

The Calvary Connection

Calvary Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Corner **"Pray Without Ceasing"**

These timeless words from the Apostle Paul (1 Thessalonians 5:17) also invoke a timeless response: **'How?'** How can even the most faithful believer be expected to be engaged in non-stop prayer? Even a saint must take time to work, to sleep, to eat, to serve, and to play. Yet, Paul was not calling the faithful to literal 24 hour and 365 day engagement in prayer—for our Lord does not delight in such legalism. Instead, Paul was calling Christians to a mental attitude of prayerfulness; ongoing and intimate fellowship with Christ; and an awareness of God's abiding presence with us each day.

With the Spirit's help, Calvary Presbyterian has grasped the essence of Paul's call, and embodies his invitation to ceaseless prayer on Sunday morning and throughout the week. When I arrive on Sunday morning, I always see some Calvary members and friends engaged in prayer in the fellowship hall and sanctuary before church begins. On a few Sunday mornings when I have been ill or weary, Norma Scheider or Kay DeWhitt have been kind enough to lift me up in prayer before I headed to the pulpit; giving me the strength I needed to proclaim God's Word that day.

During our worship services, we treasure our intercessory prayer time, in which we lift up the prayers in the bulletin—and the prayers in our minds and hearts that morning. We also share the joys of answered prayers; and when someone is so moved, they come forward to share testimony about how God has been working in their lives—or the lives of loved ones. We are careful never to rush this prayer

time which is so sacred to us. When worship is over, prayer continues: We have a prayer minister every Sunday who stays in the sanctuary to meet confidentially with all who have petitions or intercessions that they would like to lift up privately and in confidence.

What happens when Monday morning rolls around? Be assured that prayer at Calvary Presbyterian of Ann Arbor has not ceased. Prayer requests continue to roll in during the week. Sometimes they come first to Jan in the church office; or to me as pastor. At other times, the prayer requests come in through members and friends; still at other times they come in through our new prayer link on Calvary's website. When we have permission, we include the prayer requests in the Sunday bulletin and newsletter. When the requests are private—they go just to the pastor and/or prayer team.

Prayer team? Every Wednesday afternoon, Frona Foltin and Norma Scheider meet together at church (along with Miss Evelyn when she is in town) to offer intercessions for all of the new and ongoing prayer needs of our church, neighborhood, community, and world. We also have an informal prayer team—which is quite simply the entirety of our members and friends. We pray for each other by phone, email, text, and in person. Rose Gay blesses many with her kind and thoughtful cards, which assures the receiver both of her love, and the love of our Savior.

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Worship Leaders

Lectors – October 7, Norma Scheider; October 14, Bill Scheider; October 21, Dawn Cornfield; October 28, June Escara-Wilke

Communion Servers – October 7, June Escara-Wilke and Claudia Doudney

Ushers – October 7, Bill Scheider; October 14, Ed Foltin; October 21, Bill Scheider; October 28, Dennis Kahlbaum

Greeters – Everybody

Sunday Prayer Ministry – October 7, Norma Scheider; October 14, 21 & 28, Frona Foltin

Bible Zone Teachers – October 14, Norma Scheider; October 21, Steven Backues; October 28, Claudia Doudney

Bible Zone Assistants – October 14, Claudia Doudney; October 21, TBD; October 28, Jean Cochran

Nursery Care Team as needed – Steven or Adrienne Backues; Norma Scheider, Claudia Doudney, or Jean Cochran

Send Cards. Make Their Day!

Grace Davis

Wayne & Dorothy Morsfield

Mike Skoman

Sandy Sims



David Galbraith

Pastoral Care

Please feel free to contact Pastor Keith by phone or email if you are in need of prayer, visitation, or counsel. He may be reached at (313) 378-1162, or keithcornfield8@gmail.com.

Sundays in October

Communion – First Sunday

You don't need to be perfect to come to Jesus, just hungry.

Noisy Offering – Second Sunday

Bring coins. The children collect the Noisy Offering for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to support **Maikel (Maicor) Junior Valentin** from Dominican Republic through Compassion International and help out with emergency needs for people in our neighborhood.

Scripture Selections and Sermon Titles

- 10/7 1st Reading: Psalm 19:7-14
2nd Reading: James 5:13-20
Sermon: "The Prayer of the Righteous"
- 10/14 1st Reading: Psalm 22:1-15
2nd Reading: Job 23:1-9; 16-17
Sermon: "Finding God in the Darkness"
- 10/21 1st Reading: Job 38:1-7
2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10
Sermon: "Our Eternal High Priest"
- 10/28 1st Reading: Mark 10:46-52
2nd Reading: Job 42:1-12
Sermon: "In God's Perfect Timing"

Prayer Requests

You can now submit prayer requests through our website

www.calvaryA2.com

Click on "Connect With Us"

Click on "Prayer Requests"

Fill in the information and prayer request (message) and click on the "send prayer request" button.

SESSION OF CALVARY CHURCH

"Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

We want to share your joy and sorrow, give you support or pray for you. If you have something to share, please call the pastor or an elder.

Claudia Doudney, Norma Scheider,
June Escara-Wilke, and Kay DeWhitt

Choir Practice

Each Wednesday at 6:30
Come join us, if you like to sing.



Friends and Music at Calvary

Friday, October 19th (third Fridays)
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

For adults and teens with
special needs.

For info about attending, contact Claudia.
For info about serving, contact Steven.

Women's Bible Study

October 18th and 25th at 1:00

(The Bible study usually meets each 2nd and
4th Thursday of the month.)

We will be continuing our study "Comparing
the Gospels" during this study.

See Frona for more information.

Bible Zone

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Bible Zone is offered each Sunday, except
the first Sunday of each month,
for children ages 4-12.

Bible Zone will not meet on December 24.

LIVE WIRE (ADULT BIBLE STUDY)

Each Sunday, Pastor Keith leads a study on
that Sunday's sermon and Scripture reading.

Discussion questions are in the weekly
bulletin. Class is 11:30 – 12:15.

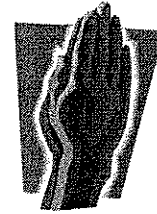
COMMUNION

If you are a member and would like to be
served Communion at home, please contact
Pastor Keith.

(313) 378-1162, or
keithcornfield8@gmail.com

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m.
At Calvary



See Norma for more information.

Prayer matters!

Missed a Sermon?

Did you know that if you missed a sermon
or want to hear one again you can? There are
two ways that you can listen to sermons by
Pastor Keith or Elder Steven Backues.

One method is to go to
www.CalvaryA2.com. Near the top of the page
is a rectangle labeled "Sermons". Click on that
and you will be taken to a page with the
sermons. You can either read or listen to them.

There are CDs available at the church. You
can stop by when Jan is in the office or call her
and make arrangements to borrow one. You
will need to know the date of the sermon of
interest.

Session Notes for Stated Session Meeting

September, 2018

- ✚ No meeting in September. The next
Session meeting will be Saturday, October
13, 2018.

Standing with the Global Church Christians Fear Growing Influence of Hindu Nationalists' Idea of a Hindu-Only India

From Persecution.org 09/1/2018; India

Indian Christians fear the growing influence of radical Hindu nationalists in India. This past weekend, some of these Hindu nationalists attended the 2018 World Hindu Congress in Chicago where a vision for the Hindu diaspora helping India maintain its Hindu identity was espoused. As the vision for a "Hindu-only" India continues to be perpetuated, many Christians in India fear persecution will only increase.

Hindu leaders and delegates from all over the globe convened in Chicago, Illinois for the 2018 World Hindu Congress from September 7-9. At first glance, the event seemed like a peaceful gathering of influential Hindus. However, there were several concerning messages below the surface.

Organizers for the event included the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) of America, an organization classified as a "militant religious outfit" by the Central Intelligence Agency. Leaders of the VHP have called for violence against religious minorities in India, and members have even carried out extremist attacks in defense of Hindu nationalist ideals.

Hindu nationalists claim India is their homeland, and as such, all non-Hindus ought to be driven out or forced to convert. In 2010, 94 percent of the world's Hindus lived in India.

India's Prime Minister and his Party have further advanced these Hindu nationalist ideals — or Hindutva. Party leaders have announced their goal to make India a "Hindu Rashtra" (Hindu nation) by 2024.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

There will be a Congregational Care meeting on Sunday, October 21 after worship.

Praying for the World Couple Expelled from Family Home After Leaving Islam for Christ

icommittoprayer.com
September 6th; Uganda

"John" and his wife have been living in a barn on church property since being kicked out of the family house by his parents, who disapprove of John's conversion to Christianity. After becoming seriously ill, John, formerly a Muslim, eventually decided to attend a church service and seek healing through prayer. He placed his faith in Christ, prayed and was healed of his illness, vowing never to return to the mosque. When John's parents and siblings learned of his conversion, they expelled him, his wife and their three children from the house. Their children have been staying with his wife's relatives while they take shelter in the barn. John is looking for work and a permanent home for his family. Pray that they will find a home soon, as they are now expecting their fourth child, and that John will be reconciled to his family and be able to share Christ with them. Pray also for his wife's pregnancy.

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Religion Teacher Finds God

icommittoprayer.com
September 6th; Syria

Amena had been a religion teacher for 23 years when her brother introduced her to Christ. After seeing how her brother and other Christians could talk directly to God, her heart was changed and she came to faith in Jesus. Her adult children rejected her, and, though she'd been divorced for several years, her ex-husband took their 11-year-old daughter away from Amena and even took furniture from her home. Amena filed a custody suit, but because of her Christian faith she lost the case. She is able to see her daughter only occasionally, and she struggles to find work. Nevertheless, she remains faithful. "My greatest desire is to be involved in the field of the Lord," she said. Pray for restoration of Amena's family relationships and that God will use her to reach her children. Also pray that God will supply all her needs.

Thank you for Your Support

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

Around the world, Samaritan's Purse serves people living in the midst of poverty and disaster who desperately need physical and spiritual refreshment. As we offer lifesaving aid—like food, water, shelter, and medical care—we share the hope found only in the Lord Jesus Christ. "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19)

We are grateful for your gifts and your prayers, which are helping meet critical needs and share the Good News. Thank you again, and may the lord bless you.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham

Dear Pastor Cornfield,

Thank you for your generous donation to Synod Community Services for the residents at Saxon House. Know that our donation will truly touch the lives of the residents there. We are honored that you feel we are worthy of your support.

Synod Community Services is a private 501(c)3 not for profit organization committed to promoting the recovery, stability and self-determination of persons living throughout Southeastern Michigan. Since 1973, we have specialized in providing support and treatment services to individuals living in our shared community.

Your generosity and ongoing support of our mission is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Laurie Lutomski
Director of Programs

Dear Friends,

Please accept my sincere thanks for your gift. Your compassion and generosity come at

a critical time as we head into cold and hungry fall days.

It's true, hunger is very real in our community, especially with so many families and individuals teetering on the brink of homelessness. Others are battling joblessness and addiction. Which is why your partnership is so critical . . . your support ensures we can continue to provide food, safe shelter, and help in rebuilding broken lives through education and job counseling, substance abuse treatment, and more.

Thank you again for standing with us as the holidays and winter weather will drive more families and individuals to seek help, healing, and shelter. You are a great blessings!

May God bless you,
Cad Audi
President, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries

Dear Pastor Cornfield and our Friends at Calvary,

Thank you so much for your donation to Friends In Deed. Your support enables us to provide assistance for those with emergency needs not being met by other county agencies. That assistance includes things like minor car repairs so there is transport to work, a bed to sleep in and other basic furniture to make life livable, and assistance with the utility bill so there are lights and refrigeration.

Our interfaith network consists of caring people, like you, who possess the love, time, resources and skills to meet the needs of the less fortunate.

As FID enters its fourth decade serving our low-income brothers and sisters in Washtenaw County, we celebrate the friendship and commitment of our congregational partners like Calvary Presbyterian Church. You make this a longevity possible! Thank you!

We are truly grateful for your support.

Appreciatively,
Laurie Sternburg
Director of Communications and Development

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Pastor's Corner Continued

Calvary folks also participate in a number of prayer vigils for various purposes and causes throughout the year; and endeavor to find Sabbath time alone with the Lord during the week, so that we may continue to grow deeper in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Finally, the Apostle Paul's teaching is embodied by our church leadership. At our monthly session meetings, we don't jump into our business agenda; instead we spend our first hour in prayer and Bible study. You would think that that would have increased the length of our meeting time. No—just the opposite has happened. Our church business decisions come much more easily when the leadership has first been immersed in God's Word. Brothers and sisters, what a joy it is to serve a church that joyfully heeds the Apostle Paul's call to pray without ceasing, and to give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for us, in Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

In Christ,

Pastor Keith

Building Reminders

If you are last to leave the building please...

- *make sure the lights are off
- all of the windows are closed
- tables and counters are washed
- at least one sanctuary door is propped open (for air circulation in the summer)
- when the heat is on, sanctuary doors should be closed
- **the heat is turned down
- double-check that ALL doors are locked and latched

* The security lights that are on the wall in the hallway run on a timer. No need to turn those off at night.

** The only thermostat that is meant to be adjusted (up or down) is the one inside the Fellowship hall.

Please do not touch thermostat in sanctuary--it is programmed to work most efficiently.

Thank you!

Compassion International

Longing to Learn

Compassion.com

When schoolteachers stop showing up for work in a hard-to-reach village, Compassion's local church partners intervene on children's behalf.

Songwut's shoulders sagged under his backpack as he approached his schoolhouse. Empty again. He'd have to join his father in the rice fields instead of learning from his teachers, who seldom showed up for work.

This wasn't what 9-year-old Songwut's father wanted for his son. "My dream is for my son to go to school and learn to be a mechanic," he says. "Of course, if he doesn't want to do that, I understand. But a father can have dreams for his son, right?"

The monsoon rains begin to isolate the village by washing out its one long, winding dirt road. The mud traps any vehicles that try to pass. The best way to reach Kotah during this season is on an elephant. The other way is to walk, fighting the thick foliage and venomous snakes of the Umphang jungle.

"When the teachers finally did come for a few days, the children had lost all interest in learning, and it was hard to get them back into school," says a Compassion program worker at the church.

So the church found two qualified teachers who live in Kotah and began paying them to teach children at the church-based Compassion center.

"The change in the children is heartening," Sayan says. "We have some geniuses here! Songwut has really learned to love math. He is so fast, now he can do it faster than me."

With the help of the local church, Compassion and his sponsor, Songwut will have more choices for his future. "I want my son to have a different life," says his father.

Songwut has already given his family hope by learning something his father never did — to read and write. (250 million primary-school-age children worldwide cannot read, write or do basic math.)

Volunteering with the Riverside Community Meal (Dessert Opportunity!)

Our Minute for Mission in August was given by a gentleman from Ypsilanti First Presbyterian who spoke about their weekly community food outreach, the Riverside Community Meal, which typically serves ~60 needy people each Wednesday. Other congregations partner with them monthly by donating deserts for the meal and helping serve. He mentioned that currently there is not a congregation signed up for the second week of each month.

The Backues "Housegroup" has felt led to help out on the second Wednesday, October 10th. We would like to invite anyone from Calvary to help with us by either:

- 1) Contributing a dessert, and/or
- 2) Coming with us to help serve.

For those who are interested in serving, the address is 300 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti. Volunteers help serve the food, eat with the guests, and help clean up afterwards. Volunteers come at 4:30, dinner is served at 5:00, and the operation is done by about 6:00, so it isn't a late night. It is a good opportunity to meet a need in the neighborhood and partner with our brothers and sisters in Christ at Ypsilanti First Presbyterian Church. Adrienne and I helped out once and found it very easy and fun.

If you are interested in either contributing a dessert or helping serve, please let Steven know.

Compassion International Letter from Sponsor Child, Maicor

Friends, god bless you, How are you? Maicor Greeting you and say Thanks for the love and help, He is really good, and he say his vacations are over and he is back to the school, He would like to now, What is your favorite sport? Please pray for his Mom because she has a headache,
With love Maicor Junior Valentin

To grow in Jesus Christ together and share His love and hope with our neighborhood and world.

V Christ-centered
C a Spirit-led
o l Biblically-grounded
r u Acceptance
e e Freedom
s Simplicity

Calvary Recycles

We recycle toner and inkjet cartridges through Funding Factory. They are currently accepting toner cartridges from Brother, HP and Lexmark. Inkjet cartridges from Canon, HP, Lexmark and Pitney Bowes are accepted. Please leave them in the box in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Hartung.

Calvary's Library

Fall School – Studies – Activities - Football –
Holidays – Thanksgiving – Christmas.

All the above will soon be happening. Don't lose interest in the written word. Check out your church library. What information do you need? What are your interests? Do you want to be inspired or encouraged? We have books for many needs – Bible – Devotions – Prayer – Inspiration and information. Lots of children's books. Check out a book today.

New Members

Dear Calvary Friends and Members:

On Sunday, October 28th, we will be receiving three new members: Matthew and Heather Sedlak and Dawn Cornfield. They will meet with Session at 9:00 am, then be received by the congregation during worship. Please come to worship that day if you are able: to offer your prayers, support, and kind wishes for our new members. After worship, new members will be welcomed during coffee hour."

In Christ,
Pastor Keith

Thank you for Your Support Continued from Page 5

Dear Friends in Christ;

We are so grateful for your donation. Your generosity will help us to fulfill our mission of providing compassionate and practical help to those in need, ministering to the whole person with dignity and respect in the name of Christ.

Because of your gift, those who are hungry will be fed, those who are sick will be cared for, and those in need will be assisted and loved. The holistic care we strive to give could not be achieved without you.

On behalf of the many people we serve, thank you for your support and partnership. Please know that your kindness is appreciated, and lives are changed and improved as a result.

Sincerely,
Rev. Douglas Campbell
Executive Director

Out of the Mouths of God's Kids

From The Joyful Noiseletter Nov. – Dec. 2018

A couple invited their pastor for Sunday dinner. While the couple was in the kitchen preparing the meal, the pastor asked their little son what they were having for dinner.

"Goat," the boy replied.

"Goat?" replied the startled pastor. "Are you sure about that?"

"Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'Might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.'"

Sign

"Google can't satisfy every search"

-as seen on a sign at a Saline Church

October is Be-Kind-To-Your-Pastor Month.

During this month, you can:

- Thank your pastor.
- Pray for your pastor.
- Encourage you pastor.
- Honor your pastor.
- Invite your pastor to dinner flavored with good jokes and laughter (but no goats).
- Tithe

(From The Joyful Noiseletter Sept.-Oct. 2018)

Get Published

Send your newsletter contributions to Jan:
CalvaryA2@gmail.com

FYI, bylines are generally included with newsletter items that contain personal testimony. Please limit all entries to 375 word count (one column).

Do you have an experience that would be encouraging and edifying to others?

You can submit an original poem, an inspirational story you've found (with appropriate attribution), a personal reflection or testimony, a story about service in the community, etc.

Please share your story!

Bloopers

A note from the pastor: I shall be away from the church office attending the yearly meeting from September 11 – 14. It will be convenient if parishioners will abstain from arranging to be buried, or from making other calls on me during this time.

-from a church bulletin
(Thankfully not ours)

Calvary Presbyterian Church

Office Hours

Tuesday 12:00 – 2:30

Wednesday and Friday 10:00 – 2:00

Thursday 9:00 – 1:00

October 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Key: * Building Use ** Closed Meeting +Offsite	1	2 3:00 – 7:00 * 7:00 – 9:00 AA**	3 11:30 – 1:00 AA** 1:15 Prayer Meeting 6:30 Choir Practice	4 6:00 – 9:00 *	5 11:30 – 1:00 AA** 3:00 – 6:30 *	6 8:30 – 2:00 * 1:30 – 3:00 AA**
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21 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee, Tea & Conversation 2:00 – 3:00 AA** Congregational Care Meeting after worship	22	23 3:00 – 7:00 * 7:00 – 9:00 AA**	24 11:30 – 1:00 AA** 1:15 Prayer Meeting 6:30 Choir Practice	25 1:00 – 3:00 Women's Bible Study + 6:00 – 9:00 *	26 11:30 – 1:00 AA** 3:00 – 6:30 * Office Closed	27 8:30 – 2:00 * 1:30 – 3:00 AA**
28 10:00 Worship New Members Received 11:00 Coffee, Tea & New Member Welcome 11:30 Live Wire 2:00 – 3:00 AA**	29	30 3:00 – 7:00 * 7:00 – 9:00 AA**	31 11:30 – 1:00 AA** 1:15 Prayer Meeting 6:30 Choir Practice	The office will be closed October 9 th – October 12 th and October 26 th .		

October 2018

Calvary Connection is a monthly newsletter of Calvary Presbyterian Church. All are welcome to **worship**, each Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Calvary is located one block north of Packard, between Platt and Carpenter.

For more information call (734) 971-3121.

If you no longer wish to receive *The Calvary Connection*, please let us know by telephone or mail. Thank you!

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Vision

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