



The Messenger

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The “S” Word

I know what you’re thinking. You’re thinking that the pastor just misspelled the word, “sword.” I did not (see...I’m smarter than I look!).

The Autumn season brings many wonderful changes. The leaves begin changing colors, the mornings and evenings begin to take on a chill (I do love sweater weather), and exciting fall gathering activities like football games and holidays resume. Autumn also brings changes in the life of the church, as Sunday School resumes, worshippers back from their Summer Vacations begin filling the pews, and we all start looking forward to celebrations like World Communion Sunday, All Saints Day, and the beginning of Advent. There is, however, one activity that takes place in most churches during autumn that people often dread: the “S” word.

The “S” word – Stewardship – is one of the most misunderstood words in our Christian vernacular. Many of us read or hear the “S” word, and immediately think, “Oh No! The church is once again going to ask for my money!” Brothers and Sisters, stewardship is not about money. Stewardship is about trust. The greatest question we can ask ourselves is this: Do we trust God with the time, talent, and treasure that He has loaned us?

This October we will be seriously



considering the topic of stewardship in a three-part sermon series entitled, “Where Your Treasure Is.” Utilizing the Gospel of Luke, we will consider how our God-given treasure is more than how we spend our money; it is also how we spend our time and how we use our talents. Examining how our time, talent, and treasures are used, helps us to understand what we value. When we better understand what we value, it is easier to recognize if our values line up with the values of the Kingdom of God. Jesus reminds us,

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.” – Luke 12:34

What unique talents have been given you by God? How can you utilize the resources of time and money to further God’s Kingdom? How will your heart for Jesus grow when you step out in a faith commitment? I do not know how you will answer these questions, but I do know my hope is that all of us grow in grace and in the joy of becoming cheerful givers.

“Each person should give what they have decided in their hearts to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

Shalom in Christ,
Pastor Randy
pastor@calvaryunitedmethodist.org

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BE EXTRAVAGANT IN GIVING, EVEN IN THE 2ND YEAR OF A PANDEMIC

You may not feel rich, but most of us are richer than we think. In fact, if you can read this, you're automatically rich by global standards.

Yet most of us are terrible at being rich. The more money a person makes, the less they give away. Their time becomes consumed with managing their own wealth, leaving less time to invest in others. Their talents? Probably spent on protecting, increasing or exhibiting their personal wealth.

What would it look like for us to be extravagantly generous toward others, especially to those who can't do anything for us in return?

Being rich is a lifestyle. It's about stewarding your influence and your affluence. It involves cultivating an awareness of things that really matter, treating people as if they are more valuable than you, and investing in opportunities that make a real difference in your community.

The great thing is, being generous toward others affects more than just the recipient. When you invest your time and money in a person or cause other than yourself, you will start to look at the world through someone else's eyes. That perspective will initiate growth in you. Giving your time will impact your priorities. Giving money will impact the way you view your wealth. Generosity releases you from the hold your time and money can have on you.

So here's the challenge: Practice being rich in your generosity toward other people today. Make an effort to prioritize the needs of others. Demonstrate extravagant compassion, with no strings attached.

The last 20 months have been highly disappointing for all of us, with all of the event cancellations, mask-wearing, and the need to practicing distancing, when we would like to be together. In spite of this, thank you for continuing your generous giving and support to Calvary.

During the month of October, you will receive in the mail everything you need to participate in the 2022 Calvary stewardship campaign (except a pen). What a chance to express extravagant giving for 2022!

Meantime, "grow" yourself a little more in 2021 with an "extra give" to Calvary. God's need for us to respond to his world won't change with the calendar, or during a pandemic.

Rich Krampe, Stewardship Chair
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YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The Young at Heart Club (YAH) Club is tentatively scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 12th at 12:30 PM. The program is TBD. New faces are always welcome! Contact Jackie Wass at 717-230-8034 with any questions or to sign up.



ALTAR FLOWERS

With the return of Sanctuary Worship, there is also the opportunity to sponsor the Altar Flowers in Memory of or In Honor of someone.

Please sign up on the Altar Flower sign-up sheet in The Square. You also need to complete the Altar Flower Order Form and return it no later than 12 Noon the Monday prior to your sponsorship. The cost for two vases of flowers is \$50. Flowers may be taken home at the end of the 11 AM Worship Service.

WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Just a reminder that Worship is held at 8:30 and 11 AM in the Sanctuary on Sunday Mornings. The 8:30 AM Service is also Live Streamed on our Website, Facebook Page, and YouTube Channel.

Sunday School for Preschool through Adults is held from 9:45—10:45 AM on Sunday Morning. You are welcome to join a class at any time. More information is on our Website.

AMAZONSMILE

Calvary is now an AmazonSmile Charity. When you shop with Amazon, you can support Calvary at the same time. Here's how!

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR AMAZONSMILE

Computer

- Open a web browser and go to smile.amazon.com
- Sign in with your regular Amazon account information. Or, if you don't already have an Amazon account, you can create one at this step.
- On the next screen, select your charity – look for “Calvary United Methodist Church” with a Location of “Harrisburg, PA”.
- Start shopping!! Remember to go to smile.amazon.com when you are shopping.

Tip: Update (or create) your Amazon bookmark/favorite to go to smile.amazon.com to make sure you're always using the right website.

Amazon App on Smart Phone

- Open the Amazon Shopping app.
- Navigate to the main menu (the “=” icon).
- Tap on Settings and then select “AmazonSmile”
- Select your charity (if you haven't done that already) and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app.

Note: The tablet Amazon Shopping app does not yet support AmazonSmile. If you want to shop on your tablet, use a browser instead of the app.

When you shop using AmazonSmile, 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible items is donated to the charitable organization of your choice. Tens of millions of items are eligible for donations and there are over one million eligible 501(c)(3) public charitable organizations –

including Calvary UMC! US charities have received over \$275,000,000 through AmazonSmile since its launch in 2013.



MUSIC NEWS

Women's Voices of Calvary (grades 7– 12 & adult)

Come and join us as we will sing at both worship services on Sunday, October 24th. We will rehearse Sunday, October 17th at 12:15 PM following the 11 AM worship service. We will also rehearse Wednesday, October 20th at 7 PM in the sanctuary.

Christmas Voices of Calvary (grades 7 – 12 & adult)

Join us to sing for our Christmas Cantata at both worship services on Sunday, December 19th. We will begin our rehearsals on Saturday, October 23rd from 9:30—11:30 AM in the sanctuary. We will then hold our rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7—7:45 PM beginning on Wednesday, October 27th. We will also have a rehearsal on Saturday, December 18th from 9:30—11:30 AM. Please sign up by Sunday, October 10th so that music may be prepared for you.



NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

Thank you to the September Newsletter Assembly Crew: Becky Miller, Becki Porsch, Darlene Yoder, Sue Kaveney, and Pat Shomper.



CALVARY NOTES

Thanks to everyone who reached out to me after my unexpected appendectomy on September 3. And, special thanks to Pastor Doug for his encouraging message and beautiful prayer. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless. *~Dot Latin*

We want to say many thanks for the call from Pastor Randy; and the food and visits from Susie Shepler, Sharon Reid, Mary Alice Dumbauld, and Jim and Romney Noone. Thank you to Bonnie Evans for the cookies, brownies, and for checking on me. We also want to thank all those who checked on us and sent cards. *~Larry & Zel Phelabaum*

Thank you for considering me for and awarding me the church scholarship. This scholarship has helped me tremendously by paying for books and other expenses. Again, thank you for this opportunity. *~Peyton Blain*

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

October 3rd—October 31st

It's College Care Package Time! The Youth of Calvary are collecting items for 18 Care Packages for our college students. Suggested items for donation are: candy (like the kind you would give to trick-or-treaters), lunch box size chips and pretzels, individually wrapped packs of snacks and crackers, nuts, microwave popcorn, hot chocolate, post-it-notes, pens, pencils, highlighters, etc.

Place your donations in the Drop Zone Basket marked College Care Packages. Our youth will assemble the packages for mailing.

COLLEGE STUDENTS (and parents or grandparents): be sure the church office has your mailing address by October 13th or you won't receive one of these awesome Care Packages.



YOUTH GROUP

Calvary UMC Youth (Grades 7-12)

For more information or to sign up, contact Kelley Price at 717-545-0021 or youthatcalvaryumc@yahoo.com

Wednesday Night Weekly Youth Group—Join the Youth Group from **5:30-7 PM**. Meet at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for a free dinner. Then we will head to the Youth Room until 7:00 PM. On the first Wednesday of the month, we will have game night. **NOTE:** Wednesday Night Youth Group **will not be held** on November 24th or if the Central Dauphin School District is closed or closes early due to inclement weather.

Saturday, October 9th to Monday, October 11th—Wesley Forest Retreat. Those who signed up should meet in the church parking lot at 9:15 AM on October 9th. We will return around Noon on Monday, October 11th.

Youth Group and Covid-19: Events may be adjusted based on changing situations in our community. We also realize families may not be comfortable with all activities. Youth are welcome to participate in any of the activities based on family discretion. For the most current information, check our Youth Group Facebook Page and our monthly email. Please be sure you are on the list by emailing us at the email address above.



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Seekers of the Light: An Advent Journey to Christmas and Devotional Opportunity

The Christmas Voices of Calvary will present this year's Christmas Cantata, "*Seekers of the Light*" on Sunday, December 19, 2021, at both worship services. Pastor Randy has developed a sermon series to accompany this year's cantata based upon the theme, "Seekers of the Light." Pastor Randy would love for this year's Advent Devotional Booklet to mirror the themes of the sermon series and cantata and he is asking for your help.

There are 27 days in this year's Advent, beginning on Sunday, November 28 and ending on Friday, December 24. Pastor Randy will write each Sunday's devotional to correspond with his sermon for that day. He will then look for others to build upon each week's theme word (i.e. "hope, peace, joy and love"). The schedule and devotional needs are as follows:

Sunday, November 28 (Advent Day 1) – Seekers of the Light: "*Receive the Hope of Significance*" (Luke 1:26-38; The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she is highly favored.)

4 devotional entries needed on Hope
(November 29-December 4)

Sunday, December 5 (Advent Day 8) – Seekers of the Light: "*Receive the Peace of Purpose*" (Matthew 1:18-24; Joseph receives the peace of purpose in an awkward situation.)

4 devotional entries on Peace
(December 6-11)

Sunday, December 12 (Advent Day 15) – Seekers of the Light: "*Receive the Joy of Connection*" (Luke 1:39-56; Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth to share in the joy of their special connection.)

5 devotional entries on Joy
(December 13-18)

Sunday, December 19 (Advent Day 22) – Seekers of the Light: Receive the Love of God's Story, The Christmas Cantata
1 devotional entries on Love
(December 20-23)

Please call Kelley Price at 717-545-0021 or email office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org to let her know you are willing to participate. She will also confirm the theme you wish to write about is still available.

Your Devotional needs to be submitted via email (preferably) by Monday, November 1st. You may contact Pastor Randy or Kelley in the church office with any questions.

Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering this wonderful opportunity to connect our congregation with the reason for the season.

SERVANTS NEEDED

It's been a while! We are looking for help with: Ushering, Greeting, Day Time Office Volunteer Receptionists, Audio/Visual Team Help, and Children's Ministry Volunteers. Interested or looking for more information? Call or email Marji Beyer or Kelley Price in the church office.

Have questions about Musical Opportunities at Calvary? Call or email Deb Benedict.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OFFERING

October 3, 2021

The special offering envelope for World Communion helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. Please give to help these students attain their educational goals.



SAVE THE DATE



Christmas at Calvary
will be held on
Saturday,
December 4th.

Please save your Christmas Items for our various Shoppes—Jewelry, Silent Auction, Gift Baskets,

Live Christmas Greens, Trim a Home Shoppe, and Vintage Shoppe.

Items may be brought in from Sunday, October 10th through Sunday, November 28th. Any items brought in outside that time frame will be discarded. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Questions? Please contact Betty Albright at 717-545-4009.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Finance Committee reports the following financial information as of August 31, 2021:

Actual YTD as of 8.31.2021

Operating Revenues	\$534,172
Operating Expenses	\$558,741
Net Surplus (Loss)	(\$24,569)

Expected YTD per our budget and historical patterns

Operating Revenues	\$550,836
Operating Expenses	\$591,539
Net Surplus (Loss)	(\$40,703)

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Flint, Finance Manager, at the church office (Monday—Thursday from 7 AM until 3 PM) or Jeff Robertson, Finance Committee Chairperson at 717-566-3869.



FROM THE OFFICE

Please make sure all meetings and events are on the master church calendar by emailing the dates and times to office@calvaryunitedmethodist.org. **Even if you have a key, your meeting or event needs to be scheduled on the master church calendar.** Calvary is a busy place! Remember to also provide a copy of all committee minutes to the church office.

The November Newsletter deadline is Sunday, October 10th. Please submit all items to the church office by this date.

Please remember to notify the church office if you have moved, updated your phone number, eliminated a land phone line, or changed your email. The post office does not always notify us of address changes. Thank you!

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Prayer Concerns

Boyd Knouse, Roger Cooper, Dawn Koller, Marilyn Archibald, Dee Dare, Madelyn Smith, Steven McNaughton, Rachel & Brayden Amspacker & Family, Henry Reinsborrow, Phil Womer, Megan Masoero, Bryce Leidich, Lorraine Brosius, Scott & Tracy Wagner, Shirley Holtzer, Lew Cordner, Joanne Paladino, Lily Black, George Rowe, Ginny Coy, Peg Reichley, Alex Jacobs, Lance Leidich, Kimberly Myhre, Rebecca Jacobs & Family, Ellen Staudt, Heidi Matter, Mark Boucher, Charley Cover, Darlene Yoder, Leah Foster, Gary Hite, Jean Wuester, Carol Bettinger, Wendy Rose, Jody Edmondson, Denise Deaven, Fran Davis, Dennis Solt, Russ Patterson, Mary Feith, Pastor Jan Hughes, Charlotte Cornelius, Vicki Stough, Patti Lightner, Ed Amspacker, Nan Heberle, Robert Wray, Marion Kardisco Rang, Mary & Karl Keck, Ryan Cintron, Drew & Daris Ciecierski, Lawrence "Bunky" Brophy, Bernice & Steve Quesenberry, Dashiell James Morgan, Jean Bittle, Sandy Bissman, Laura Robinson, Jennifer Miller, Joe Bowers, Darcy & Todd Ruch, Richard Kauffman, Brian Bird, Kathy & Dan Pedriani, Janice Meadath, Joanne Salsgiver, Cheryl Kreiser, Sue Demchak, Judy Savastio, Charles R. Sproule, Mattern Family, Brent Lawson, Mike & Stella Power, Angelo, Pete & Tess Hammel, Rich Hann, Arthur Heller, Ella Evrard, Marie Halliday, Ariel Russo, Sally Nester, Ellen & Mike Adams, Penny Cognato, Karen Rodes, Ashley Martin, Diane Klick & Family, Kent Rickenbaugh, Michael Aguirre, John Oster, Nancy Wood, Dot Latin, Isabella Kurtz, Norma Snook, Bill McCahan, Larry King, Ricky & Taylyn Conway, Steve Taylor, Colleen Hoke, Susan Rodkey

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Worship Opportunities in October

Sunday, October 3rd

World Communion Sunday
8:30 & 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
8:30 AM Livestream Worship
Life Together:
"Encourage One Another"
1 Thessalonians 5:12-23

Sunday, October 10th

8:30 & 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
8:30 AM Livestream Worship
Life Together:
"Healthy Conflict with One Another"
Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, October 17th

8:30 & 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
8:30 AM Livestream Worship
Where Your Treasure Is...:
"Treasure is More Than Money"
Luke 12:22-32

Sunday, October 24th

8:30 & 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
8:30 AM Livestream Worship
Where Your Treasure Is...:
"Treasure is Going the Extra Mile"
Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, October 31st

8:30 & 11 AM Sanctuary Worship
8:30 AM Livestream Worship
Where Your Treasure Is...:
"Treasure You Leave Behind"
Luke 16:19-31

SUB SALE TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Pick Up on Sunday, October 31st in the Fellowship Hall between 8 AM and 12:15 PM

It's time for the Scholarship Committee Sub Sale! Funds raised help us build the scholarship fund. Sub and pretzel sandwich orders will be accepted beginning on October 1st. Completed orders with payment (check made out to Calvary UMC) can be submitted by:

1. Place in the basket located in The Square on Sunday Mornings.
2. Mail to Laurie Doyle at 429 Berryhill Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109
3. E-mail order to Laurie Doyle at regisdo@msn.com (pay at order pickup)

All orders must be received by Sunday, October 24th at 12 Noon.

Cost of Subs is \$6 each and you can select from **Italian** (provolone, cooked salami, ham), **Regular** (American cheese, bologna, ham, cooked salami), **Ham, Turkey, and Roast Beef**. Pretzel Sandwiches (**Ham & Cheese, Turkey & Cheese**) are \$5.50 each. Lettuce, onions, and tomatoes are wrapped separately to stay fresh, so buy for more than one meal! Thanks for your support!

----- Return this bottom half with your order -----

SUB ORDER FORM *to benefit* Calvary's Scholarship Fund

Name _____ Phone _____

Type of Sub	Onions	No Onions	Quantity	Price	Total
Italian				\$6.00 each	
Ham				\$6.00 each	
Turkey				\$6.00 each	
Roast Beef				\$6.00 each	
Regular (American)				\$6.00 each	
Pretzel Sandwiches					
Type of Sandwich			Quantity	Price	Total
Ham & Cheese				\$5.50 each	
Turkey & Cheese				\$5.50 each	
TOTAL: \$ _____					