

## CATRA Work Days

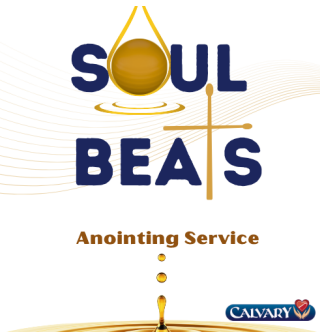
Painters, carpenters, and helpers are needed for work at the Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association in Grantville. We will work on September 18th, 19th, and 20th during the day.

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

## 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.



## Music Ministry

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

**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](mailto:db@calvaryunitedmethodist.org) or 717-379-6551.

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~ *Gathering in Word and Spirit* ~

WELCOME

**PRELUDE**      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*      Van Der Pol  
Ellen DeStefano and Deb Benedict, Piano and Organ Duet

**\*HYMN**      *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*      #64 UMH

**\*PRAYER of PRAISE**      Pastor Deborah Port

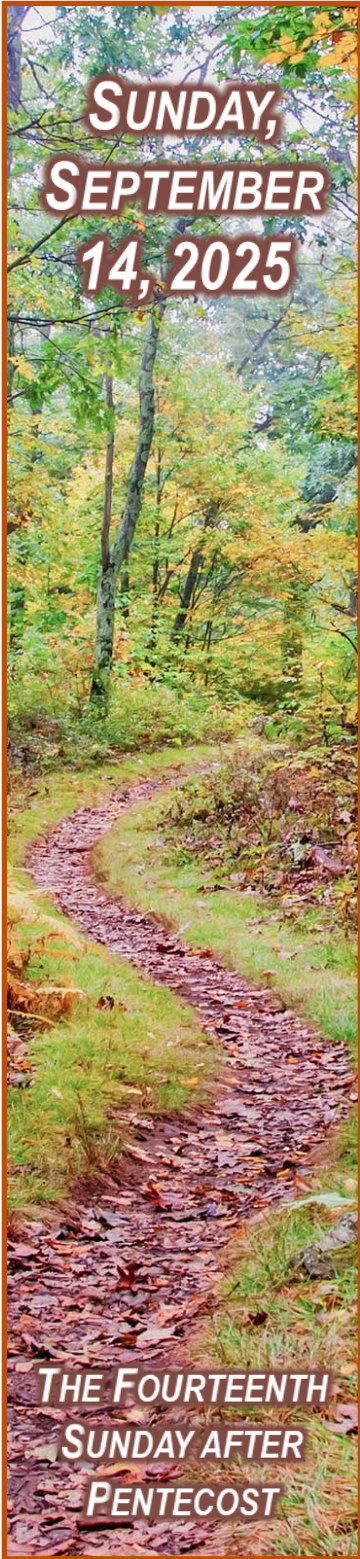
**\*PASSING of the PEACE**      #503 UMH  
*Please be mindful of people’s boundaries as you share God’s love.*  
*Please be seated as we sing “Let It Breathe on Me.”*

*Let it breathe on me; let it breathe on me;*  
*Let the breath of the Lord now breathe on me.*  
*Let it breathe on me; let it breathe on me;*  
*Let the breath of the Lord now breathe on me.*

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**      Becky Miller (8:30 AM)  
Susan Grubb (11 AM)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**      Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)  
*“This, then, is how you should pray:*  
*“ ‘Our Father in heaven,*  
*hallowed be your name,*  
*your kingdom come,*  
*your will be done*  
*on earth as it is in heaven.*  
*Give us today our daily bread.*  
*Forgive us our debts,*  
*as we also have forgiven our debtors.*  
*And lead us not into temptation,*  
*but deliver us from the evil one.’*

**ANTHEM**      *Lead Me, Lord*      Wright  
Chancel Choir (8:30 AM)  
Corvé Ransom and Ellen DeStefano, Duet (11 AM)



**SERMON**      *“The Trailhead”*  
Series: Pathway of Prayer  
Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

**PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE**      Pastor Deborah Port

~ *Celebrating at the Table* ~

**PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**      *So Be It (Prayer of Surrender)*      Sorenson  
Corvé Ransom and Ellen DeStefano, Duet

**\*DOXOLOGY**      #94 UMH

**\*PRAYER of DEDICATION**      Pastor Deborah Port

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER**

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~

**\*HYMN**      *Take Time to Be Holy*      #395 UMH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**      *Shalom to You*      #666 UMH

**\*POSTLUDE**      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*      Hughes

\*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=UM Hymnal (red)      TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black)

**The Altar Flowers are presented:** In Celebration of our 65th Wedding Anniversary by Millis and Jane Schwartz.



*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**

**In Mourning:** Dane Derr on the passing of his mother.  
Sharon & Harry Miller on the passing of their son, Tony Myers.

**Calvary LAMS (Limited Activity Members):** Dona Hoover, Jean Murphy, 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, Charlotte Cornelius, John Oster, Brandon & 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, 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, Cindy Wertz, Larry Wright, Cindy Evans, Ronin Trimmer, Shirley Dinini, Anthony Myers, Carl "Marty" Pattison, Luke Wagner, Alyssa Winston, Alyce Tran, 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, Kathy Oberdorff, Larry Solt, Judi Kochik, Don Ott, Eric Scheib, 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, Merrian Glover, Ed West, JoAnne Konick-McMahan\*, Livi McAnnanen\*

**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, Evan Funk\*

*\* 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](mailto:office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org) or call 717-545-0021. A new list is compiled at the beginning of each month.*

# CALVARY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, September 14th**

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

### **Monday, September 15th**

6:30 PM..... Men's Pick Up  
..... Basketball (age 25 & up  
7:00 PM..... Bells of Calvary

### **Tuesday, September 16th**

9:00 AM..... Threads of Love  
10:00 AM.... Funeral Pre-Planning  
..... Seminar  
6:00 PM..... Amateur Pickleball  
6:30 PM..... Dartball  
6:30 PM... Adopt-A-Grad Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 17th**

11:30 AM..... Prayer & Devotions  
5:00 PM..... Children's Choir  
5:30 PM..... Youth Group

### **Wednesday, September 17th** **Continued**

7:00 PM ..... Christmas Voices  
..... of Calvary  
7:45 PM ..... Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, September 18th**

6:00 PM ..... Soul Beats  
6:30 PM ..... GriefShare  
6:30 PM ..... Staff Parish Relations  
..... Committee Meeting

### **Sunday, September 21st**

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

### **Monday, September 22nd**

6:30 PM ..... Men's Pick Up  
..... Basketball (age 25 & up  
7:00 PM ..... Bells of Calvary



## *Last Week in Offering*

### **Offering 09/07/2025**

General Fund Needed: \$18,615  
Received: \$19,404  
Building Fund Needed: \$962  
Received: \$1,470

### **Attendance 09/07/2025**

8:30 AM: 143  
11:00 AM: 145  
Sunday School: 71  
Online Worship: 102



## All Women of Calvary Invited

Meet Fawn McCallister, Deaconess  
President, Susquehanna Conference  
United Women in Faith  
October 6th at 10 AM in the Chapel

*“We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.”*

Thoughtfully consider attending the gathering to hear Fawn speak on United Women in Faith, their purpose and goals, “Who We Are.” She will also speak on the Districts of the Susquehanna Conference and how units of UWF align in the Conference.

Please sign up to allow us to prepare for you; but last minute guests are welcome. Any questions, reach out to Susie Grubb at grubbycdhs@yahoo.com or 717-521-5618.

## Adopt-A-Grad

The purpose of the Adopt-A-Grad Team is to foster the connection between Calvary and our current college students and recent high school graduates pursuing their first Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree. We will meet on September 16th at 6:30 PM in the Chapel. Current team members and others interested are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend but are interested, please email the church office. College Students please make sure the church office has your address so you receive one of our Care Packages!

## 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.

## 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.



## *“The Trailhead: Contemplative Prayer”*

**Series: Pathway of Prayer**

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

**Scripture Focus:** *“Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done...”* (Matthew 6:9b-10)

**Background:** The Gospel of Matthew was written for a Jewish audience to demonstrate that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Jesus is portrayed as the divine Son and perfect image of God the Father throughout the Gospel. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus centers His teaching on righteousness not as public performance, but as an authentic relationship with God. Prayer, along with fasting and almsgiving, formed one of the core expressions of Jewish piety. Jesus redefines these practices as the fruit of an authentic relationship with God. When Jesus taught the Lord’s Prayer, He offered not only words to recite, but a transformative way of relating to God: intimately, confidently, and with childlike trust. It is a prayer both personal and corporate: we address God not as “my Father” but “our Father,” reminding us that life with God is always life shared in community.

**Sermon Idea:** The Pathway of Prayer begins with **The Plan:** trusting Our Father and listening for His voice. Next, it moves to **The Trailhead** as we look for the first “white blaze:” God’s holiness and our alignment to His mission. To “hallow” God’s name means more than reverent speech; it’s a call to live in holy wonder. Martin Luther wrote that this is both a declaration of praise and a plea that God’s name, *“be honored in us and everywhere.”*<sup>1</sup> John Wesley insisted this petition calls us to holiness of heart and life. *“The holiness of God is not merely to be admired but to be imitated.”*<sup>2</sup> *“Thy kingdom come”* means seeking Christ’s rule both personally and in society. *“Thy will be done,”* challenges us to release our agendas, so that our lives become aligned to God’s will and purpose. Before we speak of bread or burdens, we are reminded: prayer is about wonder, surrender, and alignment with God’s mission.

**Gather at the Trailhead: Reverence before Requests**

**Follow the First White Blaze: “Hallowed Be Your Name”**

**Stay on the Path: “Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done”**

**This Week:** Expand your silence before prayer to 5 minutes. Then practice contemplating only these phrases of The Lord’s Prayer. *“Our Father in heaven/hallowed be your name/your kingdom come/your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* Let God speak next and write what you hear in a listening journal.

<sup>1</sup> Gary Neal Hansen, *Kneeling with Giants: Learning to Pray with History’s Best Teachers* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2012), 37.

<sup>2</sup> John Wesley, “The Means of Grace,” in *The Works of John Wesley*, vol. 5, ed. Albert C. Outler (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1986), 127–150.