

Christmas is Coming!

Save the Date: September 17th

You are invited to join us as we are excited to begin our rehearsals preparing for our Christmas Cantata!!! We will be sharing Joel Raney's "*A Thrill of Hope*" on Sunday, December 21st and will feature our Choir and Bells of Calvary. Our rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 17th at 7 PM in the Choir Room. We will rehearse each Wednesday from 7—7:45 PM leading up to the Cantata with the exception of Thanksgiving Eve (November 26th).

Back to School Blessing and Celebration of Calvary Kids

Child Care Center

Sunday, August 24th

Students of all ages are invited to join us at Worship to receive a blessing for the new school year and a cross tag for you backpack. We will pray for those who work in the field of education and have a gift just for you! And we will also celebrate the 25 Years of Ministry by Calvary Kids Childcare Center! Join us!

Calvary Kids Childcare Center 25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, August 23rd

11 AM—2 PM

Join us for a picnic, music, silent auction, kids art show, and so much more! All current and past children, families, staff, Calvary Church families, and friends are invited to attend!

Activities will be in the Fellowship Hall and outside near the Peace Garden.



Singing Opportunity

Come and sing with our Chancel Choir for 10 AM Worship on Sunday, August 17th. We will rehearse on August 13th at 7 PM in the choir room. Contact Deb Benedict with questions at 717-379-6551 or db@calvaryunitedmethodist.org.

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~ *Gathering in Word and Spirit* ~

WELCOME

PRELUDE *I Want to Be Like Jesus with Lord, Be Glorified* Fettke
Ron and Jeff Beatty, Duet

***HYMN** *God Will Take Care of You* #130 UMH

***PRAYER of PRAISE** Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

***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 Corvé Ransom

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Ruth 1:3-6, 8, 16-21 (NIV)**

Now Elimelek, Naomi’s husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me.

But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, “Can this be Naomi?” “Don’t call me Naomi,” she told them. “Call me Mara, because the



Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The LORD has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me.”

ANTHEM *Your Love Compels Me with And Can It Be?* Fettke/Holck
Ron and Jeff Beatty, Duet

SERMON **“Naomi– From Bitterness to Being Redeemed”**
Series: Voices of the Hebrew Scriptures
Pastor Deborah Port

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

~ *Celebrating at the Table* ~

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *God Will Make a Way* Kaiser

***DOXOLOGY** #94 UMH

***PRAYER of DEDICATION** Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~

***HYMN** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* #2146 TFWS

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Shalom to You* #666 UMH

***POSTLUDE** *You Shall Go Out With Joy!* Wagner

*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=UM Hymnal (red) TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black)



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

In Mourning: Sherri Leidigh and Family on the passing of her mother, Nancy Thompson.

Calvary LAMS (Limited Activity Members): Dona Hoover, Jean Murphy, Rosalla Hollenbach, Arlene Little, Lois Hartman, Marcia Oster, Dottie Gilloway, Ruth Schaadt, Laura Goodhart, 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, Glenn Reed, Maxine Swink, Janice Wragg, Mary Louise Keiper

Prayer Concerns: Bryce Leidich, Lorraine Brosius, Scott & Tracy Wagner, Shirley Holtzer, Joanne Paladino, Ginny Coy, Kimberly Myhre, Charlotte Cornelius, John Oster, 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, 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, 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 Otstott, Ronin Trimmer, Shirley Dinini, Anthony Myers, Carl "Marty" Pattison, Luke Wagner, Alyssa Winston, Alyce Tran, Mark Andrews & Family, Richard Martin, Pat Gingerich, Anthony Myers, Julie Andrews, Winifred Sersch, Jean McClure, 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, Kathy Oberdorff, Larry Solt, Judi Kochik, Don Ott, Janice Scheid, Eric Scheid, Mary Albright, Lance Leidich, Fay Shiffert, Norman Goff, Vaughn Shutt*

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 or call 717-545-0021. A new list is compiled at the beginning of each month.

CALVARY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 10th

Scholarship Committee Mum Sale
8:30 AM APEST Class
10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, August 11th

4:00 PM Cupboard at Calvary
..... Committee Meeting
6:30 PM Men's Pick Up
..... Basketball (age 25 & up)

Tuesday, August 12th

6:00 PM Amateur Pickleball
6:30 PM Commission on
..... Education
6:30 PM Staff Parish Relations
..... Committee

Wednesday, August 13th

10:00 AM Quilters
11:30 AM Prayer & Devotions
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 14th

4:00 PM Food Pantry

Sunday, August 17th

Scholarship Committee Mum Sale
10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, August 18th

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

Tuesday, August 19th

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

Wednesday, August 20th

10:00 AM .. Women's Bible Study
..... Reveal Party
11:30 AM Prayer & Devotions



Last Week in Offering

Offering 08/03/2025

General Fund Needed: \$18,615
Received: \$17,097
Building Fund Needed: \$962
Received: \$1,455

Attendance 08/03/2025

10:00 AM: 160
Online Worship: 121

GriefShare

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13 week group, you will receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

A GriefShare support group is a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Pastor Doug Compton will begin Calvary's 13 week GriefShare class on Thursday, September 11th at 6:30 PM. The class will conclude on Thursday, December 18th (no class on Thanksgiving).

Please contact Pastor Doug directly with any questions at 717-599-6246 or dchdj@yahoo.com. If you wish to sign up for the class, please contact the church office or sign up in The Square.

Shoe Drive

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a summer shoe drive **August 3rd—24th**. During these dates, please place your gently used shoes, boots or sandals in designated bins at the Drop Zone. The collected shoes will be taken to Mission Central and distributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network to developing nations to help impoverished people. Contact Dyan Yingst with questions at 717-979-4152.



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.

Women's Bible Study "Reveal Party"

Women of Calvary are invited to gather on Wednesday, August 20th at 10 AM in The Square. We will be revealing the topic for our Fall Bible Study, followed by a time of devotion and fellowship. Books for the Bible Study will be available for purchase (approximate cost is \$7.00).

Our weekly Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM, and will start this fall, exact date to be announced later. Women of all ages are welcome. There is a sign up sheet in The Square to RSVP for the Reveal Party and sign up for the Bible Study.

For further information and questions, please contact Kathy Herring 717-503-4839, Linda Hoffman 717-599-0014, or Bonnie Krampe 717-652-5071.



Women's Retreat: Where is God?

When: September 26-28, 2025

Where: Kenbrook Bible Camp Lebanon, PA (Mountain View Lodge)

This year's women's retreat dares to ask the question, "Where is God?" The topic came from vulnerable conversations revealing that there are many times in life we ask this question, but don't talk about it. Pastor Deb will lead sessions including: Where we find God, Finding God in difficult times, and Finding God in times of loss. There will be times of small group discussion, good food, worship, opportunities to be in nature, games, crafts, and fellowship. Come for the whole weekend, or join us for Saturday only as a day retreat. Don't miss this opportunity for spiritual growth, renewal, and relationship building. More information can be found in the Brochures in the Square or on the website.

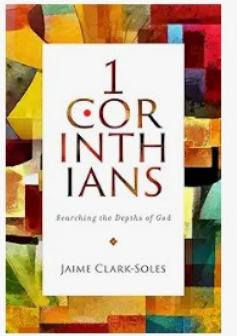
Questions? Contact: Bonnie Evans at Bonnie_evans@hotmail.com or 717-991-1747; Dianne Cintron at 717-805-1248 or dianne.l.cintron@gmail.com; Kathy Herring at 717-503-4839 or nycrhythm212@yahoo.com; or Pastor Deb Port.

Fellowship Gathering

Donations are needed for our Fellowship Gathering after Worship on August 24th. Please sign up in the hallway outside The Square. Thank you to those who provided donations in July.

Monday Evening Bible Study

This fall, the Monday Evening Calvary Book Study Group will be reading and discussing *1 Corinthians -- Searching the Depths of God* by Jaime Clark-Soles. The group will meet for six weeks beginning on September 29th, with classes running from 6:30—8 PM. Suggested donation for books is \$15. Sign up sheets will be available in The Square later this summer. Please contact John Packer with questions at jwpackercpa@comcast.net or 717-576-5984.



Wednesday Morning Prayer and Devotions

Our prayer group meets every Wednesday morning in the church chapel from 11:30 AM until 12 Noon. We invite anyone with a servant heart to join us for this time of worship, singing hymns, sharing in scripture and especially lifting up prayers. Not comfortable praying? Don't let that deter you from coming and just meditating with the group. We welcome anyone who needs a weekday time of rejuvenation and spiritual uplifting. Come when you can, we welcome all newcomers. Any questions can be directed to Linda Hoffman at 717-599-0014.