

CALVIN'S NEWS AND NOTES



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

Happy
New Year!



January
2020

Triune Resolutions

Many of us are looking forward to New Year's Eve parties. I've always appreciated writer Bill Vaughan's words, *"Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to."*

I won't ask how late some of you will be up. I will tell you however, that after the rest of the family is sleeping and in bed, I'll likely be "with" some of you celebrating vicariously through our TVs. I like what some comedian said about that, *"I love it when they drop the ball in Times Square. It's a nice reminder of what I did all year."*

If we're honest with ourselves, we've all dropped the ball a few times this past year. January 1st begins a new year, a time for a new beginning, an opportunity to pick up that ball, a chance to move the ball toward the goal line. What an appropriate time to ask God to wipe the slate clean with the passing year? What a wonderful time to discern what resolution God would like us to make? Is there a better time to ask God's help for the year that is arriving?

Of course, we all know someone like Lucy in the old Peanuts comic strip. Lucy is walking along the road with Charlie Brown. Charlie Brown asks her: *"Lucy, are you going to make any New Year's resolutions?"*

Lucy hollers back at him, knocking him off his feet: *“What? What for? What’s wrong with me now? I like myself the way I am! Why should I change? What in the world is the matter with you, Charlie Brown? I’m all right the way I am! I don’t have to improve. How could I improve? How, I ask you? How?”*

Final lame attempt at a lil humor aside, most of us are aware that we all fall short of the vital life God desires for us. Change is never easy, especially when it comes to following through with a new resolution. I read somewhere that the top five resolutions are to get personal finances in order, lose weight, stop smoking, become more physically fit, and improve personal relationships. Unfortunately, the fact is that after only one week, almost a quarter of us have bailed out on whatever it was that we had resolved to do; after a month, almost half have given up; after two years, only about one in five still hang in.

As we say good-bye to 2019 and welcome in the year 2020, may this new year be the year of our Lord! May our resolutions align with God’s design for us individually and as a church! And may we prayerfully seek the Spirit’s help in our resolutions impacting our lives to the extent that the people God places in our lives will know we’re God’s children.

*Laey,
David*

Rev. A. David Paul, M.S., M.Div.
Calvin Presbyterian Church



The church office will be closed beginning Tuesday, December 24th and will
reopen on Monday, January 6th. Happy New Year!

News You Can Use

Adult Education

January 12th

Spiritual Disciplines – Meditation

NOISE...

HURRY...

CROWDS...

Christ longs to commune with us in the inner sanctuary of our hearts. Meditation opens the door and invites Christ in. Its purpose is to enable us to hear God and obey Christ more clearly.

Based on: Richard J. Foster's Celebration of Discipline (Harper SanFrancisco, 1998).

January 19th

Spiritual Disciplines – Meditation

HOW DO WE PRAY?

There are many different forms of prayer. One form of prayer is given by the acronym "ACTS." Others find the "CATS" pattern helpful. We'll look briefly at each of the four steps of this form of prayer, try them and then practice them.

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January 26th

State of the Church Address

Rev. David Paul will talk about the annual assessment of the church – where we are and what we are facing.

Third Thursday Prayer Vigil

The Third Thursday Prayer Vigil will be January 16th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Study Groups

The **Tuesday Devotional Group** will not meet in January but will resume on February 4th with a new book titled The Great Spiritual Migration by *Brian D. McLaren*. If you would like to join us and order the book through the Calvin bulk book order, please let Marie know by emailing her at MarieCampbell@zoominternet.net

The **Centering Prayer Group** follows the schedule of the Tuesday Devotional Group and will resume again on February 4th at 10:45 a.m.

This month the **Men's Room** will be discussing a new book entitled Simply Jesus by *N.T. Wright*. They meet Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. at the Pittsburgh Marriott North in Cranberry Twp. If you would like to join them you are responsible for ordering your own book. All are welcome!

Meal for Tom and Patty Godsen

Patty Godsen recently had knee replacement surgery. She and Tom would be very grateful for dinners during her recovery. If you would like to help, please sign up for a meal at <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/AEQT2188>.



Calvin Church Family Photo Directory

Lifetouch will be taking pictures for the new family photo directory. They will be in Fellowship Hall on Friday, January 10th from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Saturday, January 11th from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Wednesday, February 5th from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

You will receive a complimentary 8x10 photo just for participating. You will also receive 20% off and a \$10 coupon towards any portrait order, plus a free 8x8 photo book and wall or easel calendar. Families that bring in a non-perishable food item will get an additional \$5 off their order.

You must register for an appointment by going to <https://tinyurl.com/vxk9c4a>. There will also be someone available after each service to register you.

Please contact the office if you are unable to attend these photo sessions, or do not want to get your photo taken but want to be in the directory.

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Calvin Game Night

The next game night is Saturday, January 18th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Please consider joining us for an evening of fun and getting to know one another better. Bring a favorite game or two, along with a snack or drink to share. If you aren't a game player, just come for the fellowship. We would love to make this a monthly event, so please come and show your interest. Any questions, contact Cathy Baker at cathyab@zoominternet.net or 724-971-5861.

Zelienople Preschool Registration

The Zelienople Preschool will be holding registration for the 2020-2021 school year. This includes the 3-Year-Old, 4-Year-Old, and Pre-K Enrichment classes. Closed registration for current families will run January 3rd – January 13th. We will accept closed registrations for siblings and alumni families January 13th – January 19th, and for siblings, alumni families, and Calvin Church families January 20th – January 26th. After that, registration will open to new families on Tuesday, January 28th with our registration event from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the school, and continue thereafter. Our enrollment has nearly been at full capacity the past few years, so if you are hoping to enroll your child, please do not wait. Registration forms will be posted on our website, or paper copies will be available at the school. Feel free to call the school with any questions you may have at 724-452-7560 ext. 13.



Collection to support the Presbyterian Historical Society

Calvin recently received a request to support the PHS, which has been archiving and sharing Presbyterian history for 168 years. For \$50 a year, we will receive monthly newsletters and the bi-annual electronic version of *The Journal of Presbyterian History*. Greater contributions have greater benefits. If you are interested in making a small donation this year, please note so on a check made to Calvin Presbyterian Church. Please contact Steve Fowler fowlersb@zoominternet.net for more information.

Gingerbread House Party

December 15th, Fellowship Hall



An Exciting New Beginning, But Not All Good News

In December we celebrated the addition of our new pastor, David Paul and look forward to our ongoing growth of Calvin in membership and spirituality. However while this is an exciting time we do have one area of concern that needs to be addressed and that is our financial picture. During the last two years without a permanent pastor, the church did an excellent job in maintaining our expenses but unfortunately our collective giving has been lower than previous years. As 2019 draws to a close we are currently operating with a loss of approximately \$38,000. While we do have reserve funds that we can tap into and the church is not in peril, these funds are really intended more for extraordinary costs and reserves can only last so long.

So in this season of giving, please take time for prayer and reflection to see what you and your family may be able to donate in help us attempt to make up this deficit.

Thank you for your consideration,
Personnel & Finance Committee

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held Sunday, January 26th after each worship services. The meeting will be a review and approval of the 2020 budget. Copies of the Annual Report will be available mid-January.

Mission Matters

Food Cupboard

Help wanted: Food Cupboard volunteers. No experience necessary. Only requirement is a friendly smile and a willingness to help. No need to apply, just show up ready to work.

The success of the Food Cupboard depends on volunteer help. Each month, an area church is asked for volunteers, and January is our month. On January 14th, we need volunteers at 9:00 a.m. to check expiration dates, sort, and shelve donations. At 9:00 a.m. on January 21st, volunteers will pack food for distribution. Food will be picked up from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. "Runners" are needed at this time to assist clients in collecting the food, transporting and loading into their cars. Costco carts are used for the transporting so there is no carrying of heavy boxes or bags. The Food Cupboard is located at the Zion Lutheran Church on Route 19 in Middle Lancaster.

January needs include:

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| * Soup | * Canned Fruit |
| * Oatmeal | * Tuna |
| * Pancake Mix | * Peanut Butter and Jelly |
| * Canned Vegetables | |



The winners of the Wish Competition between the Food Cupboard and Glade Run were the children who received gifts on Christmas morning because of Calvin's generosity. Thank you to all who shared in either project.

Have a contribution or idea for the next newsletter? Send an email to our Office Administrator at office.cpc@zoominternet.net or call 724-452-7560



January 2020

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	7:00 p.m. Young Adult Group	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		6:00 p.m. Worship & Arts 7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Youth Formation Membership Musical Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Habitat For Humanity		1:00 p.m. Daytime Circle	2 - 9 p.m. LifeTouch Photos	10 a.m. - 5 p.m. LifeTouch Photos
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
3:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl		6:00 p.m. Communications 7:00 p.m. Personnel & Finance Spiritual Nurture Mission	7:00 p.m. Beth Moore	6:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil		6:00 p.m. Game Night
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
12:30 p.m. Young Adult Group		7:00 p.m. Session		1:30 p.m. Visitation Team 6:00 p.m. Prayer Ministers		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Congregational Meeting after each service						



Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10: a.m. Sunday School
Adult Education
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. CYG3 grades 4-6
CYG2 grades 7-8
7:00 p.m. CYG grades 9-12

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Holy Yoga

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday

7:00 a.m. Men's Room
7:00 p.m. GIFT



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