



THE CALVARY CONNECTION

Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.

JANUARY 2026

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
7: Logan New
8: Logan Shaw, Kevin Swing
11: David Carrick Jr.
12: Pat George, Jack Willis
13: Ivana Bogdan, Deborah Sams, Scott Schumpert
14: Marsha Cagle, Jacek Pristas, Paul Marceau, Annie Segal
15: Lydia Ingram
16: Sidney Aaron

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



Brunson Angel Tree

Thank you to everybody who helped make this year's Brunson Angel Tree a huge success! We had congregants from both Calvary and Salem Presbyterian donate gifts for 47 children this year and we raised more than enough money to purchase Brunson hoodies for each recipient. A big shoutout as well to Bookmarks for donating a hand selected book for each child! This is such a Christlike way to share the meaning of Christmas with our community.

THE STORY OF TWO CHRISTMAS EVES

Prelude: before the first service ...

Even before the 11:00 service, so much work was going on! I arrived around 8:15, and yes, Tres Fordham was already in the kitchen, and Nick was making sure all was well. The handbells rehearsed at 9; the ushers made sure they had the offering plates, and turned on all the candles in the windows were lit (one was burned out so there was a quick search for a light bulb!) – so many details were taken care of to be ready for our guests.

The “public” Christmas Eve

People get here really early – some an hour and a half before the service – to get their preferred seats. There’s chattering, and good humor, and greeting people they see every year (or people they haven’t seen in years!). They know to expect the band, the beauty of the garlands and poinsettias and candles in the windows, the familiar ode. They know what to expect, and they come back because they know what to expect – *because they want it all to still be true.*

Before the 11:00 and 4:00 services. I wandered around the congregation greeting people, welcoming them to Calvary, thanking them for coming to worship with us. Many assured me they’d been doing this for years – one woman told me she’d been coming every year for more than 70 years. One family chose to sit on the very top row at the back of the balcony on the east side. I greeted them and commented on their choice of seats, and one answered, “We *always* sit here! Ever since my sister and I were little girls we’ve been coming here! ... and we always got each other in trouble giggling – we still do! – and then we’d get The Look from our mother” (who was sitting to her left). “But if we didn’t settle down, then we *really* got THE LOOK from our dad” (who was sitting to her right)! They talked with great affection and joy about being in the service together every year. (I assured them that those particular seats are generally available every Sunday – and they don’t have to get there so early to get them!)

Families, families, families ... people told that their grandparents had brought them to this service. Some talked about their grandparents having grown up at Calvary. (My response? “Welcome home!”) The sense of gratitude and appreciation filled the sanctuary with joy.

And that joy continued throughout the service. A woman fell upstairs in the balcony before one service; she assured us she wasn’t hurt, but had turned to greet someone behind her and just missed that little step. The ushers were right there with her, making sure she really was all right. And during the service, I could see her, simply beaming with deep, heartfelt, overwhelming joy at being there. We saw Elaine and Jan enter to receive the light from the Christ candle to bring out to light the candles in the trays. Children were fascinated with the candles and the music and the coffee and buns. Parents were chagrined with crying children – but Jesus would *never* have wanted those children to leave! That’s a snapshot of the public Christmas Eve.

The “hidden” Christmas Eve

Behind the scenes, Nick Stone was working to try to get the 3rd floor women’s room sink to work, including two trips to Lowe’s for parts! Talk about what you *don’t* want to have happen on Christmas Eve! Most of our guests would have had no idea that this was going on. And of course, between services, coffee cups were being washed and dried, candle trays were being replenished, lovefeast baskets being refilled with buns, the sanctuary cleaned.... The New Life classroom was available all day with snacks and more substantial food, brought by dieners and choir members and ushers to fuel those staying all day.

I served as a diener for the 8:00 service, trading in the clerical collar and robe for a white dress, apron, and doily in my hair. (Thanks to Elaine and Jan and everyone who helped make sure I knew what to do when!) You start off in the fellowship hall packing buns in your basket, then you move to your assigned spot waiting for the light to go and begin serving. After serving the buns, I found “my guy” (Greg Conrad) to serve coffee. While the congregation was partaking, I helped to bag up leftover buns. Next came going back with Greg to collect cups; washing our hands; and getting ready to receive the light and light our candles. Lighting two rows of candles, lining up to go in, waiting for the light, counting (again) to be sure I went to the right row, handing a lighted candle to each person in my section, standing for the conclusion of the service under a window, watching the joy and reverence on the faces, reflected in the light of those candles. Feeling the hearts lift along with the candles on the final verse. Sensing the energy and joy and peace among the worshipers as the service concluded.

And then back down to the fellowship hall, bagging up leftover buns, helping to dry coffee cups alongside the kitchen crew (Tres Fordham is simply *tireless* in the kitchen!). I left around 9:45 pm, fulfilled, joyful, tired, peaceful ...

Final thoughts

Yes, there really are at least two very different Christmas Eve experiences at Calvary. My prayer is that all of you working “behind the scenes” will own, deep in your hearts, how greatly valued your ministry is. This is truly a life-enhancing, life-giving gift to the community and beyond. Chaz, Amanda, and I are *supposed* to be there all day – it’s part of our job, after all – but *so many of you* do this not for employment, not for tangible reward, but simply because it’s what you do. Maybe you grew up doing this. Maybe you came to it as an adult. But you are there for love: love for God, love for Calvary Moravian Church, love for your co-servants, and love for all of humanity whom you so graciously and generously serve. Your service does not go unseen. Your ministry touches hearts and changes lives, in the name of our newborn Lord Jesus Christ. Amen and amen! Thanks be to God!

-Pastor Nola

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!



2026 Flower Reservations



Our 2026 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.

2026 WINTER CAMP
JANUARY 16-18, 2026
MIDDLE AND SENIOR HIGH

Laurel Ridge
Camp, Conference & Retreat Center
124 Pendry Dr.
Laurel Springs, NC 28644
laurelridge.org

COST \$290
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"UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF JESUS"

DISCOVER DEEPER TRUTHS ABOUT JESUS THAT AREN'T ALWAYS SEEN AT FIRST GLANCE. UNCOVER THE RICHNESS OF WHO JESUS IS AND HOW HE PREPARED HIS DISCIPLES.

"THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS. BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT" MATTHEW 28:19

DEANS:
CAT AND JEFF JONES



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WINTER Journey

FOR ADULTS FEBRUARY 13-15, 2026

Winter Journey, held at Higgins Lodge, is a retreat designed to nurture spiritual formation and personal growth during a season often seen as still and quiet. Participants will enjoy shared meals, worship, and fellowship as a large group, while also engaging in one of three focused program tracks. The schedule offers a thoughtful balance of structured activities and open time for rest and reflection.

Tracks to choose from

"Christ and Him Crucified Remain Our Confession of Faith!" Hymns and Liturgies for Lent and Easter **Leader: Rev Nola Reed Knouse.** In this track we'll focus attention on the hymns and liturgies of the coming seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, looking at their scriptural foundations, theological messages, and the music that carries them. Nola Reed Knouse is Pastor of Congregational Care and Visitation at Calvary Moravian Church. She retired in 2022 as Director of the Moravian Music Foundation, and has been involved in studying and sharing Moravian worship and music for more than 30 years.

"Stitching Stars: A Crochet Workshop for All Levels" **Leader: Meredith Dowdy.** *this is a hands on crochet workshop where creativity meets tradition!* Meredith is the Director of Bands at Mount Airy High School and Middle School. Crocheting is one of her favorite hobbies.

Embodying Peace - Tai Chi Practices in turbulent times - **Leader - David Harold.** This track will employ principles and exercises from Tai chi and Qigong to practice embodying mindfulness, letting go, extending love, non-violence, and overcoming fear. David is a 40 year practitioner of Tai Chi and Qigong.

Click Here to Register

Cost includes: lodging, meals and program

Salem Wing Double occupancy - \$211.50

Salem Wing Single occupancy - \$350.00

Bishop Wing Double occupancy - \$176.50

Bishop Wing Single occupancy - \$280.00

Devotions and worship - led by Rev
Reed Lawson and Rev Elizabeth Corney

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Frances Swing
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Daniel & Jane Sellers
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HONORARIUMS

Dallas & Ramona Prestwood

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Spencer & Jan Bullins

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Please note that this reflects tributes as of
December 12th, 2025.

All tributes received after that date will be
included in the next *Calvary Connections*. A
special thanks to Sabrina Maksi & Carol
Middleton for compiling these!

If you have any questions, please contact us by
emailing our financial secretary, Sabrina, at
sabrina@calvarymoravian.org.

ROOF & STEEPLE DONATIONS

Calvary Moravian has received a \$300,000 matching grant from the National Fund for Sacred Places (NFSP), a program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

This funding will support vital repairs of our slate roof around the dormers, historic clock tower, and steeple. We are one of 30 organizations in the nation in the 2025 grant cycle to receive funding that provides capital grants for repairing and restoring sacred places to congregations of all faiths.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please follow these guidelines to make sure your donations are matched dollar for dollar by the grant.

METHODS FOR MAKING A DONATION

1. Write a check made out to Calvary Moravian with "Roof & Steeple Repair Project" in the memo and then mail the check to:

Calvary Moravian Church
ATTN: Sabrina Maksi
600 Holly Ave
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

2. Speak with your bank or investment manager about sending funds to Calvary. This donation must also include a note that it is for the Roof & Steeple Repair project for it to count towards the matching grant. If your financial organization has further questions, they can contact Sabrina Maksi (336-722-3703 • sabrina@calvarymoravian.org)

3. Go to calvarymoravian.org and click on the giving tab to make a donation and make sure to include "Roof & Steeple Repair Project" in the notes section of the giving portal.

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The Rev. Dr. Chaz Snider, *Pastor & Head of Staff*

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Mon-Thurs 8 AM-4 PM
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Worship - 11:00 a.m., in person & via live stream

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