



The Messenger

THE NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY UMC

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When We All Get to Heaven. . .

I love when parishioners ask me faith questions! I recently answered one of your faith questions in a sermon, which prompted another Calvary member to ask me this question:

“What will heaven be like?”

Isn't that a great question? I told this parishioner I would answer their question on All Saints Sunday. Indeed, All Saints is the perfect occasion to answer questions about eternal life as we celebrate our saints, while looking forward to the greatest family reunion in the history of history! I may answer some additional questions in the All-Saints sermon, such as:

What will I look like in heaven?

Can we go hunting and fishing in heaven?

Will I know who others are in heaven?

Will the Steelers win the Super Bowl? (No, I won't answer that one.)

In advance of the All-Saints sermon, however, I offer this short answer to, “What will heaven be like?”

Answer: Heaven will be like all the good you *now* know, plus all the good you *will* know, combined with the greatest family reunion with Jesus that will never end!

In the words of Eliza Hewitt, “When



we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!”

Friends, the “day of rejoicing,” is the eternal day: it never ends. There will be no more death, or mourning, or crying or pain...just our resurrection into the fullness of Jesus' light in a family reunion that spans the ages.

For All the Saints
Pastor Randy

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.,
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~Upcoming Communion and Special Worship Events~

November 3, 2024
All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion

November 10, 2024
Consecration Sunday

December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion

December 22, 2024
Christmas Voices of Calvary Cantata with Fellowship

December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
5 PM and 8 PM (No Nursery Care)

December 29, 2024
One Worship Service at 10 AM
(No Sunday School or Nursery Care)

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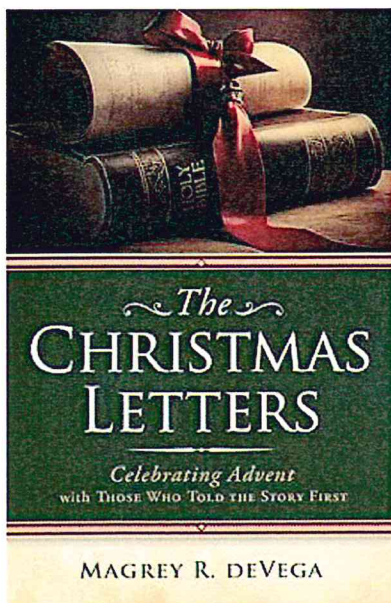
ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 10 AM in Room 121
November 21st, December 5th, 12th, 19th

The Christmas Letters
by Magrey deVega

Why do we observe Advent? We do so to celebrate how it all began for us. In *The Christmas Letters*, Magrey deVega shares with us the miracle of Christ's birth from those who first told the story. The letters in the New Testament, known as the Epistles, help us understand and celebrate the mystery of his birth. They point us to the origins of what we believe about Jesus, fully human and fully divine. Through this study we will gain a new understanding of Christ's coming and, hopefully, embrace a fuller commitment to Jesus Christ.

A sign-up sheet is available in The Square near the portico doors. Books are available through Cokesbury or Christian Books. Copies may also be purchased through the church office at \$14 each. If you have any questions, contact Bonnie Snyder (717-652-6773 or bsnyder1115@verizon.net). If you would like to purchase a book, contact Kelley in the church office at 717-545-0021 or office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org.



HELPING HANDS AND DONATIONS

Christmas at Calvary Candy Shoppe

Donations are being collected for the Candy Table. Please see announcement board outside The Square, take a tag for the item requested, and return to the Drop Zone with tag attached.

We will have a one day candy making session on Thursday, November 21, 2024 beginning at 8:00 AM in the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Area. There will be stations for candy making, bagging, and labeling. All are invited to lend a hand. No experience is needed!

Any questions, please contact Karen Miller at 717-439-0852.



CHRISTMAS AT CALVARY



Christmas at Calvary will be held on Saturday, December 7th from 9 AM until 2 PM.

We are accepting the following items through November 24th:

Christmas Decorations of all kinds
Vintage items in good, clean condition
Jewelry
Christmas Books
Christmas DVDs
Christmas CDs
Puzzles (any kind)

Please place all items in the Drop Zone or call Betty Albright for pickup at 717-545-4009.

Sign up sheets will be available at a later time for all kinds of help in many areas.

CALVARY NOTES

The Calvary team of Dyan Yingst, Phyllis Sills, Mary Jo Zemitis and Judy Lyter refurbished the Kindergarten class room at Red Bird Christian School in Kentucky. They also took boxes of school supplies and books donated by the Calvary congregation through the Butterfly tree collections.



Thank you Dyan and your Calvary Missions Team, You all blessed us so much! I still cannot believe all that was accomplished at our school. Your generous personal gift of cots donated to our Kindergarten program was icing on the cake. I appreciate your long-standing relationship with us.

*Jennifer Wilder, Director of Education/
Principal Red Bird Christian School*

We would like to thank the members and friends of our Calvary Family for all their love and concern during our daughter Susan's health crisis. Your prayers and cards uplifted us all throughout the past several months. Sue came through her fourth open heart surgery "with flying colors" under the care of the very talented doctors and medical staff at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Manhattan.

Ken and Mary Alice Dumbauld

Thank you to everyone who provided items for our College Care Packages. Because of you, 25 College Students received an amazing box of goodies in the mail.

The Youth of Calvary UMC

Thank you to our October Newsletter Assembly Crew: Becky Miller, Gina Albright, Nancy Shindle, Becki Porsch and Darlene Yoder

My heart overflows with joy for the prayers, cards, and many acts of kindness offered to

me during my hospitalization and recovery. Your love and care has continued to touch my life in ways that provide strength and hope. Thank you to Pastor Doug for visiting and praying on behalf of Calvary. May God's peace be with all.

Jeff Fisher

Thank you to my Calvary Family and friends for all of the cards, calls, and visits while I was hospitalized. Most of all thank you for your prayers as I believe prayers are what helped me through my surgery and recovery. I will remember and miss seeing all of you regularly.

Barbara Fritz

Thank you for your donations of hats, scarves, t-shirts, a quilt, and afghan. The cold weather will soon be here and as our numbers at the giveaway continue to climb, so does our need for these things. We are grateful for your support.

Silence of Mary Home

Thank you for all the items you have donated and all you do for us. Please keep in touch.

Ecumenical Retirement Community

Thank you to everyone who has provided meals for us on Wednesday Nights, made donations to help cover our drinks, and donated items for our Sunday Morning Gatherings. Your support is so much appreciated!

The Youth of Calvary UMC



SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR NOVEMBER

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.

Pink Missions Envelope #6 – the final pink envelope for the year is designated to the Calvary General Missions Fund and it is used to provide benevolent support to various causes by the Missions Committee.

United Methodist Student Day – this is a gray envelope dated November 24. UM Student Day is a denomination-wide offering focused on the value of education, and supports scholarships like The Gift of Hope Scholarship. By supporting our students now, we contribute to community transformation and leadership empowerment, building future leaders. Your gift is a practical expression of care, equipping students to shape a hopeful future. Contributions to the United Methodist Student Day offering send young leaders into the world with wisdom and understanding.

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



FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Finance Committee reports the following financial information as of September 30, 2024.

*Expected YTD per our budget
and historical patterns*

Operating Revenues	\$650,381
Operating Expenses	\$720,899
Net Surplus (Loss)	(\$ 70,518)

Actual YTD as of 09.30.2024

Operating Revenues	\$672,131
Operating Expenses	\$728,057
Net Surplus (Loss)	(\$ 55,926)

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Flint, Director of Finance, in the office at finance@calvaryunitedmethodist.org or 717-545-0021 (Monday—Thursday from 8 AM until 3 PM) or Bill Shook, Finance Committee Chairperson, at 717-315-7154.



GIANT GIFT CARDS

Do you shop at Giant for groceries? Consider purchasing a Giant 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. The Finance Committee needs volunteers to assist with sales. Please contact Bill Shook at 717-315-7154 or the Calvary office to help.



**POINSETTIAS, CALVARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND,
AND CALVARY MISSIONS FUND**



It's time! You can purchase poinsettias or make donations to the Calvary Scholarship Fund or the Calvary Missions Fund or even do all three! The poinsettias cost \$15 each. Make your checks payable to "Calvary United Methodist Church" and return them with the completed form.

Please print clearly and provide us with a daytime phone number in case we have questions about the information for the bulletin. Kindly do not cut this form apart. The deadline is **Sunday, December 1st.**

Poinsettias

Placed By: _____

Env. # _____ Daytime Phone # _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ **for** _____ **poinsettia plant(s) @ \$15.00 each**

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Calvary Scholarship Fund

Placed By: _____

Env. # _____ Daytime Phone # _____

Enclosed is \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Calvary Missions Fund

Placed By: _____

Env. # _____ Daytime Phone # _____

Enclosed is \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

EASTER CANDY

I know this just brought a smile to your face! Donations of JIF Creamy Peanut Butter are being accepted. Please place your donation in the appropriate bin in the Drop Zone. Thank you so much for your continued support of this Missions Project. If you have questions, please call Karen Miller at 717-439-0852.



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 on **Wednesday, 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 27th or if the Central Dauphin School District is closed OR closes early due to inclement weather OR cancels evening activities due to inclement weather.

7th—12th Grade Sunday Morning Gathering—Are you competitive? Opinionated? Hungry? Have questions about the Bible, your faith, and how to “Be a Christian” in the real world? 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. There is always good food for both your stomach and your soul! Join us!

**Friday, April 4th—
Sunday, April 6th**—Save the date for our **2025 Wesley Forest Retreat.**



YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The Young at Heart Club will meet on Tuesday, November 12th at 12:30 PM. We will enjoy dessert to begin, followed by a short business meeting. Then Dr. Donald Koones will tell us about the life of Theodore Roosevelt. On several occasions, Dr. Koones, a long time educator at HACC, has shared his knowledge with us on a variety of subjects. His programs are always very informational and highly entertaining. Anyone interested in American history is especially invited to attend this event. To make a reservation or to ask questions, call Mary Alice Dumbauld at 717-545-7174.

At the October meeting, the YAH members present voted unanimously to donate \$1,000 dollars to UMCOR to help with the disasters in North and South Carolina resulting from Hurricane Helene.

ELECTION DAY CAFÉ

The cafe will be open for the fall election on Tuesday, November 5th from 11:30 AM until 2 PM.

A tasty fare will be served: Chicken Corn Soup, Ham & Bean Soup, Pasta Fagioli Soup, Pork Bar-B-Que, Hot Dogs, Toasted Sandwiches, Chips, and Drinks. There will also be a variety of Fresh Baked Goods for sale.

Everyone is Welcome! Foods will be available for Take-Out. No pre-orders for soups. Proceeds benefit the Young at Heart Club. Extra help is needed during the serving hours. Please contact Karen Miller at 717-439-0852 if you are interested.

Donations are needed for the Bake Sale Table. Anyone willing to bake or buy something for this table, please package your donation(s) individually for sale and deliver to fellowship hall on Monday, November 4th by 4 PM to allow us to price items.

“You Don't Have to Vote Here
to Eat Here”

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2024 ANGEL TREES

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”



The Missions Committee is pleased to provide Angel presents to several organizations this Christmas Season. The gifts provided will benefit the following:

Camp Penn is one of three camps operated by the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church. It provides seasonal retreats in the months of April, May, August, September, and October. Weekly summer camps in June, July, and August are available for children ages 6 through 18 which are set in a Christian environment with a variety of themes and events. Since 1946, Camp Penn has been providing relevant and relational Christian, educational, non-profit, and volunteer programs.

Ecumenical Retirement Community, located in Paxtang, is a not-for-profit retirement community designed to provide affordable retirement living. For over 25 years, it has been offering quality care with different lifestyles such as Independent Living, Personal Care, and Memory Support. Their mission is to provide an affordable retirement community of diversity and autonomy, where empowered residents of different religions, cultures, and races live together to make a difference inside and outside of the community.

Harrisburg Area Police Athletic/Activities League (HAPAL) is a non-profit organization serving the communities of Dauphin County. This summer they opened their new home in Lower Paxton Township. HAPAL provides youth initiatives and activities throughout the year. Sports instruc-

tion centers on positive mentoring, education, character development, positive values, diversity, and responsible behavior. The Life Learners Initiative is at the core of all programs/activities. A primary goal is to build a bridge between our youth, families, communities, and all law enforcement agencies to reduce the increase in youth crimes and delinquency and to promote health and education.

Paxton Ministries provides affordable housing and support services to adults in need with Christ-like love. They care for adults challenged with poverty, mental illness, and intellectual disabilities. Their housing options offer a safe, comfortable, and supportive home where adults in need are treated with dignity and respect and where each person's unique gifts are celebrated. By working together as a family of residents, staff, volunteers, supporters, and community partners, they strive to provide housing, help, and healing in the name of Christ. Paxton Ministries is here to shine Christ-like love into the shadows of poverty, mental illness, and intellectual disabilities. Every day they are restoring lost hope and changing hurt and broken lives.

Penn National Race Track Chaplaincy Although most do not realize it, on the backside of a racehorse track there is a community of people that work and even live at the track. This community is made up of people that come from all walks of life but are brought together because of their love of horses and a passion for the sport. The main purpose of their job is to care for the horses with incredible devotion and love so the horses can run their best race. But who will care for the people in this unique community? Who will lift them up with compassion in a time of need, and also be their biggest supporter in times of happiness? Who is the spiritual backbone of this community? The answer may surprise you – it's the track chaplain. Through the Penn National Race Track Chaplaincy faith,

ANGEL TRESS CONTINUED

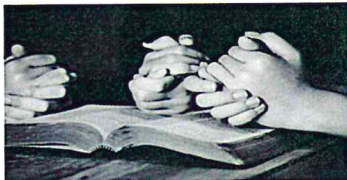
friends, and fellowship is provided.

Silence of Mary Home, located in Lemoyne, serves the mentally ill, the terminally ill, expectant mothers, babies, children, students who need tutoring, teenagers and adults in crisis, the elderly, the poor, the homeless, the disadvantage, refugees, and immigrants. In the past they have provided shelter and tutoring to adults, teens, and youngsters. Now they have been tasked with other urgent objectives such as food, hygiene items, clothing, help with housing, local schools' backpack programs, math tutoring, and other necessities.

To help support these organizations, pick up Angels beginning November 3rd, purchase the gifts listed and return them unwrapped to the **appropriate tree with the Angel attached by Sunday, November 24th**. If you are unable to pick up Angels and would still like to donate you may send a check written out to the specific mission you want to donate to and mail to the church by Sunday, November 24th.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

Each Wednesday from 11:30 AM—12 Noon in the Church Prayer Chapel there is an opportunity to lift up prayers for our Calvary Family – our Pastors and the church staff, prayer concerns listed in the church bulletin, those serving our country and our community and personal concerns. Everyone is welcome to attend as we share in a devotional and prayer time. Need prayers? Contact the church office or Linda Hoffman (717-599-0014) and we will pray for you!



SOUL BEATS

Another way to Worship!

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 continue this unique worship experience. You do not need to sign up for this event. The experience will include prayer, music (of all kinds), and movement.

What: A worship experience involving music and movement (we will use drumsticks and yoga balls).

Who: This is a fully accessible opportunity for all ages and ability levels. You can sit or stand and participate as you are comfortable.

When: Select Thursdays at 6 PM (November 14th and December 12th)

Where: Inside in The Square (use the main parking lot glass doors to gain entry) or outside near the Peace Garden (weather permitting).

Our Prayer: "God, move my heart to what moves yours" - lyrics from *Heartbeat*.



Good for your body
Nourishing for your soul



MOSAIC COMMUNITY CHURCH

On October 5th, Mosaic Community UMC held their first Fall Family Fun Day at Enders Grove. We invited the community to come spend the day with 2 puppet shows, face painting, children's activities, a fire truck, and Soul Beats from Calvary. We offered free food from Gonder's Grub House and homemade baked goods. It was a fun day of fellowship and sharing what it means to be community.



FROM THE OFFICE

The deadline for the December Newsletter is Monday, November 11th 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 you have moved, updated your phone number, eliminated a land phone line, changed your email, or will be heading south for the winter. The Post Office charges a fee for any returned mail. Thank you!

2024 CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, November 10th
2 PM at
Charlton UMC
5920 Jonestown Road
Harrisburg PA 17112

All are invited to this important decision making meeting in the life of the church. Rev. Karen W. Atanasoff, Assisting Elder in the Harrisburg Area, will guide us through the process. This year we will gather with other churches from our Cluster for Worship and then break into our Church Groups for the Meeting. Please contact Pastor Randy with any questions.



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Worship Opportunities in November

Sunday, November 3rd

All Saints Sunday and
Holy Communion

8:30 and 11 AM Sanctuary Worship

8:30 AM Livestream Worship

Scripture: Revelation 21

9:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday, November 10th

Consecration Sunday

8:30 and 11 AM Sanctuary Worship

8:30 AM Livestream Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday, November 17th

8:30 and 11 AM Sanctuary Worship

8:30 AM Livestream Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday, November 24th

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