

# Calvary Presbyterian Church

*A Loving Community to Support you on Your Faith Journey!*



## Connections

Where did summer go? We're here with your September issue of Connections! Please remember: be sure to click OPEN when your email provider delivers your newsletter so you don't miss any content.

While you are reading this month's newsletter: if you see a word or phrase in **bold** and **pumpkin spice** like **THIS**, or if you see the word **HERE** - click on it! These are links that will automatically open a website or document.

### A Word from Session

"I wonder if you will be as surprised as I was to find out that October is Pastor Appreciation Month! I did some research and in fact the month of October is known as "Clergy Appreciation Month". This celebration according to Hallmark, was established in 1992 with the mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries, and religious workers.

In lieu of this, since our Church is currently in the process of looking for and hiring a new Pastor, I thought this would be a good opportunity for us to thank those people of this great community (some would call it a "village"), who have been and continue to, provide a kind of spiritual support to all of us every week. Those who give of their talents, their time, their skills, and their heart, to ensure we remain lifted as a congregation, filled with God's spirit and love, and energized to keep sharing this in kind through good works with each other and the local and larger communities around us.

Starting with the Church leaders, whether it be Elders on Session, who ensure the business needs of the church continue to be managed and accounted for. These folks who care for the cherished building and grounds, and the activities therein. The Deacons who every day, through tireless efforts, do the

important work of caring for and meeting the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of those within and outside our community who need it most. We also want to recognize the special folks among us who have shared inspirations of the scripture through God's spirit on an occasional Sunday at the pulpit and on stage through special messages, dramas & skits, and most recently the reviving of the children's educational program. We thank those who continue to support and strengthen the ongoing relationships we have with local missions such as Bread of Life, Cathedral Kitchen, and Urban Promise.

We thank those who volunteer their time through community engagement sponsoring special events such as the upcoming Fall Festival, the Festival of Fibers that was such a success last year, Game night and other fun events. We want to acknowledge and support the group that meets periodically to discuss spiritual topics to enrich the mind and heart, ask important questions, meditate on God's word, and encourage and embolden each other to live and worship in the Lord. We are so grateful for the monthly meetings of our WOCLS (Women of Calvary Literary Society) book club where the sisterhood of our community stick together and encourage each other through thought provoking discussions, laughter, great food, and sometimes even tears (of joy and sorrow). Those of you who lead and participate in the bi-monthly Friday Friends outing where friendship, food, and fun can always be counted on for those who may need this fellowship more than others.

Let us not forget our administrative staff, especially our Office Admin, who are always working towards the good of the church and the community, and support so much of the daily, weekly, monthly, even annual ongoings that we might sometimes take this for granted.

Those who volunteer behind the scenes each week to make sure we have seamless weekly spiritual nourishment from the pulpit and the choir loft, in person and streaming. Speaking of music, what a privilege and honor it is that we have such a fine group of friends willing to lend their gifts to the music program along with an angel of a music director who gives more of herself than we deserve and pushes all of us to great heights in our worship and musical praise. To our fearless Live Music Worship leaders and the team of supporters who just want to play and sing praises from the heart with the hope to inspire the goodness of God in others through this ministry, we thank you.

We thank those who are so good at keeping others in their thoughts in the small things, like always remembering to send a birthday, anniversary, or just thinking of you card, giving a hug, or lending an ear, a shoulder to cry on, or a meal to share. To those of you who come to worship and events, or tune in live, (or would if they could) we thank you for your cheers, prayers, and support of this community. Your smiling faces, your concerning hands on a shoulder, your kind words whether on a live broadcast or in person, all of it matters and does not go unnoticed.

While the Calvary PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) continues the important work of letting the spirit guide us towards joining ourselves with the next person to lead this community, let us remember the strength, love, and courage we all have and continue to bravely show while we prayerfully wait on his purpose.

In summary, every single one of us needs to be recognized for our good work

and deeds. All of us deserve to be lifted, encouraged, thanked, and most importantly appreciated for ALL that we do in support of each other and this wonderful community we call Calvary Presbyterian Church Riverton.

God bless and be kind to each other.

**Valaree Bower-Gilbert**

## A Message about the Presbyterian Mission



Due to my health problems, I am way behind on my duty to keep you all informed about Mission matters. I do apologize for this super late reminder! This Sunday is World Communion Sunday and also marks Presbyterian Peace & Global Witness Sunday. The money collected from the congregation goes to organizations working to stem violence in the world & in our own community! Calvary gets to keep 1/4 of our own collection total. We gift this total to Crossroads, an organization right here in Burlington County that works with at risk children & youth to break the cycle of violence in their lives. Thank you all!

**Georgie Ackers**

## Don't be a Stranger. Be Social!

Links to Facebook pages, Live streaming services, YouTube and Church Websites all in one place. Just click on the buttons and stay connected!



Don't miss out on staying connected to your church family. Use the links below to worship with live streaming services on Facebook. Our YouTube channel is a repository for past services.

You can access videos, websites and streaming services right from this email! Just click on the buttons for a direct link!

[Visit the Calvary Facebook Page](#)

[Visit Calvary Website](#)

[Visit the YouTube Channel](#)

## Worship Schedule

9/3 Communion  
9/10  
9/17 Rev David Watts  
9/24

## Music at Calvary this Month

### Music at Calvary for October

10/1 "Come Unto Me" quotes Matthew 11:28 with music by G. F. Handel & Mary Kay Beall.

10/8 "Bless This House" by Helen Taylor & May Brahe speaks to the spiritual beauty of the church.

10/15 "With a Voice of Singing" is a upbeat anthem by Martin Shaw with lots of "alleluias".

10/22 "Sea of Mercy", based on the hymn "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy", is a feel good gospel classic by Tom Fettke. Healing and soulful, this anthem sings of the inexhaustible love of our Lord.

10/29 "We celebrate Reformation Sunday with Eugene Butler's "One Church , One Faith, One Lord".



**Diana Dohrman**

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## LIVE MUSIC WORSHIP

Join us for another  
uplifting LIVE MUSIC  
WORSHIP with our  
Praise Band, Revival,



October 1st at 3pm, outdoors on the lawn at Calvary! Bring a chair. Don't miss it!



### Lift Off!

On October 8th we will kick off our campaign for a mobility lift to get us from the Narthex up to the Assembly Room and down to Fellowship Hall. Be sure to come to the Worship service on the 8th to hear all about it.

We will also give you a glimpse in to 2024, our sesquicentennial year. Can you believe Calvary will be 150 years old next year!

### Volunteers needed!



We are also looking for greeters, ushers and Fellowship volunteers for worship services! Contact **Bobbie Beck**.

## Our Church Family



**Happy October Birthday to you!**

**Calvary Birthdays**

Jane Price 7

Malia Asbury 10

Jack Stasko 10

Ellie Stasko 10

Adam Ackers 12

William Craythorn Jr. 21

Lauren Bowes. 21

Sandy Gunn 30

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Calvary Church Riverton

# Fall Festival

October 21st

Join us as we celebrate the autumnal season  
at **Calvary's Fall Festival, October 21<sup>st</sup>,**  
**12pm-4pm, 300 4<sup>th</sup> St., Riverton NJ.**

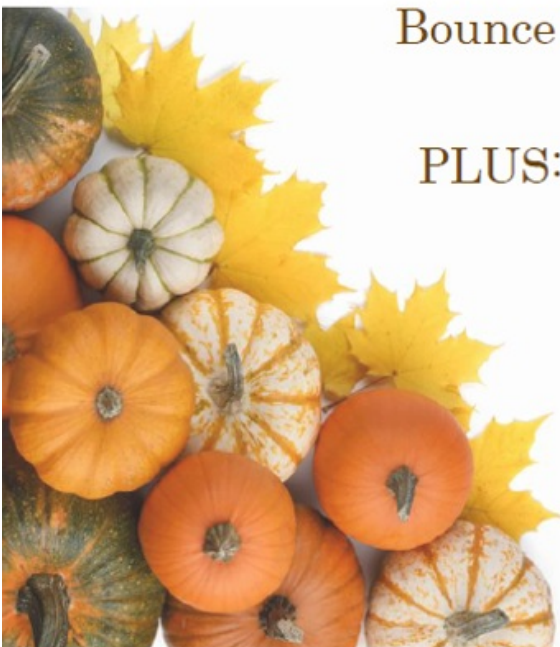
Bounce house, photo booth, games,  
contests, crafts & prizes!

PLUS: hot dogs, pretzels, popcorn  
and baked goods.

Open to the community.  
Fun for all ages.

Bring the whole family!

*See you there!*



## Calling All Bakers!

The fall festival committee needs your help! We are planning to offer baked goods as prizes and also have "for sale" items for our Fall Festival.

If you have a special recipe that you would like to bake and donate OR if you need a recipe, (easy, cake mix recipes and recipes with a minimal amount of ingredients), these will be available in

the Narthax along with a signup sheet. The committee thanks you for helping us to spread community spirit.

# Honoring the Hall's at Urban Promise



Bill & Nancy Hall, along with others, were honored for their support at Urban Promise on September 28th. A plaque was installed to commemorate the success of the \$6 million dollar capital campaign, to which the Hall Scholarship contributed. Pictured are Nancy and Bill Hall along with Bruce Maine, the founder and chief.

## TREX CHALLENGE

Calvary Church is participating in the Trex Recycling Challenge and we are



looking for YOUR help! The project is designed to reduce plastic waste in the environment while earning a beautiful new Trex bench to be located in the community outside of Calvary Thrift Shop.

**Trex Recycling Challenge:** We are collecting 1,000 pounds of plastic film, wraps, bags - in a year's time. When we achieve our goal, we'll receive a bench made from Trex composite deck boards, a waterproof product created from 95% recycled plastic film and reclaimed sawdust.

**What to do:** Fill a large trash bag with all your plastic film – the plastic you can't put into your township recycling bucket – bubble wrap, bread bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, Ziploc and other food storage bags, cereal bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags.

Plastic must be clean and dry. Bring your big bag to Calvary when completely filled. Drop it off at the church on Sundays – and then fill another. Or drop it off at the church Thrift Shop on Thursdays – then fill another. You will be amazed how much you collect in a month! Get you family, friends and neighbors involved!

#### TO HELP PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT



grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, Ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock & other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags  
*All materials must be clean, dry and free of food residue*

## Calvary Thrift Shop News



Come out and see all of our new items. Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas items are now on display.

A raffle bag is up and ready for you to take a chance on winning. All you have to do is come into the Shop and write your name and phone number on it. A name will be selected on October 19 at the end of our business hours.

Bring your recycle plastic bags to the store. We are part of the Trex campaign to help the environment. When we have collected a 1,000 pounds Trex will donate a bench to sit in front of the Thrift Shop.

Access the Calvary Thrift Store Facebook page [HERE](#). Questions? Contact **Bobbie Beck**.

## Fun & Games!

Click on an activity sheet to open a printable version.

### Kids Korner Activity

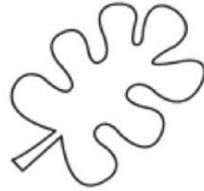


**"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" -- Jesus (John 15:5).**

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## Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch and  
brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you.  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the  
yucky stuff. He removes the seeds  
of doubt, hate, greed, etc.  
(Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling  
face. (Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to  
shine for all the world to see.  
(Matthew 5:16)

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### Adult Diversions

Click on the activity sheets to open printable versions.

# AUTUMN WORD SEARCH

Find All The Words!

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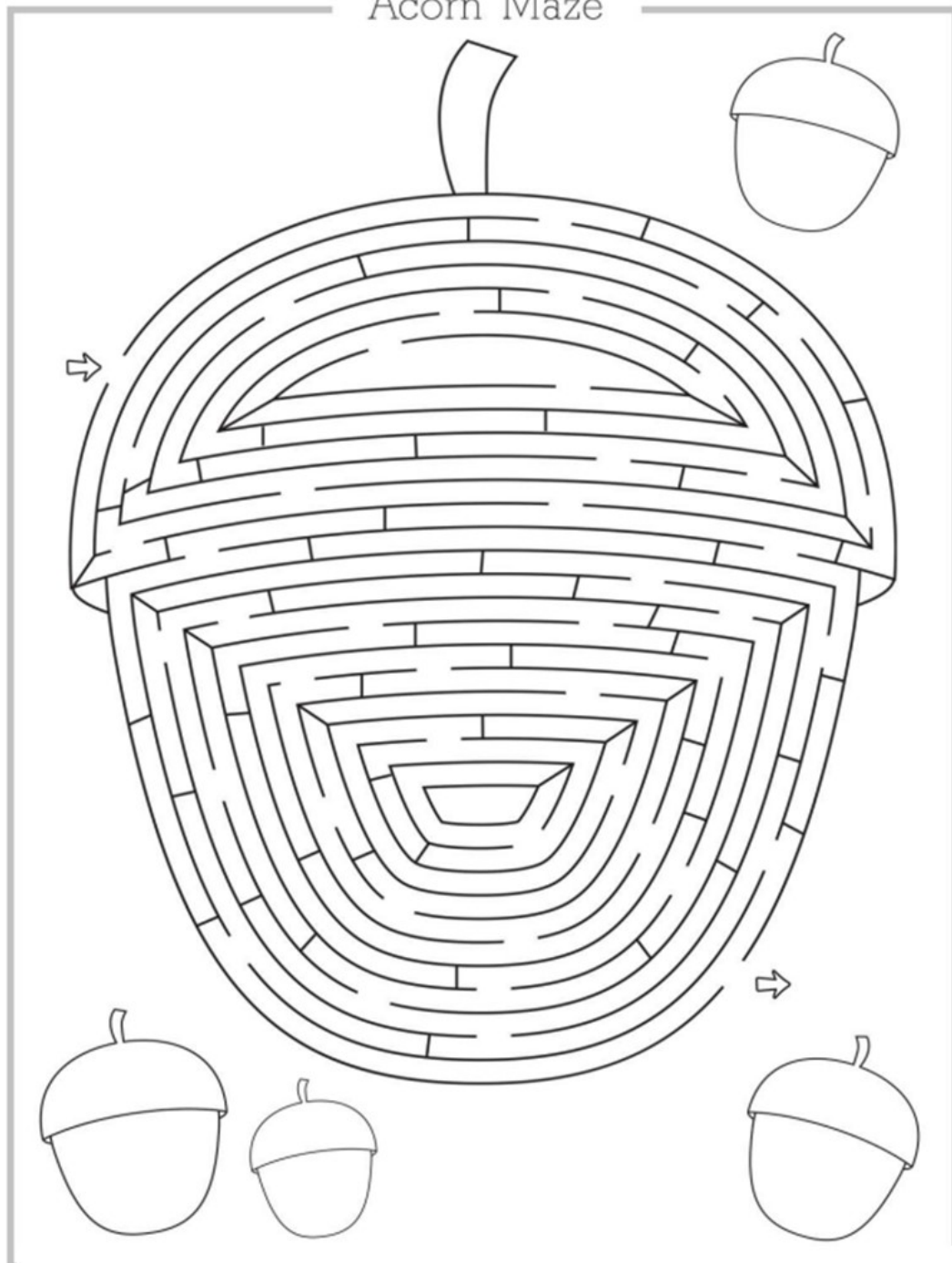
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# Acorn Maze



Faithfully Funny...



Pumpkin spice everything?! Can we get an **AMEN**?!  

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*To everything there is a season, and a time  
for every purpose under heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

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