

Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to the Calvary UMC Women's Bible Study. We will begin meeting on Wednesday, October 1st at 10 AM in Rooms 121/122. Join us in a life changing encounter with God's Word as we study ***The Fruit of the Spirit*** and see how God grows His character in us as a living witness for a watching world. Books cost \$7. Please contact Kathy Herring at 717-503-4839 with questions or if you need a book.

College Care Packages October 5th—October 26th

It's College Care Package Time! The Youth of Calvary are collecting items for 25 Care Packages for our college students. Suggested items for donation are: candy (like the kind you would give to trick-or-treaters), lunch box size chips and pretzels, individually wrapped packs of snacks and crackers, nuts, microwave popcorn, hot chocolate, post-it-notes, pens, pencils, highlighters, etc. Place your donations in the Drop Zone Basket marked College Care Packages. Our youth will assemble the packages for mailing.

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 begin on September 29th (6:30—8 PM). Sign up in The Square. Please contact John Packner with questions at 717-576-5984.

Our Guest Preacher

Jason Mackey is a pastor, preacher, and business leader. He has served CrossPoint, Trinity, Hummelstown, Camp Hill and as the Director of Connecting Ministries and Benefits Administrator for the Conference. In 2021, he and his wife Christy purchased Dale Wagner Insurance in Pennbrook to become the 3rd generation of insurance experts. In his free time he is a CrossFit coach at Gamma, Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 10 and serves on the Advisory Board at Members 1st FCU. His son Eli is a sophomore at the University of Akron and Christian is a Freshman at Central Dauphin.

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~ Gathering in Word and Spirit ~

WELCOME Corvé Ransom
Lay Leader

PRELUDE Priere a Notre Dame L. Boellmann

*HYMN Come, Christians, Join to Sing #158 UMH

*PRAYER of PRAISE Corvé Ransom
Lay Leader

*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 John Nau (8:30 AM)
Carly Mader (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.’



SERMON “The Buddy System”
Series: Pathway of Prayer
Rev. Jason Mackey

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE

~ Celebrating at the Table ~

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Offertoire” from L’Organiste C. Franck

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*PRAYER of DEDICATION

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

~ Going Forth in Mission ~

*HYMN Blessed Be the Tie That Binds #557 UMH

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Shalom to You #666 UMH

*POSTLUDE Prelude and Fuge in G major
F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

*Please stand as you are able.

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

Please welcome our Guest Organist this morning, Conrad Smith.

The Altar Flowers are presented: In Memory of Doris Hoepfer by
Ruth Milliken and Deb Wartell.



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, Doris Gough*, Sarah & Brandon*, Ethan Kough*, Susan Rudy*

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 28th

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

Monday, September 29th

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

Tuesday, September 30th

9:00 AM Threads of Love
4-9 PM Calvary Kids
..... Blaze Pizza Fundraiser
6:00 PM Amateur Pickleball
6:30 PM Lay Leadership/
..... Nominations Meeting

Wednesday, October 1st

10:00 AM .. Women's Bible Study
11:30 AM Prayer & Devotions
5:00 PM Children's Choir
5:30 PM Youth Group

Wednesday, October 1st

Continued

6:30 PM Women's Voices
..... of Calvary
7:00 PM Christmas Voices
..... of Calvary
7:45 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 2nd

6:30 PM GriefShare

Sunday, October 5th

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

Monday, October 6th

10:00 AM United Women in
..... in Faith Gathering
6:30 PM Men's Pick Up
..... Basketball (age 25 & up)
7:00 PM Bells of Calvary



Last Week in Offering

Offering 09/21/2025

General Fund Needed: \$18,615
Received: \$12,237
Building Fund Needed: \$962
Received: \$1,787

Attendance 09/21/2025

8:30 AM: 109
11:00 AM: 121
Sunday School: 52
Online Worship: 102

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 grubbcdhs@yahoo.com or 717-512-5618.

"The Buddy System: Intercessory Prayer"

Series: Pathway of Prayer

Rev. Jason Mackey

September 28, 2025

Scripture Focus: "*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*" (Matthew 6:13)

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. It then moves to **The Trailhead** as we look for the first "white blaze:" God's holiness and our alignment to His mission. We carry **The Pack**, which equips us to be present in the moment, name our needs, and trust God's ongoing provision. Our series concludes with **The Buddy System**, because prayer – whether whispered alone or spoken aloud with others – always connects us to God and the community of faith. "*Lead us not into temptation,*" helps us acknowledge our vulnerability. Martin Luther saw this petition as a plea for strength against all forces that would pull us away from faith and love.¹ John Wesley explained that temptation also includes our attitudes, such as pride and apathy.² "*Deliver us from evil*" is a communal cry for God's rescue and righteousness. Wesley emphasized that prayer is both personal and corporate, connecting us with the needs of others and the healing of the world.³

The Doxology: "*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*" These words do not originate with the biblical text. Nonetheless, they are a cherished part of Christian tradition that re-centers Christian community in praise and the promise of God's eternal Kingdom.

Weekly Practice: Partner with someone this week to pray daily for one another. Use a shared journal or text exchange. End each prayer with the doxology.

¹ Gary Neal Hansen, *Kneeling with Giants: Learning to Pray with History's Best Teachers* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2012), 48.

² John Wesley, "Upon Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, Discourse Eleven," in *The Works of John Wesley*, vol. 1 (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2007), 653.

³ John Wesley, "The Duty of Constant Communion," in *The Works of John Wesley*, vol. 7 (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2007), 146.