



# The Vision

"Where there is no vision..." Proverbs 29:18

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## Vacation Bible School



VBS was July 20-24th, and all attendees had a fantastic time! The children were taken deep into an amazing true north outdoor adventure where we were able to teach kids to go to Jesus under all circumstances. We taught them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust! The children were guided on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glowed over majestic mountains, there was racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As the kids trekked the tundra, they explored how easy it was to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS showed them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Thank you to all who participated in this amazing week!

## Anniversary Picnic and Blessing of the Backpacks

August 31st will be a Sunday full of worship and fun. On this date we'll have a combined service at 10AM outside at our church pavilion, celebrate Mt. Calvary's 67th anniversary with a potluck picnic afterwards, and also have our annual blessing of backpacks. For the backpack blessings, all who are going back to school are welcome to bring their backpacks to be blessed at the service and then receive a special tag as a reminder that their church is praying for them throughout the school year. Mark your calendars!

## Wonders Found Sunday

Join us for worship on August 10th where we will have 2 very special services focused on the incredible ministry that is Wonders Found! If you're unfamiliar with Wonders Found, it is a thrift shop ministry of Mt. Calvary which, in the last 15 years, has been able to raise and give away over a million dollars for missions around the world. You're not going to want to miss this great opportunity to learn about the amazing things that happen for the glory of Jesus through the Wonders Found ministry.

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### WORSHIP WITH US:

<https://www.youtube.com/@mtcalvaryunitedmethodistch3305/streams>

### REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT LINKS:

Church Website:

<http://mountcalvaryumc.org/>

Mt. Calvary Women's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/784770373199546/>

Mt. Calvary Men's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1066751071358348>

Church Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MtCalvaryUnitedMethodistChurch/>

Online Giving:

<https://www.elixiogiving.com/app/giving/mountcalvaryumc>



## Serving In Christ

### **Pastor**

James Copulos

### **Office Manager**

Jennifer Welsh

### **Organist**

Barb Buckingham

### **Choir/Handbell Director**

Danielle Eagleson

### **Jubilee Worship Leader**

Ashley Howson

### **Treasurer**

Russ Thomas

### **Youth Ministries**

#### **Coordinator**

Owen Howson

### **Children's Ministries**

#### **Coordinator**

Erica Sehar

### **Custodian**

Dawn of Omex

### **Ministers**

All of Us!

# From the Pastor...

## Transitions At Mt. Calvary

*Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Changes are coming to Mt. Calvary. We learned recently that our Office Manager, Jenn Welsh, will be departing Mt. Calvary on July 24th to take on a new opportunity to coordinate volunteers willing to spend their time with individuals and their families going through hospice. While we are sad to see Jenn go, we're grateful for her ministry at Mt. Calvary over the past 16 months. She joined us during the craziness of Holy Week 2024, survived that, and has gone on to help our congregation in many ways. One of the things I'm most thankful to Jenn for is how she has helped to modernize much of our printed and digital content as well as many of our processes for inter-church communication. We know that she will be a blessing to her new employer and especially to the clients that will be served through her ministry. We invite you to keep the entire Welsh family in prayer as they proceed in their journey of faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

For Mt. Calvary, our Staff-Parish Relations Committee is faithfully at work during this transition to discern who God is calling to fill this role. We are also discerning if it is time to make adjustments to the responsibilities of this position at the Church. During this time, we invite your patience and flexibility when it comes to coverage in the physical office itself. Know that I am always available by phone and email if you need to reach me.

We also were recently informed that our custodian, Dawn, will be retiring from her employer, Omex, on July 16th. Dawn has been a wonderful blessing to Mt. Calvary, always ready to care for whatever we asked. She will very much be missed and we are thankful for how she cared for our facilities, particularly during COVID which provided some very unique challenges.

Because we contract this service out, by the time you read this we will likely already have a new custodian in place. We invite your prayers for Dawn as she moves into retirement from Omex, particularly for her physical health. We also invite your prayers for whomever our new custodian will be as they come to serve at Mt. Calvary.

While staff changes are never easy we're excited to see what God has in store for the people of Mt. Calvary moving forward. The wonderful thing about this church is that its foundation is Christ Who will always provide all that we need in order to be effective in ministry. He never changes and that is something we can always put our hope in. At the same time, the biggest part of that provision of Christ to Mt. Calvary is YOU, the people of Mt. Calvary who volunteer, serve, give, worship, and love with everything you have. Thanks be to God for the ministry of those who have come, who have gone, and who are yet to come.

Love and Prayers,

*Pastor Jim*

### **Newsletter Deadline:**

**Please have all of your input for the Newsletter in by the 15th of the month, so it may be added to the following month!**



# Announcements

## Prayers Needed

Please keep those listed on our prayer list in the weekly bulletins and in Pastor Jim's emails in your prayers.

*Be Faithful in Prayer ~Romans 12:12*

## Dave Ramsey's Financial Class

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) is coming to Mt. Calvary. Beginning September 11th at 6PM, we will host the 9week FPU Course. FPU teaches you how to save for emergencies, pay off debt fast, spend wisely, and invest for your future. The cost is \$80 per family which includes the workbook and 1 year of membership to FPU. Membership includes:

- All nine video lessons of Financial Peace University
- The premium version of the Every Dollar budgeting app
- Unlimited live Q&A sessions with in-house financial coaches
- Free federal e-file with Ramsey Smart Tax
- Exclusive livestream events
- Free audiobooks and more!

The memberships can be purchased in bundles of 10 for a discounted price. Because of this, we'll begin with 10 slots and the potential for 10 more based on interest. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you intend to take the course. Please see Pastor Jim with any questions.

## New Adult Sunday School Class

Will begin on September 7 in the conference room. We'll be using Max Lucado's "Experiencing the Heart of Jesus," a 52 week study (requiring little or no homework.) The study book can be purchased on Amazon for \$9.99. Let Sharon Sidorov know if you would like help purchasing one.

## Food Bank Collection



### August- Paper Towels & Toilet Paper

Each month we collect a specific item requested by LifePoint Church's Food Bank. Donations should be placed in the designated clear totes inside the front doors.

# Upcoming Events

## Bible Studies

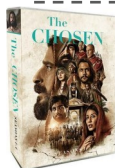
### Manada Hill Bible Study

Led by Pastor Jim & held on Mondays at 11:00AM at the Manada Hill Diner. (Will reconvene in September)



### Men's Bible Study

Takes place Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Each week *The Chosen* is being watched and then being discussed. All Men are welcome & encouraged to join!



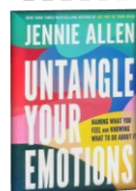
### Pew Sisters Women's Bible Study

Is Monday nights @ 6:30pm.

They will reconvene on 9/8.

If you need help with purchasing the book, please let Debbie Schug know.

All women are welcome to join us!

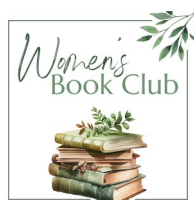


## MCUMC Men's Ministries

Fantasy Football is returning once again to Mt. Calvary. This is a FREE league for everyone! It is an exciting opportunity for fantasy football novices & veterans to enjoy a unique form of fellowship. There will be a weekly devotion component included as well. If you'd be interested in participating, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex before 8/24.

## MCUMC Women's Ministries

We had to cancel our July Women's Ministries meeting due to vacations and other various meetings that conflicted with scheduling. We will reschedule our next meeting sometime in September. Keep an eye out in the bulletins and our Facebook page for more up to date information!



### Rahab Reads

Ladies book club takes place the 3rd Tuesday at 7 PM  
**\*New Book\***

*The Second Chance*  
by Stephanie Butland.



## Jubilee Band

Practices will be held 8/13 & 8/27 at 6:30pm

# SPECIAL THANKS!

I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Pastor Jim, Maddie Snyder, Haley Kalinowski and the congregation of MCUMC. Becoming a part of your church family 16 months ago was such a blessing, and it came during a "season" when my family needed it the most. So, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their kindness, understanding and most of all providing me with the flexibility that I needed to be a mother, wife and daughter. God led me to your church when my family was truly in need, and now He's presented me with another amazing opportunity that I just simply can't refuse. I wish all of you nothing but the best, and I hope you will stay in touch! Thanks and love, Jennifer Welsh



# MCUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES AUGUST '25



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT MADE OUR 2025 VBS "TRUE NORTH" A SUCCESS THIS YEAR! MANY CHILDREN FROM OUR COMMUNITY WERE ABLE TO LEARN ABOUT TRUSTING JESUS IN THIS WILD WORLD!

No Sunday school July or August! First class of Fall will be 9/7! mark your calendars!



THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS WILL BE DURING THE COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE ON 8/31.

CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE @MCUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## YOUTH GROUP

Hello Everyone,

We are going to have a BLAST during the mission trip. We will be leaving from the church on August 3rd and coming back the 6th. After the mission trip we will be focused on the youth room renovation station!! Below you will see a QR code that will direct you to the "Youth Lounge Wish List." Please share it with your friends and family. Fellow members of the church are welcome in gifting our youth with new items for their new youth lounge. This space is going to be fire, to the point that you will think the room itself has rizz, I'm talking straight bussin'! No cap! Lots to look forward to! See you there!

~Owen

Mount Calvary United Methodist Church

### YOUTH LOUNGE REMODEL

If you would like to donate anything

Please Scan Here 

For our Amazon Wish List

M.C.U.M.C.   
YOUTH





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### Do you know what the Mission Team does?

One thing it does is facilitate collections of items needed by local missions and organizations. We collect:

- a specific food item every month for the local food pantry
- eye glasses for the Lions Club
- plastic bags for a free park bench
- wrapped silverware for Bethesda Mission
- aluminum cans for the church
- cell phones for soldiers
- soda can tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Instead of filling the landfills, check out the Mission Depot at the end of the coat rack hall in the narthex (beyond the double doors) and donate your items to help someone.

### Do you know what Wonders Found does?

Come to church Sunday August 10 at 9am or 11am and get an insider's view of what a Thrift Store can do when God is in charge!

## FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2025

### Income

Mission donations	\$ 860.00
Store Sales	<u>\$23,183.59</u>
	\$24,043.59

### Expenses

Rent	\$ 7,000.00
Utilities	\$ 407.21
Store Supplies	\$ 562.42
Missions	\$ 1,112.67
Sales Tax	<u>\$ 845.64</u>
	\$ 9,927.94

### Profit/Loss

\$14,115.65



## Birthdays!

4	Carolyn	Heckert	16	Rande	Brady
4	Chris	Miller	17	Kasey	Hudson
5	Andrew	Illiano	18	Mason	Mione
8	Kevin	Lutz	19	Patti	Estheimer
8	Scott	Sehar	20	Bill	Griffiths
9	Blake	Bechtel	22	Jaen	Sidorov
9	Wesley	Bechtel	23	Joseph	Trojcek
10	Jamie	Gaiski	24	Sheila	Heckman
10	Derek	Wass	24	Tyler	Pierson
11	Kathy	Liddick	25	Ryan	Hoffman
11	Cody	Wills	25	Donna	Travitz
14	Steve	Gruber	27	Sharon	Duncan
14	Trevor	Ruddle	27	Samantha	Ryan
15	Jim	Russell	29	Marian	Stough

## Anniversaries!

3	James & Nancy	Walborn
23	Matthew & Chris	Luttrell
24	Rod & Karen	Wagner
26	Marlin & Karin	McCormick
27	Judi & William	Chianos
27	Ray & Peggy	Hudson

**NOTE:** If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office to be added to the list.  
If information is incorrect, please contact the church office to make corrections.



# August

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<u>Youth Mission Trip</u> 3 9am-Tradition Service 10am-Coffee Hour 10:15 Adult/JOY S.S. 11am-Jubilee Service	<u>Youth Mission Trip</u> 4	<u>Youth Mission Trip</u> 5  6:30pm-Men's Study	<u>Youth Mission Trip</u> 6  6am-Men's sharing Group	7	8	9
9am-Traditional 10 10am-Coffee Hour 10:15 Adult/JOY S.S. 11am-Jubilee Service <a href="#">Wonders Found</a> <a href="#">Sunday Services!</a>	11	12	6am-Men's sharing Group 13 6:30pm-Jubilee Band Practice	14	15	16
9am-Tradition Service 17 10am-Coffee Hour 10:15 Adult/JOY S.S. 11am-Jubilee Service	18 7pm-SPRC Meeting	19 6:30pm-Men's Study 7PM Rahab Reads	20 6am-Men's sharing Group	21	22	23
9am-Tradition Service 24 10am-Coffee Hour 10:15 Adult/JOY S.S. 11am-Jubilee Service	25	26	6am-Men's sharing Group 27 6:30pm-Jubilee Band Practice	28	29	30
31 <a href="#">10am COMBINED Church Service</a> (Blessing of the Backpacks )						





# August Helper Schedule

9 AM Service	August 3rd	August 10th	August 17th	August 24th	August 31st	September 7th
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Henry Copulos	Wyatt Scheidler	Aiden Benke	Cole Strouse	Colemann Sehar	Ava Colello
<b>Greeters:</b>	Carole Gochenaur	Brad & Nicole Scheidler	Bill & Becky Griffiths	Nancy Wass	Scott & Erica Sehar	Jim Reynolds
	Judy Imes			Pennsy Waltman		Erin Colello
<b>Media Tech:</b>	Blake Bechtel	Bob Ulrey	Amanda Copulos	Blake Bechtel	Mitchell White	Jaan Sidorov
<b>Script. Reader:</b>	Nicole Scheidler	Maddie Kreamer	Mary Beth Miele	Lynn Trojcek	Frank Duschek	Yvonne Fry
<b>Stewards:</b>	Kathy Duschek	John Kreamer	Kathy Duschek	Diana Reynolds	John Kreamer	Blaine Fry
	Kay Holtzman	Diana Reynolds	Blaine Fry	Sharon Sidorov	Kay Holtzman	Sharon Sidorov
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Blaine Fry	Brad Scheidler	Bill Griffiths	Brad Scheidler	Ty Kreamer	Blaine Fry
<b>Usher:</b>	Nicole Scheidler	Brenda Mumma	Beth Matthews	John Kreamer	Maddie Kreamer	Lenny Baumbaugh

***Our Time, Talents and Treasures  
are on loan to us from God.  
Therefore, we should give them away with  
Great Generosity!***

11 AM Service	August 3rd	August 10th	August 17th	August 24th	August 31st	September 7th
<b>Nursery Helpers</b>	Pam Ruddle	Mark Schug	Janie Deardorff	Amanda Moore	Combined Church Service at 10AM This morning!	Amanda Copulos
	Kaitlyn Loffreda	Sara Klos	Maddie Snyder	Jeff Klos		Owen Howson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Dave & Sheila Heckman	Marlin & Karin McCormick	Matt & Sarina Boyd	Russ & Amy Thomas		Carol Wirth
						Tom Billington
<b>Media Tech:</b>	Amanda Copulos	Mitchell White	Chris Chianos	Amanda Copulos		Chris Chianos
<b>Script. Reader:</b>	Dave Heckman	Rachel Woodworth	Janet Copulos	Debbie Schug		Carol Wirth
<b>Stewards:</b>	Russ Thomas	Todd Ruddle	Matt Luttrell	Mark Schug		Amy Thomas
	Matt Luttrell	Mark Schug	Russ Thomas	Amy Thomas		Mark Schug



## Reminder:

If you are scheduled on a Sunday to help and you will not be present  
It's Your responsibility to find a replacement- to cover or switch with you.



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Return Service Requested

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**Website:** [www.mountcalvaryumc.org](http://www.mountcalvaryumc.org)

#### New Office Hours

**Remote Hours via Email:** TBD

**In-Office Hours:** TBD

Reach out to Pastor Jim via email with any needs.

**Traditional Worship:** 9:00AM

**Coffee Fellowship:** 10:00AM

**Jubilee Contemporary Worship:** 11:00AM

**NOTE:** If you are receiving this newsletter and no longer wish to receive it, or have joined another church, please contact us to have your name removed from the mailing list.

### *Our Vision*

*Neighbors serving neighbors in Christ!*

### *Our Mission*

We are neighbors who ...

**Love** our neighbors with the love of Jesus;

**Serve** our neighbors with the compassion of Jesus;

**Invite** our neighbors into the arms of Jesus.

### *Discipleship Opportunities*

**Children's Sunday School Class:** On summer break.

**Joy & Adult Sunday School Classes:** 10:15AM

**Youth S.S. & Youth Group:** On summer break.

**Manada Hill Diner Bible Study:** On summer break.

**Women's Bible Study:** On summer break

**Men's Bible Study:** Tuesdays 6:30PM

**Bell Choir:** On summer break.

**Sanctuary Choir:** On summer break.