

Calvary United Methodist Church
519 Pottsville Street, Wiconisco
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026– 10:30 AM



**Please stand, if able*

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

GATHERING

Welcome, Joys, and Concerns

***The Peace** (Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.)

“The Family of God” See Back of Hymnal

Prelude

Worship begins with the ringing of the bell, the lighting of the candles and the piano prelude. Please use this time to help you reflect on the different ways in which the Spirit has moved throughout history and within your own life.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God’s light is here. It shows our true hearts.
Can we handle the truth?

People: The truth is we need mercy.

Cleanse us, O God. Give us pure hearts.

Leader: Here is the greatest truth. God did not come to condemn us. He came to save us.

People: God so loved the world. He gave his only Son to satisfy our thirsty souls.

Leader: Step out of the darkness. Walk in his light.
Come to the living water.

All: Let us worship the God of truth, mercy, and everlasting love! Even when we fail, his compassions never fail. Great is his faithfulness!

***Opening Hymn** “Great is Thy Faithfulness” UMH No. 140

***Invocation** (In Unison)

Holy and Merciful God,

Your light searches our hearts today. The truth is, we are empty without you. Our souls are thirsty for your grace. Thank you for sending your Son, not to condemn us, but to save us. Wash us clean and create pure hearts within us. As we sing, satisfy our thirsty spirits with your living water.

In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 51:1-12

(Pew Bible Page No. 889)

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*”Doxology”

UMH No. 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn

“As the Deer”

TFWS No. 2025

***Gospel Lesson** John 3:16-21 (Pew Bible Page No. 1650)

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God!

Hymn “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

UMH No. 462

Sermon

“Can You Handle the Truth?”

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

UMH No. 895

SENDING FORTH

***Closing Hymn** “Trust and Obey”

UMH No. 467

Benediction

* Choral Benediction “May You Run and Not be Weary”

TFWS No. 2281

***Postlude**

Greeters

Today

Gail Bensinger

Next Week

Dot Bopp

Remember in Your Prayers: Janet Minnich, Pat Hoke, Catherine Lower, Donette Coleman, Charlotte Miller, Jim Smeltz, Mike Ressler, Ron Zerby, Brantley Enders, Shirley Alvord, Grant Miller, Victor Miller, Carol Miller, Den and Kathy Miller.

Pantry item: WV Pantry item for the month of September is household cleaner. Christ Open Market needs are cereal, canned fruit, canned meats, snacks and juice.

Faggots: October 9th, \$1.50 each. Please give your orders to Shirley Alvord by September 27th. Faggots can be picked up at the church on October 9th between 10:00-11:00AM.

Women's Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast: October 6, 2026 @ 8:45AM, Wiconisco Firehouse. The cost of the breakfast is \$10.00. Please RSVP to Janet Watkins.

Halloween Candy: We are currently collecting candy for Wiconisco Treat or Treat candy bags. Thank you.

World Hunger Spaghetti Dinner: Saturday, October 31, 4:00PM – 6:00PM. \$12.00/Platter \$5.00 children 4-10. See Shirley Alvord, 453-7267 for tickets.

Bible Study: Pastor Annette will be hosting the "I Am: I Am Statements of Jesus" Bible Study by David Jeremiah beginning in October. Please sign up in narthex.

Worship Leaders

Annette Shutt, Pastor

Susan Clough, Lay Leader

Michael Calnon, Minister of Music

Sean Flynn, Liturgist

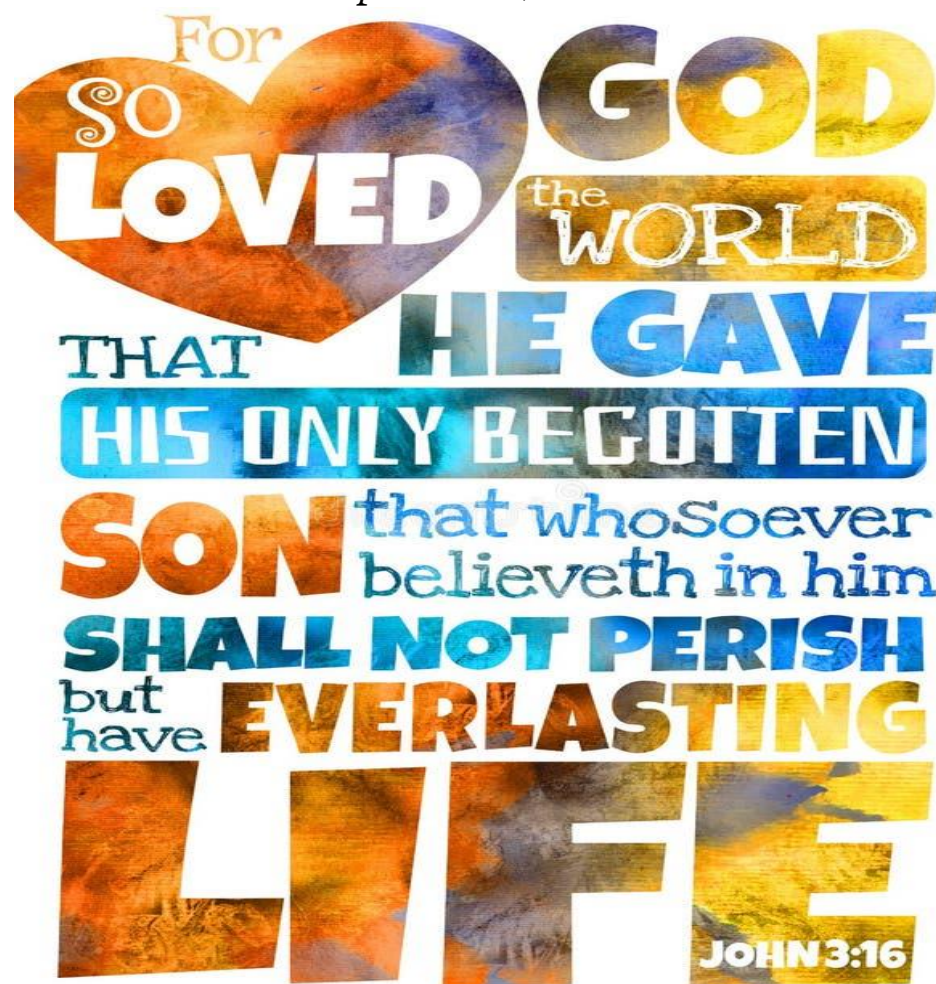
Don Matter, Guest Preacher

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