

Fall Book Study

Starting Monday, September 14th at 6:30 PM, the Monday Night Book Study Group will begin its discussion of Adam Hamilton's *Christianity's Family Tree--What Others Believe and Why*. The book examines eight Christian denominations and faith traditions, including United Methodism. Hamilton contends that each denomination has a unique and valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith. The class will run for six weeks, and a sign-up sheet is available in The Square. Any questions can be directed to John Packer at 717-576-5984.

Rise Against Hunger

Rise Against Hunger is an international non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other aid to people in developing nations. The Missions Committee is sponsoring another event that requires assistance from the entire congregation to help pack 20,088 meals after both worship services on Sunday, October 4th.

Wednesday Morning Prayer & Devotions

On Wednesday mornings, a dedicated group meets to share in a time of devotions and a time for prayers to be lifted to our awesome God. Want to join us? Anyone is welcome to come! We meet at 11:30 AM and end by 12 Noon. We focus our prayer time on the leadership of our church, our Calvary LAMs, the prayer concerns listed in the weekly bulletin and those that serve our country and our community. There is additional time to share our personal prayer concerns, too. If you have a specific prayer concern that you are in need of prayer for, contact the church office or Linda Hoffman at 717-599-0014.

Summer Nursery

This is a gentle reminder that Calvary does not provide nursery care until September. Children of any age are always welcome in worship. We also have a cry room available adjacent to the sanctuary, as well as Children's Worship Bulletins and Worship Bags. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

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~ *Gathering in Word and Spirit* ~

WELCOME

PRELUDE *The Gift of Love* Larson
Jeff and Ron Beatty, duet

*HYMN *Praise the Source of Faith and Learning* #2004 TFWS

*PRAYER of PRAISE Rev. Randy Bennett

*PASSING of the PEACE #2164 TFWS
Please be mindful of people’s boundaries as you share God’s love.
Please be seated as we sing the chorus of , “Sanctuary”

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living
Sanctuary for you.*

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION Aime Bennett

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 4:29-5:2 (NIV)
Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A BLESSING for BACK-to-SCHOOL Insert
Join in singing, *Jesus Loves Me*, as the children come forward.

ANTHEM *Jesus Is My Lord* Besig
Jeff and Ron Beatty, duet



SERMON *“Living the Renovated Life”*
Series: *Captive Minds & Careful Words*
Pastor Deb Port

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE Rev. Randy Bennett

~ *Celebrating at the Table* ~

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Near To The Heart Of God* McAfee/Mier

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*PRAYER of DEDICATION

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~
Loving Jesus, Loving Neighbor, Building Community

*HYMN *We All Are One in Mission* #2243 TFWS

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Shalom to You* #666 UMH

*POSTLUDE *Toccata* Thygerson

*Please stand as you are able.

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

The Altar Flowers are presented: In Honor of Paul and Stephanie Geiger’s 40th Wedding Anniversary.



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 Stiffler, Joann Rohland, Carol Bettinger, Paul Danko, Bill Morris, Harold McNaughton, Pat Rowe, Pat Hartranft, Bill & Liz Payne, Barbara Fritz, Priscilla Secord, Sandra Beck, Maxine Swink, Mary Louise Keiper, Mary & DeRay Wagner, Thelma Buckingham, Phil Womer & Donna Pope, Helen Kustanbauter

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, Cole Sullivan, Charlie Sullivan, Christopher Castellani, Dan Sheehan, Mary Dietrich, Sandra Frantz, David & Pat Ster, R.S. Garner, DeeDee Sakson, Larry Wright, Marty Pattison, Lance Leidich, Marty Brightbill, Livi McAnnaneny, Alan Colbert, Joe Bowers, Charlotte Cornelius, Sharon Wiles, Joanne Stong, Nick Bartholomeo, Sandie Bartholomeo, Jane Taylor, Isla Packer, Linda Reid, Wanda Egan, Kathy Thompson, Mick Lucas, Matt Schaeffer, Jack Keiser, Evan Stutzman, Shirley Sweger, Beth Henry, Baby Wyatt, Terry & Danette Kampas, Anna Updike, Cindy Leighton, Bobby Shindle, Pat Fink, Anthony Myers, Douglas Walt, David Walt, Judy Savastio, Liz & Paul, Wendy Fahnestock, Kim Sgrignoli, Susan Wagner, Ashley Albright, Kathy-Jo Armstrong, E. McBrayer, Debbie Curry, Noel Pelletier, Anna Updyke, Pat Shomper, Steve Trimmer, David Balmer, Judith Huntzinger, Jan Skipper, Joan Clinger, Matt Hocker, Larry Hicks, Karen Cordner, Dianne Blackburn, Jeanni, Jason Gasper, Mark Gasper, Erin Jacobs, Dave Drayer, Dan, Kirby Lentz, Louise MacDonald, Dave Miller, Leann, Jaden Metzler

Serving in Armed Forces: Andrew Hoffman, Jake Smuda, Aaron Lytle, Anthony Oswandel, Patrick McCarthy, James Simmons, Clay Burnette, Holly Dively, James Forsyth, Steven Novosel, Jackson Robinette, Joseph Swift, Zachary Curtis, Ian Turner, Haden Wagner, Evan Funk, Sam Klinger

** 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, August 30th

Backpack Blessing
Blessing for Educators
10:00 AM..... Worship Service

Monday, August 31st

6:30 PM.....Men's Pick Up
.....Basketball (age 25 & up)

Tuesday, September 1st

9:00 AM..... Threads of Love
2:30 PM..... Stephen Ministers
.....Meeting
6:00 PM..... Amateur Pickleball
6:30 PM..... Dartball

Wednesday, September 2nd

11:30 AM..... Prayer & Devotions

Sunday, September 6th

8:30 AM..... Worship Service
11:00 AM..... Worship Service

Monday, September 7th

Church Office & Calvary Kids
Closed



Tuesday, September 8th

9:00 AM Threads of Love
12:30 PM Young at Heart Club
5:30 PM ... Adopt-A-Grad Meeting
6:00 PM Pickleball
6:00 PM Staff Parish Relations
..... Committee Meeting
6:30 PM Dartball

Wednesday, September 9th

10:00 AM Quilters
11:30 AM Prayer & Devotions
5:45 PM Women's Retreat
..... Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Chancel Choir



Last Week in Offering

Offering 08/23/2026

General Fund Needed: \$18,610
Received: \$8,607
Building Fund Goal: \$962
Received: \$402

Attendance 08/23/2026

10 AM: 223
Online Worship: 107

Camp & Retreat Ministry **5th Annual Fundraising Gala**

Saturday, September 12th at 4 PM
Calvary UMC

*85% of parents agreed their campers
grew in self-confidence while at camp.*

~Sacred Playgrounds Camp Study

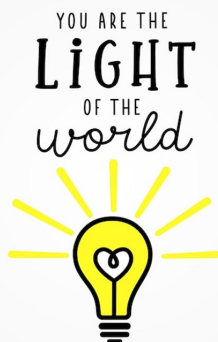
That's only one of the many ways we see camp change young people's lives. Join the SUSUMC Camp & Retreat Ministry for their 5th Fundraising Gala, right here at Calvary! Tickets can be purchased and more information can be found at www.suscrm.org/gala/.



Women's Retreat

October 9th-11th at Kenbrook Bible
Camp & Retreat Center in Lebanon

Jesus said that you are the light of the world. How in the world do we do that? This is the question we will be tackling at this year's women's retreat. The retreat will include opportunities for in depth Bible Study, APEST Gift Assessments, fellowship, and fun. The building we will be using at Kenbrook this year is fully accessible (all one level and dining hall in the same building!). Brochures are available in The Square.



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.

Adopt-A-Grad

The purpose of the Adopt-A-Grad Team is to foster the connection between Calvary UMC and our college students pursuing their first Associate's or Bachelor's degree. The team will meet on September 8th at 5:30 PM in The Square. Current team members and others interested in this ministry are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend but are interested in corresponding with a student, please email the church office.

Young at Heart Club (YAH)

The YAH Club will meet on Tuesday, September 8th (the day after Labor Day). We will begin with dessert at 12:30 PM, then a short business meeting, and then a demonstration by Kay Yniguez on how to make a fall floral arrangement using the beautiful colors of autumn. Contact Mary Alice Dumbauld (267-264-2363) by Friday, September 4th to make a reservation. All are welcome.

Employment Opportunities at Calvary UMC

Church Treasurer (Part-Time, 20-25 Hours/Week)

Calvary United Methodist Church is seeking a detail-oriented and trustworthy Treasurer to oversee the financial operations of the church and childcare ministry. Responsibilities include accounts payable, payroll coordination, financial reporting, budgeting, and maintaining sound financial records. Candidates should have accounting or bookkeeping experience, proficiency with QuickBooks or similar software, and a commitment to confidentiality and teamwork. Compensation is \$28-\$32 per hour, depending on experience, with Paid Time Off and a church-sponsored 403(b) retirement plan.

Financial & Operational Secretary (Part-Time, 20 Hours/Week)

Calvary United Methodist Church is seeking a friendly, organized, and dependable Financial & Operational Secretary. This position manages contribution processing and donor records while providing front office and administrative support for the church. Candidates should possess strong organizational and computer skills, with bookkeeping or QuickBooks experience preferred, and demonstrate integrity, confidentiality, and excellent customer service. Compensation is \$18-\$22 per hour, depending on experience, with Paid Time Off and a church-sponsored 403(b) retirement plan.

Application Instructions: To apply for either position, submit a résumé and cover letter to office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

For the full job descriptions, please visit www.calvaryhbg.org.

Fall Worship and Sunday School

Beginning on September 6th, Worship returns to 8:30 and 11 AM. Sunday School returns on September 13th at 9:45 AM. Nursery Care will also be provided during Worship and Sunday School beginning on September 13th.

Bus Trip to Museum of the Bible and National Mall

Friday, October 2, 2026

Sponsored by the River Valley Lay
Servant Committee

Cost - \$90 per person, \$25 children 12 and under. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Price includes bus fee, bus driver tip and entrance fee for Museum of the Bible, and box lunch.

Reservation deadline is Friday, September 4, 2026. Any questions contact Scott Eshenaur via cell phone of 717-580-8426 or email of sreshenaur@gmail.com. Forms with more information are available in The Square or by emailing the church office.