

## 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 continues 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 at 717-439-0852.



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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!

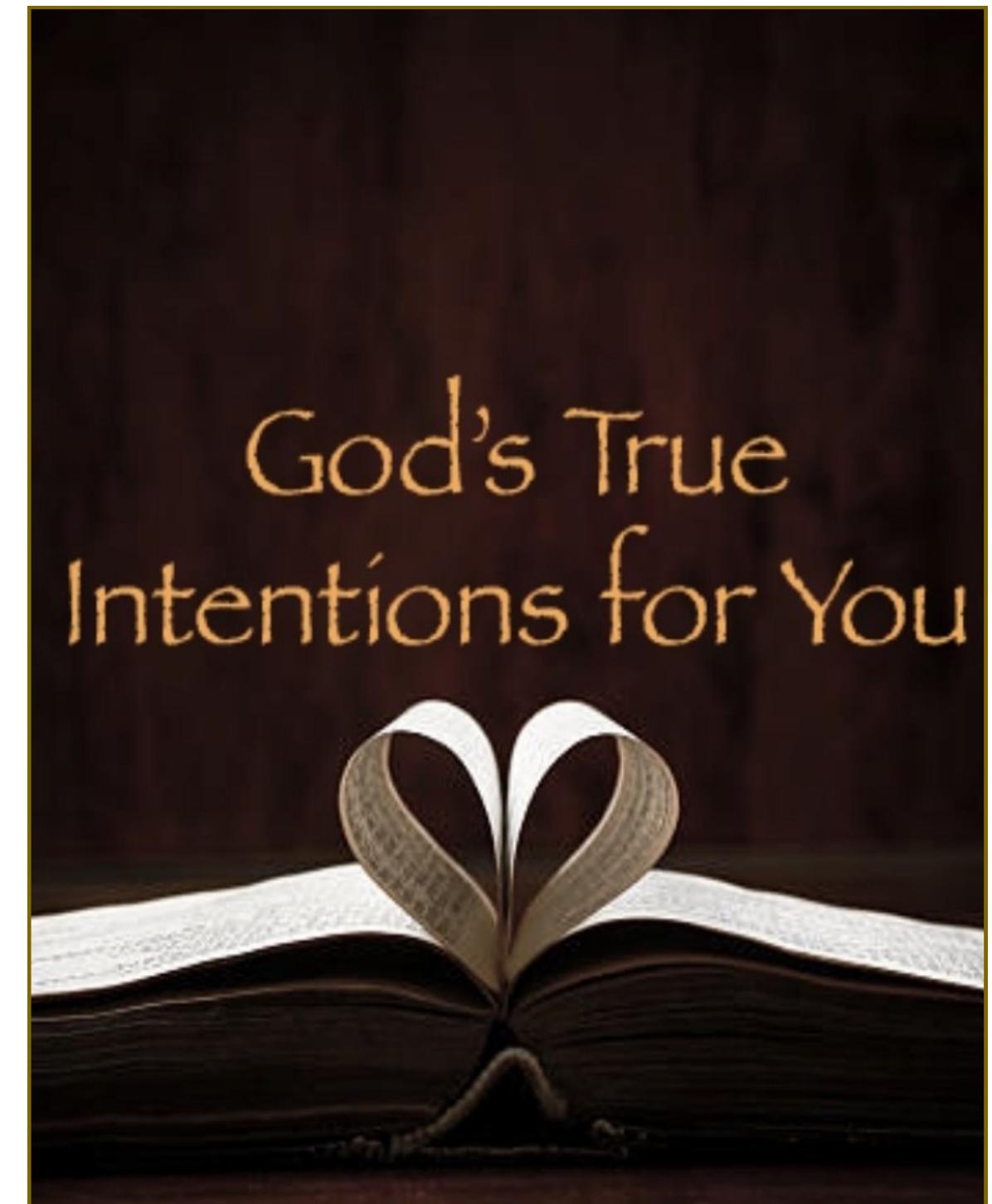


<https://susuehannaconference.cambrainzregistration.com/>

**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](http://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**      *Wise Men Saw the Light*      Larson  
                    April Pellegrini, solo

**\*HYMN**      *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*      #251 UMH

**\*PRAYER of PRAISE**

**\*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!*

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**      *Isaiah 42:5-9 (NIV)*

*This is what God the LORD says—  
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,  
who gives breath to its people,  
and life to those who walk on it:  
“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;  
I will take hold of your hand.  
I will keep you and will make you  
to be a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,  
to open eyes that are blind,  
to free captives from prison  
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.  
“I am the LORD; that is my name!  
I will not yield my glory to another  
or my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have taken place,*



*and new things I declare;  
before they spring into being  
I announce them to you.”*

**ANTHEM**      *Star-Child*      Young  
                    April Pellegrini, solo

**SERMON**      *“God’s Intention”*  
                    Pastor Deborah Port

**PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE**

~ *Celebrating at the Table* ~

**PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**      *The Work of Christmas Begins*      Courtney  
                    April Pellegrini, solo

**\*DOXOLOGY**      #94 UMH

**\*PRAYER of DEDICATION**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER**

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~

**\*HYMN**      *Take My Life, and Let It Be*      #399 UMH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      *Shalom to You*      #666 UMH

**\*POSTLUDE**      *The Newborn King*      Martin

\*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=UM Hymnal (red)

TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black)



**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

**In Mourning:** The Family of John Ewell on his passing (his wife Barbara, his son and daughter-in-law John & Sharen, and his granddaughter Haley).

**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, Rick Martin\*

**Prayer Concerns:** Bryce Leidich, Lorraine Brosius, Scott & Tracy Wagner, Joanne Paladino, Ginny Coy, John Oster, Brandan & Kelly Mehaffie, Rebecca Jacobs & Family, Roger Cooper, 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, 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, Mickey & Pixie Haist, Kerry Butz, Merrian Glover, Ed West, JoAnne Konick-McMahan, Livi McAnnaneney, 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, Nick Bartholomeo, Sandie Bartholomeo, Jack Fouse, Lance Freeman, Lori McHugh, Jane Taylor, Isla Packer, Josh & Sarah Packer, Lavunda Nau, Krista Mogonyi, Linda Reid, Joseph Genco, Spencer Griggs\*, Lyndsi Werner\*

**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](mailto:office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org) or call 717-545-0021. A new list is compiled at the beginning of each month.

# **CALVARY CALENDAR**

### Sunday, January 4th

8:30 AM ..... Worship Service  
9:45 AM ..... Sunday School  
. (Preschool—Adult; with the Visit ..... of the Wise Men for children)  
11:00 AM ..... Worship Service

### Tuesday, January 6th

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

### Wednesday, January 7th

10:00 AM .. Women's Bible Study  
11:30 AM ..... Prayer & Devotions  
5:00 PM ..... Children's Choir  
7:00 PM ..... Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 8th

9:00 AM ..... Easter Candy Making  
4:00 PM ..... Food Pantry  
6:00 PM ..... Calvary Kids Board Meeting

### Friday, January 9th

9:00 AM .... Easter Candy Making

### Saturday, January 10th

9:00 AM .... Easter Candy Making

### Sunday, January 11th

Sacrament of Holy Communion  
8:30 AM ..... Worship Service  
9:45 AM ..... Sunday School  
11:00 AM ..... Worship Service  
5:55 PM ..... Private Event ..... (Fellowship Hall)

### Monday, January 12th

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



## *Last Week in Offering*

### Offering 12/28/2025

General Fund Needed: \$18,610  
Received: \$22,276  
Building Fund Goal: \$962  
Received: \$803

### Attendance 12/24/2025

5:00 PM: 336 8:00 PM: 226

### Attendance 12/28/2025

10:00 AM: 153  
Livestream: 132

## Cozy Soup Sunday

Sunday, January 25th

12:15 PM in Fellowship Hall

Nothing is better than a fellowship lunch of warm hearty soup on a wintry Sunday with family and friends. Plan to attend Calvary's "dish-to-pass" style event. No tickets are required—only a reservation to insure an accurate head count. Sign up at the table in the hallway outside The Square by January 18th.

The simple menu features warm soups, bread, fruit, and beverages. Bring your own pot of soup to share with others. Not a soup chef? Join us anyway and enjoy the company of family and friends.

Lunch will be served at 12:15 PM. Lori and Tim Mader with their daughter Carly will be there to share information about their foundation, Carly's Hope, which offers financial assistance to families for adoption.

Sponsored by the UWF. Contact Sue Weikert (717-315-5441) or Romney Noone (717-652-2875) 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!



## 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.

## 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.



## Save The Date

A **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** will be held on Tuesday, February 17th with food being served from 5-6:30 PM. The Calvary Kids Childcare Center Board will be hosting the event! The menu will include pancakes, sausage, fruit, and drink. Tickets will be on sale beginning on January 11th. Cost is: Age 11 and up \$10, ages 3-10 \$5 and age 2 and under is free. Gluten Free pancakes will be available upon request. We hope you will join us for this delicious meal!

## Young at Heart Club

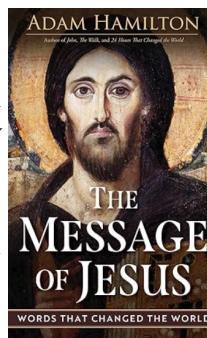
The first activity for the Young at Heart Club (YAH) for 2026 will be on Tuesday, January 13th at 12:30 PM. Join us for dessert and a Card Party! Maybe learn a new card game or play a familiar game. Not a Card Shark? We will also have Dominos available. If you have questions, please reach out to Mary Alice Dumbauld at [dumbaulds@comcast.net](mailto:dumbaulds@comcast.net) or text (267-264-2363). New faces are always welcome!



## 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](mailto:jwpackercpa@comcast.net) or 717-576-5984.



## Widows Healing Heart Group

No matter how long you have been a widow, you have probably wondered if what you are feeling is "normal." Sometimes you just need to talk to someone who is going through a time that you are going through or have gone through. Maybe you just need to get out for a bit and be with people who need to get out too. On January 26th, we are going to have a get together for widows. It will be at 10 AM in The Square and we will have coffee or tea. Please think about some activities we can do together or in groups...at the church or out somewhere! Any idea is welcome! Questions? Contact Sue Zearing at 717-877-3416 or Sue Helsel at 252-862-5604.

## Valentine Bags for LAMs

The United Women of Faith are collecting items for Valentine/gift bags for our LAMs. Items that are needed will be small personal care items such as, tissues, hand lotion, small bottles of body wash, tooth brushes, tooth paste, chapstick, individual snack items (examples: crackers, chips, cookies, candies), also puzzle books, notepads, postal stamps, pens, pencils, and light weight gloves. Please place items in The Drop Zone by February 8th. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Evans at 717-997-1747.