

Fall Book Study

Starting Monday, September 14th at 6:30 PM, the Monday Night Book Study Group will begin its discussion of Adam Hamilton's *Christianity's Family Tree--What Others Believe and Why*. The book examines eight Christian denominations and faith traditions, including United Methodism. Hamilton contends that each denomination has a unique and valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith. The class will run for six weeks, and a sign-up sheet is available in The Square. Any questions can be directed to John Packer at 717-576-5984.

Rise Against Hunger

Rise Against Hunger is an international non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other aid to people in developing nations. The Missions Committee is sponsoring another event that requires assistance from the entire congregation to help pack 20,088 meals after both worship services on Sunday, October 4th.

Wednesday Morning Prayer & Devotions

On Wednesday mornings, a dedicated group meets to share in a time of devotions and a time for prayers to be lifted to our awesome God. Want to join us? Anyone is welcome to come! We meet at 11:30 AM and end by 12 Noon. We focus our prayer time on the leadership of our church, our Calvary LAMs, the prayer concerns listed in the weekly bulletin and those that serve our country and our community. There is additional time to share our personal prayer concerns, too. If you have a specific prayer concern that you are in need of prayer for, contact the church office or Linda Hoffman at 717-599-0014.

Summer Nursery

This is a gentle reminder that Calvary does not provide nursery care until September. Children of any age are always welcome in worship. We also have a cry room available adjacent to the sanctuary, as well as Children's Worship Bulletins and Worship Bags. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

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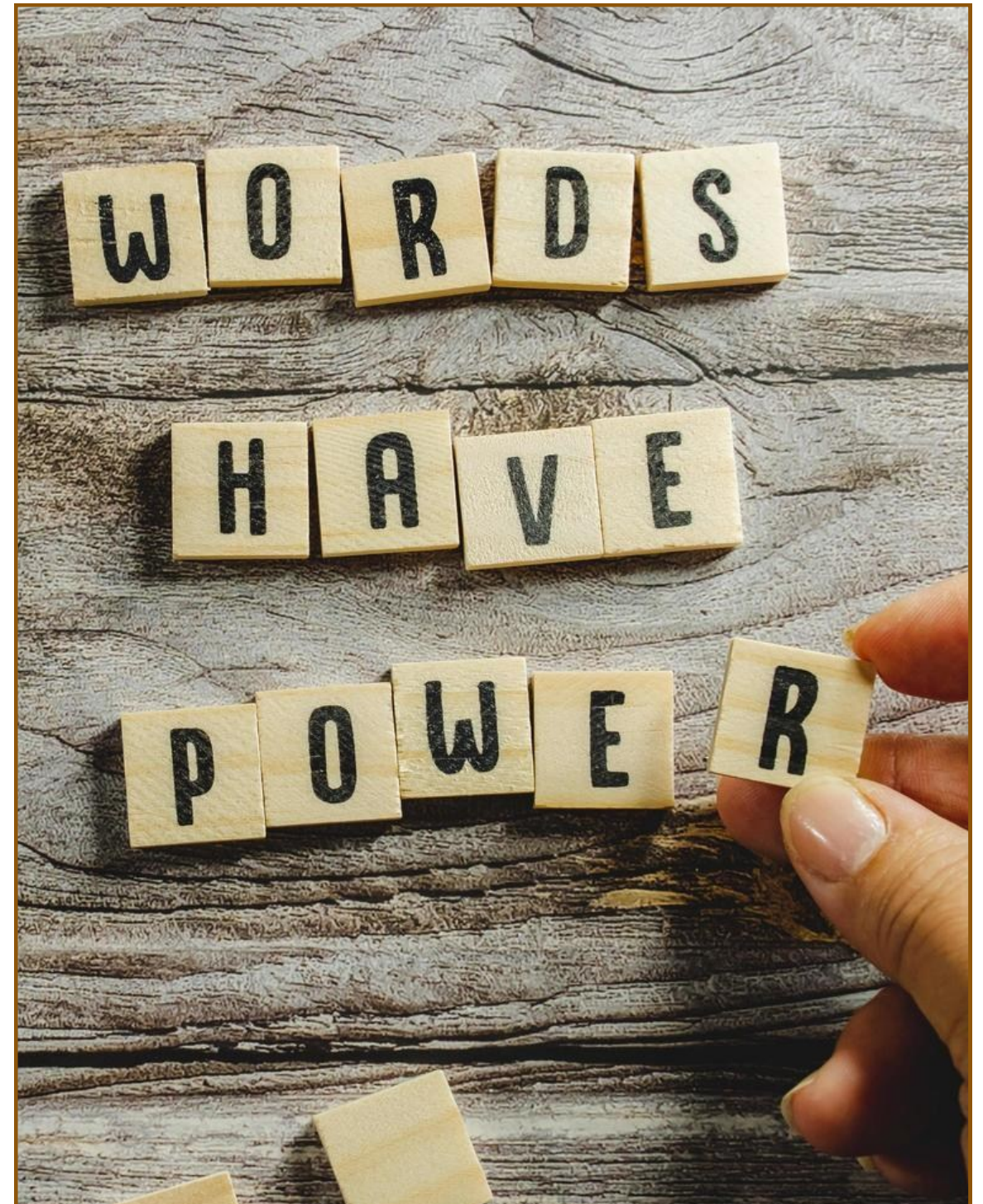


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~ *Gathering in Word and Spirit* ~

WELCOME

PRELUDE *All I Need Is You* Adler
 Sarah Daniels, solo

*HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* #577 UMH

*PRAYER of PRAISE Pastor Deb Port

*PASSING of the PEACE #2164 TFWS
Please be mindful of people’s boundaries as you share God’s love.
Please be seated as we sing the chorus of , “Sanctuary”

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living
Sanctuary for you.*

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION Dale Miller

SCRIPTURE LESSON James 3:1-12 (NIV)

Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers and sisters, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what they say, they are a perfect person, able to keep their whole body in check.

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of their life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by humanity, but no human can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sis-



ters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

ANTHEM *More Like You* Brown
 Sarah Daniels, solo

SERMON *“Taming the Tongue”*
Series: *Captive Minds & Careful Words*
Rev. Randy Bennett

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE Pastor Deb Port

~ *Celebrating at the Table* ~

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Lord, Be Glorified* Kilpatrick/Hayes

*DOXOLOGY #94 UMH

*PRAYER of DEDICATION

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

~ *Going Forth in Mission* ~
Loving Jesus, Loving Neighbor, Building Community

*HYMN *Lord, Speak to Me* #463 UMH

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #666 UMH
 Shalom to You

*POSTLUDE *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* Whalum

*Please stand as you are able.

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



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 Stiffler, Joann Rohland, Carol Bettinger, Paul Danko, Bill Morris, Harold McNaughton, Pat Rowe, Pat Hartranft, Bill & Liz Payne, Barbara Fritz, Priscilla Secord, Sandra Beck, Maxine Swink, Mary Louise Keiper, Mary & DeRay Wagner, Thelma Buckingham, Phil Womer & Donna Pope, Helen Kustanbauter

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, Larry Wright, Marty Pattison, Lance Leidich, Marty Brightbill, Livi McAnnaneny, Alan Colbert, Joe Bowers, Charlotte Cornelius, Sharon Wiles, Joanne Stong, Nick Bartholomeo, Sandie Bartholomeo, Jane Taylor, Isla Packer, Linda Reid, Wanda Egan, Kathy Thompson, Mick Lucas, Matt Schaeffer, Jack Keiser, Evan Stutzman, Shirley Sweger, Beth Henry, Baby Wyatt, Terry & Danette Kampas, Anna Updike, Cindy Leighton, Bobby Shindle, Pat Fink, Anthony Myers, Douglas Walt, David Walt, Janet Hoke, Colleen Hoke, Art, Lyndsi Werner, Mirrian Glover, Judy Savastio, Liz & Paul, Tim Archibald, Wendy Fahnestock, Kim Sgrignoli, Susan Wagner, Walt DeShong, Ashley Albright, Kathy-Jo Armstrong, E. McBrayer, Family & Friends of Sharon Hess, Debbie Curry, Noel Pelletier, Anna Updyke, Pat Shomper, Steve Trimmer, David Balmer, Judith Huntzinger, Jan Skipper, Joan Clinger, Matt Hocker, Larry Hicks, Karen Cordner, Dianne Blackburn, Brian Watts, Jeanni, Jason Gasper, Mark Gasper, Erin Jacobs, Dave Drayer, Dan, Kirby Lentz, Louise MacDonald, Dave Miller, Leann, Jaden Metzler*

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

** 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 23rd

10:00 AM..... Worship Service

Monday, August 24th

6:30 PM.....Men's Pick Up
.....Basketball (age 25 & up)

Tuesday, August 25th

9:00 AM..... Threads of Love
6:00 PM..... Amateur Pickleball
6:30 PM..... Dartball

Wednesday, August 26th

10:00 AM..... Quilters
11:30 AM..... Prayer & Devotions

Thursday, August 27th

4:00 PM..... Food Pantry

Sunday, August 30th

Backpack Blessing
Blessing for Educators
10:00 AM..... Worship Service

Monday, August 31st

6:30 PM..... Men's Pick Up
..... Basketball (age 25 & up)

Tuesday, September 1st

9:00 AM Threads of Love
2:30 PM Stephen Ministers
..... Meeting
6:00 PM Amateur Pickleball
6:30 PM Dartball

Wednesday, September 2nd

11:30 AM Prayer & Devotions

Sunday, September 6th

8:30 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, September 7th

Church Office & Calvary Kids
Closed



Last Week in Offering

Offering 08/16/2026

General Fund Needed: \$18,610
Received: \$11,144
Building Fund Goal: \$962
Received: \$798

Attendance 08/16/2026

10 AM: 194
Online Worship: 106

Camp & Retreat Ministry **5th Annual Fundraising Gala**

Saturday, September 12th at 4 PM
Calvary UMC

*85% of parents agreed their campers
grew in self-confidence while at camp.*

~Sacred Playgrounds Camp Study

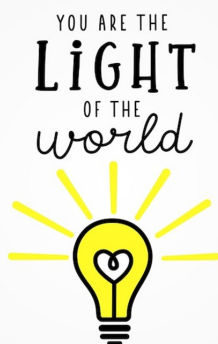
That's only one of the many ways we see camp change young people's lives. Join the SUSUMC Camp & Retreat Ministry for their 5th Fundraising Gala, right here at Calvary! Tickets can be purchased and more information can be found at www.suscrm.org/gala/.



Women's Retreat

October 9th-11th at Kenbrook Bible
Camp & Retreat 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!). Brochures are available in The Square.



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.

Summer Worship Reminder

Calvary will combine worship services this summer for 9 weeks, **beginning July 5th and ending August 30th.** Our unified worship will take place at **10 AM on Sunday mornings.** This intentional opportunity will strengthen the connection between both worship services as we live out our vision of ***Loving Jesus, Loving Neighbor, and Building Community.***

Young at Heart Club (YAH)

The YAH Club will meet on Tuesday, September 8th (the day after Labor Day). We will begin with dessert at 12:30 PM, then a short business meeting, and then a demonstration by Kay Yniguez on how to make a fall floral arrangement using the beautiful colors of autumn. Contact Mary Alice Dumbauld (267-264-2363) by Friday, September 4th to make a reservation. All are welcome.



Fall Worship and Sunday School

Beginning on September 6th, Worship returns to 8:30 and 11 AM. Sunday School returns on September 13th at 9:45 AM. Nursery Care will also be provided during Worship and Sunday School beginning on September 13th. Join us!

Bus Trip to Museum of the Bible and National Mall

Friday, October 2, 2026

Sponsored by the River Valley Lay Serv-
ant Committee

Cost - \$90 per person, \$25 children 12 and under. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Price includes bus fee, bus driver tip and entrance fee for Museum of the Bible, and box lunch.

Reservation deadline is Friday, September 4, 2026. Any questions contact Scott Eshenaur via cell phone of 717-580-8426 or email of sreshenaur@gmail.com. Forms with more information are available in The Square or by emailing the church office.

Community Aid

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 can place your donations in the Community Aid container in the Drop Zone near the Locust Lane entrance. If you take items directly to Community Aid, please be sure to use our Partner #50356.



August Shoe Collection

Do you have shoes you no longer wear? We are collecting gently used shoes that still have life left in them - no holes, tears or broken parts - for Mission Central in Mechanicsburg. Through their partnership with Funds2Orgs, these shoes are redistributed through a network of micro-enterprise partners in developing nations. Your donation helps people launch or grow small businesses - providing jobs, stability and opportunity. The proceeds from their shoe sales are used to feed, clothe and house their families. **Please help us in advance by tying your pairs together with rubber bands or shoe laces before the collection starts.** You can place your shoes in the cart at the Drop Zone from August 2nd through August 23rd. Last year we collected 646 pairs and with your help, we can increase that number this year. Thank you!



Back to School Blessing **Sunday, August 30th**

Students of all ages are invited to join us at Worship to receive a blessing for the new school year and a small gift. We will also pray for those who work in the field of education and have a gift just for you! Join us!