

Calvary Presbyterian Church

A Loving Community to Support you on Your Faith Journey!



Connections

Happy New Year! Here's your January 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 **icy blue** like **THIS**, or if you see the word **HERE** - click on it! These are links that will automatically open a website or document.

From the Desk of Session

A Season of Hope

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

—Romans 15:13

“Hope is The Thing with Feathers”

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all,

And sweetest in the gale is heard;
And sore must be the storm

That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chilliest land,
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me.

Emily Dickinson

“Hope is the thing with feathers” is a kind of hymn of praise, written to honor the human capacity for hope. Using metaphor, the poem portrays hope as a bird that lives within the human soul; this bird sings come rain or shine, gale or storm, good times or bad. The poem argues that hope is miraculous and almost impossible to defeat. Furthermore, hope never asks for anything in return—it costs nothing for people to maintain hope. We are implored as readers to make good use of hope—and to see it as an essential, deeply valuable part of ourselves.

Looking at the year ahead, we do well to remember the benefits of keeping hope in our lives. First as Christians, hope increases our faith. As Hebrews 11 highlights, hope and faith are intertwined. Faith is the assured expectation of things hoped for. Hope and faith fuel each other.

Hope is also many other things. Hope energizes the present. It makes life worth living. It's a light in the darkness, it's healing during times of sorrow or loss. Hope is practical, it moves us to action! It gets us involved in our church and community. Hope is also infectious; when we are living with hope, we can inspire and motivate others to do the same. Hope moves us forward.

Christian hope is a realistic expectation of and joyful longing for future good and glory based upon the word of God. The more we look brightly to the future, the more evident our faith in God's purpose and ours.

Ring in 2023, let the bird of hope perch in your heart, let it fly in your soul, and let it sing to the glory of God's presence in our lives now and each day forward.

Valaree Bower-Gilbert

January Worship

1/1 Hymn sing
1/8 Rev David Watts
1/15 Revival Live Music Worship
1/22 Val Bower
1/29 Rev. Pam Foxx

Be Social!

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



Stay 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 and music.

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

[Visit the Calvary Facebook Page](#)

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Mark Your Calendars!



MUSIC at Calvary in January

at Calvary this January...

Diana Dohrman, Calvary Music Director

Jan. 1 Join us for a festive Hymn sing! Sing all your favorite carols.
Janny & Dave McGrath sing the beautiful "Mary Did You Know?"

Jan. 8 Epiphany Sunday, the Chancel choir sings "Carol of the Star" an ancient French carol.

Jan. 15 Revival live music worship

Jan. 22 "Glory to Thy Name, Most Holy" by Mary McDonald is a choir favorite.

Jan. 29 The choir sings "Canon of Praise" by Natalie Sleeth.

Our Church Family



Happy January Birthday to you!

Calvary Birthdays

Kirstin Adams Lucykanish, 4

Sophie Meri Pattanite, 8

Anela Asbury, 9

Jennifer Zimmermann, 9

Mackenzie Young, 10

John Golden, 12

Alan R. Adams, 18

Aeryn Gilmore, 18

Lincoln Michael Wood, 19

Christina Klabe, 20

Dante Cucunato, 21

Ryan White, 25

Eileen M. Gilbert, 25

Kelly Pahl, 27

Volunteer Treasurer Needed at Calvary!

We are seeking a part-time church treasurer. VOLUNTEER WELCOME! A knowledge Quickbooks and accounting skills are necessary. Start February 1 to train with retiring treasurer. Four to eight hours a week is needed to start.

Call the Church office 856-829-0783 to set up an interview time.

Calvary Thrift Shop January Sale!

JANUARY SALE!

50% off Coats, Jackets and Boots.

PLUS, all linens 50% off thru
January!

Check our [Facebook](#) page for more
great deals!



Fun & Games!

Kids Korner Activities

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It's a NEW YEAR! Be the Best you can be in 2023!

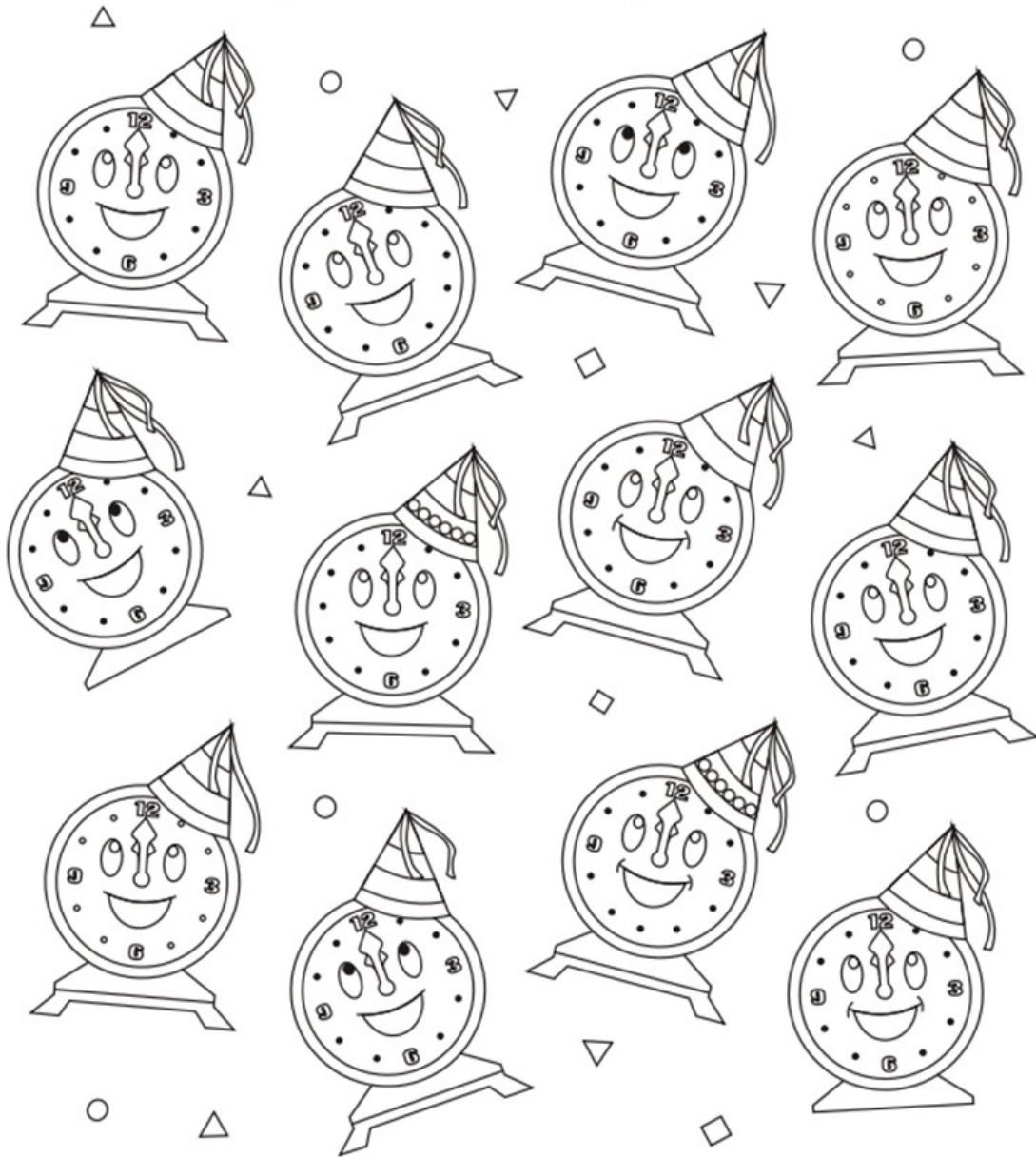
"Therefore if any
man be in Christ,
he is a new
creature: old
things are
passed
away;
behold,
all things
are
become
new."



2 Corinthians
5:17 KJV

Is it Midnight Yet?

Can you find the 2 matching clocks?



Adult Diversion: Word Search and Coloring Sheet

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Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:25-26 (NVI)

Based on Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)



J O H I S R A E L D D L E F J
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SPIRIT	RIGHTEOUS	PRAISED	COURTS	TEMPLE
CHILD	DEVOUT	LIGHT	JOSEPH	JESUS
PARENTS	SALVATION	ISRAEL	REVEALED	PIGEONS
SIMEON	PROMISED	DOVES	SACRIFICE	MARY



Faithfully Funny...

Lily Holiness Church

**NEW YEARS
RESOLUTION
EXERCISE DAILY
WALK WITH GOD
RUN FROM SIN**

Can we get an AMEN?!

*Wishing you and your family a
Happy, Healthy New Year!*

HAPPY
New Year

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

PHIL 4:4

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