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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Calvary Family,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we enter November, we are reminded that this is a season of remembrance and thanksgiving. The changing colors of autumn, the falling leaves, and the approaching Thanksgiving holiday invite us to pause, reflect, and recognize God's faithfulness throughout our lives.

Our worship theme for November is "Remembering the Grace of God." Throughout the month, we will reflect on how God's grace has sustained us through every season of life, often in ways we may not have recognized at the time.

We begin with All Saints Sunday, remembering and giving thanks for those who have gone before us in faith. Their lives and faithful witness remind us that we are part of a much larger story of God's love and grace. As we move through November, we will explore the importance of recognizing God's blessings in our daily lives and learning to trust God even when life brings uncertainty and challenges.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, we will reflect on the Apostle Paul's encouragement to let gratitude shape not only our words but also our relationships and actions. True thanksgiving is more than expressing appreciation for what we have received. It is a way of life, reflected in compassion, kindness, forgiveness, and generosity toward others.

I am especially grateful for the Calvary family. Over these past several months, I have witnessed your faithfulness, generosity, and commitment to serving God and our community. Your prayers, acts of kindness, and willingness to share your gifts are wonderful expressions of God's grace at work among us.

As we approach the end of November, we will also begin the season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. What a beautiful reminder that the God who has been faithful in the past is also the God who leads us into the future with hope!

My prayer for each of us this November is that we will develop hearts that recognize God's grace, give thanks in all circumstances, and trust in God's promises for the days ahead. May our gratitude become a source of joy, deepen our faith, and inspire us to become God's hands and feet in the world.

Grace and I wish you and your families a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving! With gratitude and blessings, Pastor Jong



BLESSED BONDS
Wednesday, November 11th, 11:30 AM at Morning Fuel in West Lawn.

SEND BILL A CARD!

William Ruth, Jr
Phoebe Berks Village Commons
Apt #93
1 Reading Drive
Wernersville, PA 19565

Preaching Schedule

10:30AM ~ WORSHIP

November 1- Pastor Jong Kim
All Saints Day/ Communion

November 8- Pastor Jong Kim

November 15- Pastor Jong Kim

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE
includes visitors & streaming
October 18- *65 people*
October 25- *X people*

Fall Bible Study

New Bible Fellowship:
Our Journey of Walking with Jesus
You are warmly invited to join us for a new four-session Bible study, "Our Journey of Walking with Jesus," beginning Thursday, November 5. Following Jesus is a lifelong journey of faith, trust, and spiritual growth. The heart of this study is to share our personal faith journeys, reflecting on our experiences in light of Scripture and discovering how God's Word speaks to our lives. Through biblical reflection and open conversation, we will learn from one another, deepen our relationship with Christ, and encourage one another along the way. All are welcome!
Dates: Thursdays, November 5, 12, 19, and December 3 (no meeting on Thanksgiving Day) at 6 PM.
Zoom is available for this study.

CHURCH SERVICES AND HOURS
1ST SUNDAYS- COMMUNION SUNDAY
ALL SUNDAYS 10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICES
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM ADULT (September-May)
3RD SATURDAY, 9-11 AM – MIFFLIN FOOD PANTRY AT ZION
4TH SATURDAY 5-6:30 PM -DINNER CHURCH AT ZION







'RECREATIONAL BOWLERS WANTED ! JOIN US TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM NOVEMBER THRU APRIL AT 'LUCKY STRIKE BOWLING LANES' (FORMERLY BERKS LANES) FOR 3 GAMES OF 'JUST-FOR FUN' BOWLING. $16.50 INCLUDES BALL AND SHOES IF NEEDED. TWO LANES CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 10 BOWLERS. WE AVERAGE ABOUT 5. SHOW UP WHEN YOU CAN, OR LET US KNOW AHEAD IF POSSIBLE. OLDER TEENS AND ADULTS ONLY PLEASE. ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME.

FOR INFO, CONTACT BRUCE MORTON 484-794-0744







Thanksgiving Community Service Choir
November 22, 2026
At Zion's ECC 4:00PM report at 3:30PM

Rehearsal- November 18th at CALVARY UMC 7:00PM

SEEKING EXPERIENCED READING AREA CHORAL SINGERS 18+
WHO HAVE AN EAR FOR HARMONY AND A LOVE OF THEATRE

The Last Supper

TO BE PERFORMED AT RACC'S MILLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS
NOVEMBER 20, 21, 22
LIMITED REHEARSALS REQUIRED

The Last Supper has been thrilling audiences and has been developing a following among inspirational musicals. It is the story of Leonardo da Vinci's struggle to complete his famous mural. Actors portray Leonardo, Jesus, the twelve Apostles, an Angel, a Prior and two women, while singers express the meaning and emotion of the action through song in a Greek-chorus sort of spirit.

Leonardo has been commissioned to create a mural of The Last Supper, his first attempt at painting in ten years. He fears he has lost his artistic vision by squandering his gifts. An angel/muse inspires him to invoke the Apostles and ultimately the Last Supper. As each Apostle comes to life and tells his story, the story is then reflected through music in an uplifting contemporary pop-gospel score. By discovering what each individual was thinking and feeling at the moment of crisis, Leonardo confronts his own betrayal and learns that through love and faith he can rediscover the vision of divine inspiration and the purpose of life.

The RACC Theatre Arts Program will be producing a production of this beautiful piece and is hoping to partner with community churches and other organizations along with our students, staff and alumni, to create the featured dynamic 4-part community choir for the play. Below please find an AI-generated sketch of what the stage might look like. **(SUMMARY PROVIDED BY CONCORD THEATRICALS)**

Tickets to the event will be free to the public, and participation in the production is voluntary.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SEATS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE CHOIR DURING THE PERFORMANCE, BUT STANDING IS PREFERRED (NOT REQUIRED) DURING THE SONGS.

For more info visit www.lastsuppermusical.com
You may also reach out to the Director, Ellen "Dash" Walter:
ewalter@racc.edu
484-529-4339

SIGN UP HERE or email the director, Ellen "Dash" Walter, at ewalter@racc.edu

Your GIVING matters

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

YOU Just May be the Blessing We Need!

For several years, Calvary has come to the end of the calendar year carrying a significant budget deficit. Like our own home budgets, Calvary's budget has expenses that cannot be adjusted... utilities like gas, electric, water, and items like taxes and staff salaries must all be paid. In our homes, we try to make up for the shortfall by reducing the "extras" in our budget... things like entertainment, vacations, and dining out at restaurants. Here at Calvary, while we try our very best to be good stewards over what God has given us, unfortunately, sometimes this means reducing or eliminating funds for programming and outreach ministries.

In an effort to build upon and expand meaningful ministry, we are searching for alternative funds to support our community outreach. Identifying and applying for applicable grant monies can help fortify our programming beyond what our budget alone allows.

Many businesses and companies grant funds to organizations that engage in various forms of service within the community. Calvary has three main areas of outreach ministry on which we want to focus during this next year. First, we wish to strengthen relationships with our preschool and child care families, intentionally reaching out to the Hispanic and other families from diverse backgrounds, with bilingual communication, family gatherings, parent support programs, and community resource guidance. Second, we wish to intensify our involvement and relationship with community members facing food insecurity by building upon the work we already do in conjunction with the Mifflin Community Food Ministry and Opportunity House in the collection, distribution and preparation of food and meals. Third, we wish to initiate a mentoring ministry to provide opportunities for trained adults to walk alongside young people who may face cultural, ethnic, linguistic, educational, or socioeconomic barriers.

Perhaps you are aware of, or employed by a business, company, corporation or foundation that offers grant monies to support organizations that engage in community outreach like that described above. Please share this information with Vickie Pezzino or Audrey Kinsel, or contact the church office, and we will pursue it further.

Calvary Church already has a vision: Connecting with God, with Each Other, and with the Community. Now we need to do all that we can to make that vision come alive!



Goodbye – God Bless submitted by Bob Wagner



Benediction

Did you ever wonder why most worship and special services always include a section known as the benediction? There are many segments to a worship service and many of these various sections can be moved around in the service. However, the benediction always is the last spoke segment. Why? Let me see if some of the background I've uncovered adds meaning to this tradition.

First of all, the word benediction is derived from the Latin bene dicere, meaning "to speak well" or "to bless". Its primary function is to offer a closing that shares a divine blessing, assurance, and commissioning over all of us as we prepare to leave a worship service or formal gathering. It reminds believers that they leave the church not alone, but under God's care and with a calling to serve Him.

Unlike a closing prayer where humans talk to God, a benediction is an authoritative, gospel-centered announcement from God to the people, declaring His grace, protection, and presence. It reminds believers of their identity in Christ, their forgiveness, and God's covenant promises as they face upcoming trials. The benediction also serves as a bridge or official sending, equipping and empowering the congregation to carry their faith and missions out into the world.

The practice of blessing God's people began long before the Christian Church existed. One of the clearest examples is found in the Old Testament. Open up your Old Testament and turn to Numbers 6:24–26. (Yes I know I could have included the blessing but I want you to spend time in the Bible) God instructed Moses to tell Aaron and his sons, the priests of Israel, to bless the people with the words found in Numbers.

The early Christians continued the biblical practice of blessing God's people. If your Bibles are still open, flip to the New Testament and look at 2 Corinthians 13:14 and see if the scripture text found there is familiar.

There is a "Benediction of Hope" found in Romans 15:13 that was not familiar to me but I really like the blessing. "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing…" In that blessing Paul prays that believers will be filled with hope, joy, and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit.

There are many other benedictions in the Bible but I'll let you continue the search to find more.

In summary, the benediction originated in the biblical practice of blessing God's people, and was continued by the apostles in the New Testament as it became an established part of Christian worship. The benediction sends the congregation out with a blessing—not simply to end worship, but to carry the faith they have celebrated into everyday life.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do it with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15







REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

A Reverse Advent Calendar is where you pick up one item a day to donate to the FOOD MIINSTRY and put it in a box. Most Advent Calendars are comprised of a series of doors or windows to open one per day, revealing a small chocolate, a picture, or a little gift for each day. The Reverse Advent Calendar turns this tradition around. Instead of receiving a gift, you participate by donating and "Giving" an item each day to the food bank. These calendars were marketed to assist children in counting down the days until Christmas. Thank you for opening your heart and giving to families in need in your local community.

DECEMBER 1	BOX OF CEREAL
DECEMBER 2	PEANUT BUTTER
DECEMBER 3	YAMS CANNED
DECEMBER 4	SPAGHETTI SAUCE
DECEMBER 5	CAN OF FRUIT COCKTAIL MIXED FRUIT
DECEMBER 6	100% JUICE 640Z. CONTAINER
DECEMBER 7	CAN OF SOUP
DECEMBER 8	CAN OF PINEAPPLE
DECEMBER 9	APPLESAUCE
DECEMBER 10	CAN OF PEACHES
DECEMBER 11	CAN OF RAVIOLI
DECEMBER 12	MAC AND CHEESE
DECEMBER 13	CAN OF MANDARIN ORANGES
DECEMBER 14	INSTANT POTAOES
DECEMBER 15	CAN OF MIXED VEGETABLES
DECEMBER 16	CAN OF PEAS
DECEMBER 17	CAN OF CARROTS
DECEMBER 18	CAN OF GREEN BEANS
DECEMBER 19	CAN OF KIDNEY BEANS
DECEMBER 20	CAN OF BAKED BEANS
DECEMBER 21	CANNED CHICKEN BREAST
DECEMBER 22	CANNED TUNA
DECEMBER 23	CAN OF DICED TOMATOES
DECEMBER 24	CAN OF PEARS

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING AND BEING A PART OF THIS PROJECT TO HELP BRIGHTEN SOMEONE ELSE'S CHRISTMAS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!