

Calvin Connection



January 2016

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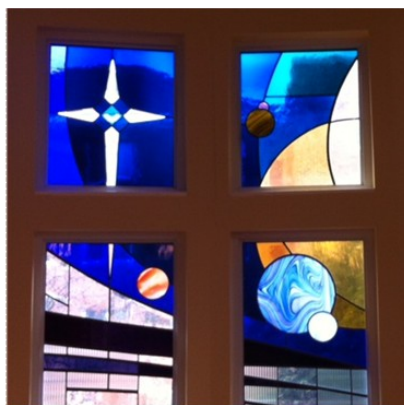
Epiphany

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Nations shall come to your light and rulers to the brightness of your rising. ~Isaiah 60:1, 3

Epiphany is:

The 12th day of the "season of Christmas" falling on January 6th

An *epiphany* can mean a sudden awareness; it comes from a Greek word meaning 'to show'



Window in Coventry Chapel, Cornelia House, Episcopal Homes, St. Paul

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On the day of Epiphany we recall how the magi followed the star to come worship the newborn Christ child

This year we celebrate Epiphany at Calvin Church on Sunday, January 3rd

Eternal God, by a star you led magi to the worship of your Son.
Guide the nations of the earth by your light,
that the whole world may see your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral,
Melbourne, Australia

Pastor Carol's Corner

God of new beginnings,
help me make a difference in myself,
so that with your help
I may make a difference in the world.

A real difference:
in the world and in me,
at your pace,
in your peace,
God of new beginnings.

Prayer by Brian Woodcock
From "Going Home Another Way" by
Wild Goose Publication, Iona, Scotland

Okay, how many times in December did you ask: *How can it almost be Christmas?! Where did the year go?* The beginning of a new year means among other things that another year has flown past.

I have for some time felt life was speeding up. I read an article the other day explaining that this is a matter of perspective. When you are a child, it seems forever for a birthday or for Christmas to arrive. The author started to lose me as she got into logarithms, but basically, our perceptions are not linear.¹

When you are one, a year is 100% of your life. By the time you are eight years old, a year is only 12.5% of your life. When you are 18, a year is 5.56% of your life. On it goes so by the time you are an adult, a year is a much smaller fraction of your total life. By the time you are 30, the proportion levels off so each year of life is similarly short. If you live to 98, a year is about 1% of your life.

I like that theory better than the ones that say our sense of time is governed by biological processes that run the body. Still another theory says we can slow the rush of time by living in the moment – known as mindfulness.

It is all a bit daunting, the passage of time. Where does a year go? It is spent in moments and days and experiences that bring joy and fear and mostly require us to go through the ordinary motions of living. As we begin another year, it is a reminder of that our life, each day, each moment is precious. And as the Psalmist said long, long ago: our times are in God's hands.²

Carol

¹ "Why half the life you experience is over by age 7" by Ana Swanson.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2015/07/23/haunting-images-show-why-time-really-does-seem-to-go-faster-as-you-get-older/>

² Psalm 31:15

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

January 3 - Communion

Greeter - Ron Bowman
Liturgist - Candy Bowman

January 10

Greeter - Lillian Miller
Liturgist - TBD

January 17

Greeters - Shaughnessy Family
Liturgist - Skelly Shaughnessy

January 24

Greeters - Denny & Joyce Anderson
Liturgist - Anita Goman

January 31

Greeter - Mitch Nelson
Liturgist - Mitch Nelson

Thank you to Tammy Wenz who worked hard to create a delightful Christmas play this year! Thank you also to Mark Bilyeu and Judy Rogosheske for providing music, and Teri Wood and Amy Wenz for their assistance.

Winter Schedule

9:00am Adult Education, Fellowship Hall

9:30am Chancel choir practice, Choir Rehearsal Room

10:00am Worship

10:00am Sunday school (for the 1st Sunday of the month), all other Sundays the children will be in worship until the children's message

11:00am Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

Weekly Activities

Sunday

9:00am Adult Education
9:30am Chancel choir rehearsal
10:00am Worship/Sunday school
11:00am Fellowship time

Tuesday

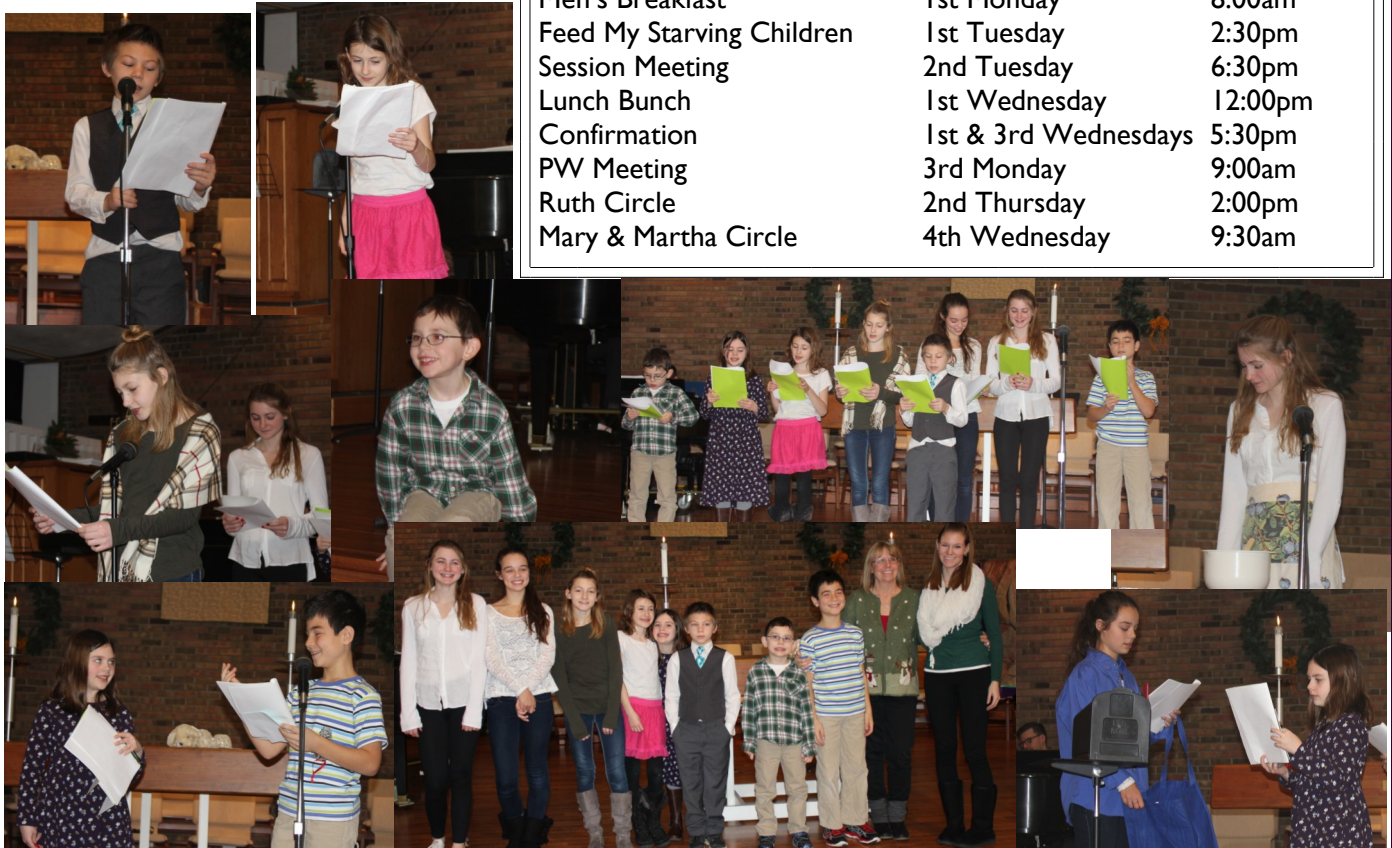
10:00am Exercise

Wednesday

6:00pm Handbell practice
7:00pm Chancel choir practice

Monthly Activities

Men's Breakfast	1st Monday	8:00am
Feed My Starving Children	1st Tuesday	2:30pm
Session Meeting	2nd Tuesday	6:30pm
Lunch Bunch	1st Wednesday	12:00pm
Confirmation	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	5:30pm
PW Meeting	3rd Monday	9:00am
Ruth Circle	2nd Thursday	2:00pm
Mary & Martha Circle	4th Wednesday	9:30am





Upcoming Youth Events



Flamingos are coming to a yard near you! The high school youth are raising money for camp and Triennium. For a donation of \$25 we will put the flamingos in the yard of a person of your choosing. That person then gets to choose, for a \$25 donation, who they would like the flamingos to go to next! There will be insurance available (for a fee) that will insure that you will not be flaminoged. Let's have fun this winter and help the youth with their goals to go to camp and Triennium! Check out the info on the table in the Gathering Hall, or call Sarah Bracken at 763-228-3111, or Teri Wood at 952-475-1487.



The confirmation class is to be working on their Statements of Faith with their mentors over the Christmas break. We will meet again for class on Wednesday, January 6th at 5:30pm. Confirmands are meeting with the Session on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30pm.



Planning is already underway for the summer season at Clearwater Forest. Summer 2016 registration begins January 6th. Details of the summer camping experience can be found at <http://clearwaterforest.org/summer-camp/>



Date: Tuesday, July 19 - Saturday, July 23, 2016

Location: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Triennium is a life giving, life changing, faith moving experience! As the world changes, society shifts - the church expands - the need for vibrant young Presbyterians grows. Help our young people GO to the next great place in their faith.

Over the next few months, the high school age youth will be hosting many fundraising events to raise money for Triennium. The cost for each youth is \$600 (which includes transportation, housing, meals & program costs). The families will pay one third of the cost, fundraising will cover another one third, and we are looking for sponsors for each of our youth for the final one third. If you're interested in being a sponsor, please contact Tammy Wenz at 612-384-9520 for more information.

**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!



A Bible Study Series on the theme
SACRED GIFTS AND HOLY GATHERINGS

Unit Two: *Sharing Our Joys and Sorrows*
Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain & others in the congregation

Sunday, Jan. 3 - Lesson 1, A Bride Worth Waiting For -- Genesis 29:15-30

Sunday, Jan. 10 - Lesson 2, The Most Beautiful Bride -- Song of Solomon 6:4-12

Sunday, Jan. 17 - Lesson 3, An Unfaithful Bride -- Hosea 1:1-11

Sunday, Jan. 24 - Lesson 4, A Wedding in Cana -- John 2:1-12

Sunday, Jan. 31 - Lesson 5, Death and Resurrection -- John 11:38-44

WALKING THE FAITH SPIRITUALITY GROUP



“Walking the Faith” is meeting once a month and looking for more people to join the group!

The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 12th at 1pm. The group has started reading *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idilby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner.



Feed My Starving Children

For thirty plus years Calvin has had a group serve meals at Loaves and Fishes in north Minneapolis. We are shifting our mission outreach and will now be working at Feed My Starving Children the first Tuesday of every month from 2:30 to 4:30 beginning January 5, 2016 and running through August 2016. There is room for ten people to volunteer each month and it’s open to all ages (5 years old and up). Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Gathering Hall. The address for Feed My Starving Children is 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen. Questions can be directed to Belinda Breit.



Birthdays

- January 4 Val Hagan
- January 7 Todd Wood
- January 13 Carol Reed
- January 14 Pam Vande Vegte
- January 15 Debbie Baker
- January 19 Marj Eisinger
- January 24 Joel Wenz
- January 26 Lily Carver
- January 27 Pat King
- January 28 Bella Coccoluto



Celebrate!



Adopt-A-Family

A huge thank you to everyone who was a Santa's helper in our Adopt-a-Family Christmas project. It is always so heartwarming to see our Calvin generosity in action. Thank you for the gifts and the gift cards and the time you spent choosing your gifts. May you all be blessed. ~Belinda Breit

Annual Report Reminder: All annual reports are due to Angela in the church office by Friday, January 15th.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle No January meeting
PW Meeting Jan. 11th @ 9am
Mary & Martha Circle Meeting Jan. 27th @ 9:30am





January's Lunch Bunch group will meet on Wednesday, January 6th at 12pm. Bring your own place settings and a dish to share. And please plan to stay a few extra minutes to help with clean-up afterwards. Many hands make light work! Join us - everyone is welcome!



Thank you to everyone that donated hats, mittens, and scarves for our mitten tree! All items will be brought to Interfaith Outreach in January.



The 2016 flower chart is available. Sign up for flowers on your loved one's birthday or to celebrate a special anniversary. The cost of the standard arrangement is \$35. Flower questions? See Gay Kearin.



Coffee Fellowship - Please take a moment to look at the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall. There are many open Sundays for hosting coffee hour. If you would like to simply bring treats or snacks, juice and coffee will be made. Just note "food only" next to your name on the sign-up sheet.



Session meeting minutes are available upon request. Please see Angela in the church office to receive a copy.

MUSIC News

Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and our music director, Mark Bilyeu for providing such wonderful music during the Advent season and the Christmas Eve candlelight worship service. Calvin is truly blessed to have so many talented members (and choir director) that share their love of music with us every week!



Do you love to sing? The Calvin Chancel Choir is always welcoming new singers! No experience is necessary—only a love for music! There's also no need for a long-term commitment. Join us for one rehearsal and see if you like it. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30pm in the music room.



JANUARY 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p><i>Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</i></p> 					1  Office Closed	2
3 Communion/ Epiphany 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	4 8am Men's breakfast	5 No exercise	6 12pm Lunch Bunch 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm Choir practice	7	8	6
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Connect with us!



OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
10:00am - 2:00pm

*Pastor Carol is in
the office Tues - Fri
(or can be reached at
her home phone #)*



Please recycle

*We extend a most cordial invitation
to you to participate in worship,
study and the many other activities in
the life of our Calvin family.*



Church Staff

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Carol Reed
Parish Associate - Rev. Dwight Chamberlain
Pastor Emeritus - Rev. Douglas Potter
Clerk of Session - Walter Baker

Music Director - Mark Bilyeu
Handbell Director - Mark Bilyeu
Choral Accompanist - Taylor Burkhardt
Seminary Intern - Mitch Nelson

Office Administrator - Angela Coccoluto
Treasurer - Pat King
Financial Secretaries - Marj Eisinger & Tammy Wenz
Custodian - Dave Zajac

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Angela Coccoluto angela@calvinchurch.net

Calvin Connection deadline: Second Friday of the month
Sunday Bulletin announcements deadline: Thursdays at 10am
Email articles and/or announcements for the Calvin Connection & Sunday bulletins to Angela (see email address above), or drop them off in the church office. Any questions, please call Angela at 952-473-5419.