

Calvary United Methodist Church Information for March 27, 2024



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

Easter Sunday (March 31, 2024)

Here is the worship schedule for Easter Sunday:

6:30 AM – Outdoor Sunrise Service Followed by Breakfast

9:30 AM – Combined Worship Service

Easter Morning Flowers (REVISED)

It has become a long-standing tradition for the congregation to provide flowers to adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. All the revised information regarding this year's flowers is included in an attachment.

If you want your acknowledgement (In Memory of, In Honor of, In Celebration of) listed on the bulletin but forgot to submit your form to the church office, email your request (churchofficecumc@gmail.com) to the church office by Friday, March 29 @ 9:00 AM.

Thank you!

Jeff



Hoss's Community Night (NEW)

Calvary UMC will be participating with Hoss's in Chambersburg in a fundraising activity on Sunday, April 21. Free Hoss's cards are available in the church office and from Tim Johnson. The cards are to be taken to Hoss's on this date and given to the servers. At the end of the night, 20% of the group's total will be forwarded to the church if the overall total reaches a minimum of

\$300.00; 25% of the total if the amount reaches \$1,200.00.

Easter Eggstravaganza (NEW)

Sara Nelson is organizing this year's Easter Eggstravaganza and is asking for your help. There are plastic eggs located in the narthex that need to be filled with candy before the event. If you want to help with this activity, please have your filled eggs returned to the church by Sunday morning, April 7.

The "eggstravagant" event will be held at Calvary UMC beginning at 1:30 PM on Sunday, April 7.

More information is shared in the attachment.

Easter Boxes (NEW)

Thank you to everyone who donated boxes of scalloped potatoes for this year's Easter boxes. The church reached its goal thanks to your generosity. The boxes were organized and delivered this week to local families.



THANK YOU! (NEW)

Thank you to the following individuals who have volunteered to mow the grass for the church and parsonage properties. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated!

This year's volunteers are Travis Bumbaugh, Randy Burns, Renae Crittenden, Tim Johnson, and Mark Nicola.

United Women in Faith (UWF) – NEW

The April meeting for the United Women in Faith is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, beginning at 1:00 PM.

Eating Out Together (NEW)

The following date has scheduled lunch for this group:

Thursday, April 25 – LongHorn Steakhouse @ 1:00 PM

Narcan Training (NEW)

Pastor Robin receive an email last week sharing information about an upcoming Narcan Training at Faith United Methodist Church (104 North Potomac Street, Waynesboro, PA 17268) scheduled for Friday, April 19 beginning at 9:00 AM. The presenter is Katelyn Becker.

This learning opportunity was arranged by First Start Partnerships for Children and Families of Frankling County.

The event will take place in the church's fellowship hall. Enter the building through the glass welcome center doors from the parking lot on Potomac Street. There is no need to register for this event.

Additional information is shared in the attachment.

Spring Craft Show

St. Paul United Methodist Church will be holding a Spring Craft Show on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM in its Family Life Center located at 750 Norland Avenue, Chambersburg, PA. Additional information is shared in the attachment.

Mission News

March and April collections are HOUSEHOLD CLEANING SUPPLIES to be shared with The Homeless Shelter and other local ministries to help neighbors in need. Place your donations in the sanctuary at the designated spot in the front.

Sara Nelson



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.

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.

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 (UPDATED)

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 News (REMINDER)

As of April 1, 2024, altar flowers will be ordered through Everlasting Love Florist located at 1137 S 4th Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

There will be an increase in the price per arrangement. The cost will be \$40.00/arrangement.



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.

Donations: Books, CDs/DVDs, Games, Puzzles, Sheet Music / Volunteering Sign-Ups

For the 38th year the Franklin County Legal Services is sponsoring a sale including books, CDs/DVDs, games, puzzles, etc. The sale will be held at Fayetteville Elementary School on June 7-9, 2024, with varying hours each day.

The group is looking for donations and volunteers to assist on these days.

If you are interested in donating items or volunteering, please review the information shared in the attachment.



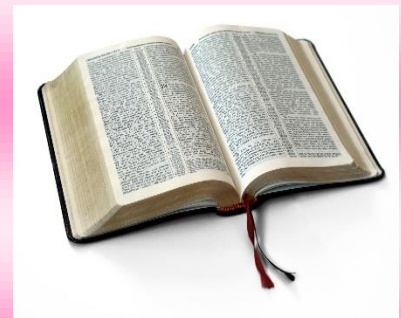
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS	
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Thursday	Closed
Friday	8:00 AM-Noon

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



REMINDER: There will be Easter Sunrise Service on March 31, 2024, beginning at 6:30 AM. The service will be held outdoors depending on the weather. Breakfast will be served in Hilltop Hall afterwards. Also, there will be one combined worship service on this day. The worship service will be held at 9:30 AM.

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

Sunday School class will be cancelled on Easter Sunday for this class.

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 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. 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. A need for the April liturgist is needed at this time. 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

He Lives

Stanza 1:

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today, I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him, he's always near.

Chorus:

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

Stanza 2:

In all the world around me I see his living care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; the day of his appearing will come at last.

Stanza 3:

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christians, life up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find; none other is so loving, so good and kind.

One of the most popular of 20th century songs, and not just for Easter, is the hymn "He Lives." Written by Alfred Ackley in 1933, the song is also known by its first line, "I Serve a Risen Savior."

"I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;

I know that He is living, whatever men may say;

I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer,

And just the time I need Him, He's always near."

Ackley, born in 1887 in Pennsylvania, showed great musical potential as a child. He was tutored by his musician father and then went to New York City to study and on to the Royal Academy of Music in London. There, Ackley played the piano and cello and showed great promise as a composer.

After completing his musical training, Ackley returned to the states to attend Westminster Theological Seminary in Maryland and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1914.

Ackley pastored in Wilkes-Barre and Elmhurst, Pennsylvania, before being called to a congregation in Escondido, California. For a few years he worked with evangelist Billy Sunday.

He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Sacred Music degree by John Brown University in Arkansas in appreciation for all his musical pursuits.

While in California in 1932, Ackley began witnessing a Jewish man who attended some of the evangelistic meetings. This young student kept saying, “Why should I worship a dead Jew?”

This bothered Ackley and it stayed on his mind. After waking early to prepare his Easter Sunday message, he was amazed to hear on the radio a famous liberal preacher in New York say, “Good morning. It’s Easter! You know, folks, it really doesn’t make any difference to me if Christ be risen or not. As far as I am concerned, His body could be as dust in some Palestinian tomb. The main thing is, His truth goes marching on!”

Ackley’s anger at this was displayed as he threw the radio across the room, yelling, “It’s a lie!”

During the Easter service that morning, Ackley preached with strength and urgency about the reality of Christ’s Resurrection.

But later that night, he continued to dwell on his Jewish friend’s words and the sermon on the radio.

His wife told him it was time for him to do what he did best — write a song — and then he would feel better.

In his study, Ackley re-read the Resurrection account from Mark’s Gospel in the Bible, and soon the words began to pour from him. A few minutes later, he put music to the words, and answered the question, “Why should I worship a dead Jew?”

*“He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.”*