” TOUR

Yes, you are reading this correctly; this article is about the 2012 Women of Faith (WOF) conference at the Verizon Center on August 17th and 18th. We have pre-registered for 25 seats for next year’s amazing event in the most fabulous seating Section 111, rows M&N (not to be confused with the candy!).

Ladies please note, your non-refundable \$20 deposit for each ticket is needed by this October 30th.

The total cost per seat for next year’s weekend event is \$101 which includes a boxed lunch on Saturday.

Now is the time to let Cheryl or Dawn know how many tickets you wish to purchase before they’re all spoken for!

Dawn will be collecting all WOF ticket monies.

You may pay for your tickets in full or, if you prefer, spread out your total dollar amount to make easy monthly payment installments. Example: pay \$21 deposit by October 30th, then pay just \$10 each month thru June = \$101; and you’re paid in full. It’s that easy. Note: Women of Faith has revised their payment policy, so the \$20 deposit is non-negotiable.

If we do not receive your deposit to send to WOF by the end of October, we may need to forfeit some of our tickets.

Also to better accommodate everyone, WOF has modified their program line-up for next year. The conference will now take place on Friday night and all day Saturday. Research has shown women just cannot free up two full days from their busy schedules. With this program change, WOF will be modifying the event to provide an additional speaker to the line-up and will adjust the schedule in order to pack more content into the Friday night and Saturday sessions. So you can expect a fun-filled Friday night with a concert (and more!), continuing through the all-day Saturday sessions.

Hurry ladies, the end of October is fast approaching and 25 tickets won’t last long! Check your 2012 calendar, talk with all your gal pals, and then get your deposit in NOW to hold your 2012 Women of Faith “Celebrate” Tour tickets. You’ll be so blessed that you did. ~



Shoe Boxes Have Arrived

You may have noticed the stacks of empty shoe boxes in the Fellowship Hall and narthex. They are free for the taking, to those who would like to participate in Operation Christmas Child (OCC). That's right, it's time to start packing those shoe boxes with small gifts to send to needy children around the world.

Again this year, Calvary is participating in this missions and evangelism project that is part of Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse.

Over the next several weeks, you will learn more about OCC and how you

can help needy children and share the Good News of Jesus Christ by filling a shoe box with simple items of small toys, hygiene necessities and school supplies.

This year, for the first time, the Outreach Committee is having a "Packing Party" Sunday, November 6th, in the 2nd Cup Cafe after worship service. Everyone is invited to bring your shoe box "ingredients," wrap shoe boxes, Christmas carols and get into the Christmas Spirit.

This will also be a great opportunity to learn more about the OCC outreach mission. Who knows, there

might even be a Christmas cookie or two in the cafe.

To defray the cost of transporting the shoe boxes, a \$7 donation is needed for each shoe box. If you choose to make your donation on-line you can print a shoe box label which will let you know the country to which your shoe box is delivered. Shoe Box Dedication Sunday is November 13th. Be sure to have your shoe boxes packed and ready that day.

To learn more, go to <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/> or simply ask a member of the Outreach Committee. ~

"Trunk or Treat" Food Drive

Sunday, October 30th

5-7 PM

Calvary UMC Parking Lot

**Bring a non-perishable food item –
receive a *treat!***



Members and friends of Calvary are invited to decorate and display their car trunks and give out candy to "trunk or treaters." Those who do not wish to decorate their trunks are welcome to donate candy or non-perishable food items and come out to support this worthwhile event. Attendees may dress in costume but it is not required. Please, no scary costumes, we want to make this a "family-friendly" event.

The Community is invited to walk through to see the displays, donate non-perishable food items and receive Halloween "treats" in return. Cash donations will also be accepted. Food and monetary donations collected will go directly to Calvary's Food Pantry which has already served nearly 700 families this year.

For more information contact the Church Office at (301) 645-5247.

Oakland Cemetery Clean-up

November 12, 2011



Bring your rakes and join us on Saturday, November 12th from 9-11am at the Oakland Cemetery (rain date: Nov 19th). Calvary's Cub Scout Troop #424 will be rolling up their sleeves & raking in the leaves as they beautify our Oakland Cemetery grounds before the upcoming holidays.

It would be such a blessing if you could allow 2 hours of your time to assist these hard working Cubs. See Dawn Townsend for additional information. ~

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 23

This is our annual meeting in which we set goals, report on the last year and elect Church officers. All members are welcome. All Church Council members are supposed to be there. We'll gather at La Plata UMC at 4pm for worship; Our Charge Conference begins at 5 pm, presided over by our conference guide, Dr. Rodney Smothers.

Oct.

BIRTHDAYS

Shirley Broadwater	3
Janet Ferrell	5
Cheryl Merkle	7
Robert Boettcher	7
Matthew Morgan	10
Michael Morris	14
Janet Morgan	17
Gary Hall	20
Michael Clyde Morris	20
Brenda Russell	21
Ashleigh Elise Fields	22
Ethan Marsh	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Boettcher	5
Mr. & Mrs. Choice Bradbury	21
Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Dean	31



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