



THE CALVARY CONNECTION

Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.

FALL 2023

September Birthdays

- 1: Dawn Martin, Tres Seippel
- 2: Andrea Redd
- 3: John Oerter
- 4: Harrison Grubbs, Deborah Nance
- 5: Joel C. Lineback
- 7: Fred Crouch II, Bette Peterson
- 9: Sally Meehan
- 10: Dave Clodfelter
- 11: Brandon Grimes, Rameth McKnight
- 12: Bill Seippel
- 13: Hoyle Schultz Jr.
- 14: Spencer Davis III
- 15: Penny Hege
- 16: Dee Jones, Denise Segraves
- 17: Andrew Montoya
- 18: J. Daniel Redding Jr.
- 19: Lisa Davis, Mike Hattaway
- 20: Tracy Pryor-Poole
- 21: Lilli Baker
- 22: Patrick Meehan, Josh Moyer
- 23: Ellie Lough, Liam Lough
- 24: Melanie Montoya
- 25: Jae Goess
- 26: Butch Goforth Jr., Chi Chi Messick, Lee Reviere
- 28: Shirley Hughes, Julia McMichael
- 29: Adam Breaux, Wesley Harrison
- 30: Bruce Earnest, Liz Stanford

From Jacob's Desk

Welcome to the latest edition of the Calvary Connection newsletter!

We have been working on upgrading our phone systems at the office to better serve our Calvary family. Not only will this upgrade help reduce the operating budget, but it will continue to improve our ability to connect with you via phone.

Every week, we send physical mailings of the bulletin which include weekly announcements as well as a copy of the watchword for the week to anybody who needs them. Large print versions of our publications are available upon request. If you prefer physical mail instead of our e-blast to stay abreast of church happenings and upcoming events, please contact Jacob by calling the church or emailing him (jacob@calvarymoravian.org). We would be very happy to provide this vital mail ministry to your household!

I am so grateful to our current slate of office volunteers who are essential parts of Calvary's hospitality team. Week after week, they answer phones, open doors, help with administrative tasks, and increase the amount of personal communication we can do like with the newly revived birthday card ministry. Thank you to Laura Aaron, Lynn Biggam, Pat George, Frances Swing, & Stephanie Nixa for your immense help!

Blessings as we move into this fall season!

Jacob Patrick, Communications Manager

THE RT. REV. DR. WAYNE BURKETTE JOINS CALVARY'S STAFF

The past 8 months have been a whirlwind of change, transition, and emotions here at Calvary. But, we've weathered them together and are looking forward with excitement and anticipation of what is next in the life of our church family. In addition to all our regular weekly activities and celebrations and our diligent service on committees, boards, and fellowship groups this year, we also engaged in a Congregational Assessment, 19 different Listening Sessions, and many one-on-one listening conversations throughout the month of May. Your participation in these two activities was very helpful in visioning our future together.

We heard many of the same sentiments as we listened across demographics and groups. By far the most discussed area of additional support needed at this time was centered around Congregational Care. Nearly everyone we spoke with agreed that the care needed for our membership is more than one pastor can handle.

We are far from completing the entire transition process and we are looking forward to presenting the results of our assessment to each of you once PEC finalizes those in a tangible form. However, given the level of congregational care needs of our current membership, the preliminary results of the survey, and your input from listening sessions and one on one conversations with staff and Board members, we are delighted to announce the first staff addition to our leadership team.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Wayne Burkette has agreed to serve Calvary as a part time Pastor of Congregational Care and Visitation. Rev. Burkette will assist Pastor Chaz Snider in the week to week needs of visitation, hospital visits, and home communion. We also look forward to his participation in our worship services on a regular basis. Additionally, our staff and leadership will work together to begin rebuilding a comprehensive Congregational Care infrastructure that ensures our members are cared for by the pastoral team as well as each other in both times of health and crisis. Please understand this is not a "call" on behalf of the PEC or Calvary. Rev. Burkette is a retired pastor and as such cannot be "called" to active service, but can respond to the varying part-time or interim needs of a congregation. Rev. Burkette is with us approximately 20 hours a week - working Monday through Wednesday, as well as joining us in worship some Sundays.

Rev. Burkette is a life-long Moravian and member of Home Moravian Church. His mother and father were members of Calvary until their deaths in 2020 and 2022 respectively. His father, the Reverend David Burkette, served here as Pastor from 1972-1978. Wayne has a vast and varied ministry in the Moravian Church and the Southern Province, including pastor at Olivet Moravian, Home Moravian, Fairview Moravian, PEC President, and the Vice President of Salem Academy and College and Head of the Academy. He is not a stranger to most of us at Calvary, having served closely alongside Pastor Lane for years as a Bishop of the Unity. They were elected Bishops at the same Synod in 2002. And, since his retirement from full time ministry in 2010, he continues to serve the Moravian Church and our Southern Province in varied ways, including having served as Interim Pastor in four congregations. We cannot adequately express our gratitude and excitement that he is willing to serve as a member of our team at this time. He begins his ministry among us on Monday, August 21.

Please know this is not the end of our transition process. We are still actively engaged as a Joint Board with the PEC to determine next steps. We continue to discern how to proceed with other additions to our staff configuration that meet the needs you outlined as important to you. And continue to pray for our church and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we walk this path together.

Calvary Children, Youth, and Families Calendar

Calvary at the Table

Wednesdays, Sept. 6 - Oct. 25, 5-7 PM

Join us for an 8 week fellowship and study time for all ages. Dinner is from 5-6pm sponsored by various Calvary groups and fellowships followed by fellowship and study options from 6-7pm. Bible Study w/Pastor Chaz, Sister's Fellowship gathering; Men's Fellowship, Youth Fellowship, and Children's Choir and Fellowship. More details to come!

Family Weekend at Laurel Ridge

September 15-17 • Laurel Ridge

Bring your family to the mountain this fall to enjoy a weekend of fishing, canoeing, crafts, hammocks, games, and more. Registration info can be found at Laurelridge.org.

Wake Forest vs Georgia Tech Football Game

September 23, Time TBD • WFU

Let's put on our black and gold, watch some football, and support the Deacs!

Songs from the Heart



Moravian Music Foundation

Serenades

Calvary Moravian Church
Sanctuary

September 15th at 7 PM



Dr. Bruce Earnest, baritone, and Dr. Tyler Smith, tenor, will present an intimate evening of German Art-Song (Lieder) and Moravian music celebrating life, love, and the journey of faith. They will be accompanied by Jonathan Williams, with guest appearances by Carly Orr, soprano. More information and tickets can be purchased at moravianmusic.org/an-evening-of-songs-from-the-heart/



PIEDMONT YOUTH CHORUS CAMP

In June, Calvary hosted Piedmont Opera's first summer educational initiative Celebration of Composers Camp which had singers aged 11 to 18. "Lift Every Voice and Sing", was created to educate and inform about the under-performed and under-appreciated music of black American choral composers. They ended with a free concert in our Sanctuary. Here are some thank you cards we received from the Youth Chorus:

Thank You
So much!!!
♡

Calvary Moravian Church, thank you so much for ~~hosting~~ ^{letting} the Piedmont Youth Chorus rehearse & perform here at Calvary.

I had a great experience.

♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ Thank You SO SO much!!
Love,
Emerson Baker

Dear Calvary Moravian church,
Thank you so much for opening your space to Lift Every voice and sing. We celebrated black music, arts, culture and more with so singers! You all are so generous and wonderful to us and music. You all are so appreciated!
warmly,

Kindsey Allen

Dear Calvary Moravian Church,
Thank you for allowing us to borrow this space for practice. Literally, none of this would be possible without the support of you all. We are incredibly grateful for your kindness throughout our week here.

Thank you all so much.

- Christian Del Campo

TRIBUTES

MEMORIALS

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Elaine and Scott Peddycord

HONORARIA

Dee Brown

Camilla Williams

Please note that this reflects tributes as of August 12th, 2023. All tributes received after that date will be included in the next *Calvary Connection*.

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.

SEPTEMBER MUSINGS FROM AMANDA

It is truly hard to believe that September is here. As I sit at my desk working on all the things fall, Advent, Christmas, and early winter will have to offer, I am also taking a moment to look back on some of the things that took place on this corner of Holly Ave the past three months.

In June we saw the return of our Churchwide Retreat at Laurel Ridge. And, we sent 25 campers to the mountaintop for various camps this summer to learn and form lifelong friendships centered in the Holy Spirit at that special place, set apart. We sent campers cards as we were able and prayed for each of them and their time there.

Several members lovingly restored our pastor's wall of headshots, searched high and low around our city to find missing pictures, and added all those that have served as our Associate Pastors. Now this wall will show a wider scope of our pastoral leadership and history. We're gathering a few more at this time, but soon the pictures will be back in the second floor hallway!

Our Missions Committee has collected items for Sunnyside Ministry as well as Brunson Elementary Back to School supplies. We are so grateful for Donna Cheek's leadership and all those that serve on this committee, as well as each of you who donate each month!

Our Breakfast Bunch has been consistent and so intentional about this sacred and delicious time together on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Everyone is always welcome at the Carriage House at 9am. Many thanks to Linda Seippel and Pat George for their commitment to this gathering.

We hosted a Composer's Camp for kids and teens with the Piedmont Youth Chorus in July. We had 15 kids of various ages singing together and learning about music and service through music for a week here in our sanctuary. It culminated in an incredible concert and they were joined by members of the Piedmont Opera Chorus, as well. Our own Emerson Baker participated.

We also had the pleasure of collaborating with a new partner - The Dream Team Foundation. This summer they held their first ever Summer Leadership Academy: gathering thirty 6th graders to participate in a citywide leadership training program. They used our lawn each day for six weeks to eat lunch, play yard games, and enjoy being outside in a safe place downtown. We also hosted their final Appreciation Ceremony on August 6th in our sanctuary. Many thanks to our Communications Director, Jacob Patrick, for the initial conversation, our Facilities Manager, Gordon Cranfill, for his daily interaction with them, and Scott and Elaine Peddycord for helping us host the final day.

Centenary United Methodist Church once again invited our children to their VBS experience as well as some of their weekly camp opportunities. Several of our kids took advantage of their hospitality. What a beautiful relationship we've fostered across the street and across denominations!

We hosted City with Dwellings for an afternoon of their summer staff retreat and an ice cream social - offering them a space to get away for some respite and quiet as they plan their very important work on behalf of those in our city experiencing homelessness.

We've also had **so many** of you working behind the scenes on nearly every aspect of our church. From Human Resources to Buildings and Grounds, from Christian Education to Music, from Missions to Sunday School, from Worship needs to Finance, from Joint Board to Congregational Assessment, from Sound and Livestream to organizing historical documents, from caring for each other in times of crisis and joy to volunteering your time in the church office. And so many other things! There isn't enough thanks to give.

We are looking forward to our fall calendar that will see the return of our ministry and music programming and studies, as well as opening our doors to the community with the Bookmarks Festival and author talks, hosting a concert with the Moravian Music Foundation, the Crop Walk in October, as well as our first "Hollyween" festival with Bookmarks, Salem Presbyterian, and Calvary - providing a safe and fun way to celebrate Halloween - and we're going to need YOUR HELP! Stay tuned for more details on all these opportunities and more!

We don't always get it right. We don't always make perfect decisions. We don't always focus on the *right* things at the *right* time. But these are truly unprecedented times in the life of our congregation. We have grieved so much loss this year in both overall and very personal ways. But, there is no place I'd rather be, no other set of problems I'd rather have, and no other group of people I'd rather walk this quirky, flawed, and un-paved road with than each of you.

May God bless you as you begin this fall season. May God watch over each of you and may the Spirit continue to show up in our midst as we succeed and fail together for the glory of God's kingdom.

In God's Grace,
Amanda Schumpert



SUMMER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



PYC COMPOSER'S CAMP



AFTER CHURCH DASH GAME

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Worship - 11:00 a.m., in person & via live stream
www.calvarymoravian.org
Click on "11 a.m. Sunday Live Stream"



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