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THE CALVARY CHRONICLE

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OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS

Calvary United Methodist Church, through prayer and GOD'S grace, will listen and respond to the needs of all people to create a better future in the name of our Lord, and Savior, JESUS CHRIST.

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July Birthstone: Ruby
July Flower: Larkspur

When you think about July 4th what comes to mind? Perhaps you think about a day off from work with picnics, fireworks, and those red, white and blue flags displayed in front yards along your neighborhood. This is all good, but the one word that comes to my mind is *freedom*.

It is a fact that we live in the United States of America where we can voice our opinions freely, and can vote for the people of our choice. These are very good reasons why we should never take our freedom for granted.

Each year I notice that some people really go all out decorating for every holiday. For the 4th of July, I display my flag in the yard for the entire month. The flag means a lot to me because of those in my family who have been in wars. I have also had friends who served our country, and I have known some who did not come home.

My father served in World War II. My mother was a Red Cross volunteer during that war. My niece and her husband served in Desert Storm. I also have had loved ones in the Vietnam War and a friend now in Afghanistan. Because of their contributions in keeping us all free, I proudly display the flag.

Have you thought about the American flag and all that it stands for? This emblem of the greatest nation on Earth is placed on graves of our honored dead who fought for us to remain a free nation, and it flies high during times of peace, as well as war. "Old Glory is its name.

There is another real freedom we can have. We can display it every day of the year, and that is our freedom "In Christ" to live a life to glorify Him, so that His banner of love, truth, and peace can be seen by all. It is a flag flown high in the castle of my heart (taken from a song). We can be free in our spirit to serve the Creator of the whole universe and that my friends, is *True Freedom*.

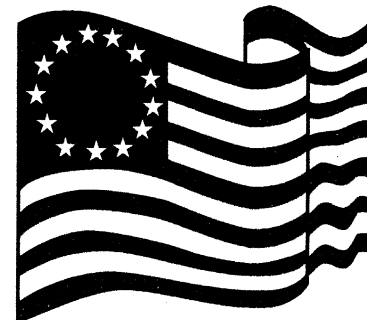
Romans 8:2 says,

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death." (ASV)

Just like the flag that represents freedom, Jesus is a banner over us, protecting and shielding us. He is the "Glory and the Lifter of our heads" at all times. Let freedom ring out in your heart today.

Psalms 3:3 reads,

"Be thou, O LORD, a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head." (KJV)



A positive attitude gives you power over your circumstances instead of your circumstances having power over you.
-Joyce Meyer


**CARMAN'S
CORNER**

July is a month where we celebrate Independence Day. A holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American Colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the British Empire.

We celebrate Independence Day every year with fireworks, cookouts, family gatherings, parties, parades, carnivals, and fairs. We celebrate being independent from a King. A king that oppressed. A king that taxed. So, we celebrate being independent.

There is another independence we should celebrate every day. Our independence from sin. Christ has liberated us once and for all from the snare of sin and death and by His death and resurrection, has blessed us with the incredible gift of eternal, abundant life!

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

Christ paid the ultimate price for us to be independent from our sins. When is the last time you celebrated this independence? When is the last time you thanked God for your freedom of sin?

This independence from sin is for eternity. Because God so loved the world and sent His Son to sacrifice for the forgiveness of your sins you will have a home in Heaven for eternity. As we remember our independence from one King, let us remember to celebrate our independence given to us by another King. Long live King Jesus!

Always be kind.

*If you see someone falling behind,
walk with them.*

*If someone is being ignored,
find a way to include them.*

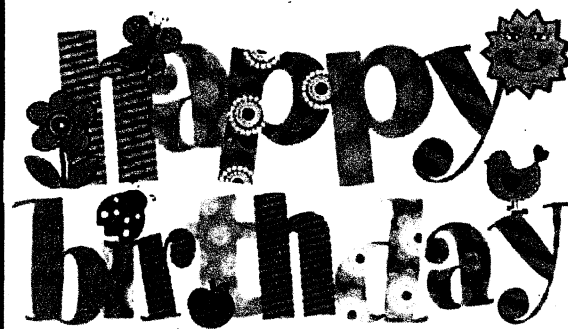
*If someone has been knocked down,
lift them up.*

Always remind people of their worth.

Be who you needed

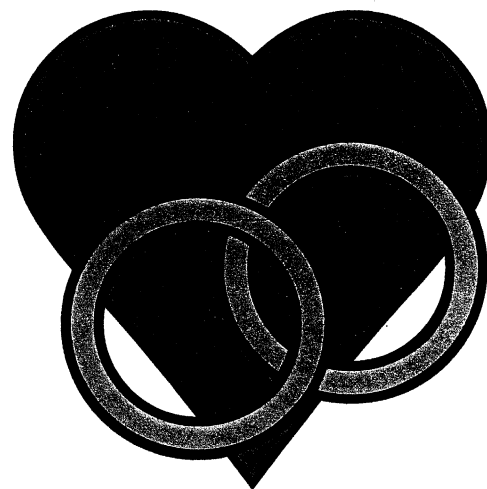
when you were going through hard times.

*Just one small act of kindness
could mean the world to someone.*



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 3	Judy Keifer
July 3	Shirley Lambert
July 6	Katie Dasher
July 6	Nick Punches
July 7	JT Bean
July 7	Jim Carter
July 9	Linda Niceley
July 11	Ron Barnhart
July 14	Mike Ludwig
July 14	Jackie Parsons
July 16	Jalen Brown
July 17	Annie Barnhart
July 17	Leah Brown
July 22	Grant Punches
July 24	Sara Caris
July 26	Wendy Barnhart
July 26	Chad Donsbach
July 31	Annette Estep



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 7	Scott & Jeannette Carman
July 15	Matt & Leesa Caris
July 20	Rick & Heather Bachman
July 26	Harold & Kimberly Freeworth



A huge Calvary
THANK YOU
goes out to the
following people in
the month of June:

Ushers and Greeters

- Tom Gordon
- Shawn Simpson
- Art Armbruster
- Bob Bachman
- Sharon Carter
- Jason Born
- Nathaniel Born

Acolytes

- Miranda Bachman
- Paige Estep
- Miriam Born
- Simon Born

Messages

- Pastor Scott Carman
- Pastor Mike Kelley
- Bridgett Clark

Youth Liturgist

- Jenna Lewis

Children's Bag

- Mason Bachman
- Aiden Meeker
- Drew Fatzinger
- Kylie Keifer

Altar Flowers

- 3rd Bisher Family...to honor Charlotte's 2nd Birthday
- 10th Dick & Judy Keifer...to honor Granddaughter, Lucy's, Graduation
- 17th The Bachman Family...in memory of Blake Austin Bachman
- 24th The Meeker Family...to honor Aiden's Birthday

Power Point

- Heather Bachman
- Rick Bachman
- Ginger Caris
- Cassie Panches

Website Coordinator

- Mitchell Bachman

Church News Assistants

- Patti Bisher
- Donna Box
- Jeannette Carman
- Sharon Carter



JULY CALENDAR of SERVICES and EVENTS



July
1 9:00 am Worship Service



8 9:00 am Worship Service



12 6:30 pm Trustee Mtg.–Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm Adminstrative Council Mtg.–Fellowship Hall



15 9:00 am Worship Service–Graduation Sunday, with church grounds clean–up afterward



22 9:00 am Worship Service



29 9:00 am Worship Service

June Administrative Council Minutes

Pastor Scott opened with devotions and prayer. The Secretary's report was approved as read and the Treasurer's report was discussed. Sharon Carter moved to transfer \$3841 from the parsonage real estate tax fund to the church maintenance fund. Patti Bisher seconded and motion carried. Patti Bisher moved to accept the treasurer's report. Sharon Carter seconded and motion carried.

A discussion was held on the storage of church papers and whether we should continue to use a bank safety deposit box or look into another means in which to store our important documents. Pastor Scott will check on possible Discipline requirements.

July 15, 2018, will be Graduation Sunday. We will also be honoring our Kindergarten Graduates at that time. Nila O'Brien and Patti Bisher will be handling the garage sale in August. Pastor Scott noted that there is a need for an audit to be completed on the church's financial records. We are looking for a volunteer to complete the audit. A discussion was held on how to handle strangers requesting monetary assistance from our church. It was decided that those requests will be forwarded to the Otsego Food Pantry for aid. Our own church's attendees can be helped within our church.

The following special church services will be coming up in the future:

- August 12 Church in the Barn at Parsons County Line Farm 9 am
- August 21 Teacher Appreciation Service at GR Calvary 9 am
- September 16 Fireman's/First Responders Service at GR Fire Hall 10 am

Nila O'Brien is requesting to change our focus for future missions projects. She would like to move our emphasis to children's missions. We will still continue to serve meals twice a year at St. Pauls. We will also continue our scarf, mitten, gloves and coat ministry. It was decided, upon Nila's recommendation, to help two elementary schools with underprivileged students in the Toledo school system. The greatest needs are for school uniforms, school supplies and toiletries for the upcoming schoolyear. Nila will provide a list the the church congregation of the items to be donated. She can also accept monetary donations for the uniforms.

A discussion was held on investment options for the parsonage sale funds. This is the last month of Pastor Scott's assigment at Weston. Pastor Scott will be on vacation September 2nd and Pastor Judie will be filling in on that Sunday.

Meeting adjourned.

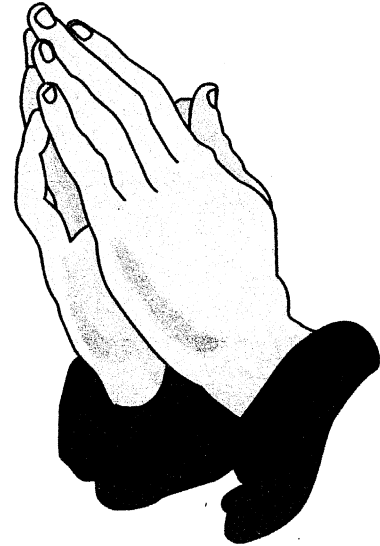
–Submitted by: Pamela Davis, Secretary

June Joys...

- Mitchell Bachman attended Buckeye Boys State and Jenna Lewis attended Buckeye Girls State.
- June Wright is home and is doing well!
- Adam Lewis is enjoying working with children of U.S. Military Personnel stationed in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- Paige Estep participated in her 12th dance recital.
- Linda & Jerry Daniels' daughter, Laura, had surgery and it was successful!
- Simon Born celebrated his 13th Birthday and got to go white water rafting.
- Bailey Bernthisel graduated from Chiropractic School in Georgia!
- Congratulations to Bobby Froman for officialt becoming part of the ministry and being assigned his own churches.
- Ray's says that his family thinks he is spoiled rotten!
- Cassie and Tracy PUNCHES were honored with a surprise party in honor of their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

We Lift Our Hearts in Prayer...

- Prayers Requests for:
 - Lisa (Jody Donsbach's friend)
 - Sara (Nila O'Brien's daughter-in-law)
 - Karis Cocke
 - Linda (Friend of Sondra Harper)
 - Rick Bachman (Surgery and Cancer Treatment)
 - Ida Stott (Surgery)
 - Nancy Heyman (Surgery)
 - Laura (Linda & Jerry Daniels' daughter)
 - Donna (Betty Gordon & Beulah Sautter's sister)
 - Cathy (Sondra Harper's cousin)
 - Rod Fackler's father
 - Anthony (Sondra Harper's friend in Tennessee)
 - Bill (Sondra Harper's friend who is having surgery)
 - Don and Joan Estep, as they travel to Georgia to visit with their son, Donny
 - Our President and Our Country
 - Steve Parsons



We extend our deepest sympathy to Scott DeWese and family in the passing of Scott's Stepfather.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Betty Gordon and Beulah Sautter families in the passing of their Sister, Donna.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Janice Kaiser Brown family in the passing of Janice.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Bernadette Ludwig family in the passing of Bernadette.



The annual church garage sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 10th and 11th. Nila O'Brien and Patti Bisher are chairing our garage sale this year and they are looking for gently used items to sell, bake sale items and help with serving the lunch in the kitchen. If you have items to donate, please contact one of them to make arrangements! Teamwork makes the dream work!!



**let's do
lunch**



**Meeting Saturday, July 21st, 9a.m.
Calvary GR Fellowship Hall**

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry group meets on the third Saturday of each month in the fellowship hall. There is no prior knitting or crocheting experience necessary, so all are welcome to join us! We have many shawls, blankets and pockets available in the church Narthex. If you know of someone who could benefit from this special ministry, please let us know! If you have questions or would like to pick up one of our creations during the week, feel free to contact Jody Donsbach (419-376-1893) or Sharon Carter (419-832-5332).

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Average Cost of a new home: \$26,600.00

Median Household Income: \$7,743.00

Average Cost of a new car: \$2,822.00

Average Cost of gas per gallon: 34 cents

Minimum Wage: \$1.60/hour

Cost of a U.S. Postage Stamp: 6 cents

Cost of a movie ticket: \$1.50

Cost of a loaf of bread: 22 cents

Cost of a dozen eggs: 53 cents

Cost of a gallon of milk: \$1.07

U.S. President: Lyndon B. Johnson

Products Introduced:

Bean Bag Chairs, Hot Wheels Cars,
Hunt's Snack Packs, Lava Lamps,
Ziploc Bags

If we could spread love
as quickly as we spread
hate and negativity,
what an amazing world
we would live in.



Please join us on
Sunday, July 15th
after church as we
work on sprucing up
the church property.
Many hands make
light work!

