

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Calvary United Methodist Church seeks and invites all to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and our world.

December 12, 2021

The Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 A.M. Worship

Prelude

“He Shall Feed His Flock”

G. F. Handel



Welcome and announcements

Rev. Steve Larsen

We Open the Door

The Candle of Joy

Candlelighters: Stephen, Stefanie, Emily and William Harris

Advent Song

“*Hope Waits for Us at Advent*” Song Leader Karen Dobbs

**Joy waits for us at Advent.
Joy waits for us to sing.
Joy waits for our amazement
at the grace in everything.
In this time of preparation
for the work of co-creation,
for the birthing of a world
where wonder is restored.
Joy is born in us once more!**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

The Peace and Joy of Christ be with you!

And, also with you!

*Opening Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates”

UMH #213

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!
2. Fling wide the portal of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven’s employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
3. Redeemer, come, with us abide;
Our hearts to thee we open wide;
Let us thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in us reveal.
4. Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
Until our glorious goal is won;
Eternal praise, eternal fame
Be offered, Savior, to thy name!

Children’s Time

First Reading Isaiah 12:2-6

Jacki Stranathan

*Gospel Reading Luke 3:7-18

Jacki Stranathan

*Response

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Anthem

“Noel”

Redmand, Tomlin, Cash

Agape, Lainey Davy, soloist

Sermon

Rev. Ken Humbert

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

We Offer Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Adore”

Kendrick, Chalk

Agape, Lainey Davy, soloist

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Hymn

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

UMH #218

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold;
“Peace on the earth good will to men, from heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peace-full wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
An ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!
4. For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophetseen of old;
When with the ever circling, years shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling;
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

*Benediction

*Voluntary

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”

French Carol/
Alfred Fedak

*Going Forth

Baskets for your offering are located at the doors going out.

This advent season we are using materials from Worship Design Studio to shape and enrich our worship. The advent song, artwork, lessons with the children and much of the prayers come from the Advent program called “The Inn: Making Room for the Holy”. How can we be a place where the Holy can find room to be born? How might we offer respite, welcome and care to those seeking shelter from the challenges that life brings? How might we find Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Ushers: Anne Mossburg, Susan Baggette, Rick Miller, David Mills

Organist: Ann Thompson

If interested in being a flower sponsor, please sign up by calling the church office or at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-altar> to sign up for altar flowers, pulpit or communion table. Lots of dates available.

Looking for other ways to connect with your Calvary family?

Join our Facebook group where you can share prayer concerns and connect with church members and friends. Join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/212630313297563/>

Sign up for our weekly e-news. Every Tuesday you’ll get a thought from Pastor Steve, links to upcoming events and service opportunities and a list of prayer concerns. Simply share your name and email with office@calvaryumc.org.

Telephone one another. If you need a directory, let us know or click on “MyCalvary” on our website: www.calvaryumc.org.

Covid-19 Update Our goal is to maintain our in-person worship and do it safely, even as we continue our on-line worship opportunities as well.

Masks are required when attending worship services or events with more than twelve persons within the church building. We will, however, continue to sing and read responsively. We are masking for the safety of all and will announce all changes or enhancements to our protocols by all our media means. We want everyone to BE safe and FEEL safe. If unvaccinated, we ask you to continue to social distance and wear your mask.

If you have any questions, or wish to share your feelings, feel free to speak with me or any other member of the Re-Open Task Force.

The Church Nursery is open for children up to 4 years of age. Temperature checks, masks and social distancing are required. Contact Christy Mossburg or Amy Stone for more information. The Nursery is now HIRING!! The nursery is looking for an adult supervisor for Sunday mornings, please contact the Nursery Director Cathleen Gough if interested.

Our Women's Ministry Gratitude Group on Facebook is another place you can join us. We share daily gratitude and joys, daily prayer requests, and share inspirational messages. All are welcome. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/783900735353923/>

****New with The Asbury Class** is now meeting in a hybrid format. Some folks may join from the Memorial room while others will join remotely using Zoom. We share fellowship and prayer joys and concerns at 9:00 a.m. followed by bible study/discussion each week. Join us virtually or onsite any time between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. Please contact Pat Herber at pkherber@gmail.com for our weekly email and log on information.

Look for our **Children's Worship Bags** in the narthex, filled with activities to keep little hands busy during worship! **Please return these bags to the narthex at the end of the church service** so they are available for others to use. Each bag contains a small erasable whiteboard, a notebook, crayons, and several fidget toys, including pipe cleaners and coloring pages.

Outreach to our Grateful Hearts Margie Wilde is gathering volunteers to deliver Christmas gift bags to our Grateful Hearts on Friday December 17th between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you are interested please contact Margie Wilde at skywilde@comcast.net

REMINDER: I was a stranger and you welcomed me!

As the colder temperatures of winter set in, Calvary is blessed to be able to provide warm shelter again this December to families that are in transition from being homeless to having a home of their own. In support of the Family Shelter Program of The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, we will host such families in our Education Building from December 18-Jan 1. We will need a few helpers to set up cots in our Education Bldg. on Saturday, December 18 and again two weeks later to take them down; and evening meals for the families are always welcomed. Helping in either of these ways requires not much more than 30' on site! There are generally no more than half a dozen such families, the specific number of whom we will know closer to the date of their arrival.

Please consider volunteering for either of these service opportunities to welcome our neighbors in need at this time when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus! If you are able to help, please contact me (paul.d.nelson@outlook.com) or Jacki Stranathan (discipleship@calvaryumc.org). Merry Christmas! Sign-up sheet is now available at : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-emergency>

Unclobber – a Book Study on Rethinking what the Bible says about Homosexuality

- If you feel the church has been wrong to demonize and reject the LGBTQ community, but you're still pretty confident the Bible condemns homosexuality
- If you feel drawn to a more inclusive Christian faith but are held back by what you've been taught about the Bible,
- If you have close friends or family members who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer and you love them with your whole heart, but your view of the Bible prevents you from fully celebrating them,
- If you're an already affirming Christian but are still struggling to articulate what you believe about the clobber passages

- If you are LGBT or Q and you grew up in a Christian home or are drawn toward faith in Christ, but you have been told and maybe believe that God sees you as less-than, or despises you, or expects you to remain celibate or try and become straight
- THEN Unclobber is for you

We hope you'll join us in a 5 week study of Colby Martin's book Unclobber, beginning on Tuesday nights, Jan. 18th from 7-9pm. Led by Rev. Vicky Starnes and Paul Nelson. Questions? Contact Vicky at 302-745-2278 or revvicky@aol.com. Books will be available for those who register for the class. Just call the church office or send an email to office@calvaryumc.org.



Christmas Eve Services:

December 24th at 7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: Scott English, Bill Pasquerette, Rev. Shannon Sullivan, Aaron and Zeke Sullivan Harrington, Bruce Caruthers, Joann Crum, Betty Brewer, Lois Pacheco, Lynn Schumacher, Rita Sharpe, Georgia Riggleman, Laura (Daughter of Carol and Art Fennington), Nancy Dobbs, Anna Belle Childers, Beth Richards, Nancy Slovikosky, Linda Sheridan, JoAn Ehlers, Ann Crum, Nancy Crum, Fannie Johnson, Bob Strine, Michael Boyer, Judith Allen

Friends of Calvary: Family of Mary Ann Smith (Sister of Alice Linton), Ellis Larsen (Father of Rev. Steve Larsen), Dawn Albertini (Friend of the Andersons, Chaney's and Jones), Bethany Bajsert (Friend of Rita Sharpe), Heather (Friend of Jean Flory and Becky Kile), Rich Lamont (Friend of the Schwarzenbergs), Mary Jo Martin (Friend of Paul Nelson), Sis McKee (Aunt of Didi Willard), Don Kessel and Ken Kessel (Brothers of Susan Baggett), Joni Kline (Cousin of Meg Winter), Audrey Cash (Friend of Helen Sheppard), Kristy Johnson, Vivian Warner (Mother of Jan Cline), Lena Dietz (Friend of Friendly Circle Class), Mary Fraser (Friend of Terri Giambarresi), Kitty Cooley (Sister of Connie Scoggins), Ellie (Friend of Gloria Orrison), Suzanne Simpson and Adam Shake (Sister & brother-in-law to Christy Mossburg), John and Lynn Mills (Friends of Charles Geisbert) Linda Horinie Henke (Niece of Charles Geisbert), Lillian Mingola (Mother of Maria Calcagni), Ed Kinsey, Jr (Father of Ed Kinsey), Wendy Koch (Niece of Helen Sheppard), Alice Woodward (Sister of Rita Sharpe), Virginia Painter Floyd (Friend of Rita Sharpe), Gay Ann Mazac (Niece of Steve and JoAn Ehlers), Zakaria El fatihi, Tracy Sizemore, Stacey (Sharpe) Steinhauser

This Week at Calvary December 12 ~ 19

Sunday, December 12

9:00 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Pageant

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, December 13

10:00 a.m. Pastors Bible Study

Wednesday, December 15

12:00 p.m. Miriam's Circle Luncheon

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Open Prayer

Thursday, December 16

6:00 p.m. AGAPE

Saturday, December 18

Emergency Family Shelter Dec. 18-Dec. 31

Sunday, December 19

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

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