

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.

Easter Candy

Easter Candy Making begins on Thursday, January 2nd and will continue every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 AM—1 PM until Palm Sunday.

JIF Creamy Peanut Butter donations can be placed in the Drop Zone. Thank you for your donations. Candy order forms will be available in mid-January. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Miller, 717-439-0852.

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.



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~ *Gathering in Word and Spirit* ~

WELCOME

PRELUDE “*On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*” Larson
 Bells of Calvary

MEDITATION *for the* CANDLE *of* LOVE
The Song of Love (in a Rest)
 Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

*CAROL “Once in Royal David’s City” #250 UMH

***PRAYER *of* PRAISE** Pastor Deborah Port

***PASSING of the PEACE**
Please be mindful of people's boundaries as you share God's love.
Please be seated during the singing of the carol.

CAROL *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* #230 UMH

*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!*

CANTATA “*A Thrill of Hope*” **Joel Raney**

Christmas Voices of Calvary
Deborah Benedict, *Director of Music*
Bonita Snyder, *Cantata Director*

Movement #1 *“A Thrill of Hope”*
Readers: Deanna Williams & Kyle Shrauder

Movement #2 *“A Gift of Love”*
Readers: Linda Hoffman & Gary Crissman



RECEIVING OUR LIVES, TITHES, *and* OFFERINGS
Today's offering will be received during the singing of, "A Prayer for Peace." There will be no Doxology.

Movement #3 *“A Prayer for Peace”*
Readers: April Pellegrini & Ken Evans

Movement #4 *“A Song of Joy”*
Readers: Corvé Ransom, Ruth Milliken, Bob Little,
Ellen DeStefano, & Gary Crissman

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~

PRAYER *of* REFLECTION Pastor Deborah Port

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CAROL** *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* #240 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel #204 UMH
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called, Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel

***POSTLUDE**

*“Joyous Proclamation with
Hark! the Herald Angles Sing”*

Caudill

*Please stand as you are able.

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

The Altar Flowers are presented:
In Honor of Jesus' Birthday by Jay and Susie Grubb.



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, 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, Jane Taylor*, Isla Packer*, Josh & Sarah Packer*, Lavunda Nau*, Krista Mogonyi*, Linda Reid*

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 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

Tuesday, December 23rd

9:00 AM Threads of Love

4:00 PM Food Pantry

Wednesday, December 24th

12 Noon Church Office Closes

3:00 PM Calvary Kids Closes

4:30 PM Christmas Eve Peace

..... Garden Prayer Walk Opens

..... (weather permitting)

5:00 PM ... Christmas Eve Worship

8:00 PM ... Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 25th



Friday, December 26th

Church Office Closed

Calvary Kids Closed

Sunday, December 28th

10:00 AM Worship Service

(No Sunday School or Nursery Care)

Tuesday, December 30th

9:00 AM Threads of Love

Wednesday, December 31st

12 Noon Church Office Closes

3:00 PM Calvary Kids Closes

Thursday, January 1st

Church Office Closed

Calvary Kids Closed



Last Week in Offering

Offering 12/14/2025

General Fund Needed: \$18,615

Received: \$20,531

Building Fund Goal: \$962

Received: \$476

Attendance 12/14/2025

8:30 AM: 96

11:00 AM: 102

Sunday School: 40

Online Worship: 127

Advent & Christmas Worship

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.



Vacation Bible School 2026

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

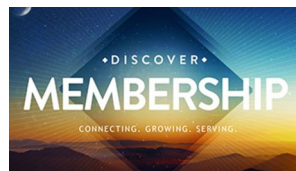


Livestreaming of Worship

In case you did not know, we are
Livestreaming Worship. Please note
that we reserve the right to record, vide-
otape, and photograph our ser-
vices. 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.

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 Unit-
ed Methodist denomination, and how
you can become involved? Would you
like to connect with others and form re-
lationships? Pastor Deb will be teach-
ing 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.



Christmas Eve Peace Garden Prayer Walk

*I am the light of the world. Whoever
follows me will never walk in dark-
ness, but will have the light of life.*

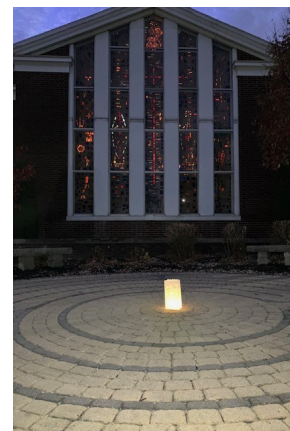
~John 8:12

You are invited to a self-guided prayer
walk in the Peace
Garden on Christ-
mas Eve beginning
at 4:30 PM and re-
maining 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.

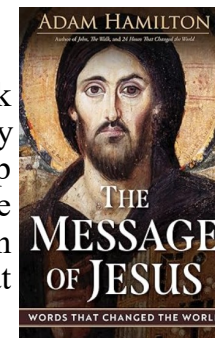
We are thankful for our Youth Group for
their development, hard work, and leader-
ship in this Prayer Walk.



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 Janu-
ary to help us ensure that none
have been mislabeled.

These steps will help us to maintain
correct giving records for our con-
tributors 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.