

CALVIN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Calvin Connection



December 2019

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DECEMBER HAPPENINGS AT CALVIN CHURCH

Christmas Eve

Candlelight

SERVICE

DECEMBER 24TH | 4:30-5:30PM



Christmas Party



The annual PW Christmas Salad Supper is on **Monday, December 9th, beginning with refreshments at 6:00pm.** Our special entertainment will be The Plymouth Rockers. The meal is provided by the PW planning team as a gift to the women of the church (and their spouses/friends) as a gesture of appreciation for all the many things the women do for the church and its members. A sign up sheet is available in the Gathering Hall. Mark your calendars for this fun evening!



MUSIC SUNDAY

Sunday, December 8th
Join us to celebrate
Calvin's music ministry



Calling all Holiday Helpers!

We will be decorating
the church on Sunday,
December 8th
after worship.

Please join us after worship for
fellowship and decorating!

“Advent” means “coming” or arrival.” The season of Advent in the church is about the movement towards Christmas day and the coming of Christ into our world and our lives. We all know that this time of year can become stressful because of the busyness and the expectations that swirl around us, or for some sadness and a sense of loss that is felt greater at this time of year.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) provides a list of daily Bible readings every year as a way for us to stay connected to what this season is all about – that God came to earth in the birth of Jesus.

Scripture readings for the season of Advent

Sunday, December 1 st – Psalm 150	Friday, December 13 th – Psalm 130
Monday, December 2 nd – Isaiah 2:1-5	Saturday, December 14 th – Luke 3:1-18
Tuesday, December 3 rd – Psalm 124	Sunday, December 15 th – James 5:7-10
Wednesday, December 4 th – 2 Peter 3:1-10	Monday, December 16 th – Psalm 42:1-5
Thursday, December 5 th – Psalm 147:12-20	Tuesday, December 17 th – Jude 17-25
Friday, December 6 th – Amos 5:1-17	Wednesday, December 18 th – John 3:16-21
Saturday, December 7 th – Isaiah 40:1-11	Thursday, December 19 th – Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Sunday, December 8 th – Isaiah 11:1-10	Friday, December 20 th – Galatians 4:1-7
Monday, December 9 th – Psalm 21	Saturday, December 21 st – Isaiah 60:1-6
Tuesday, December 10 th – Romans 15:14-21	Sunday, December 22 nd – Luke 1:46-55
Wednesday, December 11 th – Psalm 17	Monday, December 23 rd – Matthew 1:18-25
Thursday, December 12 th – Psalm 146	Tuesday, December 24 th – Luke 2:1-14

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Most High God, for you nothing is impossible.

Through a poor young woman in a small town you gave birth to your realm of endless glory. By your Holy Spirit, fill us with new life and hope and overshadow us with your power and grace so that we, like Mary, might be your servants, bearing witness to the promise of your Word; through Jesus Christ, who is coming to reign, and in whose name we pray. Amen.
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Thank you to Kathy Berg for all her work and creativity making the cornucopia and creating such a beautiful arrangement that we enjoyed on the Communion Table this November.



Greeter/Liturgist Schedule

December 1 - Communion

Greeters - Joel & Sarah Settles
Liturgist - Joel Settles

December 8

Greeters - DJ & Anita Goman
Liturgist - Anita Goman

December 15

Greeters - Seth Quiggle & Stephanie Coe
Liturgist - Belinda Breit

December 22

Greeter - Sharon Corl
Liturgist - Pam Vande Vegte

December 29

Greeters - Denny & Joyce Anderson
Liturgist - Lily Carver



Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service at Calvin is Tuesday, December 24 at 4:30pm

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

11:00am

Fellowship time

Tuesday

3:00pm

SPARKS program

Wednesday

7:00pm

Chancel choir practice

Thursday

3:00pm

SPARKS program

Monthly Activities

Men's Breakfast

1st Tuesday

9:00am

Session Meeting

1st Tuesday

6:30pm

Lunch Bunch

1st Wednesday

12:00pm

PW Meeting

2nd Monday

9:00am

Ruth Circle **and**

2nd Thursday

2:00pm

Mary & Martha Circle

4th Thursday

5:30pm

Community Meal



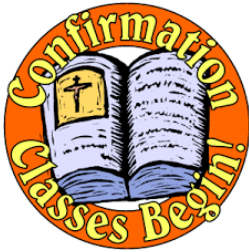
STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Update – We are a people of faith, and our budget is based on faith as well. Being such a small congregation, every pledge and dollar matters! Please keep the needs of our church community at heart as you consider your offerings for the end of the year. ~Skelly Shaughnessy, Chair of Finance & Stewardship

Pledge cards are still being received. They may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, mailed to church, or given to the financial secretary.

The Presbyterian Church is a connectional church, meaning we aren't an independent entity but part of a denomination. To support the ministry of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, Synod of Lakes & Prairies, and General Assembly (the entire denomination), we are required to pay a yearly fee for each confirmed member.

The Per Capita amount per confirmed member for 2020 is \$36.50. Each payment of Per Capita is a help to the Calvin Church budget.



Confirmation has begun meeting this fall. Our group this year is made of Bella Berbig, Sophie Berbig, Brad Hagan, Mason Kasowicz, and Grady Wood.

The leaders for Confirmation this year are: Val Hagan, Carol Reed, and Teri Wood.

Each youth has a mentor who will be working with them through the year. Bella's mentor is Pam Vande Vegte, Sophie's mentor is Christopher Rhea, Brad's mentor is DJ Goman, Mason Kasowicz's mentor is Arlo Vande Vegte, and Grady Wood's mentor is Todd Wood.

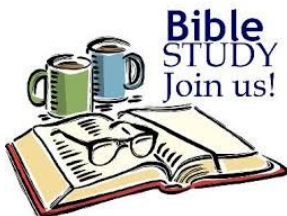
Watch for them in worship. The Confirmands will be the Advent candle lighters this year along with their mentors.



From left: Sophie Berbig, Bella Coccoluto, and Mason Kasowicz.



Jack Lutz pictured with his birthday cake from the celebration during fellowship on Sunday, November 17th.



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall - 9:00am
Everyone is welcome!

A Bible Study Series on the theme
DISCIPLESHIP
Following and Learning
A Calling and its Cost
From the Gospel of Luke

Led by Rev. Dwight Chamberlain & Rev. Dr. Carol Reed

Unit One: Prelude to Discipleship

Sunday, December 1 - Lesson 1, Prophecy of Jesus' Birth -- Luke 1:26-38
 Sunday, December 8 - Lesson 2, Mary's Promise to God -- Luke 1:39-56
 Sunday, December 15 - Lesson 3, Birth of the Forerunner -- Luke 1:57-64, 67-79
 Sunday, December 22 - Lesson 4, Birth of the Savior -- Luke 2:1-14
 Sunday, December 29 - Lesson 5, Forsaking All to Follow Him -- Luke 5:1-11





ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING

Do you ever stumble over what to get someone on your gift-giving list who does not need a thing? Do you wish that your gifts could be more meaningful than just ticking another name off a list?

Calvin Church is here to help! We are offering alternative gift giving this December. Basically, you make a donation to a mission project in honor of someone on your list. The church provides a card and an explanation about each gift you purchase.

You can choose from a gift given to Rural Health Care Initiative (working with women's and children's health in Sierra Leone), Feed My Starving Children, Heifer Project, or Presbyterian Missions.

In addition, this year we have actual gifts you can purchase. Thanks to a generous donation from Donna and George Fike's daughter, Lori Westling, we are selling decorative handmade spoons and knives, and cake servers Lori made. The proceeds will go to the Rural Health Care Initiative and Home Free Women's Shelter in Plymouth.

100% of the donation goes to the agencies; the only cost to the church is the stamp to mail the check!



Adopt-A-Family (IOCP)

Please check out the registration list on the "Giving Table" in the Gathering Hall. There are copies of the wish list on the table for you to take. Please help if you can. All gifts need to be returned by Wednesday, December 4th; and they will be wrapped on Friday, December 6th at 1:00pm.

Birthdays



December 7	Sarah Settles
December 8	George Funk
December 13	Jim Dillman Charlotte Oliver
December 14	Shelly Dressel
December 16	Glen Fry
December 21	Jennifer Schadewald
December 23	Krista Berbig
December 30	Angela Coccoluto

Celebrate!

Anniversaries

December 8	Joel & Sarah Settles
December 21	Dave & Gay Kearin



Rural Health Care Initiative
Pursuing healthy pregnancies & children in Sierra Leone



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Meeting December 16th @ 9am
Ruth Circle and Mary & Martha Circle
No December meeting





Lunch Bunch is Wednesday, December 4th at 12pm. Bring a dish to share, **but no need to bring your own place settings**. We use kitchen supplies from church to simplify clean-up afterwards. Join us - everyone is welcome! We now rotate the host responsibilities every month. This month's Lunch Bunch will be hosted by Joyce & Denny Anderson. If all participants sign up to host at least once, each month should be covered. You can sign up for hosting on the sheet in the Gathering Hall.



Weight Warriors support group - The group continues to meet at Calvin every Saturday morning at 8am. Weigh in and stay for an informal meeting to get support on your weight loss journey. The group is open to anyone (men or women) that are interested in losing weight, getting back on track with healthy eating, or looking for support to maintain their weight loss. Questions? See Kathy Berg or Tammy Wenz.



Poinsettia orders and payment are due to the church office by Monday, December 2nd. Plants are \$11.00 and order forms are available in the Gathering Hall. We are ordering the traditional red and white poinsettia plants this year.



Mitten Tree - Bring warmth to families this winter by donating hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves to hang on our mitten tree. All items will be taken to Interfaith Outreach.



In November while Rev. Reed was away on study leave, Rev. Chamberlain provided pastoral care. He and Bette put 226 miles on their car that week, doing visits! In his report, Rev. Chamberlain wrote: "It was a privilege to be with all these people, and we were greatly blessed as we visited them." What a blessing the Chamberlains are to this congregation!



Thursday, December 19th, 2019

5:30-6:30pm

Calvin Presbyterian Church

A volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME!

There is no cost for these meals,
but donations are accepted.



Join us to celebrate Calvin's music ministry

On Sunday, December 8th at 10:00am





DECEMBER 2019



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**Fellowship Time
is on Sundays at 11:00am
(following worship)**

1 Communion

9am Adult Education
9:30am Choir rehearsal
10am Worship

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9am Men's
breakfast
3-5pm SPARKS
6:30pm
Session
meeting

4

12pm Lunch
Bunch

7pm
Choir practice

5

3-5pm SPARKS

6

7

8 Music Sunday

9am Adult Education
9:30am Choir rehearsal
10am Worship



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6pm
PW Christ-
mas Party

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3-5pm SPARKS

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7pm
Choir practice

12

3-5pm SPARKS

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14

9-2pm
Westonka
Garden Club

15

9am Adult Education
9:30am Choir rehearsal
10am Worship

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9am PW
meeting

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3-5pm SPARKS

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7pm
Choir practice

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3-5pm SPARKS
5:30pm
Communiy Meal
@ Calvin

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9am Adult Education
9:30am Choir rehearsal
10am Worship

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4:30pm
Christmas Eve
worship ser-
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9am Adult Education
9:30am Choir rehearsal
10am Worship

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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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*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 - Jared Miller
Choral Scholar - Kiley Hazelton

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

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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.*