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Connect with each other.
Connect with the community.*

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FROM THE
PASTOR



Encountering God's Grace (John 1:16)

Dear Calvary Family,

As October begins, I invite you to reflect on a simple promise: God's grace meets us where we are. We do not have to have everything figured out before we come to God. We can come with our questions, our struggles, our gratitude, and our hopes. God is already reaching out to us.

Our theme this month is "Encountering God's Grace." John 1:16 says, "From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." These words remind us that grace is God's gift. We do not earn it by being good enough. We receive it through Jesus Christ, again and again, as we learn to trust and follow him.

We will begin the month with the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. She comes looking for water, but her conversation with Jesus becomes an encounter that changes her life. Jesus knows the truth about her, yet he stays and speaks with her. He offers her living water. His grace opens the door to a new beginning.

I find comfort in this story. Sometimes we wonder whether God would still welcome us if all our struggles were known. Jesus shows us that we can come to him honestly. We do not need to hide our pain or pretend that our lives are perfect. He sees us fully and invites us to receive the life he gives.

In the following weeks, we will reflect on Abraham's faith, the place of prayer in our lives, and the strength God gives us when we face difficulties. Each passage offers another way to understand grace. Grace helps us trust God when we cannot see what lies ahead. Grace draws us closer to God in prayer. Grace gives us strength to keep going, even when the way is hard.

My hope is that we will notice God's grace in our daily lives as well as in worship. We may see it in a kind word, a visit from a friend, a moment of peace in prayer, or the courage to take one more step. And as we receive grace, we can share it. We can listen with patience, welcome someone who feels alone, and offer care to a neighbor in need.

I look forward to walking through this month with you. May God open our hearts to receive his grace and help us share it throughout Calvary and our community.

Blessings ,Pastor Jong



Preaching Schedule

10:30AM ~ WORSHIP

October 4 Pastor Jong Kim
World Communion/Praise Band

October 11 Pastor Jong Kim
Traditional Service

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

includes visitors & streaming

September 20- 72 people

September 27- 54 people

Thank
& you

Sandy Graffius
would like to send
her appreciation and
thanks for all the
birthday cards she
received from her
church family and
thank everyone that
had a chance to
celebrate with her on
Sunday,
September 20!



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

Church Office OPEN

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 -2:00

Wednesday, 1:00-6:00



BLESSED BONDS

Wednesday,
October 14th,
11:30 AM at
Rody Family
Restaurant in
Flying Hills



October 11, 2026
Pastor Appreciation Sunday



Adult Choir Rehearsal October 7th and
Bell Choir Rehearsal
October 14th @ 7:00PM
We need SOPRANOS!
Please consider joining the choir.



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



Praise Band & Pizza

October 24 @ 5:00PM

Please join us on the lawn of CUMC for an evening of fellowship, praise and pizza. In the event of rain it will be moved inside to the sanctuary.



A PENNSYLVANIA FAVORITE

A Cooking Column Special Spotlight

When I say the words Whoopie Pie, how many of you find a smile forming on your face and can immediately remember the last one you had? The soft, chocolate cookie, filled with sweet, fluffy cream.... mmmm.... How many of you remember your Grandmother baking these special treats for family picnics and gatherings? I do, and those are some of my fondest memories.

It is hard to say how long these chocolate gems have been around and where they originated from. I know they are deeply rooted in the Amish and Mennonite communities in this area. Our family recipe was handed down from my Grandmothers' grandmother so it's been around a while. Over the years a few of the ingredients have changed with the times as well as the method of baking/mixing but the basics are the same.

Have I made you hungry yet? Well, with warmer weather right around the corner (please! Please!) You won't have long to wait.

These local treasures can be found at most Farmers Markets and Swap Meets, they are also popular items at local bake sales and area produce stands. But you have to get there early because they go fast! If you can't wait for that, you could bake your own. They are not difficult. If you are a collector of church cookbooks you will undoubtedly find a version or two of the recipe for this delectable treat within its pages. If not, then I have included one here for you! So, no excuses!

Over the years many different flavors have emerged. They include (but are not limited to) Peanut Butter filled, Pumpkin, Banana, Red Velvet, Chocolate Chip, Vanilla and Spice. The original ones were chocolate and that is the recipe I have here.

The hardest part about making Whoopie Pies is sharing! Now..... find those cookie sheets... and get busy!

Elaine

Pennsylvania Dutch Whoopie Pies

The Cookies:

¼ Cup Crisco
2 Cups Flour
1 Cup Whole Milk
¼ Cup + 1 Tbsp. Baking Cocoa
1 Cup Sugar
1 ½ tsp. Baking Soda
1 Egg
1 tsp. Salt
1 tsp. Pure Vanilla



In a mixing bowl, add all the wet ingredients and beat until blended. Add all the dry ingredients to a separate bowl and stir to mix. Add the dry ingredients slowly to the wet mixture and beat until blended, scraping the bowl often. Drop by tablespoonful onto a greased cookie sheet. Space about 4 inches apart. Bake 8 to 9 minutes at 375 degrees. Test with tooth pick for doneness. Remove from cookie sheet to cool. When cool place a good amount of cream filling on bottom of a cookie and press a second cookie on top. Repeat until they are all paired. If there happens to be an extra half it is yours to eat!

Filling:

½ Cup Butter (room temp., no subs.)
½ Cup Crisco (substitution not recommended)
1 Cup 10x Sugar
1 Tbsp. Flour
1 tsp. Pure Vanilla
½ Cup Warm Whole Milk (20 seconds in the microwave should do it)

For the Cream Filling:

Add all the ingredients to a mixing bowl and beat for about 5 minutes or until the mixture is nicely thickened and creamy smooth. Now spoon it onto the flat side of a cookie and top with second cookie (as stated above) It is nice to find cookies that are similar in size for each whoopie pie.

Now comes the test, keep a few and share the rest with your friends. Enjoy! (They are excellent frozen!!!)



Stewardship Campaign 2026

TESTIMONEYS

Two weeks of Faith, Gratitude & Generosity - Oct. 4 - Oct. 18

The idea is simple: we want to hear what God has done in your life through your relationship with Calvary United Methodist Church, and we want to give back in response to His faithfulness!

Please share your testimony by writing it down and placing it in our **Testimonies Jar** in the gathering area. It may be done anonymously, if you choose. Your campaign contribution can be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate with the word "Testimony" in the memo line.

Our Goal is \$10,000 in two weeks, but this is about much more than reaching a financial goal. It's about remembering God's faithfulness, sharing our stories, and responding with grateful hearts.

**Your story matters.
Your generosity matters.
Together, our faith makes a difference.**



WRITE IT DOWN.
PUT IT IN THE JAR.
GIVE AS GOD LEADS.

OUR GOAL
\$10,000


**Your
GIVING
matters**

Is it too early to think about the Star? Submitted by Bob Wagner

I know the season of Advent is still some months away but, is it too early to think about the Star? I'm not referring to a star as in the main character of a dramatic production but rather the shape.

In my Old Testament readings I came across yet another possible example of why the "star" became significant in the lives of Christians. Back in 1800-1400 BC the Israelites were about to experience their second attempt of entering the Promised Land. Numbers 24 tells us that God used an unlikely person to possibly initiate the concept of our Christmas Star.

In Numbers and several other books of the Old Testament we read about Balaam. Balaam was a sorcerer widely known for his ability to issue effective curses and blessings. While he was not a follower of God he did believe in Jehovah as the only true God. Once again, God continues to demonstrate that He can use even those who chose not to be a faithful follower to act as His agent.

So as the story goes, in the book of Numbers, the Israelites are physically moving across various lands toward the Promised Land. But in doing so, some of the rulers of the territories are not happy about this huge group of people and their livestock traveling across their respective domains.

Here's where Balaam comes into the picture. He is summoned and offered a considerable reward if he would just curse the Israelites and cause them to stop their pilgrimage. There's a neat story about Balaam's donkey that plays a major role in this saga but I leave that to you to read when you have time (Numbers 22). Anyway, Balaam is repeatedly requested to curse the Israelites. Each time Balaam enters into a conversation with God and God provides a message for Balaam to share with his would be employer. Basically, Balaam refuses the reward and does not curse the Israelites.

Here's what peaked my interest. In Balaam's final message in which he refuses to issue a curse, he makes this statement: "A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel." I believe this is the first time the star (other than in Genesis 1:16) was mentioned in the early Bible. Some believe that this reference is also the image that facilitated the belief in the star that ultimately led the Magi to see our Christmas Star – Jesus Christ.

There are many other theories of how the "Star of Bethlehem" came into being. I leave all the planetary and supernova explanations for you to ponder. What continues to amaze me is that God used an unlikely human (just like you and me) to foretell of the coming of Christ about 1800 – 1400 years before it happened. Honest, it's in the Bible...

Calvary Care Early Learning Center & Christian Education Dates

OCTOBER EVENTS



CLAVARY UMC MOHNTON

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 9:15 AM NEXT GEN and Adult Study 10:30 AM Worship <i>Communion & Rock Solid</i>	5 6:00-8:00 PM Christian Skate Night @ Skateaway 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	6 9:00 AM Weekly Prayer Group	7 6:00-7:00 PM Kids & Youth Group 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	8	9 11:00 AM Chapel Time with Ashley	10
11 9:15 AM NEXT GEN and Adult Study 10:30 AM Worship	12 9:45 AM League of Golden Ages / Pastors Meeting	13 9:00 AM Weekly Prayer Group	14 11:30 AM Blessed Bonds 6:00-7:00 PM Kids & Youth Group 7:00 PM Bell Choir	15	16 9:00 AM Food Donations Due @ Donation Station 11:00 AM Chapel Time with Ashley	17 9:00 AM Mifflin Food Ministry Distribution @ Zion ECC
18 9:15 AM NEXT GEN and Adult Study 10:30 AM Worship	19	20 9:00 AM Weekly Prayer Group	21 6:00-7:00 PM Kids & Youth Group *CCELC Fire Safety Visit Cumry Fire Dept. 9:30 AM	22	23 11:00 AM Chapel Time with Ashley	24 10:00 AM- 2:00PM 7th Annual Fall Fest @ Swartz Farm 5:00 PM Praise & Pizza
25 9:15 AM NEXT GEN and Adult Study 10:30 AM Worship <i>Fellowship after Worship Service (Gathering area)</i>	26 9:45 AM League of Golden Ages / Pastors Meeting	27 9:00 AM Weekly Prayer Group	28 NO Kids & Youth Group 6:00-8:00 PM Trunk or Treat @ the Mifflin YMCA	29 CCELC Costume Parade — 9:15 AM, rain or shine	30 11:00 AM Chapel Time with Ashley	31