

**Calvary United Methodist Church
150 Norlo Drive
Fayetteville, PA 17222**

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

January 15, 2025

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Regular Church Office Hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM / Friday 8:00 AM-Noon



Eating Out Together

The lunch group will be gathering on Tuesday, January 21 at El Jalisco (2019 Lincoln Way East / Chambersburg, PA) at 1:00 PM. Come and join us!

Eating Out Together Part 2

The dinner edition of Eating Out Together is meeting on Tuesday, January 21 at Johnnie's Family Restaurant (670 S. Main Street / Chambersburg, PA) at 5:30 PM. You are always welcome to attend!



Eating Out Together Part 3

Greenvillage Drive-In Family Restaurant (5440 Philadelphia Avenue) will be the gathering sight for the breakfast edition of Eating Out Together on Saturday, January 25 beginning at 9:30 AM. Everyone is invited to enjoy breakfast with church friends!

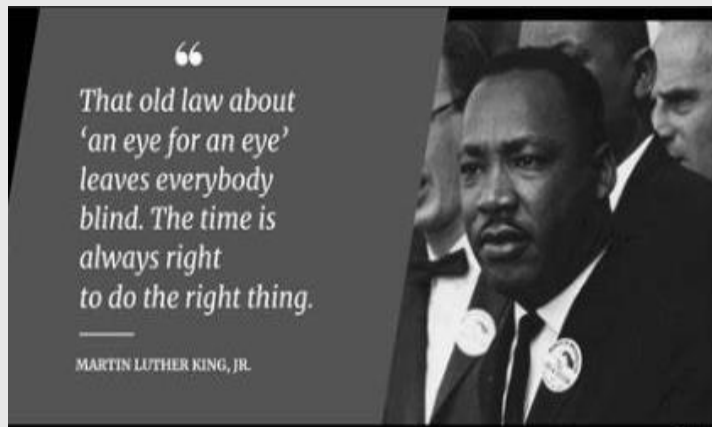
The Childhood of Jesus



Ever wonder what Jesus was like as a boy?
Did he have supernatural powers?
Did he know he was special?

If you have ever pondered these questions, you are not alone. Throughout January, we will be examining both the biblical accounts and non-canonical writings which describe Jesus as an infant through 12 years old. At the final session, we will watch the 2016 movie, *The Young Messiah*.

Pastor Robin's Bible study will meet on Sunday afternoons at 3pm in the Choir Room (#7). Bring your bibles and be prepared to think outside the box.



Honoring Martin Luther King

The link below will provide you with all the details about the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr Day events in Chambersburg, January 18-21, 2025. Of special note is the 45th Annual Memorial Service remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (sponsored by the United Churches of the Chambersburg Area). This worship service will be at the Central Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 3 pm.

<https://www.mlkdayfranklincounty.org/>

Youth and Lay Leaders Needed for 2025 Annual Conference - Important Information How to Submit Your Name for Nomination to Serve as a Youth or Lay Member at Large

The 2025 Susquehanna Annual Conference meeting will be held May 29-31, 2025, at The Community Arts Center in Williamsport, PA. Each year, the hope is to equalize the number of clergy and lay persons attending Annual Conference, as well as to encourage a diversity of voices representing as many churches and places across the conference. To achieve this, we ask lay persons who are interested in being considered to serve as a Lay Member at Large to do the following (A member in good standing means that you are a member of a congregation that will continue to be a United Methodist Church as of July 1, 2025 and that you have been an active participant for the previous 4 years and a member for at least the last 2 years):



Click on the link below. This link will direct you to a page where you are asked to provide your name, address, email address, phone number, church name and district.

Registration is open now through Friday, February 28, 2025. The submission form will be closed after February 28.

<https://susumc.org/lay-members-ac/>

Contribution Statements Available on Sunday

As tax season approaches Contribution Statements are available in the church narthex.

Cold Weather Collection

Please place cold weather gear on the tree in the sanctuary.
HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, and
HEAVY SOCKS are for local donation through January.



Chambersburg HUB (Part of Mission Central) Information

The church received this information via email from Mary Lee Henderson. She oversees the Chambersburg HUB, as part of Mission Central. This outreach service is located First UMC (225 S, 2nd Street) Chambersburg.

“I can supply you with anything from a hospital bed to diapers. If you know anyone who is in need of medical equipment, etc. just let me know and we can arrange to get them items. My phone number is 814.599.5766.”

Final Class –
Wednesday,
January 15,
2025

Advent Bible Study Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas By Adam Hamilton

Learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference he makes in our lives this Christmas.

His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh.

In this study, Adam Hamilton explores the meaning of these titles and what they tell us about the child whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. Join him and reflect upon the significance of the Christ-child for our lives and world today!

Four sessions:

1. Presidents and Kings
2. The Savior and Our Need for Saving
3. Emmanuel in the Midst of a Pandemic
4. The Light of the World

Sessions will be on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM starting on December 5. Books will be available. Join us for this inspiring study.

January CUMC Committee Meetings

Monday, January 20 at 7:00 PM – Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 28 at 6:00 PM – Committee on Finance
Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 PM – Administrative Council



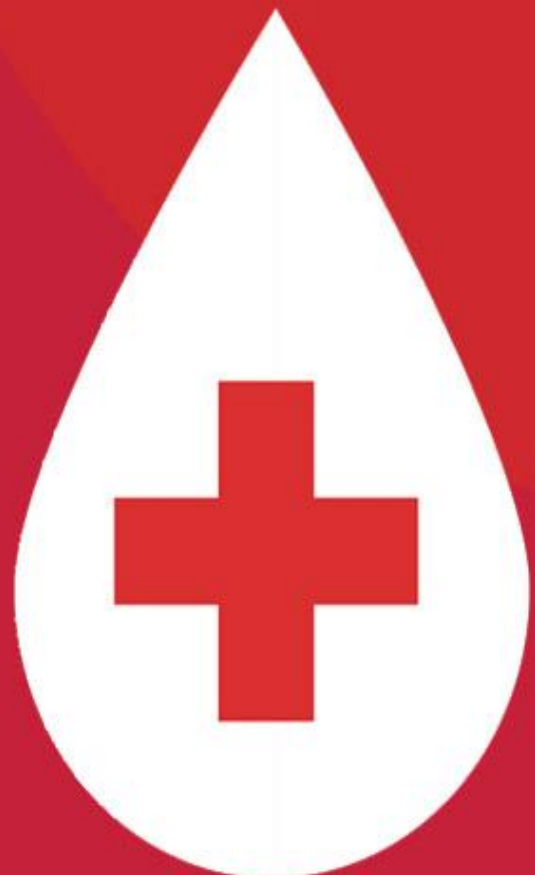
Homebound Mailing List

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

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, February 1
9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Hilltop Hall

Pre-Register at redcross.org



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.



The 2025 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

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.



Alternative Altar Flower Displays/Altar Displays

If you would like to display altar flowers during weeks when a flower arrangement is not ordered from the florist, please contact Jeff at the church office (717.352.3715 / churchofficecumc@gmail.com). These flowers could be from your home or an arrangement purchased elsewhere. Please tell me how you would like to have the flowers acknowledged on the Weekly Announcement Sheet (In Memory of, In Honor of, In Celebration of, etc.)

Another suggested idea was to provide an altar display based on week's scripture, upcoming holiday or seasonal idea. One shared example was using the Fourth of July. Instead of using flowers, use patriotic objects to create an altar display. The potential ideas are endless!

All weeks in January 2025 are available.

If you would please let me know by Monday the week of your flower display, it would be appreciated. This allows me plenty of time to place your information on the announcement sheet.



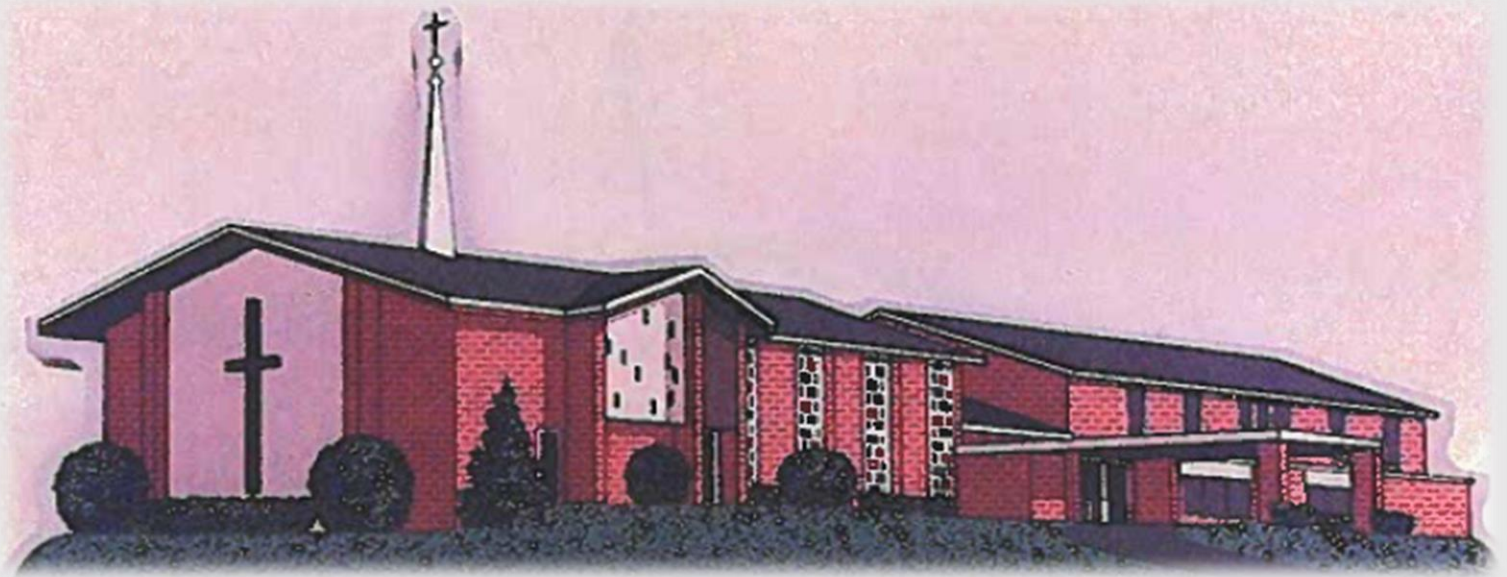
Soups and Cans of Vegetables

The blessing box at St. Paul Lutheran needs canned fruit and canned pasta meals such as beefaroni. Remember that pull-top lids are especially appreciated for canned items. You may always put these items in the boxes on the Mission shelves by the back door just past the kitchen.

Upcoming Bracelet Workshops

The bracelet workshops will be held on the second Monday of each 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



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Services and Sunday School Classes @ Calvary UMC

8:00 AM – Contemporary Worship Service

8:45 AM – Disciples in Training Sunday School Class (Choir Room / Room 7)

9:00 AM – Seekers Sunday School Class (Room 4)

10:00 AM – Traditional Worship Service with Live Streaming
(YouTube.com Search: Calvary UMC Fayetteville PA)
All Weekly Services Are Available on YouTube.com

March, June, August and November 2025 each have five Sundays. On the fifth Sunday of these months there will be only one combined worship service beginning at 9:30 AM.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



This Week's Children's 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)

The YouTube link for the children's message is

<https://youtu.be/0e3UDQnZo4I>

Disciples in Training Sunday School Class @ 8:45 AM

Are we living in the end times? What are the signs of the end times? Are we experiencing some of the signs today? Is there a time line with regard to the end times? Are the end times something to be afraid of? Pastor Max Lucado answers all of these questions, and others, in his new book, "What Happens Next?"

The Disciples in Training Sunday School class will begin a study of the book in December and are inviting everyone to come and join us in the Choir Room (#7). We are asking that anyone desiring to join to purchase his own book and come ready to learn.



Seekers Sunday School Class @ 9:00 AM

Service Opportunities



Choir

Choir rehearsals with director Linda Richters are scheduled for every Wednesday evening beginning at 7:00 PM.



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 AM worship service or at the hospitality table (8:00 AM or 10:00 AM).

Grove Family Library Seeks New Friends

The Friends of Grove Family Library are seeking new friends. Stop by the library for the forms.



I am the newly appointed Friends president, so call me if you have questions. (Susan Snyder 717.261.6819)



Online Information

Weekly Announcement Sheets and Church Information shared with you on Wednesday's email is also placed on the church's website weekly. Both pieces of information are listed on the main page's "Latest Posts" section.

The church's website is cumcpa.org

February Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the February 2025 Newsletter is Friday, January 24 @ 8:00 AM. This will allow me time to add last minute suggestions and make the copies to be mailed to homebound members.

I will email copies to the congregation on the same day.

