

Calvin Connection



February 2016

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The Season of Lent



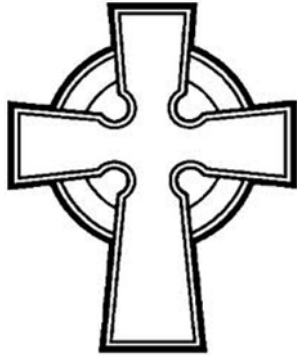
Lent is the season in the church calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday – it is 40 days plus six Sundays that lead up to Easter.

Lent invites us to reflect on our faith, spending time in prayer and Bible study.

Daily Bible readings beginning on Ash Wednesday

Daily Scripture Readings From the Office of Theology and Worship, PC (USA)

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10 - Hebrews 12:1-14	Saturday, Feb. 20 - Hebrews 5:1-10
Thursday, Feb. 11 - John 1:29-34	Sunday, Feb. 21 - I Corinthians 3:11-23
Friday, Feb. 12 - John 1:35-42	Monday, Feb. 22 - John 4:27-42
Saturday, Feb. 13 - John 1:43-51	Tuesday, Feb. 23 - John 4:43-54
Sunday, Feb. 14 - I Corinthians 1:18-31	Wednesday, Feb. 24 - John 5:1-18
Monday, Feb. 15 - Hebrews 2:11-18	Thursday, Feb. 25 - John 5:19-29
Tuesday, Feb. 16 - Psalm 146	Friday, Feb. 26 - John 5:30-47
Wednesday, Feb. 17 - John 2:23-3:15	Saturday, Feb. 27 - John 7:1-13
Thursday, Feb. 18 - John 3:16-21	Sunday, Feb. 28 - Psalm 84
Friday, Feb. 19 - Hebrews 4:11-16	Monday, Feb. 29 - Psalm 145



Pastor Carol's Corner

*For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
1 Corinthians 1:18*

From the beginning days of the Christian church, Easter has been set apart as a special festival day. In the earliest church Easter was the day new Christians were baptized and received into membership. The weeks leading to Easter became important preparation for the day of resurrection. In time the church set aside the 40 days leading to Easter and called it Lent. For many Christians, Lent has become a time of living more simply and following a spiritual practice of giving up something.

We have for some time had a slightly different take on Lent: we **add** something to our lives during Lent. We focus our attention on God and understanding more of Jesus' life and crucifixion. Individually and as a church, we are encouraged to add extra time for prayer and Bible study. During Lent we collect for One Great Hour of Sharing, a special offering that provides funds for the coming year for hunger programs, assistance to communities following disasters, and seed money for community-based development projects. Every Wednesday from Ash Wednesday until Holy Week, there are evening soup suppers and worship at Calvin with dramas featuring our own members each week.

Lent becomes a time to focus on the cross and the gift of life we have been promised through our Lord Jesus Christ. By adding in another spiritual practice, Lent reminds us that our faith is lived day to day in how we listen to God's word and follow Jesus' way.

This year we will be creating a banner together throughout Lent that visually represents our faith growing and being woven together. Everyone is invited to contribute to it throughout Lent – whether it be something that you have had or something you buy, anything that can be woven together – a piece of ribbon, string, cord, braid, lace, strips of fabric, pieces of paper, something that has meaning for you. Based on what we receive, we will weave together the offerings you bring. There will be a basket in the Gathering Hall for your offerings or take a few minutes in Fellowship time to weave in your offering. If possible, it would be easiest if your offerings were at least 26 or 36 inches long, any width.

Blessings as we enter the season of Lent,

Carol



Banner created by Luther Seminary students

Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

February 7 - Communion

Greeter - Lillian Miller
Liturgist - Candy Bowman

February 14

Greeters - Goman Family
Liturgist - Anita Goman

February 21

Greeters - Berbig Family
Liturgist - Krista Berbig

February 28

Greeters - Joel & Sarah Settles
Liturgist - Joel Settles

Soup Suppers start on Ash Wednesday, February 10th!

Time: Soup served at 6:00pm,
followed by a short service at 7:00pm
Where: Calvin Fellowship Hall
Free will offering will be collected



If you would like to provide a pot of
soup for a Wednesday evening, please
sign up in the Gathering Hall.

The Annual Meeting is
scheduled for Sunday,
February 14th immediately
following worship.

2015 Annual Reports are
available on the table in the
Gathering Hall.

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



Thank you to every-
one that donated hats,
mittens, and scarves for
our mitten tree! All
items were brought to
Interfaith Outreach to
help families in need of
warm winter gear.

Upcoming Youth Events



Flamingos will be flocking until Friday, February 12th so be sure to place your order SOON! For a donation of \$25 we will put the flamingos in the yard of a person of your choosing. Proceeds will go toward tuition for the youth attending Triennium in July. 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 Confirmands have met with the Session and have written their Statements of Faith. The Confirmation class meets once more (Wednesday, February 3rd) before they are confirmed on Confirmation Sunday, February 21st.



Friday, February 12th at 6:00pm the youth will be hosting a spaghetti dinner. The cost is \$12 for adults/seniors and \$5 for children 12 & under. All proceeds will go towards tuition for the youth attending Triennium in July. Sign-up on the table in the Gathering Hall.

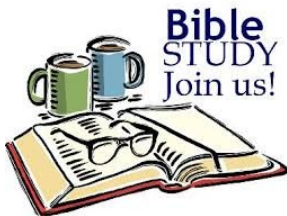


Date: Tuesday, July 19 - Saturday, July 23, 2016

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.

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 Three: Holy Days

Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain & others in the congregation



Sunday, Feb. 7 - Lesson 1, Passover -- Exodus 12:1-14

Sunday, Feb. 14 - Lesson 2, The Feast of Weeks -- Leviticus 23:15-22

Sunday, Feb. 21 - Lesson 3, The Day of Atonement -- Leviticus 16:11-19

Sunday, Feb. 28 - Lesson 4, The Feast of Booths -- Leviticus 23:33-43

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ~1 Peter 4:10

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering that has been received by Presbyterian Churches throughout Lent for over sixty years. Your donations will be used to help fund the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-Development of People program. Please prayerfully consider how you can give this year. Collection and dedication of our One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be on Palm Sunday. Fish banks are available in the Gathering Hall.



RHCI NEEDS YOUR HELP!

A unique opportunity has come up to help further the work of the Rural Health Care Initiative to save the lives of pregnant mothers and children in Tikonko, Sierra Leone. They are asking for donations of items you're no longer needing or using, or leftovers from building projects. These donations will help reduce the costs of building and operating the Birth Waiting Home, as well as advancing local agriculture and other projects. A container of supplies will be shipped to Sierra Leone at the end of February.

Items needed include:

- Floor tiles and supplies
- Paint and primer, painting supplies (prefer new)
- Door locks (any kind)
- Toilet fixtures
- Hoes, diggers, rakes, tillers, axes, cultivators, mat-tocks, and other gardening tools
- Linens, light blankets, towels & washcloths
- Bars of soap
- Books of any kind and all ages
- Writing instruments

If you're interested in donating items or have questions, please contact Ron Lattin at #612-272-5312, or rlattin@rhcimnsl.org. Donation deadline is Monday, February 22nd.

Birthdays

February 2	Shirley Tulberg Henry Funk
February 3	Bob Hagan Judy Rogosheske
February 4	Dwight Chamberlain
February 5	Jake Goman
February 7	Roy Knutson
February 10	Helen Reed
February 12	Sharon Corl
February 14	Joey Wood
February 23	Joyce Anderson
February 28	Belinda Breit



Celebrate!



Feed My Starving Children

The mission committee of Calvin Church is asking us to be involved in missions in a somewhat different way this year. We are being asked to continue to individually support the mission projects of the church as requests arrive throughout the year. In addition, we are focusing on different projects so more of our congregation can become involved with the gift of their time and service. One of those projects is Feed My Starving Children. Every month our congregation is committed to spend one afternoon packing food at their Chanhassen site. Please look for the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Hall and join in a meaningful and fun mission project.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle No February meeting

PW No February meeting

Mary & Martha Circle Meeting Feb. 24th @ 9:30am





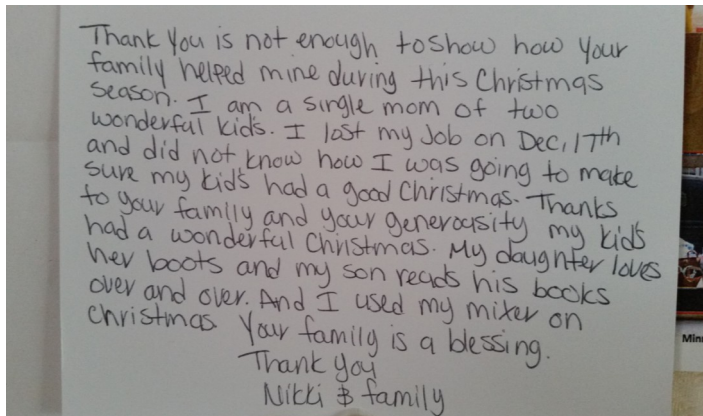
February's Lunch Bunch group was scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 3rd. Due to the snowstorm on Tuesday, February 2nd it was cancelled. The next Lunch Bunch will be on Wednesday, March 2nd. Bring your own place settings and a dish to share. And please plan to stay a few extra minutes to help with clean-up afterwards. Many hands make light work! Join us - everyone is welcome!



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



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. See Gay Kearin with any flower questions.



A thank you card that was delivered through IOCP from one of our Adopt-a-Families.

The card is posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Hall.



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.



FEBRUARY 2016



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Groundhog Day is February 2nd. Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow! Spring is around the corner!</i></p> 	<p>1 8am Men's breakfast</p>	<p>2 10am Exercise</p>	<p>3 12pm Lunch-Bunch 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 Communion 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 10am Exercise</p>	<p>10  6pm Soup supper & Lenten drama 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school 11am Annual Meeting</p>	<p>15 9am PW Meeting</p>	<p>16 10am Exercise</p>	<p>17 6pm Soup supper & Lenten drama 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Confirmation Sunday 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 10am Exercise</p>	<p>24 9:30am Mary & Martha 6pm Soup supper & Lenten drama 7pm Choir practice</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school</p>	<p>29</p>	<p><i>Fellowship Time is on Sundays at 11:00am (following worship)</i></p> 				

NOTES:

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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

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

Email address contacts:

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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.