



Calvary United Methodist Church
Mohnton, PA

Sunday, October 28th, 2018

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS = The Faith We Sing Hymnal

October 28th, 2018
9:00AM
* = Please stand if able

Lay Worship Leader – Caden Coutz

~ **GATHERING** ~

PRELUDE: *Now Thank We All Our God* -Johann Cruger

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT -Kylie Brumbach

SILENT MANNA QUOTE

If one should give me a dish of sand and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes and search for them with my clumsy fingers and be unable to detect them, but let me take a magnet and sweep through it and now it would draw to itself the almost invisible particles by mere power of attraction.

*The unthankful heart, like my fingers in the sand, discovers no mercies, but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and as the magnet finds the iron so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings –
only the iron in God's sand is gold!*

~Henry Ward Beecher

WELCOME

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Take heart! For we are gathered in the Father's presence

People: to proclaim the wonders of the Lord.

Leader: Get up! For we are beckoned by the Risen Son

People: to respond to grace undeserved.

Leader: God is calling us! For we are united by the Spirit

People: to follow Jesus on the way.

All: Come, let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN: *Take My Life and Let It Be* -339 UMH

*UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Lord, take my life and fill it with Your praises.

Let me speak a word of peace that Jesus brings in me.

Take this life and fill it, Lord.

Fill it with Yourself.

Lord, take this place and fill it with Your blessing.

Let it be a haven where the poor in spirit sing.

Take this place and fill it, Lord.

Fill it with Your praise.

(Please be seated.)

ANTHEM: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

-arr. John Carter

~ PRAYERS & GIFTS ~

PRAYER HYMN: *Come Away With Me*

-2202 TFWS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
& THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Offertory: *O Jesus, Sweet and Kind*

-Geistliche Kirchengesang

*The Doxology

-95 UMH

*OFFERING DEDICATION

(Please be seated.)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* -500 UMH

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:9-13 (CEB)

9 And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened. 11 "Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a fish? 12 If a child asked for an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? 13 If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

MESSAGE: *Catching Blessings*

~SENDING FORTH~

*CLOSING HYMN: *We Walk by Faith*

-2196 TFWS

*BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: *Let Our Gladness Have No End*

-Bohemian, 15th Century



TODAY AT CALVARY

- **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS, AS WELL AS HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE.** Please feel free to request any of these items from an usher.
- **SAFE SANCTUARY:** Calvary UMC participates in a Safe Sanctuary environment to ensure a secure and nurturing place for all children and volunteers. Parents are asked to escort children/youth as they leave the sanctuary.
- **THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY** are presented by Bob and Darla Wagner in thanks to God for family and friends as we travel this journey together.

28 – Roberta Day
28 – Charlotte Houser
29 – Shane MacMahon
31 – Jennifer Werner
01 – Sheila Renninger



01 – Shirley Miller
02 – Laura Conlin
02 – Sawyer Martin
02 – Tyler Minick
03 – Kelly Pellicano

CHURCH NEWS

- **OUR NURSERY ATTENDANTS TODAY:** 9:00AM – Kitty Wiest; 10:30AM – Ken Dearstyne & Ashley Feiler.
- **SPECIAL DONATIONS REQUESTED:** Linda Ebersole is seeking donations to our Music Ministries Fund for special musical events at Calvary during 2018-2019. Donations checks may be made payable to: *Calvary UMC w/ "Music Ministries Fund 328"* written in the memo section. Please place your special gift in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.



2018 Stewardship Community Outreach Update

We are currently over halfway to our goal for the 3 organizations that we are supporting in our community. Please help us to exceed our original goal before November 21st by contributing and noting "Community Outreach" on your check, or use the special envelope provided in our congregational mailing. You may also return your estimate of giving for 2019 at the same time to help with our budget planning for next year. Thanks for your support.

NEW EVENING TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

To facilitate the transportation needs of Calvary members who either don't drive or are not comfortable driving during evening hours, a list of volunteer drivers has been given to Angie Juckem. She will be the contact point for anyone needing a ride to church for evening ministry events/meeting.

Those requesting a ride must then make the final arrangements for pick-up/drop-off, and must verify that the volunteer is also planning to attend the same event/meeting.



Many of you know that Calvary adopted the lighthouse as our visual to remind us of our efforts to understand "The Way Forward" which is a denominational initiative. You may have read the wonderful article regarding the "Lighthouse" which is on display in the front of the Sanctuary and built by Bob Juckem.

A few months ago our Youth Group introduced the congregation to a contemporary Christian song by Rend Collective entitled "My Lighthouse". Diane Anderson, who has blessed Calvary with a number of beautiful photography projects, was inspired by the song. Over the next several weeks, we will feature Diane's project which utilizes photographs she has taken and set to the music of "My Lighthouse". Diane's gifts will be displayed either in the Gathering Area or the Sanctuary for your viewing pleasure.

Calvary has certainly been blessed to have so many talented individuals in our congregation over the years. Please share your appreciation for these gifts to Angie Juckem and Diane Anderson next time you see them.

~ **FINDING A WAY FORWARD** ~

As promised, over the next several months a variety of learning opportunities & discussion forums (see below) are being offered regarding the LGBT issue and the upcoming Special General Conference in Feb. 2019 when representative delegates will discuss and vote upon the various plans offered as a way for our United Methodist denomination to “move forward”.

About 30 members attended our first session, *Communicating from the Heart*. From all indications, the attendees found the session to be informative and worthwhile. We hope that many members of Calvary will come to the remaining sessions as we continue in respectful and open dialog. (And since these sessions are scheduled immediately following our morning worship services, please feel free to bring a bag lunch and/or snacks/drink and partake of them at any time.)

Session #2 ~ Biblical Interpretation will be held on Sunday, November 11th from 12:30-2PM in the Social Hall; Pastor Scott will be the facilitator.

Sunday, December 9th from 12:30-2PM

Sunday, January 13th from 12:30-2PM

Sunday, February 10th from 12:30-2PM

(alternative inclement weather date)



COME JOIN US!

Sunday Mornings at 9:00 AM AND 10:30 AM
Christian Education for Adults & Youth in Prayer Room
Same class taught at both times (different facilitators) to accommodate all worshippers at Calvary UMC

Next Chapter Starting **October 21st**

TOPIC:

History: Parchment to Pixel, Phyllis Tickle

Does the way we access the Bible change the way we read and interpret the Bible? Phyllis Tickle believes this question is paramount as technology makes it easier for us to carry the Bible in our pockets or look up a verse online and out of context. By tracing the history of the Bible from its origins as a set of oral stories passed down from community to community, to the days of the Bible being read to the illiterate masses in Latin, to our current open-source approach to the Bible, Phyllis suggests that access is everything.



PRAYER LIST

(Revised 10/25/2018)

SHIRLEY AYRTON	ANITA GRAY	CHARLES MORGART
FRAN BIDDISH	VERNON GRIFFIN	KERI MORTON
MILADY BOGGS	HEATHER	JEN NEWMAN'S FATHER
JUDY BOWERS	JAMES HEBRANK	CHRIS NIELSEN
FAM. OF BONNIE BRECKLEY	DON & GLADYS HERBST	BLAINE PEARSON
DAVID BRILL	BYRL HIMELBERGER	JAVIER ROMERO
RUTH BURKHART	JESSEY HOMAN	NYMPHA SALES
BRANDON BUTERBAUGH	HURRICANE VICTIMS	JILL SEGRO
TREAVOR COMEAU	DANNY HUTZELL	ALICE SHEPHERD
MADELINE COUTZ	PAT JONES	DARRYL SIMMONS
MICHELLE DANIELS	NICHOLAS JORDAN	DAVE SIVERINAC
AMBER DAVIS	SCOTT K	BONNIE SLONAKER
SEAN DIBIASI	TREVOR KEIFER	JASON STALNECKER
SAM DOCK JR.	SHARON KING	DEAN & JANET TAIT
GLENNA ENSINGER	GEORGE KISSINGER	MAUREEN WELSH
NANCY FICHTHORN	DIANE KLINGER	BOB WERNER
AMELIA FORTUNATO	STEVE LEO	PASTOR SCOTT &
MARY FREY	DAVID LIEDEL	LINDA WIDMER
HENRY FUNK	SUZY MANIACI	SCOTT & TINA WIDMER
WHITNEY GEHMAN	NOAH MCKNIGHT	PHYLLIS WINTZ
REV GLENN	FAM. OF MARY MELCHER	VINCENT ZAMPELLI
	JENNIFER MILLER	RAKO ZECH
	FAM. OF TIM MILLER	

First Week

Fred Manuel - Son-in-law of Dean & Janet Tait and Husband of Patti;
recent cancer diagnosis

Second Week

Marty Bedingfield – Name given by Dave Svetz; colon cancer diagnosis

Peggy Harshaw – Mother of Rich Dodson & Mother-in-law of Candy; fell
at home and injured her leg. Recovering at home with
wound care specialist visiting daily; would enjoy
companionship

Fam. of June Horning – Long-time member of Calvary passed away on
10/17; memorial service will be held locally in a few weeks

Fam. of Dennis & Joyce Keffer – Name given by Bob Werner; both died
in a car accident on 10/19

Wallace Family – Request given by Michelle Daniels; healing for son &
daughter

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

TODAY	9:00AM	CE for Youth and Adults/Prayer Room
	9:00AM	Traditional Worship w/Nursery
	10:30AM	CE For all Ages
	10:30AM	Praise Service w/Nursery
MON 10/29	6:00PM	GS Troop 198/Social Hall
TUES 10/30	6:15PM	Bowling @ Berks Lanes
WEDS 10/31	8:00AM	Prayer Group
	6:00PM	TRUNK OR TREAT in the Parking Lot
THURS 11/01	9:30PM	Bible Study/Chapel

Wyomissing Valley Preschool (WVP), one of Calvary's outreach ministries to our community for over forty years, collects Redner's register tapes as a year round fund raiser. Twice a year, all the collected receipts are handed in and converted to a monetary gift. The proceeds of this fund raiser are used to purchase new classroom supplies and equipment for the preschool.

If you shop at Redners, please remember to bring your receipts to church and place them in the plastic container located on the counter at our Donation Station in the narthex.



THE LIGHTHOUSE next to the altar was handmade by Bob Juckem, the late husband of Angie Juckem. We are using it as a beckon reminder to uphold our covenant with each other to always use the Golden Rule for our discussions regarding the LBGT issue (and any other issue), as together we seek to Find a Way Forward.

In the next few months, Calvary will continue to hold sessions for learning and discussion in preparation for the outcome of the Special General Conference (Feb. 23-26, 2019). Hopefully, during that time, a decision will be made as to how our Methodist denomination will view and handle a variety of non-traditional sexual orientations, same sex marriages, and personal pastoral affiliation to them.

You are invited to Participate in Calvary's Trunk or Treat Wednesday, October 31 from 6-9PM

We are looking for a minimum of 5 people/teams each with a car to decorate their trunks and pass out goodies. Please arrive by 5:30PM for car set up.

[If you would like to participate please email Sara Erb @sarabenerb@gmail.com.]

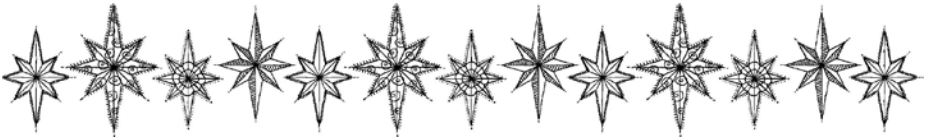
We are also looking for donations of candy, snack packs of chips or cookies, and school supplies e.g., pencils, pens, erasers and sharpeners. Simple guidelines for safety and positive impression on the community: no masks; please wear positive costumes and refrain from creepy or scary outfits.

Trunk/costumes ideas include:

- Christmas in October
- Hawaiian luau
- Under the sea
- On a farm
- Western
- Pumpkin patch
- Camping
- Pirates
- Circus
- Mummy car
- Spiderweb car
- Emoji
- Superheroes
- Football (or other sports)
- Professional or college sports teams
- Dr. Seuss
- Children's books, such as Harry Potter
- Cartoon characters, like Minions or Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- Video games, like Pac-Man or Minecraft
- Popular movies, like Cars, Frozen, or Star Wars



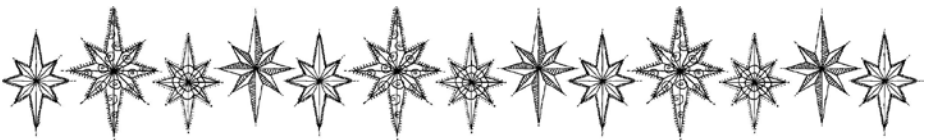
Donations will be collected in the Gathering Area. Look for the **Hungry Monster** collection box. There will also be visuals of trunk ideas near the **Hungry Monster**.



Each year Calvary supporters help Good Shepherd Mission children and staff celebrate Christmas. Bro. Henry purchases one article of clothing & a small monetary gift for each of the 72 staff members, an article of clothing for 150 children and the elderly, and hosts a Christmas dinner for staff, children, elderly, and poor. We would like to send our gifts to support these holiday gifts of love and thanks early this year, so Brother Henry has time to make all the necessary purchases.

Please make your check payable to *Calvary UMC*, and in the memo section, note "GSM Xmas". Then, either place it in the offering or mail it to the church office the attention of: Jim Hartman, Financial Secretary. All donations will be wire transferred to GSM the last week of November (approx.. 11/26 or 11/27), along with our regular monthly support.

Thank you for helping to support our India mission.





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The Congregation, the arms & legs of the Risen Christ