

**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.*

January 2, 2022

Second Sunday of Christmas

Worship 10:00 A.M.

\*Passing of the Peace

Opening Music

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

P. Nicolai

Welcome, announcements

\*Call to Worship (read responsively)

At every bend in the river, at every fork in the road,

**Christ waits.**

At every surprising turn and in every corkscrew twist,

**Christ lingers.**

At every intersection and in every wrinkle of time,

**Christ tarries.**

Every day, each path we wander, each road we travel, we do not travel alone.

**Here and now, we remember that Christ has already walked the road of life. He walks it again with us. Here and now, we raise our songs of praise.**

\*Hymn

“We Three Kings”

UMH #254

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse a far,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*Refrain*

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to regin. *Refrain*

3. Frank incense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praiseing, voices raising, worshiping God on high. *Refrain*

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorroowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb. *Refrain*



\*The Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...and so, with you people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...and so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again**

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen**

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**

Sharing at the Lord's Table

Prayer After Receiving

\*Hymn

“This a Day of New Beginnings”

UMH #383

1. This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,  
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.
2. For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
Can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.
3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind  
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

4. Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.  
This a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.
5. In faith we'll gather round the table to taste and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude                                    “The Start Proclaims the King is Here”                                    J. Pachelbel

\*Going Forth to Serve

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

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**Ushers:** Paul Muehl, Dave 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. 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](mailto:office@calvaryumc.org).

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

**De-greening** Taking down the decorations at the church will be on Saturday, January 8 at 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed.

**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](mailto: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.

### **This Week at Calvary January 2 ~ January 9, 2022**

Today, Sunday January 2  
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 3  
7:00 p.m. SPRC

Tuesday, January 4  
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
1:30 p.m. UMW Ex. Committee

Wednesday, January 5  
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Open Prayer

Thursday, January 6  
6:00 p.m. AGAPE

Saturday, January 8  
9:00 a.m. De-greening the Church

Sunday, January 9  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship

## **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. 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. This study will be led by Calvary member Amy Kulesa. More information will be given about ordering materials in the near future. To sign up, please contact the church office.

## Love Bag Adoption Project

Last year our Love Bag Adoption Project was such a huge success that we decided to continue the tradition.

What are Love Bags?

These are bags put together for members of our church who need a little extra love for Valentine's Day. Instead of donating bulk items to the church for a group to assemble, we are asking people to adopt someone to offer them a Love Bag.

### **If only one person or family is making a love bag for one other person, what does that look like?**

We want it to be flexible. Normally our love bag has crossword puzzles, lotion and chapstick, notebook, pens, and sometimes a stuffed animal, in addition to various snacks (not too sweet since some folks can't have a lot of sugar). Maybe you want to continue that.

Or maybe you want to offer a gift of a prayer cross or a gift box you find at a local store. It does not need to be an expensive item. Something small done with love. It is a connection point, an opportunity for a little luxury for those who need a little extra love right now. Loving our neighbor is an important part of living out our faith, and it is also a way we can be the hands and feet of Christ for another.

If you'd like to adopt a Love Bag recipient, contact Christy Mossburg at [christy@calvaryumc.org](mailto:christy@calvaryumc.org) to be matched up to one of our congregation members. We can promise you will get as much joy out of giving this small gift of connection as your newly adopted recipient does. Gift bags must be distributed by February 14. Thank you for your support!

Here are steps for the Love Bag Adoption:

1. Email Christy Mossburg and let her know how many you would like to "adopt."
2. Prepare a bag filled with special items to make your adoptee feel loved and remembered.
3. Take a picture of the bag so we can share with the congregation the number of filled bags we were able to complete.
4. Deliver the bag to the recipient by February 14.

## **Prayer Concerns:**

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

**Members of Calvary:** Owen Duthoy, Scott English, Bruce Caruthers, Joann Crum, Betty Brewer, Lois Pacheco, Rita Sharpe, Georgia Riggelman, 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, Darlene McKnight, Peggy Griffiee

**Friends of Calvary:** Family of Amelia James Smith and Hagan Family (Daniel and Julia Morozerwicz 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), 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



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