

THE CALVARY CALLER

The Official Newsletter of the Calvary United Methodist Church

This issue is dedicated to the glory of God.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Washabaugh

God is Good! I am hoping that you are not shocked by the aforementioned statement. As we move through life and our journey as followers of Christ, it should be more evident that God is truly good, and even in the times of the trials, the hills, and the valleys, our God is a steadfast God and is still good. However, we Written by Pastor Ryan often lose sight of the role of God in our lives. We often become so complacent in our walk and in our faith that it feels like God is absent. For this, we need a reminder that God is with us and that God is, in fact, still our God.

Friends, that is what the season of Lent is for, to return to the relationship with Christ that we are called to be a part of. The cry of this Lent, as well as all, is a return to the right relationship with Christ, the relationship we were called to have. So as we move into the season of Lent, let us rend our hearts, turn back to Christ, and prepare to be an Easter people. To be people of the resurrection. To be a people that fully loves God and their neighbor. As we journey together through this season, expect some new and different things, but importantly, come expecting an experience with God. If we don't come expecting it, then perhaps. we will miss it!



BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

3/01 BELLA BRADLEY

3/03 LINDA BRASHEAR

3/04 JOY CRAIG

3/05 LAURA LEASURE

3/05 DONNA TRESSLER

3/08 CATHERINE GLISAN

3/09 MIA LACHOWICZ

3/10 JOY ANDERSON

3/12 LAURA NOGUEIRA-GONZALEZ

3/14 JERRY HUMBERTSON

3/15 DALTON ANDERSON

3/17 CHARLES SMITLEY JR

3/17 MEGAN SYLVESTER

3/18 DARLA GOODWIN

3/19 GEORGE SYNER

3/19 COLLEEN ZIELINSKY

3/21 WILLIAM SPAW

3/22 ALAN DAVID

3/23 KELLY FILBURN

3/23 MATTHEW KOMACKO

3/25 DAVID BOYD

3/28 RYAN KENNEDY

APRIL

4/02 JOY HUSTON

4/03 DIANE CONNER

4/03 LAURA GLISAN

4/06 KENNETH STONE

4/07 CAITLIN ANTHONY

4/11 CAROLE GRAY

4/11 LOIS MINNICK

4/11 JANET PAULL

4/12 JENNIFER PRACHT

4/13 CALLIE FRANKS

4/14 REBECCA LEDERMAN

4/15 EMILY JACKSON

4/16 CHARLES ANSELL

4/17 BAYLEE HANABECK

4/18 RONALD MINNICK

4/19 JANICE CONSTANTINE

4/19 KATHLEEN VOELKER

4/20 MARILYN GARBART

4/20 APRIL RAMBO

4/21 JAMES BYERS

4/21 BRENDA CAMPBELL

4/21 RISA DAVID

4/22 MARY McKEE

4/24 DONNA CACCIOLA

4/25 AARON SMITLEY

4/29 SUSAN MADDEN

4/29 DAVID VOELKER

4/30 BENJAMINE SAMPSON







- 2 Deb Hull
- 9 Joy Huston
- 16 Genna Naymick
- 23 Linda Tucker
- 30 Tom Snodgrass

- 6 David Voelker
- 13 Kathie Voelker
- 20 Evan Washabaugh
- 27 Linda Brashear





CALVARY MINISTRIES



FOOD PANTRY

Calvary Food Pantry is the 2nd Friday of every month. Over the past few months, we have been consistently serving about 35-40 families and continues to grow each month. Help and donations are always needed!



REBEKAH CIRCLE

Following a planned January break Rebekah Circle met in February at Eat n Park. Plans were made for another candy fundraiser for Easter. Volunteers are needed to gather orders and to make and box candy April 11-12. The cost will be \$6 for 1/2 pound and \$10 for a pound. Varieties peanut, raisin, and coconut clusters. March 4 will be our next meeting. It will be held at the church. Nancy Stone is the hostess and Jane Naymick will have the program on prayer and self-denial. April will be our Anniversary dinner. Time and place are to be decided at the March meeting. New members are welcome appreciated. We gather for and fellowship, devotions, and to serve our local community.



PARTNERS IN MISSION IS COLLECTED THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT THESE WORTHY CAUSES.

Ministres In-Focus

Preschool Happenings



Will March come in like a Lion??

Our preschoolers are learning and growing so much! Way to go!!

We will be having a few special days in March. The first week is Read Across America week, so we will have some fun things planned around Dr. Suess Books. Tuesday is Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday, etc Whatever you call it, its the day before Ash Wednesday. We will celebrate with PANCAKES!

On St. Patrick's Day, we will have a celebration including a coin hunt! Wear your festive colors!

LOOK AHEAD..

- Sat. April 12- Calvary UMC Easter
 Egg Hunt. Plan to Attend!
- Palm Sunday April 13
- Easter Party Thursday April 17th
- Easter Day Sunday April 20thyou're invited to Sunday Morning service 9AM

IMPORTANT DATES

- Week of march 3rd- Celebrate Dr. Seuss!
- Tues. March 4th- Pancakes for Snack!
- Thursday March 6- Show and Tell
- Sun 9th- Daylight savings- Change your clock!
- Tuition is due by the 10th of every month
- Mon. 17 St. Patrick's Day Celebration
 Wear Green and Orange!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

If your student will be out, please send a quick text or e-mail so we know





YOUR DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE MADE A LASTING IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY!

THE MISSION BARN- \$370.00 TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE MISSION BARN

<u>UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF</u>- \$950.00 TO SUPPORT RELIEF EFFORTS FOR THE HURRICANE IMPACT ON NORTH CAROLINA AND TENESSEE

WESLEY HEALTH CENTER- \$320.00 FOR THEIR ANNUAL FLU SHOT CLINIC

<u>JUMONVILLE CAMP AND RETREAT-</u> \$612.00 IN UNDESIGNATED FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE CAMPERSHIP MINISTRIES

MISSIONARY PATRICK ABRO- \$1000.00 TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HIS WORK IN BRUNDI. EAST AFRICA.

<u>HENDERSON SETTLEMENT:</u> \$250.00 TO HELP CONTINUE THE MISSION IN KENTUCKY

Contemporary Worship and Prayer Service

SATURDAY • <u>MARCH 22ND</u> • 6PM CALVARY UM CHURCH • 34 CLARKE AVE UNIONTOWN, PA 15401

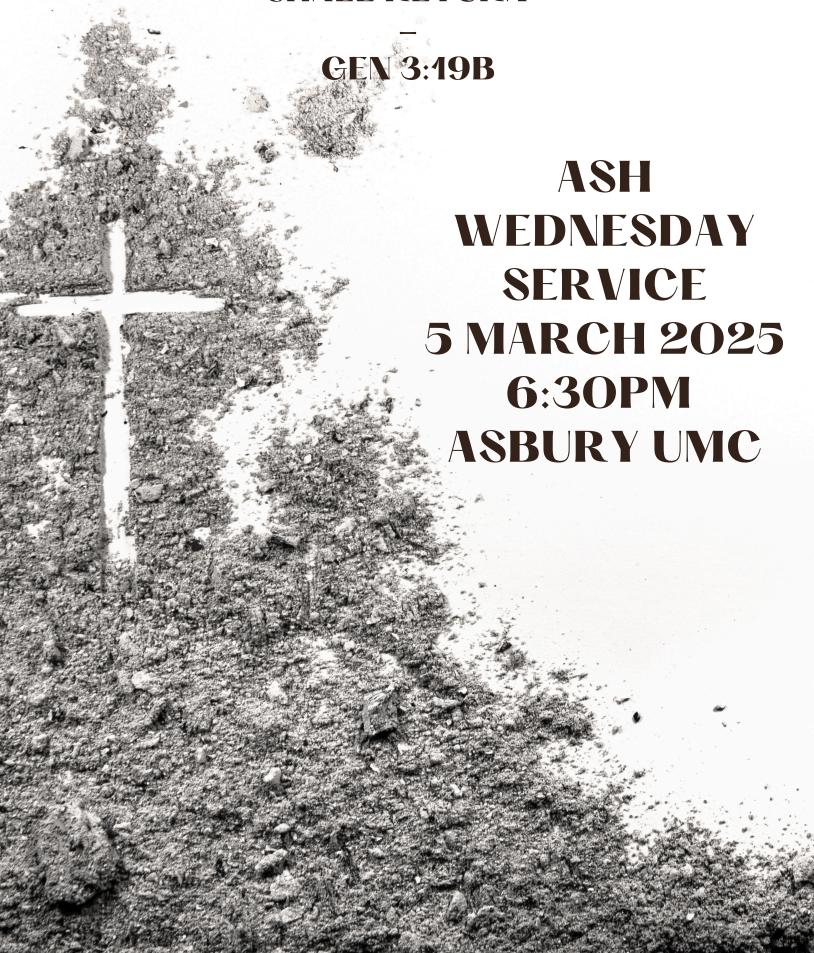
SATURDAY • APRIL 26TH • 6PM ASBURY UM CHURCH • 20 DUNBAR ST. UNIONTOWN, PA 15401

SATURDAY • MAY 24TH • 6PM
CALVARY UM CHURCH • 34 CLARKE AVE
UNIONTOWN, PA 15401

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W W W . F A C E B O O K . C O M / A S B U R Y U N I T E D M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H U N I O N T O W N P A

"YOU ARE DUST, AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN"



STEADFAST LOVE A LENTEN PLAYLIST

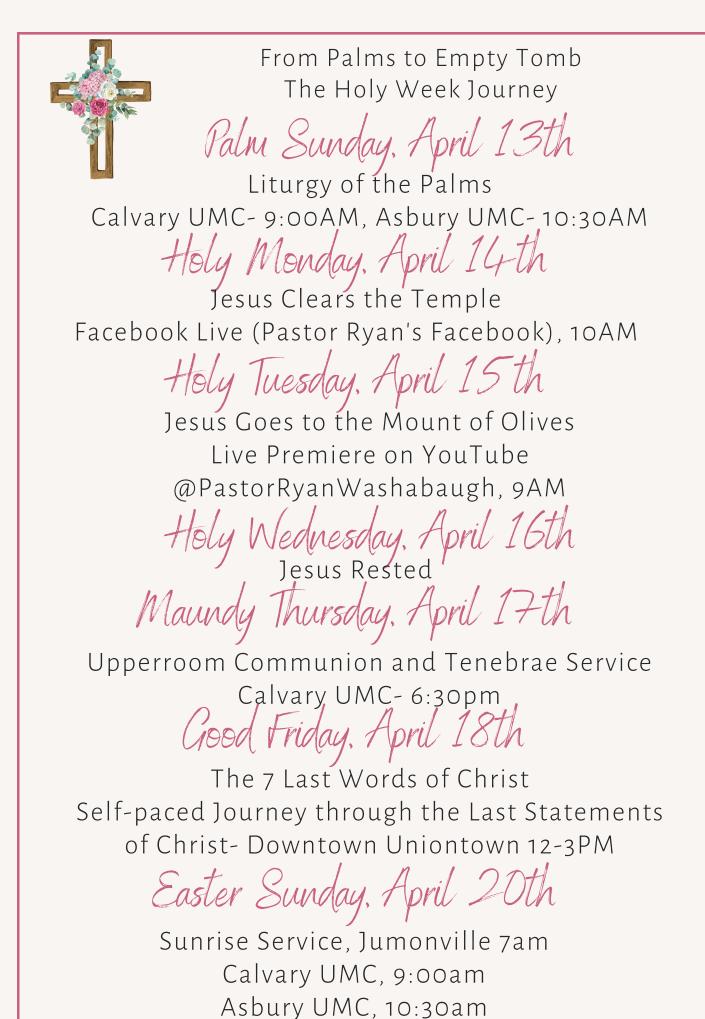
A playlist? For the season of Lent? A Lenten playlist? What an odd idea. Lent is often seen as a somber and even silent season. Certainly, there is space for contemplation, for embracing the quiet, for being still to seek out God. Many of us, however, find music a helpful tool for contemplation. So, this Lenten season this playlist will serve as another tool for enhancing our worship experience this season.

Listen to the PlayIsit here:

https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0iKlSh8Zp6BYEIdV5ENHr0?si=FoqPhJRReqxoyXngZHHsQ

CHECK OUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE FOR THE







Thank You to the Golf League for their generous donation of \$1100.00 to support camperships!

Thank You from Evan and Eli Washabaugh for your financial and prayer support for their mission trip to Hawai'i.

We would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and phone calls following the death of Stan's brother, Bill, and also my back injury. We appreciate them and are blessed to have such a caring Church Family. Sincerely, Stan & Sheryl



EVERY KID TO CAMP!!

Calvary has made a commitment to have every child/youth in our congregation attend camp at least one time. We know the importance of this experience in a child's faith development, and know it can be an experience of a lifetime!

Camp Info for 2025!

CALVARY'S CAMPERSHIP POLICY

For a week of camp costing <u>more than \$300.00</u>, Calvary will pay \$300.00 with the camper being responsible for the balance of the cost including the registration fee. The balance of the cost can be met by personal payment or by applying for financial aid from Jumonville. For a camp that costs <u>less than \$300.00</u>, Calvary will pay the balance due after the camper has paid the registration fee. These Calvary Camperships are available for any of the three W. Pa. United Methodist Conference Camps. Calvary will provide this campership for one week of camp, per individual, per year, for any child or youth who regularly attends Calvary Church.

Two ways to register:

- 1. Complete the registration form found in the Camping brochure and mail it to the camp of your choice and pay the \$75.00 registration fee by check.
- 2. Register online at www.jumonville.org and pay the \$75.00 registration fee by credit card. Links to the other camps can be found in that camp's brochure.

Financial Help:

For camping events at Jumonville, additional financial aid for the camper's share of the cost may be available by completing a financial aid request form and returning the form to Jumonville. The request should be made as soon as you are aware of the need, but no later than one month before the event. These forms are available online at jumonville.org/financial-aid.

Additional Help:

If additional help is needed in paying the registration fee, please contact Pastor Washabaugh.

Camping brochures will be in the narthex as soon as they are available.

Dear Church family,

It's time for a New Directory!



Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the signup table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
 Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!
- You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

April 24-26, 2025

Set your appointment with Universal today!

Gathering families,

Connecting generations

Directory Committee



Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter pa1144 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

CALVARY CONNECT

DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

MARCH & APRIL 2025



PASTRY SUNDAY

Join us for pastries before, during, and after service. Starting 8:25, the last Sunday of the month. In the Wesley Chapel

REFLECTION GROUP

A time of reflection and diving deeper into the text for the day. A great time to gather with others and to discuss the sermon and life. Last Sunday of the month. 10:10 in the Wesley Chapel. Led by the Church Empowerment Group



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

The church of now! Middle School to High School gathering to dive deeper into the word and do life together. 10:10 in the youth room, 4th Sunday of the month.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

A monthly gathering of the women of church with a focus on mission and community engagement. First Tuesday of the month- 6:30PM

DOGS AND SPUDS MARCH 23RD, 2025

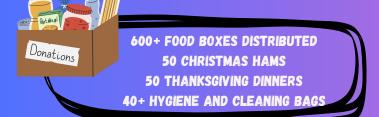
Join us for a time of fellowship after church including games

and food!

2024 CALVARY MISSION IMPACT TOGETHER WE DO GREAT THINGS!

\$31,356

DOLLARS GIVEN FOR MISSION IMPACT!







AND SO MANY MORE!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
IMPACT ON THE KINGDOM!





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FOR PRESCHOOL UPDATES

<u>Calvary United Methodist Church</u> <u>Executive Council Meeting, January 22, 2025</u>

The Executive Council was called to order at 6:30 PM by Pastor Ryan Washabaugh. The Council members in attendance were Jane Naymick, Evan Washabaugh, Rich Stevenson, Dave and; Kathie Voelker, Joy Houston, Brent Peck, Andy Naymick, Linda Brashear, and Pastor Ryan Washabaugh.

Also attending was Debra Conn.

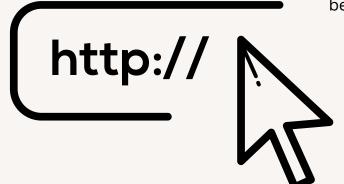
- Some time was spent discussing the goals of the Council in its new format, its structure, and how it will function. "Changing to a single, accountable, leadership structure is more than reducing the number of people at the table; it is about changing the work and conversation at the table".
- The end of the year financial reports were presented and reviewed. Linda reported that the books for the church have been audited by our CPA, Ladd Masek, and the books for the other groups are in the process of being audited.
- Pastor Ryan reported that a 12-month calendar of Calvary Church activities can be found on the Church web page at www.uniontowncalvary.com.
- The Executive Council meetings are open meetings, and everyone is encouraged to attend. However, voting on any motion will be restricted to Council Member vote only.
- The next Executive Council Meeting will be on February 26, 2025, at 6:30 PM. With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Brashear, Acting Secretary

We put it all out there on the Internet. Pix of everywhere we go and what we do there, including breakfast, lunch and dinner. Pix of our kids and our pets at every phase of their lives. How to apply makeup—right down to the colors to use for a certain look. How to fix a snowblower. Our political stance. What ticks us off and what makes us happy. Why, then, is it so hard to open our mouths when someone's needs help?

Recent news reports of senior citizens being financially scammed, seriously assaulted or left alone to try to fend for themselves in this complex world are unnerving. And then there are children whose caregivers cage them, starve them or stand by and watch as others physically abuse them within an inch of their lives—sometimes eve n worse. And then there are the instances that are not so dramatic in which someone just needs a little help.

See something, say something. It is not cliché'. Jesus was very clear that, as Christians, we must loveand care for our brothers and sisters. This includes opening our mouths when they are—or might be—in trouble.





MARCH 2025										
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT				
23	24	25	26	27	28	1				
	AA 7PM			Choir Practice 6PM	NA 5:50PM					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
Transfiguration Sunday Partners in Mission	AA 7PM	UWIF 6:30PM	Ash Wednesday Service @ Asbury 6:30PM Lenten Lunch @ Asbury Noon	Choir Practice 6PM	NA 5:50PM					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15				
1st Sunday in Lent Daylight savings time begins	AA 7PM	Food Box Packing @ Republic Warehouse- 10AM	Lenten Lunch @ Asbury Noon	Choir Practice 6PM	NA 5:50PM Food Pantry- 10AM					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22				
2nd Sunday in Lent	AA 7PM		Lenten Lunch @ Asbury Noon	Choir Practice 6PM	NA 5:50PM					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29				
3rd Sunday in Lent Youth Group Dogs and Spuds	AA 7PM		Lenten Lunch @ Asbury Noon	Choir Practice 6PM	NA 5:50PM	Contemporary Service @Calvary UMC 6PM				
30	31	1	2	3	4	5				
4th Sunday in Lent Pastry Sunday	AA 7PM		Lenten Lunch @ Asbury Noon	Choir Practice 6PM	NA 5:50PM					

APRIL 2025										
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT				
30	31	1	2	3	4	5				
	AA 7PM	UWIF- 6:30PM	Lenten Lunch @ Asbury Noon	Choir Practice 6PM	NA 5:50PM					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
5th Sunday in Lent Partners in Mission	AA 7PM	Food Box Packing @ Republic warehouse- 10AM	Lenten Lunch @ Asbury Noon	Choir Practice 6PM	NA 5:50PM Food Pantry- 10AM	UWIF Candy Sale Easter Egg Hunt				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19				
Palm Sunday	AA 7PM Facebook Live-10AM	Youtube Premier		Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 PM	Good Friday Good Friday Walking Tour 12-3pm NA 5:50PM					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26				
Easter Sunday Sunrise Service @Jumonville- 7AM 9AM Service	AA 7PM			Choir Practice 6PM Church Directory Photos @ Asbury	NA 5:50PM Church Directory Photos @ Asbury	Church Directory Photos @ Asbury Contemporary Service @ Asbury 6:00PM				
27	28	29	30	1	2	3				
Second Sunday of Easter Youth Group Pastry Sunday	AA 7PM				NA 5:50PM					