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August
Birthdays

Aug 11 Ken Pratt
Aug 12 Teri Wood
Aug 13 Pat Headley
Aug 20 Sara Headley
Aug 29 Candy Bowman

August
Anniversaries

August 13
Jeff & Martha Brown

August 18
Walter & Susan Baker

August 23
Rob & Tammy Wenz

Please don't forget
to wear a nametag
in worship to help
Pastor John!

HELLO

My Name Is

John Calvin

Calvin Connection



August 2022

The Journey with Pastor John

I'm writing this after having about a month with Calvin Presbyterian Church, and we've learned a little about each other – which is nice! We have more to learn, and that's a good and exciting thing. Transition times are difficult for everyone – one of the fascinating things that I've learned a lot about in the last year or two is how much time we spend spinning our wheels when we're in the middle of a transition. Whether it's one where a family is shifting from "getting home from work and school" to "starting dinner" or a church family shifting from one transitional pastor to the next and thinking about the new called and installed that we don't know yet....

As we begin the slow transition from full blown summer to fall, other transitions start to happen as well. We start to see the leaves changing color maybe, or the flowers aren't blooming the way they were a couple weeks ago. If you have kids or grandchildren going into school in September, there are other transitions. Who's the new teacher, or what classes are you taking, or just how many different brands of crayons are there, anyway?! Fall is a good time to talk and think about change.

We're not quite in the fall yet, so I'd like to take this opportunity to think about change before it happens. You see, for a long time, you had one pastor. She left, and then you had another one, Pastor Dave. He left, and now you have me. All of us are different. You may have been devastated that Pastor Dave left. You may have been looking forward to a change. It doesn't matter in many ways, because change has come upon you like the Philistines upon Samson. All you can do is hold on and plan for what happens next.

Over the last year, you, as a congregation, have done some thinking and praying and planning. We're going to continue some of that as the fall comes upon us. We, again, as a congregation (although maybe for you individually as well!), have some things that have happened to us that we still need to process. We aren't exactly sure who we are – as a congregation. And we're, maybe, fearful of what the future will bring. All of that is okay. It's normal. Time, however, doesn't stop for fear or reflection. It continues to move – pretty soon it's going to be September no matter what we do! And after that before you know it it'll be Christmas and then Easter...and so on.

So I'm going to take a little time to get to know you as we move towards fall. Then we're going to have some prayer meetings and chats. We'll continue to learn and grow. We'll start, at least, to settle on some thoughts about the future for Calvin. And we'll continue the Journey. Where will it take us?

I don't know – but I'm excited to walk with you!

In Christ,

Pastor John



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PASTORAL CARE

Along with Pastor John, Calvin's Parish Associate, Rev. Dwight Chamberlain, is available for any pastoral care needs that may arise

He can be reached by calling the church and leaving a message, or by calling him directly at (952) 937-6160

We will continue to have **flower arrangements** on our altar table throughout the summer. If you are interested in signing up for flowers, please call Tammy Wenz at 612-384-9520 or email her at tammywenz@aol.com, to check on available dates. The cost is \$35/arr., and payment can be made by sending a check to the church payable to Calvin. If you wish, you will be able to pick up your flowers after the recording of the Sunday service.

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Many thanks to all who donated goods or funds to support our back-to-school packages! We collected over \$500 in donations which will go to create dozens of packages! Please join us after coffee hours in the coming weeks to help pack these donations and prepare them to be sent



An Open Invitation

The combined circles of **Ruth / Mary & Martha** will begin their fall series "Celebrating the Sabbath, God's Gift of Rest and Delight" on Thursday Sept. 8, at 1:30. Some of the people meet at the church, some on zoom, and together they enjoy fellowship and learning. Books for study are provided free of charge by the PW, and will be available before the first meeting. Continuing onward, the group will meet monthly at 1:30 the second Thursday of the month. Call Marj at 952 473-7765 to let her know you plan to come. **All are welcome!**

Clerks Highlights of July Regular Session Meeting

- Welcome to Pastor John
- The Presbytery has adopted "Calvin's Core Story" with the request that further study and sharing with the congregation be conducted to discern its future and be included in its Mission Information Form.
- The Building and Grounds committee is looking at the condition of some of the church HVAC systems.



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Wednesday, Sept 7** — Chancel Choir rehearsals resume
- **Sunday, Sept 11** — Rally Sunday
- **Wednesday, Sept 28-October 4** — Rummage Sale set-up
- **October 5-8** — Rummage Sale
- **Tuesday, December 6** — Presbyterian Women's Christmas Party

Church volunteers are needed!

Liturgists, Greeters, Kitchen Clean-Up, Nursery Attendants

You can sign up for these opportunities in the Gathering Hall
Offering your time and skills is an act of worship!

