



AT CALVARY

A newsletter for the friends of Calvary Community Church

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Calvary Community Church is here to give glory to God, to grow in Christ-likeness, and to go with grace beyond our walls as guided by the Spirit.

Plunge into VBS 2018!

At Splash Canyon VBS, our children learn God keeps His promises on life's wild ride! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where our faithful God keeps His promises to be with us and gives us life and hope through Jesus, our Savior.

Registration is open for ages 4-12 who will attend VBS from **July 23rd to 27th, from 9 to noon**. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more.

Plus, learn that all God's promises are Yes in Jesus!

Can't wait to see you there! To register, sign up online at calvary-boston.org, give the form in the foyer to an usher, call (617) 825-7832, or email calbapt@msn.com.



Shabby Chic and Antique Sale



From the Desk of the Pastor:

As most of those reading this are aware, on June 23rd we held our "Shabby Chic and Antique Sale". By all accounts, it was a great success. We hosted, by my count, nine professional vendors (who offered vintage clothes and fabrics, chic decorative pieces, beauty products, solar energy, hand crafted bags, tchotchkes and food). We received and resold furniture and furnishings of various ages and styles. We welcomed a

good number of people into God's house, giving us the ability to converse with neighbors, buyers, sellers and a retired city councilor. So many volunteers did so much hard work, and I am glad that all that labor paid off. Thanks so much for all who gave their time and/or treasures for this event.



There was one aspect of the sale that took me by surprise: I am so appreciative of the time I was blessed to share with the church family. As we all can attest, we are a society of busy people. We are rarely afforded the opportunity of hours of conversation. But that is what happened while we were serving the community. In the processes of preparing and executing the event, I was able to talk about befriending a Muslim neighbor with one person and about making

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This Month's Ministers

	<u>Platform Assistance</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
3-Jun-18	Jeanine Ferrini	<i>To Be Determined</i>	Emery Stephens
10-Jun-18	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sunday School
17-Jun-18	David Ferrini	Desmond Campbell	Emery Stephens
24-Jun-18	Marie Pereto-Hedin	David Ferrini	Emery Stephens

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ends meet with another. I conversed about family dynamics and parenting challenges. I was able to listen and also be heard. It was a genuine blessing to spend time with one another.

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free. Ephesians 6:7-8 (NIV)

Honestly, I sometimes forget that there is so much more to serving than work. In fact, sometimes the work is not the only place where God is moving; it is in the heart of the worker that the Lord is making the biggest changes. Oftentimes, we, as God's workers, have little control over the eternal productivity of our acts of service: we typically can finish the task (painting the walls of a senior member of the community, handing out cups of cold water to neighbors at a parade or building houses in Mexico), but the real success comes in expressing our motivations in serving (to build genuine relationships and to express the loving grace of Christ).

I am so grateful that we accomplished the physical and spiritual work God created and designed us to perform. I am grateful for the relationships that were formed and/or fostered as we bartered our wares. I am grateful that this one Saturday is not an isolated event. We get to do serve again and again: on Sundays, at Vacation Bible School, through prayer walks and in engaging neighbors. Do you have room in your schedule to share the loving grace of Christ while working up a

sweat in service? Do you have room in your heart for all those with whom God wants you to interact? What a rich reward we reap through the relationships we gain when we serve together.

May God bless you this month,
Michael

Area Prayer Walk

Each month, we meet to walk and pray over our neighborhood and neighbors. Our prayer walk will be held **Monday, July 9, at 10am** (weather permitting). We'd love your company as we interact with the community and exercise body and soul.

Gathering for Prayer and Bible Study

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people (Eph. 6:18)." Join Pastor Mike and others in the church family every **Wednesday night from 7 to 7:45PM** as we pray for the needs of the church and her neighbors **and from 7:45 to 8:30PM** as we take a "second look" at Sunday's message and its impact on our lives. *If you have a need you would like lifted by God's people, fill out a prayer card and place it in the box in the church foyer any Sunday morning, call the church offices at (617) 825-7832 or e-mail the pastor at calbapt@msn.com.*



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Missionary/Ministry for the Month of July

Jane Fischer, Missionary to Japan

JUNE 2018

TEACHING IN THE MIDDLE

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Ending Another School Year...

At the end of each year, my students spend time reflecting on their learning and growth throughout middle school, culminating with their Who I Am Now paper. This is always my favorite paper to read, since students are usually honest and open. Here are a few jewels from this year:

- I was bullied a bit in Japanese school before coming to CAJ, probably because I'm not Japanese, but have blond hair and am cork asian. At CAJ, I am thankful that I am accepted for who I am, and being cork asian does not matter. (She's never learned the spelling of caucasian!)
- I am someone who explores with eagerness the Good News of Christ and extends outward with the love He has shown, so that He will be my Sun that I orbit.
- I really hope that I will grow as a Christian, and that I will get the courage to tell my relatives, especially my parents and my sister.

At the end of this year, we said goodbye to six teachers, four of whom are retiring. Those four, with shoes difficult to fill, have been Godly pillars at CAJ. The other two teachers co-taught with me this year, and I will miss them. I am so thankful to have been able to work side-by-side with these six friends!

One Japanese friend who recently attended a course at Regent College in Vancouver, BC has asked for my help. She took a course on theology, and the English has been quite a challenge for her. I am thankful that I can help, if even a little.

Please pray for these:

- Please pray for the staff and students in transition. In addition to the teachers leaving, we also said goodbye to two students in 8th grade. Pray for their adjustment to new high schools in different countries.
- Please pray for a former teacher who continues to struggle with brain cancer. She and her husband received discouraging news, as the tumors have been growing. Please pray for peace and comfort during this time.
- Please pray for my interaction with my Japanese friend. Pray that I can be an encouragement to her as she finishes her research.
- Please pray for the CAJ staff, for rest and rejuvenation during this time between school years. We want to continue being effective witnesses among our students!

Love in Christ,
Jane Fischer

Monthly Coffee Hour

Please plan on remaining after the worship service on **Sunday, March 11th**, to share in this month's coffee hour. We would be blessed to share with you a bit of pleasant conversation and some light refreshments.



Come to "Summer Christian Education"

All are welcome to our multi-generational Christian Ed. Class every **Sunday at 9:30am** throughout the summer months. We meet downstairs in Axberg Hall to go through "The Travel Guide to the 23rd Psalm". We hope you will join us for this time as we remind ourselves of the great truths of this familiar passage.



Consider Joining the Church

All those who have submitted their lives to Christ are encouraged to be baptized and become a member of the church. If you are interested in pursuing either of these options, please speak to Pastor Mike about making the next commitment.

'Summer' Cleaning

If you can assist the church in some "tidying" of the building and grounds, please contact the church office. We would like to gather a work crew to wash windows and clean up the lawn.



Converge Salutes our Servicemen and Women

Two hundred forty-two years ago, our founding fathers intimately lived with and experienced the blessings and the challenges that accompany two aspects of freedom – freedom of thought and freedom of the will.

Like today, they were not always of one mind and one spirit about what this concept of independence would and should look like. When deciding whether or not to sign the Declaration of Independence, delegates from the 13 colonies wrestled with their consciences, their geographic identities and their philosophies of government. Yet, these differences did not deter them from forging ahead and forming a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the fundamental divine value that all persons are created equal.

Now, 242 years later, we are even more conscious of our diversity and aware that pluralism need not, indeed must not, sideline the higher commitment to battle the wars of injustice, inhumanity and terror. Our military continues to be a successful context and laboratory where women and men of all faith traditions, ethnicities, ideologies and lifestyles commit to serve and sacrifice for the mission and the nation.

Our Converge chaplains in the armed forces (25 on active duty and 26 in the Reserves and National Guard) provide religious ministry to America's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen modeling the fundamental principle that differences need not divide. They are bridge builders and peacemakers bringing together the great diversity that makes our country the envy of the world. To all who have served and who are serving, Converge salutes you, saying, "Happy Birthday, heroes of America, and thank you for your service." We are better together.

Converge chaplain endorser George C. Paul

This Month's Worship Schedule

Current Sermon Series: *The Lord's Letter to the Churches*

July 1st

Guest Preacher, Jess Joles
(Luke 19:1-10)

July 8th

Communion Sunday
"The Awesome Author"
(Revelation 1:12-20)

July 15th

"The Forsaking Church"
(Revelation 2:1-7)

July 22nd

"The Poor Church"
(Revelation 2:8-11)

July 29th

"The True Church"
(Revelation 2:12-17)

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Coffee Time 11:00 Worship	2	3	4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY (church offices closed)	5 <i>Rick Berry's B-day</i>	6	7
8 Communion Sunday 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Coffee Time 11:00 Worship	9 10:00 Area Prayer Walk 7:00 VBS Volunteer Meeting <i>Ed Wallace's B-day</i>	10	11 7:00 Prayer Meeting	12	13	14
15 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:30 Coffee Time 11:00 Worship 12:15 Coffee Hour	16	17	18 7:00 Prayer Meeting	19	20	21
22 Parents' Day	23 9:00 Vacation Bible School	24 9:00 Vacation Bible School	25 9:00 Vacation Bible School 7:00 Prayer Meeting	26 9:00 Vacation Bible School <i>Korena Watson's B-day</i>	27 9:00 Vacation Bible School	28
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What Is Going on At Calvary?

Sundays

Christian Education @ 9:30am

Fellowship Time @10:30am

Worship @ 11:00am

Monthly Coffee Hour @ 12:20pm (2nd Sunday)

Tuesdays (Resuming in Fall, 2018)

Men's Bible Study @ 7:00pm

Wednesdays

Prayer Meeting @ 7:00pm

Thursdays (Resuming in Fall, 2018)

Women's Bible Study @ 10:00am

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