

The Messenger

THE NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY UMC

FEBRUARY OF 2023

The Good and Beautiful Life

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." – Matthew 7:24-25

Everyone wants to be happy. Most people think that happiness depends upon their circumstances. "I'll be happy if I have the perfect job, spouse, car, house, friends, or family. I'll be happy when I have more money, power, or prestige." In my case, it sure would make Randy happy if I could eat as much food as I wanted and still lose weight, but that's not reality! True happiness is not dependent upon our circumstances but upon putting on the virtues of grace that Jesus offers.

The words quoted above from Matthew's Gospel end the Sermon on the Mount, which Jesus begins with the Beatitudes: Happy are the poor in spirit; Happy are the peacemakers; Happy are those who mourn, etc. The final application with which Jesus ends His sermon is this: Therefore, you will be happy if you put what you've heard into practice and follow me.

God sent Jesus, not only that we might have life after death, but that we might have life now! A happy life is where we replace our vices with virtues by putting on the character of Christ. This Lenten Season, Calvary

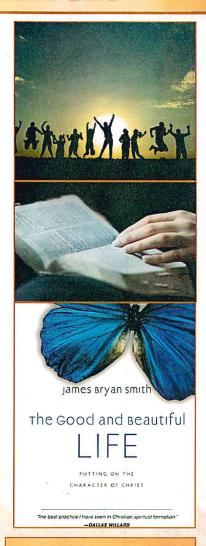


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Church will once again focus on putting on the character of Christ as we read the second book in James Bryan Smith's Good & Beautiful series, *The Good and Beautiful Life: Putting on the Character of Christ.*

Adult Sunday School classes will be invited to consider using their class time to discuss the book. Likewise, small groups will be developed to offer short-term opportunities for discussion. Presently, a small group will be led by Dennis Helsel on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. Another small group will be led by Bonnie Snyder on Thursday mornings at 10:00. A third online small group is also being considered. You are welcome to sign-up for any small group or attend any Sunday School class offering this Book Study. Additionally, I will offer expanded teaching from the pulpit in order to supplement the book reading and discussion.

Calvary has ordered a limited number of books, which you are able to purchase on a first come, first serve basis. The suggested donation for a book will be \$15.00. However, please do not allow money to be a barrier for you, as you may have a book without a donation. You may also order your book directly from your favorite book supplier. Likewise, if you are not a fan of discussion groups, but would still like to read the book this Lenten Season, you are more than welcome to sign-up. Book Order Sign-ups will be available beginning Sunday, January 22, 2023, and will run through Sunday, February 5, 2023. You may sign-up or email the church office to reserve a book. Books will be available for pick-up beginning

PASTOR CONTINUES

February 12, 2023. Those who will be reading the book should begin reading on February 19th in preparation for Ash Wednesday and the first Sunday in Lent.

The first Sunday book group discussions will begin on Sunday, February 26, 2023. Weekly small group discussion will follow accordingly on Tuesday, February 28th and Thursday March 2, 2023. Each group will discuss 2 chapters a week, with discussion groups ending during Holy Week. Complete schedules will be available for each group prior to the group's first meeting. The Sunday morning schedule along with preaching schedule is included in this newsletter article for reference.

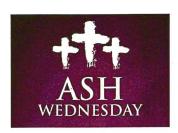
I pray as we draw near to the cross this Lenten Season that we reflect upon our vices, and the virtues Christ is offering, as we continue our apprenticeship with the Master.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Randy

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr., *Lead Pastor* pastor@calvaryunitedmethodist.org

Worship At-a-Glance

February 5, 2023 Scout Sunday/Holy Communion



February 22, 2023 Ash Wednesday Worship

12 Noon and 7 PM (Imposition of Ashes and the last Holy Communion until Maundy Thursday)

February 26, 2023 The First Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday (Holy Week Begins)

THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL LIFE

February 22nd (Ash Wednesday)

Sermon #1: "The Good and Beautiful Life" (Matthew 5:1-12). Please read Chapters 1 and 2 prior to the first class (if possible).

February 26th (1st Sunday in Lent) Sermon #2: "Invitation to Apprenticeship" (James 2:14-26). Discussion of Chapters 1 & 2 (Homework: Read Chapters 3 & 4)

March 5th (2nd Sunday in Lent)

Sermon #3: "Apprenticeship Listening" (James 1:19-27). Discussion of Chapters 3 & 4 (Homework: Read Chapters 5 & 6)

March 12th (3rd Sunday in Lent)

Sermon #4: "Apprenticeship Loving" (James 2:1-13). Discussion of Chapters 5 & 6 (Homework: Read Chapters 7 & 8)

March 19th (4th Sunday in Lent)
Sermon #5: "Apprenticeship Speaking" (James 3:1-12). Discussion of Chapters 7 & 8 (Homework: Read Chapters 9 & 10)

March 26th (5th Sunday in Lent)

Sermon #6: "Apprenticeship Attitude" (James 3:13-18). Discussion of Chapters 9 & 10 (Homework: Read Chapters 11 & 12)

April 2nd (Palm Sunday)
Sermon #7: "Apprenticeship Loyalty"
(James 4:1-12). Discussion of Chapters 11 & 12)

April 6th (Maundy Thursday) Sermon 8: "Apprenticeship Investing" (James 4:13-5:6)

April 7th (Good Friday) Sermon 9: "Apprenticeship Antitheses" (James 5:13-20)

April 9th (Easter Day) Sermon 10: "The Master" (John 20:1-18)

2022 FINAL HERSHEYPARK VOLUNTEER REPORT

Money in the bank for Missions—\$37,141.

Thank you so much for ALL the hours you have volunteered for Calvary United Methodist Church, Harrisburg. You have made me HER-SHEYPARK HAPPY volunteering for Calvary! You ALL know what my sentence is - IT IS HERSHEY - you never know what is happening! I am looking forward to seeing ALL of you in 2023!!!

*Shirley Barlet 59.75 hours; *Mark Barwin 12 hours; *Bonnie Basom 272.25 hours; *Bob Blumling 12 hours; *Earl Bock 5 hours; Cynthia Bolt 3 hours; *Trina Bowen 26.50 hours; *Shannon Brady 12 hours; *Bob Brain 70.50 hours; *Marie Burgos 6.50 hours; *Guy Camp 78 hours; *Barb Carter 3 hours; *Denise Casella 32 hours; *Steve Casella 32 hours; *Vickie Cavanagh 145.50 hours; *Loretta Charles 19.50 hours; *Jonathan Coble 5 hours; *Kim Coble 14.50 hours; *Cathy Cohen 25 hours; *Isabella Collins 9.50 hours; Joann Cooper 587 hours; *Ashley Cronin 5.50 hours; *Ruth Ann Crosley 54 hours; *David Culp 25.50 hours; *Phyllis Dick 11 hours; *Justin Donnelly 5 hours; *Pat Donnelly 5 hours: *Michelle Eckert 11.50 hours; John Ewell 6 hours; *Carol Faiola 12 hours; *Teena Fishburn 5 hours; *Deb Gamber 2 hours; Marti* Garner 41.75 hours: *Mike Garner 41.75 hours; *Deb Gotshall 70.50 hours; *Brian Guyer 12 hours; *Janet Hardman 11 hours; *Sue Heist 20.50 hours; *Bill Herigan 26 hours; *Edee Herigan 20 hours; *Megan Herigan 6 hours; *Lois Hershey 9.25 hours; *Erin Hocker 4.75 hours; Barb Hoffman 21 hours: Richard Hoffman 14 hours: *Kristen Hook 5.50 hours; *Tom Hosterman 13 hours; *Heather Hunter 13 hours; *Patty Jacobson 27.50 hours; *Chris Jensen 453.75 hours; Linda Joslin 20.50 hours; *Vince Joslin 20.50 hours; *Tammy Kelley 13.75 hours; *Wendy Kiebach 9 hours; *Natalie Kinsinger 13 hours; *Mike Kraft 79.50 hours: *Teresa Kraft 85 hours: Rich Krampe 17.50 hours; *Kris Kyler 17.50 hours; *April LaFleur 39.75 hours; *Lisa Lasky 20 hours; *Jennifer Lechleitner 25.50 hours; *Melissa Leighton 15.50 hours; *Alex Lieberman 9.50 hours; *Steve Mann 26.50 hours; *Kathryn Marcus 113 hours; *Ralph Marcus 262.75 hours; *Jeffrey Mate 12 hours; *Donna

McGahen 46.50 hours; Rebekah Miller 8 hours; *Lisa Milos 28.50 hours; *Tom Moore 18 hours; *Jane Morgan 3 hours; *Julia Mumma 6 hours; *Kelly Myers 44 hours; *Celina Pasche 5 hours; *Sandy Platt 41.75 hours; *Pam Porter 43.25 hours; Deb Prichard 200.75 hours; *Matti Rischoni 19.50 hours: Jeff Robertson 17 hours: Sandra Sandy 150.75 hours; *Brooke Sarson 25.50 hours; *Barbara Savidge 25 hours; Bill Shook 25 hours; Lori Shook 19.50 hours; *Kendra Siebert 6 hours; *Kelly Shaffer 21.25 hours; *Carole Smink 187.50 hours; *Barb Snavely 7 hours; *Glenn Snavely 17 hours; *Sheri Snyder 24.50 hours; *Linda Stoss 27 hours; *Belinda Strohecker 15.75 hours; *Judy Strohmaier 3 hours; *Sandy Sudbury 64.50 hours; *Lynne Thompson 6.50 hours; *Pat Weik 19.50 hours; *Ralph Weik 33.50 hours; *Christine Weltmer 30 hours; *Patti Whitman 4.50 hours; *Erin Wiegand 13 hours; *Zachary Wiegand 13 hours; *Karen Willey 6.50 hours; *Ken Wilt 55 hours; Dyan Yingst 9.50 hours. One Volunteer did not want the name and hours listed.

*Friend of Calvary 95 Friends of Calvary 12 Members of Calvary

Love, HUGS and PRAYERS, Joann Cooper

PS How much do you think Calvary would have received if more than 12 members would have volunteered?

GIANT GIFT CARDS

Do you shop at Giant for groceries? Consider purchasing a Giant Gift Card for your future purchases. Calvary receives 5% of sales which is applied directly to the Building Fund to pay towards the principal on our mortgage. Gift cards are available for purchase on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month after each worship service. The Finance Committee needs volunteers to assist with sales. Please contact Bill Shook at 717-315-7154 or the Calvary office to help.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The UWF will meet on Wednesday, February 8th, at 5 PM to enjoy a meal with the Calvary Youth Fellowship. At that time we will make Valentine bags to distribute to the LAMS. Donations of small items suitable for shut-ins would be appreciated from the congregation. Candies, puzzle books, notepads, stamps, tissues are a few suggestions. Place the items in the drop zone before February 7th. Thanks you as always for supporting our missions.

The first UWF book club will meet on Tuesday, February 21st in the Square at 6:30 PM. Mary Alice Dumbauld will introduce the novel *Small Great Things* by Jodie Picoult dealing with racial prejudice. All ages are welcome. Participants will purchase their own books.

Please contact Sue Weikert at 717-315-5441 or s_weikert@yahoo.com with questions.

United Women in Faith

CALVARY KIDS

Calvary Kids is looking to hire experienced individuals to work both full and part time with the amazing children at our center.

Interested individuals should be able to meet the following criteria:

- Ability to pass all required Background checks
- Ability to obtain a health assessment with TB test
- High School diploma or GED
- At least 18 years old
- Must be able to document at least 2500 hours/2 years of working with children.

Please email a cover letter and your resume to daycare@calvaryunitedmethodist.org or call Ann or Jen at 717-545-7886 for information.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Finance Committee reports the following financial information as of December 31, 2022:

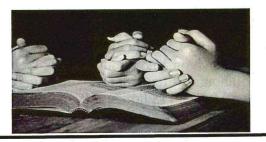
Actual YTD as of 12	.31.2022
Operating Revenues	\$885,064
Operating Expenses	\$861,208
Net Surplus (Loss)	\$ 23,856

Expected YTD per or	ur budge	<u>et</u>
and historical pa	tterns	
Operating Revenues	\$854	,548
Operating Expenses	\$854	,548
Net Surplus (Loss)	\$	0

We are pleased to report that we ended 2022 with a surplus in our budget accounts. Thank you Calvary members & friends for your faithful support of our ministries and missions in 2022! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Flint, Finance Manager, in the church office, or Jeff Robertson, 2022 Finance Committee Chairperson, at 717-566-3869.

WEDNESDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS & PRAYER

A dedicated group of individuals continues to grow in numbers as we pray for the Calvary Church family each week. Anyone who has a heart for lifting others in prayer is welcome to join us as your schedule permits. Weekly at 11:30 AM to 12:00 noon we gather in the church chapel. If you are unable to join us but have a specific prayer request, please contact Dennis Helsel or Linda Hoffman.



CALVARY NOTES

I would like to thank everyone for the many cards and well wishes I received at Christmas. Blessings to you in 2023.

Betty Krahn

Thank you for all the cards and good wishes at Christmas. I am doing well and miss you all so much. An extra special thanks to the 5th and 6th Grade Sunday School Class and teachers Kasey Wright, Lisa Page, and Gayle Evans for all the cards they send me during the year. I love you all and pray for you daily.

Linda Crosson

I would like to thank everyone who sent me Christmas cards, called me on the phone, and provided goodies. I also enjoy the visits from Alice & John Nau and Larry & Emily Hicks. All very much appreciated. Love and prayers.

Betty Fisher

Many thanks for the prayers and Christmas cards. I would also like to give a special thanks to The Noone's and Cheryl Guss for taking the time to come and visit me regularly. Happy New Year!

Barbara Jamison

We would like to thank our Calvary Church Family for your prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy following the loss of our nephew, Joe Miller. Your kindness means a lot to us and to our extended family as well. Your prayers will help us get through a very difficult time.

Dennis & Sue Helsel

Thank you for the care package! It helped me get through finals and I enjoyed all the snacks. Thank you for thinking of me.

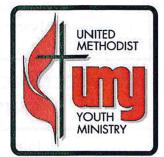
Jordan Van Zant

YOUTH GROUP

Calvary UMC Youth (Grades 7-12)
For more information or to sign up, contact
Kelley Price at 717-545-0021 or
youthatcalvaryumc@yahoo.com

Wednesday Night Weekly Youth Group-

Join us from 5:30-7 PM. Meet at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for a free dinner. Then we will head to the Youth Room. We will not meet on February 22nd.



Weather Note: Wednesday Night Youth Group will not be held if the Central Dauphin School District is closed or closes early due to inclement weather.

Cooks Needed: There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway by The Square if you are willing to provide dinner on a Wednesday Night for a group of 7-10 teens and adults.

Friday, March 24th—Sunday, March 26th—Save the date for our 2023 Wesley Forest Retreat. Due to a generous donor, cost is \$10 per person! Watch your mail for details.

Week of June 11th—Wesley Forest Mission Trip. We will spend some time at Wesley Forest helping them prepare for Summer Camp as well as have some fun! Details and exact dates will be provided in early 2023. Save the week now!

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

Thank you to the January Newsletter Assembly Crew: Sue Kaveney, Nancy Shindle, Becki Porsch, and Gina Albright.



WOMEN'S VOICES OF CALVARY

Women who enjoy singing are encouraged to join us to sing at both worship services on Sunday, February 5th. We will rehearse from 7-7:45 PM in the choir room on Wednesday, January 25th and February 1st. Please contact Deb Benedict with any questions at db@calvaryunitedmethodist.org or 717-379-6551.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Calvary's Helping Hands Ministry is ready to serve you and be served by you. Our typical jobs include: help moving, install washers in faucets, stop leaking toilets, small retaining walls, repair storm doors, install handrail, clean up fallen trees, remove bushes, trim weeds and vines, replace garage door openers, repair drywall, fix mailboxes, and replace batteries in smoke detectors.

If you need assistance or would be willing to volunteer, fill out a form found in The Square or call John Shepler at 717-579 -2548.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Support our Youth by donating \$1.00 to their collection as you leave worship on Sunday, February 12th.

All monies collected will go to the Nutri-Packs Program of the Panther Ram Foundation. Last year NutriPacks impacted the lives of over 800 food insecure students

within the Central Dauphin School District and they anticipate serving approximately 1000 students in 2023.



FROM THE OFFICE

The deadline for the March Newsletter is Friday, February 10th at 10 AM. Please submit all items to the church office by this date. Items for publishing in multiple months need to be re-submitted to the church office each month. Newsletter items are published in the Bulletin as space permits.

Please make sure all meetings and events are on the master church calendar by emailing the dates and times to the church office. It is also a good idea to check dates with the church office before you schedule your meeting or event. Even if you have a key, your meeting or event needs to be scheduled on the master church calendar. Calvary is a busy place! Remember to also provide a copy of all committee minutes to the church office.

Also, please notify the church office if you have moved, updated your phone number, eliminated a land phone line, or changed your email. Thank you!

EASTER CANDY PRODUCTION

Easter Candy production continues each Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 AM until 1 PM through Good Friday. We had overwhelming response to our tasty confections last year and expect this will continue this Easter season. Which means, we need YOUR help! Also, your generosity in donating JIF Peanut Butter is appreciated. We are well on our way to being prepared to meet demand. This project supports the Missions Committee budget.

Any questions, contact Karen Minsker Miller, 717-439-0852.



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Calvary's Prayer Ministry

In Mourning

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George Miller, Richard Taylor, Barbara Jamison, Gloria Wingert, Dona Hoover, Shirley Miller, Betty Krahn, Jean Murphy, Rosalla Hollenbach, Marianne Bacon, Carl & Eileen Page, Dorothy Dell, Betty Fisher, Arlene Little, Lois Hartman, Joyce Haskins, Marcia Oster, Dottie Gilloway, Patti Lightner, Ruth Schaadt, Madelyn Smith, Laura Goodhart, Jean Thomson, Jan Crouse, Bill & Vi Stiffler, Nancy Mateer, Clyde & Joann Rohland

Prayer Concerns

Boyd Knouse, Dee Dare, Steven McNaughton, Henry Reinsborrow, Phil Womer, Megan Masoero, Bryce Leidich, Lorraine Brosius, Scott & Tracy Wagner, Shirley Holtzer, Joanne Paladino, Ginny Coy, Peg Reichley, Lance Leidich, Kimberly Myhre, Heidi Matter, Carol Bettinger, Jody Edmondson, Denise Deaven, Charlotte Cornelius, Jean Bittle, Joanne Salsgiver, John Oster, Margie Conley, Lew Cordner, Ronald Sheaffer, Chuck Miller, Dave Mehaffie, Harold McNaughton, Jane Taylor, Nan Heberle, Robyn Wagner, Chris Hilt, Nancy Rohrabaugh, Marge Popp, Todd Ruch, Jeanean Freeland, Nick & Sandie Bartholomeo, Marilyn Archibald, Brandan & Kelly Mehaffie, Linda Lotz, John Ewell, Ashley Martin, Art Schwarz, Rebecca Jacobs & Family, Jeffrey Jacobs, Jane Schwartz, Deb Leidich, Thelma Milliken, Skip Rohabaugh, Barb Floyd, Dennis Solt, Casey Fonner Family, Shelly Coulson, Edward Walsh, Kim Marie, Jill Jenning's Family, Mary Albright, Lew Lee, Joan Keller, Dave Drayer, Douglas Walt, Pastor Eugene Williams, Dodd Favale, Jill Richardson, Horace Flynn, Dennis Tobash, Lu & John Harding, Laura Wright, Kristina Ney, Cayden Holland, Denise Bates, Pete & Cindy Molenda, Jackie Wass, Soni Miller, Jason Lawrence, Ethan Gomez, Rich Kochik, Grace Cott, Roger Cooper, Charles May, Lexie Camp, Christine Barnhart, John Stuckey, Kim Stapola, Robert Lau, Joni Robison, Keith & Deanne Armstrong, Debbie Clark, The Neighborhood Center, Carol Mehaffie, Adazia Mellott

Serving in Armed Forces

Amber Pfarr, Andrew Hoffman, Jake Smuda, Aaron Lytle, Anthony Oswandel, Patrick McCarthy, James Simmons, Clay Burnette, Holly Dively, James Forsyth, Steven Novosel, Curtis Fetterhoff, Chase Tillman, Jackson Robinette, Joseph Swift, Cole Schiffhauer, Jake Schiffhauer, Zachary Curtis, Ian Turner









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Worship Opportunities in February

Sunday, February 5th
8:30 and 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
8:30 AM Livestream Worship
Scout Sunday
9:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday, February 12th
8:30 and 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
8:30 AM Livestream Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday, February 19th
8:30 and 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
8:30 AM Livestream Worship
Scripture: Luke 9:28-36
9:45 AM Sunday School

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd
12 Noon and 7 PM Sanctuary Worship
7 PM Livestream Worship
Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12
9:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday, February 26th
8:30 and 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
8:30 AM Livestream Worship
Scripture: James 2:14-26
9:45 AM Sunday School

Wednesday Morning
Devotions & Prayer

11:30 AM—12 Noon in the Chapel
(We will not meet on Ash Wednesday,
February 22nd)