

# CALVIN NOTES AND NEWS



Calvin Presbyterian Church  
Lovingly nurturing every journey with Christ in prayer, praise, and action



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Dear Calvin Family,

On Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, Butler County moved into the GREEN phase of the Pennsylvania Government re-opening plan. We know that this has been a difficult time for many and imagine many of us feel some relief as our counties re-open. We are exceptionally fortunate to have such a meaningful online ministry. Still, we miss being physically together at Calvin and have been anticipating that day when we once again can safely meet, grow, worship and serve together at 415 East Grandview Avenue. We also recognize that the green phase still has limitations and requires caution. This caution is necessary as demonstrated by the recent national increases in COVID-19 cases in 38 of our 50 states.

Although we cannot wait until we are together again, it is very important to keep in mind that we will be living into a new future. Calvin's leadership, which includes Staff, Session and Calvin's COVID Task Force (CCTF), has been working diligently to put a plan into place that follows the appropriate CDC, PA, and PC(USA) guidelines. Besides our current plan, there simply is not a plan at this point that can guarantee someone will not contract COVID-19. That being the case, we have not yet discerned a re-opening date. We originally planned on sharing these guidelines with you but considering their length will be making drafts of these guidelines available by request. Simply stated, the guidelines are so rigorous that if we were to return to in-person ministry it would not feel like or be what we all love and call Calvin. For example, could you imagine returning to worship in Calvin's sanctuary after making reservations only to show up Sunday morning to wait in a socially distanced line, then escorted at staggered times to your socially distanced pew,

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and worshipping with only 25 other people, without singing, only to be escorted out of the sanctuary at staggered, socially distanced times without being able to tell Connie how her prayers touched you, Bruce how the music moved you, or me how the sermon challenged you? That is why we will continue to provide online meetings, small groups, service opportunities and worship so that we can safely and comfortably continue to grow in our faith and as a community.

One of Calvin's strengths is her community and to be healthy and vital community must be nourished. So, we are encouraging **small groups** to continue to meet online and only occasionally meet in person, outside, with masks and socially distanced, without common drink or snacks/food. We also plan to provide a new Worship opportunity that we're calling, "*Calvin Unplugged*" which will be outdoors with masks and social distancing, starting with one event in July and one in August (details to follow).

Guidelines For "Calvin Unplugged":

Please bring your own chair!	Please DO NOT bring food or drink to share!
Please bring your masks!	Please DO NOT bring that book you need to return...!
Please keep socially distant!	Please DO NOT give into the urge to go hug a friend!
Please come on time!	Please DO NOT stay to talk to anyone afterwards, staff included!
Please come filled with love!	Please DO NOT come with a full bladder (no bathrooms)!

There are so many unknowns relating to COVID-19. CCTF will continue to meet regularly to plan and discern what is to come. Please watch for email, website, social media, and mail updates for the most up to date information.

Please know that Calvin is here for you. If you or your family have any needs at all; whether you are having trouble paying the bills, putting food on the table, are feeling overwhelmed, or need a listening ear or prayerful call, please contact us! This pandemic has changed all of our lives in many ways, but the love and care that the Calvin family shows for each other, our community and our world has not and will not change. Quite the contrary, we know that through this and with God, we will get stronger,

*<sup>3</sup> There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, <sup>4</sup> and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. <sup>5</sup> In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary – we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit! – Romans 5:3-5 (MSG)*

If you have any questions or would like clarification regarding the following guidelines, please don't hesitate to contact me. Calvin will do her best to listen, respond and meet your needs.

*Godspeed* (on behalf of CCTF)!



*Rev. A. David Paul, M.S., M.Div.*

### Calvin Coronavirus Task Force

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# News You Can Use

## Calvin & Friends Art Gallery

Are you an artist or do you know one? We are creating a virtual art gallery to display your artistic talents. ALL ages (0-150) are encouraged to submit their drawings, paintings, music or other artwork. You can submit your submission online at <https://tinyurl.com/y7gvqhdz>. Additional information will be available on the church website, FaceBook page, Instagram, or contact Abbie at [CalvinArtGallery@gmail.com](mailto:CalvinArtGallery@gmail.com) to have the link e-mailed to you.

## Weekly Thursday Prayer Vigils

We will be holding weekly online prayer vigils every Thursday evening at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. during the coronavirus lockdown. You can access the prayer vigil by going to our website at [calvinchurchzelie.org](http://calvinchurchzelie.org). If you have a request, please send it to [calvinprayerrequest@gmail.com](mailto:calvinprayerrequest@gmail.com). You can also visit [Church Connect](#) to fill out the prayer request form.

## Online Coffee Hour

Join us Sundays after worship at 10:30 a.m. for a virtual coffee hour where we will connect with one another and have a worship talkback with the staff.

<https://tinyurl.com/y8qa56re>

Meeting ID: 896 5039 8384

Password: 056457

## Caring and Connecting with Calvin

Join us every Wednesday from 12:00 -12:30 p.m. for a Zoom chat hosted by A. David Paul.

<https://tinyurl.com/ya7557wu>

Meeting ID: 810 4378 1541

Password: 753164

## Prayer Groups

The **Tuesday Women's Devotional** group is continuing to discuss the book *Plant Dreaming Deep* in July. If anyone wishes to join in via zoom [contact](#) Marie Campbell and she can send you the Zoom invitation.

## Preschool Honors Karen Launer For 50 Years

The 2019-20 school year marked the 50th year that Karen Launer has served as the teacher's aide at Zelianople Preschool! She began helping children bloom and grow in 1969, the school's third year of operation. Students and families surprised Mrs. Launer with recognition of her service and milestone on their last day of school for the year. She was also featured on the website and Facebook page of an early learning organization, PA Promise For Children. Mrs. Launer often reminisces back to her former students and their families and she would love to hear from you. We invite alumni families and friends of Mrs. Launer to congratulate her by sending a greeting to the preschool in care of the church. We will be sure she gets it. Congratulations and Thank You to Mrs. Launer for helping our children have a great start to their school experiences!



## College Graduate

Nathan Rodgers graduated from St. Louis University with a Masters of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Administration of Justice. He secured an internship for three of the four semesters of study. He is currently interviewing for degree-related job opportunities.



# Day Trip Ideas For Summer

Here are a few suggestions from Mary Zamba for one-day trips from the Pittsburgh area. Always take the back roads where unexpected adventures will inevitably delight.

- ❖ New Wilmington and Volant are not what they used to be but they are still worth a “look-see”. Venture further north to Mercer and continue to Conneaut Lake for a picnic lunch. Head East to Meadville and south to Franklin, which has a nice downtown featuring the Debence Music Museum. Not far is Titusville, home to the Drake Well Museum. But that might need to wait for another day when Oil City and Tionesta can also be explored. Those are close to Allegheny Forest so outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy Marienville, Cooksburg, Warren (Kinzua Dam), and Kane. Heading west near the Ohio border is Pymatuning and Linesville, known for the spillway. The lake is home to many varieties of birds and waterfowl.
- ❖ Elsewhere in PA, Indiana, the birthplace of Jimmy Stewart, offers more recreational opportunities (north of town), Amish charm, and a historic college campus. It was also on the Underground Railroad.
- ❖ Drive through Greensburg, Latrobe, Ligonier, Laughlintown (great Pie Shoppe) and Jennerstown. Then head south to Somerset and circle around to Route 40 through Farmington, Chalk Hill and Scenery Hill. The heart of the Laurel Highlands has theatre, recreation, and history. Green Gables Restaurant and summer stock are great! Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob are highlights. Not well-known is Polymath Park, a cluster of FLW-inspired homes, one of which is a B & B. Privately owned, it features a lovely restaurant and an interesting tour of one of the homes. Ohiopyle State Park is a popular recreational site. FortNecessity, Fort Ligonier, Flight 93 Memorial and Q Creek Mine are important to American history. Another historical stop is Friendship Hill, home to Albert Gallatin. Nemaocolin is elegant; there is a small car museum on site and great restaurants. And of course there is lots of scenery, shopping, and people-watching opportunities. Take back roads and plan on making this a weekend, a week, or several one-day trips.
- ❖ Further East is Johnstown, site of one of the worst floods in history. The museum chronicles the cause and events of that horrific 1889 flood. Continuing Northeast is Altoona where the Horseshoe Curve and Railroaders Memorial Museum will fascinate train enthusiasts. Boyer Candy Factory Outlet is a tasty stop too. State College looms.
- ❖ Foxburg on the Allegheny River is small but sweet. Of course north of Pittsburgh there is Presque Isle, Erie, Chautauqua, NY. Jamestown, NY is the birthplace of Lucille Ball and a very unique Comedy Museum. It really is different; allow 1/2 a day for that alone.
- ❖ Throw a dart onto a Northeastern Ohio map and you are likely to hit pristine, upscale or historic towns. Hudson, Chardon, Pepper Pike, Gates Mills, and Chagrin Falls are charming; Burton has a pioneer village; and Akron is home to the Stan Hywett Hall, a Tudor Revival home of Frank Seiberling, co-founder of Goodyear Tire Co.
- ❖ Canton was President McKinley's birthplace. His Library and Memorial are housed in a lovely park setting. The First Ladies National Museum is there and well worth a visit. The Canton Classic Car Museum has some interesting vehicles. Nearby the Pro Football Hall of Fame is popular with football fans. (I think it is actually in Massillon, OH).
- ❖ Cuyahoga Falls near Akron is the summer home of the Cleveland Symphony--Blossom Music Festival. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit outside or pay more for inside seating at the pavilion. Kent State also uses this venue for summer theater. Great acoustics and ambience. The park also has a canal towpath trail and somewhere nearby is an excursion train.
- ❖ Speaking of Kent State University, they house a wonderful costume design museum featuring historic clothing through the ages. I'm not sure of the availability/public hours but it is worth investigating.
- ❖ Cleveland is a treasure. Check out the Botanical Gardens, Art Museum, Crawford Auto Aviation Museum, And Museum of Natural History, They are all located in University Circle. West Side Market is fun and everyone loves the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Tower City Center and a thriving theater performing arts center in Playhouse Square attract visitors from all over. There is a children's museum, zoo and aquarium, science center, and boat tours. We can't forget sports. . . but let's skip over that!
- ❖ Marietta, OH is a stretch for a one-day trip but well worth a journey. Of course there is Put-in-Bay and Kelly's Island; Geneva-on-the-Lake, Bay Village, and Mentor-on-the-Lake. All feature water sports, views, and recreation.
- ❖ Warren, OH is a depressed town but it has a Packard Museum which is quite nice for old car fans

There is even more but that's for those unexpected surprises on back roads.

# Vigil For Hope and Change

## June 17th at the Corner of Main St. and Grandview Ave.



# Mission Matters

Hello everyone!

Over the past few years, I have been trying to discover the purpose and plan that God has for my life. I always knew I wanted to help others but figuring out how exactly to do that always proved difficult for me. Being heavily involved in the Calvin mission trips and 30-hour famines, I knew a mission trip was a calling for my future. Through extensive research, I discovered *Experience Mission* and its IMMERSION program. This nonprofit organization leads mission trips around the world; it is a program for young adults who want to travel and serve in a cross-cultural setting. So I applied to the program, got accepted, and will be leaving this August for a nine-month mission trip to South Africa, Haiti, Jamaica, and Belize! I am beyond excited to go and see God work through me and others in these communities. I will be with a team for three months in South Africa, then home for the holidays. I will then spend six months between Haiti, Jamaica, and Belize starting in January. I hope to build relationships and learn from the locals, living and serving alongside them.



A trip like this would not be possible without external support. I hope and pray that my Calvin family will support me through prayer and encouragement. Knowing that people are cheering me on and lifting me up in prayer will help encourage me when life gets challenging overseas. In addition, I ask that you prayerfully consider a monetary donation for my nine-month mission trip. If you wish to contribute financially, the best way is through an online donation.

You can give through the Experience Mission website on my personal fundraising page:

[www.experienmission.org/sponsor/margaretbaker](http://www.experienmission.org/sponsor/margaretbaker)

You can also mail in a personal check made out to "Experience Mission". Please put "mebaker" on the memo line and mail to the following address:

Experience Mission  
PO Box 719  
Port Hadlock, WA 98339

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

If this trip is postponed due to COVID-19, the rescheduled trip will be a few months later. All donations will be used for my future trip through this organization.

I would love to talk with you more about the IMMERSION program and answer any questions or concerns you may have ([margaretebaker7@gmail.com](mailto:margaretebaker7@gmail.com)). I feel blessed to have this opportunity and I cannot wait to see how God uses me over the next year. Thank you for being a part of my journey and helping me change the world!



# Mission Matters

## Offering of Letters Online

In 2018, across the U.S. and the world, more than 820 million people were hungry. Many of the world's children suffer from malnutrition, 49 million of those under the age of five. In the U. S., one in seven children lives in a food-insecure home. How do we live out Jesus' command to feed the hungry, when it is such a massive problem? One way is through the legislative process.

The Mission Committee would like to extend the opportunity to write letters to congress urging them to support and enact legislation that provides nutrition for mothers and children, here and abroad. You can [submit your letters online](#) where you will need to enter your 9 digit zip code. If you don't know your 9 digit zip code, you can look it up [here](#). Please share this opportunity with your family, friends and others. This is truly a grassroots effort; we need to remind Congress to act on hunger and invest in nutrition by flooding their inbox TODAY!




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## Food Cupboard

The Food Cupboard now has a new director. Sharon Klaiber will step down the end of July and Erin Makowski will step in August 1st. Erin is a Seneca Valley graduate and a Zelienople resident. She and her husband have 3 children.

While Butler County is now "green", the Food Cupboard is continuing to hold "drive through" pick ups. Clients are staying in their cars and volunteers are bringing food to them. This method of delivery will continue for the next few months or longer if needed.





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