
THE CALVARY SPIRIT

“Sharing God’s Love in Worship and Fellowship.”

February 2012

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PRESIDENT OF CONSISTORY MESSAGE

At the January Consistory meeting I had the privilege of being elected President of the Consistory. The other officers of Consistory are as follows: Vice President – Pauline Weller; Secretary – Sherry Bauer; Treasurer – Linda Himeback. Denise Mathias will continue to be the Fund Raising Treasurer and JoAnn Longacre will continue to be the Financial Secretary. I ask that you keep us and the Consistory in your prayers as we go through 2012.

I believe that while this is an uncertain time at Calvary it is also an exciting time. We are moving forward in the search for a new minister. The search committee has been finalized. They will hold their first meeting with the Interim Associate Conference Minister Edith Guffy in the next few weeks and get the process started. Let us remember to keep them in prayer as they begin the task of calling a minister.

We have also secured an interim minister. Pastor Elmer Reinhold will start his duties officially on February 13. His first service will be February 19. We will have a coffee hour before the service starting at 9:00. Be sure to attend and meet our interim. Sunday School classes are invited to come up and meet Pastor Reinhold at 9:00 and then go back to their classrooms if they wish.

If you were in church on 1/1 for the men’s service, you heard my children’s sermon. I think it was a good message for all of us. God has a path that he wants us to follow and wants us to be successful in reaching the goal that he has for us. Getting to that goal was compared to completing a maze puzzle. It will not always be easy. We will face difficult choices in deciding what God wants us to do. We might have to make frequent changes

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES



***Please note that the scriptures may change depending on what the supply pastor decides. If you are the scripture reader you will be made aware of any changes.

- 5th Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalms 147:1-11,20c,
1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39
- 12th 2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalms 30,
1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Mark 1:40-45
- 19th 2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalms 50:1-6,
2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9
- 22nd Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalms 51:1-17,
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
- 26th Genesis 9:8-17, Psalms 25:1-10,
1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

in the direction we are going. Sometimes we may find we made the wrong choice and traveled down a dead end path. When that happens we have to back up and start again. We must remember that God is still there. He is behind us saying "This is the way, walk in it." We just need to be sure we are listening. Let's listen for God's voice as we continue to travel through 2012.

God Bless
Chris

2012 CONSISTORY OFFICERS

President - Chris Mathias
Vice President - Pauline Weller
Secretary - Sherry Bauer
Treasurer - Linda Himeback

2012 CONSISTORY REPRESENTATIVES

Christian Fellowship - Marlene, Darlene, Becky
Worship - Sherry, Darlene, Scott
Church Property - Matt, Scott, Bill, Randy
Christian Social Ministries - Marlene, Pauline
Stewardship & Evangelism - Randy, Matt, Becky
Christian Education - Pauline, Chris
Spiritual Council - Pauline, Randy, Sherry, Marlene

2012 HOLY COMMUNION DATES

2/22/12
2/26/12
4/5/12
4/8/12
5/27/12
7/29/12
10/7/12
12/2/12
12/24/12

CONSTITUTION REVISION

The below constitution revision has been approved by consistory and needs to be approved by the congregation at the spring meeting.

Section 5 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE- The youth shall be a communicant member, have parental / guardian permission and approval of the consistory. This position may remain vacant if there are no youth willing to serve. The term shall be for one year from January 1 to December 31. The youth may serve three (3) consecutive terms.

2012 LENTEN SCHEDULE

We will be having our weekly Lenten services starting with Ash Wednesday service on February 22 at 7:15. Every Wednesday after that through March 28 there will be a meal at 6:00 PM followed by a service at 7:15. There will be a free will offering taken to cover the cost of the meals. Please bring a desert to share. We are trying something different this year with the Lenten services. Some of them will be a regular worship service and some will have skits in them. Come join us for our Lenten journey.

MILLER KEYSTONE BLOOD DRIVE

Feb 23 @ Calvary from 3-8, and anyone that registers in Feb will be entered in a \$500.00 gift card giveaway for Bear Creek. Please see Rona Britton to sign up or with any questions.

FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY

February is our month to donate items to the food pantry at Boyertown Multiservice. Non-perishable food items, diapers and other toiletries are needed. Please place all donations in the narthex.

FEBRUARY FLING

Saturday February 18 from 7 - 10 P.M. DJ Dan Frantz will provide music as well as karaoke. Bring snacks and something to drink. Admission cost: canned good/goods for food pantry at Boyertown Multiservice. Members of Christ Lutheran church will be invited as our guests.

PAPER RETRIEVER RECYCLING BIN

The bin is open to everyone in the community, including businesses, who want to recycle their paper. The church earns money for paper that is recycled in our bin. The bin will receive the following: magazines, newspapers, catalogs, office paper, home paper, envelopes, paperback books, old school work, workbooks, brochures, receipts, etc. Please no cardboard, phone books, cereal boxes, plastic, aluminum or trash. Spread the word about our bin. Thanks for your support. Any questions please see Kim Marburger.



REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE

Please remember to bring in your Redner's sales tapes from the Store and Quick shop. *Gas Station receipts are no longer being accepted! Also, please make sure that on the bottom of your receipt it says "Save-a-tape contribution" or Redners will not honor them. If you do not have a Save-a-tape card you can obtain one at the service counter or the cashier.* At the end of the year we will turn in all of our tapes and earn 1% of the total!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Don't forget that Calvary offers FREE blood pressure screening the third Sunday of every month. Our volunteer nurses can be found in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am on these Sundays.



ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

Don't forget to keep bringing in your Aluminum cans throughout 2012! Thank you to everyone who has helped with this collection in 2011.

NEWSLETTER MAILING UPDATE

We have GOOD news, the Newsletter will continue to be mailed and it will be mailed MONTHLY! Boyertown Post Office was approved as a Bulk Mail Facility and we are now able to mail from that office. The first few months, you may notice that the newsletters arrive later than before due to the transition of the Boyertown Post Office as a Bulk Mail Facility. We will always have extra newsletters available in the narthex for those who wish to pick them up on Sunday after worship in case you do not receive yours in a timely fashion.

YOUTH NEWS BULLETIN BOARD EVENTS:

Carnation Sales are scheduled for Feb 12 after service, look for order forms in the future. Prep for the carnation sale will be on Feb 11. We will need youth volunteers to make this successful.

Pancake Breakfast on April 8, prep for this event will be April 7th at 8am, more information to follow.

Youth Sunday will be April 29th. More information on this will be coming.

Please check e-mails regularly for updates. Send your current e-mail address to skstoff@comcast.net, or accept my friend request and follow the "Facebook" group for Calvary UCC



*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
Philippians 4: 6*



Please keep these people in your daily thoughts and prayers:

Members living in Nursing Homes: Florence Jacob (Manor Care), Eva Egolf (Berks Heim Nursing Home), Mabel Schultz (Frederick Mennonite Home), Fay Badman (Berks Heim Nursing Home), Shirley Kolb (Berks Heim Nursing Home), Betty Kiedeisch (Kutztown Manor)

Members in the Hospital:

Members Recovering from Setbacks: Ronald Schoch, Monica Mathias, Anna Rhoads, Betty Jean Kolb, Maryann Galloway, Forrest Kolb,

Homebound Members: Howard Schaeffer, Kathryn Acker

Military Personnel: Preston Schoenly (grandson of Paul and Dottie), Anthony Lester (friend of Connie Jordan)

Missionaries: Pray for all of God's Missionaries throughout the world

Other Friends & Family Members: Bob Martorelli (Becky Crist's co-worker), Mya Longacre (Relative of JoAnn Longacre), Edward Kane (Connie LaFaver's Step-dad), Kirby Weidenhammer (Roxanne Weidenhammer's husband), Joshua Yoder (Jim & Nancy Canning's grandson), The Donald Horne family(Connie Jordan's uncle), Judy Rohrbach (Chris's step sister who has leukemia), Rev. Guy Jordan (Connie Jordan's father-in-law), Anthony Brunni (son of a friend of Barbara Prout), Carol Vasco (Andy and Cathy Vasco's daughter-in-law), Helen Reigner (friend of Calvary), Henry Beitler (friend of Calvary), Debbie Strohl (Sister-in-law of Becky Crist), Emily Zern (Betty Jean Kolb's sister-in-law), Evelyn Groff (Pat Clark's mother), Nicholas Kujat (Pat Kujat's grandson), Frank Babinski (friend of Patricia Kujat), Mary Venditti(Sister-in-law of Robert Venditti), Mandy Ellis (granddaughter of Audrey Coffman), Kathryn Derolf (friend of Frances Fox), Tefo Mothudi (our sponsor child)

If you have a Birthday during these months and it was not mentioned or the date is listed wrong, please let the church office know. We are working to update our records and your help in this effort is appreciated. Thank you!

February

2/1	Tracey Frey	2/3	John Crist
2/3	Matt Lees	2/4	John Frederick
2/5	Debbie Jaeger	2/7	Franklin Schlegel
2/10	Cody Kline	2/11	Matt Saylor
2/11	Carlee Frantz	2/12	Roger Burnish
2/14	Brian Sell	2/14	Randy Reigner
2/15	Barbara Derr	2/15	Stacey Miller
2/15	Elizabeth Saylor	2/16	John Canceliere
2/17	Marion Reigner	2/18	Mary Delo
2/18	Michelle Watkins	2/19	Kirt Schwenk
2/19	Cale Latshaw	2/20	Tammy Saylor
2/20	Brandon Frederick	2/22	Pauline Weller
2/23	Barry Marburger	2/25	Ryan Mathias
2/26	Connie LaFaver	2/26	Deborah Rose
2/26	Kim Schoenly	2/26	Sonya Spotts
2/26	Andrew Kline		

If We Listen

A young man had been to Wednesday night Bible Study. The Pastor had shared about listening to God. The young man couldn't help but wonder, "Does God still speak to people?"

After service he went out with some friends for coffee and pie and they discussed the idea. Several different people talked about how God had led them to do things in different ways.

It was about ten o'clock when the young man started driving home. Sitting in his car, he just began to pray, "God... If you still speak to people, speak to me. I will listen. I will do my best to serve your wishes."

As he drove down the main street of his town, he had the strangest thought, to stop and buy a gallon of milk. He shook his head and said out loud, "God is that you?" He didn't get a reply and started on toward home. But again, the thought was there, "Buy a gallon of milk."

The young man thought about how he'd heard that not all those spoken to recognized God's quiet voice inside of one's mind. Then he said, "Okay, God, in case that is you, I will buy the milk."

It didn't seem like too hard a request to fulfill. He could always use the milk himself if nothing else.

So he stopped and purchased the gallon of milk and started off toward home.

As he passed Seventh Street, he again felt the urge, "Turn down that street." "This is crazy," he thought and drove on past the intersection.

Again, he felt that he should turn down Seventh Street. At the next intersection, he turned back and headed down Seventh. Half jokingly, he said out loud, "Okay, God, I will."

He drove several blocks, when suddenly, he felt like he should stop. He pulled over to the curb and looked around. He was in a semi-commercial area of town. It wasn't the best but it wasn't the worst of neighborhoods either.

The businesses were closed and most of the houses looked dark like the people were already in bed. Again, he sensed something, "Go and give the milk to the people in the house across the street." The young man looked at the house. It was dark and it looked like the people were either gone or they were already asleep.

He started to open the door and then sat back in the car seat. "God, this is insane. Those people are asleep and if I wake them up, they are going to be mad and I will look stupid."

Again, he felt like he should go and give the milk. Finally, he opened the car door, "Okay God, if this is you, I will go to the door and I will give them the milk. If you want me to look like a crazy person, okay. I want to do as I wish. I guess that will count for something, but if they don't answer right away, I am out of here." He walked across the street and rang the bell. He could hear some noise inside. A man's voice yelled out, "Who is it? What do you want?"

Then the door opened before the young man could get away. The man was standing there in his jeans and t-shirt. He looked like he'd just gotten out of bed. He had a strange look on his face and he didn't seem too happy to have some stranger standing on his doorstep. "What is it?"

The young man thrust out the gallon of milk. "Here, I brought this to you," he said nervously.

The man took the milk and rushed down a hall way speaking loudly in Spanish. Then from down the hall came a woman carrying the milk toward the kitchen. The man was following her holding a baby. The baby was crying. The man had tears streaming down his face.

The man began speaking and half crying, "We were just praying. We had some big bills this month and we ran out of money. We didn't have any milk for our baby. I was just praying and asking God to show me how to get some milk."

His wife in the kitchen yelled out, "I ask Him to send an Angel with some milk. Are you an Angel?"

In response to hearing this, the young man reached into his wallet and pulled out all the money he had on him and put in the man's hand. He turned and walked back toward his car as the tears were streaming down his face. He knew that God still answers prayers and that God still speaks to people.

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