

Calvary United Methodist Church Information for February 7, 2024



Calvary UMC's Mission Statement

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

Ash Wednesday Service

Susan Snyder will be leading the Ash Wednesday Service at Calvary United Methodist Church on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, beginning at 7:00 PM. The service will be lived streamed (YouTube.com Search: Calvary UMC Fayetteville PA)

Upcoming Lenten Services

The Conococheague Mission Cooperative will be hosting Lenten Services leading to the Easter celebration.

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: TBA

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

Eating Out Together (NEW)

The next opportunity to “Eat Out Together” will be on Monday, February 12, 2024, beginning 12:30 PM at the Menno Haven Life Center Grille

Easter Food Boxes (NEW)

In cooperation with area churches, Calvary is helping fill 30 Easter Food Boxes for elementary school families. **Please donate 4.9-ounce boxes of scallop 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.

This is five less families than at Christmas. My prayer is the five families are in better circumstances at this time.

Thanks!

Sara Nelson
Missions

February Collection Requests (UPDATE)

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.

Thanks, Sara Nelson
Missions

January's Blessings Tree Collection Totals (NEW)

Calvary UMC collected the following winter items for Stevens Elementary:

- 19 Scarves
- 36 Pairs of Gloves
- 42 Hats
- 61 Pairs of Socks
- 1 Set of Earmuffs, and
- 6 Sets of Pajamas

Sara Nelson, Missions

Men's Breakfast

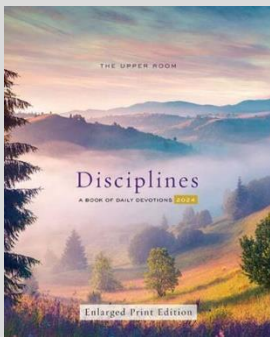
There will be a United Methodist's Men's Breakfast at Calvary United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 9:00 AM. All men are invited to attend this breakfast and share in the fellowship among the group. We hope to see you there!

Lenten Bible Study

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



The 2024 Upper Room Disciplines (A Book of Daily Devotionals)

The 2024 Upper Room Daily Devotionals book have arrived! There are six copies (Enlarged Print Editions) still available for your purchase. Each book is \$10.00.

These copies will be placed in the narthex. Each book will contain an envelope where your payment may be placed. This envelope may be placed in the offering or placed on the desk in the church office.

2023 Contribution Statements Available

Donna Hayes has placed all the 2023 Contribution Statements in the narthex of the church. They are alphabetically placed in a box on the one table for your purposes.

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'.

Thank you!

Sara Nelson

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 their 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.



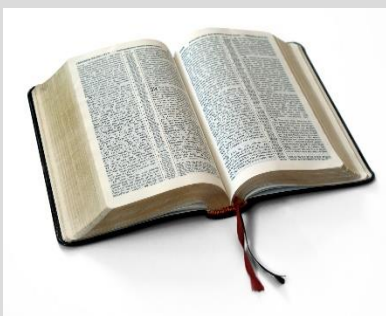
Flowers are ordered through Plasterer’s of Chambersburg at a cost of \$28.00.

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 15, 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 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Stanza 1:

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured and soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Stanza 2:

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.

Stanza 3:

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

Stanza 4:

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

This popular hymn was written by Fanny Crosby, author of over 8,000 hymns and songs.

She often collaborated with composer William Doane. Doane wrote the music and then the melody was played for Crosby. Upon hearing the melody she said she felt it said, "Jesus, Keep me near the cross." She said down and wrote the words for this hymn.

The hymn first appeared in the 1869 Bright Jewels, a collection of Sunday School songs.

Carlton R. Young notes "Crosby combines vivid imagery and powerful biblical and evangelical metaphor" into her writing. Near the Cross is an example of this imagery. Young went on to explain that her ability to "paint a vivid scene as if it were present" is a technique known as hypokyphosis.

What is even more amazing about her talent for such imagery is the fact that she had been blind since she was six weeks old. Evangelist Dwight L. Moody asked her one day "If you had one wish, what would it be?" Her reply surprised him when she said to stay blind. Asked to expand on this statement she said, "Because, after being blind for all these years, the first face I want to see now is the face of Jesus."

We often sing songs about being at the cross of Jesus, however we are told that few of his followers stayed by the cross while he was dying. Most of those who were nearby were those that mocked him, or Roman soldiers involved with the execution. John 19 tells us that Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his disciple John were at the cross. They are the only ones mentioned.

However, the most important sentiment of this hymn is that we stay close to Christ.