



The Friendly News

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The Pastor's Corner

Telling Our Stories

Storytelling is powerful! Growing up, I heard many stories about life from my maternal grandmother. They are still fresh in my mind. The stories my grandmother told helped me to identify who I am and how I ought to live in this world. I have realized that stories help us to nurture in us new sense of purpose and help discover new ways of being in the world. Stories bear the past, and communicate the present and future. They tell about others and ourselves. Our stories as well as others' become a rich source for existence in the world.

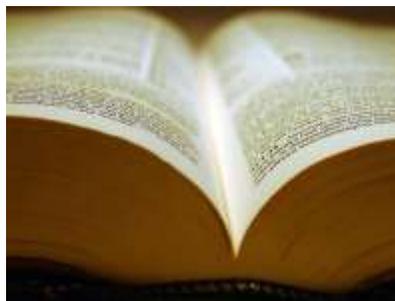
The Bible, a treasure house of stories recorded extensively, shows us what story we have. Its treasure is invaluable for human beings seeking to find faithful ways of being in the world. In this amazing BOOK are found stories of struggle, success, hostility, uncertainty, generosity, friendship, pain, suffering, betrayal, sacrifice, joy, birth, death, comfort, dilemma, sickness, poverty, anger, hubris, shame, love, killing, war, enmity, forgiveness, reconciliation, perseverance, sloth, jealousy, faith, redemption, It contains the stories of the ways of living and doing in the world. We meet people in the Bible who lived those lives just as we meet people living like us in the midst of challenges. The stories in the Bible are not different from ours today. What is not different is also our desire to seek God, seek to understand God's will and plan for us so that we can live faithfully. We aspire to become the people God created us to be, and as a church, we seek to become the faith community we are called to be. Each individual and each church has a story to tell, and the question is: What kind of a story do we have?



Sharing of stories or testimonies is a longstanding practice in the church. I encourage you to think about your story. What is your story about God at work in your life? Not all people feel comfortable to tell their stories—some feel nervous and intimidated. Take some time to pray about it. You may share your story of God’s work in you during Sunday morning worship, at the deacons meeting, our Wednesday midday Bible study, during coffee hour, and places you feel safe to share. You have a story to tell. If you don’t tell it you will miss the opportunity to shape someone’s life and faith today. Through storytelling, we discover that we are not alone. We also let others know that they are not alone.

Whose story changed your life? Which story in the Bible resonates with you? Do you have a story to share to benefit others, perhaps, a child without a mentor, to show him/her the way; a young person seeking God; someone struggling with personal demons; some lonely souls?

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. Psalm 78:4 (ESV).





Mother's Day

A Thought To Remember *A Mother's Tribute to Her Children...*

“When I first looked at that tiny, wrinkled face and those little clinched fists, “That was Mother’s Day!...I have shared so many happy moments with you, some you may never realize, were so important to me. Your first tooth, your first wobbly step and that most important first word. Those were all Mother’s Days to me...I watched you at play and punished you in time of need. I’ve had to share you with classmates, teachers and friends, and now some of you with husbands and wives. Sometimes I’ve even been a bit jealous. But those times you chose to share your thoughts and dreams with me...”That was Mother’s Day!” We haven’t always agreed on everything and many times you were told “No” to certain things, but that is part of growing up and your respect for my decision meant so much to me...I know the time has come for some of you and coming soon for the rest to make your own way in life, but never forget this, my children, as long as you love God and are well and happy each day will be Mother’s Day!”

“Every mother has those tiny worn baby shoes and chewed toys and thousands of memories to look back on and the joy of watching you grow up and succeed to look forward to - and no matter if you are far away, the sound of your voice saying, “Hi Mom—It’s me.” That makes it Mother’s Day.”

Author Unknown

Mother’s Day is celebrated this year on May 13, 2018.





Father's Day

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it...Dad.

Author Unknown

Father's Day is celebrated this year on June 17, 2018.



From Our Kitchen



Lemon-Basil Pasta

Makes: 4 Servings

Start to finish: 25 minutes

Ingredients:

10 ounces dried linguine or desired pasta

1 19-ounce can white kidney (cannellini) beans, rinsed and drained

1/2 of a lemon

3 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup packed fresh basil leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Directions:

1. Cook pasta according to package directions, adding beans for the last 2 minutes of cooking time. Remove 1/2 cup of cooking liquids; set aside. Drain pasta and beans; cover to keep warm.
2. Meanwhile, finely shred peel from the lemon half (about 2 teaspoons). In a small skillet heat 1 tablespoon of the oil over medium heat. Add lemon peel; cook and stir 1 minute, or until lightly golden.
3. In a blender combine cooked lemon peel, basil, the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil, the juice from the lemon half, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Cover and mix until smooth. Add reserved cooking liquid, 1 tablespoon at a time, until desired consistency.
4. To serve, toss hot cooked pasta mixture with lemon-basil mixture.

Adapted from MidWest Living



May Birthdays

Chance Bitegetsimana - May 5

Richard Strong Jr. - May 5

Dawn Regan - May 12

Karen Pica - May 15

BoChum Sim - May 20

Ruth Webber - May 22

Donna Breault - May 22

Nina Noel - May 24

Bette-Gail Strong - May 25

Maude Lacoey - May 27

Brenda Lewis - May 28

Atula Jamir – May 29

James Donahue - May 31



*Happy Birthday from
all of us at Calvary!*

*Please contact the
church office if we have
missed anyone.*

June Birthdays

Randy Harmon - June 2

Keith Bennet Jr. - June 3

Andrea Connelly - June 5

Anthony Cruz - June 13

Lynda Gambale - June 15

William Roberts - June 24

Marion Crayton - June 24

Doris Phinney - June 25



From the Deacons

Hello Calvary Folks,

Just to keep you abreast to the work of the Deacons - as you read this the roof is finally getting a new hat on with the money we raised and the very generous gift from George Garmon. We were able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Many thanks to George - (for those that do not know George he has been a member of Calvary for 72 years) the roof, new gutters, and all chimney work is being done. Also many thanks to Elisa and Mark Ouellette and Marcia and Gary Long - for work well done and donations towards the new floor and painting in the downstairs Sunday School room. A new back door has been ordered for the downstairs entrance - members from our Burmese Church, Voice of Peace, and Calvary gathered to clean the kitchen. Many thanks. There is much work to be done and many hands make a light load easier. The Deacons are meeting this month with Donna Breault to get things for our 150th anniversary celebration. Upcoming events will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month to raise funds for the big celebration in 2019. Save the dates and plan to attend!

May 13 - Mother's Day Breakfast

June 9 - Spaghetti Dinner

July 14 - Strawberry Festival

August 11 - Ice Cream Social

September 8 - Bean Supper

October 13, November 10, and December 8 to be announced.

Come enjoy the fun and help us celebrate! Janet Paton, Ticket Chairperson, will be happy to sell you tickets.

Faye Roberts, Moderator

P.S. There will be many other things going on with the Deacons and we will keep you all informed.



Happy spring everyone! As the weather improves and we get close to the end of the school year, we all start to think about vacations and getting away. This is also a time of year when attendance at Sunday morning worship services tends to decrease. The typical result of this decline in attendance is that there is a decline in donations during the summer months. Please try to remember that even though we go on vacation, our bills do not. That includes the bills related to the operation of the church. Please try to keep this in mind and do what you can to keep up with pledges over the summer so we can maintain the operational budget of the church. Thank you all and have a great summer!

Alan Breault, Collector

Praying for One Another

Ngabuen Nshom	Carol Yeomans
Charles Lehman	Savon Vath
George Garmon	Ruth Porter
Laurie Douillette	Helen Wilson-Quebec
Shirley Crocker	
Vannary Chan	

We continue to pray for one another in different circumstances. If you would like a prayer, please call the church office or the pastor so that we can print your name in our upcoming newsletters.



Happenings



Fundraising Events

Please mark your calendar!

All events to be held at the church, 60 Hastings Street, Lowell MA 01851. These events are each fundraisers leading to the culmination of the 150th Anniversary Celebration which will be held next year - date to be determined. Children 5 years old and younger have free admission.

May Breakfast

Sunday, May 13, 2018

7:00am - 10:00am

Donation: \$10 Adults, \$8 6-12 years old

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, June 9, 2018

5:30pm

Donation: \$10 Adults, \$8 6-12 years old

Strawberry Festival

Saturday, July 14, 2018

2:00pm - 5:00pm

Donation: \$10 Adults, \$8 6-12 years old

Ice-Cream Social

Saturday, August 11, 2018

2:00pm - 5:00pm

Donation: \$10 Adults, \$8 6-12 years old



Regularly Scheduled

- Sunday Worship: 10:45am
- Bible Study Wednesday 1pm
- TeensAlive Meeting 1st & 3rd Saturdays 4-6pm
- Pastor's new office hours: Tuesday - Friday 9am to 2pm.

In the Community

American Red Cross Sound the Alarm campaign— On May 5, 2018 in Lowell the American Red Cross will be installing 450 smoke alarms in 150 Lowell homes for free. If you would like an installation please call 800-746-3511 or visit

SoundTheAlarm.org to learn more.

Merrimack Valley Ringers free concert—Sunday, May 6 at 4:00pm. Chelmsford Bible Church, 128 Gorham Street, Chelmsford MA. There will be a collation in the fellowship hall following the concert.

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