



The Messenger

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The Newsletter of Calvary United Methodist Church

The "I's Have It.

What does it mean to say that Jesus is the "Son of God?" Am I a son of God too?

If God is a loving, caring and all-powerful deity, why does he allow natural catastrophes and human cruelty to continue?

How do I know if I'm a Christian? How can I believe in Jesus and have so many doubts?

Can you go to heaven if you don't go to church?

Why do Christians disagree on so many things? Some churches are tolerant and others are highly judgmental. Who's right?

People treat faith like a buffet. They pig out on what they like and never touch the stuff they don't. Is that what God wants?

If you pray and ask God to give you courage, do you think God hands it to you like a gift, or does God give you the opportunity to be courageous and hope you go for it?

If you commit suicide, do you go to hell?

"So how would you like to be the guest expert on Christianity for Mr. Snell's Cultural Diversity classes on Friday, January 6th?" Jean asked with a grin. Coming a few days before the controlled insanity of sharing in 7 worship services in 24 hours over Christmas, it sounded like an interesting, low-impact diversion. I mean, really, how hard could it be to explain the basics of the faith to a bunch of high school students? I accepted the engagement and promptly forgot about it. After all, there was donkey manure in the sanctuary and Christmas Eve was three days away.

Fast forward to January 5th.

"Ready for dinner?" Jean staggered into the kitchen as the garage door closed against the dusk of a mild January evening. I lifted a pan of Corn Flake Chicken out of the oven, inhaled the aroma as a "Betty Crocker" smile spread across my face, and

began to softly sing, "I feel like chicken tonight—like chicken tonight. . . ."

Reaching into her coat pocket, she produced a stack of 3" x 5" cards and handed them to me with a smirk. "Ready to play God tomorrow?"

"Okay. Let's take some questions,"

Mr. Snell pulled the rubber band off the notecards I had returned to him at the beginning of the class. Using a handout of the Apostle's Creed as a framework to outline the main ideas of Christianity, I had limited my monolog to 25 minutes to ensure some Q & A. A Hispanic girl in the second row raised her hand. I nodded to her.

What happens when you die?

I expected this one. Of the 41 cards I had reviewed the previous evening, 12 had some version of this question written on them. Without hesitation, I held up the handout with the words of the Creed on it and said, "The first two words are the most important: *I believe.*" I went on to confess that I have no idea what happens at the time of our death, nor am I anxious to find out. Life, I suggested, is so full of wondrous and fearful things (including God, Jesus, love, forgiveness, judgment, sin, grace, etc.) that I'm not really comfortable speaking like an "expert" on things I don't understand or haven't experienced.

"So I can't tell you about streets of gold, halos, devils, endless fire and torture, or anything else that's beyond my little mind. But I believe God

loves you and I. I believe God put us here to love each other and that Jesus shows us how to do that better than anyone—ever. Beyond that, I'll just have to trust in God's care. Does that help?" She smiled and nodded.

"What other questions do you have that I can't answer?"

Pastor Ron



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FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sunday February 5th

On Sunday, February 5, Calvary's Youth will join with other youth across the country to participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring! We will collect donations as your leave church on this day. All donations will support The Cupboard at Calvary. Thanks!

C.U.M. Club Tuesday

February 14th

Dessert @ 12:30 PM
Program @ 1:15 PM by

Banjo Bob of Lebanon, PA



Faith & Fellowship Menus for the month of February

February 1	Super Bowl Tailgate Party
February 8	Ravioli, Italian Bread, Tossed Salad, Variety of Jello
February 15	Ham with Cherry Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli, Cherry Pie/Ice Cream
February 22	No F&F
February 29	Meat Loaf, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Cake

Reminder: Reservations for dinner must be made by 12:00 noon on a Monday morning. After that time, you will be put on a waiting list and called if there are cancellations.

DivorceCare
Wednesdays
6:30 PM

GriefShare
Thursdays
6:30 PM

These groups meet in room 123. Call the church office for more information.

Men's Fellowship Saturday, February 18th

7:30 - 9:00 AM

Sign up @ Welcome Center

Date Night @ Calvary February 18th

5:00 - 8:00 PM

Sign up @ Welcome Center by
Thursday, February 16th



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 21st 5:30 - 6:30 PM



Tickets will be on sale following the worship services on February 5, 12, & 19

Ages 12 & up - \$6.00
Ages 5-11 - \$3.00
Ages 4 & under - free

Ash Wednesday Worship Services February 22nd 12:00 & 7:00 PM



Easter Candy Making

Easter Candy making will be held each **Tuesday, Friday and Saturday**. The time will be **8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. Please note the change is days and times.

Come help make delicious treats for the Easter season, which benefits the Mission Committee outreach. Call or see Patty Packer or Kathie Bisking if you have any questions.

YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday, February 1st – Youth Group
(Grades 6-12) - 6:30-7:30 PM - Ready to try something new? Come to the Youth Room for our Weekly Youth Group Meetings (every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.*). YOU are welcome!

Wednesday, February 8th – Youth Group
(Grades 6-12) – 6:30-7:30 PM.

Wednesday, February 15th – Youth Group
(Grades 6-12) -6:30-7:30 PM.

Wednesday, February 22nd - NO Youth Group. Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM.

Wednesday, February 29th– Youth Group
(Grades 6-12) - 6:30-7:30 PM – Game Night!! Bring along a board game to play with your friends or join the group in Apples to Apples!

*Youth Group will not meet on Wednesday Nights when the CD School District is closed or dismisses early due to weather issues.

Sunday, February 12th (Grades 5-12) - 11:00 AM-2:30 PM. (Return time is approximate). **Laser Dome** (Grades 5-12) - We'll meet in the youth room at 11:00 AM and then leave from the church parking lot by 11:30 AM. Cost is \$15 for lunch and laser tag. You must sign up by **Sunday, February 5th** in order to participate! **If you sign up and do not attend, you are still responsible to pay the \$15.**

Sunday, March 18th - Youth Progressive Dinner (Grades 6-12) – Starting at 4:00 PM.

Sunday, March 25th - Calvary Youth Night at the Hershey Bears! Face off at 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$13 for Youth and \$17.50 for others. Money is due to Kelley Price by **February 15th!** This is designed to be an event for Calvary's Youth (Grades 5-12) to attend with their families! If a youth would want to attend without their family, please contact Kelley Price.

Youth Group Progressive Dinner Sunday, March 18th

The Youth Group (youth grades 7-12) is planning our first Youth Progressive Dinner for Sunday March 18th. We need members of Calvary to open their homes to groups of 4-6 youth (and an adult driver) for part of a meal (appetizer, soup or salad, main course). Then we need a member or members of Calvary to host dessert back at the church.

Our plan is to meet at Calvary at 4:00 PM to head to our first home and then be back at the church at 7:15 PM for dessert.

No matter what your family arrangement or stage in life is, our youth would love to spend time with you! Please contact Kelley Price at youthatcalvaryumc@yahoo.com or home phone of 921-9081 if you are excited about this opportunity! Thank you!

MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES SIGN UP @ WELCOME CENTER

Women's VOC (Voices of Calvary)

Rehearsals:
April 18 & 25
6:30-7:30 PM
Sing on April 29th

Men's VOC (Voices of Calvary)

Rehearsals:
May 9 & 16
6:30-7:30 PM
Sing on May 20th

Easter Cantata Choir

Rehearsals:
February 29-April 4
6:30-7:30 PM
Sing on April 8th

Youth Singers

Rehearsals:
February 19, March 18,
April 25
12:00-12:30 PM
Sing on February 26,
March 25, April 22

Joyful Noise Instrumental Group

Rehearsal:
March 25
12:00-1:00 PM
Play on April 1st

Praise Players

Rehearsals:
April 22, May 6,
12:00-12:30 PM
Play on May 13th

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Join us as we take a Field Trip to Neighborhood Center

On Tuesday, March 6th, the Commission on Education is sponsoring a trip to Neighborhood Center to participate in "Game Night" with the young people that come to the Center. We will meet in the church parking lot and leave by 6 PM. We will return by 8:30 PM. Please register on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Hope you can join us!

Quarters for Neighborhood Center's Summer Adventure Program 2011-2012 Sunday School Mission Project

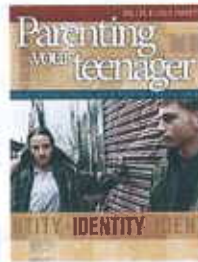
January Results



Team 1: Food Costs	Team 2: Activity Costs	Team 3: Supporters
The Wired Word 5 th & 6 th Grades Confirmation 1 st & 2 nd Grade	Joy in Christ Sunday Cinema 3 rd & 4 th Grades Faith Weaver	Search Class K-1 st Grades Preschool 8 th thru 12 th Grades
Month Total: \$32.50	Month Total: \$24.00	Month Total: \$11.25
Year to Date: \$166.75	Year to Date: \$205.00	Year to Date: \$124.00

TOTAL: \$495.75

Next Collection is Sunday, February 5th.



New Study for Parents of Youth Identity questions. Emotional turmoil. Rebellion.

Welcome to the teenager's world, and if you're their parent, you're already in that mix. It's a tough job, you know, and you've got to do it. Nowadays, you have to play counselor, cop, and crisis manager all rolled into one. Good parenting means using your head, your heart, and your faith.

Parenting Your Teenager equips moms and dads to recognize common patterns, plan effective strategies, and build character.

This group will begin meeting in February during the Sunday School Hour in Room #124 and on Wednesday Nights, 6:30-7:30 PM, in Room #125. All parents of teenagers and soon to be teenagers are welcome! Sign up at the Welcome Center so we have enough workbooks.

For questions or more information, please contact Kelley Price. 921-9081 or youthatcalvaryumc@yahoo.com.

MISSION OFFERING ENVELOPES

Included in the box of 2012 offering envelopes are six pink Mission Offering envelopes. Contributions through these envelopes will support the following:

- January - The Cupboard @ Calvary
- February - Watoto Sponsored Students
- April - The Cupboard @ Calvary
- June - Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- September - The Cupboard @ Calvary
- November - To Be Determined

A YEAR END REPORT FROM OUR HERSHEY PARK PROGRAM

It's been years since Jean and I had been to HersheyPark. Our boys are long gone and neither of us are adrenalin junkies, so the evolution of the facility with its yearly roll out of the latest high tech coaster has gone mostly unnoticed by the Parks household. So it was with a bit of reluctance that we agreed to accompany some friends to celebrate Halloween at HersheyPark in the Dark on a glorious late October Sunday afternoon and evening.

Yes, the rides are incredible. Yes, the attractions are diverse and entertaining. Yes, the food is great. Yes, we had a fantastic time. But the coolest thing we saw that day was . . . Calvary volunteers! Everywhere we went, everywhere we looked, there was a familiar, friendly face working to earn \$5.85 an hour for our missions fund in order that we may, "bring people to God and God to our community." Check the chart below to track the growth of this program. Do the math—more than \$220,000 has been raised to make a difference in the lives of God's people.

Under the leadership of Joann "Granny" Cooper (who worked 408.75 hours in 2011—that's a 40-hour work week x 10!), the corps of volunteers has logged a total of 6,349 hours, generating \$37,141.68 in a year which saw massive

flooding that closed sections of the park to the public. Take a moment to browse the list of names and note the hours they've accumulated. Some totals are modest. Others are monstrous. Every volunteer matters. Every hour is an offering. Every dollar counts!

You probably know at least one name on the list of volunteers. Take a moment to say "Thanks!" on Sunday morning or the next time you run into a HersheyPark worker.

How about THIS year? Got a few hours to spare? There's always an opening!

Pastor Ron

Thanks to all our volunteers!:

**Dee Acri 22.50 hrs; Dottie Ambrose 8.25 hrs; John Ambrose 5 hrs; *Shirley Barlet 10.25 hrs; *Barbara Behney 3.25 hrs; *Connie Benner 5 hrs; Carol Bettinger 13.25 hrs; Ron Bettinger 5.50 hrs; Kathie Bisking 4 hrs; Linda Bivens 44.50 hrs; *Cindy Bolt 58.75 hrs; *Ken Bolt 39.50 hrs; *Karen Bower 21.25 hrs; *Barbara Carter 68.75 hrs; *Robert Carter 21.25 hrs; Theresa Childs 4.50 hrs; Joann Cooper 408.75 hrs; Linda Dallago 16.25 hrs; Lindsey Dallago 7 hrs; *Helen Darhower 56 hrs; Marsha Davis 9.50 hrs; Terry Davis 9.50 hrs; Mark Dolan 24 hrs; *Andreanna Druso 3.25 hrs; Ken Dumbauld 3.75 hrs; Mary Alice Dumbauld 40.50 hrs; *Kayley Ellis 5.25 hrs; Barbara Ewell 31.25 hrs; John Ewell 339.50 hrs; Barbara Fogarty 88 hrs; *Richard Foltz 113.50 hrs; *Yi-Chen Forsyth 23.50 hrs; *Brenda Fryer 29 hrs; *Josie Fure 66.75 hrs; *Bobby Gardner 23.25 hrs; *Donna Gardner 29 hrs; *Dottie Gilloway 5.50 hrs; *Linda Glaser 73.75 hrs; *Lynn Godshall 74.25 hrs; Kirk Golden 4.25 hrs; Mary Ellen Golden 4.25 hrs; Spencer Golden 4.25 hrs; *Bernice Good 57 hrs; *Donald Good 63.25 hrs; Marcia Hartman 89.75 hrs; Joyce Haskins 45.75 hrs; *Sharon Heim 17 hrs; *Bill Herigan 23 hrs; *Edee Herigan 23 hrs; Marissa Hewlett 5 hrs; *Dwight High 5.25 hrs; Barbara Hoffman 92.50 hrs; Richard Hoffman 81.75 hrs; Jonathan Hopkins 107.50 hrs; *Sharon Hostutler 15.75 hrs; *Bernie Jacabella 12 hrs; *Marlene Jenkins 77.75 hrs; Karon Jones 30 hrs; *Linda Joslin 33.25 hrs; *Vincent Joslin 36.25 hrs; Yvette Keefer 25.25 hrs; *Mary Kems 24 hrs; *Cheryl Kissinger 26 hrs; *Tom Kline 34.50 hrs; Bonnie Krampe 10.50 hrs; Roger Krebs 128.50 hrs; Sherry Krebs 101.50 hrs; *Alan Kretzing 4.75 hrs; *Kasey Krevsky 4.50 hrs; *Sandy Krevsky 9.25 hrs; Greg Krupski 5 hrs; *Ian Lake 3.75 hrs; Dot Latin 13.75 hrs; *Carolyn Lightner 42.75 hrs; *Myron Lightner 22.25 hrs; *Jackie Love 15; *Mary Lytle 51 hrs; *Richard Lytle 36.75 hrs; *Al Mammola 7.75 hrs; *Mary Mammola 3.25 hrs; *Heather Marcus 5.50 hrs; *Frank Martin 4.25 hrs; Judy Martin 4.25 hrs; Teri Mathias 28 hrs; *Sharyn McCormick 8.50 hrs; *Fran Miller 34.50 hrs; Rebekah Miller 27 hrs; *Gene Nicodemus 28 hrs; *Marsha Nicodemus 30 hrs; John Packer 15.50 hrs; Melissa Packer 5 hrs; Patty Packer 16.75 hrs; *Helen Parshall 3.50 hrs; Liz Payne 187.50 hrs; *Kathy Petrofes 19.50 hrs; *Kathy Piccioni 16.50 hrs; *Bob Pinti 4.50 hrs; *Bunnie Pinti 20.50 hrs; *Pat Pistone 179.50 hrs; *Barb Platt 4.25 hrs; *Sandy Platt 86.25 hrs; *Irene Ralls 43.25 hrs; *Nancy Rekus 136 hrs; *Rick Rekus 18.75 hrs; *Joann Ripple 17 hrs; *Rosemarie Ritter 126.75 hrs; *Cindy Rittle 4.50 hrs; *Jared Rittle 9.75 hrs; *Todd Rittle 14.50 hrs; *Amy Robertson 12 hrs; *Brian Robertson 23.75 hrs; Jeff Robertson 48 hrs; *Jen Royer 5.25 hrs; Sandra Sandy 234.50 hrs; *Barbara Savidge 35.75 hrs; Jane Schwartz 13.75 hrs; *Denise Seiders 55.75 hrs; *Anne Shepos 7.75 hrs; Russ Shrauder 61.50 hrs; Ann Skotek 5.25 hrs; Jared Skotek 4.50 hrs; *Kristan Smith 9.75 hrs; *Corbin Snyder 5.25 hrs; *Tony Spagnolo 173.50 hrs; *Doris Stahl 73.50 hrs; *Matthew Stahl 4.75 hrs; *William Stahl 78.25 hrs; Mike Stephens 14 hrs; Yong Stephens 33.50 hrs; *Nancy Stoner 389.50 hrs; Maureen Tecau 7 hrs; Robert Tecau 7 hrs; *Michael Thomas 4.50 hrs; *Kim Topper 6 hrs; *Lou Tringali 6.75 hrs; *Sandy Tringali 6.75 hrs; *Linda Walck 10.50 hrs; Anne Warden 33.25 hrs; *Kyle Warden 4.75 hrs; *Pat Weik 89.75 hrs; *Ralph Weik 89 hrs; Sue Weikert 17 hrs; *Brian Weimer 21.50 hrs; *Pat Weimer 25 hrs; Keith Whitman 6.50 hrs; Patti Whitman 31 hrs; *Sindi Widensky 6 hrs; *Paul Williams 5 hrs; *Tonya Wilson 5 hrs; Jeff Wood 14.25 hrs; Joann Wood 22.75 hrs; Dyan Yingst 5 hrs; Kay Yniquez 198 hrs; *Ray Yniquez 63.75 hrs; Herb Zearing 4.25 hrs; Sue Zearing 4.25 hrs. (*) indicates a "friend of Calvary."*

Year	Total Income	Calvary volunteers	Non-Calvary volunteers
2002	\$4,104.71		
2003	\$5,243.91		
2004	\$9,691.73		
2005	\$15,827.14		
2006	\$18,388.58		
2007	\$30,207.95		
2008	\$31,953.35	(130 total volunteers)	
2009	\$34,838.79	(161 total volunteers)	
2010	\$34,635.95	57	101
2011	\$37,141.68	60	96

CALVARY BUILD

Lots of progress!



I hope you have had a chance to visit the photo album on Habitat for Humanity's website to see photos of the progress on our Calvary Build. So much work has been completed! To see a photo, go to the website www.harrisburghabitat.org/news/news.html and click on the link below the photo on the left side of the website to see the album.

The City of Harrisburg finally let us pull building permits in April and then it rained. We started building in May, built during the spring and summer; then we had the floods in September. Where are we now?

The foundations were dug and poured. The buildings are completely framed. On the outside of our home the front porch is complete and the energy efficient front and rear doors are being installed now. The roofers completed the roof just before the holidays, so today we begin installing the siding. The energy star windows that were custom made for the home have arrived and will be installed as we work on completing the siding.

On the inside of the home, we have completed the interior framing of bedrooms, bathrooms, closets, and stairways, and the plumbers are working on completing their rough-ins.

Please sign up to volunteer on our home! We need you! Ten Calvary volunteers are welcome each day (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) and can be at any skill level. Skilled volunteers are also a blessing and can coordinate days where teams can come work on our home. Interested construction crews should let Liz Dentler, our volunteer coordinator, know of their availability so that she can coordinate the volunteer schedule with Habitat's office.

Even though it is winter we keep right on building, weather permitting. Please keep visiting the home in progress and the photo album to stay current on our home. Together we are making our promise of a home for the Mitcheltree's come true. It is the Lord's work we are doing and, as Thomas Carlyle said, "All work is seed sown. It grows and spreads, and sows itself anew."

Eve Wachhaus, Habitat for Humanity

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 3rd

Calvary Kids Silent Auction

March 10th

Calvary Cabaret

March 14th

New Member Orientation

Interested in becoming a member of Calvary Church? Contact the Church office, 545-0021.

Sunday, March 18th

Reception of New Members / Baptisms

Saturday, March 31st

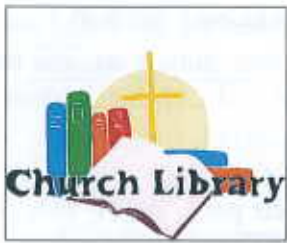
Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, May 12th

Flea Market / Book Sale

Donations of good, used books may be made to the church. Place donations in the kitchenette. For more info, contact Betty Albright, 545-4009,

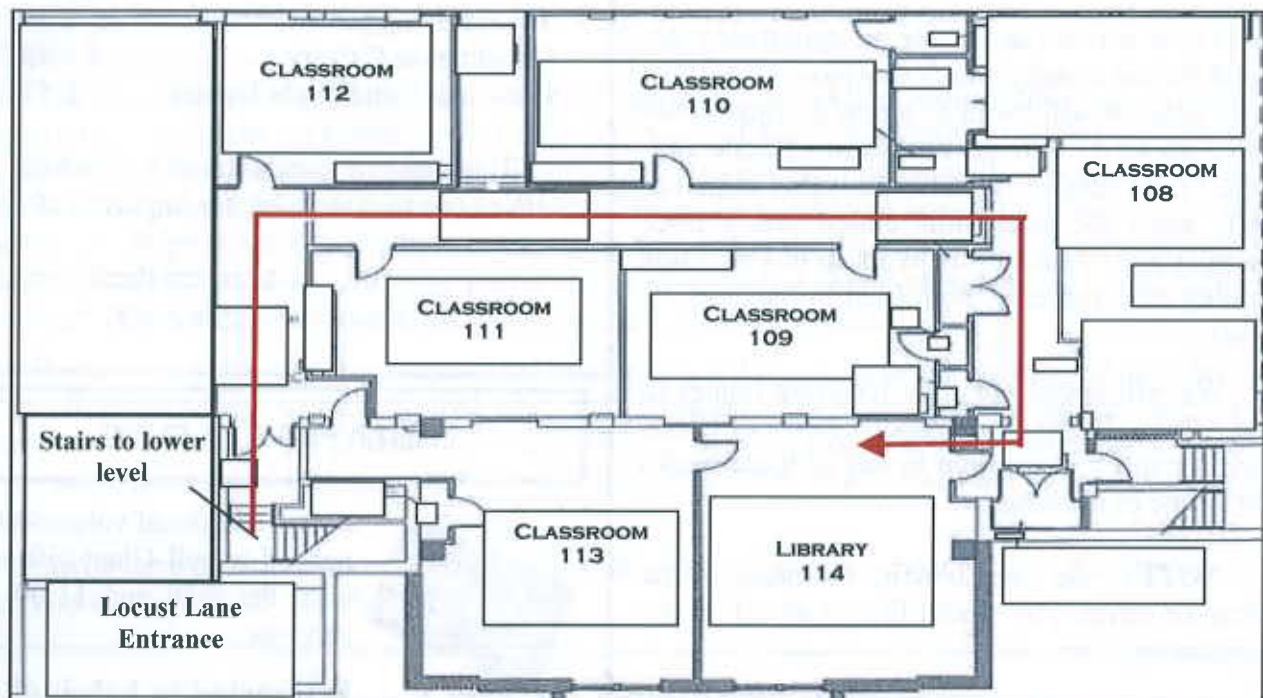
CHURCH LIBRARY



“Where is the library?”

**This is a question I hear quite often.
Let me try to explain...**

The easiest way to find the library at Calvary is to go to the lower level of the church using the stairs at the Locust Lane entrance. At the bottom of the stairs, follow the hallway ahead, then turn right. Proceed down that hallway until you come to its end, then turn right. You will be at the library doorway. There are signs on the lower level directing you to the library. Also, you can use the map below as a guide.



CALVARY KIDS' SILENT AUCTION

Calvary Kids Childcare Center will be holding a silent auction fundraising event on Saturday, March 3rd. All of the funds from this event will be used to purchase permanent shade structures for the playground area as a preventative action to limit the children's exposure to harmful UV rays. Children who prevent their skin from becoming sun damaged will have much less risk of developing skin cancer later in life.

Calvary Kids is in the process of collecting donations for the silent auction. By donating an item, you will be making a tax deductible contribution and also helping Calvary Kids continue to provide high quality child care services to the community. Donors will receive an invitation to the Gala and will be listed in an event program. If you are interested please contact Ann Stuart, 545-7886.

MISSION NEWS

As we begin our new year, I would like to present opportunities for mission involvement in terms of work camps. Registration forms to participate in the missions can be found at the Welcome Center. Early registration enables better planning for transportation and lodging, so please sign up by sending your deposits as soon as possible. Mission camps can be a wonderful time for meeting new friends while assisting others.

There was a request for an opportunity beyond the community which was more affordable. This year we will travel to a new destination located about 45 minutes northwest of State College. The Clearfield area has struggled economically since the steel mills closed nearly three decades ago. Much of the work in this area was mining coal and clay, both used in the steel industry.

We will spend our time repairing homes in the Allport, Bigler, and Woodland area of Clearfield County. Please join in any of these weeks for a time of blessing.

NOTE: Be sure to write the name of the camp or camps you would like to attend on the registration form.

Sunday, July 22 - Friday, July 27 - Onondaga Native American Mission near Syracuse, New York. Cost: \$200.00.

Sunday, August 19 - Friday, August 24: Clearfield Work Camp. Cost: \$50.00.

Sunday, September 29 - Monday, October 8: Navajo Native American Mission, Shiprock, New Mexico. Cost: \$1,400.00.

Pastor Jeff

ACTIVITIES @ CALVARY

As 2011 came to a close, we have had many volunteers give of their time, donations, and help to make our efforts to the budget / debt become a reality. Each of our activities was a huge success, in part, due to the willingness of each person to pitch in and do their part. Below is an accounting of each activity:

Used book sale:	\$ 534.39
Peach JAMBoree	\$ 3,802.98
Thanksgiving pie sale	\$ 447.37
Christmas at Calvary	\$ 5,352.15
Christmas Candlelight Dinner.....	\$ 530.00

This makes a grand total of **\$10,666.86**.
We hope to make a bigger impact in 2012.

A sincere thank you to all,
Beverly Mehaffie and Betty Albright

GIANT CARDS



A few additional volunteers are needed to sell Giant gift cards after the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services.

Interested in helping?

Please contact John Packer at
jwpacker020@comcast.net.



Friday, February 10th
Please be prompt!
Thank you.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

If You Are Hospitalized...Stephen Ministry expands to include hospital care.

Stephen ministers are individuals who long to use their gifts in providing care by being available for persons in need, on a weekly basis if needed. Stephen ministers listen, explore feelings, pray, and facilitate the healing process. Stephen ministers work in consultation with the pastoral staff to provide enhanced caring, beyond what clergy can provide.

Calvary Congregation is fortunate to have 13 trained Stephen Ministers. Becoming a Stephen Minister requires great dedication requiring over 50 hours of training taking nearly 30 weeks to complete. Beyond the practice skills and class time, each Stephen Minister is asked to make a minimum of a two (2) year commitment to serving as a Stephen Minister. Following completion of the initial training, all of our Stephen Ministers have continuing learning or training sessions at least one time per month.

The presence and availability of a group of such gifted and skilled individuals is an invaluable resource to the ministry of Calvary. Our ongoing vision of being the "church" to and for one another compels us to find meaningful and significant ways to engage them in the work we share as the body of Christ. To that end, it is our hope to have them share in the ministry of hospital visitation as we begin a new year. Stephen Ministers will, in consultation with and at the direction of the pastors, provide additional contact opportunities, offering prayer and presence to our church members. Confidentiality will, of course, be maintained between the visiting ministers and the pastors.

If you or a loved one are hospitalized, please notify (or ask someone to contact) the church office. Recent changes to privacy laws have resulted in many hospitals abandoning the long-standing practice of contacting the patient's faith community. In other words, if you or someone close to you does not contact the church directly, there is a high probability that we will not know of your hospital stay.

If you have questions about this new opportunity for ministry, or about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Jeff at 545-0021.

Calvary's Stephen Ministers



Linda Crum has lived in Harrisburg for 10 years and has been a member of Calvary United Methodist for 7 years. She is married and has 2 grown children and 3 grandchildren. She works as a medical office assistant in Hershey. At Calvary, she enjoys working in the infant nursery during Sunday School hours. In the past she has been active in Faith & Fellowship and as an elementary Sunday School teacher. She believes that she has found a home at Calvary and she enjoys serving and growing as a member in faith by offering her time and talents as they are needed.



Cheryl Guss provides training and ongoing education for our Stephen Ministers. She has taught Sunday School, led an adult prayer study, and has served on Worship and Staff Parish Committees. Cheryl and Tim have 3 daughters, Erin, Lisa and Rachel along with 2 golden retrievers, Chase and Tug. She is a second grade teacher and in her spare time loves to run, swim, and paint.



Ken Evans has taught Adult Sunday School, sings in the Chancel Choir, and serves on the Records & History committee. Ken, who is retired, has been involved in mission trips to Nicaragua. He and his wife Bonnie have 3 children and 1 grandchild.



John Ewell has been an active member of Calvary for 46 years. John is presently serving as Church Council chairperson and has served as chairperson and member of many committees within the church. He has been active in Boy Scouts as a youth and adult at the unit, district, and council level for over 57 years, and he is also active in many Masonic organizations. John is retired from the PA Department of Transportation and is enjoying his second career as a community volunteer. He and his wife, Barbara, have two children, John R. and Jill and one granddaughter, Haley.



Linda Hartman has been a member of Calvary for almost 3 years. She is a retired merchandiser for American Greetings. Linda enjoys her affiliation with Calvary by making Easter Eggs (an "Egg Lady"), and helping with the Hands in Ministry Committee. She also has been very supportive of the current Habitat for Humanity Calvary Build. Linda serves in the community as a Board Member of her Homeowner's Association. She enjoys entertaining, travelling, and spending time with family and friends.



Harold "Rick" Hartman has been a member of Calvary for almost 3 years. Rick is a retired Pennsylvania State Police helicopter pilot and flight instructor. Rick has also worked for the US Marshal's Service and FEMA. Rick currently serves on the Staff/Parish Committee and is the Chairman of the Habitat for Humanity Calvary Build. Rick served in the community as an EMT for 38 years. His hobbies are reading, travelling, and entertaining in his home. He and Linda have been married for 40 blissful years.



Marcia Hartman has been a member of Calvary for 34 years. She retired from Highmark Blue Shield and DST. She has 3 grown children and 3 grandkids. She volunteers at The Caring Place in Camp Hill. She also is a HersheyPark volunteer for Calvary. Marcia is the Caring Cupboard Coordinator for Calvary and part of the Hands in Ministry team. She is on the church ushering and flower delivery team and she helps when needed in the nursery during church services. She also baby sits, house sits and pet sits in her spare time. She likes being busy.



Joyce Haskins is eager to serve Calvary as part of Stephen Ministry. Currently she is visiting shuts-ins, and those living in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. In her spare time, she likes to play golf, play with her grandchildren, read, dance, travel and go to the fitness center. Joyce was born and raised in Halifax, PA for the first 20 years of her life. Subsequently, she lived in various states and Germany for a number of years. She has resided in Harrisburg for the past 16 years. Joyce graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Professional Accountancy and is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). She is retired from the Commonwealth of PA and is a member of Calvary along with her two daughters, a son-in-law, and three grandchildren.



Eula Henry has been a member of Calvary United Methodist Church for several years and volunteers regularly at the Calvary food pantry. She has recently retired from her main job of 20 years duration. She enjoys the fellowship and worship through church and Sunday school. Eula has 2 children and 2 grandchildren and loves spending time with them. She enjoys cooking, reading and working in the garden. "I really don't have a lot of "credentials" to make me sound more interesting except to strive to make this corner of the world a better place."



Phyllis Sills has been a realtor for 12 years. She has two grown children and family is very important to her. She has lived all over the United States, but has resided in Harrisburg for the past 20 years. Phyllis enjoys helping others by cooking a meal, providing transportation, just listening, or responding to whatever the need may be. She is active in mission work as well as community service with the Realtor Foundation. "I try to do the best I can do wherever God leads me."



Dyan Yingst grew up at Calvary singing in the youth choir and has been an active member every since. Her husband passed away when their son Steven was only five years old, and she is so proud that he just graduated from PSU and began his own career. A retired public relations specialist from the Department of Agriculture, Dyan currently works as a senior tax advisor. She has served the community in various capacities, including a Cub Scout Leader and Merit Badge Counselor for BSA Troop 27 for many years, as well as an officer and trip leader for local clubs that promote skiing and kayaking. She currently serves on the Scholarship Committee and helps with a variety of things around the church, has volunteered the past two summers as a Church Camp Counselor at Gretna Glen and has gone on four Missions Trips to work on Indian Reservations out West. "My faith journey has grown tremendously in recent years and I look forward to serving the Lord in whatever ways I am led."



Herbert Zearing has been an active member of Calvary Church for over 50 years. He currently serves as Lay Delegate to Annual Conference and is a member of the Finance Committee and Church Council. He also has enjoyed being a camp counselor. He has been involved in Masonic organizations. Herb is retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. He and his wife, Susan, enjoy spending time with their family.



Susan Zearing is retired from Lebanon Valley College and, she and her husband, Herb, are the proud parents of two daughters and sons-in-laws and grandparents of two. She has been involved in many aspects of Calvary Church over the past 50 years, including Mission Committee, Church Council, Committee on Lay Membership and various choirs, and currently is a member of Hands in Ministry and Records and History. She was involved in Girl Scouts for many years.

CALVARY'S NOTES

Once again I want to express my sincere appreciation to my Calvary family for your expressions of kindness with cards and phone calls at the time of my surgery in December. A special thanks to Pastor Parks for his phone calls and to Anna Dively for delivering the altar flowers. It is such a great feeling knowing you are a part of a caring congregation.

Barbara Harper

My special thanks to the members of Calvary for the cards, visits, phone calls, and prayers during the past year while I have been in two nursing homes. My thanks to Rebekah Miller and Nancy Shindle for delivering the beautiful altar flowers, to Ada Mae Saxton for giving me communion, to Joyce Haskins who brought me the lovely prayer shawl made by the ladies of the church, and to Mary Jo Zemitis for bringing me the CDs of the Sunday services. My thanks also to Dr. Parks and Rev. Fisher for visiting me when I was in Hershey Medical Center with pneumonia. I am so blessed to be a member of Calvary.

Alice Darrell

Thank you to all who sent wonderful cards and served a wonderful lunch. I know Gerald would want to say thank you also. We are so blessed to have such a great bunch of Christian families around us. Thank you to Rev. Dr. Parks for a blessed service at the church and down at Indiantown Gap. We thank you all for everything. God bless everyone.

Nancy Ditty & family

Thank you for the flowers and your prayers during my prior hospitalization. I am on the road to recovery bit by bit every day.

Susan Bollinger Olson

Thank you so much for the flowers delivered by Anna Dively and the Christmas flowers delivered by Shirley Holtzer on Christmas day. I truly appreciated all the visits from Pastor Ron and

Pastor Jeff along with the visits from my friends at Calvary. Thank you all for the cards, kind thoughts, and prayers sent my way. They truly have assisted in my recovery.

Emma Shaffer

I want to thank all of Calvary for the gift and beautiful flowers they sent to my home while I was ill. I hope to return as soon as I can with God's help.

June Kufner

I can't express enough thanks for the support and prayers during the loss of my mother. It is so nice to be a part of such an amazing church family and to see and feel it at work. I especially was grateful to Simon & Pat Minsker and everyone who helped with the meal after my mom's funeral. They even came to Holy Name and set up a beautiful lunch for everyone to enjoy.

Jessie Hutchinson

I would like to thank everyone at Calvary for your cards, prayers, thoughts, and, of course, your meals during my recent hospital stay. So many of us at Calvary are blessed by so many others who continually give.

Tom Gallup

This thank you is very late but I hope the church members will accept my sincere thanks for all of the cards I received and for the lovely prayer shawl that was delivered to me. It is so very nice to hear from the members as they are always uplifting messages. Thank you to all who participate in these activities.

Lou Hepschmidt

Thank you for your prayers and comforting messages during my recent surgery and follow-up treatment. The cards, phone calls, and flowers brightened my recovery and were truly appreciated.

Flossie Wolf

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Thank you for all your kindness during the recent loss of my mother. Also, thank you for the meal that was provided. It came when we needed a warm meal to eat. I appreciate the support of my church family, for their help to me, and their help with my wife's transportation needs.

Rob & Dawn Koller

I wish to thank the members of the Hands in Ministry Team for the beautiful cards I received, as they remembered the anniversary of my Aunt Florence's passing. They were most welcome additions, during the usual hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. So thank you for your kindness to me, as you took the time out of your busy lives to remember me. All the writings inside were beautiful!

Margie Conley

Thanks to everyone who helped with cleaning the kitchen and kitchenette. They look wonderful. Pass the word along to others to keep them clean and organized after all the hard work that was done. Ladies, I think we should treat ourselves to a manicure after all the scrubbing we did. Thanks to John Schrock for cleaning out all the light fixtures and tops of the cabinets, we just were not tall enough. Also, thanks to Oscar for mopping up the floors. We had a good team effort.

Robin Lindsey

Thank you so much for your donation of Christmas gifts to the food pantry. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Deb McDowell,
Grantville Area Food Pantry

Thank you for your gift of Christmas Wish List items. Your thoughtfulness means so much and we want you to know of our sincere gratitude. You have helped in such a wonderful way and will contribute to the happiness of our boys and girls through your kindness.

Rev. David Reed,
United Methodist Home for Children

FRIENDSHIP BREAK

Thank yous go out to 145 individuals or families that contributed and set up snacks after each church service, especially the people who volunteered to do more than one in 2011. Also, thank you to the church groups that worked to do breaks. They include the Confirmation Class, Joy in Christ Sunday School Class, C.U.M. Club, Commission on Education.

Did you enjoy the fellowship including the snacks?

As of January 8th, there have been less than 50 people and only two groups (C.U.M. Club & UMW) signed up for 2012. (We need at least 150 people/groups for the year.) This means there will be many Sundays with coffee and juice only. If you would like TO HELP another person/persons and have not yet chosen a time, please call Betty Albright @ 545-4009 asap.

HANDS IN MINISTRY

Did you know.....

There are daily devotional booklets available for all ages in the church literature rack (located in the Square near the nametag tables). There are *Upper Room and Alive Now* devotionals for adults, *Devo'Zine* magazines for youth and *Pockets* for children. The booklets are purchased through the Hands in Ministry and Education budgets of the church. Donations to help defray the costs are accepted by placing your donation in the slot near the Upper Room booklets.

Need inspiration or help to cope

Browse through the various titles of *Care Notes* which are also on the literature rack. Life gives us situations that challenge our faith, our lifestyle, our family dynamics, and our health. Perhaps encouraging words would be a help to see us through those times. Check out the booklets for yourself, a family member, or a friend.

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Prayer Concerns

In Mourning

Nancy Ditty & family
Jessie Hutchinson & family
Robert Koller & family
Ada Mae Saxton & family
Wanda Gehlbach & family
Andrea Spangler & family
Family of Audrey Kyle

Homebound

Dorothy Geegee
Myrna Hileman
Betty Wingard
Doris Kohr
Ettamae Bower
Ardis Sherrick

In Nursing/Care Facilities

Helen Foster
Violet Johnson
Mary Attick
Dona Hoover
Martha Bogner
Elsie Graham
Alice Darrell
Bernice Bingaman
Norma Matter
Harriet Garverick
Ruth Tillet
Rosalie Smiley
Genevieve Cutshall
Ella Kreiser
Sally Cousart
E. Louise Hepschmidt
Bernadine Lowe
Joyce Roebuck
Harry Fry
Mary Shook
Walter Mehaffie

Prayer Concerns

Tina Brosius
Boyd Knouse
Leroy Shomper
Rose Lockard
Phyllis Bollinger
Julie Rickards
Kathy Petrofes
Jane Cooper
Jeanne Murawski
Don & Betty Stoner
Sheila Shrauder
Don Schmick
Joe Young
Anita Lazure
Richard (Sam) Kehler
June Kufner
Susan Albright

Naomi Rigel

Dorothy Shumate

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Emma Shaffer

Jean Artz

Corban Potter

Orpha & Mike Bass

Kim Lehn

Linda Hart

Dorothy Chaffee

Lauren Gelsomini

Steve Forbes

Marcia Goldberg

Jeffrey Jacobs

Robert Fierer

Lauren, Erin, Abbey Jacobs

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Oda Hopple

Suzanne Hoffer

Betty Mellencamp

Jason & Collyn Miller

Lori Warner

Sandra Heagy

Petra Rudloff

Bill Mellencamp

Allie Speck

Lisa MacIntyre

Ray Cataldi

Paige Hill

Kim Witmer

Martha King

Gary King

Sally West

Janet Davis

Carol Mehaffie

Dottie Bickel

Bonnie Evans

Carrie Patterson

In the Military

John Gray, Jr.

Amber and Tim Green

Andrew Hoffman

Anthony Oswandel

Kayla Kipp

Patrick McCarthy

Rebecca Little

Daniel Spengler

Jarrold Funk

Aaron Lytle

Andrew Page

Douglas Wolfe

James Simmons

Daniel Bettinger

Michael Storm

Clay Burnette

Calvary's Calendar for February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:30 AM—Service 5 PM—Angel Choir 5:30 PM—Cherub Choir 5:30 PM—F & F 6 PM—Chime Choir 6:30 PM—Carol Choir 6:30 PM—DivorceCare 6:30 PM—Youth Group 7:30 PM—Chancel Choir	2 10 AM—Thursday Morning Study 6:30 PM—GriefShare	3 8 AM—Candy Making	4 8 AM—Candy Making
5 8:30 and 11:00 AM—Worship 9:45 AM—Sunday School 9:45 AM—Vision Forum Souper Bowl Of Caring	6 6:30 PM—Ring Tones 7 PM—Bells of Calvary	7 8 AM—Candy Making 9 AM—Staff mtg. 9 AM—Knitters 6:30 PM—Dartball	8 11:30 AM—Service 5 PM—Angel Choir 5:30 PM—Cherub Choir 5:30 PM—F & F 6 PM—Chime Choir 6:30 PM—Carol Choir 6:30 PM—DivorceCare 6:30 PM—Youth Group 7:30 PM—Chancel Choir	9 10 AM—Thursday Morning Study 4:30 PM—Food Pantry 6:30 PM—GriefShare	10 8 AM—Candy Making	11 8 AM—Candy Making
12 8:30 and 11:00 AM—Worship 9:45 AM—Sunday School 9:45 AM—Vision Forum 11 AM—Youth Activity	13 6:30 PM—Ring Tones 7 PM—Bells of Calvary	14 8 AM—Candy Making 9 AM—Staff mtg. 9 AM—Knitters 6:30 PM—Dartball 7 PM—Education	15 11:30 AM—Service 5 PM—Angel Choir 5:30 PM—Cherub Choir 5:30 PM—F & F 6 PM—Chime Choir 6:30 PM—Carol Choir 6:30 PM—DivorceCare 6:30 PM—Youth Group 7:30 PM—Chancel Choir	16 10 AM—Thursday Morning Study 5:30 PM—Scheduled Event 6:30 PM—GriefShare 7 PM—Stephen Ministry	17 8 AM—Candy Making	18 7:30 - 9 AM—Men's Fellowship 8 AM—Candy Making 5-8 PM—Date Night
19 8:30 and 11:00 AM—Worship 9:45 AM—Sunday School 12 Noon—Youth Singers	20 6:30 PM—Ring Tones 7 PM—Bells of Calvary	21 8 AM—Candy Making 9 AM—Staff mtg. 9 AM—Knitters 5 PM—Pancake Supper	22 12 PM—Worship Service 7 PM—Worship Service Ash Wednesday	23 10 AM—Thursday Morning Study 4:30 PM—Food Pantry 7 PM—Hospitality	24 8 AM—Candy Making	25 8 AM—Candy Making
26 8:30 and 11:00 AM—Worship 9:45 AM—Sunday School	27 6:30 PM—Ring Tones 7 PM—Bells of Calvary	28 8 AM—Candy Making 9 AM—Staff mtg. 9 AM—Knitters	29 11:30 AM—Service 5 PM—Angel Choir 5:30 PM—Cherub Choir 5:30 PM—F & F 6 PM—Chime Choir 6:30 PM—Carol Choir 6:30 PM—DivorceCare 6:30 PM—Cantata Choir 6:30 PM—Youth Group 7:30 PM—Chancel Choir			

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Wednesday, February 1

11:30 AM: Service of Prayer
with communion

Sunday, February 5

8:30 and 11:00 AM: Worship
9:45 AM: Sunday School

Wednesday, February 8

11:30 AM: Service of Prayer

Sunday, February 12

8:30 and 11:00 AM: Worship
9:45 AM: Sunday School

Wednesday, February 15

11:30 AM: Service of Prayer

Sunday, February 19

8:30 and 11:00 AM: Worship
9:45 AM: Sunday School

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

12:00 & 7:00 PM: Worship Services

Sunday, February 26

8:30 and 11:00 AM: Worship
9:45 AM: Sunday School

Wednesday, February 29

11:30 AM: Service of Prayer