

## Calvary United Methodist Church Information for February 21, 2024



### Calvary UMC's Mission Statement

*“To Make Followers of Jesus Christ by Sharing God's Love Through Worship, Learning, and Service”*

### Tonight's Lenten Service (REMINDER)

If you are unable to attend tonight's Community Lenten Service at Scotland Fellowship, please use the shared link below to view the live stream. The service begins at 7:00 PM.

<https://youtube.com/live/qOtxCy-7kqQ?feature=share>

### Upcoming Lenten Services (REMINDER)

The Conococheague Mission Cooperative will be hosting Lenten Services leading to the Easter celebration. All these services begin at 7:00 PM.

The dates, locations, speakers, and offering recipients for these services are as follows:

February 21 @ Scotland Fellowship with speaker Loretta McClure  
Offering Recipient: Noah's House/Gracie's Place Meals

February 28 @ St. Luke Lutheran with speaker Rev. Caroline Saxton  
Offering Recipient: Fayetteville Food Pantry

March 6 @ Mt. Alto United Methodist Church with speaker Pastor Bill Smith  
Offering Recipient: Heart & Sole

March 13 @ Calvary United Methodist Church with speaker Rev. Christopher Frye  
Offering Recipient: Salvation Army

March 20 @ St. John's United Church of Christ with speaker Rev. Robin Baer  
Offering Recipient: Little Daisy's Closet

I have attached a poster with the scheduled Lenten Services dates and time with this email.

### **Pennies for Mission (REMINDER)**

Because this Sunday is the last Sunday of the month, the collection container for “Pennies for Mission” will be placed in the narthex area for monetary donations. The donations are divided between UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and Kelsey McHugh, a Honduran missionary.

### **Administrative Council Meeting (REMINDER)**

The February meeting of the Administrative Council will be held on Tuesday, February 27 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Tim Johnson ([tjohnson225@comcast.net](mailto:tjohnson225@comcast.net)). Thank you.

### **Easter Food Boxes (REMINDER)**

In cooperation with area churches, Calvary is helping fill 30 Easter Food Boxes for elementary school families. **Please donate 4.9-ounce boxes of scalloped potatoes. We need 60 boxes total before Easter.** A specific date will be announced soon. Place these donations on the marked window well in the sanctuary. All other food donations for the Fayetteville Food Pantry and Blessing Box can be placed in the marked boxes on the Missions Shelves just past the church kitchen.

### **Attention Shoppers!**

Please check your area stores now for Valentine clearance sale items. Small stuffed animals, toys, and fun items in the valentine card sets all are great for shoeboxes. Some valentines come with fancy pencils and others have little crafts. It is also a great time to get medium size stuffed animals for the nursing homes. Remember, the more money we save, the more we can help others.

### **Spring Drumming Circle (COMING SOON)**

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.

### **February Collection Request**

Please help turn our Blessings Tree in the sanctuary from bare to bear or pup or dino or kitty.

For February we are collecting stuffed animals and dolls for local nursing homes memory care units. It's a comfort in a world of confusion to have something soft to hold onto. We are also collected scented body washes for the nursing homes as well to share the sweet scent of love. Place body washes in the basket in the sanctuary.

### **Lenten Bible Study (REMIDNER)**

Pastor Robin will be offering a Bible study during the upcoming Lenten season. There will be two opportunities to participate.

*Sunday Afternoons from February 18-March 17 Beginning at 3:00 PM*  
*Tuesday Mornings from February 20-March 19 Beginning at 10:00 AM*

### **Eating Out Together (REMINDER)**

Friday, March 8 – Stoner’s Family Restaurant @ 5:30 PM  
Monday, March 18 – Olive Garden @ 12:30 PM

### **Soups and Cans of Vegetables (REMINDER)**

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 begin again in February 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**

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.

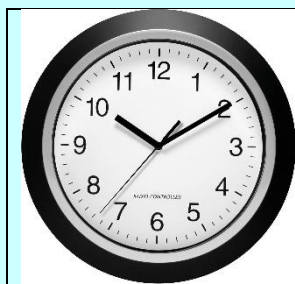
Flowers are ordered through Plasterer’s of Chambersburg at a cost of \$28.00.



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.

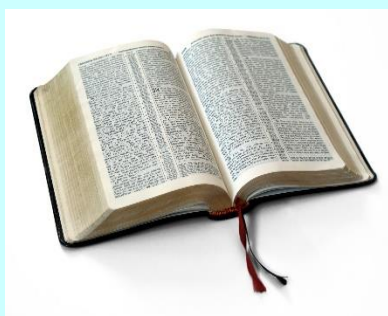
A new 2024 flower chart is posted on the bulletin board at the main entryway to the church.



## 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

## 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 (NEW)

In preparation for Lent, the D.I.T. class will begin a new study at 8:45 on Sunday morning. We will have chosen the study "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado. Please join us.

## **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. Due to weekly Lenten services, choir rehearsal will be held on Thursday evenings on the following dates: February 22, February 29, March 7, March 14, and March 21. 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 March 2024**

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. 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).

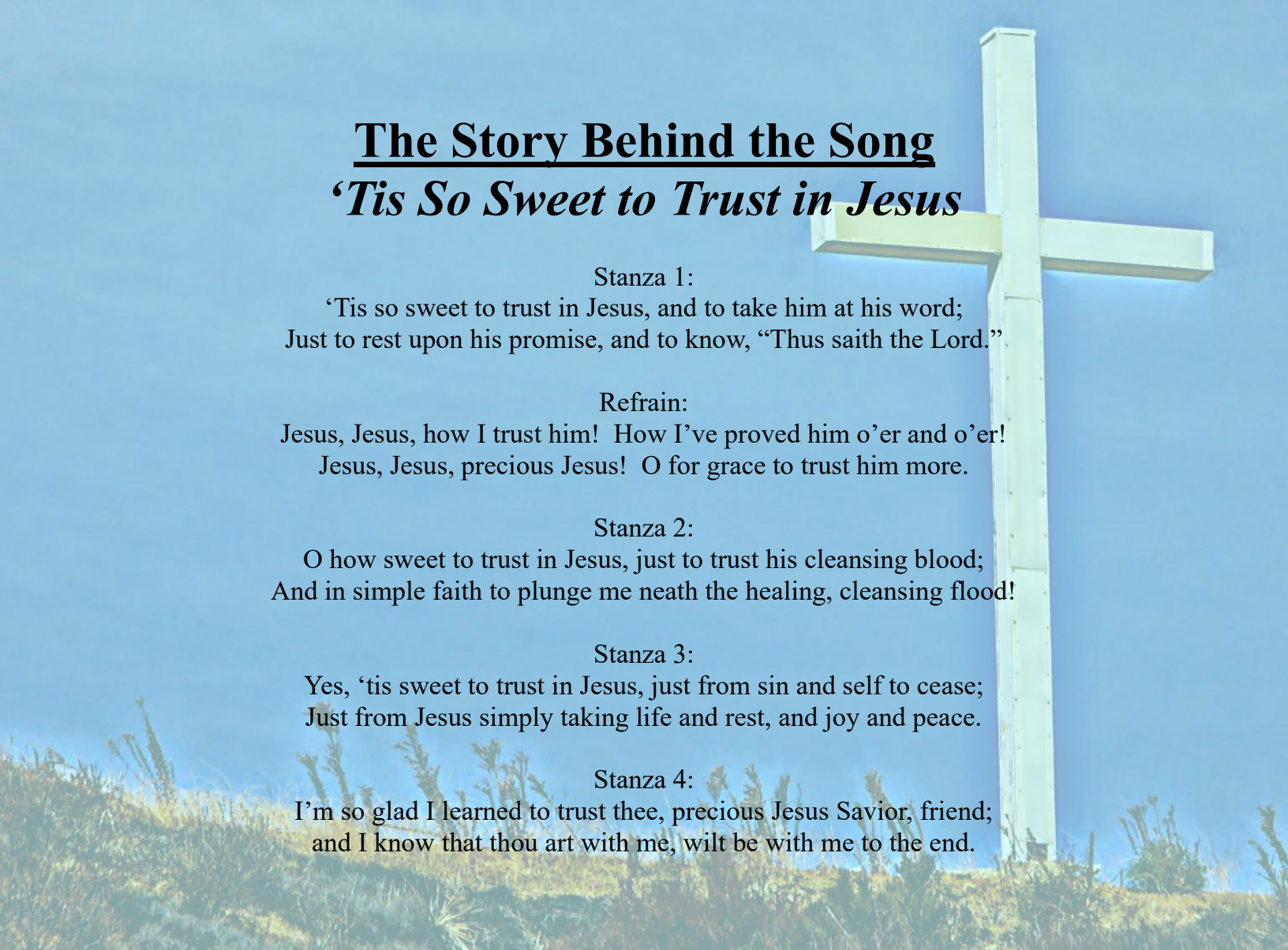


### **Please Sign Some Cards**

The baskets with various types of cards are on the Narthex pew. The snowflake basket contains packets of cards – birthday and blank or thinking of you cards. Write a supportive note, your favorite bible verse, or a little poem, basically a “pick-me-up” for someone who never gets mail and maybe feeling low. Once again, I will collect and distribute the cards to area nursing homes. It would be OK to designate a Thinking of You card for the CNA/Nursing Staff too. Questions? Have cards to donate? Call me at (717) 261-6819. Thank you for loving the forgotten!

Susan Snyder





# The Story Behind the Song *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Stanza 1:

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;  
Just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more.

Stanza 2:

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
And in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Stanza 3:

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

Stanza 4:

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus Savior, friend;  
and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

There are hymns whose messages of hope and comfort resonate through the ages, touching the hearts of countless souls and drawing them closer to their Savior. One such beloved hymn is 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, a song that has stood the test of time and continues to inspire congregations worldwide. The story behind this beautiful hymn is one of tragedy and triumph, an illustration of God's redemptive power at work. It serves as a testimony to God's unchanging love amid life's storms, and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

The author of this treasured hymn was Louisa M.R. Stead, born in England in 1850. As a young girl, she experienced a strong desire to become a missionary. At around 21 years old, she immigrated to America and resided in Cincinnati, Ohio for some time. While attending a camp meeting in Urbana, Ohio, her calling to be a missionary intensified; however, her ambitions to serve in China were hindered by her frail health.

On a summer day around 1880, Louisa and her husband, George, took their young daughter Lily to Brighton Beach on Long Island Sound for a picnic outing. While enjoying their day together by the seashore, they were suddenly alerted by cries for help from a young boy struggling against the tide offshore. Without hesitation, Louisa's husband plunged into the water in an attempt to save him.

Tragically, both drowned as Louisa and Lily watched helplessly from the shore—their world shattered before their eyes; despair threatened to engulf them both after experiencing the terrible loss of their husband and father.

In those darkest moments following loss and grief so profound, Louisa turned to the one constant in her life: her Savior Jesus Christ.

Through these verses, Louisa expressed her complete reliance on God's promises and found peace and solace in trusting the Savior who had carried her through every trial. The hymn became a beacon of hope for both Louisa and Lily as they navigated their grief together.

The lyrics were set to music by William J. Kirkpatrick, a Methodist Gospel hymn writer who published over sixty hymnals. It first appeared in *Songs of Triumph*, published in 1882 by the National Publishing Association for the Promotion of Holiness.

The impact of 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus is evident not only by its popularity but also by its ability to touch hearts within churches across cultural barriers. It remains an enduring testament of unshakable faith amid adversity and serves as a reminder that we are never alone when we place our trust in our loving Savior as every Christian believer should.

As you sing or listen to this cherished hymn today, may you find strength and solace in knowing that you have a Savior who loves you deeply and will carry you through every storm life brings your way.