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Connect with God.

Connect with each other.

Connect with the community.



View from the Pews



May 3, 2026

9:15AM ~ Sunday School

10:30AM ~Communion Service

Pastor Nova, preaching

May 31, 2026

Pastor Nova's

Going Away Party

from Bob Wagner

From the 1600's through the mid 1800's, Churchgoers of most denominations were seated in their sanctuaries according to social rank, whether by assignment or purchase. This expressed a nearly universal Christian perception of social rank as part of a divinely ordered hierarchy of creation. The highest-ranking pews were close to the pulpit, the lowest were furthest from the pulpit. Private pews gave rise to the practice of numbering pews for easy record keeping.

So, why does Calvary, and so many other churches, have pews today, those long, typically wooded benches in a church? Well, believe it or not, they actually have both practical and symbolic meaning for Christians today.

They help to encourage Community and Unity. By sitting together in pews, it helps to represent the idea that believers are part of one body. Worship should not just individual—it is meant to be shared with others in Christianity.

Pews are intended to represent Equality before God. Pews place those who attend worship side by side, reminding Christians that everyone is equal before God—regardless of status, wealth, or background.

Are we really prepared to Listen when we take our seat? Facing the front (toward the altar or pulpit) shows a posture of attention and openness to hearing God's Word and participating in worship.

Pews are intended to show Support for Worship. Practically, pews provide a place to sit, kneel, pray, sing, and reflect during the service, helping people engage more fully.

Pews assist with Order and Gathering. They create structure in the church, symbolizing that worship is a gathered, organized act of devotion—not random or isolated.

In short, pews represent community, equality, attentiveness, and shared worship among Christians.

CHURCH SERVICES AND HOURS

1ST SUNDAYS- COMMUNION SUNDAY

ALL SUNDAYS 10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICES

(September-May)

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM ALL AGES (September-May)

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME: 9:30 AM

(June- 1st Sunday of September)

3RD SATURDAY, 9-11 AM - MIFFLIN FOOD PANTRY AT ZION

4TH SATURDAY 5-6:30 PM -DINNER CHURCH AT ZION

ESL- FOR INFO PLS CALL PASTOR NOVA



BLESSED BONDS

Next Lunch will be
Wednesday, May 13,
11:30 AM at Paolo's
Lancaster Pike

Faith & Facts Cards

Throughout its history, the Methodist Church has sought to live out the gospel not only in personal faith, but also in the way we engage the world around us. As part of the United Methodist Church, we are guided by Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience as we seek to respond faithfully to the social issues of our time. These matters can be complex and, at times, challenging, yet our calling remains the same: to love God, to love our neighbors, and to seek justice with humility and grace. This message is offered to help clarify how our church understands and approaches social and public concerns, and how our faith shapes these conversations. The Faith and Fact cards will be part of a series that will be published in Calvary Connection over the next couple months. They will be located on the last 2 pages of the newsletter.

Issue Covered:
HUNGER & POVERTY



28 – Bryleigh Diedrich

29 – Connor Dautrich



01 – Dan Bentz

01 – Dennis Bowers

02 - Karisa Stump

02 – Mark Gerhard

03 – Ken Dearstyne, Jr.



MUSIC SUNDAY – a blend of contemporary and traditional music worship. May 17, 2026

**Choir, Handbells, Solos,
Duets, Praise Band**

In church, they have the music where you jump and you shout, you know, and then you have the quiet music where you're sitting, you're meditating. — Darlene Love

Exciting new opportunity to serve!



Calvary has officially partnered with Opportunity House to begin serving meals on a quarterly basis. If you are feeling called to help with his ministry, please contact Jen Raszkievicz. Usually, groups between four and eight people work well for meal prep/serving.

Following dates open to serve:

June: 6, 12, 15, 16, 19, 21, 28, 29, 30

September: 3, 6, 7, 11, 15, 19, 21, 29

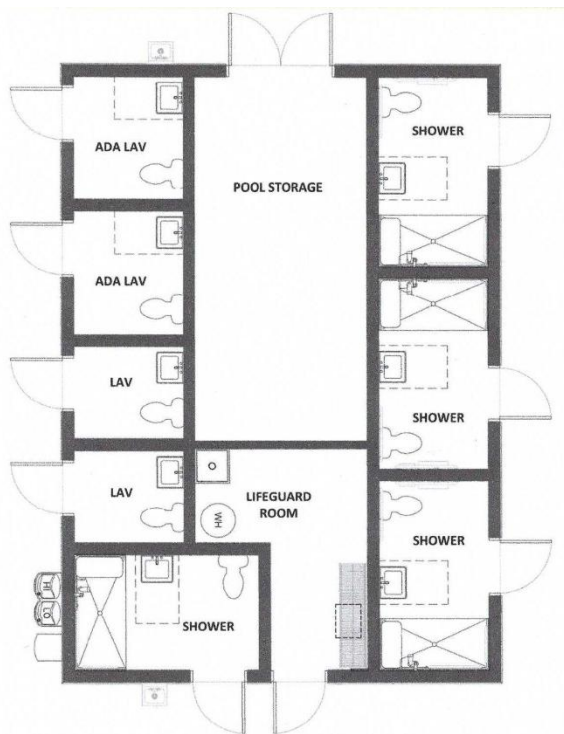
December: 5, 7, 11, 15, 18, 20, 21, 24, 27, 29, 30, 31

Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat and Center
God's Place Apart. Transforming Lives.

A new facility to replace our current pool shower house, built in 1968, is designed for year-round use, providing comfort, accessibility for campers and retreat guests in all seasons.



New Meadow Restrooms



Please help this important ministry of our church to accomplish this project. Send your gift to Gretna Glen indicating Meadow Restrooms on your check, or by handing it to Carol Adams.

SUSAN ADAMS
VATTIMA

is searching for a kidney donor. She has been found to have the same genetic disease as her sister, Jeanne, and is ready for transplant. She is the daughter of Jim and Carol Adams. Potential donors of any age or location are sought.

To learn more, please read and share this link:
<https://nkr.org/GKT864>
Thank you!



FAITH & FACTS

ECONOMIC, HEALTH, AND GENDER JUSTICE

HUNGER & POVERTY

What do the facts say?

- After years of progress, the number of undernourished people in 2020 grew by an estimated 161 million globally due to conflict, climate change, and the COVID-19 pandemic. (Action Against Hunger)
- In 2021 an estimated 698 million people, or 9% of the global population, are living in extreme poverty (less than \$1.90 USD/day) and over 20%, an estimated 1.8 billion people live on less than \$3.20 USD/day. (World Bank)
- New research estimates that climate change will drive 68 million to 132 million into poverty by 2030. (World Bank)
- Over 41 million U.S. residents receive benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). (USDA)



What do you say?

Take **ACTION** for justice...

- **Urge** your elected government officials to provide robust and sustained funding for international programs to eradicate poverty and eliminate hunger.
- If in the United States, **tell** the U.S. Congress to put those living on the economic margins at the center of our vision of a new a just economy. Take action at www.umcjustice.org
- **Learn** more about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, a set of goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda: www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals
- **Engage** in educational efforts on eliminating world poverty in your local church and community, including the study of God's Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action by the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church.



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