

**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**

**March 12, 2025**

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Regular Church Office Hours:  
Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM / Friday 8:00 AM-Noon**



**CONOCOCHEAGUE MISSION COOPERATIVE  
LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES 2025**

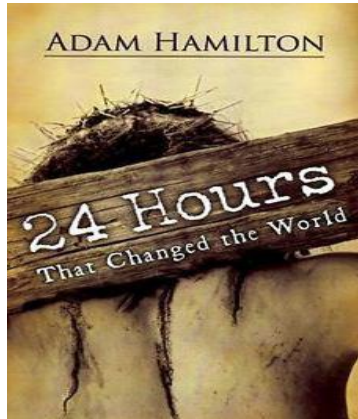
**All Services Begin at 7:00 PM  
Worship Through the Senses & Perfect Love Casts Out Fear**

DATE	LOCATION/HOST	PREACHING	THEME	OFFERING RECIPIENT
March 12	St. John's UCC	Bill Smith	Sight	TBD
March 19	Quincy UMC	Caroline Saxton	Sound	Keystone Audiology
March 26	Calvary UMC	Loretta McClure	Scent	United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
April 2	Scotland Fellowship	Christopher Frye	Touch	Mercy House
April 9	St. Luke Lutheran Church	Robin	Taste	Fayetteville Food Pantry

## **March Worship Services – 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM**

Pastor Robin's March sermon series begins this week. The series is entitled "Hope Springs Eternal." This week's sermon is "Testing: 1, 2, 3" with the scripture reading being Luke 4:1-13. Upcoming sermon titles include "Rejected," "Where's the Fruit?" and "Prodigals."

*There will be one combined worship service on March 30 beginning at 9:30 AM.*



### **Disciples in Training Sunday School Class (NEW)**

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### **Easter Flower Order**

Easter flowers will be purchased through Everlasting Love Florist in Chambersburg this year. The order form is attached in this email.

There are four different plants to choose from (Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths and Easter Lilies) including color and size choices for both the tulips and hyacinths.



Order forms **MUST** be at the church office by Tuesday, March 18 at 3:00 PM. Payment may be made at the time of ordering or closer to Easter. Make checks payable to "Calvary UMC" with "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Attach the payment to the order form in an envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff at the church office (717.352.3715 / churchofficecumc@gmail.com).



### **Women and Girls' Banquet**

The United Women in Faith's annual women and girls' banquet will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 6:00 PM in Hilltop Hall. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the narthex. Any questions may be directed to Donna Hayes.

## UMCOR Newsletter – March 2025

The church receives newsletters from the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) providing updates with what the group has been doing with its funds around the world. Attached is the March newsletter for your reading.



### Shoebox Supply House

Rick Bradford, the contact person for the Shoebox Supply House, stopped at the church recently to distribute information for this facility located in Shippensburg, PA. I know that some members of the church have shopped at this store and are familiar with the business. Rick shared that the store always shoppers from throughout the state, Maryland, and West Virginia, but residents in surrounding counties are not familiar with this store or even its location.

The reason for Rick's visit was to advertise the Shoebox Supply House. This is something that the organization has NEVER done before, so this is a big event for the store.

I have attached all the information given to me last week. This information includes the website address, Facebook page, contact information, the purpose of the store, hours of operation for April through August and a list of available items and prices.

### Eggstravaganza

Watch the narthex for empty plastic eggs to take and fill soon. Check the announcement page for the date of the Eggstravaganza children's Easter event to be announced.

Sara Nelson



### Eating Out Together

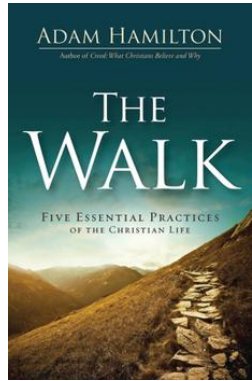
The dining groups have set their March dates and locations. All are welcome to attend!

**Tuesday, March 18 @ 1:00 PM – Olive Garden (900 Norland Avenue & Walker Road)**

**Saturday, March 22 @ 9:00 AM – Trojan Diner (1121 Lincoln Way East)**

## **Joy El Summer Camps**

If you know of any student (K-Grade 9) interested in a Day Camp or Overnight Camp experience this summer, information for Camp Joy El summer camps are available in the narthex with the brochures.



### **Art Jones' Bible Study – *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton**

How do we walk with Christ – daily follow Him, grow in Him, and faithfully serve Him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.

In this study Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is a part of our daily walk with Christ and an essential part of growing together in the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving and sharing our faith.

There are six sessions:

- 1 March 6 - Worship and Prayer: A Living Hallelujah
- 2 March 13 - Study: *The Importance of Listening and Paying Attention*
- 3 March 20 - Serve: Here I Am, Lord, Send me
- 4 March 27 - Give: *Where Your Treasure Is...*
- 5 April 3 - Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light
- 6 April 10 - *The Five Practices from the Cross*

Books are available to borrow or purchase.

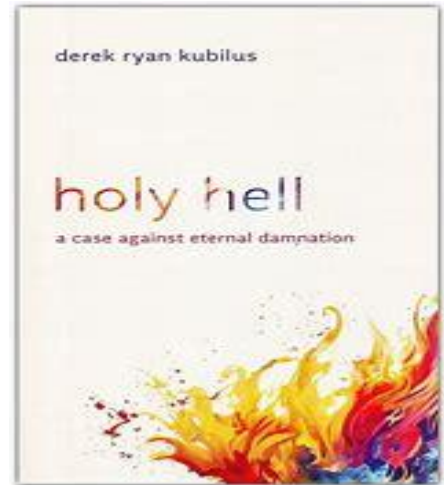
Sessions will be held on Thursday night at 6:00 PM for six weeks beginning on March 6 and continuing through April 10.

If you have any questions, contact Art Jones.

## **Pastor Robin's Book Study**

I recently preached a sermon about the first gifts the Wise Men/Magi gave to Christ. The first of those gifts was curiosity. The Wise Men's curiosity about the newly birthed star caused them to examine what they knew and investigate what they didn't know about its arrival. Their willingness to seek information and stretch their preconceptions led them to find Christ. I am convinced that we all need to stretch and grow in our faith.

To that end, I am committing to study a topic that has piqued my curiosity...hell. I recently found a book that will push me reconsider what I have been taught about hell and damnation. I want to invite you to go along on this journey. You will need to order a book from Amazon (or from where you choose) for class.



The Sunday afternoon's group will meet on March 16 (23?) beginning at 3:00 PM

## **Meet Rev. Dr. Nancy Jill Hale**

Several weeks ago Pastor Robin announced that she will be stepping down as Calvary's pastor as of June 30, 2025. Last week, members of the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee met with the newly conference appointed replacement who will assume the leadership on July 1, 2025.



The incoming pastor is Rev. Dr. Nancy Jill Hale.

Her contact information is as follows:

Telephone: 607.316.6134

Email: [hale1961@gmail.com](mailto:hale1961@gmail.com)

The following is a narrative provided by Rev. Dr. Hale.

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I was first licensed as a Local Pastor in the former Wyoming Conference in 1998. I attended seminary in Boston and was ordained in 2010 in the Upper New York Conference. I have served rural and suburban churches throughout upstate New York and most recently in central PA.

Through my passion for mission and outreach in the local community and beyond, I have encouraged churches to begin "Church Has Left the Building" programs and become more involved in the United Methodist missions such as Mission Central and UMCOR.

I strive to construct creative relative, thematic, and engaging worship services, and to give people ample opportunities to respond in various ways, such as renewing their baptismal vows or coming forward to

be anointed during healing services. My preaching is focused on the life and teachings of Jesus and on discipleship, and I always try to teach people something new or given them a new way of understanding their faith. I encourage people to share their gifts in worship by reading scripture, providing music, adorning the sanctuary and altar area, creating artwork, and using other skills that enhance our experience of God's presence.

I love to teach and enjoy leading studies of all kinds, including Bible studies and topical studies (such as United Methodist history or doctrine). One of my greatest joys is to see the "lightbulb" go on for people when they learn something new and helpful for their faith journey.

Music is a delight for me! Although my singing voice is not what I wish it could be, I play piano, organ, violin, and trumpet, and I have led and arranged music for handbell choirs.

Because I have hearing loss, I am passionate about accessibility of all kinds, and I have a heart for others with disabilities. I function well in most situations, but in certain settings, such as very noisy room, I will need to ask people to go to a quieter place to speak with me. I've always found my congregations to be more than willing to accommodate my needs.

Visitation and keeping in touch with shut-ins are very important to me, and I enjoy leading worship services in nursing and personal care facilities.

I am familiar with all kinds of technology and am always willing to learn new ways of communicating with people.

Outside of the church, I am an avid student of the battle of Gettysburg and the Civil War in general. I have completed part of the process to become a Licensed Battlefield Guide. I am working on a book about Union chaplains, and as a Union Army chaplain reenactor, I have led Civil War Divine Services on the field at Gettysburg and at churches other locations.

I have three grown sons, two daughters-in-law, and three adorable grandchildren, who all live on Long Island. (Pictures available on request!) Oh, and I have four cats who are (mostly) well-behaved.



### **Homebound Mailing List**

Attached with this email 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.

## Noah's House and Gracie's Place Meals 2025

If you are interested in signing-up to provide a meal at some point during the year for Gracie's Place and/or Noah's House, the sign-up sheet is located in the narthex on a music stand as you enter the sanctuary.



Here is an updated chart for the sign-up sheet to provide a meal for Noah's House and Gracie's Place for 2025. These are the dates with availability and the opportunity to provide a meal for these groups.



January's meals were provided by Sara Nelson and Susan Snyder (Gracie's Place) and Peggy Campbell (Noah's House).

February's meals were provided on February 8 for Gracie's Place by Sandy Haney and Renae Crittenden. The upcoming meal on February 22 will be provided by Lin Trutt and Rose Bellows.

Mary Jo Eland has signed up to provide a meal for clients of Gracie's House on March 8 and Lorie Kennell will be doing the same on March 22 for the clients at Noah's House.

### Noah's House and Gracie's Place Meals 2025

Gracie's Place – April 12		Noah's House - April 26	
Entrée	Mary Jane Jones	Entrée	Harriet Schurman
Side	Cherie Foust	Side	
Salad	Renae Crittenden	Salad	Rose Bellows
Dessert	Cherie Foust	Dessert	Pat Moore

Gracie's Place – May 10		Noah's House – May 24	
Entrée	Deb Johnson	Entrée	
Side	Deb Johnson	Side	
Salad	Deb Johnson	Salad	Rose Bellows
Dessert	Deb Johnson	Dessert	

Gracie's Place – June 14		Noah's House – June 28	
Entrée		Entrée	Lorie Kennell
Side		Side	Lorie Kennell
Salad	Renae Crittenden	Salad	Lorie Kennell
Dessert		Dessert	Lorie Kennell

Gracie's Place – July 12		Noah's House – July 26	
Entrée		Entrée	Linda Hartman
Side		Side	
Salad		Salad	
Dessert		Dessert	

Gracie's Place – August 9		Noah's House - August 23	
Entrée		Entrée	
Side		Side	
Salad	Renae Crittenden	Salad	

Dessert	Linda Hartman		Dessert	
<b>Gracie's Place – September 13</b>			<b>Noah's House – September 27</b>	
Entrée			Entrée	
Side			Side	
Salad			Salad	
Dessert			Dessert	
<b>Gracie's Place – October 11</b>			<b>Noah's House – October 25</b>	
Entrée			Entrée	
Side			Side	
Salad	Renaë Crittenden		Salad	
Dessert			Dessert	
<b>Gracie's Place – November 8</b>			<b>Noah's House – November 22</b>	
Entrée			Entree	
Side			Side	
Salad			Salad	
Dessert	Linda Hartman		Dessert	
<b>Gracie's Place – December 13</b>			<b>Noah's House - December 27</b>	
Entrée	Mary Grassell		Entrée	
Side	Mary Grassell		Side	
Salad	Renaë Crittenden		Salad	
Dessert	Mary Grassell		Dessert	

If you have any questions, please contact Art Jones.

**THANK YOU to Everyone Sharing in This Ministry  
to Gracie's Place and Noah's House in 2025!**



**American  
Red Cross**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

The next blood drive at CUMC is scheduled for Friday, April 18 from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. This is a change in both day and time for this one-day event. If you are interested in donating blood, please pre-register at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).



# SPRING CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, April 12, 2025

9AM - 3PM



Many artists, crafters  
and authors

Coach's Corner BBQ

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Something for everyone -  
Bring your friends



St. Paul United Methodist Church  
Family Life Center  
750 Norland Ave.  
Chambersburg, PA



## 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.

March 23 and 30 are available for altar flowers.

The 2025 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. All Sundays are available for the month of March.

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.)



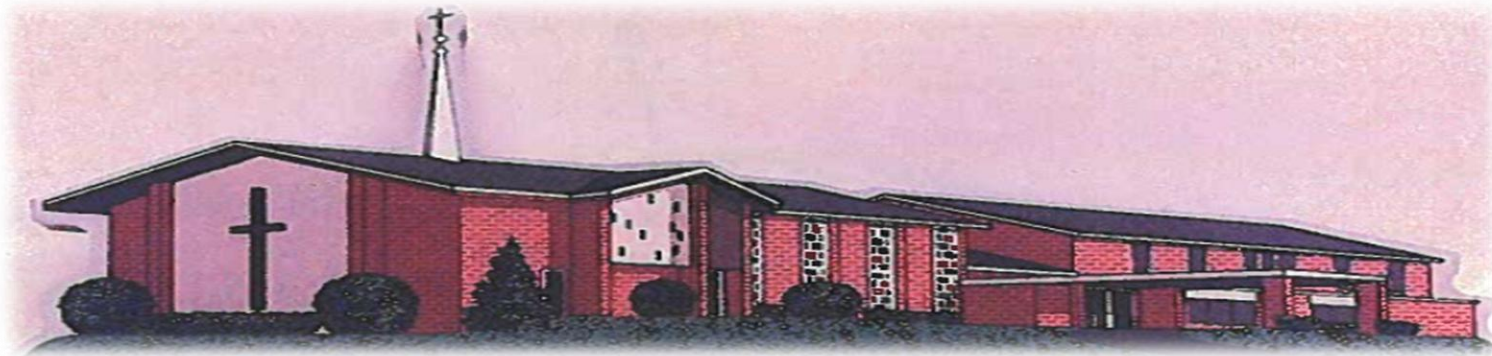
Another suggested idea was to provide an altar display based on week's scripture, upcoming holiday or seasonal idea. One shared example was using the Fourth of July. Instead of using flowers, use patriotic objects to create an altar display. The potential ideas are endless!

February 23 and the month of March 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



## **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

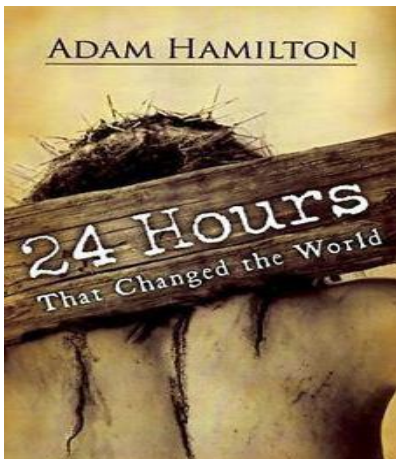


### **This Week's Children's Message with Sara Nelson**

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 this week's message is <https://youtu.be/TpDHsyJ6v9E>



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# Service Opportunities



## Choir

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

**During Lent choir rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM for the time period of March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10.**



## 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).



## Online Information

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

The March newsletter is posted in the "Latest Posts" section, too.

Also, the newsletter is placed under the "News" tab. Click on Newsletter and select the correct month and year. There are several years of newsletters online.

The church's website is [cumcpa.org](http://cumcpa.org)

**Just a Reminder**

If you email any information to the church using the [churchofficecumc@gmail.com](mailto:churchofficecumc@gmail.com) address, that information will come directly to me. If you want to email only Pastor Robin, please contact her at [rbaer@susumc.org](mailto:rbaer@susumc.org)

**Hilltop Trumpeter Information**

Copies of the March newsletter are available at the narthex literature stand.

The deadline for any submitted information for the April newsletter will be Wednesday, March 26 at 8:00 AM.



## **All the World's Alive Again - Jennifer Gunner**

**The rabbit hops its gentle step  
The lark sings lyric songs  
All the world's alive again  
Spring rights the winter wrongs.**

**Mother hen protects her chicks  
White blossoms are in bloom  
All the world's alive again  
No snowy clouds to loom.**

**A kitten chirps her tiny mew  
The child blinks his eyes  
All the world's alive again  
A new world crystalized.**