

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 10:00 am, in rooms 123-124. Join us as we begin our new study, *12 Daring Women of the Bible*. Some women show up in a single paragraph of the Bible but their stories speak volumes and we can learn much from these often missed and passed over women of faith. There is no book to purchase & no sign up sheet. Contact Linda Hoffman 717-599-0014, Bonnie Krampe 717-652-5071, or Kathy Herring 717-503-4839 with questions.

Easter Candy

Easter Candy Making begins on Thursday, January 2nd and will continue every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 AM—1 PM until Palm Sunday.

JIF Creamy Peanut Butter donations can be placed in the Drop Zone. Thank you for your donations. Candy order forms will be available in mid-January. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Miller at 717-439-0852.

Winter Church Camp

Wesley Forest

Wacky Winter Weekend

January 16th (6 PM) – 18th (1 PM)

Come and explore the fun and wonder of Wesley Forest in the wintertime! This weekend holds all the wacky camp activities we love sprinkled with some winter magic! Join the leaders of the Wacky Week summer program as we smile, laugh and warm up with messy games, silly music, and crazy Bible studies! Celebrate Saturday night with a GLOW party! Come join in the wintertime fun!

Grades: Current 1st-6th Graders

Cost: \$158. Remember that Calvary will pay 50% of the cost with additional Scholarship Monies available!

To register: Visit the camping website www.suscrm.org and click on Register Online.

Questions? Reach out to Kelley in the church office or Cristin in the 3rd/4th Grade Sunday School Class.



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~ *Gathering in Word and Spirit* ~

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Midnight Noel

Hayes

***HYMN**

The First Noel

#245 UMH

***PRAYER of PRAISE**

***PASSING of the PEACE**

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

Please be seated during the singing of the carol.

CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#230 UMH

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Susan Grubb

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:21-40 (NIV)

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

*"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.*

*For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles*

and for glory to your people Israel."

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."



There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

ANTHEM

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Larkin

Robb Gehlbach, solo

SERMON

"Treasured and Pondered: The Songs after Christmas"

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE

~ *Celebrating at the Table* ~

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation

Machen

Robb Gehlbach, solo

***DOXOLOGY**

#94 UMH

***PRAYER of DEDICATION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~

***HYMN**

In the Bleak Midwinter

#221 UMH

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

#204 UMH

***POSTLUDE**

Carols of Joy and Gladness

Smith

*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=UM Hymnal (red)

TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black)

Sunday, January 4th—Return to Regular Schedule

Worship is held at 8:30 and 11 AM.

Sunday School for Preschool through Adult is at 9:45 AM.

Nursery Care is provided during Worship and Sunday School.



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, Arlene Little, Lois Hartman, Marcia Oster, Dottie Gilloway, Ruth Schaadt, Laura Goodhart, Jan Crouse, Bill & Vi Stiffler, Joann Rohland, Carol Bettinger, Paul Danko, Bill Morris, Harold McNaughton, Pat Rowe, Pat Hartranft, Bill & Liz Payne, Marilyn Archibald, Barbara Fritz, Priscilla Secord, Sandra Beck, Glenn Reed, Maxine Swink, Janice Wragg, Mary Louise Keiper, Mary & DeRay Wagner

Prayer Concerns: Bryce Leidich, Lorraine Brosius, Scott & Tracy Wagner, Joanne Paladino, Ginny Coy, 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, 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, Cindy Wertz, Larry Wright, Cindy Evans, Anthony Myers, Carl "Marty" Pattison, Richard Martin, Winifred Sersch, Jean McClure, Sharon Etter, Douglas Walt, David Walt, Thomas Kough, Larry Solt, Judi Kochik, Don Ott, Eric Scheib, Lance Leidich, Fay Shiffert, Cody Leisey, Ron Wenrich, Tony Myers, Marty Brightbill, Shirley Baddorf, Mickey & Pixie Haist, Kerry Butz, Merrian Glover, Ed West, JoAnne Konick-McMahan, Livi McAnnaneny, Doris Gough, Sarah & Brandon, Ethan Kough, Janet Hoke, Colleen Hoke, Sherry Krebs, Alan Colbert, Juan Camacho, Tom Fogle, Billie, Dan, Matt Hocker, Pam Blai Weeks, Joe Bowers, Gerst Buyer, Family of Trooper Earl Page, Judy Lehn, Kathy Hoover, Sue Akins, Charlotte Cornelius, Sharon Wiles, Joanne Stong, Sue Oswald, Anna Updyke, Tim Delp, Ronny Trimmer, Nick Bartholomeo, Sandie Bartholomeo, Jack Fouse, Lance Freeman, Lori McHugh, Jane Taylor, Isla Packer, Josh & Sarah Packer, Lavunda Nau, Krista Mogonyi, Linda Reid, Joseph Genco*

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 or call 717-545-0021. A new list is compiled at the beginning of each month.*

CALVARY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 28th

10:00 AM Worship Service
(No Sunday School or Nursery Care)

Tuesday, December 30th

9:00 AM Threads of Love

Wednesday, December 31st

12 Noon Church Office Closes
3:00 PM Calvary Kids Closes

Thursday, January 1st

Church Office Closed
Calvary Kids Closed



Friday, January 2nd

Church Office Closed
Calvary Kids Closed
9:00 AM Easter Candy Making

Saturday, January 3rd

9:00 AM Easter Candy Making

Sunday, January 4th

8:30 AM Worship Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
(Preschool—Adult; with the Visit
..... of the Wise Men for children)
11:00 AM Worship Service

Tuesday, January 6th

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

Wednesday, January 7th

10:00 AM .. Women's Bible Study
11:30 AM Prayer & Devotions
5:00 PM Children's Choir
7:00 PM Chancel Choir



Last Week in Offering

Offering 12/21/2025

General Fund Needed: \$18,615
Received: \$17,619
Building Fund Goal: \$962
Received: \$1,550

Attendance 12/21/2025

8:30 AM: 182
11:00 AM: 170
Sunday School: 56
Online Worship: 108

Cozy Soup Sunday

Sunday, January 25th

12:15 PM in Fellowship Hall

Nothing is better than a fellowship lunch of warm hearty soup on a wintry Sunday with family and friends. Plan to attend Calvary's "dish-to-pass" style event. No tickets are required—only a reservation to insure an accurate head count. Sign up at the table in the hallway outside The Square by January 18th.

The simple menu features warm soups, bread, fruit, and beverages. Bring your own pot of soup to share with others. Not a soup chef? Join us anyway and enjoy the company of family and friends.

Lunch will be served at 12:15 PM. Lori and Tim Mader with their daughter Carly will be there to share information about their foundation, Carly's Hope, which offers financial assistance to families for adoption.

Sponsored by the UWF. Contact Sue Weikert (717-315-5441) or Romney Noone (717-652-2875) with questions.

Vacation Bible School 2026

Vacation Bible School will be held July 13th—17th. Join us for Rainforest Falls, where we will explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, our creator and a safe place in life's storms!

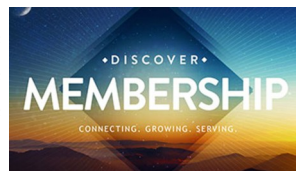


Livestreaming of Worship

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.

New Member Class

Have you been attending worship at Calvary Church and are considering joining our congregation? Do you have questions about how our congregation operates, our relationship with the United Methodist denomination, and how you can become involved? Would you like to connect with others and form relationships? Pastor Deb will be teaching a 3-week Membership Interest Class on February 4th, 11th, and 25th from 6-7 PM. If you and/or your family are interested, please call or email the church office.



Partnership Announcement

Calvary Kids Childcare Center is now a Community Aid Partner! When you make donations to Community Aid, please use Partner #50356 to support Calvary Kids! You may also place donations in the Drop Zone.



Save The Date

A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 17th with food being served from 5-6:30 PM. The Calvary Kids Childcare Center Board will be hosting the event! The menu will include pancakes, sausage, fruit, and drink. Tickets will be on sale beginning on January 11th. Cost is: Age 11 and up \$10, ages 3-10 \$5 and age 2 and under is free. Gluten Free pancakes will be available upon request. We hope you will join us for this delicious meal!

Young at Heart Club

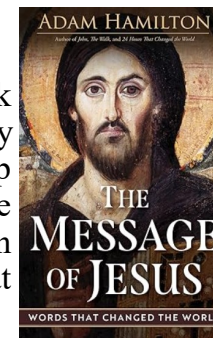
The first activity for the Young at Heart Club (YAH) for 2026 will be on Tuesday, January 13th at 12:30 PM. Join us for desert and a Card Party! Maybe learn a new card game or play a familiar game. Not a Card Shark? We will also have Dominos available. If you have questions, please reach out to Mary Alice Dumbauld at dumbaulds@comcast.net or text (267-264-2363). New faces are always welcome!



Monday Night Book Study

Begins on January 12th at 6 PM (6 weeks)

We will explore the book *The Message of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton. A sign up sheet is available in The Square. Contact John Packer with questions at jwpackercpa@comcast.net or 717-576-5984.



Offering Envelopes

The 2026 offering envelope boxes are available in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall until the end of January. After that, please call Nancy in the church office to arrange pick up. You can help the transition to a new giving year go more smoothly by noting and doing the following:

1. To ensure proper credit for your offerings, please do not use 2026 envelopes until January 1st and do not use 2025 envelopes after January 1st.
2. We appreciate those who want to deliver another's envelope box to them, but please be sure to notify the person or the church office if you are doing so.
3. Please do double check the name and address label on the box and that the envelope number on the label matches the number on the envelopes.
4. Please do write your name on your offering envelopes in January to help us ensure that none have been mislabeled.

These steps will help us to maintain correct giving records for our contributors and we thank you for your assistance.

Cupboard at Calvary

Current food needs are: Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Tuna or Chicken, Soups, Canned Fruit, and Cereal (not sugary). Thank you!