



# CALVARY CONNECTION

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## Pastor's Ponderings

On Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, we celebrated the greatest event the world has ever witnessed: the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! Easter is the highlight of the Christian year. It is the very foundation of our faith. So, what difference did Easter make?

For the closest followers of Jesus, they were very afraid of the Romans immediately following the torturous death of Jesus. Oh, they were emboldened when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the gathered believers, but all of them still met with violent deaths (except for John). In less than 40 years after Jesus's death, the Romans destroyed the temple and the city of Jerusalem. Throughout time God's "chosen people" have suffered one abuse after another.

And what about now, 2024. I mean as I look around, the world seems to be getting worse. People are still getting cancer and dying from cancer. Wars rage on. Accidents take innocent lives. Left and right vilify the other. The poor seem to be getting poorer and the divide between rich and poor is ever widening. Deaths by suicide are terribly high. The problem of substance abuse disorder is taking many lives and destroying many relationships. So where is this new kingdom that Jesus proclaimed? Did Easter make a difference?

It is painfully obvious that the world in which we live does not resemble the Garden of Eden that God created and intended. It is painfully obvious that the Kingdom of which Jesus spoke is not fully present. It can be discouraging to experience heartache and loss and witness evil running rampant.

For some people, they think that the primary benefit of being a follower of Jesus and the primary gift of Easter is that we do not go to Hell when we die. Don't get me wrong, that is certainly one of the most important things that Christ accomplished on the Cross and in rising from the dead. Praise God! We are awaiting the time when we will be with Christ in eternity where there is no more evil or pain or suffering or crying or dying. It is back to the Garden of Eden God intended from the very beginning—God finally gets what God wants.

But do we have to wait until we die to participate in the victory of Jesus while the world around us, and maybe our own world, brings pain and turmoil and evil seems to reign supreme?

No! We DO witness God's love in action and get glimpses of the Kingdom every time a hungry person is fed or a lonely person is included or a sick person is healed or when a fractured relationship is restored or when people are generous to help those who cannot help themselves or when some injustice is made right or when a person caught in the downward spiral of addiction is set free and most especially when love overcomes hate. All those things, and you can name many, many more, are evidence that Jesus is still alive and living in and through His people. Without the presence of Christ, it seems to me that we would all be completely inward focused, completely self-centered. What would be our motivation for helping others? That seems like the most powerful result of Easter right now, every day, in all sorts of places.

After Easter, we live in the freedom of Jesus Christ. We are forgiven and offered eternal life and that allows us to give ourselves away for God and His Kingdom work. When you see a tear roll down someone's cheek when they first experience the love of Jesus and ask Jesus to forgive them and they commit their life to following Jesus, you are seeing what a difference Easter made. There is evidence of God's grace and love all around us if we only have the eyes to see. And you are part of that evidence. When you live in the way Jesus directed, you are demonstrating the power of Easter! When your life shows evidence of transformation toward the model and example of Jesus, you are a witness to the difference that Easter makes!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Steve

## MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

February 21st the new mid-week bible study began, Toward the Cross. This Lent study will take us through the month of April. Attend as often as you can.

## BE PREPARED FOR WORSHIP

Worship is supposed to be participatory with each person contributing to the worship of Almighty God. One way that you can participate more fully, is to come to Sunday worship prepared and expecting God's presence. To assist your preparation, read and reflect on these scriptures and themes the entire week before worship:

Apr 7 – Fellowship – 1 John 1:1-22

Apr 14 – I Stand Amazed in His Presence – Acts 3:12-19

Apr 21 – The Good Shepherd – John 10:11-18

Apr 28 – Abide – John 15:1-8



## GRIEF SHARE GROUP

Our current GriefShare group is meeting on Tuesdays 6:30pm – 8:00pm. If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, please consider joining us. The GriefShare program employs a combination of videos with professional counselors and personal testimonials and group discussion time to help participants work through the grief process and gain some tools to help in our day-to-day lives. Many people (not everyone) find it helpful. You will also find a community of people experiencing what you are experiencing, and we form a bond and community-it becomes our tribe! Each session can stand alone and be helpful so you can join the program at any time during this 13-session series which will conclude April 30th.



**The Youth Groups have returned to their Sunday evening meetings. Meetings are 5:30 pm with choir and regular**

**meetings at 6:00 pm**

## Your Youth Group Leaders

Younger Youth –	Taran Wolford	532-2317
M&M's -	Ashley Hosaflook	786-0046
High School-	Jimmy Groves	372-8768

## Prayers and Squares Ministry

The Prayers and Squares group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. And, on as needed times if they have special projects. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please call Joyce Davis at 372-4555.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to create beautiful prayer shawls for comfort and hope. Currently they are working on Prayer Scarves for our graduating seniors to remind them when they are away their home church continues to pray for them. People knit/crochet shawls and lap robes for many reasons, to console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, and bring hope to those in despair. They may also be knit/crocheted to celebrate life and its milestones. The reasons to knit/crochet a shawl or lap robe are as numerous as the people who knit/crochet them. If you can knit or crochet (or would like to learn) and are interested in this mission, please contact Faye Milhoan or call the church office at 304-372-3203. Get those needles creating.



## CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY

Ryan Ruben began a 6-week study on the **book of Revelation in the High School Sunday School class on 3/24/24**. The book of Revelation has a lot of mystery but can also be unsettling. Including numerical signs and monsters, the book of apocalypse can be difficult to wrap our minds around, but the message that Revelation brings is hope. **The class will focus on the DVD and study guide entitled *Revelation: Extravagant Hope* and is part of the Beautiful Word Bible Studies.** As there are a lot of references to scripture in the DVD, **all participants are encouraged to bring their Bible to each session.**



## United Methodist Men

The next meeting of the UMM will be April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend.

**UMM Baked Steak Dinner**

**April 14, 2024 11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

**Donations Only**

**Morley Q Parsons Scholarship Fund**

Check with Dallas Wallen for tickets

## United Methodist Women – United Women in Faith



The United Women in Faith will be having their annual Spiritual Growth Retreat on April 12-13 at Cedar Lakes. The retreat will begin Friday evening and continue Saturday. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Registration forms are located beside the Calvary United Women in Faith bulletin board across from the office. We hope you will join us!



**Blood Drive**

The **Deborah Miriam Circle** will meet April 10<sup>th</sup> @10:00 am in the church Conference Room. Daisy Bennett will have the program and hostesses are Shirley Catalano and Faye Milhoan.

The Blood Drive was held March 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We received 32 units. The next drive is May 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the drive, please let Kathy Marlow or Lora Sturm know.

The **Mary Martha Circle** will meet April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. at the home of Stephanie Casto.

The **Discovery Circle** will be meeting April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm. The Program Leader is Hilary Groves.

If you are not already a member of a women's circle, you are welcome to join one of these.

### DINNER CLUB



We have a group of folks who share a meal about once a week because we don't like eating alone or trying to

cook for one person. If that applies to you, please consider joining us! Just contact Pastor Steve.



### John 3:16 Fellowship

John 3:16 Fellowship –

March 19th may not have been filled with warmer Spring-like

temperatures as the first day of Spring should be but our first gathering of the Spring season was far from brisk and cold. We shared a bowl of soup and a sandwich followed by a nice helping of “chair yoga” led by our own sweet Autumn Hopkins. It was not only good exercise for our bodies but just listening to her kind, soft voice was uplifting and good for our spirits.

Easter greeting cards were prepared to mail to Calvary's students and those special folks at home who couldn't be with us in fellowship. We were reminded of Jesus' “egg-ceptional love” with a shared devotion and afterward a few games were “egg-joyed” by most. All though the competition was stiff, Mike Wilt claimed the title for fastest peep stacker.

Our next gathering will be April 16th. Please come join us - we will be serving our version of “potluck” - a variety of casseroles with a side of sweet friendship and fellowship in Christ.

Vanessa Rothrock



**Wee Read & Feed** We have been very blessed. Thank you so much to the anonymous person or persons making the wonderful donation to

our mission. We greatly appreciate you and your donation. Our mission is to bring children and their families to Jesus and to improve literacy skills by making books available at no cost. Donated books may be left at the desk by the church office. Leave a note so we will know they are for Wee Read & Feed. Joyce Groves 372-8612

### 2\*1\*1

Do you ever encounter someone in need? Like, in need of help to pay a utility bill, need food, need to talk to someone about substance abuse, someone looking for a job, etc., really most any need? Almost all of us do at some point and usually we struggle with knowing what to do, where to send them, or how to help. The United Way Alliance of the Mid-Ohio Valley has worked in partnership with 211 to make a “one call” resource available. If a person calls 211, or visits 211 ORG, or texts their zip code to 898-211, the operator will get information about their specific need and be able to connect them with local programs that address that need. They are friendly and non-judgmental – they just want to get the person in need connected to someone who may be able to help. I will have some handouts available soon, but if you encounter a person in need, and you cannot help them yourself, please make sure they know about this resource.



Meet me at The Grind – it isn't just about the coffee! If you have the opportunity, stop in and say hi and chat over a cup of your favorite coffee or any of their many options (and maybe a cookie or scone as well). If the hours I am normally there do not fit in your schedule, just send me a text at 681-368-4040 with a time that better suits you and I will see what I can do to accommodate your schedule. I am usually there on Tuesday mornings from 7:30am – 8:30am, Thursday mornings 9:00am – 10:00am, and Saturdays 11am – 12noon as well. But watch for my weekly updates via email or Facebook to get the days and times for that specific week.



**CUMC MISSION TEAM**  
**MISSION MOMENT**

**WEAR GREEN-BRING GREEN!!!**

And you did!! A big thank you to all who participated in any way to make our auction a success. Those that helped in the planning (the mission team has been great to work with), you who donated items (and we had beautiful items), those of you who bid and bid and bid to get those items that you really wanted! And many of you who just donated money to assist with the clinic in Nicaragua. Again, I say THANK YOU! The last I heard, we are over \$6900 collected. Let me tell you how this money will help.

Ella was seen at the clinic and was tested for cancer. She was then sent to the Lutheran hospital where she was diagnosed with cancer and underwent surgery. She came through the surgery and is soon going to start her chemotherapy. This little clinic has seen many elderly patients and children and has been able to help them or get them further treatment needed. Also, as a clinic, there are laboratories that are supporting them with free exams for their patients, but they need to have that happen every 3 months. Jacquelin states that this service has been a great blessing for them as a clinic because they can help at least a portion of the people with assistance from the other labs. The people of Sandino, Nicaragua are very thankful for the assistance we at Calvary give to their clinic. Your dollars are saving lives and providing healthcare for many men, women and children in Sandino and surrounding areas.

In other news, we are soon going to start collecting items for C.O.M.E. You will be hearing more about this and what is coming up in the next couple of weeks. I know it seems we are always asking for something, but you all have been such a great help in helping others who are a little more in need than we are. We are to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Let's continue to work together to show them Jesus!





### Food Pantry Ministry Annual Statistics

	2021	2022	2023
# HH	1,858	1,878	2,076
# Individuals	5,514	5,673	6,023
Total lbs.	71,195	63,069	62,536

#### The following items are needed on a daily basis to support the church food pantry:

Chicken & Beef	Canned Corn
Broth	Dried Beans
Mac & Cheese	Canned Green Beans
Corn Bread Mix	Canned Meat
Spaghetti Sauce	Spam
Spaghetti	Treet
Elbow Macaroni	Tuna
Soups	Chicken

#### Food Pick Up Schedule for March

1 <sup>st</sup>	Senior High Class
8 <sup>th</sup>	Patty Smith
15 <sup>th</sup>	Connie Waybright
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Debbie Sisson
29 <sup>th</sup>	Dallas Skeen

#### Food Pantry Ministry March

March 28, was our Easter distribution. We always give a little extra at Easter, just like Christmas. Hams are always for Easter. Expecting a large turnout, like in past Easter distributions, we packed 125 boxes. We only distributed 72 boxes, representing 72 families. Go figure!

During March, we brought in 3,969 lbs., 3,008 lbs. were donated and 961 lbs. were purchased. The donated pounds included 1,076 lbs. from USDA, 524 lbs.

Walmart, 596 lbs. Kroger, and 300 lbs. of potatoes from UMM LK District. The 961 lbs. of purchased, primarily for hams, was \$1,639 from Kroger and \$775 from Walmart.

For the month we served 166 households or 458 individuals.

Month	Households	Individuals
June	146	396
July	127	320
August	174	496
September	189	535
October	216	628
November	275	841
December	251	661
January	172	456
February	149	402
March	166	458

.....Mike Wilt

### 2025 TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

I have a new trip organized with the departure date of January 28, 2025. In many ways, the Middle East area is getting even more volatile instead of less so. We should be in constant prayer for all involved. No one can know with any certainty what the next 10 months will look like for that region (well, anywhere for that matter). However, if it is safe to travel, I will be taking a group in 2025, and it is the same itinerary that we had scheduled for 2024. You can access my new brochure by clicking on this link: [HL25\\_012825B\\_50243\\_Hamrick\\_FINAL.pdf \(travelwithus.com\)](https://travelwithus.com/HL25_012825B_50243_Hamrick_FINAL.pdf).

You can also access my new website by clicking here: [Educational Opportunities Tours / Tours · Journey Through the Bible with Rev. Steve Hamrick | Jan. 28, 2025 \(travelwithus.com\)](https://travelwithus.com/Educational_Opportunities_Tours_Tours_Journey_Through_the_Bible_with_Rev._Steve_Hamrick_Jan._28_2025).

I will provide more information over the next several months. You can register now or wait a few months to see what transpires (there are graduated discounts for earlier registration). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

### Bet Ya Didn't Know (or maybe you did)

I am sure that you have seen the two candles on the Communion Table at the front of the sanctuary. They are lit by the acolytes at the beginning of the service and extinguished at the end of the service. We use these candles to represent Jesus as the light of the world. They may also bring to mind the presence of the Holy Spirit which is often referred to in scripture as a flame. But did you know that originally the candles were there just so there would be enough light to read the service! They are actually called "office lights" in some places.

We used candles during our Maundy Thursday service of Tenebrae, which means "darkness." There were 14 smaller candles with one extinguished after each reading of scripture. Then, the larger, white, center, "Christ Candle" was extinguished at the end. The symbolism is obviously that the Light of the world, Jesus Christ, was "snuffed out"



when Jesus died on the cross. No other candles are lit until Easter.

In traditions that follow the liturgy and Christian year closely, the symbolism with the candles continues on Easter morning. At the Easter Vigil which usually occurs on Easter Eve night (like Christmas Eve services) or at the Sunrise service, or the first service in the building, the large "Paschal" (which is derived from the word pasch, which means deliverance or Passover) candle is lit. This represents Christ's victory over death. The candle is held high in procession into the building and placed in the chancel area in the vicinity of the Communion table where it will be lit for every worship service until Pentecost. The display of this candle is symbolic of the appearances of Jesus after His resurrection. After Pentecost, the candle remains in its holder but near the baptismal font and is lighted for each celebration of baptism.

Another worship experience where candles are used in a significant way is Advent through Christmas. During the Advent season, we often display an "Advent Wreath" with four colored candles in a circle with a large white "Christ candle" at the center. Each Sunday through the four-week season of Advent, we light one of the colored candles (and all the candles previous lighted). Then, on Christmas Eve, we light the Christ candle to symbolize the birth of Jesus, the light of the world.

Once again, in traditions that closely follow the liturgical year and continue with the worship elements, the Christ candle that is lighted on Christmas Eve is then displayed and lighted for every service until it is extinguished on Maundy Thursday. The presence of the Christ candle at every service is a symbol of Jesus's time and ministry on earth. We also use candles with different meanings or significance for other services, such as Christian weddings.

It is time for the youth and kids to register for camp at **Spring Heights!** Some of the groups in the church have scholarship money available for campers. We have our district camp as well. For more information about Spring Heights and the registration form for this conference camp, check this out:



[Descriptions - Spring Heights](#)



## **JIGSAW EXCHANGE**

Do you like working puzzles? Evidently, several of us do! It has been suggested that we share our puzzles with each other. Don't know what to do with that puzzle after you complete it? Why not bring it to the church and let someone else take it to work on it? And while you are there dropping off your puzzle, select one that someone else has donated to take home for yourself! Why go buy more puzzles when we already have plenty? The puzzles are located on the shelf above the coat rack in the hallway near the office.



## **EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN**

Did you know that Calvary has an email group for the "soul" purpose of intercessory prayer? When a church member (or person actively involved at Calvary) becomes aware of a specific prayer need, the information is communicated to Judy Lieving, our prayer coordinator, who then forwards the request via email. When we receive the email, we then enter into a time of prayer for the need listed. Do you feel called to a ministry of intercessory prayer? Would you be willing and available to join with us in intentional prayer? This is not intended to be a source of information—just to let you know there is a need. It is intended to be a form of communication to allow you to pray for a specific need. If you feel called to intercessory prayer for the needs that might be shared in this way, please contact Judy Lieving at [judithlieving@gmail.com](mailto:judithlieving@gmail.com) to be included on the email prayer chain.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE

Speaking of prayer...Be looking for a prayer focus during General Conference. We haven't quite settled into what this might look like, but we will probably have a prayer vigil of sorts where folks in the church sign up for a specific time slot during General Conference. We would like someone praying for every minute General Conference is in session. Be looking for a finalized plan sometime in March or early April. General Conference begins April 23, 2024, and concludes May 3, 2024.

## **2024 SPRING LAY SERVANT ACADEMY**

The 2024 Little Kanawha Lay Servant Academy will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 4pm. Registration is due April 5<sup>th</sup>. You may choose from five different courses (Facilitator listed):

The Basic Course—Pam Braden  
Leading Public Prayer—Rev. Steve Hamrick  
Called to Preach—Rev. Cindy Eakle  
Justice in Everyday Life—Rev. Shuana Hyde  
Transforming Evangelism—Rev. Ed Craft

If you currently hold the classification of Certified Lay Servant, the last four courses offered are considered Advanced Courses and will meet the requirement to maintain your certification or seek to move to Certified Lay Speaker Status.

However, you do not have to be seeking any type of certification to find these courses helpful. You will gain valuable training to help in your Christian discipleship as well as help you be a leader at Calvary. I encourage you to attend! The registration form is provided in this newsletter and is available online.

## **CONFERENCE CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER COURSE TO BE OFFERED**

Do you sense God leading you into more intentional and dedicated service in God's Church? If so, Certified Lay Ministry is a possible next step. In order to become a Certified Lay Minister, CLM, a person has to be approved by their local church and then there are a few classes that must be completed online. A CLM must appear before the District Committee of Ordained Ministry every two years to remain certified—this is a step of accountability and also a means of encouragement and support. A CLM is qualified to serve as the pastor of a congregation but is not obligated to do so. Do you feel like God is calling you to preach? To hold leadership positions at Calvary? In the District or Conference? I would

encourage you to set up a time to come to the pastor's study and talk to me about how you feel God is calling you and we can discuss some of your options!

## **Rejoice Music, Inc.**

Rejoice Music, Inc. is an independent nonprofit organization based in the Mid-Ohio Valley dedicated to sharing God's Word through song for the uplifting of His Kingdom. Upcoming Concerts are listed below. For tickets or more information contact

[rejoicemusicinc@gmail.com](mailto:rejoicemusicinc@gmail.com)

304-893-9599 (Taj Rohr's Office)

\*Saturday May 18, 2024 @ 6pm: **Gerald Wolfe's Gospel Music Hymn Sing** featuring FIVE groups: Greater Vision, Mark Trammell Quartet, The Whisnant's, The Mylon Hayes Family & Jim & Melissa Brady

Saturday, June 22, 2024 @ 6pm (at Broadway Church of the Nazarene): **The Guardians** - \$15

\*Saturday Sept. 21, 2024 @ 6pm: **Triumphant Quartet & Karen Peck & New River**

\*Saturday Nov 9, 2024 @ 6pm: **The Hopper's & Ernie Haase & Signature Sound**

\*These concerts are held at Blennerhassett School Auditorium at 444 Jewell Road, Parkersburg unless otherwise noted. Doors open one hour prior to the concert start time.

\*Tickets for the starred concerts are \$50 for the Artist Circle or \$35 for General Admission. Limited Season Packages are available for \$150 for the Artist Circle or \$125 for General Admission.

## **CELEBRATION OF MISSION EVENT**

Several years ago, the churches in the WV Conference began an initiative called the Celebration of Mission Event and the acronym COME was used to encourage folks to come to a specific event in their district. These events looked different in every district, but the common goal was to raise funds for our WV UM mission projects. It was also an opportunity to gather tangible products that the various mission projects needed to effectively serve in their area/community. This is one powerful example of how we are so much stronger together and a great example of our connection at work. Many things have happened over the years that necessitated changes in the way this was conducted, but the general concept has remained the focus of this annual event.

Currently, the WV Conference is supporting/sponsoring ten mission programs within the bounds of our conference. We have established a rotation so that each district is charged with the task of gathering tangible goods for two different mission projects each year. For 2024, the Little Kanawha District (that's us, folks) is

being asked to collect items on the needs list for Ebenezer Community Outreach Center located in Huntington and Scott's Run Settlement House in Osage. The next couple of pages in the newsletter contain a short description of the ministry of those mission projects as well as their needs list. I encourage you to look up the website for Ebenezer and Scott's Run to find out as much as you can about how they are sharing the love of Jesus in those communities.

Soon you will see some plastic tubs located in various places throughout the church. They will be tagged for COME products and we encourage you to bring some of the items on the lists in this newsletter and leave them in the tubs. We are **not** going to have separate tubs for the two mission projects and there are some items common to both ministries. The Calvary Missions team will separate the items collected for the designated mission. We need to complete this project sometime around the first of May. So, you have plenty of time, but there is no need to wait until the last minute. Let's fill the tubs multiple times!!!

As you might expect, all of the mission projects need money. One component of the COME initiative has always been fund raising. It is our policy in WV that all funds raised by the districts for this event are combined and then distributed among the ten mission projects. So, we are not raising funds just for Ebenezer and Scott's Run, but all projects. This year, the conference is encouraging parishes to work together to raise money. We have not yet made a final decision as to how we can combine efforts on a parish-wide basis, but one suggestion has been a golf tournament and fellowship meal. Be looking for more information about our fund-raising activity soon. Whatever we decide to do will probably take place in late April or early May. And just so you know, our parish includes (among others) Calvary, Epworth, and Sandyville.

### **EBENEZER COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER, INC (ECOC)**

Celes L. Sheffield, Executive Director  
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*Celebration of Mission Event Remittance Number: 881  
2024 District Support Assignments: Little Kanawha & Nine Rivers*

### **MINISTRY AND MISSION:**

Ebenezer Community Outreach Center, Inc. offers a state licensed childcare and after-school program for youth ages two through twelve. Our philosophy is to provide children with a safe and nurturing environment where learning can be fun and free. It is our goal to help children grow in self-esteem and in their relationships with others and, by providing quality programs and services, to assist the children in reaching their fullest developmental potential.

Other programs offered include:

- Baby Bassinets,

- School Supplies,
- Christmas Angel,
- Family Enrichment,
- Clothing Closet and
- Huntington Museum of Art program.

### **NEEDS:**

Copy Paper	Baby Dolls
Children's toothbrushes	Lysol
Paint Brushes	Baby Wipes
Children's toothpaste	Dish Soap
Playdough	Blocks
Laundry detergent	Toilet Paper
Puzzles for Ages 2-12	

### **SCOTT'S RUN SETTLEMENT HOUSE**



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*Celebration of Mission Event*

*Remittance Number: 887*

*2024 District Support Assignments: Little Kanawha & MonValley*

### **MISSION AND MINISTRY**

Scott's Run Settlement House provides basic necessities to those in need in Monongalia County. The Food Pantry, Backpack Feeding Program, Baby Pantry, and Seasonal Outreach programs allow us to provide for those most in need.

### **NEEDS LIST**

- Size 5, 6, 7 and 2t-4t diapers
- Baby wipes
- Hygiene items: bar soap, shampoo, conditioner
- Dish-washing soap
- Toilet Paper
- Dog and cat food
- Any canned food item
- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned meat



## Relay for Life

June 14, 2024

Ravenswood Riverfront Park

Easter Egg Project March 3 - April 7

Flower Sale - March 31- April 14

Service of Hope - June 2

I want to thank the church family for all the support you give to the Relay for Life mission. Last year we made \$4285.13 to help in the fight against Cancer. Our goal for the 2024 Relay event is \$4,000. We have raised \$990.75 (24.7%) of our goal of \$4000 so far this year.

Our first fundraiser is the Easter Egg Project. The Kids and/or adults will fill easter eggs with change, cash, or checks made out to the American Cancer Society and bring them back and put them in the easter basket on the Relay for Life Table in the Fellowship Hall.

The next Fundraiser is our Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale which will start on March 31st and run through April 14th. See Jeremy Rhodes to place an order.

We are looking for team members to join us at Ravenswood Riverfront Park on June 14th from 5:00 pm to midnight, but will probably not last that long. The team consists of the following members: Jeremy Rhodes and Mike Wilt.

We are also looking for donations. If you would like to give a generous donation to help in the fight against cancer you can donate online at the link provided on the church website, or you can bring it to Jeremy Rhodes or Leave it in the Church office with a note that it is for Relay for life. (Note: All donations made out in check must be made out to the American Cancer Society.)

I want to let you know what your donations are going to help with. Most everyone thinks that ACS is just for cancer research. This statement is true, but there is so much more that they help with. They provide rides to and from treatments for patients, they provide gas cards when funds allow for it, and also help with housing by putting them up in the numerous Hope Houses around the United States close to the treatment center for little to no cost to the patient and families. The money that we give through relay goes to fund all of these things and more. So please donate what you can so we can help fund all of these great services.

Thank You  
Jeremy Rhodes

## Luminaria Order Form

The Luminaria Ceremony is the soul of Relay for Life. At dusk, we quietly remember those whose lives have been touched by cancer. In the soft glow of the candlelight, we reflect on the courage and strength of all who are affected by cancer.

You can help fight cancer and honor loved ones who have had cancer, by joining our Service of Hope on June 2nd , and the Luminaria Ceremony at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Jackson County. The Luminaria Ceremony will begin at dusk on Friday, June 14th, 2024. During the luminaria ceremony, candles are placed in luminaria bags, which are dedicated in Honor of a cancer survivor or in Memory of a loved one lost from cancer.

When lit, hundreds of luminarias will brighten the way for Relay for Life walkers.

Whether you participate in person or in spirit, here's your chance to support the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer. Keep the fire of HOPE burning by donating a luminaria.

Donor

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like # \_\_\_\_\_ Luminaria (s) Minimum donation of \$5 each (you can donate more if you wish)

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to American Cancer Society and return with this form to Jeremy Rhodes or the Church Office by May 26th .

LITTLE KANAWHA DISTRICT  
**2024 SPRING LAY SERVANT ACADEMY**



**Saturday, April 13 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Class Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Local church: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering for (please select one of the following): \$10 each Registration Fee

- Intro to Methodist Ministry: The BASIC Course\*
- Advanced course – Leading Public Prayer\*
- Advanced course -- Called to Preach\*
- Advanced course -- Justice in Everyday Life
- Advanced course – Transforming Evangelism

\*Required courses for Certified Lay Speaker track of study.

Homework: Lay Speaker Classes are required to provide 10 hours of instruction and study. Reading assignments and prior study (2 hours) will be necessary.

Your registration for the Academy must be received by Friday, April 5. The number of participants for each class is limited, so early registration is suggested.

Classes will be held at Stout Memorial United Methodist Church, 3329 Broad Street, Parkersburg, WV.  
Directions

Send the completed form and payment to:  
(Checks payable to Little Kanawha District)

Lay Servant Ministries Registrar  
Little Kanawha District UMC  
3301 Broad Street Parkersburg, WV 26101-3420

Scholarships are available if the cost will prevent you from participating. Contact the district office for more information.

## Course Descriptions

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### **Intro to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course**

**Instructor: District Lay Leader Pam Braden**

Participants are encouraged to discover and use personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

**Book:** Lay Servant Ministries: Basic Course Participant's Book – No cost. The free paperback book will be mailed to you after registering. Amazon – Kindle version \$8.49

### **Leading Public Prayer**

**Instructor: Pastor Steve Hamrick**

Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is something one learns. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life.

**Book:** Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession. Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher  
Amazon Kindle \$11.99; paperback \$16.52; Cokesbury \$15.29

### **Called to Preach**

**Instructor: Pastor Cindy Eakle**

Called to Preach is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. Called to Preach is the required preaching course in the lay speaker track of study.

**Book:** From Pew to Pulpit by Clifton F. Guthrie.  
Amazon paperback \$15.46 Kindle \$9.99; Cokesbury \$13.49

### **Justice in Everyday Life**

**Instructor: Pastor Shauna Hyde**

This course looks at the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church. The Social Principles are prayerful and thoughtful efforts to speak to complex and controversial issues in the global community. Studying The Social Principles provides opportunities to examine your own theology and ethics and to practice discipleship. To read more about the Social Principles, [click here](#).

**Book:** Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2017-2020  
Amazon Kindle \$6.15; paperback \$5.99; Upper Room Bookstore \$3.99

### **Transforming Evangelism**

**Instructor: Pastor Ed Craft**

This course leads participants to learn from John Wesley how to practice relational evangelism. They will discover that evangelism involves not only sharing our faith with others but also welcoming people into a community where they can grow in faith.

**Book:** Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith:  
Amazon (Kindle \$9.99; paperback \$10.55; Upper Room Books (Kindle \$9.99; paperback \$14)



## Attendance for March 2024

			9:00	11:00	Sunday School
Mar	3	Worship	166	33	116
Mar	10	Worship	133	28	103
Mar	17	Worship	146	27	106
Mar	24	Worship	213 Combined		106
Mar	31	Worship	206	35	116

### Tithes and Offerings

<b>2024 Budget</b>	<b>\$319,653.00</b>
<b>Needed Each Week</b>	<b>\$6,147.17</b>
<b>Rec. Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$ 74,876.63</b>



## RENEW YOUR KROGER CARD

### Time to renew Calvary UMC Food Pantry as your selection for Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you are supporting the Calvary UMC Food Pantry by connecting your Kroger Rewards Card to the Food Pantry on Kroger Community Rewards Program, then it is time for you to renew that connection for the coming year. To renew, please do the following:

1. Go online at [KrogercommunityRewards.com](http://KrogercommunityRewards.com) and click on Sign-In/Register.
2. Use your email address and password to sign in.
3. Once you are signed in, click on View Your Rewards Details.
4. Scroll to the bottom of your Account Summary to view your Community Rewards selection.
5. Select Calvary UMC Food Pantry by either typing it in or using our NPO Number which is 83824.
6. Make sure you get the Calvary UMC in Ripley (83824) because there are three Calvary UMC's listed.

If you have been participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program but do not have access to a computer or do not have an email account, please contact Melanie Purkey at 304-372-6910 (H) or 304-377-6339 (C). If you have not participated in the program but would like to, follow the enrollment directions in each week's church bulletin.

### ONLINE GIVING

The QR code has changed for online giving. Please use this barcode for your online giving through your credit or debit card or your bank account number. This can be a one time or regular transaction. You can also choose to pay the fee or have the church pay the fee.



**April 2024  
Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 1— Carolyn Wallen
- 2— Gary Smith, Tori Nester
- 3—Lisa Boggess, Stephen Hopkins
- 4—Callan Banks
- 5—Dick Waybright
- 6—Shannon McGrew, Bryan Thompson
- 7—Joey Cunningham, Phil Davis
- 8—Addison Howery
- 9—Eliza Reed
- 10—Les Facemyer
- 11—Pam Yeargo
- 12—Patrick Francis, Jacob Starkey
- 13—Stan Elliott, Ridley Alan Ruben
- 14—
- 15—
- 16—
- 17—Maggie Landis, Fallow Groves
- 18—Jason Cunningham, Sophie Lee
- 19—Nate Starkey, Sue Thomas
- 20—
- 21—
- 22—
- 23—
- 24—Ashton Brown, Levi Hartung, Mason Anderson, Debbie Templin, Connie Waybright
- 25—
- 26—Jimmy Groves
- 27—Kiersten Templin
- 28—
- 29—
- 30—Delaney Howery, Ryan Shockey



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**Anniversaries**






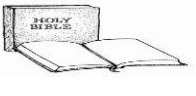
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| 3—Michael & Alysia Bryant                     | 10—Adam & Maralee Young |
| 6—Will & Ashley Hosaflook                     | 14—Brandon & Tara Lee   |
| 8—Sean & Tammy Banks<br>Scott & Connie Easter |                         |



## Schedules For Our Church Volunteers April 2024

**Worship Leader – Karen Facemyer  
Natalie Holcomb**

**9:00 am  
11:00 am**

	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Prayers of the People</u>	<u>Sound &amp; Streaming</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>
<b>Apr 7</b>	Megan Geyer & Riley Shockey	Korie Hersman & Harper Patterson	Kendra Hersman	<b>9:00 am</b> Debbie Higginbotham <b>11:00 am</b> Betty French	<b>Sound –</b> Steve Sisson <b>Live Streaming–</b> Matt Hicks	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Alexandria McGrew <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Pam Yearego
<b>Apr 14</b>	Carla Brown & Adelyn Groves	Katelyn Fish & Alaina Hicks	Kara Greathouse	<b>9:00 am</b> Debbie Higginbotham <b>11:00 am</b> Betty French	<b>Sound –</b> Jeremy Rhodes <b>Live Streaming–</b> Stephanie Dewees	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Alexandria McGrew <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Pam Yearego
<b>Apr 21</b>	Cinda Francis & Ellie Hosaflook	Ryan Shockey & Cohen Isner	Scott Greathouse	<b>9:00 am</b> Debbie Higginbotham <b>11:00 am</b> Betty French	<b>Sound –</b> Nancy Smith <b>Live Streaming–</b> Stephanie Dewees	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Alexandria McGrew <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Pam Yearego
<b>Apr 28</b>	Janet Hall & Sophie Lee	Ashlyn Wolford & Eliza Reed	Hilary Groves	<b>9:00 am</b> Debbie Higginbotham <b>11:00 am</b> Betty French	<b>Sound –</b> Trevor Cummings <b>Live Streaming–</b> Russ Hunter	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Alexandria McGrew <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Pam Yearego
						

Reminder: The nursery is for ages 5 years and under. -  
If you are unable to tend the Nursery as scheduled,  
please switch with someone or call Cinda Francis (273-5264)

Pre-worship Prayer Leaders: 9:00 am Debbie Higginbotham  
11:00 am Heather Starkey



# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 6:30 p UMM Mtg World Pillow Fight Day 	<b>2</b> 9:30 a Tai Chi 10:00 a Janet Harmon-Library 6:30 p GriefShare	<b>3</b> 1-3:00 p Prayers & Squares 11a & 6p Bible Study 7:00 p Choir Practice	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> 7:00 a Gideons 
<b>7</b> RFL Easter Egg Project 3/3 – 4/7 9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship 9:00 a Live Streaming Service 10:00 a Sunday School All Ages 2:00 p Evans Eagles 4-H 4:00 p Bell Choir Practice 5:30 p Youth Choir 6:00 p Youth Meetings	<b>8</b> 1:30 p RHS Alumni 7:00 p UWF General Mtg	<b>9</b> 9:30 a Tai Chi 11:30 a Hicks Hall booked – Cinda Francis 6:30 p Grief Share 6-8:00 p Scouts	<b>10</b> 10:00 a Deborah Miriam 11a & 6p Bible Study 7:00 p Choir Practice	<b>11</b> 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 	<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b> 7:00 a Gideons Hicks Hall Booked All Day
<b>14</b> 9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship 9:00 a Live Streaming Service 10:00 a Sunday School All Ages 11:00 p UMM Baked Steak Dinner 2:00 p Mary Martha 4:00 p Bell Choir Practice 5:30 p Youth Choir 6:00 p Youth Meetings	<b>15</b> Moving in May Orientation – Conf Rm evening	<b>16</b> 9:30 a Tai Chi 3:16 p John 3:16 6:30 p Grief Share 6-8:00 p Scouts	<b>17</b> 1-3:00 p Prayers & Squares 11a & 6p Bible Study 7:00 p Choir Practice	<b>18</b> 5:30-6 p RFL Conf Rm 6:30 p Horse Conf Rm	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 7:00 a Gideons 10-3:00 p Templin Shower – Hicks Hall
<b>21</b> 9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship 9:00 a Live Streaming Service 10:00 a Sunday School All Ages 4:00 p Bell Choir Practice 5:30 p Youth Choir 6:00 p Youth Meetings	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> 9:30 a Tai Chi 6:30 p Grief Share 6-8:00 p Scouts General Conf to 5/3	<b>24</b> 11a & 6p Bible Study 7:00 p Choir Practice	<b>25</b> 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 7:00 a Gideons Street Dance beside Church
<b>28</b> 9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship 9:00 a Live Streaming Service 10:00 a Sunday School All Ages 4:00 p Bell Choir Practice 4:30 p Discovery Circle 7:00 p Admin. Board Mtg.	<b>29</b> Movin in May begins	<b>30</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 6:30 p Grief Share 6-8:00 p Scouts			<b>April 1-7</b> 	
						
<b>Younger Youth and M&amp;M's Youth Groups Sunday Evening at 5:30 PM choir 6:00 PM</b> <b>Your Youth Group Leaders</b> Younger – Taran Wolford 532-2317 M&M's - Ashley Hosaflook 373-7580 High School – Jimmy Groves 372-6910		<b>Church Office Open- Monday thru Friday-9:00 - Noon</b> <b>Sunday Services</b> <b>Traditional/Live Streaming Service 9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School 10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Contemporary Service 11:00 a.m.</b>				<b>Worship Leaders:</b> 9:00 am Karen Facemyer 11:00 am Natalie Holcomb