



THE CALVARY CONNECTION

Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.

FROM JACOB'S DESK

*When day comes we ask ourselves,
where can we find light in this never-ending shade?
The loss we carry,
a sea we must wade.*

-Amanda Gorman

I don't know about you all, but I am tired. This past year has been exhausting emotionally and physically on almost every front. I even half-heartedly joked with my coworkers at Centenary United Methodist (where I worked before joining the Calvary staff) that it feels like we've been in an extended personal Lenten period. We have all fasted in many ways, giving up spending time with family at the holidays, giving up feelings of safety in everyday errands, giving up physical closeness with our friends and neighbors as we socially distance ourselves. But, as we look towards the liturgical period of Lent that begins on February 17 with Ash Wednesday, 2021 seems to be truly emphasizing the symbolism of our Lenten practices, as we all wait for our turn to receive the vaccine.

It's been nearly a year that we've lived in this "desert" of the worldwide pandemic. In so many little ways, I've been able to better understand the value and beauty of all the things we've lost in this past year. I certainly have felt centered by the ritual of Sunday worship in times of unrest, and I'm so grateful that even through live stream, that we could participate in the normalcy of church. Just as the light of Jesus shines on Easter as we find the tomb opened and empty, I too look forward to a kind of Easter in the world as we emerge from our homes, able to hug again, able to laugh and enjoy the company of others safely. But until then, we have carried the light of Christ inside of us through this year long desert, and I encourage you to share that light in all the ways that you can in this uncharted territory.

*When day comes we step out of the shade,
aflame and unafraid,
the new dawn blooms as we free it.
For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it.*

With warmest blessings,

Jacob Patrick

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him. - Mark 1:12

This month we will enter the season of Lent, a 40 day period of spiritual preparation prior to Easter. The 40 days of Lent mirror the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism, facing temptation and preparing spiritually for his ministry.

The last 10 months have been much like a wilderness for us as we, too, have faced isolation, loneliness and the temptation to give into despair. Not only have we suffered from an absence of community, but we have witnessed sickness and death and come more aware of our own mortality. Perhaps this Lent we will understand even more what Jesus endured in his wilderness journey as he too, was isolated and tempted to abandon hope.

Wilderness experiences are difficult when we go through them, but they can be fertilizer which enables seeds of spiritual growth to sprout in our lives. I'm sure you would agree that these last 10 months have been a time of growth for all of us in various ways. We've reexamined our priorities and in a very real way, our trust in God has been strengthened.

It's interesting that ash is a source of soluble phosphorus and potassium both of which are essential plant nutrients. As we place ashes on our foreheads this Ash Wednesday and begin the journey toward death and resurrection, may we be reminded that it is often in the wilderness of our mortality that true hope can be born. From death always comes resurrection! This is the anchor of hope we cling to as we journey toward an Easter of unending joy!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Lane

If you need to talk to one of our pastors, please do not hesitate to call the church office (336.722.3703), or call the pastors' cell phones:

Lane (336.817.9486) or Chaz (980.254.1994).

They may also be contacted by email:

lsapp@calvarymoravian.org or chazsnider@calvarymoravian.org

UPDATES

2020-2021 ELDERS

Lane Sapp, Chair (*ex officio*)
Chaz Snider (*ex officio*)
Bob Snyder, Vice-Chair (2021) [*Central Elder*]
Seth McKnight, Sec. (2021)
William Burke (2021)
Charles Forrest (2021)
Al Griffin (2021)
Blake Ingram (2021)
Hanna C. Jackson (2021)
Brian Lott (2022)*
Elaine Palmore (2022)*
Pat Scales (2022)*

*First term members (elected for 2020).

2020-2021 TRUSTEES

Spencer Bullins (2021), *Chair*
Ron Bell (2021)
Alex Collins (2021)
Carole Fearrington (2022)*
Chi Chi Messick (2021)
Matt Nance (2022)*
Johnnie Pearson [*Central*] (2022)
Mike Sigmon (2022)*
Chese Trivette (2021)
Bill Seippel, Treasurer (*ex officio*)

*First term members (elected for 2020).

JOINT BOARD

The Joint Board met on January 25th to discuss business since the last meeting in November. They received a report on in-person worship, which is progressing nicely as participants are respecting the guidelines. They also discussed postponing church council to November 2021 due to the pandemic. They proposed retiring board members serve until December 2021 in order to preserve the three-year rotation system.

ELDERS

The Elders received virtual attendance figures for Advent services, Advent Afternoon concerts, and the Christmas Eve Lovefeast.

They approved the purchase and installation of HD cameras for livestream and approved changes in the non-member bulletin prayer lists.

They approved benevolent offering allocations as follows:

\$2000.00 to Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry

\$1248.18 to City with Dwellings
(in honor of Paul Knouse)

\$1248.19 to Sunnyside
(in honor of Paul Knouse)

The Elders approved a request from the Wachovia Historical Society to hold its annual meeting at Calvary on October 19. They also approved a request from The Dwelling to park its mobile shower unit at Calvary.

TRUSTEES (FROM SPENCER BULLINS)

The Trustees agreed to 2021 Maintenance contracts with Stanley Htg&AC for the church building and two rental buildings. A vandal knocked down the occupant sign in front of 632 Holly. Gordon is making repairs. Seven windows at the rear of 632 Holly building are so old they are leaking cold air and rain. Gordon and I will discuss replacements with the Downtown Historical Society prior to replacing the windows. We have three bids for the work. Electrical outlets in The Parlor and Lane's office have been updated to 3 prong GFCI outlets. The kitchen refrigerator has been repaired. The trustees voted to allow The Dwelling Church to park its "Shower Trailer" when not in use, behind the 632 Holly building. (Continued)

(Trustees report continued)

They voted to upgrade the three existing Sanctuary Video Streaming cameras to modern High Definition Cameras now that we are streaming on YouTube. Funds will come from the existing Streaming Fund.

The trustees voted for Bill Seippel to remain Treasurer for 2021 and for Paul Armfield to remain Assistant Treasurer for 2021.

They voted to have John Rogers, our IT contractor, to take on the complete role of IT manager for all computer systems at Calvary. We especially appreciate the many years that Bill Sieppel has volunteered his services in this role and asked that he remain our primary contact with John Rogers. John will continue to assist us on an "as needed" basis, not an employee.

The trustees also voted to purchase "Powerchurch" software and evaluate it for six months with the intention of discontinuing ACS software which is our current enterprise software for Calvary. This decision is based on a preference for Powerchurch due to its operation, but it will also save money on an annual basis.

February Financial Report		
	<u>2020 (Dec.) YTD</u>	<u>2019 (Dec.) YTD</u>
Pledged Gifts	\$ 213,026.70	\$ 236,992.75
Non-Pledged Gifts	\$ 170,936.38	\$ 106,166.36
Other Offerings	\$ 17,377.53	\$ 47,196.09
Total	\$ 401,340.61	\$ 390,355.20

Ways to Continue Giving

During this time when we are not worshipping in person, it is vital that we continue to support the ministry of our Church with our financial gifts. There are several ways you can continue to support Calvary through your tithes and offerings:

- You can mail contributions to the Church Office at **600 Holly Avenue, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101**. Please send your contributions **c/o Sabrina Maksi, Financial Secretary**
- You can also use the online giving service which is found on our website (www.calvarymoravian.org). To access this service, click **GIVING** at the far top right on the homepage. If you have any trouble using this service, please let us know.
- You can also use the Giving Portal on the Moravian Ministries website (<https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>). Underneath the heading "Give Now to Your Moravian Congregation," you will see a list of all the churches in the Northern and Southern Provinces. Click on Calvary Moravian Church (NC), and you will be led to the online giving service on our homepage.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

GRATITUDE

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for so many acts of thoughtfulness and kindness to us, especially during the holidays. We love you and hold you close in our hearts and our thoughts always. What a blessing you are to us.

Dallas & Ramona Prestwood

Dear Church Family,

Thanks for the Moravian daily text for 2021.

What a nice surprise in my mailbox.

Love,
Shirley Blakemore

With Sincere Appreciation

Recent "Newsletter Assemblers"
Becky Boner, Johnnie and Mary Anna Pearson

Recent Bulletin Proofing: Lydia Ingram, Lane Sapp, Ramona Prestwood, Chaz Snider, and Amanda Schumpert

Membership Documentation: Nancy Miller

Memorials and Honorariums: Dee Brown

Band: Brian Lott, Carl McKnight, and Seth McKnight
The Choral Ensemble from the Choir

Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, organist
Guest musicians; Persons assisting with the live stream and sound; and the Calvary Staff.

Special thanks to Carloyn Peddycord Perry

With regret, the Joint Board received the resignation of Carloyn Peddycord Perry as Head Female Lovefeast Deiner at our January meeting. We want to take this opportunity to thank Carloyn for her many years of faithful and dedicated service to the Calvary congregation. Serving as Head Deiner is an enormous task and responsibility requiring many hours of dedicated work. It is through the ministry of our Head Deiners that our love feasts run smoothly and effectively and beomce such a blessing to our community. So, on behalf of the congregation we express our deep gratitude for Carolyn's many years of service.

Board of Elders Appoints New Head Usher

At its January meeting, the Board of Elders appointed Matthew Kane to a three year term as Calvary's Head Usher. We are grateful for Matthew's willingness to serve. We want to take this opportunity to thank Joel Lineback, Sr. for his faithful service over the last few years. Joel and his wife, Patsy were so faithful in their service and we certainly express gratitude to them for their ministry among us.

TRIBUTES

MEMORIALS

Stuart Miller

Lessie J. Mann

Jack Trivette

Michael Brenner

John, Carol and Madeleine Sparks

Frances and Richard Swing

Sharon Willis

Tom Watts

Annie and Oscar Hege

Marilyn and George Hege *(Band Fund)*

Keith Becker Hege

Marilyn and George Hege *(Band Fund)*

Frank Jones

Marilyn and George Hege *(Band Fund)*

Beulah Dizer

Marilyn and George Hege *(Band Fund)*

Margaret and Aubrey Enochs

Marilyn and George Hege *(Band Fund)*

Hamilton Horton

Marilyn and George Hege *(Band Fund)*

Harry ("Stimmy") Stimson

Marilyn and George Hege *(Band Fund)*

Joseph F. Stone, Jr.

Marilyn and George Hege *(Band Fund)*

N. Denny Fordham, Jr.

Marilyn and George Hege *(Band Fund)*

The Reverend Truett Chadwick

Marilyn and George Hege *(Band Fund)*

The Reverend Jack Barnes

Marilyn and George Hege *(Band Fund)*

The Reverend John Goserud

Marilyn and George Hege *(Band Fund)*

Helen Sams Peterson and Douglas F. Peterson

Bob Peterson

Eldon James Nance

Camilla Williams

Carole and Richard Fearington

Pat Scales

Jan and Jay Trivette

Lucy Dull Donadio

Sylvia and Stuart McCready

James Gorrell McMichael

Julia McMichael

Mary Ellen and Jake Clodfelter

David Clodfelter

Ollie McKnight

Romaine and Hubert Poindexter *(Band Fund)*

The Reverend Troutman

Mrs. L.H.J. Overfelt

Mr. and Mrs. Norian D. Fordham, Sr.

Mr. N. Denny Fordham, Jr.

Mr. Charles and Beth Fordham Golden

Jean Fordham and Family

HONORARIA

Eddie Johnson

Ramona and Bill Burke - Music Fund

Phillip Saylor

Martin O'Brien

The Reverend Chaz Snider

Linda and Jennings Snider

Lottie and Dexter Wiggins

Lena Segraves

Denise and Dale Segraves

Please note that this reflects tributes as of January 11, 2021. All tributes received after that date will be included in next month's Connections.

MISSIONS

Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) Fund Helps to Purchase Needed Seeds for Crops January 21, 2021

When Hurricanes Eta and Iota hit Nicaragua and Honduras in November 2020, they spread up to 60 inches of rain far inland in a matter of two weeks. This caused catastrophic flooding along the creeks and rivers that provide water and transportation for the many villages that line them. This flooding destroyed many of the farming plots that provide food for each of these communities, leaving as much as two feet of mud and sand on them. The current crops were destroyed, and after hard work they are now ready for the next planting.



Thankfully with the funds donated to the Board of World Mission's Disaster Response Fund, seeds were purchased and distributed to many of these villages so that the next crop of beans can begin to bear fruit in a few months. This will go a long way towards providing these Moravian brothers and sisters with a predictable food source well into the future.

To date, the Board of World Mission has dispatched \$130,000 to the three Moravian Provinces in the region to help them procure not only these seeds but other needed food and supplies and the ability to clean out village wells which were contaminated by the flooding.

What we have sent so far is a good start, but more is needed. A sack of seeds for beans costs about \$60. Won't you consider helping?

We ask for your continued support of the Moravian Disaster Response fund, which allows the BWM to respond to disasters immediately with funds for emergency needs, as well as ongoing rebuilding projects.

HOW TO GIVE:

BY MAIL:

US residents can send donations to
The Board of World Mission
1021 Center St. Bethlehem, PA 18018.

ONLINE:

**Visit www.moravianmission.org/give.
Please mark your donation, "For MDR."**



SUNDAY WORSHIP & BIRTHDAYS

USHERS

Note: Limited corporate worship in February Services will be live-streamed. Schedule shows normally assigned persons.

1st Sunday—Jerry Cox, Spencer Davis, Bill Hampton, Matt Kane, John Middleton, Clyde George, Bennett Perry, and Joel C. Lineback

2nd Sunday—John Berkenstock, Larry Linville, Ron Griggs, Joel N. Lineback, Joel C. Lineback, Nathan Lineback, Chris Stone, and Justin Stultz

3rd Sunday—John Berkenstock, Tyler Collins Noah Cox, Mike Sigmon, Robert Stafford, Chris Stone, Richard Swing, and Joel C. Lineback

4th Sunday—Craig Cagle, Robert Caudle John Davis, Paul Marshall, Mike McCollum Jack Messick, Chese Trivette, Jay Trivette, and Joel C. Lineback

SOUND

1st Sunday: Greg Conrad

2nd Sunday: Spencer Davis

3rd Sunday: Matt Kane

4th Sunday: Mike Hattaway

There is limited corporate worship in February 2021.

Services will be live-streamed.
We appreciate ALL of our volunteers.

We hope to be back physically together as soon as possible!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1

ROBERT CAUDLE JR.
JAN HENDERSON
VIRGINIA WILLIS
EMERY SWING

15

SPENCER BULLINS

16

SARA SNIDER

2

DEBRA CHURCH

20

TRACY BURKE

3

ANASTASIA BREAUX

21

EARLINE PRYOR
BRAELYN MARION
ERALYN MARION

6

RONALD BELL

22

ELEANOR LOTT

10

BARBARA MECIMORE

11

KAITLIN LINEBACK

27

MARY BLAND

12

MICHAEL SIGMON

28

CHERYL WEAVER
STEPHANIE NIXA

13

MATTHEW NANCE

IN MEMORIAM

BILLY D. HUTCHINS
JUNE 12, 1927 - DECEMBER 28, 2020
UNCLE OF WAYNE SHUGART (WIFE SANDRA)
GRAVESIDE SERVICE WAS HELD IN GOD'S ACRE,
THE SALEM MORAVIAN GRAVEYARD

RACHAEL F. DEHAVEN
OCTOBER 29, 1942 - JANUARY 11, 2021
SISTER OF PAT GEORGE (HUSBAND CLYDE)
GRAVESIDE SERVICE AT THE FARISS FAMILY CEMETERY

JUDITH SIDES MIDDLETON
OCTOBER 12, 1941 - JANUARY 17, 2021
WIFE OF JOHN MIDDLETON
SISTER OF DOTTIE NIXA (HUSBAND STEVE)
AUNT OF STEPHANIE NIXA
GRAVESIDE SERVICE HELD IN GOD'S ACRE,
THE SALEM MORAVIAN GRAVEYARD

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

	1 6:30 PM Music & Worship Committee (Via Zoom)	2	3 6:30 PM Weekly Bible Study (Via Zoom)	4	5	6
7 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 11 AM Worship (Live stream)	8	9	10 6:30 PM Weekly Bible Study (Via Zoom)	11 7 PM Christian Education Committee (Via Zoom)	12	13
14 Transfiguration Sunday 11 AM Worship (Live stream)	15 5 PM Elders 6:30 PM Joint Board Meeting Followed by Trustees	16	17 Ash Wednesday Live stream service 7 PM	18	19	20
21 First Sunday of Lent 11 AM Worship (Live stream)	22	23	24 6:30 PM Weekly Bible Study (Via Zoom)	25 March "Connections" Newsletter assembly and distribution	26	27
28 Second Sunday of Lent 11 AM Worship (Live stream)						

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The Rt. Rev. Lane A. Sapp, *Pastor*
The Rev. Chaz Snider, *Associate Pastor*
Mrs. Amanda M. Schumpert, *Director of Music & Congregational Ministries*
Mrs. Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, *Organist*
Mr. Jacob A. Patrick, *Office & Communications Manager*
Ms. Sabrina Maksi, *Financial Secretary*
Mr. Brian C. Lott, *Band Director*
Mr. Gordon D. Cranfill, Jr., *Facilities Manager*



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Lunch Hour: 12:30-1:30 PM
Closed on Fridays

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