



THE CALVARY CONNECTION

Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.

JANUARY 2025

January Birthdays

1: Brianna Gaillard, Megan Hayes
2: Eddie Johnson
4: Adam Payne, Linda Seippel, Juliana Velazquez
5: Ian Milder
6: Ann Lowe, Brad Huffman
8: Tina Hayward, Logan Shaw, Kevin Swing
11: David Carrick Jr.
12: Pat George, Jack Willis
13: Ivana Bogdan, Deborah Sczudlo, Scott Schumpert
14: Marsha Cagle, Jacek Pristas, Paul Marceau, Annie Segal
15: Lydia Ingram
16: Sidney Aaron

17: Logan New
18: Anne Spencer Pratt
19: Glenna Tasedan, Greta Jean Tasedan
20: Tim Furmage, Lisa Martinez
21: Austin Jarvis, Mary Winters, Kristin Ziglar
22: Annie Stone, Terry Trivette
24: Dodie McGarty
25: Kristie Pristas
26: Patrick Biggam, Rosalie Horton, Zoie Reviere
27: George Hege
28: Jay Fordham, Charlie Poindexter, Lilyann Sapp
29: Lee Swing
30: Lane Sapp
31: Joel N. Lineback



Thank you so much to everybody who was instrumental in the Christmas Eve Lovefeasts. Your time and talents allowed us to host our three services and we are so grateful to all of you. You are a gift to Calvary and to the larger community we serve!



As we continue to live out our calling to love God and neighbor, I am writing to share an important decision that reflects this mission in a new and profound way. After much prayer, discussion, and discernment, the Board of Elders has decided to open our doors as an overflow shelter in our Fellowship Hall, run by The Dwelling Congregation for those experiencing homelessness in our community from January 1, 2025 to March 16, 2025. Our space will be for women and children only and will have a maximum capacity of 20 individuals. This will be a new chapter for our congregation, and I want to explain the heart behind this choice and how it will impact us all.

The Dwelling is a joint congregation of the Moravian Church and the Lutheran Church (ELCA) that ministers directly to those experiencing homeless. Their leadership has many years of experience running overflow shelters and they will be onsite every night with trained workers and volunteers to make sure the site is run safely.

Our faith teaches us that the church is not just a building—it is a people. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus reminds us again and again that caring for "the least of these" is caring for Him. He was born in a humble manger, lived as an itinerant preacher without a place to lay His head, and always showed compassion to the outcast and the marginalized. In His name, we too must extend our hands and hearts to those in need, embodying His love through tangible action.

On the days there are church activities in the building, such as Wednesday nights, our guests will gather in the outside shelter and move into the Fellowship Hall to sleep after church activities have concluded.

Just as Mary and Joseph sought refuge and found it in an unexpected place, we aim to offer peace and warmth to those seeking shelter. By opening our Fellowship Hall, we are creating a sanctuary that shines the light of Christ to those who might otherwise feel forgotten.

We are deeply grateful for your unwavering support of this ministry. Your donations, volunteer efforts, and prayers make this work possible and are tangible expressions of God's love. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us remember that every act of kindness extended to others honors the spirit of Christmas and God's call to serve.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness. May the joy and peace of Christ fill your hearts this coming year and always.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Chaz & the Board of Elders

DONATIONS FOR OVERFLOW SHELTER

Many congregants have asked about donating items to The Dwelling for the upcoming women and children's shelter at Calvary. We have asked The Dwelling what the most needed items to donate would be. They provided this list of items that would be both helpful and hospitable to our guests during shelter evenings. To donate items, you can either purchase them and drop them off at Calvary or purchase them off the Amazon Wishlist below by scanning the QR code (they will be shipped directly to the Dwelling). Thank you for your generosity in this beautiful ministry!

- Clorox/Lysol Wipes
- Baby Wipes/Personal care wipes
- Hotel Toiletries
- Snack Size/Individually-wrapped non-perishable Foods
- Juice Boxes/Caprisuns
- Bottled Water
- Laundry Detergent
- Coffee
- Powdered Creamer
- Sugar
- Disposable Coffee Cups

They are also requesting if anybody has any of these items, they would be very grateful for donations:

- Phone charging cables & plugs (Apple/Android/Google Phones)
- Pack-N-Play (Portable baby bed)
- Small fleece blankets (think smaller throws that are warm but easy to wash)
- Diapers (if your baby outgrows a size but you have leftovers!)

In addition, we have identified a need at Calvary for a second AED unit that would be installed on the 1st floor and include child-sized defibrillation pads. Not only will this be helpful for the overflow shelter, but it will be a crucial item at the church in case one of our children has a cardiac event. The whole kit with the unit and accessories can be purchased for the church with a donation of \$1500.

We hope Calvary can make our contributions to this ministry a vital and yearly tradition in the life of the city of Winston-Salem.

Scan to open Amazon wishlist.



FEASIBILITY STUDY SIGNUP REMINDER

Dear Calvary Congregation,

I hope this message finds you well as we prepare to enter a new year filled with hope and possibility. As a church family, we are called to be faithful stewards of God's blessings, including the spaces where we gather to worship, learn, and serve.

To that end, we are embarking on an important financial feasibility study to explore securing the resources necessary for much-needed building maintenance and improvements. These upgrades will ensure that our church remains a safe, welcoming, and vibrant place for generations to come. Your voice and input are essential to this process. I invite you to participate by scheduling a confidential interview with Laura Watson, Vice President and Director of Programs at MMFA. These interviews are an opportunity to share your thoughts, insights, and hopes for our church's future while learning more about this initiative. Please take the time to engage in this very important process.

Here are the details:

When: Interviews will take place between January 6-16.

Where: Interviews will be held at Calvary Church. If you need to make alternative arrangements, please contact Laura directly.

How to Sign Up: You can select your preferred interview day and time by visiting the online signup at the link in any of the congregational emails that have been sent or by scanning the QR code below.

We have about 16 people signed up right now and our goal is 20-25 so if you haven't signed up let please take the opportunity to do that. You can also call or email Laura directly to schedule a time. (336.725.2589/lwatson@mmfa.com) These conversations will help guide our planning and ensure that we move forward in a way that reflects the shared vision of our congregation. Every perspective matters, and your participation is deeply valued as we prayerfully consider how best to care for our church home.

Thank you for your faithful support and engagement in the life of our church. I encourage you to sign up for an interview as soon as possible and to join me in praying for the success of this study. Together, we can ensure that our church continues to thrive as a place of worship, fellowship, and service to the glory of God.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Chaz





2025 Flower Reservations

Our 2025 flower calendar can be found on the podium in the narthex with opportunities for you to sign up for specific dates throughout the year. This is a great way to honor loved ones by dedicating a Sunday flower arrangement.

2025 WINTER CAMP



JANUARY 17-19, 2025

ORDINARY HEROES

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CAMPERS

LED BY REV NOAH SMITH

God calls us out of our ordinary day-to-day existence to do the extraordinary, by the power of His Spirit, and with the courage that His presence brings to us.

Registration is Open!
www.laurelridge.org

COST \$290 HOUSED AT HIGGINS LODGE

January 24-26, 2025

The Provincial Mental and Brain Health Team



Presents

"Come as you are...."

A Retreat at Laurel Ridge

Join the Mental and Brain Health Team for an empowering event focused on understanding and nurturing mental health. This session will provide an overview of mental health, explore the importance of self-care, and delve into the concept of trauma—what it is and how it affects us. Discover practical tools for managing trauma and gain access to valuable resources to support your journey. All are welcome in this safe and supportive space.

Cost includes Lodging, Food and Program
Single occupancy, per person \$375
Double occupancy, per person \$300
Financial assistance is available

This retreat is for
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professionals, and
folks with all levels
of experience.



This retreat is presented by the Commission on Congregational Development in collaboration with Laurel Ridge Camp Conference and Retreat Center





Christmas Cleanup

Mark your calendars: decorations will come down on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 5:30 PM.

We'd love your help to wrap up the season!

TRIBUTES

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William Brooks Lott

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Please note that this reflects tributes as of December 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.

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