

Women's Bible Study

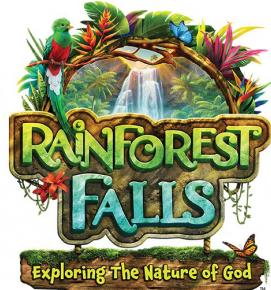
The Women's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 10:00 am, in rooms 123-124. Join us as we begin our new study, **12 Daring Women of the Bible**. Some women show up in a single paragraph of the Bible but their stories speak volumes and we can learn much from these often missed and passed over women of faith. There is no book to purchase & no sign up sheet.

Contact Linda Hoffman 717-599-0014, Bonnie Krampe 717-652-5071, or Kathy Herring 717-503-4839 with questions.

Vacation Bible School 2026

Vacation Bible School will be held July 13th—17th.

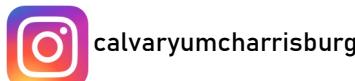
Join us for Rainforest Falls, where we will explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, our creator and a safe place in life's storms!



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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. 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 or Cristin in the 3rd/4th Grade Sunday School Class.



~ *Gathering in Word and Spirit* ~

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Joy Comes In the Morning
Corv   Ransom, solo

Larson

LITANY of the ADVENT CANDLE

Jojo Hinz, Juliette Long, Elizabeth Port, Alice Shrauder

VOICE 1: Advent is a season to hear God's Song of Christmas, one note at a time.

VOICE 2: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and Glory are grace notes from Jesus Christ.

VOICE 3: Jesus calls us to sing the song of salvation with our lives.

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

VOICE 4: When Zechariah's voice returned, he burst forth in a Song of Joy!

VOICE 1: He praised God's faithfulness, rejoiced in the coming Savior, and proclaimed a future filled with blessing.

MANY: We sing the Song of Joy today, as the grace of Jesus Christ resounds within us and through us.

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

VOICE 2: The light of Joy reminds us that God blesses us with a Savior.

VOICE 3: The light of Joy reminds us that God blesses us with a Future.

VOICE 4: The light of Joy reminds us that God blesses us to be a Blessing.

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. Amen. (Ephesians 5:19-20)

***HYMN** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #206 UMH

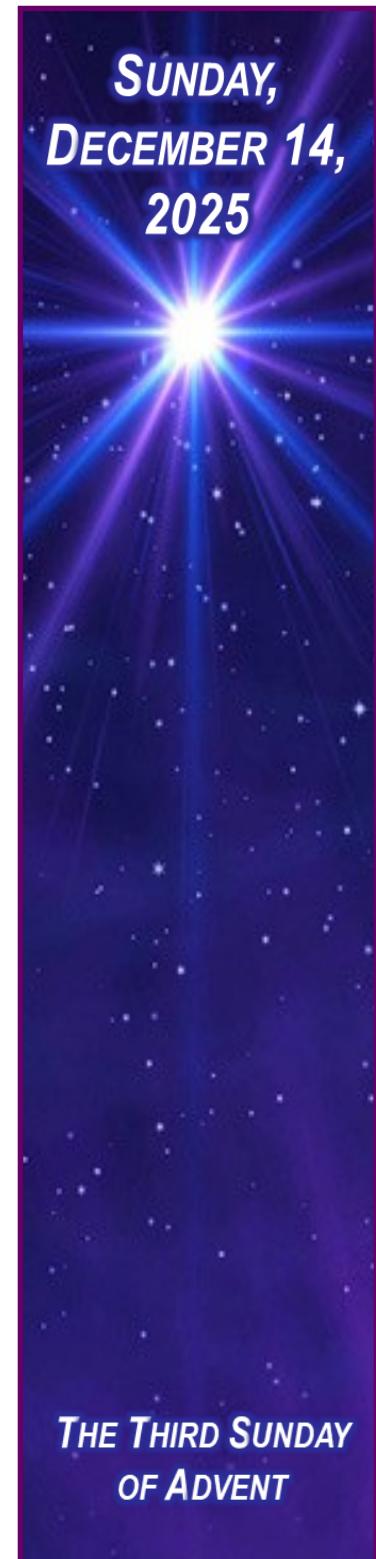
***PRAYER of PRAISE** Pastor Deb Port

***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

Nic Port

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:57-80 (NIV)

ANTHEM

Everyone Can Sing at Christmas
Children's Choir

Burrows

SERMON

"Zechariah's Song of Joy"
Series: The Song(s) 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

Sing Joy

Hayes

***DOXOLOGY**

#94 UMH

***PRAYER of DEDICATION**

Pastor Deb Port

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~

***HYMN**

Joy to the World

#246 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

#204 UMH

***POSTLUDE**

How Great Our Joy

Koury

*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=UM Hymnal (red)

TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black)

The Altar Flowers are presented: In Celebration of the marriage of Amy Klinger and David DeSousa on December 13, 2025 by The Klingers.



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, Mary & DeRay Wagner*

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, Anthony Myers, Carl "Marty" Pattison, Richard Martin, Winifred Sersch, Jean McClure, Sharon Etter, Douglas Walt, David Walt, Thomas Kough, 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, 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, Tim Delp, Ronny Trimmer, James Edward Kilpatrick, Nick Bartholomeo*, Sandie Bartholomeo*, Jack Fouse*, Lance Freeman*, Lori McHugh*, The Family of Aimee Sims*, The Family of Boyd Brandt*

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, December 14th

Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
..... (Preschool—Adult)
11:00 AM Worship Service
1:00 PM Private Event
.....(Fellowship Hall)

Monday, December 15th

7:00 PM Bells of Calvary

Tuesday, December 16th

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

Wednesday, December 17th

10:00 AM Quilters
11:30 AM Prayer & Devotions
..... (last one until January 7, 2026)
12 Noon Staff Christmas
..... Luncheon
5:00 PM Children's Choir

Wednesday, December 17th

Continued
5:30 PM Youth Group
7:00 PM Christmas Voices
.....of Calvary

Thursday, December 18th

6:30 PM GriefShare

Saturday, December 20th

3:00 PM Private Event
.....(Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, December 21st

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Fellowship Gathering

After Each Worship Service

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

Monday, December 22nd

7:00 PM Bells of Calvary



Last Week in Offering

Offering 12/07/2025

General Fund Needed: \$18,615
Received: \$18,863
Building Fund Goal: \$962
Received: \$1,215

Attendance 12/07/2025

8:30 AM: 151
11:00 AM: 128
Sunday School: 51
Online Worship: 111

Advent & Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 21st

Christmas Cantata: *A Thrill of Hope*
by Joel Raney

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Children's Message

Familiar Lessons and Carols

Luke 2:13-14

Sunday, December 28th

One Morning Worship Service
at 10 AM

Luke 2:21-35

(No Sunday School or Nursery Care)

All Services will be Livestreamed.

Flyers are available in The Square about Worship Opportunities to share with your friends and neighbors.



The Season of Advent

New Member Class

Have you been attending worship at Calvary Church and are considering joining our congregation? Do you have questions about how our congregation operates, our relationship with the United Methodist denomination, and how you can become involved? Would you like to connect with others and form relationships? Pastor Deb will be teaching a 3-week Membership Interest Class on February 4th, 11th, and 25th from 6-7 PM. If you and/or your family are interested, please call or email the church office.



Partnership Announcement

Calvary Kids Childcare Center is now a Community Aid Partner! When you make donations to Community Aid, please use Partner #50356 to support Calvary Kids! You may also place donations in the Drop Zone.



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.

Christmas Eve Peace Garden

Prayer Walk

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

~John 8:12

You are invited to a self-guided prayer walk in the Peace Garden on Christmas Eve beginning at 4:30 PM and remaining available after the 8 PM Worship Service.

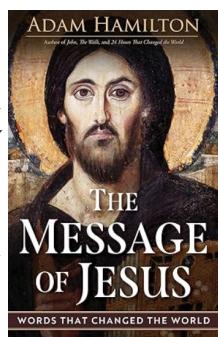
The sidewalk and labyrinth will be lit up with luminaries and a prayer card will be provided to help guide a time of silent reflection on the birth of Christ.

This event is weather-dependent and will not take place if there is rain.

We are thankful for our Youth Group for their development, hard work, and leadership in this Prayer Walk.

Monday Night Book Study

Begins on January 12th at 6 PM (6 weeks)



We will explore the book *The Message of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton. A sign up sheet is available in The Square. Contact John Packer with questions at jwpackercpa@comcast.net or 717-576-5984.

Offering Envelopes

The 2026 offering envelope boxes are available in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall until the end of January. After that, please call Nancy in the church office to arrange pick up. You can help the transition to a new giving year go more smoothly by noting and doing the following:

1. To ensure proper credit for your offerings, please do not use 2026 envelopes until January 1st and do not use 2025 envelopes after January 1st.
2. We appreciate those who want to deliver another's envelope box to them, but please be sure to notify the person or the church office if you are doing so.
3. Please do double check the name and address label on the box and that the envelope number on the label matches the number on the envelopes.
4. Please do write your name on your offering envelopes in January to help us ensure that none have been mislabeled.

These steps will help us to maintain correct giving records for our contributors and we thank you for your assistance.

Save the Date!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on February 17th from 5-6:30 PM. The Calvary Kids Board will be hosting the event. Tickets will go on sale in January.