

## Wednesday Morning Prayer and Devotions

Our prayer group meets every Wednesday morning in the church chapel from 11:30 AM until 12 Noon.

We invite anyone with a servant heart to join us for this time of worship, singing hymns, sharing in scripture and especially lifting up prayers. Not comfortable praying? Don't let that deter you from coming and just meditating with the group.

Come when you can, we welcome all newcomers. Any questions can be directed to Linda Hoffman at 717-599-0014.

## Easter Voices of Calvary

You are invited to join our Easter Voices of Calvary as we prepare to sing at our Easter Services at 8:30 and 11 AM on Sunday, April 5th. You would be a welcomed addition as we lift our hearts and praises together and we would be grateful for your participation. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays from 7—7:30 PM in the choir room. Reach out to Deb Benedict with questions at 717-379-6551.

## Women's Retreat

October 9th-11th at Kenbrook Bible Camp & Retreat in Center in Lebanon

Jesus said that you are the light of the world. How in the world do we do that? This is the question we will be tackling at this year's women's retreat. The retreat will include opportunities for in depth Bible Study, APEST Gift Assessments, fellowship, and fun.

The building we will be using at Kenbrook this year is fully accessible (all one level and dining hall in the same building!). Keep watching for more information!



## Red Robin Fundraiser

Enjoy dinner out at Red Robin (5125 Jonestown Road) on Thursday, March 12th from 4—8 PM and support Calvary Kids Child Care Center.

Please be sure to mention the Calvary Kids Fundraiser when you order OR take along a flyer that will be available in The Square and on our Website. Thanks for your support!



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~ *Gathering in Word and Spirit* ~

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*The Road Home*

Martin

**\*HYMN**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

#121 UMH

**\*PRAYER of PRAISE**

Pastor Deb Port

**\*PASSING of the PEACE**

#415 UMH

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

*Please join in singing verse 1 only of "Take Up Thy Cross."*

*Take up thy cross, the Savior said,*

*If thou wouldst my disciple be;*

*Deny thyself; the world forsake,*

*And humbly follow after me.*

**PRAYER for ILLUMINATION**

Kay Yniguez (8:30 AM)

Ruth Milliken (11 AM)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)

*Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.*

*"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.*

*"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father.*

*"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.*

*"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'*

*"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.*

*"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fat-*

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**THE THIRD SUNDAY  
IN LENT**



*tened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'*

*"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'*

*" 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "*

**ANTHEM**

*Coming Home (The Prodigal Son)*

Bailey/Mayo

April Pellegrini, solo (8:30 AM)

Chancel Choir (11 AM)

**SERMON**

***"When Grace Isn't Fair"***

Series: Carry the Cross

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

**PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE**

Pastor Deb Port

~ *Celebrating at the Table* ~

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

**OFFERTORY**

*Coming Home*

Martin

**\*DOXOLOGY**

#95 UMH

**\*PRAYER of DEDICATION**

Pastor Deb Port

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~

**\*HYMN**

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*  
(verses 1, 2, and 4)

#348 UMH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Shalom to You*

#666 UMH

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Toccata*

Thygerson

\*Please stand as you are able.

UMH=UM Hymnal (red)

TFWS=The Faith We Sing (black)

**The Altar Flowers are presented:**

In Honor of Kelley Price on her birthday (March 10th) by Jay & Susie Grubb.



*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:** The Family of Matthew Powell (Uncle Mark, Aunt Courtney, and Cousins Brayden and Brynley Powell).

**Calvary LAMS (Limited Activity Members):** Dona Hoover, Jean Murphy, Arlene Little, Lois Hartman, Marcia Oster, Dottie Gilloway, Ruth Schaadt, Laura Goodhart, Jan Crouse, Bill 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, Maxine Swink, Janice Wragg, Mary Louise Keiper, Mary & DeRay Wagner, Thelma Buckingham, Phil Womer & Donna Pope

**Prayer Concerns:** Bryce Leidich, Lorraine Brosius, Scott & Tracy Wagner, Joanne Paladino, Ginny Coy, John Oster, Brandan & Kelly Mehaffie, Rebecca Jacobs & Family, Roger Cooper, Mary Wagner, Charley Cover, Dave & Carol Mehaffie, Henry Reinsborough, Cole Sullivan, Charlie Sullivan, Christopher Castellani, Dan Sheehan, Mary Dietrich, Sandra Frantz, David & Pat Ster, R.S. Garner, DeeDee Sakson, Cindy Wertz, Larry Wright, Marty Pattison, Winifred Sersch, Douglas Walt, David Walt, Thomas Kough, Larry Solt, Judi Kochik, Don Ott, Eric Scheib, Lance Leidich, Fay Shiffert, Cody Leisey, Ron Wenrich, Marty Brightbill, JoAnne Konick-McMahan, Livi McAnnaneny, Alan Colbert, Juan Camacho, Pam Weeks, Joe Bowers, Gerst Buyer, Kathy Hoover, Sue Akins, Charlotte Cornelius, Sharon Wiles, Joanne Stong, Ronny Trimmer, Nick Bartholomeo, Sandie Bartholomeo, Jack Fouse, Lance Freeman, Lori McHugh, Jane Taylor, Isla Packer, Josh & Sarah Packer, Krista Mosonyi, Linda Reid, Joseph Genco, Spencer Griggs, Karen Greene, Lyndsi Werner, Wendi Hummel, Lia Sisak, Jack Curry, Ron Albright, Wanda Egan, Jen Koontz, Logan Bleiler, Kathy Thompson, Ian Zimmerman, Julio Cintron, Mick Lucas, Helen Kustanbauter, Beverly Young, Gus Young, Matt Schaeffer, Art, Kim Sgrignoli, C.A. Freeland, Jack Keiser, Dawn Koller & Family, Dick Lehn, Linda Hope\*, Family of Gus Young\*, Evan Stutzman\*, Ray Kelley\*, William Wierzbowski\*, Joey Genco\*, Sue Barner\*, The Shutt Family\*, Amy Turnbull\*

**Serving in Armed Forces:** Andrew Hoffman, Jake Smuda, Aaron Lytle, Anthony Oswaldel, 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, March 8th**

8:30 AM..... Worship Service  
9:45 AM..... Sunday School  
11:00 AM..... Worship Service  
3:55 PM..... Private Event (FH)

**Monday, March 9th**

10:00 AM..... Private Event  
..... (The Square)  
6:30 PM..... Missions Committee  
..... Meeting  
6:30 PM..... Book Study Group  
7:00 PM..... Bells of Calvary

**Tuesday, March 10th**

April Newsletter Items Due  
9:00 AM..... Threads of Love  
11:30 AM..... Young at Heart  
..... (off site)  
6:00 PM..... Pickleball  
6:30 PM..... Trustees Meeting

**Wednesday, March 11th**

10:00 AM ..... Quilters  
10:00 AM .. Women's Bible Study  
11:30 AM ..... Prayer & Devotions  
5:00 PM ..... Children's Choir  
5:30 PM ..... Youth Group  
6:00 PM ... Scholarship Committee  
..... Meeting  
7:00 PM ..... Easter Voices  
..... of Calvary  
7:30 PM ..... Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 12th**

9:00 AM ..... Easter Candy Making  
4:00 PM ..... Food Pantry  
4 PM until 8 PM ..... Red Robin  
..... Fundraiser

**Friday, March 13th**

9:00 AM .... Easter Candy Making

**Saturday, March 14th**

9:00 AM .... Easter Candy Making



## Last Week in Offering

**Offering 03/01/2026**

General Fund Needed: \$18,610  
Received: \$18,610  
Building Fund Goal: \$962  
Received: \$2,936

**Attendance 03/01/2026**

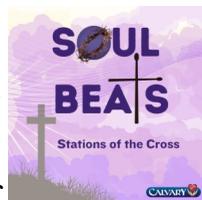
8:30 AM: 135  
11:00 AM: 152  
Sunday School: 64  
Online Worship: 129

## Soul Beats

March 19 at 6 PM

Stations of the Cross

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 will meet in the sanctuary for a time of music, drumming, and stations of the cross. You won't want to miss this experience.



## God's Helping Hands

God's Helping Hands (GHH) is a faith-based home repair ministry, serving the greater Harrisburg area since 2011 that was founded by Aldersgate UMC (Mechanicsburg, PA). GHH Mission is to practice the teachings of Jesus by providing home and property maintenance and repairs for people in need. Projects are typically done over 3-day work weekends, scheduled several times throughout the year. Volunteers of any skill level are always needed and welcome, experience is not required. The scheduled work dates for 2026 are: March 20-22, April 24-26, June 12-14, August 21-23, and October 16-18. More information can be found on [godshelpinghands.net](http://godshelpinghands.net) or by emailing: [GHH.Central.PA@gmail.com](mailto:GHH.Central.PA@gmail.com).

## 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.

## UWF Book Club

The UWF (United Women in Faith) Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 17th at 1 PM in Room 120 (under the office wing). The book being discussed this time is *The Happiest Man on Earth: The Beautiful Life of An Auschwitz Survivor* by Eddie Jaku. The author shares his powerful memoir of being a Holocaust survivor while paying tribute to those lost and offering inspiring wisdom on living one's best possible life despite the most horrible circumstances. If interested, please sign your name on the sheet in The Square. Contact Mary Alice Dumbauld at 267-264-2363 with any questions.

## Partnership Announcement

Calvary Kids Childcare Center is 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.



## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held July 13th—17th from 9 AM until 12 Noon each day for all kids age 3 through current 5th graders.

Volunteers (current 6th graders through adults) are needed. Email Savannah at [savannahslavinsky@gmail.com](mailto:savannahslavinsky@gmail.com) if you want to help at 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!



## Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is lurking around the halls of Calvary! Children ages 2—12 years old may sign up for the EGG HUNT on Saturday, March 28 at 10 AM.

Donations of plastic eggs and small, wrapped candies are requested. Place the items in the Drop Zone by March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Helpers are needed on Friday, March 27 at 2 PM to fill and hide the eggs. Teens and adults who would like to help on Saturday are encouraged to sign up.

Tell your family and friends about this fun-filled event sponsored by the United Women in Faith. Contact Sue Weikert with questions at 717-315-5441.

## Young at Heart Club

The Young at Heart Club will be enjoying a lunch out on Tuesday, March 10th. Meet at the Manada Hill Restaurant at 11:30 AM. Contact Mary Alice Dumbauld at 267-264-2363 or [dumbaulds@comcast.net](mailto:dumbaulds@comcast.net) to sign up. New faces are always welcome!

## Summer Church Camp

It's not too early to start thinking about Summer Camp! Use the QR Code below to check out all our camp offerings or visit [www.suscrm.org](http://www.suscrm.org). There is sure to be a camp for you!

Kelley Price is the dean for 2 camps at Wesley Forest. Wacky Week is July 26th—31st for current 2nd—6th Graders. Wacky Mini Camp is July 26th—28th for current Kindergarten—3rd Graders. Cristin Kaveney is one of the lead counselors for Wacky Mini Camp! Ignite Camp is offered for Middle and High School the same week. Wouldn't it be great to fill the Forest with Calvary friends that week?

Remember that the Commission on Education will pay 50% of the cost for children and youth to attend camp with additional funds available!

There are also camps for Adults: Potomac River Canoe Trip, Alaskan Adventure, Everglades Wilderness Canoe Trip, Women's Retreat, Fly Fishing & Faith Retreat, and Post Grads (ages 18-30). Calvary will pay 25% of the cost for any adult who wants to attend camp!

Brochures are available in The Square near the Children's Worship Bulletins or reach out to Kelley in the church office with questions.

