

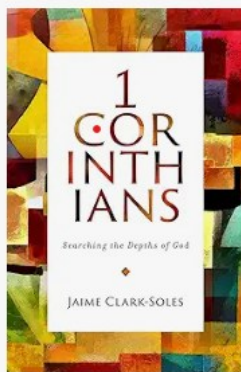
CATRA Work Days

Painters, carpenters, and helpers are needed for work at the Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association in Grantville. We will work on September 18th, 19th, and 20th during the day.

For more information or to sign up, contact John Shepler at 717-579-2548.

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 are available in The Square. Please contact John Packer with questions at jwpackercpa@comcast.net or 717-576-5984.

Music Ministry

Chancel Choir (grades 7 – adult): Our Chancel Choir sings most Sundays from September through the beginning of June. We rehearse Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the choir room,

Children's Choir (age 3—6th grade): Our Children's Choir sings about one Sunday a month. We rehearse Wednesdays from 5-5:30 PM beginning on September 17th in the Children's Choir room.

Christmas Voices of Calvary (grades 7 – adult): Join us as we will sing Joel Raney's cantata "A Thrill of Hope" at both worship services on Sunday, December 21st. Rehearsals will be held in the choir room on Wednesdays from 7—7:45 PM beginning on September 17th.

Contact Deb Benedict, our Director of Music, with questions at db@calvaryunitedmethodist.org or 717-379-6551.

Calvary United Methodist Church

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~ *Gathering in Word and Spirit* ~

WELCOME

PRESENTATION of BIBLES to THIRD GRADERS

PRELUDE *I Will Sing Praise* Martin
Deb Wartell, Corvé Ransom, Ron Beatty, Rob Hollenbach (8:30 AM)
Chancel Choir (11 AM)

***HYMN** *God is Here* #660 UMH

***PRAYER of PRAISE** Pastor Deborah Port

***PASSING of the PEACE** #601 UMH
Please be mindful of people's boundaries as you share God's love.
Please be seated as we sing "Thy Word."

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Now I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

CONSECRATION of CHURCH EDUCATION STAFF Insert
(Pastor Randy invites all who are serving in the ministry of
Christian Education to come forward.)

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION Pastor Deborah Port

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

"This, then, is how you should pray:
" 'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'



ANTHEM *I Will Sing to You* Shackley
Deb Wartell, Corvé Ransom, Ron Beatty, Rob Hollenbach

SERMON *"The Plan: How to Hear from God"*
Series: Pathway of Prayer
Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE Pastor Deborah Port

~ *Celebrating at the Table* ~

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Be Still and Know with Near to the Heart of God* Tornquist

***DOXOLOGY** #94 UMH

***PRAYER of DEDICATION** Pastor Deborah Port

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING the BREAD and CUP
Communion will be served from the chancel. All are welcome and all elements
are gluten free.

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~

***HYMN** *Sweet Hour of Prayer* #496 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* Manz
*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: Rob Hollenbach on the passing of his mother, Rosalla Hollenbach.
Mary Bateman on the passing of her brother, Michael Sitlinger.

Calvary LAMS (Limited Activity Members): Dona Hoover, Jean Murphy, 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, Joanne Paladino, Ginny Coy, Charlotte Cornelius, John Oster, Brandon & Kelly Mehaffie, Rebecca Jacobs & Family, Roger Cooper, John Ewell, Mary Wagner, Charley Cover, Dave & Carol Mehaffie, Henry Reinsborough, Deanne & Keith Armstrong, Cole Sullivan, Kimberly Moyer, Tom Stypola, Gene Baldwin, Tom Worthington, Charlie Sullivan, Christopher Castellani, 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, Cindy Wertz, Larry Wright, Cindy Evans, Ronin Trimmer, Shirley Dinini, Anthony Myers, Carl "Marty" Pattison, Luke Wagner, Alyssa Winston, Alyce Tran, Richard Martin, Pat Gingerich, Anthony Myers, Julie Andrews, Winifred Sersch, Jean McClure, Sharon Etter, Sophia Rodriguez, Spencer Griggs, Brandi Vinck, Douglas Walt, David Walt, Thomas Kough, Tavian Plonski, Matthew Beam & Family, Kathy Oberdorff, Larry Solt, Judi Kochik, Don Ott, Eric Scheib, Lance Leidich, Fay Shiffert, Vaughn Shutt, Cody Leisey, Ron Wenrich, Tony Myers, Marty Brightbill, Shirley Baddorf, Billie, Pat & Tom, Mickey & Pixie Haist, Kerry Butz, Anna Donato, Merrian Glover*, Ed West*

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, September 7th

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
..... (Preschool—Adult)
11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, September 8th

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

Tuesday, September 9th

9:00 AM Threads of Love
12:30 PM Young at Heart Club
..... (meet in parking lot)
1:00 PM UWF Retreat
..... Planning Meeting
3:30-5:30 PM Mum Pick Up
6:00 PM Amateur Pickleball
6:30 PM Staff Parish Relations
..... Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th

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

Thursday, September 11th

4:00 PM Food Pantry
6:30 PM GriefShare

Sunday, September 14th

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
..... (Preschool—Adult)
11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, September 15th

6:30 PM Men's Pick Up
..... Basketball (age 25 & up)
7:00 PM Bells of Calvary



Last Week in Offering

Offering 08/31/2025

General Fund Needed: \$18,615
Received: \$9,631
Building Fund Needed: \$962
Received: \$667

Attendance 08/31/2025

10:00 AM: 180
Online Worship: 106

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.

Young at Heart Club

The Young at Heart Club (YAH) is going on a field trip to the Butterfly Atrium and Hershey Gardens on Tuesday, September 9. We will meet at Calvary at 12:30 PM and carpool to Hershey for 1 PM sign in. The group rate is \$14.50 to be paid that day to Ken Dumbauld. Then he must pay for the group in one transaction. If not on the YAH contact list, please call Mary Alice Dumbauld (717-545-7174) so we can be sure to have enough drivers. Anyone interested in visiting these two attractions is cordially invited to join the group.

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.

Funeral Planning Seminar

**Tuesday, September 16th
10am-12pm**

In the Calvary Sanctuary

Join us for a free, informative seminar that walks you through the essentials of funeral preplanning- whether for you or your loved one.

Bitner Family Funeral Homes will be presenting information on:

- Why preplanning matters
- What your options are
- How to make decisions that reflect your values
- Q&A with funeral professionals

Calvary will provide:

- Funeral service planning form (completed form will be kept on file at Calvary for future use)
- Calvary Pastors will be present to answer questions

No RSVP is needed.

All are welcome. Please reach out to the church office with any questions.



"The Plan: How to Hear from God"

Series: Pathway of Prayer

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

Scripture Focus: *"Our Father, who art in heaven..."* (Matthew 6:9a)

Background: The Gospel of Matthew was written for a Jewish audience to demonstrate that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Jesus is portrayed as the divine Son and perfect image of God the Father throughout the Gospel. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus centers His teaching on righteousness not as public performance, but as an authentic relationship with God. Prayer, along with fasting and almsgiving, formed one of the core expressions of Jewish piety. Jesus redefines these practices as the fruit of an authentic relationship with God. When Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer, He offered not only words to recite, but a transformative way of relating to God: intimately, confidently, and with childlike trust. It is a prayer both personal and corporate: we address God not as "my Father" but "our Father," reminding us that life with God is always life shared in community.

Sermon Idea: The Pathway of Prayer begins with *The Plan*: trusting Our Father and listening for His voice. *"Our Father, who art in heaven,"* is God's invitation into a grace-filled relationship, reminding us that He hears us as a loving parent. Martin Luther reflected that, *"God is a good and loving parent—eager to listen, compassionate, generous."*¹ John Wesley agreed that calling God, *"our Father,"* echoes Romans 8:15, where *"we cry, Abba, Father."*² Prayer, for Wesley, was a means of grace given by God, through which the Holy Spirit renovates and transforms our souls. The words, "in heaven," remind us that God the Father is immanent and transcendent, reigning in both mercy and majesty. This first phrase of the Lord's Prayer is not only an invitation to speak, but a promise that God listens, leads, and loves.

1. **The Journey Begins with Trust...**

2. **Jesus Gives Us a Map...**

3. **God Speaks in the Silence...**

This Week's Practice: Begin each day with two minutes of silence. Slowly pray, *"Our Father, who art in heaven."* Let God speak next and write what you hear in a listening journal.

¹ Gary Neal Hansen, *Kneeling with Giants: Learning to Pray with History's Best Teachers* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2012), 37.

² John Wesley, "The Means of Grace," in *The Works of John Wesley*, vol. 5, ed. Albert C. Outler (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1986), 127–150.