

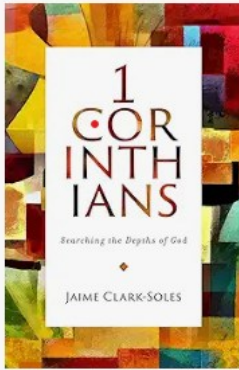
CATRA Work Days

Painters, carpenters, and helpers are needed for work at the Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association. We will work on September 18th, 19th, and 20th during the day.

For more information or to sign up, contact John Shepler at 717-579-2548.

Monday Evening Bible Study

This fall, the Monday Evening Calvary Book Study Group will be reading and discussing *1 Corinthians -- Searching the Depths of God* by Jaime Clark-Soles.



The group will meet for six weeks beginning on September 29th, with classes running from 6:30—8 PM. Suggested donation for books is \$15. Sign up sheets are available in The Square. Please contact John Packer with questions at jwpackercpa@comcast.net or 717-576-5984.

Music Ministry

Chancel Choir (grades 7 – adult): Our Chancel Choir sings most Sundays from September through the beginning of June. We will rehearse Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the choir room beginning on Wednesday, September 3rd.

Children's Choir (age 3—6th grade): Our Children's Choir sings about one Sunday a month. We rehearse Wednesdays from 5-5:30 PM beginning on September 17th in the Children's Choir room.

Christmas Voices of Calvary (grades 7 – adult): Join us as we will sing Joel Raney's cantata "A Thrill of Hope" at both worship services on Sunday, December 21st. Rehearsals will be held in the choir room on Wednesdays from 7—7:45 PM beginning on September 17th.

Contact Deb Benedict, our Director of Music, with questions at db@calvaryunitedmethodist.org or 717-379-6551.

Calvary United Methodist Church

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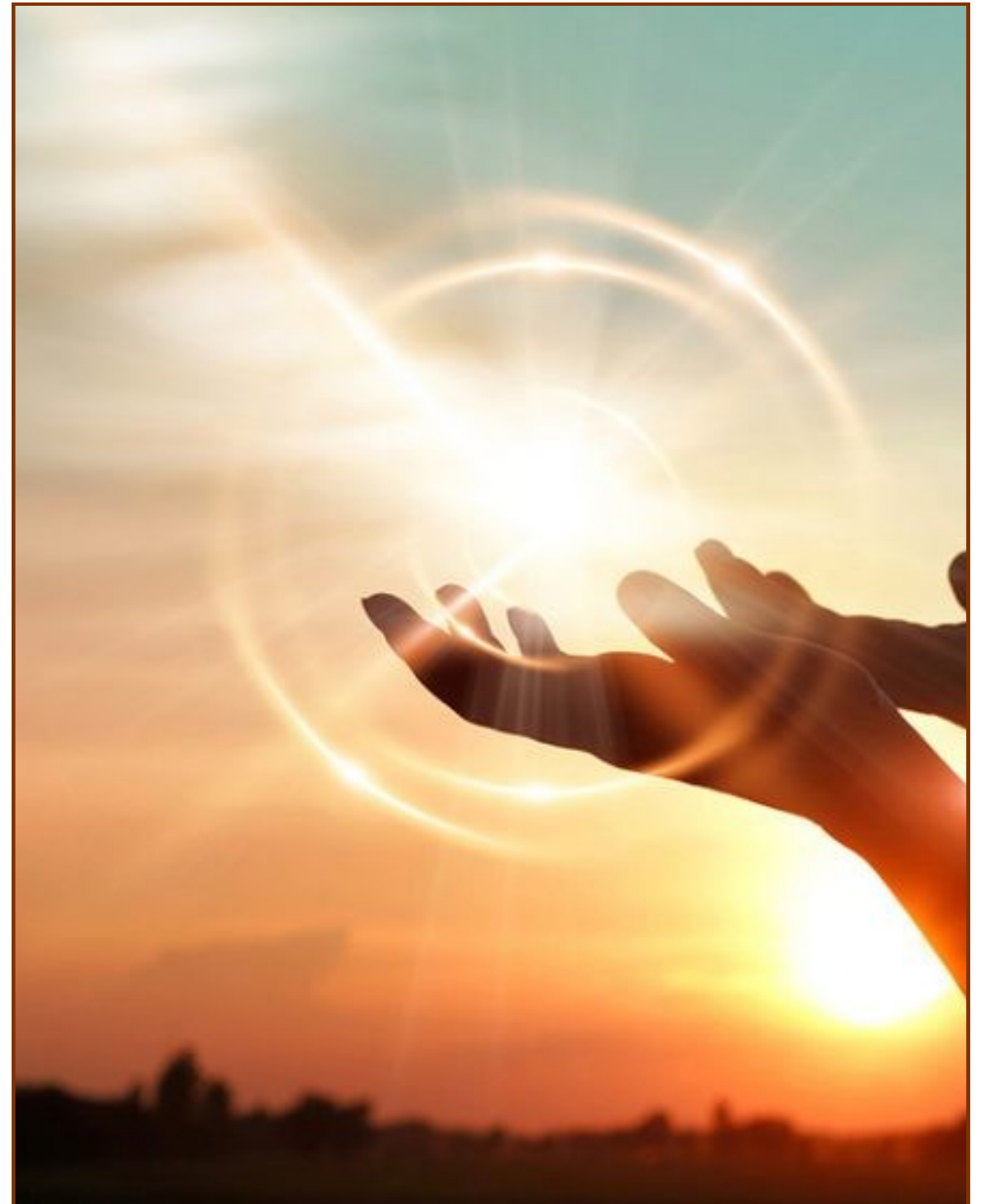
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~ *Gathering in Word and Spirit* ~

WELCOME

PRELUDE

In the Presence of Jehovah
April Pellegrini, solo

Parks

***HYMN**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#526 UMH

***PRAYER of PRAISE**

***PASSING of the PEACE**

#393 UMH

Please be mindful of people's boundaries as you share God's love.

Please be seated as we sing "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Gary Bupp

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel (Selected Verses, NIV)

There was a certain man from Ramathaim whose name was Elkanah. He had two wives; one was called Hannah and the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had none. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the Lord's house. In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head." As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

"Not so my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him." She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something,

**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 31,
2025**

**THE TWELFTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

and her face was no longer downcast.

So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."

A COMMUNITY BUILDING MOMENT

Tim, Lori, and Carly Mader

ANTHEM

Bow the Knee
April Pellegrini, solo

Fettke

SERMON

"Hannah—Prayer and Response"

Series: Voices of the Hebrew Scriptures

Pastor Deborah Port

~ *Celebrating at the Table* ~

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Even If

MercyMe

***DOXOLOGY**

#94 UMH

***PRAYER of DEDICATION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~

***HYMN**

Without Seeing You

#2206 TFWS

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Shalom to You

#666 UMH

***POSTLUDE**

My Life Flows On

Lowry

*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=UM Hymnal (red)

TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black)

The Altar Flowers are presented: In Honor of teachers everywhere as a new school year begins!



The prayer of faith will save the sick. The Lord will raise them up. Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
James 5:15-16

Calvary's Prayer Ministry

Calvary LAMS (Limited Activity Members): Dona Hoover, Jean Murphy, Rosalla Hollenbach, Arlene Little, Lois Hartman, Marcia Oster, Dottie Gilloway, Ruth Schaadt, Laura Goodhart, Jan Crouse, Bill & Vi Stiffler, Joann Rohland, Carol Bettinger, Paul & Dottie Danko, Bill Morris, Harold McNaughton, Pat Rowe, Pat Hartranft, Bill & Liz Payne, Marilyn Archibald, Barbara Fritz, Priscilla Secord, Sandra Beck, Bob Santos, Glenn Reed, Maxine Swink, Janice Wragg, Mary Louise Keiper

Prayer Concerns: Bryce Leidich, Lorraine Brosius, Scott & Tracy Wagner, Joanne Paladino, Ginny Coy, Kimberly Myhre, Charlotte Cornelius, John Oster, Brandan & Kelly Mehaffie, Rebecca Jacobs & Family, Roger Cooper, John Ewell, Mary Wagner, Charley Cover, Dave & Carol Mehaffie, Henry Reinsborough, Deanne & Keith Armstrong, Cole Sullivan, Kimberly Moyer, Tom Stypola, Gene Baldwin, Tom Worthington, Charlie Sullivan, Christopher Castellani, Brad Wolfe, Patty McConnell, Lee Griffiths, Nancy Paine, Wendy Rose, Dan Sheehan, Tom Fealtman, Amy Stoner, Donna Pope, Phil Womer, Mary Dietrich, Sandra Frantz, Sarah Colding, David & Pat Ster, R.S. Garner, Susie Grubb, Kathy Herring, DeeDee Sakson, Jack & Vivian Bowers, Jill Walker, Ron Beatty, Justin Oster, Cindy Wertz, Larry Wright, Cindy Evans, Ronin Trimmer, Shirley Dinini, Anthony Myers, Carl "Marty" Pattison, Luke Wagner, Alyssa Winston, Alyce Tran, Mark Andrews & Family, Richard Martin, Pat Gingerich, Anthony Myers, Julie Andrews, Winifred Sersch, Jean McClure, Sharon Etter, Sophia Rodriguez, Spencer Griggs, Brandi Vinck, Douglas Walt, David Walt, Thomas Kough, Tavian Plonski, Matthew Beam & Family, Patricia Ritchie, Kathy Oberdorff, Larry Solt, Judi Kochik, Don Ott, Eric Scheib, Mary Albrigh, Lance Leidich, Fay Shiffert, Vaughn Shutt, Cody Leisey, Ron Wenrich, Tony Myers, Marty Brightbill, Shirley Baddorf, Billie*, Pat & Tom*, Mickey & Pixie Haist*, Kerry Butz*, Anna Donato*

Serving in Armed Forces: Andrew Hoffman, Jake Smuda, Aaron Lytle, Anthony Oswandel, Patrick McCarthy, James Simmons, Clay Burnette, Holly Dively, James Forsyth, Steven Novosel, Curtis Fetterhoff, Jackson Robinette, Joseph Swift, Zachary Curtis, Ian Turner, Haden Wagner

** indicates a prayer concern added or changed this week. Prayer cards can be found in the pew racks. Please complete a card and place in the offering plate. You may also email prayer concerns to office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org or call 717-545-0021. A new list is compiled at the beginning of each month.*

CALVARY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 31st

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, September 1st

Church Office Closed
Calvary Kids Closed



Tuesday, September 2nd

9:00 AM Threads of Love
6:00 PM Amateur Pickleball

Wednesday, September 3rd

11:30 AM Prayer & Devotions
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, September 7th

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
..... (Preschool—Adult)
11:00 AM Worship Service

Tuesday, September 9th

9:00 AM Threads of Love
12:30 PM Young at Heart Club
..... (meet in parking lot)
1:00 PM UWF Retreat
..... Planning Meeting
3:30-5:30 PM Mum Pick Up
6:00 PM Amateur Pickleball
6:30 PM Staff Parish Relations
..... Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th

10:00 AM Quilters
11:30 AM Prayer & Devotions
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 11th

4:00 PM Food Pantry
6:30 PM GriefShare



Last Week in Offering

Offering 08/24/2025

General Fund Needed: \$18,615
Received: \$10,039
Building Fund Needed: \$962
Received: \$267

Attendance 08/24/2025

10:00 AM: 205
Online Worship: 125

GriefShare

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13 week group, you will receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

A GriefShare support group is a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Pastor Doug Compton will begin Calvary's 13 week GriefShare class on Thursday, September 11th at 6:30 PM. The class will conclude on Thursday, December 18th (no class on Thanksgiving).

Please contact Pastor Doug directly with any questions at 717-599-6246 or dchdj@yaho.com. If you wish to sign up for the class, please contact the church office or sign up in The Square.

Fall Worship and Sunday School

Beginning on September 7th, Worship returns to 8:30 and 11 AM with Sunday School for Preschool through Adults at 9:45 AM. Nursery Care will also be provided during Worship and Sunday School. Join us!

LAMs Ministry

At Calvary, we have love and care for our LAMs (Limited Activity Members). Our LAMs volunteers are assigned a LAM and visit at least once a month. They also send cards and touch base with phone calls. Contact Pastor Deb to serve in this important Ministry.

Livestreaming of Worship

In case you did not know, we are Livestreaming Worship. Please note that we reserve the right to record, videotape, and photograph our services. Your image may be used in print, broadcast, and/or on the internet. By attending our services, you agree to waive any rights or interest to control the use of your likeness in whichever media we may use. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Caring Cupboard for Calvary's Youth Group and Youth Sunday School

We are asking for your support in providing meals for the Youth Group (10—12 people) on Wednesday evenings. Meals can either be prepared by you or frozen items such as chicken tenders, fries, ravioli, soup, tacos, salads, and dessert. Drinks do not need to be provided. Drop off times are by 3:30 PM for frozen items needing preparation and heating by staff and 5:15 PM for meals ready to eat. Sign up in the hallway outside The Square. If you are unable to provide a meal, monetary donations are also accepted to help cover the cost of drinks, etc.

We are also looking for donations of pre-packaged individual serving size breakfast pastries and cookies for Sunday School (Little Bites Muffins, Granola Bars, Cookies, etc.). Items can be placed in the Drop Zone. Contact Kelley in the office with any questions. Thank you for your support!

Funeral Planning Seminar

**Tuesday, September 16th
10am-12pm**

In the Calvary Sanctuary

Join us for a free, informative seminar that walks you through the essentials of funeral preplanning- whether for you or your loved one.

Bitner Family Funeral Homes will be presenting information on:

- Why preplanning matters
- What your options are
- How to make decisions that reflect your values
- Q&A with funeral professionals

Calvary will provide:

- Funeral service planning form (completed form will be kept on file at Calvary for future use)
- Calvary Pastors will be present to answer questions

No RSVP is needed. All are welcome. Please reach out to the church office with any questions.

Soul Beats

Thursday, September 18th at 6 PM

Soul Beats with Anointing

Inspired by cardio drumming, scripture references to worship that involves moving our bodies, and a deep desire to engage with the heartbeat of God, we are excited to gather for a unique worship experience. You do not need to sign up for this event and it is a fully accessible opportunity for all ages and ability levels. This month, we recognize the return to routines in the fall. We will share in a time of anointing.

Young at Heart Club

The Young at Heart Club (YAH) is going on a field trip to the Butterfly Atrium and Hershey Gardens on Tuesday, September 9. We will meet at Calvary at 12:30 PM and carpool to Hershey for 1 PM sign in. The group rate is \$14.50 to be paid that day to Ken Dumbauld. Then he must pay for the group in one transaction. If not on the YAH contact list, please call Mary Alice Dumbauld (717-545-7174) so we can be sure to have enough drivers. Anyone interested in visiting these two attractions is cordially invited to join the group.

Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to the Calvary UMC Women's Bible Study. We will resume meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 10:00 am (stay tuned for the room number). Join us in a life changing encounter with God's Word as we study *The Fruit of the Spirit* and see how God grows His character in us as a living witness for a watching world. If you desire to attend the study but were not at the Reveal Party to purchase a study book (\$7.00), please contact Kathy Herring 717-503-4839, Linda Hoffman 717-599-0014, or Bonnie Krampe 717-652-5071. We are looking forward to seeing you!

