



Spotlight

Love Thy Neighbour

May/June 2017

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Saturday June 24th

Calvary's Annual Picnic at Ganaraska Woods

*Come enjoy a day of
outdoor fun, swimming,
games, hiking trails.*



*Hot dog lunch, cold
meat, salads & ice
cream dinner.*

Let the office know if you
need or can provide a ride.
www.ganaraskawoods.com

Last November we devoted a service to a group discussion about our vision for the future. We've taken those ideas and distilled them into objectives. Simply put, our goal is: "To achieve spiritual growth and create a loving space for the Calvary community of worship." We want to live out Jesus' injunction to love God and love our neighbours as ourselves, to continue to be a welcoming, loving, and inclusive community and resource for our neighborhood.

The Mission Team is working to develop an operational framework to achieve those objectives. We want to open ourselves to the community, make modest improvement to the facilities, and through outreach, welcome newcomers to our congregation. Our first step will be to hire a summer student as community outreach coordinator to work on improving accessibility to our facilities. This will entail two phases: Phase I will be to build a new access ramp from the parking lot to north side of building to replace the existing ramp which recently failed and is no longer safe for ongoing use. Phase II will be to develop a longer term plan for a community garden, an accessible washroom closer to the sanctuary and other improvements to ensure that we can welcome all of our neighbors to join us in the sanctuary.

We've had some encouraging signs that things are happening, opportunities to fill our facility and use it the way God intended. We've received notice of a grant to hire the summer student, and we are awaiting news from the Rick Hansen Foundation to see whether our application for funds for the ramp has been approved. We've been approached by a group that is interested in using our sanctuary. Discussions have begun to develop our Sunday School and to start an Alpha group.

In the last year, little by little, step by step, we here at Calvary, as a church family have sought to listen to the "still small voice" of God by prayerfully looking to the future, looking at the needs of our neighbours and our neighbourhood, and seeing how best we can continue to be a loving, welcoming and safe sacred Christian space to live, love and grow together! There are signs of this community developing all around us:

- certainly on the Mission Team we are developing a shared plan and more mutually supportive initiatives in each aspect of our respective ministries;
- they are looking for ways to work together more on projects and looking for ways that they can include the larger community more in the things that they are doing – we are even inviting our neighbours to our rummage and Christmas bazaar;
- we are inviting other Christian communities and Christian organizations into Calvary and in the fall we are launching an introduction to Christianity program called Alpha ;
- we are fixing up our physical facility, building a ramp and fixing the floors, but we are also painting Clarke Hall and sprucing up

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Finance & Facilities Team Report

	2017		2016
	Actual	Budget	Actual
INCOME			
General Offering	\$ 22,185	\$ 20,219	\$ 20,997
Leroux	35,800	35,800	35,800
Shiloh & other rentals	3,940	4,034	2,750
Fundraising and other	3,130	6,111	3,953
TOTAL INCOME	65,055	66,164	63,500
EXPENSE			
E - Facilities Team	32,367	35,974	24,569
F - Ministry Support & Admin	2,566	1,833	5,034
G - Worship Team	1,916	783	1,718
H - Christian Education	-	433	200
I - Pastoral Care Team	478	960	49
K - Finance & Stewardship	3,910	2,730	1,711
L - Salaries and Benefits	30,450	37,184	26,143
TOTAL EXPENSE	71,687	79,897	59,424
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (6,632)	\$ (13,733)	\$ 4,076

The results to April 30 reflect envelope and plate giving slightly ahead of budget and prior year. We're very grateful that this reflects an increase in regular giving. Other income (usually from bequests) and specials (fundraising) are difficult to predict, and to April 30 fell below budget but the gap could close later in the year. Efforts to replace income lost due to the Shiloh closing are underway, with a prospective group interested in renting starting in August. If successful, this would close the budget gap for 2017. For now, income from Hall and other rentals (including parking lot) have substantially covered the Shiloh shortfall.

On the expense side, we have had savings on gas due to the warm winter, the vacancy in the Music Director position, and lower spending on Sunday School. We will monitor these variances and where possible redirect savings towards supporting our ministry and maintaining the building. In summary, although revenue fell below budget by \$1.1k, expenses were lower by \$8.2k. We incurred a loss of \$6.6k vs. a budgeted loss of \$13.7k.

Upcoming Initiatives

At the January Huddle, the congregation gave consent for the Treasurer to pursue funding for operating and capital funds for projects to include improved access to the Church facilities and in partnership with members of the community, to develop a community garden. I am pleased to report that we have received funding from Canada Summer Jobs to hire a student to fill the role of Community Outreach Coordinator for an 8- week period this summer. This person will be tasked with developing the access plan and to work on community partnerships. We've also submitted an application to the Rick Hansen Foundation for funding of an access ramp. If successful we will be advised by May 31. *Heather Mains, Treasurer*

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the hallways so that our church continues to be warm and inviting both spiritually, and physically!

Let us pray to God to help us continue to nurture and develop these positive signs of growth in our community as we look forward to what God is going to do next in our hearts, in our lives together and in our community! God bless you!

Blessings, Pastor David

Did You Know ...

Love, Prayers & Sympathy

- ➔ The family of Kennie Crockford announce her passing on Monday, May 15th in her 101st year. The love, prayers and sympathy of our church family are with her sons Jay and Brad, daughters-in-law Kathy and Marion, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Kennie was a long-time member of Calvary Baptist, moving to Picton in 2016 to be closer to her family. A celebration of Kennie's life will be held Saturday, June 3rd at 11 a.m. at Calvary Baptist with Rev. Rex Deverell officiating.
- ➔ To the family of Doreen Oberlin Knotts who passed away at True Davidson Acres Home in March. Details are not available. Doreen worshipped with our church family for many years.

Congratulations

- ➔ Congratulations to Royal and Christina Carney on the birth of their daughter, Emeryson, on March 28th weighing 4 lbs. 15 oz., a sister for Kennedy. Carol and Frank Carney are the proud grandparents.
- ➔ Joan Butchers, sister of Evan, who celebrated her 80th birthday recently. Donations, in the amount of \$665 her honour were received by the Food Bank of the Grace Pascoe Care Centre. Joan, when living in Toronto, was a long time member of Calvary.

Love & Prayers

- ➔ Victoria Drysdale, who is recovering from knee replacement. Rita Deverell, who is also in the knee surgery recovery phase. Tom Crosby who suffered a heart seizure Thursday, May 2nd.

Thank You

- ➔ To our church family who responded to the financial appeal to assist Benjamin Adjei who has to return to his home country of Ghana. Benjamin worshipped with us while studying at Tyndale.

Worship Team Update

It has been a springtime of freshness at Calvary. We have greeted new people who have joined our church family and felt a general openness to the innovative and exciting things God has in store for us. We especially welcome members of Shiloh Baptist who are now worshipping with us.

During the search for a new Director of Music, the Worship Team would like to thank Fred Sneyd and Shelley Faulkner for providing the musical component of our service that is so vital for worship. We also thank Gerald Martindale for his interim work as well as Marianne Gast who will see us through the summer months.

Many thanks to our Music Search Committee who have been through the process, but did not find anyone who was the right fit for our music ministry. We ask for your prayers as this Committee rethinks the position, and reworks the advertisement that will lead us to the person who will provide the musical excellence that leads, enhances and deepens the life of the Calvary family in worship.

Victoria Drysdale

Many thanks to outgoing Moderator Marguerite Campbell who continued on in the role beyond her term to provide continuity for Pastor David as he settled into his role at Calvary. The search for a new moderator continues.



Last month on our sign:

"The Lord is my shepherd – and that's all I need to know!"
Music on Main promotion (2 wks)

"Live for the Day
Not by the Day!"

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 4: **Pentecost**. Shelley Faulkner delivering the Message

June 8-10: **CBOQ Assembly** Hilton Mississauga. Theme "Pouring In" with speaker Gordon MacDonald. Worship Leader Steve Bell. While we have our two official delegates, anyone is invited to join the evening worship sessions. Ask Pastor David.

Sunday, June 11: **Pot Luck Huddle**

Tuesday, June 13: **Mission Team Mtg** 7:30 p.m. in the Resource Room

Saturday, June 17: **Treasures Shared Sale** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Church Parking Lot. See page 3

Sunday, June 24: **Calvary Church Picnic**. See page 1

Sunday, October 1: **Anniversary Service** with CBOQ Executive Minister, Tim McCoy

Fri – Sun, October 27-29: **Women's Retreat at Ganaraska Woods**



Music on Main

This spring we were treated to two extraordinary concerts. On March 24th Thomas Bell, Director of Music & Organist at St. Paul's Bloor Street and Shelley Faulkner/Merilee Brand were delightful (left & below).



On May 12th the University of Mary Hardin Baylor Crusaders provided a eclectic selection of opera. (see right) We were doubly blessed by this talented group of young people, as they provided the service music for our Mother's Day Sunday service.



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- 3 Garry Kelley
- 10 Jack Vitto
- 11 Ben Frank
- 12 Victoria Drysdale
Esther Mae McCleary
- 16 George Dewar
- 17 Fred O'Sullivan
- 20 Norma Forrest
- 22 Connie Elliott
- 23 Catherine Churchill Frank
- 27 Kent Faulkner

July Birthdays

- 2 Eileen Kelley
- 4 Tom Crosby
- 7 Helen Boyko
- 17 Rex Deverell
- 18 Owen Cambridge
- 21 Pat Dewar
- 22 Jennifer Chenery
- 26 John Cambridge
- 29 Greg Frank
- 30 Marita Engel



Treasures Shared Sale

Saturday June 17, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
72 Main Street
(south of Gerrard at Benlamond)



Hot dogs • Coffee
Decorate-your-own-Cupcakes

Remember when doing Spring cleaning, save those items you no longer use or need and donate to our church yard sale.

Bring your stuff into the church for sorting, and plan to help out on the day.

Please contact Cynthia Sneyd at cynthiasneyd@gmail.com

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