



Church Announcements for November 15, 2023

Calvary UMC's Mission Statement

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



Remembering Homebound Members (NEW)

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approach, please remember the members of Calvary United Methodist who are homebound. Contacting these individuals by mailing a card or note during these special times of the year and throughout the entire year would brighten the days and spirits of these individuals.

If you would like to reach out to these individuals, attached is a mailing list for the individuals who are homebound.

Thanksgiving Meals (UPDATED INFORMATION)

Calvary UMC will be participating with other local churches to provide Thanksgiving meals for local families. Calvary is being asked to provide certain food supplies for this project. Additional information has been shared by Sara Nelson in the attachment. Thank you for your help with this mission project!



Food items needed as of Wednesday morning (November 15) include:

5-8 oz. Boxes of Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix and
1-17 oz. Can of Corn

If you plan on contributing any of the above food items, the donated foods have been moved to the kitchen counter.

Monetary contributions will be placed towards the purchasing of turkeys. Extra money will be reserved for the purchasing of hams at Christmas.

These items need to be at the church by Friday, November 17, 2023.

Junior Church (NEW)

Junior Church will be held on Sunday, November 26, 2023, during the 10:00 AM Worship Service.

The Importance of Rest

This information about the importance of rest was included in last week's Susquehanna Conference's Quick LINK. Few of us get enough rest, a deficit that impacts our physical and mental well-being. Discover how intentionally resting can recharge our soul and help us better share God's love with others.

Take a moment to rest and read the article, please click on the link below.

[Sabbath Rest Isn't Just for Sundays](#)

Pre-Thanksgiving Concert (NEW)

The Brownsville Church of God (6390 Lincoln Way East, Fayetteville, PA 17222) will be presenting a "Pre-Thanksgiving Concert" on November 18, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to attend this seasonal celebration. Additional information is shared in the attachment.



Thanksgiving Eve Service @ St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to participate and attend this service.

As of now information regarding a link to the service online has not been shared with me at this time. If this information becomes available, I will share that information with you.



Salvation Army Red Kettles

Sara Nelson shared this information with me via an email recently. I wanted to share this information with you.

For over 132 years, The Salvation Army's red kettles have been an iconic symbol of the Christmas season. They also serve as vessels of transformation, as we work to fulfil our Mission in our community to Love God, Love Others and to Be a Bridge...meeting the growing needs of the people we are called to serve. We want to be sure that we can get help to

those who need it the most! We can successfully do that, year-round, primarily because of the donations we receive during the Christmas season.

Your church or group has an easy way to help us meet the need! Simply sign up to cover a day at one of our kettle locations. Individuals from your group can then sign up for time slots throughout the day. “Ringing the bell” will impact many lives right here in our community!

Contact us at 717.264.6169 to schedule your day!

Our Christmas effort will be:
Friday, November 17, 2023, and continue every day except Sundays,
until Saturday December 23, 2023.

Thank you in advance for your support and God bless!

Eating Out Together

The following dates have been scheduled for those individuals who participate in the “Eating Out Together” group:

Wednesday, November 15 (LUNCH) – Stoner’s at 12:30 P.M.
Saturday, November 18 (BREAKFAST) – Trojan Diner at 9:00 A.M.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Packing Party

Soap is still needed for this year’s shoeboxes. Shoeboxes will be packed throughout the remainder of this week. Please enter the church at the main entrance. You are encouraged to bring family photos to include in the boxes you pack as the children love to see who is sharing God’s love with them.



This is what the schedule looks like as of this morning for packing:

Wednesday, November 15:

9:00 AM-11:00 AM – Lin Pottinger, MJ, Sandy, Sherri, and Joanne
11:00 AM-1:00 PM
1:00 PM-3:00 PM
3:00 PM-5:00 PM – Lorie, Susan, and Mary Catherine

Thursday, November 16:

1:00 PM-3:00 PM
3:00 PM-5:00 PM
6:00 PM-8:00 PM – Maddy, Sara, and Raven

Friday, November 17:

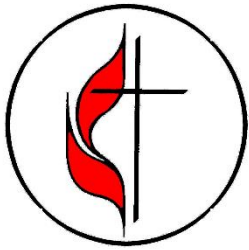
9:00 AM-11:00 AM

11:00 AM-Noon – Pack with Sara Nelson

Noon-2:00 PM – Clean Up Time with Sara Nelson

In addition, Sara has a reminder about the shoeboxes. This information is shared in the attachment.

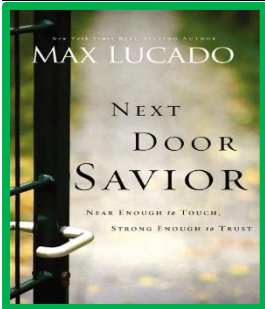
Pastor Robin's Bible Study



Pastor Robin's upcoming new Bible Study began on Tuesday, October 17 and will extend through November 21. The emphasis will be on the United Methodist History, Doctrine, and Polity (For Members or Members to Be).

In addition, Pastor Robin will be having a Sunday afternoon bible study on this same topic beginning on Sunday, October 22-November 26. The study will begin at 3:00 P.M.

Art Jones' Wednesday Night Bible Study

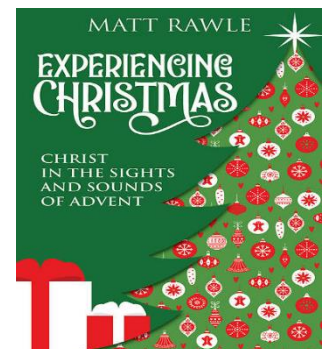


“Next Door Savior: Near Enough to Touch, Strong Enough to Trust” by Max Lucado will be the focus of Art Jones' upcoming Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, from 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. at Calvary UMC. If you are interested in participating in this eight-week study, please contact Art (717.262.8334 / jaws2003@hotmail.com).

More detailed information about the study is included in the attachment within this email.

Pastor Robin's Advent Bible Study Begins Soon (NEW)

Beginning Tuesday, November 28 at 10:00 AM, Pastor Robin will begin a four-week Advent Bible study (*November 28, December 5, 12, and 19*) entitled “Experiencing Christmas.” This study written by Matt Rawle will discuss how one encounters God in the sights, sounds, tastes, and feelings associated with Christmas. Additional information is included in the attachment.



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 Plasterer’s of Chambersburg at a cost of \$28.00.

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.

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



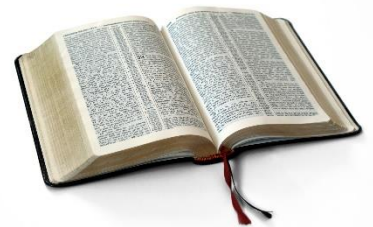
*Office Hours May Vary
Depending Upon
Circumstances. Changes in
Time Will Be Shared Via
Email.*

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Services @ Calvary UMC

8:00 A.M. – Contemporary Worship Service

10:00 A.M. – 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



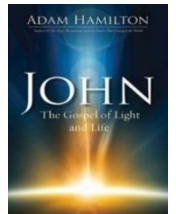
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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 A.M. 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 A.M.

Please join us for Sunday School Class in the Choir Room. The group will be concluding its study on the Book of John this week with the topics being Christ's Resurrection and Conversations with His Disciples.



Seekers Sunday School Class @ 9:00 A.M.

The Seekers Sunday School Class meets at 9:00 A.M. The Seekers class will be a discussion-based class where the group will study books of the Bible from both the Old and New Testaments as well as special topics. All viewpoints and backgrounds are appreciated and welcome.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



Choir

The Calvary UMC choir under the direction of Linda Richters rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. If you would like to participate in the choir, please come to the sanctuary at the set time and join the group.

Liturgists Needed

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 A.M. or 10:00 A.M.).



Please Sign Some Cards!

THEY'RE BACK! The baskets are back on the Narthex pew. The snowflake basket contains packets of cards - birthday and blank or thinking of you cards. Write a supportive note, your favorite bible verse, or a little poem, basically a "pick-me-up" for someone who never gets mail and maybe feeling low. Once again, I will collect and distribute the cards to area nursing homes. It would be OK to designate a Thinking of You card for the CNA/Nursing Staff too.

Questions? Have cards to donate? Call me at (717) 261-6819. Thank you for loving the forgotten!

Susan Snyder

*What Should I Be Thankful For? -
Patricia A. Fleming*

Now what should I be thankful for?
Now where do I begin?
Of course, the greatest gift of all-
My family and my friends.

But it's also all the little things
That touch my life each day
That I sometimes take for granted
Letting life get in the way.

Like my comfy bed that keeps me warm
As I sleep away the night
And that love glowing, smiling sun
That wakes me with her light.

Just lying there and taking time
To hear the world as she awakes.
The peaceful sounds of early morn
That nature starts to make.

The smell of breakfast cooking
My cat entreating me to rise
Breathing in the crisp fall air
And looking up at pillowed skies.

To be blessed with still another day
To laugh and love and live.
To have enough to care for me
And still have plenty more to give

To smell and hear the rainfall
As it pitter patters from the sky
To watch a snowy blizzard roar
While sitting safe and warm inside.

To look upon the bluest sea
As the gulls go soaring by.
To feel the salt upon my skin
As I lay beneath the sun to dry.

I'm so grateful that God still allows
Another child to be born
And that He opens up his heavens
To all those loves ones I mourn.

I feel blessed by each new moment.
Another chance to make things right
And for all good people in this world
Who love and give with all their might.

It's important each and every day
To bring all our thanks to mind
It's tragic we're so lost in life
That we seldom take the time.

But as for me, I plan to make a change.
It's a simple change to make.
To thank God for all my blessings
Every morning when I wake!