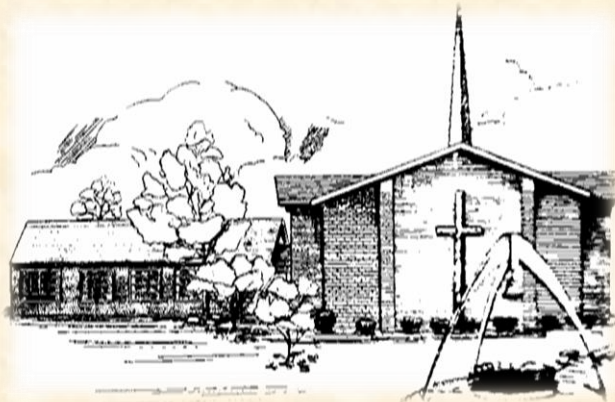


Calvary United Methodist Church Information For May 15, 2024



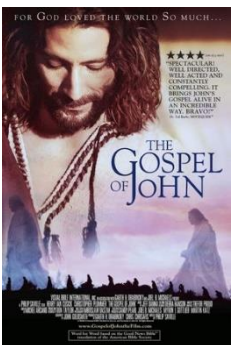
Calvary UMC's Mission Statement

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



Honoring Graduates

If there is a high school, college, or trade school graduate in your family, we would like to acknowledge his/her accomplishment at an upcoming worship service. Please email (churchofficecumc@gmail.com) as soon as possible the graduate's name, the name of the institution graduating from and future goals. Thank you!

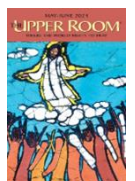


Pastor Robin's May Theology and Movie Series

“The Gospel of John” will be the next Bible study during the month of May beginning at 3:00 PM on Sunday afternoons. It will focus on the movie with discussion about the content. More information is included in the attachment.

The Upper Room (May/June 2024) (NEW)

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.



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 (REMINDER)

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 you may hear silence. Phone messages are not being recorded or received at this time.

Yard Sale (NEW)

A committee from the church is in the planning process for a churchwide yard sale. Dates and times for item deliveries and the yard sale will be shared when they are made available.

May Meetings (REMINDER)

| Upcoming May Committee Meetings - All Meetings Begin at 7:00 PM | |
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| Monday, May 20 | Board of Trustees |
| Tuesday, May 21 | Committee on Finance |
| Tuesday, May 28 | Administrative Council |

Hymn Sing (NEW)

There will be a hymn sing on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, beginning at 7:00 PM at Scotland Fellowship Church (4040 Scotland Main Street Chambersburg, PA 17202)

Habitat for Humanity (NEW)

The church received the Spring/Summer 2024 newsletter from Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County. The newsletter is included in an attachment.

Changes in UMCOR Kits and Mission Central Collections (NEW)

There have been changes made in what will be collected for UMCOR Kits and Mission Central collections. Sara Nelson will be providing this information in the June newsletter (Hilltop Trumpeter).



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.

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

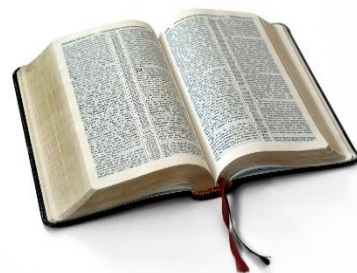
8:00 AM – Contemporary Worship Service

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



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 background of the entire page is a soft-focus image of several lit candles. The flames are bright yellow and orange, creating a warm, glowing atmosphere. The candles are of various heights and are scattered across the frame, with some in the foreground and others in the background. The overall effect is one of tranquility and light.

The Story Behind the Song

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Stanza 1

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

Stanza 2

**Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

Stanza 3

**We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**

Stanza 4

**When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

John Fawcett (1739-1817), a dissenting Baptist clergyman in England, gave us one of the most beloved farewell hymns of all time. Fawcett's parish in Wainsgate, described by hymnologist Albert Bailey as "a straggling group of houses on the top of a barren hill," may have been typical for many rural pastors in the 18th century.

Fawcett, orphaned at 12, was "bound out" to a tailor in Bradford where he worked long hours. He learned to read and eventually mastered Pilgrim's Progress, the devotional classic by John Bunyan.

Fawcett was converted under the powerful preaching of George Whitefield while the evangelist delivered a message to 20,000 people in an open field. It is said that upon telling Whitefield he wanted to preach, the evangelist gave Fawcett his blessing.

Mr. Bailey describes Fawcett's congregation at Wainsgate: "The people were all farmers and shepherds, poor as Job's turkey; an uncouth lot whose speech one could hardly understand, unable to read or write; most of them pagans cursed with vice and ignorance and wild tempers. The Established Church had never touched them; only the humble Baptists had sent an itinerant preacher there and he had made a good beginning."

John and Mary Fawcett went to live there in 1765 following his ordination. By engaging families house-to-house, he built a congregation that grew to the point that a gallery had to be added to the modest meeting house. With the addition of four children to the family, a modest salary that was supplemented by parishioners' donations of wool and potatoes was barely adequate, especially during the long winters.

The story is told that a prestigious parish with more financial resources in London, Carter's Lane Baptist Church, extended a call. It is at this point that it becomes difficult to separate fact from apocryphal imagination.

Mr. Bailey, a vivid storyteller, sets the scene: "[John] and Mary decided to accept. The announcement was made to the church, and the farewell sermon was preached, the bulky items of his furniture and some of his older books were sold and the day of departure arrived. The two-wheeled cart came for the rest of his belongings, and likewise came the parishioners to say good-by."

The crowd was despondent and in tears. According to Mr. Bailey, Mary is quoted as saying, "I can't stand it, John! I know not how to go." John responded, "Lord help me Mary, nor can I stand it! We will unload the wagon. . . . [To the crowd], We've changed our minds! We are going to stay!" Mr. Bailey describes a scene of pandemonium as the crowd broke out in joyful acclamations.

It was the practice of many ministers to write hymns on the theme of the day to be sung at the conclusion of the sermon. This hymn was included under the title of "Brotherly Love" in Fawcett's Hymns Adapted to the Circumstances of Public Worship and Private Devotion (1782). UM Hymnal editor Carlton Young notes that the "collection contained 166 hymns, most of them to be sung as a congregational response to the sermon."

We do know that John Fawcett remained in Wainsgate for 54 years and nearby Hebden Bridge. We do not know if this hymn was written in conjunction with his decision to remain in Wainsgate, but its language connects well with congregations, identifying with the struggles of life and our unity in Christ.

No doubt this hymn has been tearfully sung by more Christians upon parting than any other hymn.

Fawcett developed a school for the area children by adding on to his home. He was known as an educator and scholar, as well as a fine preacher.

In 1811 Fawcett published his Devotional Commentary on the Holy Scriptures and was also honored with a Doctor of Divinity degree from Brown University, Providence, R.I.