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On Sunday, December 20, Santa Claus and his crew made visits to see members of the Grateful Hearts Class. It's been since March that we have been able to see these friends. The Wesleyan Circle and members of the Asbury Sunday School class as well as those who often drive the bus on Sunday mornings went to say hello and drop-off some cards and gifts. There were lots of smiles shared and good wishes offered all around. We look forward to the day when we can all be together to learn, share donuts and worship together.

January/February Upper Room
Are available, please contact the church office.



Our annual family Christmas card comes to you as we celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas leading to Epiphany! Our 2020, like yours, has been strange, but we have so much for which to give thanks to God. We have enjoyed spending this year watching Zeke grow! Zeke is so much fun. He loves animals and playing outside. He enjoys eating, video chatting his dad, and making messes. His favorite toys are books, lightsabers, bottles of salad dressing, and trash. He can say Dada, MA!, and Lela (for Stella, the dog) but prefers to just make duck or pterodactyl noises. He started walking before he was ten months old and has not stopped moving since. He turned one year old on Thanksgiving Day this year.

We are so grateful for your love and prayers over this year, and your patience as I try to parent and pastor in a pandemic, but we really cannot wait until you get to see him in person running up the aisle in church in his collection of bowties. May we all be blessed in this new year, and may we be a blessing to others in these strange times.

-Pastor Shannon



Greetings from Calvary Weekday School!

Happy 2021! I think we are all glad a new year has finally arrived. We continue to look forward and focus on getting ready for the 2021-2022 school year. Olivia and I are counting down the days when we can welcome families back into our school. We currently have 34 students enrolled for next year.

Last month we were able to purchase an online program called Procure with the help of donated funds from the Community Foundation. This program will enable us to update our database, track registration and tuition payments, communicate more efficiently with families, and provide opportunities for paperless and contactless communication. Teachers will be able to create and send newsletters, communicate with parents, and share videos and photos with families. Olivia and I attended virtual webinars to learn how to use this program in order to make the best improvements for our school. We are very excited about this new program!

We have registered with Funding Factory as a fundraiser for our school especially since many families are working from home. Funding Factory helps organizations fundraise by collecting empty toner and inkjet printer cartridges. You can find out which ink and toner cartridges qualify by going to fundingfactory.com. There will be a container located in the church narthex to place your donations or you can contact the school at director@calvaryweekdayschool.com to make arrangements to drop off your donations.

Stay warm and enjoy the beauty of winter-

Patty Lockard, Director



Well, winter arrived with heavy snow last month. It was about 6 to 8 inches deep and the driveway was somehow longer than the day before. And, don't say it – the snow blower that started the week before as a tune up would not easily start in the face of the

snow. It was reflecting my attitude.

After all that, I was trailing the snow blower when I met my neighbor with his blower coming up the drive. A wave and thank you by both of us and we continued to work at the common effort to clear the drive out to the road.

This brought to my mind the verse in Ecclesiastes: "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work." (v9) The return gained in a task great or small will be completed more easily and quickly than working alone. There are other benefits in working in partnership.

First, you have an ally in your cause or effort. The more you have that support your cause, the greater the possibility of success in the project. Think how this applies to the financial support of the church and the organ campaign. The greater number that support with their means the less financial burden born by each.

Second, the more who join the effort, snow removal, the greater the psychological effort by all. A positive attitude of the group will greatly enhance the work effort. Participant members of the group will demonstrate greater work effort and will participate at a higher level. More work will be accomplished.

Third, success in achieving the project's goal will give a sense of group bonding in a common cause. Others who are not fully involved will want to be included and welcomed into the group to enjoin in the successful effort. Think of the early church and the swift spread of Christianity and the spread of God's word. Think of God's purpose for Israel when he said they would be Holy Priests and the source of the world's religious spring.

Thank You

We send a sincere thank-you to the congregation for the many cards and words of consolation upon the recent death of our family member, Thom Zufall.

Howard and Nancy Strine

January Birthdays

1, Rebecca Burgee, Cynthia Burke, David Dimock, Judith Eyler, Betty Fawley, Sandra Fout, William Fout, Virginia Grossnickle, Patricia Grove, William Grove, Donna Jean Jeo, Fern Kenney, Sandra Kenney, Margaret Ann Kline, Mary Sue Krause, Kathryn Lee, Thomas Littleton, Randy McKann, Suzanne McKann, Susan Miller, Carole Proudfoot, Edward Reynolds, Mary Sanders, Robert Schmeltz, Barbara Shipley, Dennis Smith, Linda Smith, Rebecca Staley, Bob Strine, Peggy Strine, Dorothy Stull, June Trout, Elizabeth Wade, Susan Weddle

2, Joni Allen, Edwin Kinsey

4, Bertram Edmonston V, Carol Keirn, Dorothy Landis

5, Larry Silbernagel

6, Frank Strakonsky

7, Eleanor Steinback, Bill Warehime

8, Paula Coffman, Melissa Rankin, Mary Schueler

9, Kate Mills, Scott Moyer

10, Abigail Belgrave, Peggy Rhoderick, Jean Shaff

11, Piper Bailey, Debbie Patterson

12, Judith Ahlstrom, Peter Milum, Mary Ann Mood, Jack Tritt

13, Hannah Willets

14, Brian Griffee, Charlotte Mueller

15, Rob Chewing, John Kile, Dawn Kraham, Mark MacDonald, Sue Ann Wilms

16, Howard Strine

17, Miles Absalon, Leslie Bell, Carin Quigley, Sharinna Sarmiento

18, William Polvinale

19, Maria Calcagni, Fiona Richey, Susan Staley

20, Gracie Garcia, Scott officer

21, Hadley Aud, Matt McGreevy, Christy Whittington

22, Maddie Meyers, Patricia Paugh

23, Terri Giambarresi

24, Sharon Adams, Timothy Ritterbusch, Mikaela Vega

25, Mark McKann, Zachary Pard

26, Gene Selby, Walker Selby

27, Abbie Mueller

28, Katie Ballenger, Marcia Rose Fuoss, Elisabeth Leftwich

30, Susan Engler, Robert Sacoman, Kent Willets

31, Sandy Dunnington, Jack Vega





Cabin Fever Women's Mini Retreat *from Home*

Join us on Saturday, January 23 from 1-4 for an afternoon of prayer, reflection, and fellowship.

Watch for signups and more details! Or contact Christy Mossburg,

Christy@calvaryumc.org.

January Anniversaries

Jody and Laura Francisco	January 5
Steve and Cindy Naugle	January 11 (45 yrs)
Bruce and Mary Caruthers	January 16
Greg and Anne Gray	January 16
Jack and Renee Vega	January 19



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