



Calvary United Methodist Church  
Mohnton, PA

Sunday, November 25th, 2018

Christ the King Sunday  
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal  
TFWS = The Faith We Sing Hymnal

November 25th, 2018  
9:00AM  
\* = Please stand if able

Lay Worship Leader – Kathy Keinard

~ **GATHERING** ~

PRELUDE: *The Spacious Firmament* -arr. John Innes  
Jim Adams, organ and Linda Ebersole, piano

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT -Kylie Brumbach

SILENT MANNA QUOTE

*Holding onto anger is like drinking poison  
and expecting the other person to die.*

WELCOME

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come here today not because we are clever but because God welcomes the slow learners.

**People: We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

Leader: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

**ALL: O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

\*OPENING HYMN: *All Creatures of our God and King* -62 UMH  
(Stanzas 1-5)

\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God: from the beginning of time to the end of eternity, you have chosen to use your power and majesty to love us, to redeem us, to shape us as your people. King of Kings and Lord of Lords: you became weak so you could confront the strength of sin and death, confounding their ridicule with your resurrection.**

**Spirit of God, resting upon us: may your power enflame us with your peace; may your peace touch us with your grace; may your grace fill us with your hope; may your hope lead us into your Kingdom.**

(Please be seated.)

ANTHEM: *Give Thanks and Sing*

~ PRAYERS & GIFTS ~

PRAYER HYMN: *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* -101 UMH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Offertory: *Old Hundredth* -arr. Van Denman Thompson  
Jim Adams, organ, and Linda Ebersole, piano

\*The Doxology -95 UMH

\*OFFERING DEDICATION

(Please be seated.)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* -465 UMH

SCRIPTURE: James 3:1-13 (CEV)

MESSAGE: *A Complaint Free World*

~SENDING FORTH~

\*CLOSING HYMN: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* -147 UMH

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*



**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 in joyful celebration of our dad, John Maniaci's, 47<sup>th</sup> birthday from his favorite children in the whole world, Anthony & Jing!
- **FINANCIAL UPDATE - Giving Through Week 46**

Current Year thru	11/18/2018	Last Year thru	11/12/2017
Received	\$273,543	Received	\$280,329
Annual Budget Need	\$340,292	Annual Budget Need	\$334,067
%Rec'd to Date	80.2%	%Rec'd to Date	83.9%



- 26 – Joyce Wills
- 27 – Jed Calata
- 29 – Brett Meeks
- 30 – Diane Anderson
- 02 – Fred Fichthorn
- 02 – Jill Raber

## CHURCH NEWS

- **OUR NURSERY ATTENDANTS TODAY:** 9:00AM – Shannon McBride; 10:30AM – Jennifer Werner and Doris Bentz.
- **MUSIC NOTES:** Thanks to all who so generously have contributed to the fund for special music at Calvary. We had the pleasure of worshiping with Catherine Williamson last week, thanks to your willingness to give.
- **THE WOODEN SPOON MINISTRY** is in need of quart size plastic containers, onions, carrots, chicken broth, and celery. Our shut-ins have received the blessing of a hot meal, thanks to your kindness in the past. We are ready to re-stock with a new batch of soup shortly. Please help us serve our shut-ins. Donations may be placed in the kitchen.



**DID YOU EVER CONSIDER** attending the Thursday morning adult Christian Ed class? Well, if you did here is a perfect time to give it a try. On Thursday, November 30th we will begin a new Advent series entitled, "The Good, the Bad & the Ugly". Author Richard Wilke has crafted a study looking at Advent in a slightly different manner than our traditional view of the season. The good news is that no prior attendance in the class is required. Everyone is welcome to come and help us "ponder" some special characters not normally studied during Advent. It should be fun sharing our observations, reflections and even considering some Carols that relate to our study. Won't you PLEASE join us? We would love for you to attend.

## THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

<b>TODAY</b>	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
<b>TUES 11/27</b>	6:15PM	Bowling @ Berks Lanes
<b>WEDS 11/28</b>	8:00AM	Prayer Group
	6:00PM	Calvary Connection/Begins in Social Hall
	6:00PM	Youth Group
	7:40PM	Senior Choir
<b>THURS 11/29</b>	9AM-3PM	WVP School Pictures/Chapel Library
	9:30AM	Adult Bible Study
<b>FRI 11/30</b>	9AM-3PM	WVP School Pictures/Chapel Library
<b>SAT 12/01</b>	9:30AM	Decorating the Church for Advent

### ~ United Methodist Student Day Offering ~

Across the country, the people of The United Methodist Church are serving the people God loves in Jesus' name. We're doing it at home, but so often we'd like to do more.

We want to serve those in other places who are suffering.

We want to offer spiritual words of hope and life.

And we want to be well-equipped to do both!

But the reality for most of us is that our responsibilities—home, family, work—don't allow us to engage with every need we'd like to meet.

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together. Together We're Raising Up Gifted Christian Leaders. When you support United Methodist Student Day, you make it possible for more students to serve in the world that God loves. Please use the enclosed envelope for your gift to help others.



## FINDING A WAY FORWARD UPDATE

Looking ahead at Dec. 9th, the date set for our Finding A Way Forward (FAWF), Session #3, our leadership planning team realized that it would be best to cancel that date and reconvene on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Session #3 would have been in direct conflict with the memorial service for June Horning, a long-time member who many wish to honor & pay their condolences to her family. Additionally, Pastor Scott has been asked to officiate at June's service and would, therefore, not have been available to participate in the session.

In the meantime, we ask that you please keep the FAWF Special Conference (Feb. 23-26), our staff and congregation, and the leadership planning team in your prayers.

Finally, please know that the planning team members are very open to listen to your thoughts, questions & concerns. Feel free to contact any of us.

Pastor Scott  
Linda Ebersole  
Richie Weitzel

Bob Wagner  
Janet Dearstyne  
Jenn Weitzel

Dave Svez, Council Chp.  
Carol Adams, Lay Leader  
Audrey Kinsel, Annual  
Conference Delegate



# **MIFFLIN COMMUNITY FOOD MINISTRY NEWS**

With Christmas, and winter approaching, it's time to begin planning for all the extra activities and requests needed by the Mifflin Community Food Ministry (MCFM).

**Christmas Dinner:** The list of holiday dinner items, in addition to any other usual food needs, are listed in the Sunday bulletins and newsletter; samples are displayed on the counter in the narthex.

**Special request for Christmas gifts:** Jenn has indicated that the youth group will take care of this as a special outreach project and will be providing for seniors and adult men. There are other groups providing for the boys 8-18. However, if you care to participate in this, please see Jenn.

**Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves & socks:** Our church family will be collecting these items November, December & January. These will be placed on the Christmas tree or in the two baskets with red ribbons in the Gathering Area.

Please contact Angie Juckem with any questions @ 610-927-8233 or angeandbob@verizon.net.

Thank you for your continued support of the MCFM!

**December Mifflin Community Food Ministry Needs  
Due Friday, December 14th @ 9AM:**

**\*Canned sweet potatoes   \*Canned gravy  
\*Stuffing   \* Products similar to Rice-a-roni**

# PRAYER LIST

(Revised 11/21/2018)

SHIRLEY AYRTON  
MARTY BEDINGFIELD  
FRAN BIDDISH  
MILADY BOGGS  
JUDY BOWERS  
DAVID BRILL  
RUTH BURKHART  
BRANDON BUTERBAUGH  
TREVOR COMEAU  
MICHELLE DANIELS  
AMBER DAVIS  
SEAN DIBIASI  
SAM DOCK JR.  
GLENN ENSINGER  
NANCY FICHTHORN  
AMELIA FORTUNATO  
MARY FREY  
HENRY FUNK  
WHITNEY GEHMAN  
REV GLENN  
ANITA GRAY  
VERNON GRIFFIN

PEGGY HARSHAW  
JAMES HEBRANK  
DON & GLADYS HERBST  
BYRL HIMELBERGER  
JESSEY HOMAN  
DANNY HUTZELL  
PAT JONES  
NICHOLAS JORDAN  
SCOTT K  
TREVOR KEIFER  
SHARON KING  
GEORGE KISSINGER  
DIANE KLINGER  
DAVID LIEDEL  
SUZY MANIACI  
FRED MANUEL  
JOHN MAURER  
NOAH MCKNIGHT  
JENNIFER MILLER  
CHARLES MORGART  
KERI MORTON

CHRIS NIELSEN  
BLAINE PEARSON  
SANDY & TRAVIS REESE  
JAVIER ROMERO  
LESTER ROSS  
NYMPHA SALES  
JILL SEGRO  
ALICE SHEPHERD  
DARRYL SIMMONS  
BONNIE SLONAKER  
JASON STALNECKER  
DEAN & JANET TAIT  
WALLACE FAMILY  
WARWICK COMMUNITY  
FAM. OF SHANE WEBER  
MAUREEN WELSH  
BOB WERNER  
SKIP WERNER FAMILY  
PASTOR SCOTT &  
LINDA WIDMER  
PHYLLIS WINTZ  
RAKO ZECH

## First Week

*Ruth Burkhart* – Suffered a mild stroke after church last Sunday, was treated and released from the hospital; home recovering

*Chicago Hospital Shooting Victims*

*Zach, Kendall & Baby Martin* – Prayers for a safe and healthy delivery; pregnancy complications will require delivery at CHOP in Philly on Dec. 5th

*Wanda Steffey* – Fell @ church last Sunday evening, suffering a mild concussion, small hematoma, and slight jaw fracture; she is recovering at home

## Second Week

*Mary Alice Bentz* – Name given by Liz Matz; healing following double knee replacement

*Ken Brice* – Name given by Shannon McBride; recent bone cancer diagnosis

*Sandy Graffius* – Recovering from successful hip replacement surgery

*Steve Rentschler* – Good friend of the Wagner's; diagnosed w/ Stage 3 multiple myeloma; undergoing treatment w/ good prognosis





# CALVARY YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Shorten your Holiday Shopping List &  
support our Youth in one easy step!

What to do:

1. Fill out the Gift Card Order Form (available in Gathering Area) *\*Don't see your favorite store on the form? Ask to see the Master Gift Card List.*
2. Write out a check made payable to: Calvary UMC (Memo: Youth Gift Card Fundraiser)
3. Give your completed Order Form & signed check to Jenn Weitzel (or designated youth in the Gathering Area on Sunday mornings)
4. Pick up your gift cards the following Sunday morning in the Gathering Area.

Orders being placed for the Holidays from

**Now – Dec 16<sup>th</sup>.**

(Orders will be accepted throughout the year.

Keep the orders coming!)

Each gift card has a designated % that will be donated into the Youth Fund for Summer Camps & Retreats.

Have Questions? Ask Jenn Weitzel or call her @ 717-376-4635



The holidays are fast approaching! As you begin to make your plans for cookie making, shopping, meals and visits, we encourage you to add the following meaningful opportunities to your schedule:



**HANGING OF THE GREENS** ~ Come help decorate our church and grounds for the Advent season. Many hands will make light work, and it's always fun.☺ We will meet in the Chapel Library on Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30AM, and together we will transform God's house into a place that says "Jesus is the Reason for the Season"!



**MOHNTON TREE LIGHTING on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM** ~Start your Holiday Season with a Little Mohnton History, Christmas Carols, and A Visit With Santa! Mohnton Playground, skating pond area, follow the lights over the bridge.



**CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION CANDLELIGHT SERVICES** will be held in our sanctuary on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

7:00PM ~ a children-inclusive service with Pastor Scott reading a story based upon the hymn, *The Friendly Beasts*, along with traditional hymns and the senior choir presenting an anthem.

9:30PM Contemporary music focusing on our Advent Theme: *When Heaven Meets Earth*, highlighting Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace.

# 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 to accommodate all worshippers at Calvary UMC

## Starting **TODAY, Nov. 25th**

TOPIC:

### **Testaments: One Story, Two Parts, w/ Rachel Held Evans**

What do we do with the Old Testament? That's the big question for Rachel Held Evans. For a long time, Rachel was troubled by the violence, the strange laws, and the treatment of women she found in the Old Testament. She's not alone. So how do we make sense of the images of an angry God with the God of love? How do we find the sweet spot between the Law of Moses and the Grace of Jesus? And how do we not only make peace with the Old Testament but actually find value in it? Rachel's suggestion might surprise you.

OLD TESTAMENT GOD VS NEW TESTAMENT GOD





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The Congregation, the arms & legs of the Risen Christ