



Spotlight

March/April 2018

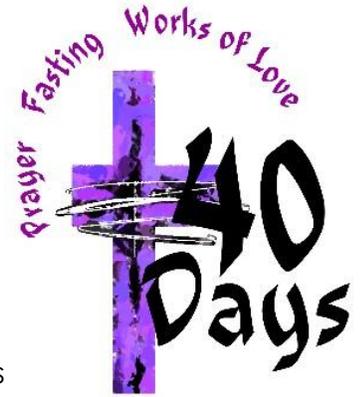
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Intentional Preparation

Hello Calvary Baptist Church family! In this new season of growth in our lives together as individuals and as a church family together, we are mindfully and intentionally seeking God's direction and leading together as we boldly step into the future God has planned for us.

We are excited because we are trusting God to do good things in us, and for our community through our faithfully following where Jesus leads and where the Spirit moves in our hearts, in our midst and in our community. So in this season of Lent, this time of intentional preparation, discipline, a time of transformation and renewal, in preparation to fully enter into the life giving work of Jesus on the cross – we approach the coming Easter season with a sense of gratitude and humility – and look forward to God's invitation into His work of reconciliation, renewal and redemption through Jesus' work of obedience this Easter season! *David McCleary, Pastor*



Easter Flowers



Contact Cynthia Sneyd to contribute funds for decorating the sanctuary for Easter, or assist with flowers delivered to shut ins on this special Sunday.
905.666.1863



2018 Top Items to Give Up for Lent?

Lent is a period of time between Ash Wednesday and Easter where Christians focus on spiritual purification, meditation and penance. It lasts around 40 days, not including Sundays, drawing from the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert before starting his ministry.

Do you have to give something up?

Not necessarily. The focus of the season is on spiritual growth and connection with God. Oftentimes Christians choose to take on something during Lent, like reading more of the Bible or completing daily devotions. Fasting is a traditional part of Lent, but not everyone does it. Its purpose is to symbolize penance and remorse for one's sins. This can also be done by giving up a luxury or by completing acts of charity.

The real aim of Lent is, above all else, to prepare for the celebration of the death and Resurrection of Christ.

Ganaraska Woods

Have you seen this sign-up sheet in Clarke Hall? Take a look – maybe you'll see a project you'd like to take on to contribute to this wonderful ministry.

HELP
US MAKE GANARASKA WOODS
SHINE!

PLEASE CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY FROM THE LIST.
WE SUPPLY THE TOOLS AND NEEDS.
YOU CHOOSE THE TIME.

GARDENING: Front of lodge and well circle.
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GARDENING: South side of lodge, deck furniture.
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PAINTING: Games room, lower level.
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PAINTING: West foyer.
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STAINING: Deck and railings.
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CLEANING: Windows chapel and staff lounge.
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CLEANING: Windows Living and Dining rooms.
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CLEANING: Windows bedrooms 1 – 7.
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CLEANING: Windows bedrooms 8 – 12.

Welcome to Tanya Hardeo Our New Administrator

Starting mid February we welcomed Tanya Hardeo as our new Administrator. Tanya holds a Bachelor of Accounting degree from Ryerson University and has 20 years of experience in accounting and administration. She has been worshipping with Calvary since last year (sitting at the back south side). Take a few moments to introduce yourself to her as she takes on this important role in our Calvary family.

Many thanks to Carol Carney for her years of service in the office. She is taking on the role of providing care for her grandchildren. But don't worry. Carol isn't going anywhere and she will still be attending, singing in the Choir and Praise Team as well as the Worship Team.

Youth & Family Pastor

Calvary has received approval for grant funding from CBOQ and TBM for a Youth and Family Pastor. We are seeking a university graduate in studies in a related field, ideally a theological student or graduate capable of creating and executing a long-term vision for youth ministry. A Search Committee of Rita Deverell, Shelley Faulkner, Heather Gordon, Howard Moriah and David McCleary has been set, and the ad has been posted on numerous sites. Applications have come in, and interviews are being arranged, but there is still time. If you, or anyone you know of, are interested in this part-time contract position, please contact the office at calvaryonmain@bellnet.ca, or contact our church administrator Tanya directly at 416.691.4721. An April 1st start date is anticipated.

Worship Team – Minister of Music Search Update

The Search Committee (Lee-Anne Leadingham – Member-at-large, David McCleary – Ex-officio as Pastor, Cynthia Sneyd & Carol Carney – Choir, Shelley Faulkner – Worship Team and Sharon Paris – Member-at-large, Fred Sneyd and Victoria Drysdale also interviewing) had a wealth of candidates applying for the position of Minister of Music. Interviews have taken place and we have offered the position to an outstanding candidate. Many e-mails have gone back and forth with our Treasurer to define terms and expectations, and we are waiting for a confirmation. This person would start in the summer and bring a wealth and breadth of talents and experience that will elevate our worship to a new level.

Until then Marianne Gast, Fred Sneyd and Albert Wong will continue to provide the fine musicianship we have been enjoying the past year.

Victoria Drysdale, Worship Team Leader

Financial Results

The preliminary financial statements to mid-February show roughly break-even results for the first six weeks of the year versus a deficit at this time last year. Giving is down slightly from the prior year, but offset by increased rental income from Heavenly Light. Expenses are largely as expected, although heating costs are higher than the prior year due to the cold winter we are having.

Update on Grant Application: Canada Summer Jobs

We have submitted a grant application to Canada Summer Jobs seeking funds for three summer students, one outreach assistant to work with our part-time youth pastor, and two repair and maintenance technicians to work on clean-up and improvements both within the church as well as work on church grounds. Although we cannot be certain that funds will be granted, or if successful whether we will receive everything we have requested, if we do succeed we would like to be prepared to take advantage of the funding. If you know of any potential applicants within the Calvary family or immediate community, please let our office administrator Tanya Hardeo know. The notice date for whether or not we have been awarded a grant will be early April, one month prior to the start date of May 1st for the positions.

Heather Mains, Treasurer

Moderators Thoughts

Day by day the Lord continues to be gracious to us, and by His grace, we continue to work towards reaching the community around us with the love of Jesus.

This year the Woman's World Day of Prayer focuses on Sumatra, a small South American country, rich in beauty, but lacking much of what we consider necessity. Resources have been plundered, lands and lakes contaminated and threatened by the effects of global warming.

I am acutely aware of how richly we, at Calvary have been blessed. We have a proud history, and the challenge of being relevant in today's world, to continue God's work into the future. We are charged to be responsible with the resources given to us. Together we need to do the best we can with what we have. God will lead us, when we follow His will. Together we are His Church, His family, Brothers and Sisters to each other. Like a family, each of us has a part to play.

Let's strive to "Love, encourage and build one another up in Christ." (Ephesians 4:15 & 16) and "be accountable to one another and lovingly hold each other to account." (Galatians 6:1)

Tina Timmermans

Bring Your Care Centre Donations to Church Sundays

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As you are shopping and see some of these items at reduced prices, it's a good opportunity to pick-up a few extras for the Care Centre.

- Canned Vegetables/Fruit ♦ Soup
- Pasta Sauce ♦ Pasta ♦ Kraft Dinner
- ♦ Hand Soap ♦ Toothpaste ♦ Shampoo
- ♦ Tooth Brushes

Drop your donation into the basket at the front of the sanctuary.

Did You Know ...

Love & Prayers

- On February 12th Jack Vitto's mother passed away with the funeral service held February 16th from Pine Hills Visitation Centre. Our church family sends their love and prayers to Jack and his family.
- Word has been received of the passing of Rev. Dr. Stuart Frayne in Kamloops, British Columbia on January 12th. Stuart was Pastor at Calvary in the 1970s. Our love and prayers go out to his family.

We Will Miss

- Rae and Henry Condie who move to Port Hope February 26th. Their new address is Roseglen Village, #307, 53 Wellington Street, Port Hope, Ontario L1A 2M5. Our church family sends their love and best wishes to Rae and Henry in their new home.





The February 18th Music on Main attracted over 100 attendees, who enjoyed the talents of the Scarborough Music Lovers Band & the East York Barbershoppers. Next concert Friday, April 20th.




Easter Choir
If you enjoy singing and can carry a tune, we encourage you to come out and join the choir. Presently we are practicing the anthems for Easter and would love to have more voices join us.
We practice the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month in the sanctuary. Hoping to see you there.

Many thanks to our Shrove Pancake Dinner kitchen crew – Cynthia Sneyd, Don & Shawn Ronson, Carol & Frank Carney and Marita & Jack Vitto. People from the church, school and community attended.



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March Birthdays

- 3 Rashan Edwards
- 4 Janet Elliott
- 7 Marita Vitto
- 8 Tina Timmermans
- 11 Barbara Sneyd
- 17 Fred Sneyd
- 19 Barbara Gibbings
- 27 Lily Elliott

April Birthdays

- 4 Andrew Petralis
- 8 Ian Drysdale, Wendy Wood
- 10 Gord Moore
- 12 Rae Condie
- 13 Jessie Attan
- 16 Kathie Collins-Williams
Margaret Ledger
- 21 Shawn Ronson
Marlene West
- 24 Howard Moriah

If your birthday is missing, please let the office know.

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 2 – World Day of Prayer at Grant AME Church 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 4 – Hand Bell practice 7 p.m. in the balcony

Sunday, March 11 – Andrea Cambridge Preaching
Hand Bell practice 7 p.m. in the balcony

Tuesday, March 13 – Mission Team Mtg – 7:30 p.m. Resource Room

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday Service 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 1 – **Easter Sunday**



Happy 90th Birthday Yvonne Walmsley (February 8) celebrated at our Huddle

The Main Thing • Calvary Baptist Church

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