

Calvary United Methodist Church Information for April 3, 2024

Calvary UMC's Mission Statement
*To Make Followers of Jesus Christ by
Sharing God's Love
Through Worship,
Learning and Service*



Hoss's Community Night

Calvary UMC will be participating with Hoss's in Chambersburg in a fundraising activity on Sunday, April 21. Free Hoss's cards are available in the church office and from Tim Johnson. The cards are to be taken to Hoss's on this date and given to the servers. At the end of the night, 20% of the group's total will be forwarded to the church if the overall total reaches a minimum of

\$300.00; 25% of the total if the amount reaches \$1,200.00.

Children's Eggstravaganza

Sara Nelson is organizing this year's Children's Eggstravaganza and is asking for your help. There are plastic eggs located in the narthex that need to be filled with candy before the event. If you want to help with this activity, please have your filled eggs returned to the church by Sunday, April 7 at 1:00 PM.

This "eggstravagant" event will be held at Calvary UMC beginning at 1:30 PM on Sunday, April 7.

More information is shared in the attachment.

Meals on Wheels (NEW)

The church received the April 2024 newsletter from Franklin County's Meals on Wheels program. I thought you may be interested in their services and accomplishments. The newsletter is attached.

FYI: Plant and Flower Sale, Easter Clearance and Eggs (NEW)

Mercy House Plant and Flower Sale
730 Norland Avenue, Chambersburg
Saturday, April 27 from 10 am-2 pm

Remember to check Easter clearance sales for toys, Easter storybooks, pencils, bunny headbands this week for shoebox items.

You can still pick up empty eggs from the Narthex to fill and return by 1 pm this Sunday for our Children's Eggstravaganza. Thanks for helping us make a fun event for the children.

Sara Nelson

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following individuals who have volunteered to mow the grass for the church and parsonage properties. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated!

This year's volunteers are Travis Bumbaugh, Randy Burns, Renae Crittenden, Tim Johnson, and Mark Nicola.



United Women in Faith (UWF)

The April meeting for the United Women in Faith is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, beginning at 1:00 PM.

Eating Out Together

The following date has scheduled lunch for this group:

Thursday, April 25 – LongHorn Steakhouse @ 1:00 PM

Narcan Training

Pastor Robin received an email last week sharing information about an upcoming Narcan Training at Faith United Methodist Church (104 North Potomac Street, Waynesboro, PA 17268) scheduled for Friday, April 19 beginning at 9:00 AM. The presenter is Katelyn Becker.

This learning opportunity was arranged by First Start Partnerships for Children and Families of Frankling County.

The event will take place in the church's fellowship hall. Enter the building through the glass welcome center doors from the parking lot on Potomac Street. There is no need to register for this event.

Additional information is shared in the attachment.

Spring Craft Show

St. Paul United Methodist Church will be holding a Spring Craft Show on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM in its Family Life Center located at 750 Norland Avenue, Chambersburg, PA. Additional information is shared in the attachment.

Mission News

March and April collections are HOUSEHOLD CLEANING SUPPLIES to be shared with The Homeless Shelter and other local ministries to help neighbors in need. Place your donations in the sanctuary at the designated spot in the front.

Calvary UMC Mugs and Cutouts

The church has extra mugs and church cutouts that are on sale for a donation. The mugs and cutouts will be placed in the narthex. If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these items, please place your donation in the container.



Spring Drumming Circle

If you are interested in drumming, consider joining a three-week drumming workshop that will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church beginning in April. The April 7, 14, and 21 workshops will be led by Mineca Wilson. All pertinent information is shared in the attachment.

Soups and Cans of Vegetables

The Blessing Box at the Fayetteville Food Pantry needs cans of soup and cans of vegetables. Remember, it is extra helpful if the cans have pull-top lids. Your donations can go on the Missions Shelves in the box marked 'FOOD PANTRY'.

Homebound Mailing List

Attached is a copy of the homebound individuals affiliated with Calvary. If you would like to mail a card or note, it would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Bracelet Workshops

The bracelet workshops will be held on the second Monday of the month from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM at the Grove Family Library. I appreciate your support in promoting the workshop.

Love to all,
Susan Snyder

Altar Flowers News (REMINDER)

As of April 1, 2024, altar flowers will be ordered through Everlasting Love Florist located at 1137 S 4th Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

There will be an increase in the price per arrangement. The cost will be \$40.00/arrangement.

Altar Flowers

If you are interested in providing altar flowers for Sunday worship services, please sign-up using the “Flower Chart” located on the bulletin board in the main entryway of the church.

Flowers are ordered through Everlasting Love Florists of Chambersburg at a cost of \$40.00.



During the week you choose to provide flowers, the church office will email or mail a letter reminding you of your choice. Flower envelopes are located on the church bulletin board that may be used for your check/cash. Please complete the information on the envelope and/or check so the money counters know your coverage of the cost of the flower arrangement. Your payment may be placed in the offering plate during the worship service or mailed to the church office.

A 2024 flower chart is posted on the bulletin board at the main entryway to the church.

Donations: Books, CDs/DVDs, Games, Puzzles, Sheet Music / Volunteering Sign-Ups

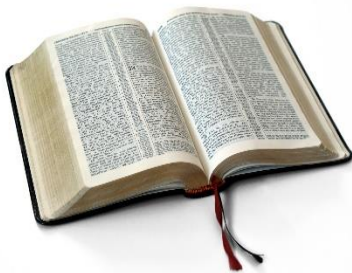
For the 38th year the Franklin County Legal Services is sponsoring a sale including books, CDs/DVDs, games, puzzles, etc. The sale will be held at Fayetteville Elementary School on June 7-9, 2024, with varying hours each day.

The group is looking for donations and volunteers to assist on these days.

If you are interested in donating items or volunteering, please review the information shared in the attachment.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS	
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Thursday	Closed
Friday	8:00 AM-Noon

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



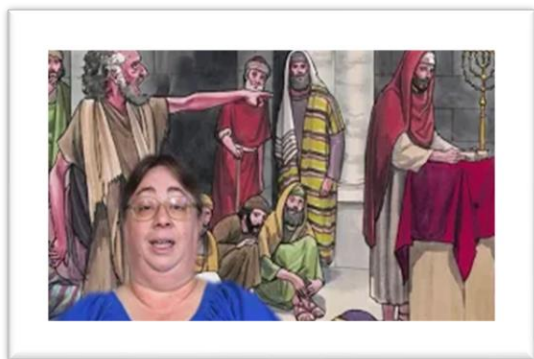
Sunday Services @ Calvary UMC

8:00 AM – Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 AM – Traditional Worship Service with Live Streaming (YouTube.com Search: Calvary UMC Fayetteville); Weekly Services are Always Available on YouTube.com Using the Same Search Information

REMINDER: There will be Easter Sunrise Service on March 31, 2024, beginning at 6:30 AM. The service will be held outdoors depending on the weather. Breakfast will be served in Hilltop Hall afterwards. Also, there will be one combined worship service on this day. The worship service will be held at 9:30 AM.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



This Week's Children Message with Sara Nelson

Each Sunday morning "This Week's Children's Message with Sara Nelson" is posted on the church's website (cumcpa.org) at 8:00 AM. These children's messages are located under the "Latest Posts." In addition, these children's messages are also available on YouTube.com (Search: Calvary UMC Fayetteville PA).

Disciples in Training Sunday School Class @ 8:45

Beginning April 7, this Sunday school class will begin a study by Andy Stanley to discover what we can expect from God. The study is called "Faith, Hope and Luck."

Seekers Sunday School Class @ 9:00 AM

Come join Seekers at 9:00 every Sunday as we explore the book of James; after which we will do a Holy Week study and then in the near future spiritual gifts. All ages are welcome.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Choir

The Calvary UMC choir under the direction of Linda Richters rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM. If you would like to participate in the choir, please come to the sanctuary at the set time and join the group.



Liturgists Needed for Upcoming Months

If you would like to volunteer to serve as a monthly liturgist for the 10:00 A.M. Worship Service, please contact Karen Miley or the church office. A need for the April liturgist is needed at this time. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Hospitality Team

If you are interested in being part of the Hospitality Team, please contact Harriet Schurman or Barb Park. Volunteers are welcome to serve as a greeter for the 10:00 A.M. Worship Service or at the hospitality table (8:00 AM or 10:00 AM).



The Story Behind the Song *Because He Lives*

Stanza 1:

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Chorus:

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

Stanza 2:

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives.

Stanza 3:

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

The song was written by Bill and Gloria Gaither in the late 1960's. Gloria wrote the lyrics when she was pregnant with their third child. Like many beautiful and powerful songs, the lyrics were written through personal hardship and difficulty. At the end of her pregnancy, Gloria was caring for her husband, Bill, who was recovering from illness. There were significant social and economic hardships, and the idea of bringing a child into the world during this time was causing anxiety and anguish to Gloria.

During that time, God graced Gloria with an unexpected gentle, calming peace. Gloria recalls the experience as if God, like an attentive mother bending over her baby, saw his child and came to her rescue. Panic gave way to calmness and an assurance that only the Lord can impart. She was assured that the future would be sure because she was in God's hands.

Like the Gaither's we all live in uncertainty, we all have times of anxiety and anguish. Furthermore, and more importantly, we also all have hope and a certain future because we, too, are in God's hands! Hold fast to the assurance that we can all face uncertain days because Jesus lives!

“Because I live, you also will live.” (John 14:19)