

LAMs Ministry

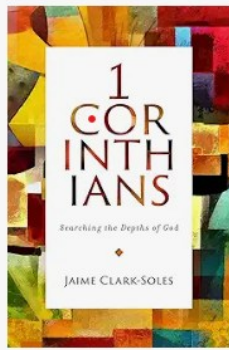
At Calvary, we have love and care for our LAMs (Limited Activity Members). Our LAMs volunteers are assigned a LAM and visit at least once a month. They also send cards and touch base with phone calls. Contact Pastor Deb to serve in this important Ministry.

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.



Karns & Giant Gift Cards

Do you shop at Giant or Karns for groceries? Consider purchasing a Gift Card for your future purchases. Calvary receives 5% of sales from Giant and Karns Gift Cards which is applied directly to the Building Fund to pay towards the principal on our mortgage. Gift cards are available for purchase on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month after each worship service. Thanks for your support! If you are willing to help sell Gift Cards on Sundays, please call Bill Shook at 717-315-7154.

Young at Heart Club

The next meeting of the Young at Heart Club will be on Tuesday, October 14th. There will be a covered dish luncheon followed by Bingo. Sign up in the hallway outside The Square to bring a dish to share. If you would like to contribute a white elephant gift for a prize, please place in the Drop Zone.

If you have questions, call Mary Alice Dumbauld at 717-545-7174. New faces are always welcome!

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~ Gathering in Word and Spirit ~

WELCOME

PRELUDE Spirit Song Kaiser

*HYMN Without Seeing You #2206 TFWS

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

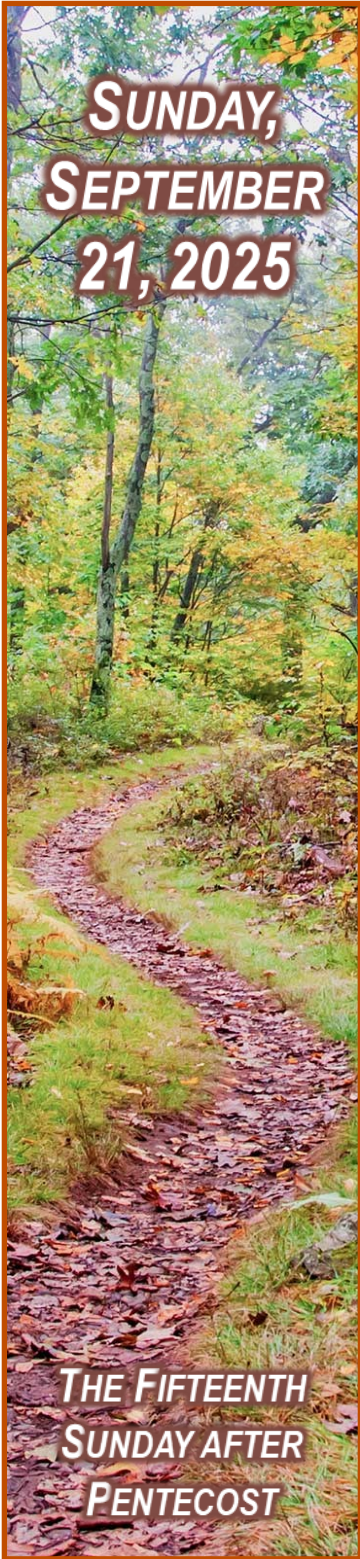
*PASSING of the PEACE #503 UMH
Please be mindful of people’s boundaries as you share God’s love.
Please be seated as we sing “Let It Breathe on Me.”

Let it breathe on me; let it breathe on me;
Let the breath of the Lord now breathe on me.
Let it breathe on me; let it breathe on me;
Let the breath of the Lord now breathe on me.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION Ed Port (8:30 AM)
Ken Evans (11 AM)

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 Day By Day Fettke
Anne Witmer and Deb Benedict, Duet (8:30 AM)
Chancel Choir (11 AM)



SERMON “The Pack: Fasting and Forgiveness”
Series: Pathway of Prayer
Pastor Deborah Port

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

~ Celebrating at the Table ~

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY In Christ Alone Sorenson

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

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

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

~ Going Forth in Mission ~

*HYMN Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive #390 UMH
(sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Shalom to You #666 UMH

*POSTLUDE Hope Eternal Broughton

*Please stand as you are able.

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

The Altar Flowers are presented: In Memory of Hank Lockard on his birthday by Sue Weikert.

The Rosebud is presented: In Celebration of the birth of Rose Emily Daiber on September 12, 2025 to William & Becky Daiber. Grandmother is Pam Daiber.



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, 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, Brandan & 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, JoAnne Konick-McMahan, Livi McAnnaneny, Rev. Dave Biser*

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, Evan Funk

** 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 21st

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

Monday, September 22nd

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

Tuesday, September 23rd

9:00 AM Threads of Love
6:00 PM Amateur Pickleball
6:30 PM Dartball
6:30 PM Trustees

Wednesday, September 24th

10:00 AM Quilters
11:30 AM Prayer & Devotions
5:00 PM Children's Choir
5:30 PM Youth Group
7:00 PM Christmas Voices
..... of Calvary

Wednesday, September 24th **Continued**

7:45 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 25th

4:00 PM Food Pantry
6:00 PM Calvary Kids Board
..... Meeting
6:30 PM GriefShare

Friday, September 26th

Women's Retreat at Kenbrook
Bible Camp and Retreat Center

Saturday, September 27th

Women's Retreat at Kenbrook
Bible Camp and Retreat Center



Last Week in Offering

Offering 09/14/2025

General Fund Needed: \$18,615
Received: \$11,780
Building Fund Needed: \$962
Received: \$210

Attendance 09/14/2025

8:30 AM: 115
11:00 AM: 119
Sunday School: 59
Online Worship: 112

Advent Devotional

This Advent and Christmas, our worship will focus on the original Songs of Christmas found in Luke's Gospel: Elizabeth's *Ave Maria*, Mary's *Magnificat*, Zechariah's *Benedictus*, the angels' *Gloria*, and Simeon's *Nunc Dimittis*. Each song overflows with hope, peace, joy, love, and the blessings of God's promise fulfilled.

For our annual Advent Devotional, we invite you to write a short daily entry (125-200 words) inspired by any Christmas song – whether one of Luke's originals, a beloved carol, or even a meaningful secular favorite. Maybe "*O Holy Night*" stirs your soul, "*Joy to the World*" fills you with praise, or "*I'll Be Home for Christmas*" brings memories of love and belonging. Your reflection could explore what the song means to you, connect it to scripture, share a personal story, or offer a prayer for the season.

Whether you write poetry or prose, a testimony or a reflection, your voice will help our congregation sing the story of Christmas as a beloved community.

Please contact Kelley Price in the church office to let her know you are willing to participate. Your Devotional needs to be submitted via email (preferably in a Word Document) by Monday, November 3rd. You may contact Kelley with any questions.



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.

All Women of Calvary Invited

Meet Fawn McCallister, Deaconess President, Susquehanna Conference
United Women in Faith
October 6th at 10 AM in the Chapel

"We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities."

Thoughtfully consider attending the gathering to hear Fawn speak on United Women in Faith, their purpose and goals, "Who We Are." She will also speak on the Districts of the Susquehanna Conference and how units of United Women in Faith align in the Conference.

Please sign up to allow us to prepare for you; but last minute guests are welcome. Any questions, reach out to Susie Grubb at grubbycdhs@yahoo.com or 717-521-5618.

"The Pack: Fasting and Forgiveness"

Series: Pathway of Prayer

Pastor Deborah Port

Scripture Focus: *"Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we have also forgiven our debtors."* (Matthew 6:11-12)

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. Next, it moves to **The Trailhead** as we look for the first "white blaze." God's holiness and our alignment to His mission. Next, we consider the essentials we carry with us: **The Pack.** "*Give us this day our daily bread*" teaches us to be present in the moment, name and understand our needs, and trust God's ongoing provision. Martin Luther wrote that this petition, "includes everything that belongs to our entire life in this world."¹ "*Forgive us our debts...*" offers the opportunity for confession and release. Wesley taught that forgiveness was not a passive feeling, but a holy habit of the heart."² Fasting- whether from food, media, or noise- intentionally creates space for realignment and renewal. It lightens our "spiritual pack" and affirms that God provides for both our daily and eternal needs.

The Pack: Clarifying what is important

Packing what we need and not packing what we don't need: "Give us this day our daily bread"

Stay on the Path: "Forgive us our debts, as we have also forgiven our debtors"

This Week: Try fasting and continue your 5 minutes of silence before prayer. Then practice contemplating only these phrases of The Lord's Prayer. "*Our Father in heaven/ hallowed be your name/your kingdom come/your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we have also forgiven our debtors.*" 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.