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October 19-31, 2026

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FROM THE PASTOR

"The Faith of Abraham" (Romans 4:13–16)

During the first two Sundays in October, we reflected on the theme, "Encountering the Grace of God." On the first Sunday, through the story of the Samaritan woman, we were reminded that God's grace meets us where we are. On the second Sunday, the Apostle Paul took us one step further by helping us understand how we receive God's grace. His answer is simple but profound: We receive God's grace through faith.

In Romans 4:13–16, Paul points us to Abraham, whose life reminds us that our relationship with God begins not with what we accomplish but with what God promises. When God called Abraham to leave his homeland and journey to an unfamiliar place, Abraham did not receive a detailed map or an explanation of what lay ahead. He simply received God's promise and responded in faith.

Paul also reminds us that God's promises cannot be earned through obedience to the law or through our own accomplishments. Sometimes, we may begin to think that our relationship with God depends on how faithfully we pray, worship, or serve. While these practices are essential to our spiritual growth, they are not ways of earning God's love. We do not pray so that God will love us; we pray because God already loves us. We serve others because God has already welcomed us through grace.

At the heart of Paul's message is a beautiful statement in Romans 4:16: "For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace." God's grace is a gift that we can never purchase or earn. Through Jesus Christ, God offers us forgiveness, strength for today, and hope for tomorrow. Our response is to open our hearts and receive these gifts with faith and gratitude.

Abraham's story also speaks to our everyday lives. We all encounter situations in which the future seems uncertain. We may be concerned about our families, facing difficult decisions, or wondering what lies ahead for our church and community. Like Abraham, we often wish that God would reveal the entire journey before asking us to move forward. Yet faith invites us to take the next step, trusting that God will guide us along the way.

The good news is that God's promises rest not on our perfection, our accomplishments, or our ability to control the future, but on His amazing and abundant grace. As we continue growing together as a congregation, let us walk forward in faith, trusting that the God who was faithful to Abraham remains faithful to us today.



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



Preaching Schedule

10:30AM ~ WORSHIP

October 18 Bob Wagner, preaching
Laity Sunday

October 25 Craig Caltagirone, preaching
Traditional Service

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

includes visitors & streaming

October 4- *78 people*
October 11- *61 people*



A Heartfelt Thank You!
Grace and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Calvary family for the wonderful celebration of Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We were deeply touched by your thoughtful cards, kind words, and expressions of love and encouragement. The beautiful drawings and heartfelt messages from our Sunday School children were especially meaningful.
A special thanks to Jen Raszkiewicz for thoughtfully coordinating the celebration during the worship service. We truly appreciate her efforts in making the occasion so meaningful.
It is a blessing and privilege to serve as your pastor. Your love, prayers, and support mean so much to us. We thank God for each of you and look forward to continuing our journey together as we grow in faith and share God's love with our community.
With heartfelt gratitude and blessings,
Pastor Jong

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







Just to keep everyone informed on the progress of our 2026 Stewardship campaign we had, after the first day of our project , $1950 donated. Currently at the halfway point we are at a figure of $5140 so we are on schedule, halfway to our goal of $10k and halfway through the 2 week campaign. Remember that this Sunday concludes the 2026 Stewardship campaign and it's "Bring your checkbook to church day!" Remember to write the word "Testimoney" in the memo line of your check so your donation qualifies for our matching gift.
Thanks for helping us meet our financial goal. Please drop your written testimony telling how Calvary has impacted your spiritual journey in the testimony jar in the gathering area. So far we've received 4 and we'd like to receive many more.
Bob Werner (Stewardship Chair)



From the MUSIC DIRECTOR

We need SOPRANOS!
Please consider joining the choir.

October 21st-7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
October 28th – 7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal
November 1st- 10:30AM Sing for Worship

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

Calvary United Methodist Church

Stewardship Campaign 2026

TESTIMONEYS

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

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

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 ***Testimoneys 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 "Testimoney" in the memo line.*

OUR GOAL
$10,000



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.

Your GIVING matters



Hymnology of Doxology submitted by Bob Wagner

So why do many congregations sing the "Doxology" following the offering? As many of you know, I enjoy hymnology so I did a little digging into the history and purpose surrounding the Doxology. The word doxology comes from the Greek words doxa (meaning "glory") and logos (meaning "speaking" or "word"), translating to an expression of praise or glory to God.
The common Doxology which may be better known as, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow", was written by Thomas Ken, an Anglican priest who later became a Bishop, in 1674. The Doxology is traditionally sung to the tune know by some as "Old Hundredth," a melody from the 1551 Genevan Psalter composed by Louis Bourgeois—making the music older than Ken's famous words.

So why do we sing this short hymn after the offering has been collected? The concept is derived from early Jewish synagogue practices. It is intended to direct ours focus entirely to the majesty and holiness of God. It can also serves as a bridge or conclusion during key moments of a service, such as after offerings, prayers, or scripture readings.

While the exact wording is not found in scripture, it is consistent with other short declarations of praise that appear throughout the Bible (such as Romans 11:36 or the ending of the Lord's Prayer). The hope is that all believers will stand and pause to express their love and appreciation to God for all of the blessings we have received.

Here are the lyrics which many Christians have committed to memory much like the "Lord's Prayer":
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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 *Communion & Rock Solid*	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 **8:30 PM** Glow Blowing @ Jay Lanes
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 *Fellowship after Worship Service (Gathering area)*	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

CALVARY KIDS & YOUTH OCTOBER 2026

FAITH • FRIENDSHIP • FUN

Our **Kids Club & Youth Group** is a place where faith grows through friendship, prayer, service and community. All God's children are welcome!

Next Generation is a Bible Study for Young Adults that meets every Sunday 9:15 AM in Ashley's Office. All young adults welcome!

SUNDAYS



Sunday School and Nursery meet **every Sunday during Worship**, after the Children's Message!

Nursery: birth-K

Sunday School: grade school

WEDNESDAYS



Calvary Kids & Youth Group

Arts activities, fun & fellowship for children, youth and the whole family.

Wednesdays 6–7 PM

ACTIVITIES



Oct 5: Christian Skate Night @ Skateaway **6-8 PM.** $3 entrance, $5 skates.

Oct 24: Fall Fest @ Swartz Farm **10:00 AM-2:00 PM**. $15 presale, $25 day of.

Oct 24: Pizza & Praise **5:00 PM**

Special Activities & Events Vary Year Round

Contact: Ashley Crabb,
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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS





