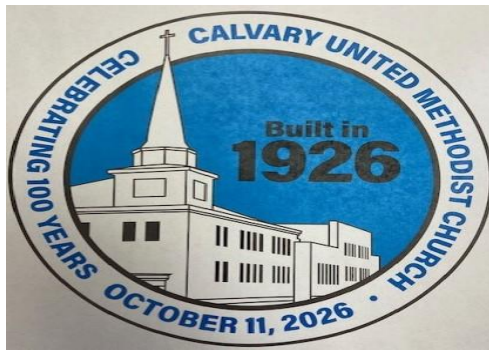




CALVARY CONNECTION

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Pastor's Ponderings

I participated in a WV United Methodist Volunteer in Missions (UMVIM) team to Nome, Alaska, May 29 – June 5th. Bill Hosaflook from our Calvary family joined me as part of the nine-person team. I plan to give a report/presentation to the church during Sunday morning worship on June 28th.

We had one experience that made me ponder, and I want to share that with you in the hope that you will spend a bit of time pondering it as well.

On our last day in Nome, our team was together at the church where we stayed and used as base camp. We were doing some odds and ends and waiting for our evening flight from Nome to Anchorage which would be the first leg of our journey home. We heard a knock at the door, and a local resident (although we speculated that he might be experiencing homelessness) who was a native Alaskan was at the door and asked for us to pray for him. We invited him inside and he spoke a bit about himself – his prowess at hunting and fishing, etc. – and asked us again to pray for him.

We gathered in a circle, held hands, and our team leader, Rev. David Stilgenbauer, led us in prayer. We offered the man some food, which he accepted, and he sat at the table while our base camp manager and a couple other team members made him a couple of sandwiches and gathered other snacks and loaded his bag with what he would not immediately eat. We sat with him as he ate and shared some conversation.

There appeared to be some level of mental illness, and he was very “germ” cautious – he was wearing latex gloves when he showed up, and he held his sandwich with a paper towel. He sat a few minutes after finishing his sandwich and then went on his way.

Not long after he left, our team gathered around the table to share in Holy Communion as we do to conclude every mission journey. As I sat there drawn into the liturgy of Communion as we recited it from memory, the Holy Spirit impressed upon me the power of actually meeting Jesus, communing with Jesus, in the bread and the cup. We expect to meet Jesus in this meal, in a very real and personal and meaningful way. But the Holy Spirit wasn't finished with me yet. I heard God say to me, “do not expect to meet me in this meal if you did not meet me in the man who came asking for prayer.”

I began to reflect on how hypocritical it would be to come to worship and expect to encounter Jesus in the bread and cup while I have ignored the presence of Jesus in the people I have encountered in the community. This became a clear example of what Jesus meant in his parable about the Judgment of the Nations in Matthew 25:31-46. Read and study and ponder and reflect on that text, but you will recall that the “tag line” is, “whatever you did or didn't do to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did or didn't do to me.” Jesus says that when you meet someone in need, that is in a very real sense Jesus himself. How we treat those who are most vulnerable is how we treat Jesus. Maybe I

need to change that around to say, we need to treat everyone we meet like we are directly encountering Jesus – treat that person like you would if it was Jesus in the flesh (because according to Jesus, it is!).

Do you expect to have an encounter with Jesus during Sunday morning worship? Great! Do you expect to meet Jesus in a very powerful way in the elements of Holy Communion? Awesome! Do you sense God's presence when you are in Sunday school or Bible study or listening to K-Love, or singing hymns, or in nature, etc.? Wonderful! Why should we expect Jesus to show up in those settings if we are not willing or expecting to see Jesus in everyone we meet during the week? Especially, in the vulnerable? We care for the leftover Communion elements in a holy way – because they remain the body and blood of Christ. We return them to creation (pouring the juice on the ground and providing the bread for the children or animals to consume). How respectfully do we treat the body and blood of Jesus in others? Won't you ponder this with me?

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve



****PLEASE NOTE****

There is a new green "Push Here to Exit" button for the back door. Anytime the door is locked, the crash bar will not operate without depressing the green button!!!

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:

July 5 -- What Dwells Within You?

Rom. 7:15-25a Holy Communion

July 12 – VBS Sunday – Combined Service at 10am – Sunday school at 9am

July 19 – Love Them All and Let God Sort It Out Matt 13:24-30,36-43

July 26 – Pastor in Alaska – Guest Speaker



July 2 Food Pantry

July 3 Church Office Closed

July 4 UMM Pancake Breakfast

July 6-10 VBS

July 12 VBS Sunday Combined Service

July 16 Food Pantry

July 16 Blood Drive

July 19-26 Fair Kitchen

July 26 - August 7 Anchorage, AK mission trip

August 29 - Calvary Golf Scramble

October 21 - November 4 - Rhine River Cruise



United Methodist Men
UMM Pancake Breakfast
July 4th

7:00 am – 10:00 am

**Begin your 4th celebration with
 pancakes for the family
 prepared by the UMM for
 a donation to the
 Morley & Ralph Parsons Scholarship Fund.**



United Women in Faith

The Deborah Miriam
 circle will host the **Blood Drive**
July 16th @ 12:30 pm-6:00 pm.

If you'd like to give
 blood you can sign up for an
 appointment time online or
 just walk in on the day of the
 drive. If you'd like to
 volunteer **please see Autumn Hopkins.** The
 success of these community opportunities
 depends on you!



Blood Drive

This is a great way to meet our
 neighbors and to build rapport within the
 community. Sitting at the canteen handing out
 snacks may not feel like a big deal, but it is
 ministry!

On his way out the door after his
 donation a gentleman asked if we (volunteers
 at the Canteen) went to church at Calvary. He
 said, we always seemed so happy and like we
 were having a good time. We told him Calvary
 was a great place to be and we love our church
 family! We invited him to come to service and
 find out what it's all about. You never know
 what opportunities God might put in front of
 you. So please come out and get involved!



Wee Read & Feed

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.



Prayers and Squares Ministry

The Prayers and Squares group
 meets on the 1st & 3rd 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 304-377-1388.



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. 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.

Quote(s) of the Month

Meet John Calvin (7/10/1509 – 5/27/1564). One of the prominent theologians during the Protestant Reformation.

Calvin was a French theologian, pastor and reformer in Geneva during the Protestant Reformation. He was the principal figure in the development of the system of Christian theology later called Calvinism, including its doctrines of predestination and of God's absolute sovereignty in the salvation of the human soul from death and eternal damnation. Calvinist doctrines were influenced by and elaborated upon Augustinian and other Christian traditions.

Various Reformed Church movements, including Continental Reformed, Congregationalism, Presbyterianism, Waldensians, Baptist Reformed, Calvinist Methodism, and Reformed Anglican Churches, which look to Calvin as the chief expositor of their beliefs, have spread throughout the world.

Calvin was a dedicated polemicist and apologetic writer who generated much controversy. He also exchanged cordial and supportive letters with many reformers, including Philipp Melanchthon and Heinrich Bullinger. In addition to his seminal Institutes of the Christian Religion, Calvin wrote commentaries on most books of the Bible, confessional documents, and various other theological treatises.

Calvin was originally trained as a humanist lawyer. He broke from the Roman Catholic Church around 1530. After religious tensions erupted in widespread deadly violence against Protestant Christians in France, Calvin fled

to Basel, Switzerland, where in 1536 he published the first edition of the Institutes. In the same year, Calvin was recruited by Frenchman William Farel to join the Reformation in Geneva, where he regularly preached sermons throughout the week. However, the governing council of the city resisted the implementation of their ideas, and both men were expelled. At the invitation of Martin Bucer, Calvin proceeded to Strasbourg, where he became the minister of a church of French refugees. He continued to support the reform movement in Geneva, and in 1541 he was invited back to lead the church of the city.

Our Rhine River tour will visit Basel and Strasbourg this fall!

"Faith is like an empty, open hand stretched out towards God, with nothing to offer and everything to receive."

"We shall never be clothed with the righteousness of Christ except we first know assuredly that we have no righteousness of our own."

"Prayer doesn't change things - God changes things in answer to prayer."

"If a preacher is not first preaching to himself, better that he falls on the steps of the pulpit and breaks his neck than preaches that sermon."



EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN



If you have a prayer concern that you would like to share with the members of the Calvary prayer chain, please send your request to Kathy at calvaryumc316@gmail.com or Pastor Steve at stevecpa@hotmail.com. You may call or text the request as well. Please ask the person for whom you are requesting prayer for permission to place them on the prayer chain. If they say no, I am sure you will honor that request and either just pray for them privately or submit an “unspoken” request for the entire team.

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The church office is open Monday through Friday 8:00am – 12:00 noon.



The Wednesday bible study group is taking a break for the summer. We plan to resume meeting in mid-late August. This study will get us back to the basics – basic Christianity and the unique contributions of the Wesleyan tradition (United Methodism 101).



Lunch Bunch

Do you normally eat alone? Do you find it difficult (not to mention lonely) to cook for one? Do you eat out more than you should or settle for cereal or a PB&J sandwich? Would you rather have some company about once a week? It is often the highlight of the week for many. There are a lot of smiles and conversations! Let Pastor Steve know if you would like to join them sometime!

!!! ATTENTION ALL YOUTH !!!



The youth groups have stopped meeting for the summer. They will resume in the fall – watch for details in the coming months. Contact information & Remind group info can be found below.

Elementary Youth: Taran Wolford –

Cell: (304)532-2317 –

Remind: Text @efgfk86 to81010

Middle School (M&M's):

High School: Jimmy Groves –

Cell: (304) 532-7649

Youth Choir: Hilary Groves – Cell: (304) 532-7648



Do You Need a Ride to an appointment? We have several drivers that would like to help you. Give us plenty of time, just let the church office know and we will help get you there. Call 304 372-3203 between 8am and noon Monday thru Friday.



MISSION TEAM **UPDATE**

Missions

Calvary is regularly adding new mission projects and outreach ministries (I just love that!). One reason – the more often we engage with people in our community with the posture of the love of Jesus Christ, the more often God opens our eyes to needs and ways we can show the love of Jesus in tangible ways. A couple of new ministries you may see in the very new future are:

Providing feminine hygiene kits for BoMar, the QRT ministry, and the middle schools and high schools of Ravenswood and Ripley;

Prayer boxes throughout the community where folks can leave their prayer requests for our prayer team.

So, what needs are you discovering in Jackson Co. that the church may be able to help people overcome? What other way/place can we share the love of Jesus Christ?



Loads of Love

Laundry Ministry Update

Our Loads of Love continues to grow slowly in numbers but great in impact to individuals who live at the margins of our community. When a new project is proposed, Pastor Steve often challenges us with the question “Why are we doing this?” I thought the why was to have individual conversations about Jesus. That may come, in time. I actually think God’s why was for us to practice radical hospitality to our neighbors who need it the most and to share Jesus’s love with those actions. Radical hospitality requires a fundamental shift from a simple practice of offering welcome to an outward movement to stand with others--particularly those who are at society’s margins.

We have one gentleman who is experiencing homelessness that started coming in to wash his blankets. In addition to helping him with laundry that day, one of our volunteers bought him breakfast. He’s working to get back to a place to have an apartment again and he has started a new job here in Ripley. While he was there, he spoke to the owner of the laundromat about getting on her waitlist for apartments once he had work. That’s a connection that wouldn’t have been made if we, as a church, hadn’t stepped up.

Some people who come in use all our resources, some just need some extra quarters, others have a snack, but the love that is shared through that radical hospitality and letting people know that they matter to Jesus and to us is the best “resource” we can give.

Thank you to all who have been supporting this ministry and those participating. If you would like to help, contact Stephanie Casto at 304.266.8920.



Food Pick Up Schedule for July

3 rd	Senior High Class
10 th	Patty Smith
17 th	Connie Waybright
24 th	Debbie Sisson
31 st	Dallas Skeen

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

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

If you cannot help with the food deliveries or the distribution days and are searching for a way to support the food pantry, the Kroger Community Rewards program is an easy way to do this. The program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. If you are not already signed up for this, check out the procedure on the financial page in this newsletter. We receive a check of about \$300.00 quarterly from this program. If you need help signing up for this program, check with the church office.



Vacation Bible School

Calvary UMC, Ripley
July 6-10, 2026

5:30PM Dinner 6-8:30PM Program

Pre-Registration encouraged! Visit
www.calvaryunitedmethodistchurch.com



BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW

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

My mission trip to Nome, Ak, and my upcoming trip to Anchorage, AK, are both United Methodist Volunteers in Missions (UMVIM) trips. I thought you might like a bit of info on this ministry of the UM Church.

UMVIM is a dynamic, hands-on mission program of The United Methodist Church that mobilizes volunteers to serve communities locally and globally, expressing "Christian Love in Action."

UMVIM is a grassroots movement within the UMC designed to provide an official channel for volunteer service and mission engagement. It empowers both lay and clergy members, young and old, to participate in short-term and long-term mission projects, emphasizing practical service and spiritual growth. UMVIM volunteers engage in a wide variety of ministries, including disaster response, community development, medical and dental services, pastor training, microenterprise, agriculture, Vacation Bible School, and building repair and construction.

Every United Methodist conference has a UMVIM Coordinator, and some

jurisdictions employ full-time coordinators to enhance program effectiveness. The WV UMVIM Coordinator is Rev. David Stilgenbauer. These coordinators help match volunteers with opportunities, provide training, and support mission teams. The General Board of Global Ministries works with central conferences and autonomous churches to support UMVIM programs worldwide.

UMVIM offers diverse mission experiences both domestically and internationally. Volunteers can participate in:

Disaster response and recovery through UMCOR Early Response Teams and regional hubs

Community development projects, including education, literacy programs, and microenterprise initiatives

Medical and dental outreach, providing essential health services in underserved areas.

Church and school support, such as pastor training, Vacation Bible School, and facility maintenance.

Volunteers are encouraged to reflect on their mission experiences to enhance personal and spiritual growth, often through structured training and mentorship programs.

UMVIM operates across all U.S. jurisdictions and in partnership with international Methodist communities.

Volunteers may serve nearby communities or travel abroad to support Methodist schools, churches, and humanitarian projects

UMVIM emphasizes "Christian Love in Action", inspired by biblical teachings such as Isaiah 61:1 and 1 John 3:16-18. Volunteers not only provide practical assistance but also foster spiritual growth, build relationships, and strengthen the global Methodist connection. Participation in UMVIM allows individuals to live out their faith through service, discipleship, and leadership development.

Individuals interested in UMVIM can: Contact their conference UMVIM coordinator to learn about local and international opportunities.

Participate in training programs to prepare for mission work.

Join short-term or long-term mission teams based on skills, interests, and availability.

Stay informed about events, volunteer needs, and stories from UMVIM teams through official websites and newsletters.

UMVIM provides a structured, supportive environment for volunteers to serve effectively while deepening their faith and making a tangible difference in communities worldwide.

If you think you might want to participate in a mission journey, ask Pastor Steve for details!



DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

Do you struggle with knowing what to say to folks who are battling a severe or terminal illness? How about what to say to someone who has recently experienced the death of a loved one? What is helpful and what may not be as well received? Does it make you nervous or uncomfortable even being around folks in either of the two previously mentioned life situations?

This is an area in our culture that is very intimidating for folks. Overall, our society does not handle death and dying in healthy ways. And the ironic thing is that all of us will face some variation of these circumstances at some point – from both sides.

Deb Higginbotham and Pastor Steve will be leading a discussion on this topic, and we hope to include a panel discussion with some folks who have recently experienced loss. While every incident of loss and every person is different, some basic principles apply in most encounters.

We will probably offer this session on a Saturday morning so as many people as possible can attend. Look for the date in your bulletin, the weekly update, and hear it announced from the pulpit.



For Such a Time as This

The biblical book of Esther relays the story of how a woman named Esther became queen and is then faced with a daunting situation. She may be able to sway the opinion of the king and save her people. However, there is a chance that if she approaches the king without being summoned, she may be put to death. Mordecai tries to convince Esther of the absolute necessity of her taking this risk and said, *“Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.”* Esther 4:14b.

Calvary is facing a time of need in the youth program. After several years of faithfully leading the middle school youth on Sunday evenings, Ashley Hosaflook has stepped down from that position. Additionally, Gail Varney has been sharing the responsibility of teaching the senior high Sunday school class with Ryan Ruben. Gail now needs to step away from that role. We need to fill both positions by the end of the summer. These are a minimum need. Preferably, we would have two adults leading the middle school youth, and we would have a second person helping Jimmy Groves with the high school Sunday evening group.

We talk about how Calvary is a family and we have so many kids and youth and they are important to us. Well, is this true? Are the youth important? Are we committed to discipling our young people as they grow in their faith? Can we provide a safe place for them to gather and fellowship and learn how to serve in the church and in the community?

Let me change the pronoun – are the youth important to you? Perhaps you have come to this point in life, in this congregation, in your own faith for such a time as this. This is your chance to make a difference, a lasting and essential difference. This is an investment in our youth and in the future. You don't have to be perfect or have all the answers (no one

does). You do need to be faithful to be present, committed to the youth, available, willing to learn as you go, be flexible, and love Jesus. You won't be alone and you will have resources and the entire congregation will be behind you. But we need leaders.

I know it is easy to say, “of course, the youth are important, I sure hope someone helps. We need people in those positions. But I can't do it.” If not you, then who? If not now, then when?

Please do not wait to be asked, and don't volunteer someone else. However, if you recognize the gifts and graces in someone else, you might want to approach them and ask them to consider serving. So, if you have been asking God for a sign, THIS MIGHT JUST BE IT!!!!!!

I am confident that God will provide the leaders we need. So, after you have prayed about this (and maybe fasted), when God has spoken to you and convinced you that you have come to this place in life for such a time as this, please let Pastor Steve know that you will be helping teach Sunday school or lead the youth program. Blessings, my friends



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Check out our two new logos!

You will see this banner on the front of the church soon



This one will eventually be on a cookie!



100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CURRENT SANCTUARY 100 Years on Court Street



1926
to
2026



100 Year Celebration



They say "it takes a village" and our church certainly has a good village!

Several people have been meeting and planning the anniversary of our building.

Starting July 4th, it will be exactly 100 days until our centennial celebration. October 10th will be an Open House for members and the community followed by cookies and punch. Following the special worship service on the 11th to dedicate the stained glass window restoration, there will be a light lunch and a time of fellowship.



People are working on different ideas ranging from various displays, receptions, a time capsule, a signature quilt, special music and more.

You will see a banner soon on the front of the church announcing the 100 year celebration date. The logo was a design of Jacob Hall who attended our church growing up and is now a graphic artist.

The first project coming up is a 4th of



July float. A BIG thank you goes to Staci Cummings for taking the lead on this. It's going to be an awesome float with a small Calvary UM Church which Alan Hall is building.

Thanks to Gary Delaney who is building a frame for a stained-glass looking window. Calvary kids are making signs to carry on the float Anyone is welcome to ride or walk alongside. Just let Staci know. Thank you Trevor for driving! Could use some help



decorating and putting all the pieces together starting July 1st in the bus garage across from Ginos. Again, check in with Staci.

100 Years of Calvary Weddings and Baptisms



For the upcoming celebration of 100 years, we are compiling all the weddings and baptisms held in the building. If you were married at Ripley United Brethren Church or Calvary United Methodist Church or Baptized, please send a photo with your names and date of wedding or baptism to adickirson@hotmail.com or text it to 304.786.0046. If you are unable to send the photo electronically, reach out to me and I will make arrangements to get an electronic copy of the photograph. We are collecting all the wedding and baptism photos from the past 100 years to be displayed at the October 10 & 11 event so if you know anyone else married or baptized at Ripley United Brethren Church or Calvary United Methodist Church, please share this information with them. I will be checking my spam email often, but if you don't receive an email back from me confirming receipt, please call or text. I don't want to miss anyone!

To summarize:

-email adickirson@hotmail.com with photo of Bride and Groom married at Ripley United Brethren Church or Calvary United Methodist Church.

-Calvary weddings in the subject line

-include names of bride and groom and the date of the wedding

-contact info in case I have any questions

Thank you!

Ashley Hosaflook

Photos of Baptisms

Ashley Hosaflook has been receiving wedding photos for a display, but we would like to extend that to baptisms that took place in our church. You can give to me or send them to: ldickirson@gmail.com with Baptisms in the subject line and include the name and date.

It's going to be an exciting time in the life of our church!

Thank you, Linda Dickirson



Jackson County Junior Fair Kitchen July 20-26, 2026

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do Ephesians 2:10

WE NEED YOU!

It's fair kitchen time and volunteers are needed to help make this a huge success for our church and community. Please text or call Felicia Shockey at 304-532-9896 if you are interested in helping.

Have you felt God leading you to help serve in the fair kitchen? There are many different ways to serve during fair week and everyone is needed to make this a successful fundraiser!

Thank you for your prayers and help in making this a successful fundraiser and mission outreach!



As we continue our walk around the sanctuary looking at the stained-glass windows, we have made our way to the combination of the Cross and Crown. This image really captures the paradox of the Christian faith. We proclaim that Jesus is not only king, but he is king of kings! But unlike many kings, Jesus did not earn that title by military conquest or by violently destroying the enemy. Jesus won victory by his sacrificial death – death on the cross.

The cross was a Roman torture device that they used as a deterrent. The charges brought against the person being crucified were usually posted so that everyone walking by (and crucifixions took place in very public places) could read and know that this is what the Romans would do to anyone who committed that crime. The charge posted above Jesus? King of the Jews. The Romans would not tolerate any would-be claim to the throne.

But Jesus went to the cross willingly because he was reconciling humanity to God by taking the sins of the world upon his shoulder. The only way to win victory was through sacrifice – not through some power play or violence. The same is true for us – we follow the example of Jesus, and we bear our own cross to take up the crown of righteousness.



In Christian tradition, the scales are a powerful symbol representing divine justice, fairness, and moral accountability. They appear throughout Scripture as a metaphor for God's judgment, the weighing of hearts and deeds, and the importance of living with integrity.

Divine Judgment: Daniel 5:27

Fairness and Integrity: Proverbs 11:1

Moral Evaluation: Job 31:6

Prophetic Imagery: Revelation 6:5–6

Balance in Life: Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

In ancient Near Eastern and Israelite cultures, scales were practical tools for trade and justice, ensuring fair transactions. This made the symbol resonate deeply with biblical audiences, as honesty in measurement was tied to trust and societal harmony. Over time, the scales became a sacred emblem of balance, truth, and accountability in Christian thought.

For Christians, the scales serve as a reminder: To live with moral integrity and avoid deceit; to trust in God's impartial judgment; to seek balance in relationships, stewardship, and personal conduct; and to embrace truth and transparency in all dealings.

In Christian symbolism, the scales are not just a tool of measurement — they are a visual metaphor for God's justice, the moral compass of life, and the call to live righteously.

Attendance for June 2026

			9:00	11:00	Sunday School
June	7	Worship	146		89
June	14	Worship	126	16	78
June	21	Worship	144	18	76
June	28	Worship	124	19	78

Tithes and Offerings

2026 Budget	\$310,924.00
Needed Each Week	\$5,979.31
Rec. Year-to-Date	\$160,727.24



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 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.



July 2026 *Birthdays and Anniversaries*



- 1—
- 2—
- 3—Trey Starcher
- 4—Keller Greathouse, Pam Braden, Jenna Reed, Will Smith
- 5—
- 6—Deidra Manns, Isaac Young
- 7—Jay Sisson
- 8—Margaret Nester
- 9—Staci Cummings, Steven Burdette, Allen Hall, Matt Howery, Cheryl Miller
- 10—Gayle Thompson, John Grey
- 11—Keith Burdette, Daniele Ellisn, Rachel Mitchell
- 12—Jim Parker
- 13—
- 14—Diane Knopp, Sarah Sturm, Brooks Wolfe
- 15—Sharon Wilt
- 16—Becky Jenkins
- 17—Trey Adkins, Macie Cummings
- 18—
- 19—Bev Hopkins, Elaina Wallen
- 20—Sofia Degregori
- 21—Norma Jean Easter
- 22—Harper Banks
- 23—Wanda Bush, Joey Starcher
- 24—Daisy Bennett
- 25—
- 26—
- 27—Maddox Anderson, Kristin Reed
- 28—Griffin Craddock, Zander Sizemore
- 29—Casey Hill
- 30—
- 31—Makenna Hull, Mikayla Hosaflook, Emma Hosaflook



Anniversaries

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| 3—Greg & Gail Varney | 21—Larry & Nancy Smith |
| 5—Ryan & Alyssia Ruben | 22—Stan & Betty Nuzum |
| 7—Scott & Kara Greathouse | 24—Milton & Daisy Bennett |
| 9—Gino & Kelly Degregori | Jeff & Amy Haskins |
| 14—Larry & Jessie Thompson | 29—Jeff & Jessica Isner |
| 16—Phillip & Joyce Davis | |



**Schedules For Our Church Volunteers
July 2026**

**Worship Leader – Banks Family 9:00 am
Natalie Holcomb 11:00 am**

	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Prayers of the People</u>	<u>Sound & Streaming</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>
July 5	Staci Cummings & Bella Lee	Rhett Ruben & Ridley Ruben	Tara Wolford	9:00 am Banks Family 11:00 a.m.	Sound – Nancy Smith Live Streaming– Jeremy Rhodes	9:00 am Banks Family 11:00 a.m.
July 12	Anni Barnette & Lindsay Toler	Harper Patterson & Ty Cummings	VBS Sunday	9:00 am Banks Family 11:00 a.m.	Sound – Trevor Cummings Live Streaming– Stephanie DeWees	9:00 am Banks Family 11:00 a.m.
July 19	Alyssia Ruben & Cheyene Hicks	Ava Bolyard & Wes Hicks	Megan Geyer	9:00 am Banks Family 11:00 a.m.	Sound – Steve Sisson Live Streaming– Stephanie DeWees	9:00 am Banks Family 11:00 a.m.
July 26	Megan Geyer & Jenna Reed	Cason Isner & Harper Banks	Hannah Bolyard	9:00 am Banks Family 11:00 a.m.	Sound – Jeremy Rhodes Live Streaming– Russ Hunter	9:00 am Banks Family 11:00 a.m.
	 Nursery Ministry	 Acolytes		 In Our Thoughts & Prayers	 MEDIA TEAM	

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
Staci Cummings(304-532-4720)

Pre-worship 9:00 am Pastor Steve
Prayer Leaders: 11:00 am Natalie Holcomb
Children's Time: 9:00 am Cheryl Miller
11:00 am Heather Starkey

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1-3:00p Prayers & Squares	2 9-11:00a Food Pantry	3 Church Office Closed- Holiday 11a Tai Chi Youth	4 7:00 a UMM Pancake Breakfast 
5 Communion Sunday 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	6  5:30 pm VBS	7 9:30a Tai Chi  5:30 pm VBS	8  5:30 VBS	9  5:30pm VBS	10 11a Tai Chi Youth  5:30pm VBS	11 7:00 a Mens Devo
12 VBS Sunday 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Worship/Combined Service	13	14 9:30a Tai Chi	15 1-3:00p Prayers & Squares	16 9-11:00a Food Pantry 12:30-6:00p Blood Drive 6:30p Horse Comm.	17 11a Tai Chi Youth	18 7:00 a Mens Devo Old Hickory Chapter
19 9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship 9:00 a Live Streaming Service 10:00 a Sunday School All Ages	20 FAIR KITCHEN 	21 FAIR KITCHEN  9:30a Tai Chi	22 FAIR KITCHEN 	23 FAIR KITCHEN 	24 FAIR KITCHEN  11a Tai Chi Youth	25 FAIR KITCHEN  7a Mens Devo
26 9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship 9:00 a Live Streaming Service 10:00 a Sunday School All Ages	27	28 9:30a Tai Chi	29	30	31 11a Tai Chi Youth	
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Younger Youth and M&M's Youth Groups Sunday Evening 5:30 PM choir 6:00 PM Group Mtg. <u>Your Youth Group Leaders</u> Younger – Taran Wolford 532-2317 M&M's - High School – Jimmy Groves 372-6910		Church Office Open- Monday thru Friday-8:00 - Noon <u>Sunday Services</u> Traditional/Live Streaming Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Blended Service 11:00 a.m.				Worship Leaders: 9:00 am Banks Family 11:00 am Natalie Holcomb