

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.

Women's Bible Study

The Names of God

God is called by many names in Scripture. Calvary women & friends are invited to join the Women's Bible Study as we consider how these names highlight specific aspects of God's character. Our study will begin on Wednesday, September 16th at 10 AM in Rooms 123/124.

A sign up sheet is in The Square. We will notify you when books are available. Questions can be addressed to Linda Hoffman 717-599-0014, Kathy Herring 717-503-4839, or Bonnie Krampe 717-652-5071.

Sunday School and Church Nursery

Sunday School returns on September 13th at 9:45 AM. There are classes for preschoolers through adults. More information can be found in the September Newsletter.

Nursery Care will also be provided during Worship and Sunday School beginning on September 13th.

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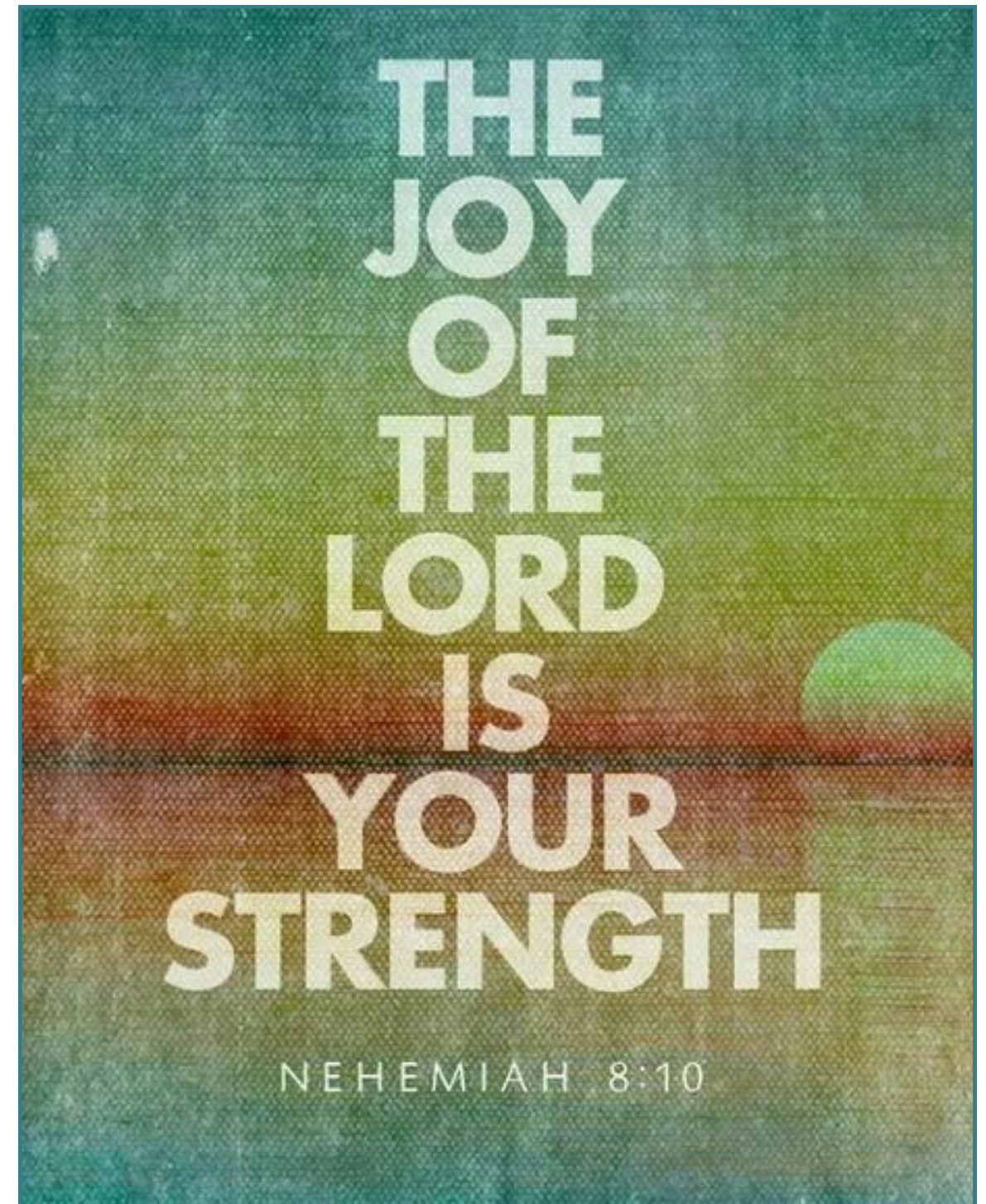
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~ Gathering in Word and Spirit ~

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Here I Am To Worship* Hughes
Jojo Hinz; Kyle, Ashley, and Alice Shrauder

*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #89 UMH

*PRAYER of PRAISE

*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 Becky Miller (8:30 AM)
Corvé Ransom (11 AM)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Nehemiah 8:1-3, 8-10 (NIV)
All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.
They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”



ANTHEM *10,000 Reasons Bless the Lord* Myrin/Redman
Jojo Hinz; Kyle, Ashley, and Alice Shrauder

SERMON “*The Joy of the Lord is your Strength*”
Pastor Deb Port

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE

~ Celebrating at the Table ~

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Choose Joy with The Joy of The Lord* Boesiger/Vale

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*PRAYER of DEDICATION

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

*HYMN #2243 TFWS

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Shalom to You* #666 UMH

*POSTLUDE *The Is Joy in My Heart!* Besig

*Please stand as you are able.

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

The Altar Flowers are presented: In Honor of the dedication of teachers here at Calvary. Thank you!



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: Larry King and Family on the passing of his mother.

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, 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, Louise MacDonald, Dave Miller, Leann, Jaden Metzler, Sandy Sandy, Wayne D.*

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, 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

Thursday, September 10th

4:00 PM Food Pantry

Saturday, September 12th

4:00 PM Camp & Retreat
..... Ministry Fundraising Gala

Sunday, September 13th

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service



Last Week in Offering

Offering 08/30/2026

General Fund Needed: \$18,610
Received: \$9,743
Building Fund Goal: \$962
Received: \$1,293

Attendance 08/30/2026

10 AM: 207
Online Worship: 102

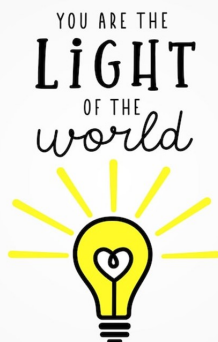
UWF Book Club

The final meeting for this year will be on Tuesday, September 29th, starting at 12 Noon with a luncheon at Romney Noone's home and followed by a discussion of the book **Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence** by Diana Butler Bass. "It's a refreshing take on the comprehensive, multi-faceted nature of Jesus, keeping his teachings relevant and alive in our daily lives." There may also be a few reports on other books from the Spiritual Growth category of the UWF Reading Program. Any questions about options to the Diana Bass book, contact Mary Alice Dumbauld. If you plan to attend, please text or call Mary Alice (267-264-2363) by Tuesday, September 22nd.

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. The team will meet on September 8th at 5:30 PM in The Square. Current team members and others interested are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend but are interested in corresponding with a student, please email the church office.

Widows Healing Hearts Group

No matter how long you have been a widow, you have probably wondered if what you are feeling is "normal." Widow's Healing Hearts is a great place to get to know other widows and compare journeys. No registration is necessary, just come and join us! We will meet on September 14th at 10 AM in The Square. After the meeting, anyone interested is welcome to join us for lunch at the Wharf on Derry Street. We look forward to seeing everyone! Questions? Contact Sue Zearing at 717-877-3416 or Sue Helsel at 252-862-5604.

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.

Caring Cupboard for Calvary's Youth

We are asking for your support in providing meals for the Youth Group (12–15 people) on Wednesday evenings. Meals can either be prepared by you or frozen items such as chicken tenders, fries, ravioli, soup, tacos, salads, and dessert. Drinks do not need to be provided. Drop off times are by 3:30 PM for frozen items needing preparation and heating by leaders and 5:15 PM for meals ready to eat. Sign up in the hallway outside The Square.

If you are unable to provide a meal, monetary donations are also accepted to help cover the cost of drinks, etc. Contact Kelley in the office with questions.

We are also looking for donations of pre-packaged individual serving size breakfast pastries and cookies for Sunday School (Little Bites Muffins, Granola Bars, Cookies, etc.). Items can be placed in the Drop Zone. Contact Kelley in the office with any questions.