

News from Calvary

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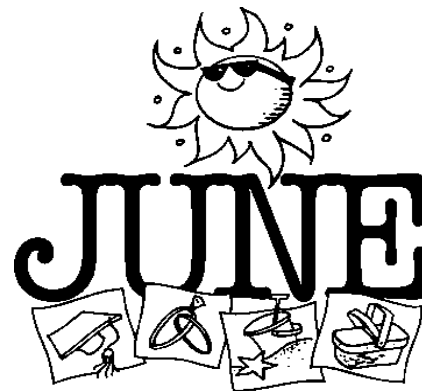
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From the Pastor:

It is that time of year when magazines will come out with their suggested summer reading list, and in those listings you will be best able to find books from the seller lists along with classics long forgotten yet still worth a look. Summer is the time for grabbing up some light reading, mindless diversions, to take with us 'down the ocean' or on vacation.

I recently picked up a book which had taken up residence in the trunk of my car. I was early for a meeting, which rarely happens, but I usually keep a book in the car in the event the beltway has not been a parking lot... or the meeting doesn't begin on time. So as I waited for my meeting to commence I sat on the edge of my trunk and read a few pages of Eugene Peterson's *Eat This Book*. It is an interesting book about how we Christians will frequently pursue spiritually reading as casually as we might read a romance novel. We speed read serious writers and serious writings as if we are just killing time, but most importantly for Peterson is that we read the Bible in the same way.

In his book, as the title indicates, Peterson was grasped by that vision created in scripture of Jeremiah (5:1-4), Ezekiel 2:8 ff), and most importantly John, in the Revelation (10: 9). All of these visionary people were commanded to stop what they were doing and "Eat this scroll". They were also warned



that it would be sweet in the mouth but bitter to the stomach. All of us have a tendency, in our Bible as light fare reading, to simply savor the sweetness of scripture in our mouths and ignoring that which would upset our stomachs. Peterson writes early in the book *"We don't form our personal spiritual lives out of a random assemblage of favorite texts in combination with individual circumstances; we are formed by the Holy Spirit in accordance with the text of Holy Scripture. God does not put us in charge of forming our personal spiritualities. We grow in accordance with the revealed Word implanted in us by the Spirit."* (pg. 15)

This isn't easy for us to hear. We like our summer reading, like our summer meals, to be light fare, but Summer is also the season when the rest of creation is growing and producing fruit... shouldn't we be doing the same thing. Shouldn't we be challenged by scripture, and reinvigorated by the Spirit of God, to grow, even if the growth is counter cultural. Enjoy your summer reading, but don't let your soul be satisfied with merely junk food.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday Evening Programs June 2nd and June 09th. The season for these programs ends June 09th and will resume in the Fall, on Wednesday, September 08th.

June 6th Communion

**SUNDAY June 13th Youth Sunday
Congregational Business Meeting immediately following worship service.**

**3:00 P.M. ORDINATION
CEREMONY FOR RUTH KULKARNI
AND
CHRISTIAN KIRBY.**

**MONDAY June 14th 12 Noon- Annie
Armstrong Circle meeting in the home of Ethne Higginbotham. Please call Alta Schuster for arrangements to carpool. 410-252-2855**

**TUESDAY June 15th, 6:00 p.m. Needles and
News night out, Supper at Bob Evans in
Timonium. Everyone is invited.
Please call the church office if you plan to attend.**

Make plans to come to the **Church Picnic on Saturday June 19th** at Rocky Point Park. Bring some friends... whatever, just come. We will be eating lunch together at noon, and the church will provide the fried chicken. Please sign up for the picnic on the sign-up sheet by the back door or on the registration cards. Let us know how many will be coming and whether you will bring a salad, vegetable or dessert.

**June 28th 10:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Sarah's
Hope. Please come when you can.**

June 27th Pick-up cakes for Our Daily Bread and return by Saturday July 3rd.

Monday Summer Suppers:

Because a number of people in need have been joining us on Wednesday evening for dinner, many of our members are preparing a meal open to any who would like to come. People would be invited by word of mouth and through ACTC. If you would like to donate a meal, help prepare one, or just come please sign call the church office 410-825-3360. We will begin on June 21st.

*Dear Calvary Friends,
Thank you all for your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits after my fall and for those who substituted for me in counting the offering money. All of these forms of your kindness helped my recovery period to be brighter; I believe your prayers also helped me to avoid surgery. Thank you for the sunshine you spread.*

Gratefully, Marie Stockdale

Dear Calvary Friends;

Thank you for all of your kind, encouraging, and good wishes. You really helped me during the weeks of confinement and recovery.

With love, Leah Holland