



# THE CALVARY CONNECTION

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DECEMBER 2024

## December Birthdays

1: Samuel Gavurin  
2: Jason Grubbs, Debbie Isbister  
3: Alethea Segal  
4: Lynn Biggam, Chloe Dickens,  
Kaden Dickens, Marion Milder  
6: Violet Carter, Michael Gwyn  
7: Doug Boles  
8: Tucker Cheek, Norian Fordham  
9: Laura Blackburn, Allison Pratt  
10: Jay Trivette  
11: Charles Sapp, Jonathan Sapp  
12: Jessica Childress, Richard Henderson,  
Betty Montgomery  
14: Doc Whitaker

15: Chris Stone, Jr.  
16: Jordan Stone  
17: Javier Arizmendi, Seth McKnight,  
Chris Van Kleeck  
19: Lottie Wiggins, Camilla Williams  
20: Eric Church, Gary Willis, Jr.  
22: Chris Hayward, Dennis Rothrock  
23: Danny Harrison Jr, June Meehan,  
Stewart Stimson  
24: Elizabeth Scales, Daniel Wiggins  
27: Della Helms  
29: Laura Aaron  
30: Madison Stone  
31: Lee Pratt



## Lovefeast in a Box

It's that time of year again! Time to order Lovefeast in a Box™, that is! Calvary will be hosting lovefeasts on Christmas Eve, but for our long-distance friends and those who can't make it in person, we'll still be live-streaming and are again selling at-home lovefeast kits. From NOW until December 6th (or until we sell out), you can order a Lovefeast in a Box.™ Each box contains a dressed lovefeast candle, Moravian cookies, lovefeast coffee, and the worship bulletin (which we call an "ode"). You can order individual, double, or family boxes, shipped right to your door. Then, on Dec. 24, you can participate in a lovefeast with us via video stream!

Visit [www.Lovefeastinabox.com](http://www.Lovefeastinabox.com) today to place your order!



# BRUNSON ANGEL TREE

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The holiday season is here, and it's time for our 6th annual Angel Tree supporting Brunson Elementary! Since 2019, our Angel Tree program has brightened the lives of over 280 children with holiday gifts and cozy sweatshirts.

## How to Participate:

### 1. Choose an Angel

Visit the Angel Tree in the sanctuary. Each angel ornament has a QR code—just scan to access the wish lists and SignUpGenius. No need to take the ornament! You can also find the lists at [calvarymoravian.org/brunson-angel-tree/](http://calvarymoravian.org/brunson-angel-tree/)

### 2. Purchase a Gift

- **Online Wish List:** Buy gifts that fit your budget and have them shipped directly to the Angel Tree Committee.
- **SignUpGenius:** Select items to purchase, then bring them to the church by December 8th. Drop them in the Narthex or lobby collection boxes.
- **Donate:** Prefer to give a monetary donation? Label it "Angel Tree" and send it to the church office by December 8th. Donations will help buy sweatshirts and remaining gifts for the students.

## Key Dates:

- **December 8th:** Deadline to submit all gifts or donations.
- **December 18th:** Gifts delivered to Brunson Elementary!

**Questions?** Contact Hanna Jackson at 336.399.4177 or [Hanna.Cheek@outlook.com](mailto:Hanna.Cheek@outlook.com).

Thank you for helping us make the holidays special for Brunson's students!



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Winston-Salem



# Christmas Pageant



**The Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 15th, 11 AM Worship**

**Breakfast for participants at 9 AM**  
**Rehearsal from 9:30-10:30 AM**

## COFFEE AT THE HOLIDAY PARADE

On Saturday, December 7th, Calvary will again have our "Moravian Coffee and a Parade." The annual Holiday Parade in downtown Winston-Salem will be held along 4th Street and starts at 5:00 PM. Beginning at 4:30 PM, Calvary will distribute free Moravian coffee to as many parade-goers as we can find, inviting them to our Christmas Eve Candle Services! We need several volunteers to help us with this wonderful community event. If you would like to help, please see Amanda for details.

## VOLUNTEERING AS A DIENER

In the Moravian tradition, dieners (derived from the German verb, dienen) serve the Lovefeast during services of worship. The women dressed plainly in white and the men dressed in dark coats are to convey simplicity in their dress as they represent the Christ "who came not to be served, but to serve." Our dieners are an essential part of being able to host our three services on Christmas Eve, which is a beloved tradition in downtown Winston-Salem. Training for new dieners is provided and uniforms for female dieners are available for use. If you, or someone you know, are interested in serving or learning more about this important ministry, please contact the following head dieners:

Elaine Peddycord  
336.692.3236  
peddycj@bellsouth.net

Tres Fordham  
336-403-8819  
tresfordham@gmail.com





# Blue Christmas

**December 19th**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Sanctuary**

We would like to invite you to a special Advent service in our sanctuary. This Blue Christmas Service will be a time of quiet, prayer, remembrance, and a moment to acknowledge that while this season might be a joyous one for many, there are those of us for whom this time is difficult. Whether you are struggling with loss, change, or uncertainty at this time of year, or you simply need a space to be quiet in the midst of all the hustle and bustle of the season, we invite you to come and worship with us.

# ADVENT AT CALVARY MORAVIAN

## **First Sunday of Advent and Singing Hosanna**

**December 1st, 9:45 AM-12 PM**

All children and youth are invited to come and sing the traditional *Hosanna* on the first Sunday of Advent. Children and youth will practice during Sunday School, sing and celebrate during worship.

## **Christmas Parade & Coffee**

**December 7th, 4:30-6:30 PM**

Let's wish Winston-Salem "Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!" while providing free Moravian Coffee downtown during the Holiday Parade.

## **Second Sunday of Advent and Candle Trimming**

**December 8th**

Come celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent during worship and then stay for lunch and candle trimming in Fellowship Hall.

## **Moravian Mountain Christmas at Laurel Ridge**

**December 13th-15th**

Enjoy some time celebrating this holy time of year at Laurel Ridge. There'll be many activities, traditional crafts, fellowship, and a movie night with "The Polar Express". Specifics are at [www.laurelridge.org](http://www.laurelridge.org).

## **Third Sunday of Advent & Christmas Pageant**

**December 15th, 9 AM-12 PM**

All children and youth will meet at 9am in Fellowship Hall to get organized and have breakfast. We'll rehearse from 9:30am-10:30 in the sanctuary and will lead worship at 11am! We hope everyone will join us for this beautiful telling of the Christmas Story told by the future of our congregation.

## **Blue Christmas**

**December 19th, 6:30 PM**

This service will be a time of quiet, prayer, remembrance, and a moment to acknowledge that while this season might be a joyous one for many, there are those of us for whom this time is difficult.

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 22nd, 11 AM Worship**

## **Christmas Eve Lovefeasts & Candle Services**

**December 24th at 11 AM, 4 PM, & 8 PM**



## Candle Making & Trimming

In preparation for our annual Candle Trim, we need to make candles! Learn how to string the molds, melt and pour the beeswax and then pop them out of the molds! Jan Bullins, our resident candle maker will lead you through all the steps. Call Jan at 336-655-9444 for available times.

Then, join us after worship on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 8th, for Candle Trimming. We will have lunch together and prepare the candles for our Christmas Eve Lovefeasts. We need to make many candles for this year's services, so the more the merrier.

## MEMORIALS

### **William Brooks Lott**

Womble, Bond, Dickinson (US) LL

Jean Fordham

Chi Chi and Jack Messick

Linda Neighbors

Ruth Cash

Judy and Ron Valentine - Music Fund

Frances Swing

Anne and Larry Wise, Stephanie Wright, and Larry Wise II

Pat and Clyde George

Mary Bland

Dee Brown

Randall Lynch

James M. Pleasants Co., Inc

Please note that this reflects tributes as of November 9th, 2024. All tributes received after that date will be included in the next *Calvary Connections*. A special thanks to Dee Brown for compiling these!

If you have any questions, please contact us by emailing our financial secretary, Sabrina, at [sabrina@calvarymoravian.org](mailto:sabrina@calvarymoravian.org).

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Closed on Fridays

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