



# CALVARY CONNECTION

November 2022

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## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Fall is beginning to wind down!! Beautifully colored leaves are now falling to the ground revealing barren trees, temperatures are starting to cool even to the point of frosty mornings, daylight hours dwindling, and, yes, even the possibility of snow sooner than later. Some folks say that they would really like autumn if it wasn't for knowing what came next—the cold and snow of winter. But then again, seasonal transition seems to help us get through winter when we know what is next—the beauty and new life of spring.

I think the image of the seasonal changes in the earth also translates to the changes we often experience in life. When we are going through a time in our life that seems like winter, where the colors are somber and there isn't much light and the landscape appears to be in a state of death or slumber, or it looks like there isn't a good way forward, it can certainly help to remember that it is only a season and spring is on the way with new life and new possibilities. For Christians, that is one way we can see physical death knowing that we have eternal life in Jesus. Yes, we are dying and this life is coming to an end, but at that moment new life begins and it is an eternal and glorious life in the presence of Jesus.

But one thing that I have been pondering as of late is backing that image up one more step. As we get older, or if illness threatens to destroy us, or if all indications are that things are going to get worse (like a winter blizzard is on the way), we shouldn't let that prevent us from enjoying the beauty of fall. In other words, don't let the worry, or fear, or threat of tomorrow destroy your joy today. Jesus said to not worry about tomorrow because tomorrow will have worries of its own. Worrying about the future does not change the

future, but it sure can steal the joy from the present.

Maybe the best way to say it is to live in the present, the right now, especially since the future is not guaranteed. Unless you want to look well into the future; look past winter to the eternal spring. Then we have a guarantee!!!! And maybe, just maybe, if we are in fellowship with Jesus Christ and know that we have eternal life in Christ (in other words, we know that there is a spring in our future), we will not let the coming winter steal the joy and beauty of autumn. God is faithful to the earth through the changing seasons and God is faithful to us through the changing seasons of our lives. Isn't there SOMETHING to enjoy or be thankful for today? At least one thing? In the fall the leaves are beautiful, there aren't as many bugs, the sky is often clear, there is football, you can often leave your windows open and get fresh air, hunting season is here, etc. Focus on what is good instead of what is bad or what might be on the way. Don't let the dread of winter cause you to miss the beauty of fall.

Whether we are experiencing a time of spring-like growth and blooms and new life and everything seems to be falling in place; or we are in the lazy days of summer and one day seems like the one before it—maybe boring, but at least predictable and not much change; or the change and beauty of the colors of autumn with brisk air where things are a bit unstable and uncertain and we realize that we aren't as young or as healthy as we once were; or perhaps relationships or finances aren't like we had hoped and it seems like the opportunity to correct the problem is behind us; or if we are in the winter of life and the possibility of mortality has changed to the reality of mortality. No matter where we are in life, one thing remains constant—God's unfailing love! God is with you and God loves you and God holds you in the palm of God's hand.

My prayer for you is that you experience and sense God's love and presence with you

each day. You do not have to wait until you die to enjoy and experience eternal life. Eternal life begins the moment you accept God's offer of love, grace, and forgiveness. Obviously, we do not experience it in its fullness until we are in eternity with Christ, but we begin to experience new life and can rest in the assurance of God's presence even now—no matter what our life circumstances may be at any given moment. May the blessed assurance of eternal life allow you to live in the moment and enjoy the blessings of life without the worry of tomorrow.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Steve

### 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:

Nov 6 – An Inheritance – Eph 1:11-23

Nov 13 – Do Not Grow Weary – 2 Thess 3:6-13

Nov 20 – What Kind of King is This? – Luke 23:33-43

Nov 27 – First Sunday of Advent

### CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE:

[www.calvaryunitedmethodistchurch.com](http://www.calvaryunitedmethodistchurch.com)

### Invite Someone to Worship!

Take a look at this article from the Lewis Center: Who might you invite to worship? Simple invitation without any shaming or guilt trips!

[One Invitation Away from Returning - Lewis Center for Church Leadership](#)



*Song & Praise for  
November will be  
an evening with  
Keith Burdette  
November 27 @  
7:00 pm.*

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

I am soooooo excited!!!! Felicia Shockey has agreed to be the coordinator for our upcoming confirmation class. This confirmation process is based on a model of mentorship where each confirmand is paired with a mentor throughout the process. There will also be some group meetings and other events. The confirmation sessions will begin in early January, but now is the time to commit to being part of this exciting opportunity. Most confirmands are between the ages of 10 and 15 years old, with the most common ages being 12 – 13. If you know of anyone who would like to participate, we need to get their information by the end of November. The purpose of confirmation is to encourage the youth to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to join the church as a member (although they will not be pressured to do either). If the confirmand has not yet been baptized, they can be baptized at the conclusion of the confirmation process (Easter Sunday) and join the church. We will be recruiting mentors during November as well. Our goal is to have all confirmands registered and all mentors recruited by the end of November. The mentors will be trained in December and the sessions begin the first week of January. There are 13 sessions with the mentors and confirmands and we will celebrate confirmation Sunday on Easter, April 9, 2023. If you have a confirmand to sign up, or if you would like to serve as a mentor, please contact the church office at 304-372-3203 or Felicia Shockey at 304-532-9896



### United Methodist Men

Calvary UM Men will be meeting on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish and join in the fellowship.

### United Methodist Women

**UMW General Meeting** is November 7<sup>th</sup> and will be the Pledge Service and Thank Offering. Mary Martha has the program with Deborah Miriam providing refreshments.



**Deborah/Miriam Circle** will meet November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the church conference room.

Hostess is Kay Carmean and Program Leader is Sandy Goad. The Blood Drive will be November 17, 1-6:00 pm. Please continue to make and keep your appointments. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the drive, please let Kathy Marlow in the church office know.

The **Mary Martha Circle** will be meeting on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Hall residence. Janet Hall is the hostess and will present the program.

The **Discovery Circle** will meet November 20<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.



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

**SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING.**

Nov. 6, 2pm

Mt.Pleasant in Mineral Wells.

**ALL PASTORS and CONGREGATIONS should have a representative present. UPDATE your guidelines. LEARN new information about providing safe practices regarding SOCIAL MEDIA.**



All Saints Day is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all

Christian people of every time and place... All Saints Day is November 6 and we will be remembering those that passed away since October 2021. Please share those names with the church office by October 31. We do not want to overlook anyone.



**Mission Updates:**

**MATTHEW 25:40** Truly I tell you **whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters you did for me.**



*Calling All Seniors!*

**John 3:16 Fellowship** will meet November 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:16 pm. This is for those of you that are retired or just wish you were and would like some fun and fellowship. We would love to have you join the group. We will be having breakfast foods.



**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 has been knitting shawls at home during this pandemic. 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**

	2019	2020	2021
# HH	2,568	2,987	1,858
# Individuals	8,290	9,179	5,514
Total lbs.	122,106	124,344	71,195

**YTD Monthly**

Month	Households	Individuals
January	157	497
February	167	477
March	172	509
April	168	449
May	125	378
June	108	336
July	98	299
August	130	371



September	135	413
October	139	454

**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

Monetary donations are also needed ...it enables us to fill-in (buy) food when supplies are low in any area.

**Food Pantry Ministry  
October Report**

Our number of households and individuals served continues to increase. We are expecting that to continue in November and December with Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions respectively.

We are so blessed to have so many from our congregation willing to help in this ministry. We currently utilize 20-25 workers from our congregation volunteering ~ 80 person hours/month to effectively provide the necessary services of the Food Pantry.

We continue to be blessed with financial support from our congregation as well as Grass Lick Baptist, Flatwoods United Methodist, Fairplain Union, and VFW Post #5501 during October. Also, Ripley Library, Walmart, Kroger, Fruith Pharmacy, Centennial Church, and Alpha Delta Sorority for their food donations during October.

During October we brought in 4,066 lbs. of food, 2,618 lbs. was donated and 1,448 lbs. was purchased.

Food donations included 1,042 lbs. from USDA, 1,090 lbs. from Kroger, and 261 lbs. from Walmart. We purchased \$827 of food from Kroger, and \$825 of food from Mountaineer Food Bank.

We served 139 households or 454 individuals. **Thank You Volunteers** for helping with the Ripley Library Food pickup (Friday 4:30 pm or Saturday Morning).

**Nov 2022 Food Pick Up  
Schedule**



4 <sup>th</sup>	Senior High Class
11 <sup>th</sup>	Patty Smith
18 <sup>th</sup>	Connie Waybright
25 <sup>th</sup>	Dallas Skeen



**Read and Feed**

**Calvary's Book Mission**

"Wee Read and Feed" is flourishing now with many new books to give to children of the Food Pantry families.

Friends and family of Mrs. Eileen Kerwood donated funds to honor her memory with her passing May 31 of this year.

Four boxes of Scholastic books were also donated in memory of Mrs. Kerwood. Two boxes were given to children who came to the Jackson County Fair kitchen and two boxes were given to the children of our Food Pantry families as requested by the donor. The donor wishes to remain anonymous.

We were able to give 77 books to children during the Food Pantry September 22. We have many babies and toddlers and we want to support the children as they recover from time lost in the classroom.

We thank God for all these blessings.

**Nicaragua Clinic update:**

**Nicaragua Auction**

Thank you to all who donated/ came out and purchased items at the auction. Purchases that evening totaled \$4660.00. We have also had an anonymous donation of \$1000 and received a \$2000 donation from Pensboro Church (Richard Bernard- Bev's dad's church who always supported the clinic)- this makes our grand total \$7995 (a few gave a little extra for their purchases). If you missed this evening, you missed alot of fun and fellowship and entertainment for sure brought to you by Becky and Terry Tucker. If you missed this, you might want to look up Calvary FB live for a good laugh. Thank you, Terry and Becky, for being so entertaining. A special thank you to our church for always supporting this mission!

Debbie Templin



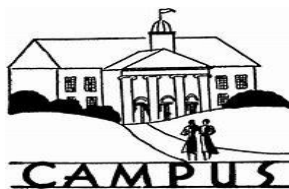
We are currently collecting-cleaning/laundry supplies. We

will also collect personal care items, toilet paper and slightly used towels and blankets. These can be placed in the totes outside of the office and in the back of the sanctuary.

The angels will be available for adoption by Nov 13 and due back to the church by Dec. 18. We need volunteers to do this! **We would like a volunteer from each SS class to help with this project-If you are willing to help, please contact the church office.**

### **College Student Addresses**

We have collected the mailing addresses for our college students. Please use these to send cards and notes of encouragement. The list is on the table by the church office.



## **CHURCH CONFERENCE**

Our annual church conference will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at Epworth UMC at 6:30pm as part of a parish-wide conference chaired by Rev. Loretta Isaiah, District Superintendent. Please make plans to attend!!!



**Just a reminder to please get your meeting requests to Kathy Marlow so she can record them on the calendar. Thank You**

## **STAY CONNECTED**

Just in case you haven't heard the awesome and exciting news, we have our own app for mobile devices!!! That's right, you can download our free app for your mobile device and have direct access to live service streaming, the bulletin,

newsletters, prior sermons, the website, the directory, easy and secure giving, and much more! You can download it on Roku or share it with any smart TV and watch services on your TV. We can also send "push notifications" to keep everyone informed about important events, even at the last minute. So, be sure to mark your app to allow notifications. I think that as we move forward and you begin to get acquainted with the app, you will wonder how we ever got along without it!! This is going to be a great way for us as a church family to stay connected and I hope that you will download the app soon. Here is the link for you iPhone and Apple users: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/calvary-umc-ripley-wv/id1622130385>

And if you have an Android or use Google Play Store use this: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.subsplashconsulting.s\\_X78P8B](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.subsplashconsulting.s_X78P8B)

If you have any questions or need help with the app, please contact Jeremy Rhodes, Jessica Isner, or Pastor Steve!

## Attendance for Sept 2022

		9:00	Facebook	11:00		
Sept	4	Worship	128	226	24	Sunday School 64
Sept	11	Worship	154		22	Sunday School 89
Sept	18	Worship	131		22	Sunday School 115
Sept	25	Worship	135		37	Sunday School 110



### Tithes and Offerings

2022 Budget	\$289,188.00
Needed Each Week	\$5,561.30
Rec. Year-To-Date	\$248,372.61

## 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.

### Amazon Smile

**Help raise funds for our local mission projects.** During their regular meeting on January 30, 2022, the Administrative Board approved a request to establish **an account through the AmazonSmile program.** This is very similar to the Kroger card program that many of you may already use. When you order from Amazon use **Amazon Smile instead of simply Amazon and under your profile select Calvary United Methodist Church, Ripley, WV (make sure it is our church; there are several Calvary United Methodist churches on the list)** and Amazon will send **0.5% of the purchase price to us and it will be designated for local missions through the "Tom Goad missions account."**

#### 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.



**November 2022  
Birthdays and Anniversaries**

- 1—Sophia Alizabeth Wolford
- 2—
- 3—Ethan James Weekley
- 4—Cheryl Hull
- 5—
- 6—Alaina Lynn Hicks, Elizabeth Bailes
- 7—Kim Izold, Chana Casto
- 8—Henley Patterson
- 9—Todd McCoy, Larry Sturm
- 10—Autumn Hopkins
- 11—Jamisa Bennett, Jennifer Hartung
- 12—Brooklyn Groves, Ruth Thompson
- 13—
- 14—Lily Starkey, Ryan Neil
- 15—
- 16—
- 17—Rachel Shockey
- 18—Jared Landis, Joe Young
- 19—Tyler Haskins
- 20—
- 21—Russ Casto
- 22—Kay Casto
- 23—Ellie Hosaflook
- 24—Larry Thompson
- 25—
- 26—Molly Bledsoe
- 27—Tim Showen
- 28—
- 29—Vaughn Anderson



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**Anniversaries**

- 23—Terry & Chris Landis
- 25—Alan & Janet Hall  
Larry & Lora Sturm









**Schedules For Our Church Volunteers  
November 2022**

**Worship Leader –**

**Dean Fisher  
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>Nov 6</b>	Hilary Groves & Chloe Brown	Isaac Young & Alexi Fish	Carlene Anderson	9:00 am Dallas Wallen 11:00 am Felicia Shockey	Sound – Trevor Cummings Live Streaming – Matt Hicks	9:00 a.m. Alexi Fish 11:00 am Pam Yeargo
<b>Nov 13</b>	Taran Wolford & Janet Hall	Alaina Hicks & Eliza Reed	Cinda Waybright	9:00 am Pam Braden 11:00 am Felicia Shockey	Sound – Steve Sisson Live Streaming – Jeremy Rhodes	9:00 a.m. Alexi Fish 11:00a.m. Pam Yeargo
<b>Nov 20</b>	Alyssia Ruben & Jenny Parsons	Ava Isner & Alexi Fish	Kara Greathouse	9:00 am Pam Braden 11:00 am Felicia Shockey	Sound – Jeremy Rhodes Live Streaming – Andrew Francis	9:00 a.m. Alexi Fish 11:00a.m. Pam Yeargo
<b>Nov 27</b>	Megan Geyer & Grace Matheny	Cohen Isner & Jameson Groves	Annette Keller	9:00 am Pam Braden 11:00 am Felicia Shockey	Sound – Nancy Smith Live Streaming – Andrew Francis	9:00 a.m. Alexi Fish 11:00a.m. Pam Yeargo
	 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 Pam Braden  
11:00 am Holcomb Family



## November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Younger Youth and M&amp;M's Youth Groups Sunday Evening at 5:30 PM</b> choir 6:00 PM</p> <p><b>Your Youth Group Leaders</b> Younger – Hilary Groves 532-7648 M&amp;M's Ashley Hosaflook 373-7580 High School – Jimmy Groves 372-6910 Tina Cunningham 372-3852</p>		<p><b>1</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi</p>	<p><b>2</b> 1:00 – 3:00 pm Prayers &amp; Squares 6:30 p Choir</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9-11:00 a Food Pantry</p>	<p><b>4</b> 4p-9p Hicks Hall Marsha Humphreys</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7:00 a Gideons 12-7p Hicks Hall Taran Wolford</p>
<p><b>6</b> 9:00&amp;11:00 am Morning Worship 9:00 am Live Streaming Service 10:00 am Sunday School All Ages 2:00 p 4-H Evans Eagles 4:00 p Hand Bell Choir 5:30 p Youth Choir 6:00 p Youth Group</p>	<p><b>7</b> 11:00 a Bible Study 6:00 p Justice League 6:30 p UMM 6:30 p Bible Study 7:00 p UMW</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi</p>	<p><b>9</b> 10:00 a Deborah/Miriam 6:30 p Choir</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 7:00 a Gideons 2-5p Hicks Hall – birthday party- Redman</p>
<p><b>13</b> 9:00&amp;11:00 am Morning Worship 9:00 am Live Streaming Service 10:00 am Sunday School All Ages 2:00 pm Mary Martha – Halls Res 4:00 p Hand Bell Choir 5:30 p Youth Choir 6:00 p Youth Group</p>	<p><b>14</b> 11:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Bible Study 6:30 p Fairplain Cemetery-Travelers</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 6-8:00 p Scouts 3:16 p John 3:16</p>	<p><b>16</b> 1:00 – 3:00 pm Prayers &amp; Squares 6:30 p Choir</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 12-6:00 p Blood Drive 5:30 p RFL Conf Rm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 7:00 a Gideons</p>
<p><b>20</b> 9:00&amp;11:00 am Morning Worship 9:00 am Live Streaming Service 10:00 am Sunday School All Ages 3:30 p Discovery Circle 4:00 p Hand Bell Choir 5:30 p Youth Choir 6:00 p Youth Group</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9:00 a Decorate Church 11:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Bible Study</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi</p>	<p><b>23</b> 6:30 p Choir</p>	<p><b>24</b> Giving Thanks  Church office closed</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> 7:00 a Gideons</p>
<p><b>27</b> 9:00&amp;11:00 am Morning Worship 9:00 am Live Streaming Service 10:00 am Sunday School All Ages 1:30-3:30 p Piano Recital-Sanctuary 4:00 p Hand Bell Choir 5:30 p Youth Choir 6:00 p Youth Group</p>	<p><b>28</b> 11:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Bible Study</p>	<p><b>29</b> 9:30 am Tai Chi 4:00 p ADK Hick's Hall 6-8:00 p Scouts</p>	<p><b>30</b> 6:30 p Choir</p>			
		<p><u>Sunday Services</u></p> <p>Church Office Open- Monday thru Friday-9:00 - Noon</p> <p>Traditional Service 9:00 a.m. Live Streaming Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Seeker Service 11:00 a.m.</p>				<p><b>Worship Leaders:</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am Natalie Holcomb</p>

