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**DEADLINES:**

**Calvin Connection**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month

**Sunday Bulletin**  
Thursdays at 10am

*Email articles and/or  
announcements for the Calvin  
Connection & Sunday bulletins to  
the church office.*



# Calvin Connection



June 2023

**The Session** is calling a Special Meeting of the Congregation of Calvin Presbyterian Church of Orono for **June 11, 2023**, immediately following the morning worship Service, approximately 11:00 AM, in the Fellowship Hall, to vote upon the calling of Thomas Wayne Shirley to be a Full time Pastor of the Church and such other business as may properly come before such meeting. The meeting will be held in person. Personal attendance at the church is required as voting by proxy will not be allowed. Adoption of motions are by affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting.



Pastor TJ Shirley  
and Family  
**Candidating  
Sunday  
June 11, 2023**



I first felt a call into ministry when I was 17 years old. I remember driving to school my senior year, thinking of a passage of scripture, and then formulating in my mind how I would preach a sermon on that passage. As soon as I realized what I was doing, I asked myself "What kind of person thinks about things like that?" The answer that came to me was someone who God is calling into ministry. Around the same time I found my way into the PC(USA) working for a PC(USA) camp and conference center. Though the road has sometimes been winding, God has called me to serve as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA).

# Pastor John's Message...

The Already/Not yet

We Christian theologians like to talk about what we generally call the already/not yet in the Bible and around us in the world. There are other, longer words for it, but the idea is basically that Jesus has already conquered death and sin and won the battle against Evil, but the End of all things is not yet realized. It works in lots of different ways in theology, and I think that it's a good idea to talk about it a bit now with you.

The PNC has scoured a group of people, and found the person they feel has been called to be your new minister of the Word and Sacrament. The Spirit has spoken to him, as well, and he also feels called to be your new minister. That's a done deal. He's coming to candidate on June 11th. So it's not a done deal yet. But even after you meet him and his family and vote him in to become your new minister, THEN he goes away again for a while and they get their household ready to move to Minnesota. And then there is the presbytery vote and the (blah blah blah)...

So even after you vote, and he IS going to be your new minister, he's not here yet. But he will be! But not yet.

There are different analogies to help people visualize how this is – the peace treaty being signed but enemy units still fighting because they haven't heard yet is a pretty popular one. My favorite is being pregnant. The baby is THERE – you can see the baby, feel the baby (and for the mother the baby is VERY there!), but he or she isn't here yet. And in the last trimester (between the time TJ candidates and he begins his ministry here, if you follow me...) is possibly the hardest. I've never met a woman who was about to have a baby who told me that she would prefer to remain pregnant for another few months. Usually it's more like "get this baby out!!!"

I guess my main point here is that even after it's been decided, be patient. I talked recently in the sermon about new beginnings and changes (on Pentecost) – and it is on the way and it is here, but not yet. At least, not completely. Prepare your hearts and minds for the next steps, and get ready to love and be loved. Your family is almost complete again (for a while, anyway!).

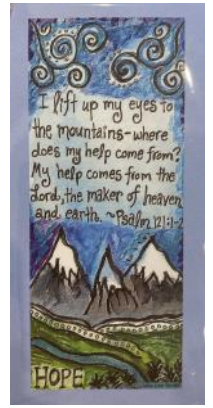
God be with you during this liminal period!

Pastor John11



# INSPIRATIONAL BOOKMARKS

Look for the Handmade bookmarks for YOU and / or to BLESSSOMEONE located on the bookcase below the PW Women's Bulletin Board. Feel free to take as many as you like! Keeping the precious swords of God present in our lives is a reminder and a comfort!



Thanks to everyone who donated items for the rummage sale, helped with set-up, organizing, pricing and working at the sale, and for all who came to pack up everything, clean-up and put the church back together! We had new recruits this year, helpers from other churches and wonderful weather! This year, something happened which I don't believe has happened before... we had a gentleman come in and give us a \$100 tip. The 2023 Spring Rummage Sale brought in \$5,095!!! The Calvin PW will be using these funds to support WeCAN, Westonka, IOCP & Delano Helping Hands Food Shelves, Feed My Starving Children, Salvation Army/Hurricane Ian, Missions Inc/Home Free & Rural Health Care Initiative (RHCI). The funds also provide study books for our Women's Circle & other church projects.

**Watch for information about our Fall October Rummage Sale in future newsletters, and start your fall cleaning early! Thanks again for all your support!**

- Tammy Wenz, Rummage Sale Chair



**Ruth/M&M Circle** will hold a hybrid meeting both in-person and via Zoom on **Thursday, June 9th a 1:30**. A link will be sent out that week. All are welcome, including people of any faith, gender and age.

**A HUGE THANK-YOU to Terri Wood** for stepping up to run our Sunday School Program again! Sunday School will be on summer break.



## Church volunteers are needed!



- Liturgists
- Greeters
- Ushers
- Nursery Attendants
- Kitchen Clean-U
- AV Support

*Offering your time and skills is an act of worship!*

# IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING.

Sales for these items usually start right after the 4th of July. Often, Wal-mart has the best prices. The contents for the school kits usually cost around \$4. Hygiene kits are more expensive-usually around \$6. If you would rather contribute funds, you can give money directly to Belinda Breit or add it to your Calvin pledge and mark it for back-to-school. Belinda would like to have supplies by the end of July so that they can be packaged in August.

### HYGIENE KITS (must include:)

- One new hand towel measuring approximately 16"x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One new washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb (please look at the beauty supply stores or Wal-mart or Target and find a comb suitable for heavier, coarser hair)
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper, not the ones you get at a hotel. Those can be donated to a local homeless shelter, along with the travel size shampoo.)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging. Do not split multi-packs)
- Ten standard size Band-Aids®

*Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure; remove excess air from bag, and seal. Because these kits may sit in a hot warehouse until they are needed, please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Please add \$3 for each kit for postage for shipping to Little Rock for Church World Service*

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- 3 70-page spiral-bound notebooks, wide ruled
- 12-inch wooden ruler, not plastic
- 24 count crayons
- Child-size scissors for age 5+
- 6 pencils with attached erasers (unsharpened)
- Handheld sharpener & eraser

## Birthdays

June 2	Phil Goodall
	Beverly Anderson
June 4	Gloria Purnick
June 5	Bob Kvale
	Jeff Settles
June 8	Skelly Shaughnessy
June 9	Ron Breit
June 10	Kim King
June 12	Harry Johnson
June 17	Joel Settles
	Mason Wenz
June 20	Walter Rhea
June 21	Jim Rettinger
June 26	Phyllis Johnson

## Anniversary's

- Quiggles June 7th
- Prats June 9th
- Gagners June 11th
- Chamberlains June 18th
- Kellers June 29th