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MT CALVARY UMC

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Sunday, February 15th at 10am

On Sunday, February 15th, we will celebrate our annual Children's Sunday with a combined service at 10AM. This is a special service where the children of MCUMC lead our Sunday morning worship from start to finish! Come and support our youngest disciples as well as our Children's Ministry Team as they share their gifts in worship for the glory of God. You're not gonna want to miss this!



AT CHARLTON UMC

February 18th at 7pm

All are invited to Charlton UMC (right across from Karns on 22/Mt. Road) for the kickoff to Lent at our annual Ash Wednesday service. The service is on

February 18th at 7PM and we are always blessed to join our brothers and sisters at Charlton. Pastor Jim will be giving the message that evening and, as is tradition, Pastor Miguel from Charlton will give the message at our Sunrise Service at Mt. Calvary. May God bless us during this Lenten season.

SIMPLE WAYS TO SERVE

I can hear you already..."Here they go, asking for volunteers again." But you know, there really are a few ways we could all volunteer on Sunday mornings to make everything flow more smoothly. Take Greeters for example - you stand at the door and wish everyone a good morning as they come in. Or how about serving as an Usher at the 9am service - where you hand out bulletins and make sure people have what they need. Counting money (Steward) is easy as well as fun and needed in both services. Watching children in the nursery at the 11am service is an exciting experience too!

Ultimately, we're looking for folks to fill ALL of the Sunday needs: Greeters, Ushers, Stewards, Media Techs (you will be trained!), Scripture Readers, Communion helpers, children to Acolyte at 9am and people to watch the kids in the Nursery at 11am.

You may think this is a great big commitment, but most of us are here on Sunday mornings anyway. Why not serve as you worship, and help relieve those who are on the list repetitively, Sunday after Sunday? As one family in Christ, everything is better when we support one another with care and in love. If interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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LAYING FOUNDATIONS

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11

One of the things I enjoy the most about being a Pastor is having the opportunity to teach. Whether it's with the children during Children's Time on Sunday morning, Youth Sunday School, or one of the Bible Studies at Mt. Calvary, I'm blessed to be able to share different elements of the Christian faith.

It's with this that I share with you an upcoming learning opportunity for everyone in the church, a new class called "Foundations: Eleven Core Truths to Build Your Life On "

Foundations is a course written by Pastor Tom Holladay and Kay Warren. It comes from Saddleback Church, famously pastored by Rick Warren who authored "The Purpose Driven Life." The goal of this course is to help us understand what we believe as followers of Jesus, why we believe it and why it matters. Whether you're brand new in your faith or have been a believer in Jesus for a while, Foundations is a great place to learn or refresh your understanding of the essential truths of our faith.

The study will begin on February 12th from 6PM to 7:30PM and conclude May 28th. We plan to have a lite dinner at 5:30 and provide childcare for the evening so that everyone who wants to participate can do so. Each week, there is a 30-45 minute video with a packet to read through and fill out. Following the video, we'll break into small groups for a time of discussion. The topics for the class are:



The Bible
God
Jesus
The Holy Spirit
Creation
Salvation
Sanctification
The Church
Good & Evil
The Afterlife
The Second Coming

Each topic has 2 sessions worth of work but, due to time constraints, we'll only be doing both weeks for the first 4 topics and then 1 week for the rest. Fortunately, the content is available online for free for anyone who'd like to do the parts we skip.

I truly believe that Foundations will not just be a positive learning experience but also a chance for us to build relationships with one-another and come together as the body of Christ so we may go and make more disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. All are welcome to participate; in fact this would be a great opportunity for some of our youth. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me as I am very passionate about everyone having a chance to grow in their knowledge and faith through this program. May God bless Mt. Calvary as we seek to renew and rebuild our relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Love and Prayers,

Pastor Jim



WONDERS FOUND DECEMBER REPORT

Wow! What a year it was at Wonders Found! Some days the “mess and the stress” seem overwhelming, but when we look at the number of people and ministries we have helped this year, all we can do is praise Him! Store sales brought in over **\$300,000** in 2025, almost \$5,000 more than last year. This enabled us to give about **\$190,000 to 19 different mission causes**. With our expenses (rent and dumpster) going up significantly in 2026, we are praying that we can continue to increase our giving to those who are truly in need. With God’s help, we have no doubt we can!

If you want to be a part of this special mission, please talk to Pennsy Waltman or Sharon Sidorov. There are so many ways to help. You will surely be blessed as you bless others.



Store Sales for December	\$22,674.64
Mission Donations	\$3,912.50
Auction & Returned Check	\$88.85
Total Income	\$26,675.99
Rent	-\$7,000.00
Utilities	-\$597.52
Store Supplies	-\$263.45
Missions and Equipment	-\$33,270.00
Advertising and Promotion	-\$1,530.00
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	-\$1,420.00
Total Expenses	-\$45,100.84
Net Profit / Loss	-\$18,424.85

THANK YOU!

To my Friends and Family at Mt. Calvary,

Thank you very much for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, texts and emails I received from you after the sudden passing of my beloved husband, Boyd Brandt, in December. I also want to thank the church for allowing me to have Boyd's Celebration of Life service at the church. It was comforting to be among so many wonderful friends and to be back where I spent so much time as your office manager.

A special "thank you" to Pastor Jim who was very supportive and who gave a wonderful salvation message at Boyd's service. I heard many positive comments about the message and I appreciated his encouraging and comforting words.

Many thanks to Barb Buckingham and Danielle Eagleson for providing beautiful music for the service. Barb, your amazing playing and your rendition of "How Great Thou Art" not only touched my soul, but touched everyone in attendance. Danielle, as you know, I love that you were able to sing one of my favorite pieces, The New 23rd. You sang it so beautifully and it took me back to my high school chorus days.

Lastly, to Tammy Chianos and her team of helpers in the kitchen, I cannot thank you enough for the delicious luncheon following the service. The food was excellent and I also thank you, Tammy, for putting up with me!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart Mt. Calvary. Your kindness, support, love and caring have meant the world to me during the most difficult time in my life.

In Christian love,
Holly Brandt

Thank you to everyone in the congregation for the generous monetary gifts we received at Christmas. We both feel blessed to continue our ministries at Mt. Calvary and to be part of such a kind and caring congregation. We are excited to see what 2026 has in store for the church, and we hope it is a prosperous year for everyone!

Thank you, again!

Danielle Eagleson and Barb Buckingham

WESLEY'S COVENANT PRAYER

"I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt,
rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

MCUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES FEBRUARY '26

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY!
10AM SERVICE
FEBRUARY 15TH
SPECIAL OFFERING
COLLECTION FOR VBS!
[NO SS THIS DAY]

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

join us for Simply Loved Sunday
School in February at 9:30am
where kids will learn how loved
they are!

We will have lessons about Jesus
helping a Roman Officer, a Man
Born Blind, and 10 Men with
Leprosy. We will also learn how
Jesus Feeds People. And they will
learn that
Jesus takes care of us. AMEN!

YOUTH GROUP - FEBRUARY UPDATE

Hello Everyone!

Well the New Year has gone off with a bang! Our Spaghetti Dinner was a hit. The salad, main course, and desserts were exceedingly tasty, and we had a more than great turn out. The youth were all such a wonderful help in making this event happen, so thank you, ALL OF YOU, from the cooks to the servers to the clean-up crew. And, of course, the best part is we made money for our Youth Ministry, from which we will all benefit. Thanks to the generosity of the church we raised over \$1400!

After the dinner, we all went downstairs for a Saturday evening "Lock-In!" We had an awesome time of study and fun, and wasn't it interesting to sleep on the pews in the Sanctuary (at least for some of us)?

Our Youth Retreat at Camp Sankanac rapidly approaching, so I hope you all got your permission slips and money in by now. If you haven't, the cut-off date is the 1st of February. The retreat is from February 6th to the 8th. Call me if you have any questions. Parents, please check your emails for all the rest of the information you need.

Our schedule for February will be:

February 1st - Youth Group from 6-7:30pm (doors open at 5:30pm)

February 2nd - Youth Advisory Council Meeting at 6:45 pm in the Conference Room

February 6-8th - Youth Retreat at Camp Sankanac. (No Youth Group the evening of the 8th!)

February 15th - Youth Group from 6-7:30pm (doors open at 5:30pm)

February 22nd - Youth Group from 6-7:30pm (doors open at 5:30pm)

Hope to see you all there!!



Owen Hawson

Events and Happenings

February Celebrations

Birthdays

4	Mark Schug
7	Randy Lee
	Kemmerling
9	Roxanne Ebert
9	Benjamin Hoover
10	Gladys Wills
12	Stacy Archibald
12	Nancy Walborn
13	Sidney Gruber
13	Lois Kling
15	Joshua Billett
15	Cody Hudson
16	Ty Kreamer
17	John Paul Kern
20	Chris Luttrell
20	Mary Beth Miele
23	Ron Hoover
26	Nathan Ulrey
26	Gail Yoder
27	Matthew Boyd
27	Janelle Egan
28	Nicole Scheidler

Wedding Anniversaries

20	Rich and Cathy Mentzer
26	Scott and Erica Sehar

Offering Envelopes

We're asking the following people to stop by the office to pick up your offering envelopes for 2026 at your earliest convenience:

Lenny Baumbaugh, Judy Imes, Susan Janesko, Marge Kern, Randolph Kemmerling, Cathy Quigley, Amber Reed, Gary Wert.

Meetings and Other Stuff

Youth Advisory Council	2/2	6:45PM
Children's Ministry	2/4	6PM
Missions Team	2/5	7PM
Ad Council	2/9	7PM
Hospitality Team	2/11	7PM
Worship Committee	2/16	7PM



CHOIR / BELL CHOIR COVERED DISH DINNER

Wednesday, February 11
from 5-8pm

You all know it's coming! Sign up in the Choir Room. There will be no rehearsals that evening. Enjoy!



REHAB'S READS

Wednesday, February 17 at 7pm
This month's book discussion will be on "Theo of Golden," by Allen Levi. You can order the book on Amazon.com.

Safe Sanctuaries

If you work with any children, youth, or disabled individuals in the church (Youth Group, for example, or in the Nursery, the Children's Play, VBS, etc.), The United Methodist Church has made it mandatory that you have clearances and training. This includes a PA Child Abuse History, a PA Criminal Records Check, either a 10-Year Residency Waiver or an FBI Clearance, and Ministry Safe Training. Please check the bulletin board to see what you may need. Talk to Lynn Hackman if you have any question. Thank You.

Collection Updates

Food Pantry: The collection item for the month of February is rice. Please place your donations in the designated plastic tub in the lobby.

Mission Zone: wrapped plastic silverware, plastic bags, eye glasses, cell phones, aluminum cans, aluminum can tabs. Thank You for your donations!

Upcoming Events

YOUTH RETREAT

February 6th-8th

We invite you to keep the youth of Mt. Calvary in prayer as well as their leadership as they go on their annual Youth Retreat from 4PM February 6th through 1PM on the 8th. We'll be taking 20 youth this year to Camp Sankanac for a Spirit-filled weekend of fun and devotions.

DEATH

On Tuesday, January 27, a funeral service for Janet Heckert will be held at Mt. Calvary. Janet died at her home on 17 January with her son, Don, at her side. She was 90 years of age. Janet was predeceased by her husband, Donald, and her daughter, Beverly. She and her family were long-time members of Mt. Calvary Church.

10am: Visitation

11am: Funeral Service

12pm: Luncheon in honor of Janet's life.

BINGO - Saturday February 21

Sponsored by the Women's Group.
STAY TUNED for all of the details for this event in the bulletins leading up to the 21st. Please direct any questions to Brenda Mumma.

MEN'S MINISTRY SHOOTING RANGE TRIP

The MCUMC Men's Ministry has scheduled an outing to 911 Rapid Response Shooting Range, (700 W Main Street Annville, PA 17003) for February 28th from 2 to 4pm.

Participants are asked to arrive 30 minutes early to sign waivers and watch a safety video.

The cost is \$10 per person. If we have more than 20 participate, the cost goes down. This range only allows 10 people to be active at a time so we will be rotating groups in and out.

If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. For any questions, please speak to Norm White.



FEBRUARY HELPERS



9am Traditional Service	February 1	February 8	COMBINED SERVICE February 15, 10AM	February 22	March 1
Acolyte	Colemann Sehar	Ava Collelo	Wyatt Scheidler	Cole Strouse	Aiden Benke
Greeters	Brad and Nicole Scheidler	Frank Duschek Erin Collelo	Isla Coello Kayleigh Gaiski Jeffrey Klos Grayson Strouse Alex Benke Quinn Loffreda Leena Billington	Jim Reynolds Carole Gochenaur	John and Maddie Kreamer
Media	Micah Copulos	Blake Bechtel	Amanda Copulos	Jaan Sidorov	Bob Ulrey
Scripture Reader	Frank Duschek	Mary Beth Miele	Wyatt Scheidler	Yvonne Fry	Nicole Scheidler
Stewards	Kathy Duschek Diana Reynolds	Kay Holtzman Bob Ulrey	Matt Luttrell Russ Thomas	Blaine Fry Sharon Sidorov	Diana Reynolds Frank Duschek
Ushers (head usher listed first)	Bill Griffiths Beth Matthews	Brad Scheidler Frank Duschek	John and Maddie Kreamer	Blaine Fry Brenda Mumma	Bill Griffiths Anna Strouse
Children's Sunday School Teachers	Cheryl Blaha Tom Billington	Amanda Copulos Sarina Boyd	None Today	No Children's Sunday School	Amy Thomas Carolyn Heckert
11am Jubilee Service	February 1	February 8	COMBINED SERVICE February 15, 10AM	February 22	March 1
Nursery	Amanda Copulos Owen Howson	Pam Ruddle Amy Thomas	Rachel Woodworth Kaitlyn Loffreda	Mark Schug Sarah Klos	Kim Kalinowski Maddie Snyder
Greeters	Dave and Sheila Heckman	Mark and Debbie Schug	See Above	Matt and Sarina Boyd	Russ and Amy Thomas
Media	Mitchell White	Jaan Sidorov	See Above	Blake Bechtel	Amanda Copulos
Scripture Reader	Amy Thomas	Matt Luttrell	See Above	Pam Ruddle	Debbie Schug
Stewards	Russ Thomas Todd Ruddle	Todd Ruddle Mark Schug	See Above	Mark Schug Russ Thomas	Russ Thomas Mark Schug

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9am - Traditional Service 10am - Fellowship Time 10:15am - Sunday Schools 11am - Jubilee Service 5:30pm - Youth Group	2 11am - Manada Hill Bible Study 4-7pm - Barb, piano lessons, S 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study, SR 6:45pm - YAC Meeting	3 6:30pm - Men's Group, CR	4 6am Men's Sharing Group, SH 6pm - Children's Ministry Meeting, CR 6pm Bell Practice, S 7:15pm Choir Practice	5 7pm - Missions Team Meeting, CR	6 YOUTH RETREAT CAMP SANKANAC 4pm	7 YOUTH RETREAT CAMP SANKANAC 8am-1pm - Private Function, SH
8 YOUTH RETREAT CAMP SANKANAC 9am - Traditional Service 10am - Fellowship Time 10:15am - Sunday Schools 11am - Jubilee Service  (Superbowl Sunday!)	9 11am - Manada Hill Bible Study 4-7pm - Barb, piano lessons, S 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study, SH 7pm - Ad Council	10 6:30pm - Men's Group, CR	11 6am Men's Sharing Group, SH 5-8pm - Bell Choir and Sanctuary Choir Covered Dish Dinner, SH 7pm - Hospitality Team Meeting, CR	12 5:30-7:30pm - Foundations Bible Study Begins, CR	13	14 
15 COMBINED SERVICE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY 10am - Worship (No Children's Sunday School) 5:30pm - Youth Group	16 11am - Manada Hill Bible Study 4-7pm - Barb, piano lessons, S 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study, CR 7pm - Worship Committee Meeting, SH	17 7pm - Rahab's Reads, SH 6:30pm - Men's Group, CR	18  6am Men's Sharing Group, SH 7pm - Ash Wednesday Service, Charlton UMC No Bell or Choir Practice	19 5:30-7:30pm - Foundations Bible Study, CR	20	21  Stay tuned for details!
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						S-Sanctuary SH-Social Hall CR-Conference Room YR - Youth Room 

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Worship With Us:
Traditional Worship: 9:00AM
Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School: 10:00AM
Jubilee Contemporary Worship: 11:00AM
Virtual 9 & 11AM: <https://www.youtube.com/@mtcalvaryunitedmethodistch3305>

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