



Calvin Courier

June 2018

Uganda 2018 August 1-16



Yes, once again a group of Calvin folks are off to Uganda! Judy Kraft, Callie Newton and Vanessa Washburn will be the team for this trip, bringing a variety of talents and experiences to our friends in Africa.

Judy will be reviewing the records for the Asante Program and developing, with the Uganda staff, plans for the future. Friends of the Family are sharing their healthy relationships materials that Judy will discuss with the older youth.

Vanessa will be working with the children at Lighthouse School; teaching and

getting acquainted, guiding them in their lives as children of God. Callie will be recording what we see and do so that we can bring back video images for you to enjoy and for use in recruiting others to help. We will also be visiting homes, ministering to the women, and presenting a video series on marriage to couples. As always, these plans are held lightly so that we can be sensitive to God's purposes for this trip.

We need your help to make all this possible. Each of the team members are contributing what they can to the trip, but the expenses (\$6000) are more than we can supply. Please pray about what God would have you give to this effort. To date, \$4660 has been received.



Latvia 2018 July 23-27

This marks the fifth year that Calvin will send teachers to lead English camp in Madona, Latvia and continues a more-than 20-year history of serving the Lord and building relationships in Latvia. This camp is in association with Eagle's Wings, a mercy ministry of Philomath-based Bridge Builders International.

This year's team is: Marc, Carol and Katie Andresen; Skip and Laura Rung; Janae Miller, Callie Newton, and Sarah Munoz of Corvallis First Baptist Church. The group will teach practical

English classes twice per day to about 30 campers. This year's camp theme is the cardinal virtues and fruit of the Spirit.

There are few opportunities like this in Latvia. Children - most of whom come from poor and broken homes - spend most of their summer inside on screens. English camp not only facilitates learning, but a connection to their local church youth group and opportunity to hear the gospel.



Summer Sunday School

Children's Sunday School classes are on break until September. All are welcome to attend the adult class in Olleman Hall D. This is a time of discussion and looking deeper into

the morning's sermon scripture. No preparation necessary, and the scripture is included in the weekly Calvin Update email.

Groovin' in the Garden, July 11

Instead of doing VBS this summer, we are planning 2 community picnics on July 11 and August 15. July 11 will be bring-your-own picnic dinner, with music, lawn games, and popsicles. August 15 will be a potluck. Look for Vanessa at church on July 1 and 8 to sign up to help with set up, clean up, games, drinks, and more. Pray about who you can invite and that neighbors and gardeners would join the fun.

Summer Sermon Series

July 15 will be the start of our next preaching series, which will focus on the Psalms.



For thousands of years, the Psalms have been the prayer book of the church. In Dietrich Bonhoeffer's words, they are God's extended answer to the disciples' request, "teach us how to pray," as we learn through them how to relate to God in every season. In success and in failure, in peaceful times and in times of tumult, they show us how to bring our full selves before the Lord and how he is present and active in each of these situations. Due to the length of the book, we will only have time to cover a selection of the Psalms, but our hope is that we have selected a broad enough sampling that we will at least be introduced to the main ideas of the book. We look forward to studying this book with you and hearing what God has to say to us through it!

Spring Brunch

The Calvin Women's spring brunch was held on the morning of May 19. As always, the food and fellowship were enjoyed and appreciated by those in attendance. Cindy Rodgers, Women's Ministry Coordinator and office manager at Calvary Chapel, was our guest speaker. Cindy shared her personal experiences of seeing God's hand print in her life. She shared many stories of God's faithfulness that were evident during medically stressful times for her family.



Women's Coffee Mornings

Women, make note of these dates for summer coffee mornings. This is a great chance to get to know one another better as we enjoy coffee and goodies. Many thanks to Deb Kennedy for hosting the June coffee.

July 17, on the church patio, 10 a.m.

August 21, Kim Oxsen's, 10 a.m.
Bring a mug and a friend.

Baby Shower! Monday July 9, 6:30

All women are invited to come celebrate with Lauren Van Arsdel. Join us in Olleman Hall C/D. Baby Van Arsdel is due in August. Lauren is registered at Amazon.com. Click on Baby Registry and enter her name.

CWAC Fellowship

Many thanks to Calvin for your prayer support, facility use, and fruit provision. The developmentally disabled Bible class week was successful beyond previous years. We had 33 students who heard God's word presented and had a fun



time too!
Gratefully,
Laura Rung,
Director

Hospitality & Evangelism

By Andy Van Arsdel

On Sunday, June 3, we had a workshop to discuss the intersection of evangelism and hospitality. In salvation, we see God's radical hospitality to us: that he adopted us as his own children, betrothed himself to us, and made us members of his own body. Each of these is a picture of how God opens up his life to us, and they show us how salvation is largely a matter of God being hospitable to us. There's a saying

that what you win people with is what you win them to, so if we are trying to win people to God's hospitality, then it makes sense to start by demonstrating his hospitality to those we are seeking to win. In that spirit, we showed hospitality to one another by sharing a meal together and having a discussion around our tables about how we can be more intentional in sharing God's hospitality with our unbelieving friends, family members, and neighbors.

Welcome New Members!



We welcomed new members on May 20: Andy & Lauren Van Arsdel, Janae Miller, Matt & Katie Terry, Brian Stone, Sarah & Jeremy Andresen, Kat & Paul Armatis. Brian was also baptized.

Promotion Sunday

