

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 26, 2021

Sunday after Christmas

10:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude

“Angels From the Realms of Glory” Setting by M. Burkhart

Greetings and Announcements

Rev. Steve Larsen

*Call to Worship

O come let us adore him.

Like ancient Israel, we will proclaim the kindness of the Lord, his deeds and all that the Lord has done for us.

O come let us adore him.

Like the ancient believers, we rejoice that Jesus loved us, had mercy on us, and redeemed us. O Come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

*The Peace

The Hope of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

*Opening Hymn

“Away in a Manger”

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1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Children's Time

And ye are blest forever more.
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave; News, news!
Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude Festal Flourish on “Ding Dong! Merrily on High” setting by
D. Lasky

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

Organist: Ann Thompson

Attention: There will not be a Pastor’s Bible Study on Tuesday December 21 or December 28. The bible study will meet beginning January 4, 2022.

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. Many 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 will 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.

Rev. Ken Humbert and his wife Beverly celebrated 50 years of marriage on December 23rd, wishing them both the best and many more years of happiness together.

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.

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/>

***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.

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-Dec. 31, 2021.

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 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 6:30 p.m.-8pm. 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.

Sacred Rhythms: Spiritual Practices that Nourish Your Soul and Transform Your Life

A winter Sunday morning 6-week group study beginning Sunday, January 23 2022. (Jan. 23–Feb. 27) Do you long for a deep, fundamental change in your life with God? Do you desire a greater intimacy with Jesus? Do you wonder how you might truly live your life as God created you to live it?

Spiritual disciplines are activities that open us to God's transforming love and the changes that only God can bring about in our lives. Developed by United Methodist pastor, Ruth Haley Barton, and picking up on the monastic tradition of creating a "rule of life" that allows for regular space for the practice of the spiritual disciplines, *Sacred Rhythms* takes you more deeply into understanding seven key disciplines along with practical ideas for weaving them into everyday life.

Each chapter includes exercises to help you begin the practices---individually and in a group context. The final chapter puts it all together in a way that will help you arrange your life for spiritual transformation.

Calvary member Amy Kulesa will lead this study. More information will be given about ordering materials in the near future. To sign up, please contact the church office.

This Week at Calvary, December 26~January 2, 2022

Today, Sunday December 26

10:00 a.m. Worship

Sunday, January 2, 2022

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday, December 29

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

Prayer Concerns:

Recent Passing: Peter Lukasiak (Father of Sandy Chaney), Dr. Ellis Larsen

Members of Calvary: Owen Duthoy, Scott English, Rev. Shannon Sullivan, Aaron and Zeke Sullivan Harrington, Bruce Caruthers, Joann Crum, Betty Brewer, Lois Pacheco, 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

Friends of Calvary: Family of Amelia James Smith and Hagan Family (Daniel and Julia Morozewicz infant niece) Family of Mary Ann Smith (Sister of Alice Linton), Dawn Albertini (Friend of the Andersons, Chaney 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) Steinhouse

****If you purchased a poinsettia plant, please pick up after services today, or, Monday, December 27 or Tuesday, December 28 from the Parish Hall.**

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