

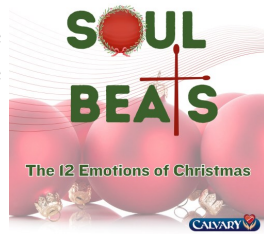
Soul Beats

Thursday, December 11th at 6 PM
The 12 Emotions of Christmas

Inspired by cardio drumming, scripture references to worship that involves moving our bodies, and a deep desire to engage with the heartbeat of God, we are excited to gather for a unique worship experience.

You do not need to sign up for this event and it is a fully accessible opportunity for all ages and ability levels.

Join us for some Christmas fun as we consider the 12 Emotions of Christmas through song and interactive activities.



Vacation Bible School 2026

Vacation Bible School will be held July 13th—17th. Join us for Rainforest Falls, where we will explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, our creator and a safe place in life's storms!



Winter Church Camp

Wesley Forest
Wacky Winter Weekend
January 16th (6 PM) – 18th (1 PM)

Come and explore the fun and wonder of Wesley Forest in the wintertime! This weekend holds all the wacky camp activities we love sprinkled with some winter magic! Join the leaders of the Wacky Week summer program as we smile, laugh and warm up with messy games, silly music, and crazy Bible studies! Celebrate Saturday night with a GLOW party! Come join in the wintertime fun!



Grades: Current 1st-6th Graders
Cost: \$158 (Early Bird by December 1st is \$138) Remember that Calvary will pay 50% of the cost with additional Scholarship Monies available!
To register: Visit the camping website www.suscrm.org and click on Register Online.
Questions? Reach out to Kelley in the church office.

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~ *Gathering in Word and Spirit* ~

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Bring Us Hope Schram
Leanne and Caroline Griffo, duet

LITANY of the ADVENT CANDLE

The Griffo Family
Leanne and Caroline

ONE: Advent is a season where the grace of promise meets the fruit of hope. Together, our song rises to Jesus Christ who has come and will come again.

MANY: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
(Psalm 98:1)

ONE: When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, the child within Elizabeth leaped for joy, and she was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth's proclamation became a song of hope for all generations: "Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished." (Luke 1:45)

MANY: We join her song today, trusting that God's promises are trustworthy and God's hope does not disappoint.

ONE: The Candle of Hope reminds us that Christ's power is experienced through His humility and steadfast love. May this light awaken our hearts to His presence and inspire us to carry His hope into the world.

~ *Silence as the Candle of Hope is lit* ~

ONE: May the hope of Christ fill our hearts to overflowing, that we may sing of God's love forever.

MANY: Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:19-20)

***HYMN** *Hope of the World* #178 UMH

***PRAYER of PRAISE** Pastor Deb Port

***PASSING of the PEACE** #230 UMH

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

Please be seated as we sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Becky Miller (8:30 AM)
Henry Solt (11 AM)

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 30,
2025**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:39-45 (NIV)

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"

ANTHEM

Song of Mary Lopez

SERMON

"Elizabeth's Song of Hope"

Series: The Songs of Christmas
Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE

Pastor Deb Port

~ *Celebrating at the Table* ~

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Ave Maria Schubert
Leanne Griffo, violin solo

***DOXOLOGY**

#94 UMH

***PRAYER of DEDICATION**

Pastor Deb Port

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~

***HYMN**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates #213 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel #204 UMH

***POSTLUDE**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed Monk

*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=UM Hymnal (red)

TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black)

The Altar Flowers are presented:

In Honor of our Wedding Anniversary by Dan & Kathy Davis.



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 Danko, Bill Morris, Harold McNaughton, Pat Rowe, Pat Hartranft, Bill & Liz Payne, Marilyn Archibald, Barbara Fritz, Priscilla Secord, Sandra Beck, Glenn Reed, Maxine Swink, Janice Wragg, Mary Louise Keiper

Prayer Concerns: Bryce Leidich, Lorraine Brosius, Scott & Tracy Wagner, Joanne Paladino, Ginny Coy, 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, 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, Cindy Wertz, Larry Wright, Cindy Evans, Ronin Trimmer, Shirley Dinini, Anthony Myers, Carl "Marty" Pattison, Richard Martin, Winifred Sersch, Jean McClure, Sharon Etter, Douglas Walt, David Walt, Thomas Kough, Kathy Oberdorff, Larry Solt, Judi Kochik, Don Ott, Eric Scheib, Lance Leidich, Fay Shiffert, Cody Leisey, Ron Wenrich, Tony Myers, Marty Brightbill, Shirley Baddorf, Billie, Pat & Tom, Mickey & Pixie Haist, Kerry Butz, Merrian Glover, Ed West, JoAnne Konick-McMahan, Livi McAnnaneny, Doris Gough, Sarah & Brandon, Ethan Kough, Janet Hoke, Colleen Hoke, Aimee Sims, Sherry Krebs, Sheri Rowe, Sara Stutzman, Alan Colbert, Juan Camacho, Tom Fogle, Billie, Dan, Matt Hocker, Pam Blai Weeks, Joe Bowers, Gerst Buyer, Family of Trooper Earl Page, Judy Lehn, Kathy Hoover, Sue Akins, Charlotte Cornelius, Sharon Wiles, Joanne Stong, Sue Oswald, Anna Updyke*

Serving in Armed Forces: Andrew Hoffman, Jake Smuda, Aaron Lytle, Anthony Oswaldel, 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, November 30th

First Sunday of Advent
Sacrament of Holy Communion
8:30 AM..... Worship Service
9:45 AM..... Sunday School
..... (Preschool—Adult)
11:00 AM..... Worship Service

Monday, December 1st

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

Tuesday, December 2nd

9:00 AM..... Threads of Love
2:30 PM..... Stephen Ministry
.....Meeting

Wednesday, December 3rd

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

Wednesday, December 3rd

Continued

7:00 PM Christmas Voices
.....of Calvary
8:15 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 4th

6:30 PM GriefShare

Saturday, December 6th

9:00 AM Christmas at Calvary
..... Craft Bazaar

Sunday, December 7th

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

Monday, December 8th

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



Last Week in Offering

Offering 11/23/2025

General Fund Needed: \$18,615
Received: \$35,929
Building Fund Goal: \$962
Received: \$341

Attendance 11/23/2025

8:30 AM: 142
11:00 AM: 138
Sunday School: 60
Online Worship: 114

Christmas at Calvary

Craft Show

Saturday, December 6th
9 AM—2 PM

Shoppes: Christmas Greens, Ornaments, Jewelry, Trim-A-Home, Vintage Shoppe, Cookies by the Dozen, Candy, Bake Goods, Used Books, Puzzles
Food: Soups, Hamburger BBQ, Hot Dogs, Drinks

Train Display in the Cry Room
(off the Sanctuary)

Plus over 30 vendors!

In the Sanctuary

Soul Beats Demo at 11 AM

Remember—all proceeds from Church Stands support the Calvary General Fund!

The United Women in Faith will again sponsor the **Cookies by the Dozen** table at Calvary Christmas. We would appreciate donations of your favorite Christmas cookies packaged by the dozen to sell that day. Donations may be dropped off on Friday, December 5th between 9 AM and 6 PM. Any questions, please call Sue Deitch at 717-652-4120. **Greenery** is needed for our Christmas at Calvary arrangements. We are looking for: white pine, cypress, holly, arborvitae, boxwood, hemlock, and magnolia. Donations can be dropped off at church from December 1st—4th at the door along Constitution Avenue. If you have questions, please call Linda Hartman at 717-652-7672. Sign up to volunteer in the hallway outside The Square. Questions, call Betty Albright at 717-545-4009.

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.

Calvary's United Women in Faith Planning Meeting

It is time to plan for activities and projects for Calvary's United Women in Faith for 2026. There will be a planning meeting for that purpose on Monday, December 8th at 10 AM in rooms 121/122 under the church office wing. Hopefully, you will take time out of your busy schedule to attend. All women of Calvary and their friends are invited. If you are unable to attend, but would like to share suggestions or ideas, please contact: Mary Alice Dumbauld at dumbaulds@comcast.net or 267-264-2363 or Susie Grubb at 717-512-5618 or grubbycdhs@yahoo.com.



United
Women
in Faith

Women's Retreat 2026

Save the date! October 9-11, 2026
Kennbrook Bible Camp & Retreat
Center
Lebanon, PA

Advent & Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 7th

The Second Sunday of Advent
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Mary's Song of Peace

Sunday, December 14th

The Third Sunday of Advent
Zechariah's Song of Joy

Sunday, December 21st

Christmas Cantata: *A Thrill of Hope*
Fellowship after Both Services
(Sign up in the hallway outside The Square to donate items)

Wednesday, December 24th

5 PM & 8 PM
The Angels' Song of Glory
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Sunday, December 28th

One Morning Worship Service at 10 AM
(No Sunday School or Nursery Care)

All Services will be
Livestreamed.



Joy in Christ Sunday School

The Joy in Christ Sunday School Class will begin studying *Creed* by Adam Hamilton on November 30th. This book explores the Apostles' Creed. The class meets in Rooms 123-124. New faces are welcome to join us. Contact Linda Hoffman with questions at 717-599-0014.

Card Showers

Pat Hartranft turns 92 on December 16th. Cards can be mailed to: Pat Hartranft, Columbia Cottage, 1000 Alexandria Lane, Room 104, Harrisburg PA 17110.

Jean Murphy turns 89 on December 18th. Cards can be mailed to: Jean Murphy, 624 Wilhelm Road, Bldg. 1, Room 57A, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

Are you or a church family member celebrating a milestone birthday? Please let the church office know so we can include the birthday in a future newsletter or bulletin.

Christmas Bell Concert

The Calvary congregation and friends are cordially invited by the Young at Heart Club to a special program of Christmas music on Tuesday, December 9th. Our guest bell ringer is Eileen Smith who performs with 2 1/2 octaves of bells. Her friend accompanies her on the piano.

The concert will begin at 1:15 PM on Tuesday, December 9th. No reservation is necessary for just the concert in the sanctuary. However, if you would like to attend our YAH Christmas party and meeting at 12:30 PM, please call Mary Alice at 717-545-7174 or email her at dumbaulds@comcast.net by Friday, December 5th to make a reservation so we have enough seating and refreshments. Hope you can join us!