

## Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held July 14th—18th from 9 AM until 12 Noon each day. Registration forms for kiddos (age 3 through completed 5th grade) are available at the VBS Table outside The Square.

Take a star from behind the table and bring that item to donate to VBS. Take a blue tag to purchase an item that will be used as part of our daily snacks!

**A Volunteer Meeting** will be held on Thursday, July 10th at 6 PM in the Chapel. If you are unable to attend that meeting, Savannah and Becca will be in Fellowship Hall before and after Worship on Sunday, July 6th. Please stop in then.

**VBS Decorating Days** will be held on **July 11th from 4-6 PM and July 12th from 9 AM – 1 PM**. Please join us as you are able. Contact Kate Daniels at 610-914-0543 (cell/text) with questions about Decorating Days.

If you have questions about VBS, contact Becca Slavinsky at 717-817-8418, Savannah Slavinsky at savannahslavinsky@gmail.com or the church office.



## Summer Worship: July and August

Calvary will combine Worship Services this summer for 9 weeks, **beginning on July 6th and ending on August 31st**.

Our unified Sanctuary and Livestream Worship will take place at **10:00 AM on Sunday mornings**. This intentional opportunity will strengthen the connection between both worship services as we live out our vision of **Loving Jesus, Loving Neighbor, and Building Community**. We especially look forward to sharing in the following celebrations together:

**Outdoor Worship**  
**with Holy Communion:**  
July 6th & August 3rd

**Vacation Bible School Celebration:**  
July 20th

**Celebrating 25 Years**  
**of Calvary Kids:**  
August 24th

Our regular Worship Schedule (8:30 and 11:00 AM) and Sunday School (9:45 AM) will resume on **September 7, 2025**.

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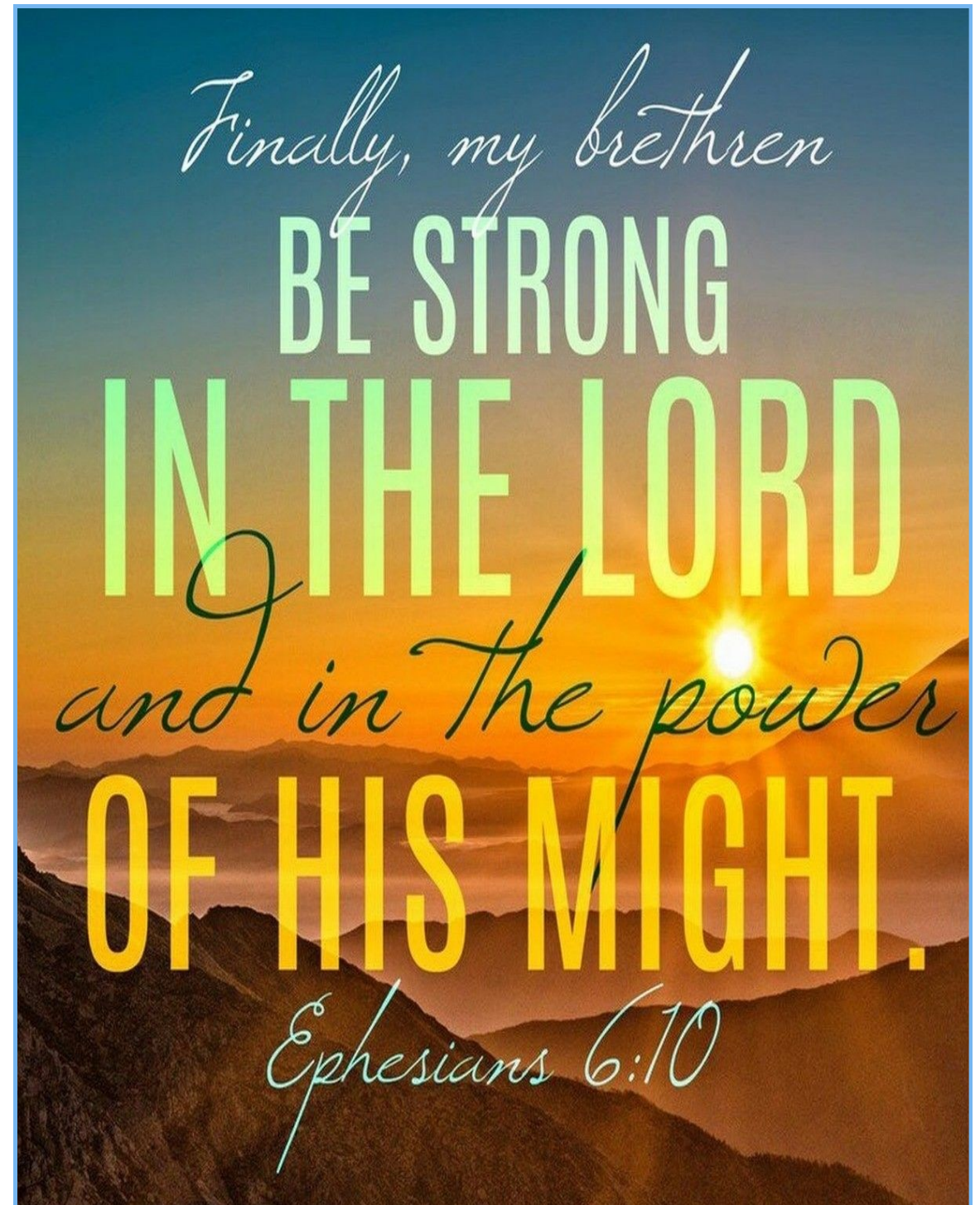
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~ *Gathering in Word and Spirit* ~

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*Still Waters (Psalm 23)*  
Adrienne Davis, solo

Crawford

**\*HYMN**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

#514 UMH

**\*PRAYER of PRAISE**

Pastor Deborah Port

**\*PASSING of the PEACE**

#393 UMH

*Please be mindful of people's boundaries as you share God's love.*

*Please be seated as we sing "Spirit of the Living God"*

*Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.*

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**

Deanna Williams

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)**

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*

*Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.*

**ANTHEM**

*Truth I'm Standing On*  
Adrienne Davis, solo

Pruis

**RESPONSE of FAITH**

ONE: Let us pray.

**ALL:** For this reason, we kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. We pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen Calvary with power through his Spirit in our inner beings, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And we pray that

**SUNDAY,  
JUNE 29,  
2025**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

Calvary, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that Calvary may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**SERMON**

***"A.L.I.V.E.—In the Armor of God"***

***Ephesians: A.L.I.V.E. in Christ***

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

**PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE**

Pastor Deborah Port

~ *Celebrating at the Table* ~

**THE SACRAMENT of HOLY BAPTISM (11 AM)**

**Brynlee Rae Spirko**  
**Elijah Thomas Spirko**

*Born: April 5, 2022*

*Children of Jason and Lynn Spirko*

**PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Kirkpatrick/Light

**\*DOXOLOGY**

#94 UMH

**\*PRAYER of DEDICATION**

Pastor Deborah Port

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~

**\*HYMN**

*Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

#513 UMH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Shalom to You*

#666 UMH

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Standing on the Promises*

Carter

\*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=UM Hymnal (red)

TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black)

**The Altar Flowers are placed:**

In Loving Memory of Steve Keller by his family.  
In Honor of Karl and Sue Deemer on their Anniversary.



*The prayer of faith will save the sick. The Lord will raise them up. Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.*  
James 5:15-16

### **Calvary's Prayer Ministry**

**Calvary LAMS (Limited Activity Members):** Dona Hoover, Jean Murphy, Rosalla Hollenbach, Carl Page, Arlene Little, Lois Hartman, Marcia Oster, Dottie Gilloway, Ruth Schaadt, Laura Goodhart, Jean Thomson, Jan Crouse, Bill & Vi Stiffler, Joann Rohland, Carol Bettinger, Paul & Dottie Danko, Bill Morris, Harold McNaughton, Pat Rowe, Pat Hartranft, Bill & Liz Payne, Marilyn Archibald, Barbara Fritz, Priscilla Secord, Sandra Beck, Bob Santos, Glen Reed, Maxine Swink, Janice Wragg, Mary Louise Keiper

**Prayer Concerns:** Bryce Leidich, Lorraine Brosius, Scott & Tracy Wagner, Shirley Holtzer, Joanne Paladino, Ginny Coy, Lance Leidich, Kimberly Myhre, Charlotte Cornelius, John Oster, Ronald Sheaffer, Brandan & Kelly Mehaffie, Rebecca Jacobs & Family, Roger Cooper, John Ewell, Mary Wagner, Charley Cover, Dave & Carol Mehaffie, Henry Reinsborough, Jen Koontz, Deanne & Keith Armstrong, Cole Sullivan, Kimberly Moyer, Tom Stypola, Gene Baldwin, Nova Sheaffer, Tom Worthington, Charlie Sullivan, Christopher Castellani, Brad Wolfe, Patty McConnell, Lee Griffiths, Nancy Paine, Wendy Rose, Dan Sheehan, Tom Fealtman, Amy Stoner, Donna Pope, Phil Womer, Mary Dietrich, Shirley Sweger, Sandra Frantz, Sarah Colding, David & Pat Ster, R.S. Garner, Susie Grubb, Kathy Herring, DeeDee Sakson, Jack & Vivian Bowers, Jill Walker, Ron Beatty, Mary Jo Zemitis, Kerry Wilson, Dennis Coffman, Justin Oster, Cindy Wertz, Larry Wright, Cindy Evans, Amy Otsott, Ronin Trimmer, Shirley Dinini, Dave Hendry, Phyllis Krouse, Anthony Myers, Carl "Marty" Pattison, Luke Wagner, Danny, Alyssa Winston, Alyce Tran, Mark Andrews & Family, Richard Martin, Pat Gingerich, Rich Kochik, Anthony Myers, Julie Andrews, Mary Albright, Winifred Sersch, Phyllis Sills, Jean McClure, Jean Bittle, Sharon Etter, Michelle Dougherty, Billie, Sophia Rodriguez, Spencer Griggs, Brandi Vinck, Nick Drawbaugh, Douglas Walt, David Walt, Thomas Kough, Tavian Plonski, Matthew Beam & Family\*, Patricia Ritchie\*

**Serving in Armed Forces:** Andrew Hoffman, Jake Smuda, Aaron Lytle, Anthony Oswandel, Patrick McCarthy, James Simmons, Clay Burnette, Holly Dively, James Forsyth, Steven Novosel, Curtis Fetterhoff, Jackson Robinette, Joseph Swift, Zachary Curtis, Ian Turner, Haden Wagner

*\* indicates a prayer concern added or changed this week. Prayer cards can be found in the pew racks. Please complete a card and place in the offering plate. You may also email prayer concerns to [office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org](mailto:office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org) or call 717-545-0021. A new list is compiled at the beginning of each month.*

## CALVARY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, June 29th**

8:30 AM ..... Worship Service  
11:00 AM ..... Worship Service

### **Monday, June 30th**

6:30 PM ..... Men's Pick Up  
..... Basketball (age 25 & up)

### **Tuesday, July 1st**

9:00 AM ..... Threads of Love  
6:00 PM ..... Amateur Pickleball

### **Wednesday, July 2nd**

11:30 AM ..... Prayer & Devotions

### **Friday, July 4th**

Church Office and Calvary Kids  
Closed



### **Sunday, July 6th**

Sacrament of Holy Communion  
10:00 AM ..... Outdoor Worship  
..... Service  
VBS Volunteer Drop in Meeting  
Before and After Worship in  
Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, July 7th**

6:30 PM ... Scholarship Committee  
..... Meeting  
6:30 PM ..... Men's Pick Up  
..... Basketball (age 25 & up)

### **Tuesday, July 8th**

9:00 AM ..... Threads of Love  
12:30 PM ..... Young at Heart Club  
6:00 PM ..... Amateur Pickleball  
6:30 PM ..... Trustees Meeting

### **Wednesday, July 9th**

10:00 AM ..... Quilters  
11:30 AM ..... Prayer & Devotions



## *Last Week in Offering*

### **Offering 06/22/2025**

General Fund Needed: \$18,615  
Received: \$24,283  
Building Fund Needed: \$962  
Received: \$14,115

### **Attendance 06/22/2025**

8:30 AM: 115  
11:00 AM: 92  
Online Worship: 103

## APEST Class

Join us this summer for a 5 Week  
APEST Spiritual Gifts Class.

Pastor Deb will lead an APEST Class on Sundays from 8:30-9:30 AM, beginning on July 13th.

Individuals will receive a personal spiritual gifts assessment, learn to recognize gifts in others, learn the role each gift plays in the body of Christ, and gain practical application for using your gifts and working in groups. Please sign up in The Square. Reach out to Pastor Deb with questions.



## Summer Nursery

This is a gentle reminder that Calvary does not provide nursery care from May 25th—August 31st. Children of any age are always welcome in worship. We also have a cry room available adjacent to the sanctuary, as well as Children's Worship Bulletins and Worship Bags. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

## VBS Mission Project

As part of our VBS Program, our elementary kids will be assembling Backpacks of Hope for the Central PA Foster Care System. We are in need of the following new or gently used items: Backpacks (small duffel bags are okay) and flashlights with batteries. Please put these items in the VBS Donation area by Sunday, July 13th.

## Livestreaming of Worship

In case you did not know, we are Livestreaming Worship. Please note that we reserve the right to record, videotape, and photograph our services. Your image may be used in print, broadcast, and/or on the internet. By attending our services, you agree to waive any rights or interest to control the use of your likeness in whichever media we may use. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Young at Heart Club

The Young at Heart Club (YAH) will meet on Tuesday, July 8th at 12:30 PM for an ice cream social. First, you will be able to make the sundae of your dreams with a wide variety of toppings and then enjoy the YAH version of Family Feud. If you have been thinking of finding out more about this organization for seniors, this is a great chance to get to meet people. Call Mary Alice Dumbauld at 717-545-7174 to make a reservation or ask questions. Come and enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship. New faces are always welcome.

## Singing Opportunity

Come and sing with our Chancel Choir for 10 AM Worship on Sunday, July 27th and Sunday, August 17th. We will rehearse the Wednesday Nights prior to singing (July 23rd and August 13th) at 7 PM in the choir room and the mornings we sing at 9:30 AM. All are welcome! Contact Deb Benedict with questions at 717-379-6551 or db@calvaryunitedmethodist.org.

## "A.L.I.V.E. – In the Armor of God"

Series – Ephesians: A.L.I.V.E. in Christ  
Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.  
June 29, 2025

**Background to Ephesians:** The Apostle Paul arrived in Ephesus in A.D. 52 and evangelized there for two years (Acts 19:10). Paul performed numerous miracles during this time (Acts 19:11-12), demonstrating the power of Jesus' name over demon possession (Acts 19:13-16), magic practices (Acts 19:17-19), and the worship of Artemis (Acts 19:23-41). As a result, *"the word of the Lord grew in power"* (Acts 19:20). When Paul departed, he left behind a thriving and healthy church, as noted in Acts 20:16-38 during his journey to Jerusalem.

**Theme – Counter-Cultural:** How does the Church overcome the influence of the culture surrounding her? Paul's answer is clear: through the immeasurable power of the Living God, the Church can live *in* the culture but not *of* the culture by embracing God's grace as the source of their identity and power.

**Literary Structure:** This letter is structured into two main sections. Chapters 1-3 focus on Orthodoxy (thinking aligned with God's Kingdom). Chapters 4-6 focus on Orthodoxy (behavior aligned with God's Kingdom).

### Series Acronym

*Awakened by Grace*

*Living in Unity*

*Identified with Christ*

*Victorious through His Power*

*Equipped to Witness*

**Today's Sermon:** Paul concludes his letter by drawing upon the imagery of a Roman Soldier's armor. Our struggle, Paul emphasizes, is not with people but with the unseen spiritual forces of evil that seek to undermine God's Kingdom. The Armor of God protects our souls against evil and equips us to carry the light of Jesus into the darkness.

- Our War: We don't fight flesh and blood, but dark spiritual powers.
- Our Battle Cry: Be strong in the Lord and stand firm!
- Our Armor: Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit are essential for both protection and proclamation.
- Our Battlefield: Prayer is our lifeline in the realms of the seen *and* unseen. It bridges both realms with directed energy *to* God and *from* God.