



# CALVARY CONNECTION

March 2023

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## **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:

Mar 5 – Nicodemus –  
John 3:1-17

Mar 12 – United Women In Faith Sunday

Mar 19 – Deep Well, Deep Conversation –  
John 4:5-42

Mar 26 – The Lord of Life –  
John 11:1-45

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Our new confirmation class is underway. Please be in prayer for each person involved, but especially our confirmands as they embark on a new, focused part of their Christian journey. We anticipate having "confirmation Sunday" to recognize the confirmands and mentors on May 7<sup>th</sup>. So that you can be praying by name, please remember:

Felicia Shockey – the Confirmation Coordinator  
Kayleigh Chappel – mentored by Annette Keller and Kay Cato

Keller Greathouse – mentored by Jamion Wolford

Scarlett Greathouse – mentored by Cheryl Miller

Victor Greathouse – mentored by Keith Burdette

Brody Hersman – mentored by Greg Reed

Alexandra McGrew – mentored by Felicia Shockey

Derek Wallen – mentored by Mike Wilt

Substitute mentors – Pam Braden, Stephanie Deweese, and Linda Waybright.

## **BIBLE/BOOK STUDY**

After taking a week off for Ash Wednesday, our Wednesday study will resume meeting on March

1<sup>st</sup>. If you did not participate during the first weeks of the study but want to start, this would be a good time to jump in. We will be starting the second study guide, "He Chose the Nails," by Max Lucado. I have extra books, so you are welcome to join us. You can choose to meet at 1pm or 6pm each Wednesday from now until Easter.

## **OBSERVING LENT**

Wondering what you might want to "give up" for Lent? Here are a few thoughts:

Complaining!	Coffee
Sweets	Worrying
Soda	Excuses for not working out
Television	Saying no to potential opportunities
Screen time	Low Self-esteem
Video games	Texting
Gossiping	Being too busy to read
Shopping	Checking the news
Certain meals or all food on certain days	
Makeup	Using the scale
Fast Food	Clutter
Music on the radio	Alcohol
Social Media	

## **How about a reverse Lent?**

How about taking on a few things to observe Lent? Like:

Write a note to one person in your life each day.  
Call a different person in your life each day just to tell them you are glad they are in your life!

Look for ways to lighten someone's load each day

Help a stranger

A random act of kindness each day – like paying for the meal of a family at a restaurant

Is there someone in your neighborhood who may be lonely? Could you call them or visit with them?

Read through one of the Gospels – consider the Gospel according to Luke (the confirmation class is reading it)

Join a Bible study or small group

Go on a mission trip or volunteer locally

Donate food each day/week to the food pantry

Attend every worship service offered  
Smile at everyone and bless them for a good day  
Increase your daily prayer time by 15 minutes  
Commit to being a better listener

I am sure you could add to either list above. But whatever you do, or don't do, please use this as an opportunity to experience the presence and love of Jesus and to model the love of Jesus. Take this seasonal opportunity to focus more time and effort and energy and thoughts on Jesus Christ and his love.

### United Methodist Men

Calvary UMC Men will be meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish and join in the fellowship.

The Chili, Soup, Stew Cook-off brought in around \$600.00. Wonderful time.

### United Methodist Women

Calvary United Women in Faith  
Call to Prayer and Self Denial  
Dinner and Program

March 13, 2023 @ Epworth UMC  
6:00 PM

**Deborah/Miriam Circle** will meet March 8 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room. Hostess is Gayle Thompson and Kathy Marlow and Program Leader is Linda Waybright. The Blood Drive will be March 16th from 1:00 to 6:00 pm.

Please continue to make and keep your appointments. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the drive, please let Kathy Marlow or Lora Sturm know.



The **Mary Martha Circle** will be meeting on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Hostess is Karen Facemyer.

The **Discovery Circle** will meet March 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. Program Leader is Annette Keller.



We invite 1st-12th graders to join us Sunday for youth choir 5:30-6pm and Youth Group 6-7pm!

### Your Youth Group Leaders

Younger Youth – Hilary Groves	532-7648
M&M's - Ashley Hosaflook	786-0046
High School-Jimmy Groves	372-8768
Tina Cunningham	372-3852

### John 3:16 Fellowship – March Meeting



*Calling All Seniors!*

Spring anyone????-  
**Tuesday, March 21st at 3:16 p.m.** will be our first gathering and what better way to celebrate the day after the beginning of Spring? You are invited to

**“Mix, Meet and Munch”** with our merry group in the conference room.

If you haven't been able to attend before we invite anyone who is retired or just wishes they were to join us as we begin a new season of fellowship with Christ and each other. Please come to share devotions, refreshments and also visit with our special guests each month. **Mark your calendar** so you won't miss it!

Vanessa Rothrock

### DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Have you downloaded the Calvary UMC Directory? It is called Instant Church Directory and you can download it onto your mobile device and have it at your fingertips! I use it on a regular basis and find it to be a great resource. One thing that would improve this resource is if it included more photos. We have nearly everyone's contact information, but few photos. A couple of people have asked if we would be getting a photo directory. We can print one ourselves from this Instant Church Directory. However, we need more photos uploaded. Please take a few moments to log in and add a photo. If you need help, call Pastor Steve. Alternatively, I think that we will be scheduling a couple of Sundays to be available at the church and take your picture and that photo can be used for your directory photo as well. Look for the dates for the photos in a future correspondence



**Mission Updates:**

**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.



**Food Pantry Ministry  
Annual Statistics**

	2020	2021	2022
# HH	2,987	1,858	1,878
# Individuals	9,179	5,514	5,673
Total lbs.	124,344	71,195	63,069

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

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 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**

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Senior High Class |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Patty Smith       |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> | Connie Waybright  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Debbie Sisson     |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> | Dallas Skeen      |

**Food Pantry Ministry  
February Report**

Thank you for your continued support to our Food Pantry Ministry.

During February we added a new program to our Food Pantry Ministry. We packed easy to access foods for homeless clients who come by.

In February, we had financial support from our congregation as well as Grass Lick Baptist, Flatwoods United Methodist, and Centennial Church. Also, to Ripley Library, Walmart, Kroger, our Tai Chi Class, and Evans Eagles 4-H Club for their food donations during February.

During February we brought in 5,035 lbs. of food, 2,778 lbs. were donated and 2,537 lbs. were purchased.

Food donations included 1,371 lbs. from USDA, 572 lbs. from Walmart, and ~ 400 lbs. of apples from Red Barn.

We purchased \$2,537 of food, \$538 of food from Kroger, \$137 from Walmart and \$1,862 of from Mountaineer Food Bank.

We served 136 households or 435 individuals.

Month	Households	Individuals
February	136	435
January	157	499
December	259	791
November	220	699
October	139	454



## NICARAGUA CLINIC UPDATE

### NICARAGUA MISSION SOUP SALE

March 12<sup>th</sup>

Cost is \$12

We will be having a soup sale – we will be taking orders for a 32 oz container of the following kinds of soup:

Vegetable Beef  
Potato  
Chili

Chicken Tortilla  
Broccoli Cheese

Order forms will be in the bulletin or you may call Debbie (304-532-9889). Availability will be on a first ordered first served basis.

### TRAVEL TO ISRAEL

As I have mentioned lately, a group of folks from our area will be traveling to Israel in 2024. We depart from Charleston, WV on January 30, 2024, and return February 9, 2024 (unless you choose a tour extension to Egypt – in that case, you would return February 14<sup>th</sup>). We have a good group of folks going and we would love for you to join us. I will have an informational meeting toward the end of March and try to answer any questions you might have. [Click here for my web page](#) with the tour information and a registration button near the bottom of the page. You can also [click here for a digital copy of the brochure](#). I will have printed copies soon. If you decide to go ahead and register, please include my name as the tour host, Rev. Steve Hamrick, and my tour host ID is 50243. I receive credit for each person I recruit and I can actually earn my trip at no additional cost to either me or you! If you register before March 30, 2023, you receive a discount of \$125. The very latest that you can register is October 20, 2023. Please consider this “Journey of a Lifetime.”



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER USA

*Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action*

March 3, 2023

30 minute intervals

Calvary UMC Prayer Room

Or

Your Own Space

Sign up sheet in back of church



Join us for **Hero Hotline** VBS July 10-14 at 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM as we are **Called Together to Serve God!** To sign up for opportunities to serve, lead, and most of all, **HAVE FUN** contact Kara Greathouse at 304-531-4991

### Wayside United Methodist

Grand Central Ave, Vienna WV

### Rummage Sale

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8-3 pm

March 4<sup>th</sup> – 9-2 pm

Proceeds benefit  
**Women's Missions**



### NARCAN/NALOXONE TRAINING

We will have a class on the use of Narcan/Naloxone taught by our own Amy Haskins of the Jackson County Health Department. You have two opportunities to attend the class: Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 6pm or Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 11am. Be looking for more information soon.

## Attendance for January 2023

			9:00	Facebook	11:00	Sunday School
Jan	1	Worship	130	213	26	93
Jan	8	Worship	165	213	26	128
Jan	15	Worship	151	133	24	119
Jan	22	Worship	142	173		96
Jan	29	Worship	142	173	31	119

### Tithes and Offerings

<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>\$316,516.00</b>
<b>Needed Each Week</b>	<b>\$6,086.85</b>
<b>Rec. Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$49,627.19</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.



**March 2023  
Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 1—
- 2—
- 3—Kelsey Waybright McMillan
- 4—Scott Bolyard
- 5—Jacob Francis
- 6—Jed Smith
- 7—Kalab Swisher, Kenny Swisher
- 8—Dorothy Geyer, Ashley Howery, Faye Milhoan
- 9—Ron Waybright
- 10—Garrett Boggess, Jim Powers, Mia Hall
- 11—John Thompson
- 12—Pat Shockey
- 13—Keri Starcher
- 14—Hilary Groves, Maralee Young
- 15—
- 16—Ian Bank, Hanna Gainy, Nora Summers
- 17—Colin Hartung
- 18—
- 19—Emily Lamb, Luke Edward Thompson, Ashley Longwell
- 20—
- 21—Jordan Anderson, Kailee Mann, Annabelle Lee Landis
- 22—Grant Burdette
- 23—Blake Matheny, Ester Roberts, Chris Neil
- 24—Cailyn Gerth, Oakleigh Cunningham
- 25—Shelley Harris
- 26—Chris Landis, Amaris Landis
- 27—Shirley Hicks, Bobby Poole
- 28—Matthew Groves
- 29—
- 30—Mila Bryant
- 31—Ty Elliott Cummings



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**Anniversaries**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 7—Benjamin & Megan Geyer  | 23—Steve & Debbie Sisson   |
| 8—Vaughn & Tonya Anderson | 23—Gary & Teresa Smith     |
| 14—Kevin & Laura Matheny  | 26—Keith & Gloria Burdette |
| 17—Ron & Connie Waybright |                            |



**Schedules For Our Church Volunteers  
March 2023**




**Worship Leader – 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 &amp; Streaming</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>
<b>Mar 5</b>	Cinda Francis & Hannah Bolyard	Alaina Hicks & Eliza Reed	Carlene Anderson	<b>9:00 am</b> Jamion Wolford <b>11:00 am</b> Dwayne Merritt	<b>Sound –</b> Steve Sisson <b>Live Streaming –</b> Matt Hicks	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> .None <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Tom Willowby
<b>Mar 12</b>	Staci Cummings & Cheryl Hull	Ava Isner & Ashlyn Wolford	Cinda Francis	<b>9:00 am</b> Jamion Wolford <b>11:00 am</b> Dwayne Merritt	<b>Sound –</b> Jeremy Rhodes <b>Live Streaming –</b> Andrew Francis	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> UWF <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Tom Willowby
<b>Mar 19</b>	Hilary Groves & Chloe Brown	Alexi Fish & Katelyn Fish	Danielle Fish	<b>9:00 am</b> Jamion Wolford <b>11:00 am</b> Greg Varney	<b>Sound –</b> Nancy Smith <b>Live Streaming –</b> Andrew Francis	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Vanessa Rothrock <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Tom Willowby
<b>Mar 26</b>	Taran Wolford & Janet Hall	Isaac Young & Korie Hersman	Annette Keller	<b>9:00 am</b> Jamion Wolford <b>11:00 am</b> Dwayne Merritt	<b>Sound –</b> Trevor Cummings <b>Live Streaming –</b> Russ Hunter	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Vanessa Rothrock <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Tom Willowby
	 Nursery Ministry	 Acolytes				

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 Jamion Wolford  
11:00 am Judy Lieving

## March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 1:00 p Bible Study 1:00 – 3:00 pm Prayers & Squares 6:00 p Bible Study 7:00 p Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> World Day of Prayer	<b>4</b> 7:00 a Gideons
<b>5</b> 9:00&11:00 am Morning Worship 9:00 am Live Streaming Service 10:00 am Sunday School All Ages 2:00 p Evans Eagles 4-H 4-5:30 p Confirmation Class 5:30 &6:00 p Youth Choir, Youth Group 7:00 p Hand Bell Choir	<b>6</b> <b>6:30 p UMM</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 a</b> <b>Deborah/Miriam</b> <b>1:00 p Bible Study</b> <b>6:00 p Bible Study</b> <b>7:00 p Choir</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9-11:00 a Food Pantry</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 a Gideons 11:00 a RHS Alumni
<b>12</b> 9:00&11:00 am Morning Worship 9:00 am Live Streaming Service 10:00 am Sunday School All Ages 10:00 a Nicaragua Soup Sale 2:00 pm Mary Martha 5:30 &6:00 p Youth Choir, Youth Group 7:00 p Hand Bell Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 5-8:00 p Scouts	<b>15</b> <b>1:00 p Bible Study</b> <b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b> <b>Prayers &amp; Squares</b> <b>6:00 p Bible Study</b> <b>7:00 p Choir</b>	<b>16</b> 12:00 – 6:00 p Blood Drive 6:30 p 4-H Horse Conference Room		<b>18</b> 7:00 a Gideons  Hicks Hall All Day Crystal Cunningham
<b>19</b> 9:00&11:00 am Morning Worship 9:00 am Live Streaming Service 10:00 am Sunday School All Ages 10:00 a RFL Dessert Sale 4-5:30 p Confirmation Class 5:30 &6:00 p Youth Choir, Youth Group 7:00 p Hand Bell Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi	<b>22</b> <b>1:00 p Bible Study</b> <b>6:00 p Bible Study</b> <b>7:00 p Choir</b>	<b>23</b> <b>9-11:00 a Food Pantry</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 a Gideons  UWF- Kanawha Dist. Spring Mtg. Logan UMC Parkersburg
<b>26</b> 9:00&11:00 am Morning Worship 9:00 am Live Streaming Service 10:00 am Sunday School All Ages 10:00 a UMM Baked Steak Dinner 5:30 p Discovery Circle 5:30 &6:00 p Youth Choir, Youth Group 6:00 p Youth Song & Praise 7:00 p Hand Bell Choir	<b>27</b> 1:00 p RHS Alumni	<b>28</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi  <b>5-8:00 p Scouts</b>	<b>29</b> <b>1:00 p Bible Study</b> <b>6:00 p Bible Study</b> <b>7:00 p Choir</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>Younger Youth and M&amp;M's Youth Groups</b> <b>Sunday Evening at 5:30 PM choir 6:00 PM</b> <u><b>Your Youth Group Leaders</b></u> <b>Younger</b> – Hilary Groves 532-7648 <b>M&amp;M's</b> Ashley Hosaflook 373-7580 <b>High School</b> – Jimmy Groves 372-6910 Tina Cunningham 372-3852		<b>Church Office Open-</b> <b>Monday thru Friday-9:00 - Noon</b> <u><b>Sunday Services</b></u> <b>Traditional Service 9:00 a.m. Live Streaming</b> <b>Sunday School 10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Contemporary Service 11:00 a.m.</b>				<b>Worship Leaders:</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am Natalie Holcomb



