

## New Member Class

If you are interested in joining our congregation, have questions, and are seeking relationships, consider our 3-week Membership Interest Class starting on Wednesday, February 5th at 5:30 PM. This class will be led by Pastor Deb and will begin by gathering in The Square. The dates for the class are February 5th, 12th, and 19th. If you and/or your family are interested, contact the church office to sign up or sign up in The Square.



## Helping Hands Ministry

Our typical jobs for the Calvary Church Family include: moving help, install washers in faucets, stop leaking toilets, small retaining walls, repair storm doors, install handrail, clean up fallen trees, remove bushes, trim weeds, replace garage door openers, repair dry-wall, fix mailboxes, and replace batteries in smoke detectors. If you need assistance or would be willing to volunteer, fill out a form found in The Square or call John Shepler at 717-579-2548.

## Gospel of Mark Discussion Groups

Throughout the coming season leading to Easter, we will walk through the Gospel of Mark. In addition to engaging with the Gospel during worship, we will send out an email on Mondays offering reflective materials you can use in your personal devotion life.

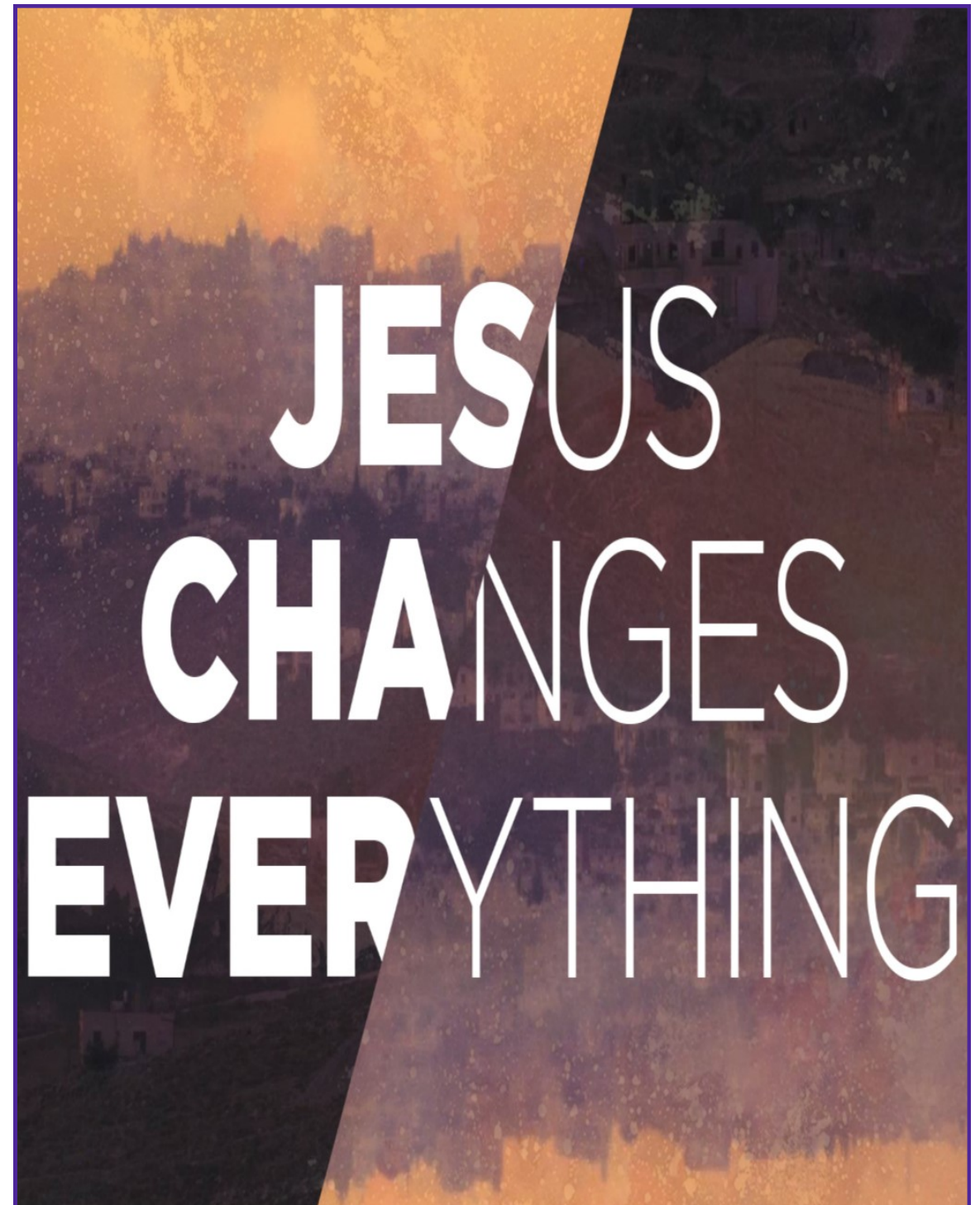
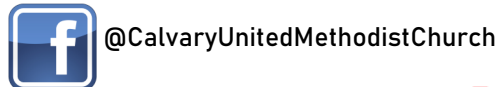
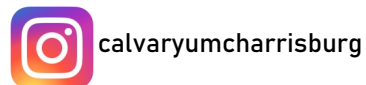
There will also be two times on Tuesdays when you can join a discussion group to study the passage of the week as we strive to apply what we are learning. Discussion groups started on January 7th. One group will meet on Tuesdays at 11 AM in Rooms 123/124 (under the office wing). The other group will meet on Tuesdays at 7 PM via Zoom. Groups will continue to meet until Easter. Both groups will be led by Pastor Deb Port. You are WELCOME to join any group at any time.

The Zoom Link can be obtained by emailing the church office or Pastor Deb.



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~ Gathering in Word and Spirit ~

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*My Savior's Love*

Bober

A SCOUTING MOMENT

\*HYMN

*We Thank You, God, For Values  
A Hymn for Scout Sunday*

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\*PRAYER of PRAISE

Pastor Deb Port

\*PASSING of the PEACE

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

*Please be seated as we sing "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."*

*Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!*

*Thou art the potter; I am the clay.*

*Mold me and make me after thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still.*

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Ruth Milliken

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 5:1-20 (NIV)

*They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain. For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.*

*When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!" For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!"*

*Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"*

*"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.*

*A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." He gave them permission, and the evil spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.*

*Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. Then*

SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 2,  
2025

SCOUT SUNDAY

THE SACRAMENT OF  
HOLY COMMUNION

*the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.*

*As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.*

ANTHEM

*I Stand Amazed*  
Women's Voices of Calvary

Sharp

SERMON

*"The Assignment of Jesus"*

Series: *The First Gospel: Mark 5—Part 1*

Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE

Pastor Deb Port

~ Celebrating at the Table ~

PRESENTATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Jesus Loves Even Me*

Bober

\*DOXOLOGY

#94 UMH

\*PRAYER of DEDICATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING the BREAD and CUP

*Communion will be served from the chancel.  
All are welcome and all elements are gluten free.*

~ Going Forth in Mission ~

\*HYMN

*He Touched Me*

#367 UMH

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Shalom to You*

#666 UMH

\*POSTLUDE

*Lift Up Your Songs of Praise*

Landon

\*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**

**In Mourning:** John Bacon & Family on the passing of his mother, Marianne.

**Calvary LAMS (Limited Activity Members):** Dona Hoover, Jean Murphy, Rosalla Hollenbach, Carl Page, Arlene Little, Lois Hartman, Marcia Oster, Dottie Gilloway, Ruth Schaadt, Madelyn Smith, Laura Goodhart, Jean Thomson, Jan Crouse, Bill & Vi Stiffler, Clyde & Joann Rohland, Carol Bettinger, Paul & Dottie Danko, Bill Morris, Harold McNaughton, Pat Rowe, Nan Heberle, Vicki Restelli, Pat Hartranft, Bill & Liz Payne, Marilyn Archibald, Barbara Fritz, Priscilla Secord, Sandra Beck, Bob Santos, Glen Reed

**Prayer Concerns:** Bryce Leidich, Lorraine Brosius, Scott & Tracy Wagner, Shirley Holtzer, Joanne Paladino, Ginny Coy, Lance Leidich, Kimberly Myhre, Charlotte Cornelius, John Oster, Ronald Sheaffer, Brandan & Kelly Mehaffie, Rebecca Jacobs & Family, Dave Drayer, Roger Cooper, John Ewell, Mary Wagner, Charley Cover, Dave & Carol Mehaffie, Henry Reinsborough, Earl Gingrich, Jen Koontz, Deanne & Keith Armstrong, Cole Sullivan, Craig Evans, Jim Andre, Kimberly Moyer, Tom Stypola, Gene Baldwin, Nova Sheaffer, Tom Worthington, Charlie Sullivan, Lexi Compton, Douglas Walt, Chris Sproule, Colin Sproule, Christopher Castellani, David Walt, Brad Wolfe, Bryan Hemcher, Michelle Dougherty, David Plonski, Bobby Shindle, Dick McClure, Ron Albright, Charlie Sullivan, Julie March, Tim Thomas, Ray Kelley, Henry Solt, Patty McConnell, Lee Griffiths, Nancy Paine, Art Schwarz, Mark Toto, Karen Greene, Lauren Greene, Wendy Rose, Lauren Rodia, Rudy Yocum, Dan Sheenan, Tom Fealtman, Annie, Phyllis McGavick, Melissa, Calvin, Darwin, George, Elaine Milligan, Jane Taylor, Al & Hope Pietrougo, Amy Stoner, Judy Huntzinger, Marty Brightbill, Craig Richards, Dr. Paul K. Marchetti, Donna Pope, Phil Womer, Don Ott, Judy, Avery, Peggy Weaver, Mary Dietrich, Geo Mowery, Suzanne Fonner, Richard Martin, Shirley Sweger\*, Sandra Frantz\*, Sarah Colding\*, David & Pat Ster\*

**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, Cole Schiffhauer, Jake Schiffhauer, Zachary Curtis, Ian Turner, Haden Wagner

*\* 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](mailto:office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org) or call 717-545-0021. A new list is compiled at the beginning of each month.*

# CALVARY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, February 2nd**

Sacrament of Holy Communion  
8:30 AM ..... Worship Service  
9:45 AM ..... Sunday School  
..... (Preschool—Adult)  
11:00 AM ..... Worship Service  
5:30 PM .... Competitive Pickleball

### **Monday, February 3rd**

6:30 PM ..... Men's Pick Up  
..... Basketball (age 25 & up)  
7:00 PM ..... Bells of Calvary

### **Tuesday, February 4th**

9:00 AM ..... Threads of Love  
11:00 AM .... Discussion Group on  
..... the Book of Mark  
6:00 PM ..... Amateur Pickleball  
6:30 PM ..... Commission on  
..... Education  
7:00 PM .. Zoom Discussion Group  
..... on the Book of Mark

### **Wednesday, February 5th**

10:00 AM .. Women's Bible Study  
10:00 AM ..... Staff Meeting  
11:30 AM ..... Prayer & Devotions  
5:00 PM ..... Children's Choir  
5:30 PM ..... New Member Class  
5:30 PM ..... Youth Group  
7:00 PM ..... Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, February 6th**

9:00 AM ..... Easter Candy Making  
6:00 PM ..... Calvary Kids Board

### **Friday, February 7th**

9:00 AM ..... Easter Candy Making

### **Sunday, February 9th**

8:30 AM ..... Worship Service  
9:45 AM ..... Sunday School  
..... (Preschool—Adult)  
11:00 AM ..... Worship Service  
5:30 PM .... Competitive Pickleball



## *Last Week in Offering*

### **Offering 01/26/2025**

General Fund Needed: \$18,615  
Received: \$7,853  
Building Fund Needed: \$962  
Received: \$361

### **Attendance 01//2025**

8:30 AM: 141  
11:00 AM: 170  
Sunday School: 57  
Online Worship: 125

## **Valentine Bags for LAMs**

The United Women of Faith will be collecting items for Valentine bags for our LAMs. Items that are needed include: small personal care items such as tissues, hand lotion, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste; individual snack items such as: crackers, chips, cookies, candies; and puzzle books, notepads, postal stamps, pens, or pencils. Place items in the Drop Zone by February 9th. Ladies are invited to join with the Youth Group for a Taco Dinner and Valentine Bag Assembly on Wednesday, February 12th at 5:30 PM. Please contact Bonnie Evans at 717-991-1747 with any questions.

## **Scholarship Committee Fundraiser**

Support our College Scholarship Fund by ordering Marianna's Pizza and Subs. Orders will be taken every Sunday in February, with all orders due at 12 Noon on Sunday, February 23rd. Pick up is on Monday, March 10th from 3-5 PM in The Square.

## **Easter Candy Production**

Easter Candy production continues every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM (unless otherwise noted). Many positions are available! Please join us as our tasty confections sell quickly and we need many volunteers. This project supports the Missions Committee. We also need donations of Jif Creamy Peanut Butter. Questions, please contact Karen Miller at 717-439-0852.

## **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.

## **Young at Heart Club**

The Young at Heart Club will meet on Tuesday, February 11th at 12:30 PM. After enjoying a dessert together and having a business meeting, we will have a visit from "Mary Todd Lincoln". She will tell us about her younger life and about being the wife of Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is the next day. Darlene Murray will be portraying this past First Lady. Darlene is known for telling the stories of the lives of many women from the Bible and ladies from history. Please contact Mary Alice Dumbauld at 717-545-7174 or dumbauld@comcast.net to make a reservation. New faces are always welcomed!

## **2025 Offering Envelopes**

Today is the LAST DAY to pick up your Offering Envelopes in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. After that, please call Nancy Flint in the church office to arrange pick up.

## ***"The Assignment of Jesus"***

The First Gospel: Mark 5 – Part 1  
Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.

## **Chapter 5:1-20 Summary**

Chapter 5 begins with Jesus traveling to the region of the Gerasenes, likely a village known by the Arabic name, Kersa, on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee (*N.A.C., vol. 23*). This predominantly Gentile territory is where Jesus encounters a demoniac, a man driven insane by possession, living among the tombs (Note: tombs were considered the dwelling places of demons at the time). The demons within the man were so powerful that no chain could bind him (5:1-5). Yet, when the demoniac encounters Jesus, the Legion of Demons suddenly compose themselves. The demons recognize Jesus' authority, while at the same time begging the Lord not to torture them (5:6-10). Recognizing their defeat at hand, the demons beg Jesus to allow them to enter a herd of 2000 pigs. Jesus grants the demons permission. They enter the pigs and promptly run them off a cliff and into the lake to drown (5:11-13). The reaction of the villagers to Jesus' power was one of terror and dismay: instead of rejoicing in the man's miraculous exorcism, they ask Jesus to leave (5:14-17). The man, now free from possession, wishes to follow Jesus. Jesus, however, had another assignment for the Gentile: go and tell other Gentiles about Jesus' power and mercy (5:18-20).

## **Theme: Accepting the Assignment instead of Arguing Desire**

The healed man desired to physically follow Jesus as a new disciple. Jesus, however, had another assignment for the man: stay on his side of the lake and share his transformation story with others.

**Key Take Away:** Embrace the Assignment of Jesus for your life by sharing your story of Him wherever He sends you (even if He only sends you back to your living room).