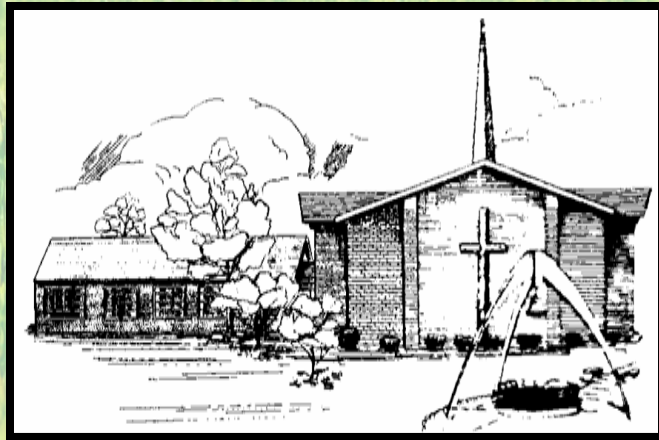


Calvary United Methodist Church Information For June 5, 2024



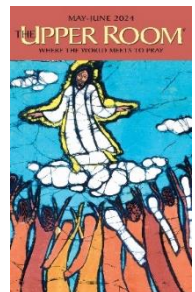
Calvary UMC's Mission Statement
*To Make Followers of Jesus Christ by Sharing God's Love
Through Worship, Learning and Service*

Change in Friday's Office Hours (NEW)

Because of a medical appointment, office hours will be altered on Friday, June 7. The office will be open from 1:00 PM-5:00 PM.

The Upper Room (May/June 2024)

The May/June 2024 copy of The Upper Room will be available in the narthex on Sunday. NOTE: As of today, there are only "large print" editions available. The more compact version has not arrived in the mail due to an error with the subscription.



Eating Out Together (REMINDER)

This group will be gathering for lunch on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at the Capital Restaurant (412 N. 2nd Street, Chambersburg) beginning at 1:00 PM.

The dinner group will be meeting at Sunrise Diner (1110 Lincoln Way East, Chambersburg) on Friday, June 21 beginning at 5:30 PM.

American Red Cross (ARC) Newsletter (NEW)

The church office received a copy of ARC's most recent newsletter. Because the church works with the ARC for blood drives, it is important to keep aware of the group's activities and events. A copy of the newsletter is attached.



American Red Cross

Upcoming Blood Drive (REMINDER)

There will be an American Red Cross blood Drive at Hilltop Hall on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. Pre-register by visiting redcross.org.

Concert Invitation (NEW)

Scotland Fellowship Church (4040 Scotland Main Street, Chambersburg, PA 17202) is hosting a concert by Duncan Holmes on Sunday, June 9 beginning at 7:00 PM. Further information is shared in the attachment.

Church Directory

Pastor Robin and I are in the planning process of creating an updated church directory using the information gathered this past fall/winter (Getting to Know You Better questionnaire). In addition, we are reviewing past directories to decide if there are names that should/should not be included in this upcoming project.

If at any time you need an address, telephone number, etc., please call or email (churchofficecumc@gmail.com) the church office, and I will gladly provide you with the information if it is available to me.

Jeff

Continued Phone Issue

There remains an issue with leaving messages on the church office phone system. Incoming calls are received but when messages are prompted to be recorded that option is unavailable. You may hear a fax connection sound or silence. Phone messages are not being recorded or received at this time.

Yard Sale

The yard sale at Calvary UMC will be held in August or September. More detailed information will be shared when plans are finalized.

Upcoming June Meetings (REMINDER)

Upcoming May Committee Meetings - All Meetings Begin at 7:00 PM	
Monday, June 17	Board of Trustees
Tuesday, June 18	Committee on Finance
Tuesday, June 25	Administrative Council



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.

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

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.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Thursday	Closed
*Friday, June 7	1:00 PM-5:00 PM

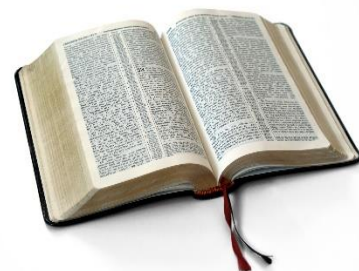
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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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 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. 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

Wonderful Words of Life

UMC Hymnal 600

Stanza 1

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Stanza 2

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all, wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

Stanza 3

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.

Many people who have sung this hymn can recall most of the hymn text in its entirety or, at the very least, the refrain. Clearly, Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876) knew exactly what he was doing with this text. He used his background as an educator to influence many generations of singers over the course of the last century and a half.

Bliss is well known from his work with the evangelistic revival meetings of the mid-nineteenth century with leaders such as Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899) and Daniel Webster “Major” Whittle (1840-1901). Bliss and his wife, Lucy, both joined these revival meetings as singers, leading the songs of what would be known as the gospel era of hymnody. Most of these worship services took place in the midwestern and the southern United States, and they served as the framework within which Bliss wrote his hymn texts and tunes.

Before these evangelistic endeavors, however, Bliss had an interesting life as a child and young adult. Born in Pennsylvania, the industrious boy spent his early years working and learning, and he received training in music from teachers such as William B. Bradbury (1816-1868), whose well-known tunes include JESUS LOVES ME and HE LEADETH ME. Bliss eventually took on the roles of itinerant music teacher, composer, and editor.

Bliss would have taught many of his songs in these revival meetings by rote, and “Wonderful Words of Life” is filled with examples of repetition. Though the second line differs from the first by only one note (the final note), it is almost an exact statement of the initial phrase. The third line contains two two-measure phrases that are the same, and the refrain contains two phrases written almost note for note.

In addition, the “wonderful words” themselves become a teaching tool that are deeply rooted in the ear, voice, and mind of the singer. The phrase “wonderful words” is repeated throughout this hymn a total of eighteen times, and the larger phrase “wonderful words of life,” a total of twelve times! He uses means other than repetition to reinforce the teaching of the text and tune. The poetic devices he employs also help to teach the hymn. “Words” is personified throughout the hymn as teachers “wooing us to heaven” and “offering pardon and peace to all.” Bliss’s creative use of alliteration is also very prominent throughout, with a strong “w” sound adding to the overall rocking character of the 6/8 tune. These poetic devices were carefully chosen because they all add to the narrative of the text and the singability of the tune.

As the revivalist song leader, Bliss was obviously emphasizing the words of Scripture and the subsequent “gospel call” that results from the hearing of these words. The singing itself becomes the persuasive sermon as the text is directed toward a listener, the “sinner,” and the sermon concludes with the following simple prayer:

Jesus, only Savior,
Sanctify forever.

It is no surprise, then, that this hymn is included in Methodist collections, as the themes of holiness and sanctification appear at the end of the third stanza.

If only Bliss could have written more texts and tunes, it is certain they would have appeared in United Methodist collections and others within the global church. His life was cut short at age 38 as he and Lucy were involved in a train wreck near Ashtabula, Ohio, on their way to Chicago to assist in evangelistic services led by “Major Whittle.” According to The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology, “It is believed that Bliss escaped the crash, but the carriages caught fire and he returned to try to save his wife” (JRW, “Philip P. Bliss”). Even the last moments of his life served as an example of one who followed the “gospel call.” As one learned in and devoted to “faith and duty,” Bliss spent his last efforts helping his wife, Lucy.

May the singing of these “wonderful words” be a reminder of the power of words, the Spirit moving through their proclamation, and the call of Christ.