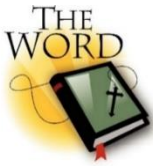


WHAT'S

Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. Romans 15:7



at *Calvary Presbyterian Church* *September 3, 2023 ~ 14th Sunday after Pentecost*

Prayers for: our President and all our elected officials, all world leaders, our men and women in uniform, peace in the world, victims of natural disasters, those endangered by war and violence; Calvary's mission and ministries; all our friends and members at Calvary, and in particular: Georgie Ackers; Dovieanna & Anthony Falconiero; Ed Gilmore; Ed Hartmann; Stacy Cardwell, friend of Nedra Cawley; Pam Jones Nelson, cousin of Allison Farnen; Barbara Turner, mother of Karen Gilbert; Ellen Hoag, mother of Rob; Christie, wife of Rob Hoag; Trevor, nephew of Dave & Janny McGrath; Jesse James, nephew of Terry Pahl; Chea and Roxanne, friends of Alyx Reinhardt; Bill Robbins, brother of Dorothy Talavera; Delanco friend Aurelio Conigliaro and Steve Harker, husband of Cindy.

The chancel flowers this morning are dedicated to the glory of God and:

✚ in loving memory of Alan Borsella Sr., Louise and Julius Borsella, and David Ayala by Malia, Jimmy, and Anela Asbury.

✚ in honor of those of us celebrating birthdays during the month of September.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
4PM TO 8PM

Board games, charades, trivia
and other fun activities.

Weather permitting, we may also
have some fun stuff going on outdoors.

Pizza, drinks, and snacks provided.

This is a FREE event, and open to everyone in the community.

Kids under 12 should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 10 WITH RALLY DAY.

Come to church at 10.

Children will go to Sunday School right after the Offering dedication.

Pick up your children in the Assembly Room at 11am and enjoy refreshments.



Sheila McMenamin will be the lead Sunday School teacher, and she will be happy to have additional volunteers to help out. Please contact her at: honeysmom99@gmail.com or contact the church office.

Did we mention that if you don't wish to be put in the "rotation" of volunteers, you can offer to sub occasionally? Please let Bobbie or Nedra know if you would like to be added to our list of occasional helpers, and thank you very much to the folks who have already offered.

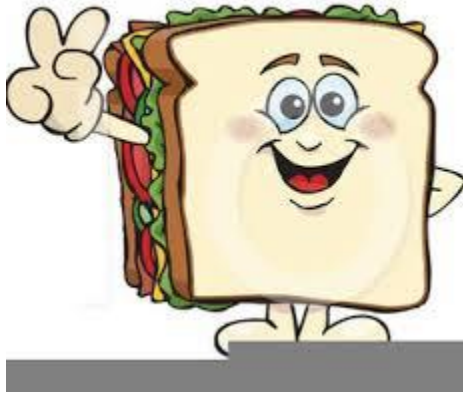
The Historical Society of Riverton is offering a free walking tour of the town's four houses of worship; Christ Episcopal, Mt. Zion AME, Calvary Presbyterian and Sacred Heart R.C. We are honored to be taking part in this event by opening our doors to the public and sharing our beautiful church building and its long history. Dorothy Talavera will be delivering a brief talk to start of the tour at:
Christ Episcopal Church Parish House
Corner of 4th and Howard Streets

Wednesday, September 13 at 6pm

Local eateries will be open to accommodate you...tour and taste!

*Sunday, October 1 at 3pm
Live Music Worship*

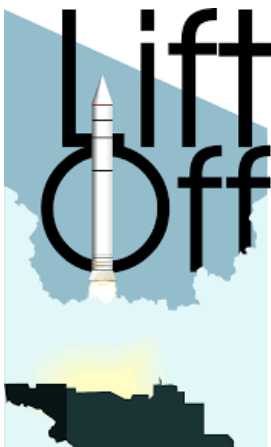




Wednesday, September 20 - 10:00 am,
 the Mission team is getting together at Calvary to
 make sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen.
 We are looking for volunteers to assemble 100
 sandwiches which shouldn't take longer than an
 hour or two if we have plenty of hands to
 help. See Allison Farnen or Pat Bruner if you
 are interested in helping.

Saturday, October 21 is the date for
Calvary's Fall Festival
 Let's get together with our families and
 neighbors for games, crafts, food
 (of course!) and enjoy the gorgeous
 fall weather. More on this coming...



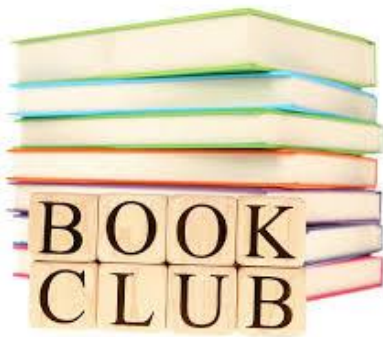


Well, at Calvary there is certainly something we have a
 lot of...stairs! If you speak with an English accent,
 and you want to avoid stairs, you take the "lift."
On October 8, we will kick-off our fundraising effort to
 install an elevator, so please help us on our journey to
 get where we want to go by starting off with a bang!
 Let's make our **Lift Off** project a success.

We now have descriptions and diagrams of the
 locations of fire extinguishers, exits, and carbon
 monoxide detectors throughout the church
 building. This information can be found in the
 Fellowship Hall downstairs, the Assembly Room,
 and in the upstairs hallway of the Sunday School
 wing in clear plastic sleeves hanging on the walls.



Within hours of the devastating fire that swept through Lahaina, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program staff was already working to coordinate with emergency relief workers on site to see how best to support their immediate and ongoing efforts. The loss of lives and property is almost incomprehensible. You may contribute to the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** program and their current and ongoing relief efforts by making a check payable to Calvary Presbyterian Church with the notation "Maui Fire" and we will make a combined donation to P.D.A.



In the hallway across from the library, you will find a bookcase with a list of the titles and the several books our book club has already begun to assemble and are available to borrow. If you have any of the titles we have read over the years and would like to add your copy to our collection, we thank you in advance.



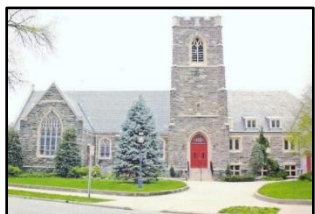
Chancel Flowers

If you would like to dedicate chancel flowers on September 17 or September 24 please contact the church office. Any free-will offerings made for flower dedications are collected and donated to one of our mission partners. Thanks for all you do to support the life of our church and community.

November 12 Stewardship Sunday

Please prayerfully consider this community of faith, these grounds, this building, this church family... your place within it, and your commitment to it.

A soup and sandwich lunch will take place in our Fellowship Hall after the service.



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The Welcoming Church

September 3, 2023

14th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

A. Messiter, arr. J. Innes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Hymn #36 *Bless His Holy Name*

OPENING PRAYER

(Unison, John Wesley)

On you we cast our care; we live through you who knows our every need:

Feed us with your grace, and give our souls this day the living bread. Amen

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 104

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

All: O LORD my God, you are very great.

One: You are clothed with honor and majesty,

All: wrapped in light as with a garment.

One: You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

All: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

One: You make springs gush forth in the valleys;

All: they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal;

One: You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,

All: and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,

One: and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine,

All: and bread to strengthen the human heart.

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul.

All: Praise the LORD!

*GATHERING HYMN

#634 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison, followed by silent confession)

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake. (Silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONFESSION RESPONSE

#807 *Gloria Patri*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Lord Is My Shepherd

G. Peterson

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

#809 *Doxology*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Prayer

C. Sager, D. Foster, arr. T. Fettke

Valaree Bower-Gilbert, Soprano & Dave McGrath, Tenor

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Responsively from Psalm 78:19-25

The people of Israel spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the wilderness? Therefore, when the LORD heard, he was full of rage because they had no faith in God, and did not trust his saving power.

Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven; he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven. Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Selected Verses from John 6

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"The Staff of Life"

Rev. Dr. James Kraft

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Q1 & 21

Q1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. **That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Q21. What is true faith?

A. **True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.**

COMMUNION HYMN

#776 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

~THE LORD'S SUPPER~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whom you sent to save us. . . Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN

#121 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn #840 v. 1 God Be with You

*THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(As you leave the sanctuary, share greetings of Christ's peace with one another.)

*POSTLUDE

United in Faith

F. Ritter

Many thanks to Rev. Dr. James Kraft for leading us in worship this morning.

As always, we thank our A/V volunteers for sharing their time and talents.

This morning we also thank Judy Jaghabreh for refreshments and Linda Fioretti and Lori Gilmore for greeting and collecting the offering.

Everyone is invited for Fellowship after the service in the Assembly Room.