

Calvin Connection



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February 2017



A Winter Prayer



O God, Let us huddle together this morning,
our community a place of warmth in our lives
as we share the flame of hope and connection.

Let us allow the frost of isolation and bitterness to melt away
as we open ourselves to a sense of peace and spirit.

We extend our thoughts to all those who are cold this morning,
lacking shelter or love to keep them warm.

Let us wrap our prayers around them and each other like scarves,
and wish each other safe journeys through the storm.

May we be insulated from fear as the earth is insulated by the snow,
And, like bulbs, may we continue to grow and open inside, despite the cold,
Ready for the spring, to stretch and grow towards justice.

Amen

~written by Rev. Kate Wilkinson



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Pastor Carol's Corner

In late 2015, in response to the bombings by terrorists in Paris, France, a group of clergy in our community felt the need to do something. The result was an Interfaith Community Worship Service in early December 2015. It was a busy time of year, I had a long to-do list. But like my colleagues, I felt a need to reach out to people of my faith and other faith traditions. I gathered with the group at St. Edwards Episcopal Church where leaders from the Christian, Jewish and Islamic traditions offered prayers.

Needless to say, I was very glad I took the time to attend that evening's service. Speaking with the woman I happened to sit next to, I learned that plans were already underway by a group of women for an ongoing interfaith gathering to learn from one another and serve the community together.

Thus was born Tapestry Interfaith Women. Their Facebook page describes their mission: *We promote religious understanding and acceptance through dialogue between women and youth of many faiths while providing service to the community.*

Since then Miki Banavige and I have attended a number of Tapestry events at different churches and the Islamic Community Center in Plymouth where we learned about Ramadan, were served delicious food, and attended a prayer service. Every time we gather there is a service project of some sort, either hands-on or donating goods to a community service agency.



Last month Tapestry gathered at Bet Shalom Synagogue in Minnetonka where nearly 70 women ventured out on a bitterly cold evening. As I entered the synagogue I saw the woman I had first spoken with back in 2015 speaking from the pulpit. Not so unusual unless you note she is a Muslim, clearly visible from the headscarf she wears. It was a visible sign to me that walls are coming down and bridges are being built.

We are hoping to host a Tapestry event at Calvin in mid-September. There are a number of other Tapestry gatherings planned between now and then. The next event will be hosted by Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in St. Paul on Thursday, February 23 at 7 p.m. Let me know if you are interested in attending. We are asked to RSVP by February 17th so the church knows how many women to anticipate.

In our increasingly divisive world and country, it feels good to be doing something, even a small act, of reaching out to neighbors we would not usually meet.

Peace,

Carol



Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

February 5 - Communion

Greeters - The Berbig Family

Liturgist - Scouts for Scout Sunday

February 12

Greeters - The Goman Family

Liturgist - Anita Goman

February 19

Greeters - Dave & Ann Shaughnessy

Liturgist - Skelly Shaughnessy

February 26

Greeters - The Hagan Family

Liturgist - Carley Hagan

Soup Suppers start on Ash Wednesday, March 1st!

Time: Lenten meal served at 6:00pm,

Worship service at 6:30pm

Where: Calvin Fellowship Hall

Free will offering will be collected



Look for sign-up sheets in the Gathering
Hall towards the end of February.

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

3:00pm

SPARKS program

Wednesday

6:00pm

Handbell practice

7:00pm

Chancel choir practice

Thursday

3:00pm

SPARKS program

Monthly Activities

Men's Breakfast

1st Monday

8:00am

Feed My Starving Children

1st Tuesday

2:30pm

Session Meeting

1st Tuesday

6:30pm

Lunch Bunch

1st Wednesday

12:00pm

PW Meeting

3rd Monday

9:00am

Ruth Circle

2nd Thursday

2:00pm

Mary & Martha Circle

4th Wednesday

9:30am



Pictures from the Martin Luther exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. A group from Calvin went on Monday, January 9th.

**On left: Ken & Wanda Pratt
On right: Lucia Stubbs, Susan Baker, Margot Garin
(Not pictured: Susan Manro and four of her friends)**





Arlo Vande Vegte, Bella Coccoluto, Brian Brokofsky, and choir did a great job performing Guy Davis' song 'We All Need More Kindness In This World' on MLK, Jr. Sunday, January 15.



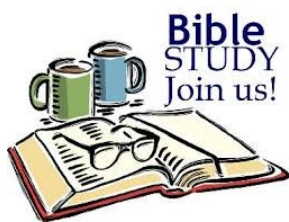
The Children's Choir will begin singing in worship once a month. In February they will sing "Do Lord" on Sunday, February 12th. Looking ahead, they will sing again during worship on Sunday, March 12th.



Youth Movie Night - The Christian Education Committee is looking for a volunteer to head up the next movie night at church on Friday, March 3rd. If you're interested in helping or would like more details, please contact Angela in the church office.



Vacation Bible School - The CE Committee is also looking for anyone that might have interest in coordinating VBS at Calvin this summer. Please contact the church office if you would like to head up this fun and rewarding experience!



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!



A Bible Study Series on the theme
CREATION AND SALVATION
Unit Three: The Church is Born
Lessons from the Book of Galatians
Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain & Rev. Dr. Carol Reed

Sunday, February 5 - Lesson 1, Heirs of the Promise -- Galatians 3:26-4:7
Sunday, February 12 - Lesson 2, Delivered from Bondage -- Galatians 4:8-20
Sunday, February 19 - Lesson 3, Freedom in Christ -- Galatians 5:1-17
Sunday, February 26 - Lesson 4, Holy Living in the Spirit -- Galatians 5:18-6:10



Westonka Food Shelf

Westonka Food Shelf sent a nice thank you letter for Calvin's \$575 donation at the end of 2016. Our generosity helps achieve their mission of reducing hunger in our community and goes directly to help feed our local neighbors facing tough times.

- ⇒ Each month they serve approximately 265 local families, distributing nearly 30,000 pounds of food, basic hygiene and household items.
- ⇒ Their patrons receive fresh fruit, vegetables, bakery products, dairy and meat, in addition to canned goods, household products and pet food.
- ⇒ Their buying power is exponentially enhanced by their partnership with local food banks; thus a dollar donated to Westonka Food Shelf can provide approximately three meals.
- ⇒ Many of their patrons are employed, but underemployed, and cannot make ends meet on their wages. Seniors are a rapidly growing segment of the population facing hunger, while 33% of those Westonka serves are children ages 0-17 years.

**The Annual Meeting
is on Sunday, February 5th
immediately following worship.**



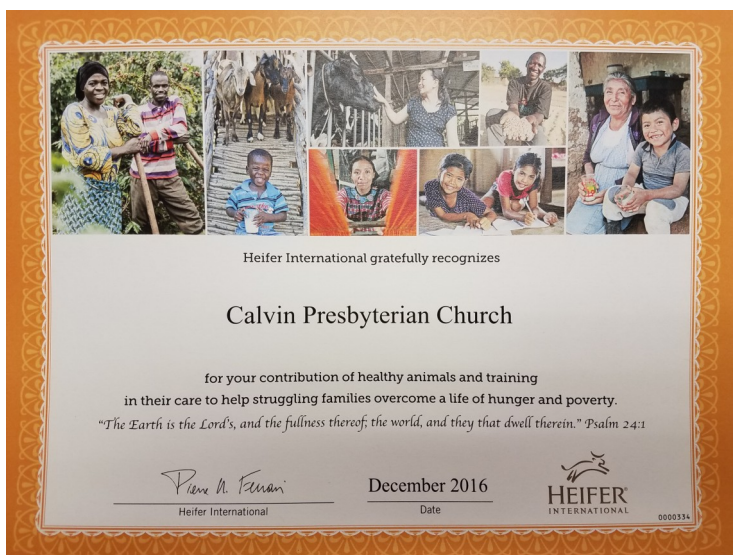
**2016 Annual Reports are available on
the table in the Gathering Hall.**

Birthdays

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



Celebrate!



*Certificate of recognition from Heifer International,
December 2016*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruth Circle No February meeting

PW No February meeting

Mary & Martha Circle Meeting Feb. 22nd @ 9:30am





Lunch Bunch will be Wednesday, February 1st at 12pm. Bring a dish to share, **but no need to bring your own place settings**. Going forward we will be using kitchen supplies from church to simplify clean-up afterwards. Join us - everyone is welcome!



The 2017 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 in February and March 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.

Hello Calvin Presbyterian Church! My name is Sabreena Cherrington. I am so excited to make music with you throughout the upcoming months! I am currently a Junior at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities with a major in choral music education. I spent my Freshmen year of college in Nashville, Tennessee but I grew up in a suburb of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I was confirmed and sang on the worship team at Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon, Wisconsin. I love to read, bake & spend time with my dog, Lucy. I am looking forward to meeting everyone!



It's hard to believe we're already in February! We will be working in the coming months to bring new anthems to the choir's repertoire. Some are new pieces, and some are old songs we all know and love. We are looking forward to sharing this diverse repertoire with you. I will be doing some traveling in February and am grateful to Calvin for your support and flexibility when my performing sometimes takes me away from church obligations. Having the support of the Choral Scholar program is a huge asset in situations like these, and I am grateful to Brian and Sabreena, and to Taylor for their outstanding work and leadership. I'm also so grateful to the choir and bell ringers who continually push themselves and create beautiful music - it's a true joy to work together. As always, thanks so much for your support of our music at Calvin!

-Mark

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 2017



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p><i>Groundhog Day is February 2nd. Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow?</i></p>			1 12pm Lunch Bunch 7pm Choir practice	2 3-5pm SPARKS 	3	4
5 Communion 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school 11am Annual Meeting	6 8am Men's breakfast	7 3-5pm SPARKS	8 7pm Choir practice	9 3-5pm SPARKS	10	11
12 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	13	14 3-5pm SPARKS 	15 7pm Choir practice	16 3-5pm SPARKS	17	18
19 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	20	21 No SPARKS	22 9:30am Mary & Martha 7pm Choir practice	23 3-5pm SPARKS	24	25
26 9am Adult Education 9:30am Choir rehearsal 10am Worship/Sunday school	27	28 3-5pm SPARKS	 <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

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February 2017

*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

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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.