

CALVIN
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CHURCH

Calvin Connection



December 2023



Thanksgiving Service Project

Instead of a Thanksgiving service this year, we decided to try a Thanksgiving service project. We teamed up with First Presbyterian-Maple Plain to pack food to be sent to malnourished children in Uganda. Our group packed 30 boxes... more than 6,500 meals.

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DEADLINES:

Calvin Connection
3rd Friday of the month

Sunday Bulletin
Thursdays at 10am

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

PASTORAL CARE

Along with Pastor TJ, 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 mes-
sage, or by calling him directly
at (952) 937-6160



Holiday Donations

Interfaith has asked that this year we donate new winter boots and coats for all ages and snow pants for kids through the teenage years. You may bring these items to church and leave them by the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall. If shopping isn't your thing, you may donate money through the church and someone will shop for you. Last date for donations is Dec 17.



If you would like to have a fresh flower arrangement on the altar table for a Sunday Service, please call Tammy Wenz at 612-384-9520 or email her at tammywenz@aol.com. You may also sign up on the flower chart at church. The cost is \$35 per arrangement and payment can be made by sending a check payable to Calvin, or putting a check in the offering plate on Sunday. Flowers can be taken home after the church service.

Men's Breakfast



will be the first Wednesday of December (12/6) at 8:30am at Perkins off 394 by Menards
All men in the church are invited and welcome to join with us for a delicious breakfast, good fellowship and a short devotional

Handbells

Want to join handbells? Practices are on Mondays December 4, 11 & 18 starting at 10:00 a.m.. & will last approximately 45-60 minutes. We are looking for more bell ringers, so if you are interested in joining or learning more, please contact Tammy Wenz at 612-384-9520.



Choir

Choir rehearsals resumed Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00pm. Rehearsals will continue through December 20 and then resume after the new year on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Please reach out to Dan with any questions

dleguenschmidt@gmail.com



PW Christmas Salad Supper

It's time for holiday pleasures. Calvin PW is hosting our annual Christmas salad supper and entertainment evening on Monday, December 4, beginning at 6p.m. Everyone from church is invited and so are your friends. If you would like to contribute your favorite holiday salad or dessert, that would be wonderful but not required. Abe Hunter, our wonderful pianist from this summer, will entertain us. Because we haven't been able to promote this for very long, we are asking that you sign-up on Sunday, December 3 or else call Belinda at 612-306-5961.

Christmas Poinsettias

You can purchase poinsettias for the communion table, and take them home Christmas Eve!

Each plant (5-6 blooms) is \$15, and the deadline to order is **Dec. 3rd**. Use the form found in the hallway, or call the church directly to reserve. Checks made payable to Calvin.

Worship update:

Worship on December 31st will be a joint service at First Presbyterian in Maple Plain at 9:00 a.m. It will be a laid back service with cookies and carols



The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 17th during the Worship service. Practice will be following Sunday School on December 4th & 11th for approximately 45 minutes. We will be done by Noon!

There will be a dress rehearsal practice on Saturday, December 16th from 9:30-11:30 am, and snacks & refreshments will be provided that day. Please plan to bring your children to church by 9:15 am on Sunday, 12/17 to get in their costumes & run through the program. Any questions, please call Tammy at 612-384-9520.



Birthdays

- Charlotte Oliver 3rd
- Jim Dillman 3rd
- Shelly Dressel 4th
- Glen Fry 6th
- Sarah Settles 7th
- George Funk 8th
- Jennifer Schadewald 21st

Anniversaries

- Joel & Sarah Settles 8th



Finances

Have you ever wondered who you should ask when it comes to getting reimbursement or asking about your pledge? Hopefully the information below will help!

Cheryl Pelkey is our church Treasurer. She drafts the budget, prepares the financial reports, pays the bills for Calvin and if you need reimbursement for a purchase, you just need to submit a signed reimbursement form along with your receipt (tax will not be reimbursed) and submit it to Cheryl. You can reach Cheryl at 763-229-7946, or cherpelkey@gmail.com.

Tammy Wenz is the Financial Secretary. She keeps track of all pledges, sends out year-end statements, makes the weekly deposits & collects and deposits any money from special events; i.e. Community Meals, memorials, special offerings, etc. If you need an update on your pledge, feel free to contact Tammy, and if you are mailing in your pledge you can send it to her attention to keep your giving confidential. You can reach Tammy at 612-384-9520, or tammywenz@aol.com.

2024 PLEDGE ENVELOPES & PER CAPITA

If you have not submitted your pledge card for 2024, please remember to drop it off at church, mail it in, or put it in the offering plate. This will help us to finalize our budget for 2024. This year, we have ordered a limited number of pledge envelope boxes and they will be available to pick up at the church mid-December. If you like to use them, feel free to take one. You will notice they are all dated, but there is no envelope number on the boxes or the envelopes. Pledges are recorded by your name, so the number is not actually needed any longer.

The Per Capita amount for 2024 is \$38.50 per member. Per Capita envelopes were mailed with the Stewardship letters mid-November. If you did not receive one, you can pick one up at the church.

Questions? Please contact Tammy Wenz.



Hanging
of the
Greens
2023



Thank you to
all who helped!

Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 9am Worship with Maple plain @ Maple Plain Pastor TJ off					1	2 9:00am Westonka Garden Guild
3 9am Adult Education 10am Worship/ Sunday school 11:00 Children's Program Practice	4 10am Hand bells 6pm PW Salad Supper	5 3-5pm SPARKS 5-6pm SPARKS dinner	6	7 3-5pm SPARKS	8	9 1-10pm Music Recital @ Calvin
10 9am Adult Education 10am Worship/ Sunday school 11:00 Children's Program Practice	11 10am Hand bells	12 3-5pm SPARKS 7:00pm Session	13	14 1:30 pm Circle 3-5pm SPARKS	15	16 9:15-11:30am Dress Rehearsal Children's Program
17 9am Adult Education 10am Worship/ Children's Program	18 10am Hand bells	19 3-5pm SPARKS	20	21	22	23
24 9am Adult Education 10am Worship/ Sunday school 4:30pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day	26 Pastor TJ off	27 Pastor TJ off	28 Pastor TJ off	29 Pastor TJ off	30 Pastor TJ off