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October 2, 2011

PARSON TO PERSON

A Message from Pastor Rob Carter

Let’s Roll



Since we recently observed the 10th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks you might associate that title I’ve given this column with the events of that day. Those were among the last known words of Jim Beamer, a passenger on United Airlines Flight 93 which crashed in Pennsylvania.

As best can be ascertained Beamer was about to join together with some other passengers to take back the hijacked airliner. And although their efforts seemed not to have been successful those words are heroic nonetheless.

That’s a pretty good model for discipleship. Whatever the arena in which we must live out our discipleship, whatever call God has placed upon us we should be ready to go. We should be honored to undertake the Lord’s work. No calling can be higher. Of course, our work, the way we make our living should include discipleship at some level. That may be the best part of our job. Our circle of friends and social life should include discipleship. The opportunity will certainly be there. Our family life is a rich arena for discipleship. Is there any more important evangelism than teaching Christian faith to our children?

This is always an imposing time of year in the church. Here we are at what is really the new year for most of us. After a summer hiatus of sorts, we in the church (among many others) see September as a time of getting back to work. We’ve spent the summer in slow down mode. Meetings have been fewer, activities less frequent. People have gone on vacation or have missed Sundays due to other summer activities: that family reunion, the fishing trip, the picnic. But now Charge Conference looms. That means nominating SPRC and Church council have their work cut out for them. All the other committees, Bible studies, fellowship groups and mission groups start in with a will. Let’s Roll.

I don’t know about you but I’ve had a great summer. Still, I have no doubt that it had to end and move on into the fall. Some years, I guess

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## Calvary's Friendship Club

By Rebecca Morris

The Friendship Club would like to recognize and express their appreciation to Ed Van Cleaf for his hard work in framing Calvary's 100th anniversary quilt. The quilt is displayed on the wall in the fellowship hall.

June 20th the Club held a special luncheon in honor of Hannah Ayer who recently relocated to North Carolina to live near her daughter. The luncheon tables were decorated with flowers from Shirley Page's garden; Jean Turner provided a decorated cake; Wilmeta Chance shared the story of Hannah's 26 years at Calvary and how she shared her many talents with everyone. Pastor Chance wrote a poem about Hannah which he shared with everyone; and Fred McConnell took pictures at our Hannah Day. We will miss Hannah at Calvary, and wish her the best.

August 1st we had a luncheon for one of their long time members, Marge Walcavich, who would be moving away during the month. We enjoyed ice cream cake, lots of fresh fruit, and chips. Chris Lick, as always, did a beautiful job of decorating the tables. She bought in a beautiful vase of blue daises and all the tables were decorated in blue and white, including the



Group photo at going away luncheon for Marge Walcavich.

settings of plates and napkins. We surprised Marge with a photo of herself and the group which was taken by Fred McConnell. We were happy that Mrs. Chance could join us. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship. Before leaving, Marge gave us her new address (3158 Gracefield Road, #106, Silver Springs, MD 20904) so we can keep in touch. We will surely miss Marge. ~

The Friendship Club

## Parson to Parson

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I've looked ahead to the September rush and said, "Oh no! Not this again." But most years I'm excited to get back to it. It's the Lord's work after all. There are always surprises, blessings and challenges. How are we going to shape our ministry as Calvary United Methodist Church this year? Who will hold what offices? What decisions are we going to make? What crises are going to arise? How will the Lord bless us this year?

I hope you are with me in anticipating a fall season in which we can live and act out our faith as the people of God. Let's be bold. Let's be strong. Let's have faith and be of good courage. Let's Roll.

Pastor Rob



### **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Choir rehearsal has moved to Thursday evenings at 7pm; all are welcomed.

### **WOMEN'S ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP**

Meets on Thursdays at 5:30 pm at Panera Bread.

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

*23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting how to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. —Hebrews 10:23-25*

Calvary’s United Methodist Men are always about encouragement. Men who are not progressing personally, spiritually, of relationally, have reached this state because they do not risk connecting on an honest level with other men. But we need to! Men relating to other men is right where God wants us to be. It’s where we can get help when we need it most, watch each others backs, pray for and encourage one another, and care enough to confront so that we help each other become the men that God created us to be.

The Lord is looking for *men He can trust, and will obey His guidance. Every Man, God’s Man* – Stephen Arterburn & Kenny Luck.

*I am eager to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. In this way, each of us will be a blessing to the other. —Romans 1:12 (NLT)*

Your brother in Christ,  
Gary W. Hall

### ANNUAL YARD SALE

*(sponsored by the UMM)*

**September 24**  
(8AM – 1 PM)



Space Rental: \$10 ea.  
Table Rental: \$10 ea.

- Vendors must purchase space rental, but have the option to bring your own table.
- Call the church office (301) 645-5247 or Everett Currie (301) 645-7375 for more details and registration form.

## Outreach Committee

**Food Drive**—The weekend of October 7, 8, 9 is the Conference's "Change the World" Weekend. Churches have been challenged to get out into their communities and do something to help their neighbors. Our Outreach team has planned a "food drive." Saturday, Oct. 8th we will have a table set up in front of a local grocery store (*to be announced later, pending permission from the store*) and invite people to donate food or cash to our food pantry. We will need people to man the table. This can be done in shifts. If you will help, please talk to Karen Smith, Chair of Outreach or any member of the team.

**Coat Drive**—We are planning a Coat Drive for this fall. Arrangements are being made, but if you are cleaning out your closets or have an extra coat because you have purchased a new one, please consider donating that old coat. We will provide boxes in which to place the coats and more information will follow soon. Coats should be new or in good condition.

### COUPONS NEEDED!

The Food Pantry is collecting all kinds of coupons for our pantry clients. Please save any unwanted coupons and bring them to church on Sundays or mail them to the church. The plastic tote for the coupons is in the grocery cart in the narthex. You can also give them to Sharon French, our coupon coordinator. Please do your part and help us help those who are less fortunate.

# Children's Sunday School

## September Lessons

### Sept. 4 The Beginning (Genesis 2)

Children will learn how God created the earth. They will also learn that God asked us to help take care of everything he made.

### Sept. 11 - Adam and Eve (Genesis 3)

The biblical story of Adam and Eve will be told to the children. They will learn God loves us even when we make bad choices.

### Sept. 18 - Noah (Genesis 6:8 - 9:17)

Children will learn about Noah and how he was a caretaker of creation. God made a promise to never again destroy the earth with a flood. A rainbow is a sign of that promise.

### Sept. 25 - Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)

Children should be thankful to God for our differences. He makes us different because he cares for us. God hears and answers us in any language.



Bishop Fields  
September 28

## Funnies

### Did Noah Fish?

A Sunday School teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"



### Story of Elijah

The Sunday School teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut a steer in pieces, and laid it upon the altar. And then, Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times.

"Now," asked the teacher, "Can anyone tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?" A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know! I know!" she said, "to make the gravy!"

## Youth Paintball Field Preparation Day

October 2, 2011

Scheduled to begin following morning worship service until 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please come and help us get this ministry one step closer to accomplishing our goal. Bring loppers, trimmers, saws, yard tools, gloves, ropes, and whatever other lawn equipment you have. See Logan Marsh for more details.



## WOMEN OF FAITH

It takes more than an earthquake, tornado and hurricane to stop us! In August, Women of Faith from Calvary braved some of the craziest and potentially most deadly natural phenomena to attend the Women of Faith Conference at the Verizon Center in Washington, DC.

Tuesday before the conference, the Washington DC area experienced a rare 5.9 magnitude earthquake that sent buildings rocking, toppled household objects and rattled a lot of nerves.

Thursday before the conference, there was a tornado warning for St. Mary's county and a tornado was spotted in the Leonardtown area. This occurred around and just behind two of the ladies in Calvary's group as they made their way up to DC for a weekend at the conference.

Then, we had Hurricane Irene to contend with—hurricane and tropical storm warnings in effect during Saturday of the conference! Although this was certainly scary, we were reminded of the

scripture where Jesus calmed the storm (Matthew 8: 23-27). Despite the weather forecast, we experienced the amazing joy of worshiping, praising and exploring God's Word and promises with thousands of other sisters (and a few brothers) in Christ.

Friday night, we were treated to the comedy of Ken Davis, a Christian comedian, whose unique message to "lighten up" as Christians, had conference attendees laughing so hard it probably registered as an aftershock to the earthquake.

Once again, our Women of Faith journey reminded us that, as in the Biblical story, we are blessed that God was and is in control and he brought us all through the conference and the storms safely.

*Women of Faith 2012* - Mark your calendars now and reserve your ticket. With the 2011 Conference still fresh in our minds, now is the time to reserve your spot for 2012. We already

have a limited number of tickets reserved for 2012 and they are fabulous (section 111.) Half of the tickets are already taken. So, now is the time to mark your calendar and get your \$20 deposit in to reserve your seat. The conference will be August 17-18, one week earlier so it will not interfere with the beginning of the school year. Tickets are \$101 (group rate) and includes Friday, Friday night and Saturday, and box lunches for both days.

If you've never been to a Women of Faith Conference, ask around to get feedback from past attendees, then see Dawn Townsend or Cheryl Merkle to make your deposit and reserve your seat. We'd love to have you join our group for 2012!

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S RETREAT

October 7-9, 2011

Come Calvary Women; hurry, hurry, hurry! The deadline is quickly approaching & space is limited to attend the upcoming United Methodist Women's weekend retreat on October 7-9 at the Manidokan Camp & Retreat Center in Knoxville, MD.

The cost is \$120, which includes your room and 5 meals. If needed, payment may be arranged in increments. Please contact Kathy Peters or Marlene Phillips. We plan to leave Calvary's parking lot Friday, October 7th at 1pm and will be returning late afternoon on Sunday the 9th.

This promises to be a memorable weekend to enjoy sisterly spiritual renewal, fun, laughter, and fellowship. We will "lighten up", toss away our cares & burdens, and give God all the glory as He takes control in our lives as only He can do (if we would only let Him!). Make your plans now to "lighten up" and join us for this wonderful women's weekend. See you there!~

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

October 4, 2011

If you are a committee chair, hold an office at Calvary or are just interested in helping Calvary plan her ministries, then you should be attending the Church Council meetings. The Church Council is the governing body of the local church. According to the Book of Discipline, the Church Council is to provide for the planning and implementation of programs of nurture and outreach of the church, and for the administration of its organizational and temporal life. Basically, it provides the leadership for carrying out the mission of the church. If you are interested in carrying out God's

work through Calvary, then you belong at the Council meetings.

These meetings typical last one hour and are held approximately every two months. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 4th at 7pm. At that meeting we expect to begin the 2012 budget process and will also finalize plans for the October Charge Conference. If you have any questions about the meetings or aren't sure if you should attend, please see Pastor Carter or Cheryl Merkle (Church Council Chair) for more information. ~

### Sept. BIRTHDAYS

Choice Bradbury	2
Edna Adams	3
Robin Robinson	3
Sydney Hardy	4
J.R. Souder	5
Doug Peters	5
Hannah Ayer	10
Lynette Louise Starke	12
Linda Fenlon	21
Bob Allard	23
Morgan Louise Starke	27
Gene Talley	27
Thelma John	29
Bishop Hunter Fields	29
Andrew Fenlon	30

### ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Isaiah John	11
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Gundling	30



### Boxes, Boxes, Boxes!

It's not too early to start packing your shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Calvary has participated in OCC, an outreach ministry of Samaritan's Purse, for over 10 years. Through OCC, Christians fill and donate shoeboxes with simple gifts for needy children around the world. Empty shoeboxes have already started arriving. Although Shoebox Dedication Sunday won't be until early November, it's easier to start packing those shoe boxes early. It's also easier on the wallet if you just select one or two items a week for your shoebox. So, grab an empty box or two and start filling your box with school supplies, inexpensive toys, toothpaste and toothbrush, etc. Extra shoe boxes will be provided in the narthex. Last year Calvary dedicated a record 120 gift filled shoe boxes for OCC. Imagine the smiles on those 120 children. Let's see if we can put smiles on the faces of 120 children again this year. ~

### CHARGE CONFERENCE

Again this year, Charge Conference has been scheduled as cluster conferences. We will conference at La Plata UMC on October 23rd. Worship begins at 4:00 pm and our conference is scheduled for 5:00 pm. Charge Conference is open to all members to attend if desired. However, members who hold positions in the church are expected to attend. See Pastor Carter for more details.

# Calendar of Events - October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Forecast for	26 12:00m - Friendship 7:00m - Monday 7:00m - Worship	27 7:15:00m - Mens 8:00m - AA	28 9:30am - Casual 7:00m - 12-Step	29 5:30:00m - Women's 7:00m - Choir	30	1 8am - UMM 5:00m - Bluegrass
2 11am - Youth	3 10:30am - Dominoes 7:00m - Monday	4 7:00m - Church 7:15:00m - Mens 8:00m - AA	5 7:00m - 12-Step	6 5:30:00m - Women's 7:00m - Choir	7	8 8am - Food Drive @ 10am - UMW
9 12:15:00m - Prayer	10 Columbus Day 12:00m - Friendship 7:00m - Monday 7:00m - Worship	11 7:00m - Trustees' 7:15:00m - Mens 8:00m - AA	12 7:00m - 12-Step	13 5:30:00m - Women's 7:00m - Choir	14	15 9am - Church Clean-
16	17 10:30am - Dominoes 7:00m - Monday	18 6:30:00m - Women of 7:15:00m - Mens 8:00m - AA	19 6:00m - Gullfirs Gullid 7:00m - 12-Step	20 5:30:00m - Women's 7:00m - Choir	21	22
23	24 12:00m - Friendship 7:00m - Monday 7:00m - Worship	25 7:15:00m - Mens 8:00m - AA	26 9:30am - Casual 7:00m - 12-Step	27 5:30:00m - Women's 7:00m - Choir	28	29
30	31 Halloween 10:30am - Dominoes 7:00m - Monday	1 7:15:00m - Mens 8:00m - AA	2 7:00m - 12-Step	3 5:30:00m - Women's 7:00m - Choir	4	5 8am - UMM 4:00m - Chili Cook-Off



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