



The Messenger

THE NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY UMC

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Discovering Our Rhythm

It was a precarious time in the life of Calvary when I began my ministry among you five years ago. Not only were we navigating pastoral transition, but we were also navigating the complexities of re-launching ministries during the latter half of the pandemic. My focus when I arrived was simple: love people, preach Jesus, and listen. (Y'all – I'm still doing these things).

Every intentional listening session was an opportunity to pray about God's next, "yes," for Calvary. That season of listening and discernment eventually led to the formation of a Vision Team, which spent nearly a year prayerfully developing our vision:

Loving Jesus ~ Loving Neighbor ~ Building Community.

Our vision proclaims our **identity** (who we are) and our **destination** (where we are going). Since December 5, 2023, Calvary has been aligning our ministries to this vision.

Alignment is an ongoing process of awareness and growth in our identity as we move toward the fullness of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. The longer we live into this vision, the more we discover God's next step as we build His beloved community together. Every destination, though, requires a way of getting there. For followers of Jesus,



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that way is discipleship.

Discipleship is a lifelong process of following Jesus in community, experiencing soul renovation through His grace, and inviting others into His Kingdom.

Discipleship is not a checklist. Discipleship is a rhythm already established by God. It's always playing and always inviting the world to join Him. We learn that rhythm together by following Jesus daily.

This September, our sermon series will introduce the **Rhythm of Discipleship** as our next step in living into Calvary's vision:

Belong ~ Believe ~ Become ~ Bless

Belong: *We belong before we believe.* God's prevenient grace is already at work, welcoming us before we understand or respond. When we join the rhythm of belonging, we embody a community where everyone can encounter the love of Jesus Christ.

Believe: *We believe by staying curious.* God's justifying grace invites us to risk vulnerability, ask difficult questions, name our doubts, and develop a relationship with Jesus Christ where possibility becomes trust.

Become: *We are always becoming.* God's sanctifying grace meets us in every season, transforming the

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meaning of our experiences, renovating our souls, and shaping us into the likeness of Jesus Christ as we learn to see ourselves and others as people of sacred worth.

Bless: *We participate in grace-giving.* We embody the love of Jesus Christ in our daily living, so that others encounter the tangible fruit of the Kingdom of God.

I look forward to discovering with you where the *Rhythm of Discipleship* leads us next.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Randy

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.,
Lead Pastor
pastor@calvaryunitedmethodist.org

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 conclude our time together 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.



JOB ADVERTISEMENTS

Financial & Operational Secretary (Part-Time, 20 Hours/Week)

Calvary United Methodist Church is seeking a friendly, organized, and dependable Financial & Operational Secretary. This position manages contribution processing and donor records while providing front office and administrative support for the church. Candidates should possess strong organizational and computer skills, with bookkeeping or QuickBooks experience preferred, and demonstrate integrity, confidentiality, and excellent customer service. Compensation is \$18–\$22 per hour, depending on experience, with Paid Time Off and a church-sponsored 403(b) retirement plan.

Church Treasurer (Part-Time, 20–25 Hours/Week)

Calvary United Methodist Church is seeking a detail-oriented and trustworthy Treasurer to oversee the financial operations of the church and childcare ministry. Responsibilities include accounts payable, payroll coordination, financial reporting, budgeting, and maintaining sound financial records. Candidates should have accounting or bookkeeping experience, proficiency with QuickBooks or similar software, and a commitment to confidentiality and teamwork. Compensation is \$28–\$32 per hour, depending on experience, with Paid Time Off and a church-sponsored 403(b) retirement plan.

Application Instructions: To apply for either position, submit a résumé and cover letter to office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

For the full job descriptions, please visit <https://www.calvaryhbg.org>

FAMILY PROMISE

Calling All Calvary

Our next Family Promise meal is the week of November 15th. Please remember this is a church project overseen by UWF and the Mission Committee. Calvary is helping to keep homeless families together by providing meals at Charlton UMC Church where the families are housed. Thank you to all who provided meals so far and especially to our August meal providers, Patty Packer, Brenda Bupp, Sue Weikert, JD Lambrinos, Susan Plant and Susie Grubb.

The meals are to be delivered to Charlton Church, 5920 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg, between 6:15 and 6:30 PM, ready to eat, no drinks or desserts are necessary. If delivering meals to Charlton is difficult, we have drivers who would be willing to pick up your meal at Calvary and deliver it to Charlton. We invite church groups, choir, youth, church committees, Adult Sunday School to take part in this worthwhile mission. Have a fun time with a friend making a meal for a family in need. Average number of people is ten, which includes adults and children. You can make the meal at Calvary or in your homes. If cooking is not "your thing" you can purchase prepared food at many grocery stores, and financial assistance is available.

If you cannot provide a meal but would like to donate to Family Promise write a check out to Calvary UMC, and put in the comment section Family Promise. Please contact Susie Grubb, grubby-cds@yahoo.com, home 717-834-6520, cell 717-512-5618, email, text or call, to provide a meal for homeless families.



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Scholarship Committee is very pleased to announce that the church has been able to award 4 individuals with college scholarships this year. Each recipient has been awarded \$1,700 toward their ongoing educational needs. These individuals include:

Lauren A. Bell—Lebanon Valley College, majoring in English & Communications, Secondary Ed Certification

Haley Bennett—West Chester University, majoring in Middle Grades Preparation 4th-8th

Ava Mansure—West Chester University, majoring in Business Marketing

Madison Van Zant—Juniata College, majoring in Politics and Legal Studies

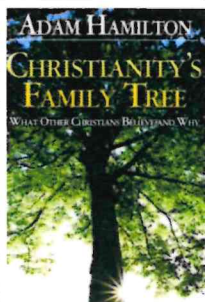
Please join us in congratulating these persons. The committee wishes to thank the entire congregation for their ongoing support of this program. With the ever rising costs of education it is an honor and a pleasure to gift these young Christians with these scholarships. ~The Scholarship Committee

HERSHEYPARK VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Are you interested in helping the Missions Committee raise money to support missions work? What a sweeter place to do it than Hersheypark. There is a wide variety of opportunities that include attractions, events, and park services. Shifts are variable from 3 to 8 hours and are available on an as needed basis. Volunteers will also receive Hersheypark admission tickets based on how much you volunteer. If you would like to volunteer or want more information please contact JD Lambrinos at jdlambrinos@yahoo.com or 718-344-6420 or Deb Prichard at dprichard331@comcast.net.

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. A sign-up sheet is available in The Square. Any questions can be directed to John Packer at 717-576-5984.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, November 7th, at Calvary, sponsored by the United Women in Faith. Details about the menu and program to be announced in the *October Messenger*. Mark your calendar, Guys.

GIANT AND KARNS GIFT CARDS

Do you shop at Giant or Karns for groceries? Consider purchasing a Gift Card for your future purchases. Calvary receives 5% of sales which is applied directly to the Building Fund to pay towards the principal on our mortgage.

Gift cards are available for purchase on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month after each worship service. Cards may also be purchased in the church office during regular business hours.

The Finance Committee needs volunteers to assist with sales. Please contact Bill Shook at 717-315-7154 or the Calvary office to help.

FINANCE NEWS

The Finance Committee reports the following financial information as of July 31, 2026:

Expected YTD per our budget and historical patterns

Operating Revenues	\$543,345
Operating Expenses	\$579,740
Net Surplus (Loss)	(\$ 36,395)

Actual YTD as of 07.31.2026

Operating Revenues	\$512,855
Operating Expenses	\$568,815
Net Surplus (Loss)	(\$ 55,960)

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Flint, in the church office, or Bill Shook, Finance Committee Chairperson, at 717-315-7154.

SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES THIS MONTH

Green Building Fund Envelope – every month there is an envelope for contributions to our Building Fund which are used to reduce the principal on Calvary's mortgage, which we pay quarterly. The current balance of our mortgage is \$592,000.

Pink Mission Envelope #5 – This envelope has been designated by our Missions Committee for the Cupboard at Calvary, which is our food pantry ministry. The Cupboard is open twice per month for those in need who reside in the 17109, 17111 or 17112 Zip Codes.

You can find these envelopes in your offering envelope box. Thank you in advance for your generous support of all of our special offerings!



CALVARY NOTES

Thank you for your generous gift to Mission Central. Your support helps ensure that when someone reaches out in need, help is ready and waiting. Because of donors like you, Mission Central can respond when families need medical equipment they cannot afford, when children need school supplies to succeed, when neighbors face food insecurity, and when communities are working to recover after hardships or disasters. Your generosity becomes a steady source of help for people navigating difficult moments. Your generosity connects God's resources with human needs and helps people rebuild stability, dignity and hope.

Lisa Landis Fickes, Director of Development and Communication

God's Helping Hands Home Repair Ministry received your generous gift, and it is such a blessing that will go to projects for people in our community. GHH completes these projects for homeowners at no cost and without this generous support, GHH would not be able to reach so many families. In the past month, we have completed four assessments that include a ramp for a man who had his leg amputated, a woman whose window is leaking, a home that needs the bathroom and bedroom subfloor replaced, and installing a second doorway in the event of an emergency. Please let the whole congregation know how much we appreciate this generosity as well as your support through prayer. We look towards God who has taught us to go out and help others. By all of us following these teachings, we can make a difference in people's lives. It is apparent that your church has a great love for Jesus!

*John Shankweiler,
God's Helping Hands Home Repair Ministry*

Thank you Pastor Randy, Hands In Ministry, and all the folks of Calvary who prayed for me and checked in on me during my hospital stay. Peace to All!

Kirby Lentz

As we wrap up summer camp, we wanted to let you know how much we appreciated your Angel Tree Gifts. All the items came in handy as we were Jesus to children and youth at summer camp. We were able to thrive because of you!

Camp Penn Staff

The Cupboard at Calvary recently conducted a fundraiser at Red Robin and earned a total of \$392.15. Thank you to all who participated in this event.

Thank you to our July/August Newsletter Crew: Nancy Shindle, Becki Porsch, Darlene Yoder, Gina Albright, and Teri Mathias.

I would like to take a moment and thank everyone at Calvary and those on the scholarship committee for making the very generous 2026-27 Calvary UMC scholarship possible for students like me. Your continued support will allow me to expand my knowledge, participate in activities and have new experiences. As an English Secondary Education major at Lebanon Valley college, I visit nearby middle and high schools to observe and practice teaching and engaging the youth. This has been an absolute blessing and such a wonderful experience to try my hand at what I have been learning in class. I am very excited to be meeting my next two host schools. I currently participate in the College Choir at LVC and have been a section leader for the past 3 semesters. I have spent some time working with my school's theatre club and working as a writing and subject tutor which I hope to continue this coming year. I am very excited to see what college has in store for me and what new opportunities will arise. Thank you again for supporting my education and for granting me the opportunity to grow and improve.

Lauren Bell

Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship. I am truly grateful for your gen-

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erosity and support toward my education and tuition. This scholarship means so much to me and will help me financially. I greatly appreciate your kindness and support. I am very thankful to be part of such a caring church community. Thank you again for investing in my education and future. I am truly grateful for your generosity.

Ava Mansure

As a recipient of the Calvary United Methodist Church scholarship, I want to sincerely thank you for granting me this award. I am truly grateful for not only this scholarship, but for those who carefully considered my application. The support I have received through this award will allow me to continue pursuing my education at West Chester University, where I am majoring in Middle Grades Preparation 4-8. By helping cover the cost of my education, this award will allow me to continue receiving the guidance and wisdom that is needed to develop as an outstanding educator. Outside of my studies, I am the captain and secretary of the West Chester Women's Ultimate Frisbee team, as well as a member of the Student Pennsylvania State Educator Association. Thanks to your generosity, the costs of these leadership roles will be financially supported. This scholarship is very impactful and it helps to ease the financial burdens I face. This award opens opportunities for me to become more involved in my community while also excelling in my studies. Your generosity reaches far beyond financial support, serving as a model of the thoughtfulness and compassion I hope to reflect in my own actions. Once again, I offer my deepest gratitude and thanks for this award and the opportunities it provides for my future.

Haley Bennett

YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The Young at Heart Club will meet on the second Tuesday, September 8th, the day after Labor Day. We will begin by enjoying a dessert at 12:30 PM, followed by 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.

FROM THE OFFICE

The deadline for the October Newsletter is Thursday, September 10th at 10 AM. Please submit all items to the church office by this date. Items for publishing in multiple months need to be re-submitted to the church office each month. Newsletter items are published in the Bulletin as space permits.

Please make sure all meetings and events are on the master church calendar by emailing the dates and times to the church office. It is also a good idea to check dates with the church office before you schedule your meeting or event. **Even if you have a key, your meeting or event needs to be scheduled on the master church calendar.** Calvary is a busy place! Remember to also provide a copy of all committee minutes to the church office.

As a reminder, please notify the church office if your address or phone number has changed. SNOWBIRDS—please notify us the dates you will be heading South (if your mail is not forwarded). The Post Office charges a fee for any returned mail. Thank you!

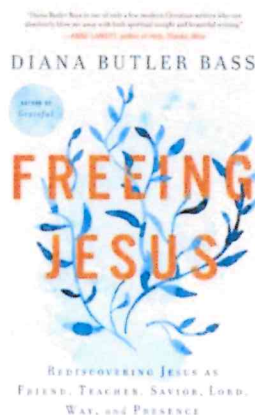


ELECTION DAY CAFÉ

The Election Day Café will again take place November 3rd, serving lunch, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. We will have the standard fare. Soups will include Chicken Corn, Ham and Bean with Rivals and growing in popularity, Pasta Fagiola. Sandwiches will include Pork Barbecue, Grilled Cheese, Grilled Ham & Cheese. We will, of course, have Hot Dogs, plain, with sauerkraut or Special Sauce. Beverages available will be Coffee, Tea, Canned Soda, Bottled Water, Diet Ice Tea. Soups and Sandwiches will be available for Take Out. Don't forget about the Bake Sale Table for those yummy desserts. Please vote, then come to the Café for good food and camaraderie.

UWF BOOK CLUB

The final meeting of the United Women in Faith Book Club for this year will be on the fourth Tuesday, September 29th, starting at 12 Noon with a luncheon at Romney Noone's home (215 Lafayette Street, Harrisburg, 17109) and followed by a discussion of the book **Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence** by Diana Butler Bass. "It's a refreshing take on the comprehensive, multi-faceted nature of Jesus, keeping his teachings relevant and alive in our daily lives." There may also be a few reports on other books from the Spiritual Growth category of the UWF Reading Program. Any questions about options to the Diana Bass book, contact Mary Alice Dumbauld. If you plan to attend, please text or call Mary Alice (267-264-2363) by Tuesday, September 22nd, so we have an accurate count for the luncheon.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Thank you to all the members of the congregation who helped with the preparations and also those who attended the family events we sponsored this summer- the Ice Cream Social and Band Concert in July and Festival of Salads and Game Night in August.

Upcoming Events for UWF

October 9th—11th
Women's Retreat at Kenbrook Bible Camp

October 20th at 7 PM
Planning Meeting for 2027

October 24th
Hosting the River Valley UWF Annual Day

November 7th
Host Men's Breakfast at Calvary

November
Whoopie Pie Sale from Hershey Farms
December 5th
Cookies by the Dozen at Calvary Café

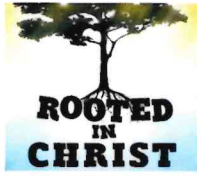
Details for all these events will follow in the *October Messenger* and in the church bulletin.

WIDOWS HEALING HEARTS GROUP

No matter how long you have been a widow, you have probably wondered if what you are feeling is "normal." Widow's Healing Hearts is a great place to get to know other widows and compare journeys. No registration is necessary, just come and join us! Calvary's Widows Healing Hearts will meet on Monday, September 14th at 10 AM in The Square at Calvary. After the meeting, anyone interested is welcome to join us for lunch at the Wharf on Derry Street. We look forward to seeing everyone! Questions? Contact Sue Zearing at 717-877-3416 or Sue Helsel at 252-862-5604.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

The 2026-2027 Sunday School year will begin on Sunday, September 13th. Classes are held from 9:45—10:45 AM for Pre-school through Adult. Nursery care is also provided.



Preschool Children and Kindergarten, 1st Grade, & 2nd Grade: We are excited to offer *Cokesbury Kids Big Faith*. This exciting curriculum will help children grow a faith that's as big as their imaginations! Children will learn through timeless Bible stories, hands-on activities, and age appropriate themes. *Big Faith* offers faith-formation experiences that are tangible, applicable, and meaningful to children's everyday lives.

3rd Grade & 4th Grade and 5th Grade & 6th Grade—Back by popular demand from our teachers and kiddos is *ThinkOrange 252 Kids Curriculum*. What does 252 represent? It's not the number of questions a 2nd grader can ask in 20 minutes. Instead, everything taught is based on one of the three basic, but powerful truths modeled by Jesus in Luke 2:52: I need to make the wise choice. I can trust God no matter what. I should treat others the way I want to be treated. Kids will be filled with wonder, discovery, and passion!

Confirmation—Confirmation Class will be offered again in January—May 2028.

7th—12th Grades—Youth—Are you competitive? Opinionated? Hungry? Have questions about the Bible, your faith, and how to "Be a Christian" in the real world? Looking for people to connect with? Then we have the place for you. Join us during the Sunday School hour for games and discussion of hot topics that examine faith and life issues. And don't worry, there is always good food for both your stomach and your soul. See you there!

Faith Weaver—Looking for a community as well as a class? This is for you. Each week we explore Bible Topics and how they weave into our daily lives. Our lessons stand-alone each week, so if your life is busy, join us when you can. We meet in Room 112 (at the bottom of the steps from the Drop Zone). Class Coordinators: Ron Hoffler and Mandi Klinger.

Joy in Christ—Looking for Bible studies? Looking for a discussion group? Join our class where the Sunday School year will begin with a ten-week study of the Old Testament book of Isaiah. During Advent, the class will focus on "Who Needs Christmas" by Andy Stanley. When the new year begins the class will learn about "The Twelve Disciples." Then on February 14th Mary Alice Dumbauld will give us a lesson on the sanctuary church window history and its symbolism. During Lent, He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado will be reviewed and discussed. The year will conclude with the LifeChange Bible study of Colossians and Philemon. Our class meets in Rooms 123-24. Leaders: Mary Alice Dumbauld, Linda Hoffman, Mike Stephens, Dyan Yingst, Sue Zearing.

Search Class—Our class is one of the original Adult Classes. This class has been ongoing for over 54 yrs! As a class, we are always "searching" for what it means to be spiritual in a diverse world. Our favorite quote is "we are spiritual, not religious." Class Coordinator: Bob Little.

LAMS VOLUNTEERS

At Calvary we have love and care for our LAMs (Limited Activity Members). Our volunteers are assigned a LAM and visit at least once a month. They also send cards and touch base with phone calls. This reminds our LAMs that they are loved. Volunteer to love our LAMs through visitation, phone ministry, or card ministry by contacting Pastor Deb.

CARING CUPBOARD FOR CALVARY'S YOUTH

We are asking for your support in providing meals for the Youth Group (12—15 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 leaders 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. Contact Kelley in the office with questions.

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.

YOUTH GROUP

Calvary UMC Youth (Grades 7-12)

For more information or to sign up, contact Kelley Price at 717-545-0021 or youthatcalvaryumc@yahoo.com

Wednesday Night Weekly Youth Group—Join the Youth Group **beginning on Wednesday, September 16th from 5:30-7 PM.** Meet at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for a free dinner. Then we will head to the Youth Room until 7 PM. On the first Wednesday of the month, we will have game night. **NOTE:** Wednesday Night Youth Group **will not be held** on November 25th or if the Central Dauphin School District is closed OR closes early due to inclement weather OR cancels evening activities due to inclement weather.

Save the Dates! Our Spring Retreat at Wesley Forest is April 23-25, 2027.

MOSAIC CHURCH NEWS

A lot has been happening at Mosaic. In the last newsletter we shared the retirement of our lay pastor, Joanne. She had heart surgery in early June and she unfortunately passed away. Joanne had been working with the conference to try to get a new pastor for our congregation. We are happy to announce that Mosaic, a New Faith Community, has welcomed Pastor Matthew Jenkins, his wife, Rebekah and their twins, Eli and Ellie.



We are having a Worthy Women of Faith Day on Saturday, September 26th. Contact Calvary's Church office for information.

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

Flowers on the altar enhance our weekly worship service. They could also enhance the life of a shut-in member or friend if someone would take it to their home. Bob Little will coordinate a weekly delivery of flowers to nursing homes, hospitals or homes. If you are willing to assist in this mission, please contact the church office. Bob may call you occasionally on a Monday to see if you're able to do it at that time. Each delivery of flowers will represent your Christian love in action, and may provide a moment of Christian Fellowship.

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.



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

We invite everyone to consider joining our Music Ministry Programs. Music has always been a vital part of our community life, helping to lift our spirits, deepen our worship, and lead our congregation in praise. We believe that God has gifted individuals with unique talents, and we would love to see how your gifts might find a home and a purpose in this ministry. Whether you sing, or play an instrument or you simply have a passion for uplifting others through song, we would be thrilled to have you come check out upcoming rehearsals without any pressure. Please feel free to reach out to our Director of Music, Deb Benedict with any questions at db@calvaryunitedmethodist.org or (717)379-6551.

Vocal

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 9th.

Men's Voices of Calvary (grades 7 – adult): This vocal ensemble sings two different Sundays throughout the year. Rehearsals will be advertised in the newsletter, bulletin and online. We will sing for both worship services on Sunday, October 11th. We will rehearse Wednesday, September 30th and October 7th from 6:30 – 7:00 PM in the choir room.

Women's Voices of Calvary (grades 7 – adult): This vocal ensemble sings two different Sundays throughout the year. Rehearsals will be advertised in the newsletter, bulletin and online. We will sing for both worship services on Sunday, September 27th. We will rehearse Wednesday, September 16th and September 23rd from 6:30 – 7:00 PM in the choir room.

Christmas Voices of Calvary (grades 7 – adult): Join us as we will sing our cantata at both worship services on Sunday, December 20th. Rehearsals will be held in the choir room on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 7:45 PM beginning on Wednesday, October 7th.

Youth Singers (grades 7 – 12): We have opportunities for our youth to sing with any of our adult choirs and ensembles. Additional opportunities may also be offered to youth who desire to sing. Please contact Deb Benedict with your willingness to sing.

Children's Choir (ages 3 – 6th grade): Our Children's Choir sings about one Sunday a month from October through May. We rehearse Wednesdays from 5 to 5:30 PM in the Children's Choir room beginning on Wednesday, September 16th.

Handbells

Bells of Calvary: Our first rehearsal will be Monday, September 14th at 7 PM in the bell room. Any interested individuals who were not in the Bells of Calvary last year are asked to contact Deb Benedict.

Instrumental: You are encouraged to reach out to Deb Benedict if you play an instrument and have a desire to share your talent.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

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.

Calvary's Prayer Ministry

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In Mourning: The Family and Friends of JoAnne Konick-McMahan. Margaret Lehn and Family on the passing of her father. Amy Landers and Family on the passing of her father. Betty Albright and Family on the passing of her sister. Tim Archibald and Family on the passing of his wife, Marilyn. Gayle Evans and Family on the passing of her sister.

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

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Worship Opportunities in September

Sunday, September 6th

8:30 and 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
8:30 AM Livestream Worship

Sunday, September 13th

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Presentation of Bibles
to Third Graders

Blessing for Christian Education
8:30 and 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
8:30 AM Livestream Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday, September 20th

8:30 and 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
8:30 AM Livestream Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday, September 27th

8:30 and 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
8:30 AM Livestream Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School

Wednesday Morning Devotions & Prayer

11:30 AM—12 Noon in the Chapel

Susquehanna Annual Conference
June 4-6, 2026
Williamsport, PA



The 2026 Annual Conference focused on the first of a three-part journey into the newly adopted Vision Statement of the United Methodist Church...Live Boldly, Service Joyfully, Lead Courageously.

The business conducted during the conference includes approval of the following Recommendations:

Set the minimum salary for full-time clergy noting that individual salaries are negotiated by church Staff-Parish Relations Committees and the District Superintendent.

Granted retirement status to nineteen retiring clergy members in the Susquehanna Conference.

Approved a proposed budget and set the maximum shares in ministry at 20%.

Conference members also acted on a series of resolutions:

Affirmed the Susquehanna Strategic Missional Path Forward. The resolution asked members to embrace the strategic vision and covenant together to support and live into the shared direction outlined in a plan provided to conference members. Beginning in the fall, teams consisting of both clergy and laity will be formed to develop a measurable implementation plan. It is expected that achievement of results will take three to five years.

Reallocated conference reserve funds to create two new internally designated funds intended to provide resources for future ministry initiatives, innovation, and strategic priorities.

Approved resolution to: raise \$1.5 million for the construction of a new dormitory for female students at Africa University in partnership with the Upper New York Conference; affirm Native American Awareness and a call to peaceful witness; call for a United Methodist response to immigration concerns, including support for the Sensitive Locations Act (H.R. 1061); support Kairos Palestine II and encourage churches and individuals to engage in study and discussion of the document; addressed gun violence prevention and community violence intervention; call churches, districts, camps, and conference offices to practice energy stewardship; affirm mental health awareness, education, and faithful response; approve the reopening of the Lakeville United Methodist Church in the North Central River District.

For additional details on the conference, please visit the Conference website at <http://susumc.org/annual-conference>

If you have any questions, please contact either of us.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Grubb and Teri Mathias
Representatives to the Annual Conference