Items Need for the Cupboard at Calvary's Thanksgiving Food Distribution

As the Cupboard at Calvary continues to help those in need in the community, turkeys and whole chickens will be distributed at the Thanksgiving distribution. If you would like to donate, turkeys (preferably 12 to 20 pound) and whole chickens will be accepted on the following days:

- Sunday November 15th, 8 AM to 12 Noon (for both services)
- Wednesday November 18th, 12 Noon to 2 PM
- Thursday November 19th, 12 Noon to 2 PM
- Sunday November 22nd, 8 AM to 12 Noon (for both services)
- Monday November 23rd, 12 Noon to 2 PM

A freezer will be placed in Fellowship Hall for your donations. We are also collecting other items to compliment a Thanksgiving Dinner—all the fixin's you would enjoy at your own meal. Thank you to everyone for your support!

Women's Bible Study – Incarnation

All women are cordially invited to a four week Advent study of *Incarnation* by Adam Hamilton starting on Wednesday, November 11th at 10 AM in Rooms 123/124. We will explore why God came to us in Jesus, the purpose of the Incarnation, and how we are meant to respond to the Incarnation today. There is no book to purchase. Questions can be directed to Kathy Herring 717-503-4839, Linda Hoffman 717-599-0014, or Bonnie Krampe 717-652-5071.

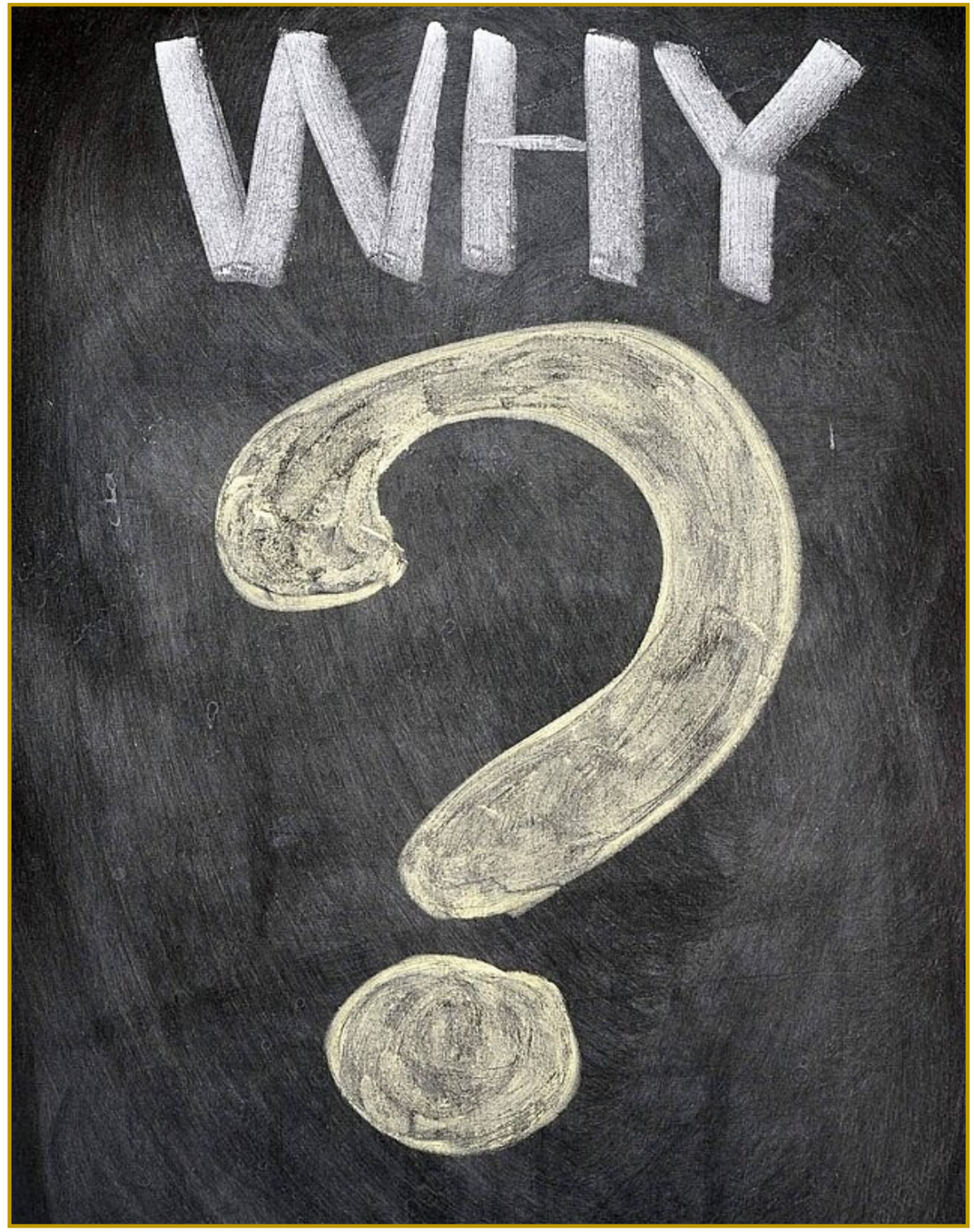
Monday Night Book Study

This Advent season, the Monday night book study group decided for a change of pace, to read a Christmas-themed novel. We will read and discuss Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol.* The group will meet for six weeks, Monday evenings from November 16th through December 14th, from 6:30-8 PM in Rooms 121/122 under the church office wing. Contact John Packer with questions at 717-576-5984.

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~ Gathering in Word and Spirit ~

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Foundation Medley* Robertson

***HYMN #545 UMH** *The Church's One Foundation*

***PRAYER *of* PRAISE** Pastor Deb Port

***GLORIA PATRI** #71 UMH

***THE CONFESSION *of* FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,*
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(*catholic means universal)

***PASSING *of the* PEACE** #507 UMH

Please be mindful of people's boundaries as you share God's love.
Please be seated as we sing, *"Through It All."*

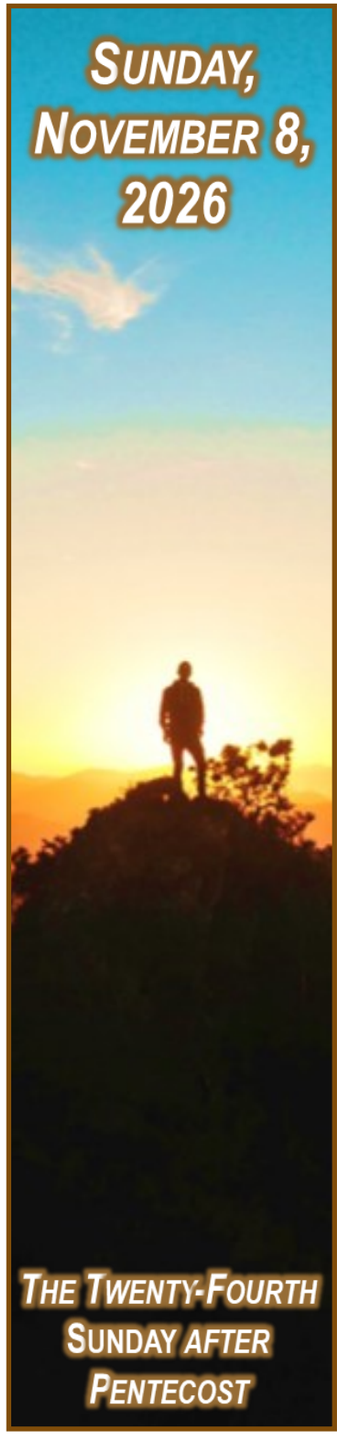
PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION Dale Miller (8:30 AM)
Ruth Milliken (11 AM)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.



ANTHEM *Live Your Love* Nordmeyer

Trio: Anne Witmer, April Pellegrini, Deb Benedict (8:30 AM)
Chancel Choir (11 AM)

SERMON ***"Faith, Suffering, and Meaning-Making"***

Series: *Your Questions about Suffering, Part 1*

"Why do bad things happen to good people?"
"Why can't my life run smoothly? Why is there always something that is not going right and causing anxiety and stress?"
Rev. Randy Bennett

PRAYERS *of* THE PEOPLE Pastor Deb Port

~ Celebrating at the Table ~

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, *and* OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *In Christ Alone* Getty/Townend

***DOXOLOGY** #94 UMH

***PRAYER *of* DEDICATION** Rev. Randy Bennett

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

~ Going Forth in Mission ~

Loving Jesus, Loving Neighbor, Building Community

***HYMN #480 UMH** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** *How Firm a Foundation* Barker

*Please stand as you are able.
UMH=UM Hymnal (red) TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black)

<u>The Altar Flowers are presented:</u> In Memory of Jeff Hiltner by John & Marion Hiltner and Cheryl McGrath. In Honor of Curtis E. Deemer on his birthday by Karl & Sue Deemer.



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: Rebecca Slavinsky and Family on the passing of her father, Don Eisenberger.

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, 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, Sandy Frantz, Anne Baker

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 Reinsborugh, Cole Sullivan, Charlie Sullivan, Christopher Castellani, Dan Sheehan, Mary Dietrich, David & Pat Ster, R.S. Garner, DeeDee Sakson, Larry Wright, Marty Pattison, Lance Leidich, Joe Bowers, Charlotte Cornelius, Nick Bartholomeo, Sandie Bartholomeo, Jane Taylor, Isla Packer, Matt Schaeffer, Jack Keiser, Evan Stutzman, Beth Henry, Baby Wyatt, Pat Fink, Douglas Walt, David Walt, Judy Savastio, Kathy-Jo Armstrong, E. McBrayer, Judith Huntzinger, Jan Skipper, Joan Clinger, Matt Hocker, Karen Cordner, Dianne Blackburn, Jason Gasper, Mark Gasper, Erin Jacobs, Dave Drayer, Dan, Louise MacDonald, Dave Miller, Wendi Hummel, Karen Rodes, Bailee Stanton, Amy Hark, Nancy Hartman, Kyle Shrauder, Robbi Crain, Crystal Hudson, Erin McNulty, Sandy Thorton, Jeff E., Erin Kolton, Tom Salsgiver, Richard Meek, Issy Poole, Jimmy Stettler, Audree Ord, Ken Evans, Pam Hudson, Susan Warfield, Sandy Sandy*, Gregg Miller*, Joseph Genco*, Audrey Myers*, Dick McClure*, Jean McClure*, Shirley Sweger*

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, Sean Kirkpatrick, Dylan Hickman

** 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, November 8th
8:30 AM ..... Worship Service
9:45 AM ..... Sunday School
11:00 AM ..... Worship Service

Monday, November 9th
6:00 PM ..... Girl Scouts
6:30 PM ..... Monday Night Book Study
7:00 PM ..... Bells of Calvary

Tuesday, November 10th
9:00 AM ..... Threads of Love
12:30 PM ..... Young at Heart
6:00 PM ..... Pickleball

Wednesday, November 11th
10:00 AM .. Women's Bible Study
11:30 AM ..... Prayer & Devotions
5:30 PM ..... Youth Group
7:00 PM ..... Christmas Voices of Calvary
7:45 PM ..... Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 12th
10:00 AM ..... Quilters
4:00 PM ..... Food Pantry
6:00 PM ..... Soul Beats
6:00 PM ... Scholarship Committee Meeting

Saturday, November 14th
8:00 AM ..... Scouting for Food

Sunday, November 15th
8:30 AM ..... Worship Service
9:45 AM ..... Sunday School
11:00 AM ..... Worship Service

Monday, November 16th
6:00 PM ..... Girl Scouts
6:30 PM ..... Monday Night Book Study
6:30 PM ..... Missions Committee Meeting



Last Week in Offering

Offering 11/01/2026
General Fund Needed: $18,610
Received: $16,430
Building Fund Goal: $962
Received: $1,470

Attendance 11/01/2026
8:30 AM: 129
11:00 AM: 125
Sunday School: 58
Online Worship: 100

Angels Trees

Be sure to select your Angels from the Mission Trees listed below, purchase your gift and return them unwrapped to the appropriate tree with the Angel attached by Sunday, November 22nd.

Calvary Kids is a non-profit Christian childcare center that strives for a family-like environment.

Camp Penn is one of three non-profit camps operated by the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Ecumenical Retirement Community located in Paxtang, is a not-for-profit retirement community designed to provide affordable retirement living.

Paxton Ministries provides affordable housing and support services to adults in need with Christ-like love.

Penn National Race Track Chaplaincy provides faith, friends, and fellowship to the community of people that work and even live at the track.

Silence of Mary serves the mentally ill, the terminally ill, expectant mothers, babies, children, students who need tutoring, teenagers and adults in crisis, the elderly, the poor, the homeless, the disadvantage, refugees and immigrants.

If you are unable to pick up Angels and would still like to donate, you may send a check written out to the specific mission you want to donate to and mail to the church or place in the offering plate by Sunday, November 22nd.

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.

Young at Heart Club

The Young at Heart Club will meet on Tuesday, November 10th at 12:30 PM. After dessert, we will move to The Square for a documentary on our Armed Forces. Popcorn will be provided. Contact Mary Alice Dumbauld at 717-545-7174 to make a reservation. New faces are welcome!

Caring Cupboard for Calvary's Youth Group

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 ready to bake. 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. Thank you!

Christmas at Calvary

It's almost time for Christmas at Calvary! This is a huge event for Calvary and from set up to tear down, it takes many volunteers to make it happen. Here's how you can help:

First, we need your stuff. Beginning on November 1st, you may drop off gently used Christmas décor, vintage items, jewelry, books, puzzles and Christmas DVDs and CDs (only Christmas).

Next, we need your talents. Are you good at baking, putting together gift baskets, making bows, making candy, or creating greenery arrangements? There's a place for you.

Last, we need your time. We will need help on Thursday and Friday setting up, putting out and pricing items, organizing books and puzzles, and anything else that needs done. On Saturday we need helpers at the Calvary booths, greeters at the doors, individuals to keep the tables in Fellowship Hall wiped and reset. Also, can you give us an hour to help clean up after the event? Everything must be back to normal for Sunday morning worship. It doesn't take long with enough help.

Watch for sign-up sheets in the Square. Please consider helping this year, even just for one hour. If you aren't able to help, just show up and enjoy. It's a fun event and much easier with many hands. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Albright at 717-545-4009.



Greenery Needed

Fresh cut greens will be needed for the greenery booth for Christmas at Calvary. Donations of white pine, cypress, boxwood, holly, and arbor vitae will be gratefully accepted. Please drop them off by the outside door near the church kitchen on Thursday, December 3rd. For questions, call Linda Hartman at 717-652-7672.

Cookies By The Dozen

The UWF (United Women in Faith) will again sponsor the "Cookies by the Dozen" tables at Christmas at Calvary. We would appreciate donations of your favorite Christmas cookies packaged by the dozen to sell that day. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway outside The Square. Donations may be dropped off at on Friday, December 4th, between 9 AM and 6 PM. Any questions, please call Sue Deitch at 717-652-4120. Thank you and have fun baking!

Community Aid

Calvary Kids Childcare Center is a Community Aid Partner! When you make donations to Community Aid, please use Partner #50356 to support Calvary Kids! You can place your donations in the Community Aid container in the Drop Zone near the Locust Lane Entrance. If you take items directly to Community Aid, please use our Partner #50356.