



THE CALVARY CONNECTION

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DECEMBER 2023

December Birthdays

1: Samuel Gavurin
2: Jason Grubbs, Debbie Isbister
3: Alethea Segal
4: Lynn Biggam, Chloe Dickens,
Kaden Dickens, Marion Milder
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: Belinda Linville, Madison Stone
31: Lee Pratt

From Jacob's Desk

Advent is upon us and soon Christmas will come once again! Calvary is hosting many services and events for this season, both traditional and brand new. Be sure to read through this month's Calvary Connection and mark your calendars!

We are hosting a contemplative Blue Christmas service on December 20th for those observing loss and feeling grief this holiday season. All are invited to attend.

Calvary is also hosting our annual Christmas Pageant with the children and youth on December 17th as well as our Lovefeast services on Christmas Eve at 11 AM, 4 PM, & 8 PM.

Blessings this Christmas Season,

Jacob Patrick, Communications Manager



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Christmas Pageant



**The Third Sunday of Advent
December 17th, 11 AM Worship**

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



Every year, on the third Sunday of Advent, we are blessed to be led by our youngest members in worship. They use the same script, the same costumes, props, and set that has been used to narrate the beautiful story of Christ's birth that their parents and even some of their grandparents used. We watch them grow from little angels and shepherds, to the beloved townspeople ("Taxes! Taxes!"), to shepherds, wise men, Herod, the Angel, Mary, Joseph, and all the other parts in between. Our kids grow with this pageant and watching them do so is one of our greatest joys as a congregation.

We hope you plan to come worship, listen, learn, and support our children on Sunday morning, December 17, as they once again lead us to the manger.



Advent & Christmas

The Third Sunday of Advent

Breakfast & Christmas Pageant

December 17th, 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 9:30-10:30 AM in the sanctuary and lead worship at 11am! We hope everyone will join us for this beautiful telling of the Christmas Story shared by the future of our congregation.

Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 20th, 6:30 PM

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.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent — Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Lovefeast & Candle Services

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

The First Sunday after Christmas

A Moravian Christmas Carol Service & Distribution of Watchwords

December 31st, 11 AM Worship

Epiphany

Communion & Joint Board Installation Service

January 7th, 11 AM Worship



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Calvary Moravian Sanctuary

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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

One of our greatest gifts as a family of faith is being able to support one another in times of great joy and great sorrow. We know, particularly in times of sorrow, that needs change as we journey through any grief process. Beginning December 12, at 10:30am here at Calvary, we would like to offer a monthly small group for persons who have experienced or are experiencing the loss of a loved one and would like to share with others who have had a similar loss. The focus would be on discussion of the experience of loss, scripture and prayer, and the promise of Christian hope. If you are interested in participating in such a group please contact Pastor Wayne at: Wayne@calvarymoravian.org or call the church office at 336.722.3703 and we will get you connected.



FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE

FEBRUARY 13TH, 2024



TRIBUTES

MEMORIALS

Naida Masten

Elaine & Scott Peddycord

Ronald Gray Griggs

Dee Brown

Franklin Kane

Sarah Kane

Neil Frederick Oerter

Ruth Wright

Music Fund

HONORARIA

Matt Kane

Sarah Kane

Please note that this reflects tributes as of November 4th, 2023. 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.

NEWS FROM MORAVIAN MINISTRIES FOUNDATION

Looking ahead and preparing for the future can be a daunting task. With the uncertainty of what tomorrow might hold, taking the first step in planning might be daunting. MMFA is here to help!

Moravian Ministries Foundation in American is a valuable partner and free resource for Moravians seeking to contribute to the church in a tax-efficient and effective manner. Our online "Legacy Planning" tool allows you to draft your will, healthcare directives, and powers of attorney, all at no cost!. This resource enables anyone to initiate their preparations for the future while simultaneously ensuring continued support for Moravian ministries and causes for years to come.

We understand that this might be a confusing and time-consuming process, so we are here to help walk you through each step.

Beyond our "Legacy Planning tool, MMFA offers additional support to help you:

- Establish gifts to provide an income stream that will eventually benefit your church and/or favorite ministries
- Maximize tax advantages for both you and your beneficiaries
- Transfer stock or retirement assets as a generous gift to your church or favorite Moravian ministry
- And more!

Contact Chris Spaugh, MMFA President and CEO, for guidance or with questions. Let MMFA be your partner in planning for the future. Let's move ministries forward, together.

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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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Office Hours
Mon-Thurs 8 AM-4 PM
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