



The Vision

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

Mount Calvary United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, PA

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 20th-July 24th
6:00-8:30PM



Come join us as we guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

(See page 4 for further details)



VBS SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE



On Sunday, July 27th, Mt. Calvary will hold its annual VBS Sunday service! We're inviting families who had children participating in VBS to join us for a combined service at 10AM. During the service we'll have a mixture of VBS music as well as traditional, and contemporary songs so we may celebrate our amazing God who brought us all together in service and ministry for the children of our community. You won't want to miss it!



ANNUAL PICNIC COMBINED SERVICE

On Sunday, July 6th at 10AM, Mt. Calvary will hold its Annual church picnic. If you would like to sign up to bring food to share with the congregation, a sign up sheet will be posted in the Narthex. If you would like to help set up or break down this event please see Tammy Chianos. T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More)

Thank you for your helping hands ahead of time!

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Visit Us Online

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>



A note from the Pastor...

*John 15:4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you.
No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.*

A Spiritually Strong Summer

IT'S SUMMER TIME!!! Summer is a season we all look forward to—warmer weather, vacations, family time, and a welcome change of pace. But as our routines shift and calendars fill up, it's easy for our spiritual practices to take a back seat. Church attendance may become more sporadic, Bible study groups pause, and our prayer lives can start to drift. That's why now is the perfect time to remind ourselves: God doesn't take a summer break—and neither should our faith.

Just as we care for our bodies with sunshine, exercise, and rest, our souls need regular nourishment. Prayer, Scripture reading, worship, and service aren't just "church activities"—they are lifelines that keep us rooted in Christ. Without them, we may find ourselves running on empty, even while our schedules are full.

Here are a few ways to stay spiritually engaged this summer:

- **Take Church with You:** Our Sunday services are livestreamed every week. And, if you can't catch the live, they're always available to watch later on under the "live" tab on our church youtube page.
- **Expand Your Worship Horizons:** Maybe you're traveling and watching online isn't for you. If that's the case, find a local church to visit wherever you are. Maybe you'll return with some wonderful ideas to enhance worship here at Mt. Calvary!
- **Start a Summer Devotional:** Choose a short daily plan—perhaps a Psalm a day or a theme like "gratitude" or "trust." It doesn't have to be long to be meaningful. If you're looking for a place with easy access, remember that the Bible App (YouVersion) has daily devotions and plans to select from as well. If you're friends with me on Facebook, you'll see I share a verse and prayer from that app every day.
- **Pray as You Go:** Whether you're walking the beach, hiking a trail, or sitting on the porch, let nature lead you into moments of prayer and reflection. Personally, I find that there is no better place to discover what we mean to God than by being out in the midst of His beautiful creation
- **Serve Together:** Use the extra daylight hours to bless someone else. Volunteer at Wonders Found. Help with VBS. Join the Youth Mission Trip. Call someone you've been meaning to. Write an encouraging note. Our faith grows through actions that make us the hands and feet of Christ.

So Church, let's not let spiritual growth take a vacation. This summer, may we find fresh ways to draw near to God, even as we enjoy all that the season offers. Our walk with Christ is too important to put on pause. Stay rooted. Stay connected. And trust that God will meet you wherever you are—at the beach, in the mountains, or right here at home.

Love and Prayers,

Pastor Jim Copulos

Serving In Christ

Pastor

James Copulos

Office Manager

Jenn Welsh

Organist

Barb Buckingham

Choir & Handbell Director

Danielle Eagleson

Jubilee

Worship Leader

Ashley Howson

Treasurer

Russ Thomas

Youth Coordinator

Owen Howson

Children's Ministries

Coordinator

Erica Sehar

Custodian

Dawn of Omex

Ministers

All of Us!

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



Please keep all those listed on our prayer list in the weekly bulletins and in Pastor Jim's emails in your thoughts and prayers. Be Faithful in Prayer ~Romans 12:12

Missions

- *The Wonders Found still needs evening volunteers, and help with listing merchandise on the Facebook marketplace! Please contact Debbie Schug or Pennsy if you are interested in helping.
- *The MCUMC Youth Missions team will be heading to Williamsport 8/3-8/6. There is no cost to the youth. If your youth is interested in participating, please let Pastor Jim or Owen Howson know by mid-July.



Special Thanks!

Dear Pastor Jim and Mt. Calvary,
Sincere appreciation to you for your donation to *Save The Children* which will help offset the US government's funding cuts. I've traveled to several of our programs and have seen their impact. I know this donation will be used to help kids and their families thrive both here in the U.S. & around the world.
Thank you, Megan Schug

Food Bank Collection



For July - Shampoo

We collect a specific item requested by Life Point Church's Food Bank. Donations can be placed in the designated clear containers inside the narthex of the Church.

Jubilee Band

Practices will be held 7/9 and 7/30 at 6:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Studies

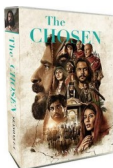
Manada Hill Bible Study

Led by Pastor Jim and 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 held on Monday nights at 6:30pm. They are on summer break and will reconvene after Labor Day!
The study is TBD.

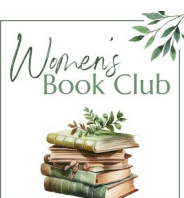


Men's Ministries

Men's Bible study & Men's sharing time will not be taking a break, and will continue throughout the summer time.

Women's Ministries

MCUMC's Women's Ministries will reconvene after Labor Day! Stay tuned for information on what study they will be choosing.

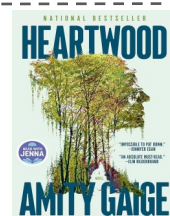


Rahab Reads

Is held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm
(Will reconvene 7/15 at 7pm)

New Book

"Hartwood"
by Amity Gaige



ANNUAL MCUMC CHURCH PICNIC

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SUNDAY JULY 6TH

FOOD | GAMES | FAMILY | FUN

Please consider signing up to help the hospitality team set up and/or break down for this event! If you would like to provide a food dish or a snack to share, there is a sign up in the Narthex. Questions? Please see Tammy Chianos.

WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE SERVICE!



MCUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES JULY '25



**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL!**
JULY 20-24
6-8:30PM



KIDS WILL GO ON THE ULTIMATE ALASKAN ADVENTURE WHERE NORTHERN LIGHTS GLOW OVER MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS, RACING RIVERS, AND GLISTENING GLACIERS. WHILE TREKING THE TUNDRA THEY WILL EXPLORE HOW EASY IT IS TO LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT'S TRUE IN OUR WILD WORLD TODAY. TRUE NORTH VBS SHOWS THEM THAT JESUS IS A FAITHFUL FRIEND WE CAN ALWAYS TRUST. HE'S OUR TRUE NORTH!

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

Blessing of the
Backpacks
during 8/31
services!

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

YOUTH GROUP

Hello all,

We have had such an amazing youth season. It saddens me (but also brings me joy) to see it come to an end. It means that we have successfully completed all of our goals and made amazing strides in Christ centered conversations and activities. Get ready, because we are now entering into our VBS and our Youth Missions trip time! VBS is July 20th-24th, and the missions trip is August 3rd-6th in Williamsport.

See you there!
~Owen

M.C.U.M.C.
YOUTH



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May was a banner month for Wonders Found! Just look at the financial report below! Most businesses and families would not think this is a stellar monthly report but at Wonders Found, it surely is! We were able to give \$55,000 to missions locally and around the world. God has taken our little shop that was started to fund our mission team trips and turned it into something so much bigger and better. We have donated to the following missions this month: Bridge of Hope, Cocoa Packs, Dwell, Everstand (UM Home for Children), Samaritan's Purse, Save the Children, Someone To Tell It To and Tunnels to Towers Harrisburg. You can check out these ministries to learn about how they are helping those that need it most. We are blessed beyond our wildest dreams and ALL the glory goes to God!

FINANCIAL REPORT MAY 2025

Income	
Mission donations	\$ 1,750.00
Store Sales	\$24,437.39
	<u>\$26,187.39</u>
Expenses	
Rent	\$ 7,000.00
Utilities	\$ 457.61
Store Supplies	\$ 284.43
Missions	\$55,736.60
Sales Tax	\$ 827.51
	<u>\$64,306.15</u>
Profit/Loss	-\$38,118.76

July Celebrations!

Birthdays!

1	Cindy	Ankney
2	Earl	Hoffman, Jr.
2	Jeff	Klos
2	Jim	Reynolds
2	Megan	Schug
6	Sheila	Illiano
7	Jason	Brady
7	Dean	Miller
7	Jim	Walborn
8	DJ	Heckman
8	Carolyn	Schreffler
9	Molly	Snyder
11	Ray	Hudson
11	Scott	Rishell
12	Donald C.	Heckert
12	Trisha	Pierce
14	Jim	Copulos

14	Wade	Nearhoof
15	Aiden	McCann
16	Barb	Buckingham
16	Olivia	Topp
18	Chelsea	Pierce
20	Cheryl	Blaha
23	Tracy	Christofes
23	Beverly	Paul
24	Karin	McCormick
24	Justin	Wagner
24	Rodney	Wagner
26	Isla	Colello
26	Tom	Stewart
29	Erin	Brady
29	Michael	Mumma, Jr.
30	Kim	Kalinowski
31	Rob	Bechtel

Anniversaries!

Day	First Name	Last Name
2	Todd & Pam	Ruddle
2	Jim & Rose	Russell
3	Glenn & Gail	Yoder
6	Frank & Kathy	Duschek
8	Scott & Connie	Billett
9	Scott & Denise	Rishell
23	Todd & Amy	Hudson
25	Jim & Debbie	Hepschmidt

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



JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:30pm Men's Study	2 6am Men's sharing Group	3	4	5
6 10:00am Combined Service with a BBQ Cookout to follow! Annual Picnic Today!!	7	8 6:30pm Men's Study	9 6am Men's sharing Group 6:30pm Jubilee Band Practice	10 6:30pm Vision Team Meeting (in person)	11	12
13 9:00am Traditional Worship Service 10am Coffee Hour 10:15 Adult/Joy S.S. 11:00 Jubilee Service (No Pastor Jim Today)	14	15 ALL VISION ARTICLES & INFO IS DUE TODAY! 6:30pm Men's Study 7:00pm Rahab's Book club	16 6am Men's Sharing Group	17	18	19
20 9:00am Traditional Worship Service 10:00am Coffee hour 10:15 Adult/Joy S.S. 11:00 Jubilee Service	21	22	23 6am Men's Sharing Group	24 10:30-2:00pm Private Event In Social Hall	25	26
Vacation Bible School! 6-8:30PM						
27 10:00am VBS Combined Service	28	29 6:30pm Men's Study	30 6am Men's Sharing Group 6:30pm Jubilee Band Practice	31		



July Helper Schedule

9 AM Service	Annual Picnic June 6th (Combined Service)	July 13th	July 20th	July 27th (Combined Service)	August 3rd
Acolyte:	Henry Copulos	Wyatt Scheidler	Aiden Benke	Colemann Sehar	Molly Snyder
Greeters:	Jim Reynolds Patrick Gerety	Brad & Nicole Scheidler	Bill & Becky Griffiths	Scott & Erica Sehar	Carol Gochenaur Judy Imes
Media Tech:	Amanda Copulos	Jaan Sidorov	Bob Ulrey	Mitchell White	Blake Bechtel
Script. Reader:	Diana Reynolds	Mary Beth Miele	Lynn Trojcek	Yvonne Fry	Nicole Scheidler
Stewards:	John Kreamer Diana Reynolds	Sharon Sidorov Kathy Duschek	Diana Reynolds Bob Ulrey	Blaine Fry John Kreamer	Kathy Duschek Kay Holtzman
Head Usher:	Ty Kreamer	Brad Scheidler	Bill Griffiths	Blaine Fry	Brad Scheidler
Usher:	John Kreamer	Beth Matthews	Lenny Baumbaugh	Brenda Mumma	Nicole Scheidler

Our time, talents and treasures
are on loan to us from God.

Therefore, we should give them away with

Great generosity!

11 AM Service	Annual Picnic July 6th (Combined Service)	July 13th	July 20th	July 27th (Combined Service)	August 3rd
Nursery	Janie Deardorff Maddie Snyder	Amanda Moore Jake Loffreda	Owen Howson Sarah Klos	Amanda Copulos Amy Thomas	Pam Ruddle Kaitlyn Loffreda
Greeters	Combined Service at 10AM Annual picnic To follow	Steve & Tammy Chianos	Mark & Debbie Schug	Combined VBS Service at 10AM	Dave & Sheila Heckman
Media Tech		Mitchell White	Chris Chianos		Amanda Copulos
Scripture Reader		Norm White	Debbie Schug		Dave Heckman
Stewards		Matt Luttrell Russ Thomas	Mark Schug Amy Thomas		Russ Thomas Matt Luttrell

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.
Please notify the church office of any changes as soon as possible! ~Thank you!



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Return Service Requested

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May Office Hours

Remote Hours via Email: Monday 9:30AM - 3:00PM

In-Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 9:30AM - 3:00PM

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 6/9

Women's Bible Study: Mondays 6:30PM

Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays 6:30PM

Bell Choir: On summer break.

Sanctuary Choir: On summer break.