

The Calvary Connection

Calvary Presbyterian Church

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Pastor's Corner

“Trusting God in All Things”

We trust God for the major trials of life; but do we trust Him for the day to day challenges as well: for the furnace repair upcoming, to strengthen us for our daily work, to guide us in our daily health challenges, to give us the words for that difficult conversation, to bring reconciliation in a broken relationship, to be a more loving spouse or parent, to direct us in our finances, to give us daily sobriety and serenity, and to take our cares upon His shoulders? Is it any surprise that the anxiety disorder prevalence for Christians is no different than for unbelievers? Our Lord has not just called us to trust Him during the emergencies of life; but in our daily walk; in all things large and small; during the times of waiting and uncertainty. Proverbs 3 calls us to trust in God with all of our heart and not to lean on our own understanding. John 15, tells us that our Lord Jesus calls us to abide in Him (to rest and trust in Him) that we might bear much fruit; and Philippians 4 tells us to be anxious about nothing--for we have a God that invites us to lift every prayer before Him, with thanksgiving for His enduring presence. This is no easy thing to trust God with all things; nor can we trust and abide in Him by our own volition: Yet by our prayers, we can draw near, let go, and come to trust in His unfathomable compassion and guidance.

In Christ,
Pastor Keith

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 our Sunday sermons.

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.

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

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Congregational Care

On Sunday, February 10th the Congregational Care group will meet after worship.

Worship Leaders

Lectors – February 3, Norma Scheider;
February 10, Bill Scheider; February 17,
Dawn Cornfield; February 24, Claudia
Doudney

Communion Servers – February 3, June
Escara-Wilke and Claudia Doudney

Ushers – February 3, Heather Sedlak;
February 10, Ed Foltin; February 17, Bill
Scheider; February 24, Dennis Kahlbaum

Greeters – Everybody

Sunday Prayer Ministry – February 3, Norma
Scheider; February, 10, 17 & 24, June
Escara-Wilke

Bible Zone Teachers – February 10, Norma
Scheider; February 17, Claudia Doudney;
February 24, Adrienne Backues

Bible Zone Assistants – February 10, Dawn
Cornfield; February 17, Jean Cochran;
February 24, June Escara-Wilke

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

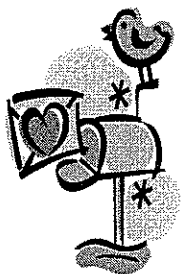
Send Cards. Make Their Day!

Grace Davis

David Galbraith

Wayne & Dorothy Morsfield

Mike Skoman



Sandy Sims

Sundays in February

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

- 2/3 1st Reading: Psalm 71:1-6
2nd Reading: Luke 4:21-30
Sermon: "Hometown Prophet"
- 2/10 1st Reading: Psalm 138
2nd Reading: Luke 5:1-11
Sermon: "Of Fish and Men"
- 2/17 1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10
2nd Reading: Luke 6:17-26
Sermon: "Christ's Plain Message,
Part 1"
- 2/24 1st Reading: Psalm 37:1-11
2nd Reading: Luke 6:27-38
Sermon: "Christ's Plain Message,
Part 2"

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.

Contributions Wanted

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.

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.

Adrienne Backues, Norma Scheider, June Escara-Wilke,
Kay DeWhitt, Clerk of Session: Claudia Doudney

Choir Practice

Choir will practice
At 9:00 a.m. before worship.



Friends and Music at Calvary

Friday, February 15th (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

February 14th & 28th at 1:00

The Bible study 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 1:30 p.m.

At Calvary



See Norma for more information.

Prayer matters!

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.

Minute for Mission

March 17, 2019

Gil R., one of our friends from AA, will be
sharing the story of his recovery from
alcoholism.

Bloopers

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be
speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church.
Come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from
Africa.

Standing with the Global Church Terrorist Bombing of Philippines Cathedral

From Persecution.org; 1/30/19; Philippines

On Sunday, January 27, 2019, two bombs exploded at a Roman Catholic cathedral in the southern Philippines, killing at least 20 people and injuring more than 100. Philippine Catholic leaders have urged their community to respond to the evil deed with good.

According to local officials, the first bomb detonated at 8:45 a.m. inside the Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on the island of Jolo as parishioners celebrated Sunday Mass. The second explosion took place shortly afterwards on the doorstep of the church as security forces raced to the scene.

Police report that the blasts killed 15 civilians and five soldiers, and wounded another 111 civilians.

The attack on the church came six days after a referendum was held to seek voters' approval of creating the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in the primarily Muslim areas of the southern Philippines. While the majority of voters agreed to the proposal, those in Jolo rejected it.

The referendum was the result of a peace deal between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. Manila hopes the referendum will resolve decades of fighting between Islamist separatists and the Philippine army in the predominantly Catholic country.

While ISIS has claimed responsibility for the bombing via its website, a report states that the Philippine national security adviser, implied that the bombings were likely the work of rebels affiliated with Abu Sayyaf, a separatist militia with a stronghold in Jolo.

In response to the tragedy, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines issued a pastoral statement, "*The recent bombing of the cathedral of Jolo where scores of people were killed and several more were injured is a further evidence to the cycle of hate that is destroying the moral fabric of our country.*"

Praying for the World Defectors Sharing the Gospel with North Koreans

icommittoprayer.com

January 31, 2019 | Korea, North

Mrs. Han, a North Korean defector, is determined to share her faith with her countrymen. After defecting a few years ago, Mrs. Han came to know Christ in South Korea. She then joined a VOM training program for defectors that teaches the basic tenants of the Christian faith. Those who complete the first course are invited to advance to the missionary training course, in which they are taught to share the gospel with other North Koreans. After completing both courses, Mrs. Han made this statement at her graduation: "If the 30,000 North Korean defectors are to share the gospel with the 23 million North Koreans, each of us must share the gospel with 770 people. But I do not believe this is an impossible or difficult task." Mrs. Han is determined to play her part in this immense, but not impossible, task. Pray for her and other North Korean defectors who are reaching out to North Koreans with the gospel.

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Church Leader Says Government Monitoring with Drones

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January 24, 2019 | Cuba

A ministry leader in Cuba believes the government is now using drones to monitor Christian meetings. Tensions between Christians and the Communist government in Cuba have increased in recent months due to a proposed revision to the constitution that would legalize gay marriage. Many believers have publicly opposed the amendment, and Christian leaders now believe Communist Party members are using drones to monitor their sermons and report back to authorities. "Christians have been threatened, there have been more attacks and the authorities have threatened to demolish more church buildings," a ministry leader said. "Pray for the Cuban church, because we are under strong attack."

Thank You Notes

From Pittsfield Elementary

Dear Pastor Cornfield and Wonderful Congregation!

Thank you so much for the gift of warm winter gear for our Pittsfield School children. Cold temps have arrived and your donation has been much appreciated.

Blessings to all of you,
Pittsfield Elementary

From Alpha House

Dear Calvary,

It is difficult at any time to be homeless, but even more so at this time of year. Your support at this time means a great deal to the families at Alpha House.

Because of you, the children and parents who come to Alpha House have a safe, warm place to sleep and nutritious meals to eat. Your contribution also provides funding for the supportive services needed to help families remain housed and stay together as family once they have left Alpha House. You are truly making a difference in lives of the families who come to us for help.

We recently received a holiday card from a parent who resided with her children at Alpha House a few months ago and is now in permanent housing. In the card, this mom wrote:

"Happy Holidays to you all! My girls and I want to say thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for all that you have done for us. We love our new home and appreciate everything. We have been blessed and favored and it's all because of you."

On behalf of all the families we serve, thank you for your support.

Wishing you a happy, healthy and safe new year,

Lisa Ziske, Development Director & Ellen Shulmeister, Acting Executive Director

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From World Relief

Dear Calvary Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your gift to World Relief.

At World Relief, we are committed to prayerful, efficient and thoughtful stewardship of every donation. When you invest in us, you can trust these resources are being used in the smartest, most efficient ways possible, due to the collective expertise of our organization. With your support, local churches around the globe are growing in their capacity to restore hope and dignity to the vulnerable.

Standing Together,

Scott Arbeiter,
President, World Relief

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.

Coffee, Tea and Conversation

If you find it in your heart to have a ministry of cleaning up afterwards, do it. Do it any Sunday it's on your heart. You don't have to decide ahead of time. You can bring goodies anytime too.

Session Notes

✠ Next Stated Session Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the home of Elder Norma Scheider.

Membership

If you are considering becoming a member at Calvary Presbyterian and would like to learn more, please contact Pastor Keith Cornfield, or Jan Fleming in the church office.

A Note from Betty Lang

Dear Calvary Family,

It is with great reluctance that I am announcing that I will not be returning to Calvary as music director. I have been gone three months now already and I don't see a return in the near future based on my health issues. I am slowly getting better but Calvary deserves a full time director again. I've been with you for over 9 years now, and of all the jobs I've had in my life, this ranks in the top 3!

Working with both Chris Bohn and Keith Cornfield has been a privilege. Working with my choir has been WONDERFUL! I've had as many as 12 in the choir and as few as 5, but it didn't matter. I hope I speak for my choir members too, but every rehearsal, and every performance has been rewarding and FUN!

I was able to go through the extensive music library that other directors had put together and pull out the ones I felt were not FUN (and sold them!!), and keep those that I knew my choir could not only sing, but sing well and with confidence. I was also excited that we got to do quite a few Christmas cantatas as well as a Lenten cantata.

I was never formally trained in vocal music, but I knew that it was important that our music reflect our love of the Lord, as well as not be so impossible to learn and perform with confidence. AND, most importantly, I wanted it to be FUN! I wanted each and every choir member to feel as if they were important and that their singing made a difference. I know from experience that other choirs (much larger than ours) will focus on enunciation and accidentals, too, but as most of my choir members were not trained any more than I was, I decided singing well while having FUN was more important.

I also know that Calvary has made my life so much better. I have new lifelong friends. And I have a new family. That's what most people don't know about us. We ARE a family. We look out for each other. We help each other. We lift each other up. We pray for each other. We care for each other. You've been there for me through some dark times in my life. And you've helped me through them.

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When Keith asked me if there was more Calvary could do for me, I said some home cooked meals would be nice. I've had some DELICIOUS meals delivered to my doorstep by many of you. Your generosity and purity of heart bring tears to my eyes. How lucky I am to be part of such a generous, loving family. I do not take that for granted and I appreciate each and every one of my Calvary family.

This is not the end of my family life with Calvary. It just means I take a step back for now. You will see me on Sundays again when my health finally improves more (and weather, too!) and I can get myself to church.

Bless you all,
Betty

Compassion International

Please pray for Maicor and his family. If you would like to correspond with him, information is on the bulletin board or you may contact Jan at calvarya2@gmail.com.

Building Reminders

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

- *make sure the lights are off
- tables and counters are washed
- make sure all windows are closed
- sanctuary doors are closed
- double-check that ALL doors are locked and latched

* The hallway security lights run on a timer. No need to turn those off at night.

Thank you!

Out of the Mouths of God's Kids

Humormatters.com

A three-year old put his shoes on by himself. His mother noticed the left was on the right foot. She said, "Son, your shoes are on the wrong feet." He looked up at her with a raised brow and said, "Don't kid me, Mom. I know they're my feet."

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Office Hours

Tuesday 12:00 – 2:30

Wednesday 10:00 – 2:00

Thursday 9:00 – 1:00

Friday 10:00 – 2:00

February 2019						
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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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