



# The Messenger

THE NEWSLETTER OF CALVARY UMC

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## VISION SETTING

*“Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.” – Proverbs 29:18*

The New Year offers us the opportunity to take inventory of our lives, consider what we might want to change, and then embark upon making that change. People often refer to this process as, “New Year’s Resolutions.” I learned a long time ago that making resolutions often fails, but setting goals often succeeds.

Goal setting often succeeds when it is aligned with a vision, and the vision is aligned with God’s plan. The above verse from Proverbs 29:18 is often cited as, *“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”* People then utilize this sentence from which to springboard towards vision setting for their life or for the organization to which they belong. However, they often overlook the other half of the verse: *“But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”* In other words, visioning for the future succeeds when it is rooted in God’s presence now. Conversely, without a vision rooted in God’s presence, God’s people will wander “every which way.”

The people of God are called to constant connection with Him through the Holy Spirit and His means of grace. A people rooted in Christ and connected to each other will receive a prophetic vision for

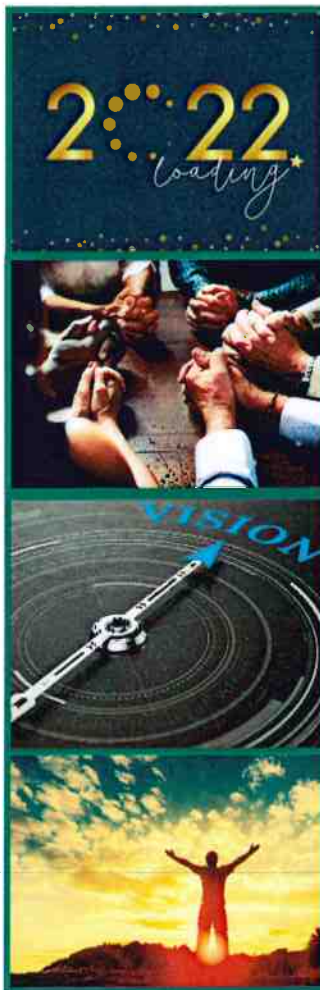


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their future when they maintain their connection. Jesus’ words from the Sermon on the Mount speak a powerful reminder to us when setting a vision, *“Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”* Friends, I share all this with you because Calvary Church will begin the process of Vision Setting in 2022. First, though, we must continue growing in our relationship with God and each other as Pastor and Congregation. Therefore, we will embark upon the first of our spiritual formation opportunities this Lenten Season. The resource we will use for this spiritual formation opportunity will be, *“The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows,”* by James Bryan Smith. Adult Sunday School classes will be invited to consider using their class time to discuss the book. Likewise, small groups will be developed to offer short-term opportunities for discussion. Additionally, I will offer expanded teaching from the pulpit in order to supplement the book reading and discussion. The desired outcome of our concentrated time in spiritual formation will be to seek God’s Kingdom by addressing the false narratives we carry around about ourselves and God.

Please consider partnering with me in our spiritual formation this Lenten Season. The suggested donation for a book will be \$15.00. However, please do not allow money to be a barrier for you, as you

may have a book without donation. Likewise, if you are not a fan of discussion groups, but would still like to read the book this Lenten Season, you are more than welcome to sign-up. Book Order Sign-ups will be available beginning Sunday, January 16, 2022, and will run through Sunday, February 6, 2022. You may sign-up or email the church office to reserve a book. Book Orders will be submitted on Monday, February 7, 2022, and distributed in adequate time for the Lenten Season (which begins Wednesday, March 2, 2022).

Happy New Year to Our Spiritual Formation,  
Pastor Randy

## 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](mailto:youthatcalvaryumc@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday Night Weekly Youth Group**—Join the Youth Group **on January 12th, 19th, and 26th 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:** Youth Group **will not be held** on January 5th or if the Central Dauphin School District is closed or closes early due to inclement weather.

**Friday, March 25th—Sunday, March 27th—Wesley Forest Retreat.** Watch for more information in late January. Cost for the weekend is \$50. Scholarships are available.

**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.

## A COVENANT RENEWAL & BLESSING OF OUR CHURCH LEADERS

**Sunday, January 9, 2022**

**Attention Church Leaders:** Calvary Church will join in the Wesleyan Covenant Renewal service and offer a formal blessing for our church leaders for the 2022 year on January 9th. We will also celebrate Holy Communion as we center ourselves in on God's work at Calvary Church for the coming year.

## "I AM" A SERMON SERIES FOR EPIPHANY

The Gospel according to John records many significant events and sayings from the life of Jesus Christ. Perhaps the most profound of these sayings are the "I AM" statements of Jesus' self-proclaimed identity. Just as Jesus' Father revealed Himself to the Israelites in ages past (i.e. Moses at the Burning Bush, "I AM that I AM"), Jesus also revealed Himself to the people of Israel as "I AM." John records seven instances of Jesus referring to Himself as the great, "I AM." We will consider each "I AM" statement on the following Sundays:

January 9, 2022

*"The Same I Am"* (John 6:1-21)

January 16, 2022

*"I Am the Bread of Life"* (John 6:22-40)

January 23, 2022

*"I Am the Light of the World"*  
(John 8:12-20)

January 30, 2022

*"I Am the Gate and the Shepherd"*  
(John 10:1-18)

February 6, 2022

*"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"*  
(John 11:17-44)

February 20, 2022

*"I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life"* (John 14:1-14)

February 27, 2022

*"I Am the True Vine"* (John 15:1-17)



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**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.



### YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

The next meeting of the YAH Club will be on Tuesday, January 11th at 12:30 PM. Following dessert, our guest speaker will be Mary Bach from AARP.

Please contact Mary Alice Dumbauld at 717-545-7174 to make a reservation. Previous attendees will be contacted in the same way you are each month.

### SAVE THE DATE

On May 21, 2022, the United Methodist Women will be hosting a symposium featuring Julie Henning, adopted daughter of Pearl S. Buck. Julie will share her Amerasian story of divine care through poverty to life in America. Multi-racial children tend to be harassed and discriminated against in South Korea. That is where Julie's (originally named Goo Sooni) story begins. She overcame poverty, starvation, and discrimination in her homeland. In her memoirs, *A Rose in a Ditch*, Julie tells the interesting story of her life in South Korea, her adoption by Pearl S. Buck, and becoming a Christian and how her life was impacted by this. The day will begin at 8:30 AM with registration and a three part program beginning at 9:15 AM and ending at 2:30 PM. Tickets will be \$30/person which will include lunch. Ticket information will be given closer to date. Plan to come hear Julie's amazing story. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Cintron at 717-805-1248 or [dianne.l.cintron@gmail.com](mailto:dianne.l.cintron@gmail.com) or Sue Weikert at [s\\_weikert@yahoo.com](mailto:s_weikert@yahoo.com) or 717-315-5441.

## 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES  
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NUMBERS  
ARE CHANGING**

The 2022 offering envelope boxes are available for pick up in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall through the end of January. After that, please call Nancy Flint in the church office to arrange pick up. Because it is cost-prohibitive, we do not normally mail church offering envelopes. You can help the transition to a new giving year go more smoothly by noting and doing the following:

1. **2022 ENVELOPE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED.** This is so that we can consolidate the numbers so that we can order less boxes of envelopes and not waste boxes of envelopes, as well as realize savings by ordering fewer envelope boxes.
2. To ensure proper credit for your offerings, please do not use 2022 envelopes until January 1st and do not use 2021 envelopes after January 1st.
3. We appreciate those who want to deliver another's envelope box to them, but please be sure to notify the person or the church office if you are doing so.
4. Please do double check the name and address label on the box and use the one that is specifically yours, and that the envelope number on the label matches the number on the envelopes.
5. Please do write your name on your offering envelopes in January to help us ensure that none have been mislabeled.

These steps will help us to maintain correct giving records for our contributors and we thank you for your assistance.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Finance Committee reports the following financial information as of November 30, 2021:

<i>Actual YTD as of 11.30.2021</i>	
Operating Revenues	\$724,056
Operating Expenses	\$757,404
Net Surplus (Loss)	(\$33,817)

<i>Expected YTD per our budget and historical patterns</i>	
Operating Revenues	\$770,125
Operating Expenses	\$803,942
Net Surplus (Loss)	(\$33,348)

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.

Thank you for your continuing financial support of the ministry and mission of Calvary Church!



## HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY

In January, the United Methodist Church receives offerings for Human Relations Sunday. You will find an envelope for this offering in your 2022 envelope box. This offering supports ministries of social justice and outreach administered by the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society.

## CALVARY NOTES

The Scholarship Committee would like to send a huge thank you to the Calvary United Methodist Fellowship. Our fall fund raising was very successful. We collected \$636.00 in parking lot contributions and \$567.50 in sub sale profits. Many people helped make this possible but special thanks must be shared to both Becky Miller and Betty Albright who assisted our fundraising efforts even though they are not committee members or family of current scholarship recipients. Thank you to all. Look forward to our winter sub sale coming in February. ~Laurie Doyle, Chair

Greetings from, mostly, warm and sunny Florida! As always my prayer for our Calvary family is that we experience the Hope, Light, Joy, and Love of Advent and Christmas and that this will continue throughout the new year. My heartfelt thanks to Pastor Randy for the meaningful and pleasant phone conversation we shared a few months ago. My prayer is that God bless him, his family, and their ministry at Calvary. I appreciate receiving the always creative handmade holiday cards from the 5th & 6th grade Sunday School class and their dedicated teachers. I missed hearing from them in 2020. I do enjoy the cards you send me and reading your family news. If you ever wish to chat -- my phone number is still 717-545-3002. Lisa, Samuel, and I are enjoying almost normal lives this year; the only limitation was my decision not to travel, so I missed my chance to visit with all of you. However, some family members and Calvary friends spent time with us this summer. Technology keeps us in touch with my grandchildren and their families in Australia and NY state. My kitty Holly and I still spend mornings on our lanai while I have coffee and meditation time. Every morning I pray for Calvary, its pastors, and all of you, my friends. I think about my many happy years (60+), the fellowship, spiritual growth, and opportunities to serve God and Calvary. I send you my love and many blessings. You are always welcome to visit us! ~Linda Crosson

## COMPLETING A VISION

In the March 2020 Calvary Church Newsletter, Pastor Jeff Fisher shared an update entitled, "*The Welcome Center and The Square.*" Pastor Jeff outlined how the Church Council approved on January 23, 2020, the concept of modifications to "The Square" as the new intentional space for gathering and fellowship (both on Sunday mornings and throughout the week). Part of that vision was to make certain that coffee, juice, and light refreshments, such as "donuts and/or cookies," were available in The Square. Pastor Randy is pleased to say that the vision upon which Calvary embarked two years ago is nearly complete.

The newest addition to The Square is a coffee bar. The coffee bar has two Keurig stations for making the kind of coffee you want on demand. Additions for your coffee, such as cream and sugar, will also be available on the bar. We anticipate developing a standing order for light refreshments to accompany our coffee offering soon. We ask that you prayerfully consider serving as Sunday morning host/hostess for our Coffee Bar. All the supplies will be provided, and volunteers will be asked to set up prior to each service on Sunday morning.

Please direct any questions you may have regarding The Square to Pastor Randy. If you are interested in volunteering to serve in this exciting area of hospitality, please contact Marji Beyer at the church office.





## WEDNESDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS & PRAYER

January 5, 2022 will begin our weekly Wednesday Morning Gatherings from 11:30 AM—12 Noon. Join Dennis Helsel and Linda Hoffman in the Chapel as we share in a time of devotions and then share our church family and personal request for prayers. God calls us to be in community with each other and lift one another in prayer. ALL ARE WELCOME!



## NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

Thank you to the December Newsletter Assembly Crew: Becki Porsch, Jackie Wass, Pat Shomper, and Oscar Sherrick.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Celebrate the new year with United Methodist Women at Panera Bread (Jonestown Road) on Thursday, January 20th at 11 AM. Enjoy the company of new and old friends. Along with making plans for our monthly meetings, Bonnie Evans will review the historical fiction book AMERICAN DIRT about a family fleeing the Mexican cartel. We welcome new members and new ideas. All are welcome!

Please contact Sue Weikert with any questions at [s\\_weikert@yahoo.com](mailto:s_weikert@yahoo.com) or 717-315-5441.



## HOPPING INTO EASTER TIME

We will begin Easter Egg production on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 9 AM. As in the past, we plan to meet, thereafter, every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 AM—1 PM (not on January 8th) All are welcome. No experience is necessary. We will find a place for you. Join us one day or every day. If you have questions, please call Karen Miller at 717-439-0852.

## PEANUT BUTTER

Easter Eggs are just around the corner and with that comes the request for JIF Creamy Peanut Butter donations. Costco has been a very good source. They currently have JIF Creamy Peanut Butter in sets of 2, 28 oz. jars which work perfectly for the recipe! But know, we will take any size of JIF Creamy Peanut Butter. Your donations are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the Drop Zone. If you have questions, please call Karen Miller at 717-439-0852.

## 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](mailto: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 February Newsletter deadline is Monday, January 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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## Calvary's Prayer Ministry

**In Mourning:** The Family of Fred Rudy, Dottie Bowman, Allyson Acri, Lauren Romberger

**Calvary LAMS (Limited Activity Members):** George Miller, Sam & Sally Evans, Richard Taylor, Barbara Jamison, Gloria Wingert, Dona Hoover, Catherine Sener, Shirley Miller, Betty Krahn, Doris Beatty, Jean Murphy, Rosalla Hollenbach, Marianne Bacon, Carl & Eileen Page, Shirley Longnaker, Dorothy Dell, Betty Fisher, Arlene Little, Lois Hartman, Gary Lyter, Joyce Haskins, Marcia Oster

### 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, Charlotte Cornelius, Vicki Stough, Ed Amspacker, Nan Heberle, Jean Bittle, Jennifer Miller, Joanne Salsgiver, Cheryl Kreiser, Sue Demchak, Charles R. Sproule, Brent Lawson, John Oster, Nancy Wood, Isabella Kurtz, Norma Snook, Bill McCahan, Ricky & Taylyn Conway, Steve Taylor, Colleen Hoke, Katie Kwiatkowski, Dale Hess, Drew Ciecierski, Shirley Fulmer, Erin Jacob, Susan Rodkey, Cheryl Bretz, Chuck and Joan Miller, Kerri Milliken, Clark Kitner, Tim Burns, Todd Ruch, Vicki Sweigard, John Gottshall, Matt & Loretta Schaeffer, Abbey & Zach McHugh, Dawson Macleary, Dave Mehaffie, Zayra Sanchez, Mike Stephens, Bob Lipsett, Rob Ballard on the loss of his wife, Colleen Vaccaro, Mili Afalava, Paddy & Vicki McGroaty, Karl Deemer, Ron Wenrich, Joan Novosel, Arthur Sommers, Fran Almedia, Ron Bettinger, Yvette Keefer, Diana Trout, Mary Alice Dumbauld, Sylvia Dodge, Sean Hamor, Mrs. Byler, James Helsel, Abbey & Zach McHugh, Dottie Bowman, Belinda Goff, Louanne Frederickson, Anne Simmons, Kayla Cronister, Emily Colvin, Michael Pyles, Jason Westrick

### Serving in Armed Forces

Amber Pfarr, Andrew Hoffman, Jake Smuda, Aaron Lytle, Anthony Oswaldel, Patrick McCarthy, James Simmons, Clay Burnette, Holly Dively, James Forsyth, Steven Novosel, Curtis Fetterhoff, Chase Tillman, Jackson Robinette, Joseph Swift, Cole Schiffhauer, Jake Schiffhauer, Zachary Curtis



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## *Worship Opportunities in January*

### Sunday, January 2nd

8:30 & 11 AM Sanctuary Worship  
8:30 AM Livestream Worship  
*Discovering Our Inheritance*  
Ephesians 1:2-14

### Sunday, January 9th

Covenant Renewal, Holy Communion,  
Blessing of Church Leaders  
8:30 & 11 AM Sanctuary Worship  
8:30 AM Livestream Worship  
*The Same I Am*  
John 6:1-21

### Sunday, January 16th

8:30 & 11 AM Sanctuary Worship  
8:30 AM Livestream Worship  
*I Am the Bread of Life*  
John 6:22-40

### Sunday, January 23rd

8:30 & 11 AM Sanctuary Worship  
8:30 AM Livestream Worship  
*I Am the Light of the World*  
John 8:12-20

### Sunday, January 30th

8:30 & 11 AM Sanctuary Worship  
8:30 AM Livestream Worship  
*I Am the Gate and the Shepherd*  
John 10:1-18

### Wednesday Morning

### Devotions and Prayer

Every Wednesday  
11:30 AM—12 Noon in the Chapel