



THE CALVARY CONNECTION

Unity. Liberty. Love. Serve.

NOVEMBER 2026

November Birthdays

1: Carter Nance
2: Spencer Routh
3: Larry Spritz
5: Angie Jones, Brian Lott
6: Lily Shaw
7: Jack Messick
8: Greg Biggam, William Burke
10: Tommy Hutchins, Elliott Ingram
12: Dusty Harrison
15: Ina Magi
16: Andrew Moore, John Pearson, Jean Watson
17: Carson Fix

18: Michaleh Snider
19: Wiley Guthrie, Laura Lough
20: Alex P. Collins, Judy Ludwick, Romaine Poindexter
22: Addison Nance
23: Edmund Wynn
24: Aviel Oerter, Daniel Wiggins
25: Darron Cheek, Jerry Cox, Levi Stultz
26: Kayla Hayes
28: Madison Isley, Carol Middleton, Michael Spritz
29: Caleb Furmage



BRUNSON ANGEL TREE

It is nearly time for our annual Brunson Angel Tree!
Here are some important dates to look forward to!

November 16th: Angel Tree is set up in the Sanctuary

November 22nd: Angels are available to be picked

December 13th: Gifts are due back to the Sanctuary

December 14th: Gifts are delivered to Brunson

Keep your eyes out for more information soon!

OVERFLOW SHELTER RETURNS TO CALVARY

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind....and your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

As the nights grow colder, Calvary will once again open its doors as an overflow shelter, and this year our ministry takes a new shape. Instead of hosting families as we have in past seasons, we have been asked to serve as a men's shelter.

The need this winter is especially great. With the closure of the Bethesda Center, another 100 neighbors experiencing homelessness will need shelter, on top of the nearly 150 the Dwelling was already preparing to serve. Our Joint Board voted unanimously to support this new way of serving, and I am grateful for their faithful leadership.

From November 16 through March 1, we will welcome 20 men each night. Our guests will check in at the Dwelling and then be brought to Calvary for dinner and a warm, safe place to sleep.

As before, dinner will be served in the fellowship center beside our back parking lot. Members of Calvary, along with groups from across our Winston-Salem community, will provide the meals. After dinner, our guests will move to the Fellowship Hall for the night. The Dwelling will provide monitors and staffing throughout the season, so our role centers on what we do best: setting the table and offering a gracious welcome.

Sharing a meal is one of the most sacred things we do as Moravians. Around our tables, and especially at our lovefeasts, we remember that Christ meets us in the simple gift of breaking bread together. This winter, we have the chance to extend that table to 20 neighbors who need a hot meal and a place to rest. What a wonderful way to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Details on how to sign up to provide a meal will be available soon, and as the season goes on, there will be other ways to support this ministry directly. There will also be logistics to work out as we share our space, but I trust that God will provide all we need from the great abundance God pours out on Calvary every day.

We hope you'll prayerfully consider how you, your family, your Sunday school class, or your other ministry group might take part. And please keep our guests, the Dwelling staff, and all who serve in your prayers throughout the season.

In Christ,

Amanda

OPENING DOORS WISELY: A WORD ABOUT OUR BUILDING

“Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.” (Romans 12:13)

Hospitality runs deep in who we are as Moravians. Our forebears opened their homes, tables, and meeting houses to neighbors and strangers alike, trusting that Christ is present whenever we receive one another in love. That spirit still shapes Calvary as a worshiping congregation and a community anchor.

Welcome and care go hand in hand. Our building is large, with three floors of connecting rooms, hallways, closets, and restrooms, and our small staff keeps flexible hours to serve a full calendar. Calvary is also not a public building like a community center. Outside of scheduled events, it is a workplace for staff and volunteers with specific responsibilities.

With everyone’s safety in mind, the Joint Boards approved these building access guidelines on October 19, 2026:

1. Appointments are always welcome. Members and guests may make an appointment with a staff member for a specific purpose.
2. **On Sunday mornings:** the building stays locked until 8:45 am, when the first-floor entrance opens to all.
3. **Before events:** participants may arrive up to 30 minutes before the start time. We ask that those not taking part in an activity not be in the building.
4. **After events:** the building closes 30 minutes after each event ends. By then, everyone should have left except those with specific tasks.

None of this changes our welcome; it gives that welcome a shape we can sustain. Thank you for your patience as we put these guidelines into practice. If you have questions, please reach out to a pastor, staff, or any member of the Joint Boards.

DIENING AT THE LOVEFEASTS

Lovefeast Preparation

Hard to believe, but it is time to begin preparing for our upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve Lovefeasts. It takes MANY volunteers (ideally, all of us) to welcome and serve our over 1500 Christmas Eve Lovefeast guests. There is an opportunity for everyone and every age! One of our biggest needs is for additional Dieners.

What is a Diener?

In the Moravian tradition, dieners (derived from the German verb, dienen) serve the Lovefeast during services of worship. The Lovefeast, dating to the New Testament agape meal, is not a sacrament like Holy Communion; rather, it is a fellowship meal symbolizing our unity in Christ. The meal is simple, usually consisting of a sweetened bun and a cup of coffee. After everyone is served, the congregation prays the blessing and partakes.

Lovefeast is observed on special occasions during the Church Year, particularly at Christmas, during Holy Week, and on Thanksgiving. Lovefeasts also may be served for mission occasions and church anniversaries. Dieners play a very important role in the service of Lovefeast. 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."

Dieners practice Christian hospitality as they serve a simple bun, coffee, and candle (at Christmas) to Calvary's guests. 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 one of the following head dieners:

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Other Ways to Serve

If diening is not your thing but you still want to help with our Lovefeasts, there are many other ways to participate and something for everyone! Other opportunities include:

- Children & Adult Choirs
- Band
- Coffee Team
- Door Holders
- Ushers/Greeters
- Livestream Crew
- Sitting with Children's Choir
- Nursery Care
- Candle Team
- Lovefeast Lounge Hosts

Upcoming Lovefeasts

Our Thanksgiving Lovefeast will be held during the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, November 22. This is an excellent low-pressure opportunity for training and a trial run to see if you'd like to be a diener (or any other position) for Christmas Eve.

Our 3 Christmas Eve Lovefeast Services will be held on Thursday, December 24th at 11:00 am, 4:00 pm, and 8:00 pm.



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** today to place your order!

A LOOK AT STEWARDSHIP 2026

Throughout the month of November we will focus on our stewardship, with a series of services and messages designed to inspire our reflections on our lives as Christian stewards. If you think this about how we get you to give more money, please take a second look at the very word “stewardship” – it’s not, first and foremost, about money! It’s rather about an attitude of living: living that recognizes that all that we have, all that we are, is not our own, but belongs to the God who created, who saves, and who continually blesses us with astonishing gifts. Pastor Nola will take the lead for the first four Sundays in November, and you’re cordially invited (and encouraged) to take a look at the scriptures which will be a focus of the sermons for those Sundays:

November 1: “God’s Clarion Call: Blessed Living”, focusing on the gospel lesson from Matthew 5:1-12 (the “Beatitudes”)

November 8: “God’s Invitation: Giving With Your Whole Heart,” focusing on the gospel lesson from John 10:1-10 and just how we love God

November 15: “God’s Challenge: Meeting the Needs of Our Neighbors,” with David Holston, Executive Director of Sunnyside Ministry, bringing the message

November 22: “God’s Welcome: Living Into Hope,” focusing on the Epistle lesson from Ephesians 1:15-23, and the gospel from Matthew 25:31-46. This will also be our Thanksgiving lovefeast and Commitment Sunday.

A change: This year the Stewardship Committee decided not to issue pre-printed pledge cards *en masse*, as few of our members actually make a pledge as such. If you would like to make a pledge, please contact us and we will be happy to send you one! For Commitment Sunday, then, we will not come forward to put cards into a basket; we will, however, take time during the offering time and the lovefeast itself to reflect on our commitments to the God who so loves us.

MEMORIALS

Sandra Shugart

Sarah Kane
Mary Bland

Jean Fordham

Frances Swing
Rebecca Boner
Truett & Vicki Chadwick, Jr
Ray & Pamela Goforth
Romaine Poindexter
Linda Smith
Jim Hall
Clyde & Pat George
Sarah Kane
Ann Lowe
Hoyt & Mary Beard
Wayne & Peggy Dodson
Joseph Shugart

Jean Fordham (cont.)

Jim & Holly Newsome
Rt. Rev. John D & Mary Rights
Mary Bland
Don & Vicki Galyean
Ann Peterson
Cannon & Company, LLP

Mary Anna Pearson

Mary Bland

John Polychron

Mary Bland

Jan Trivette

Jack Trivette

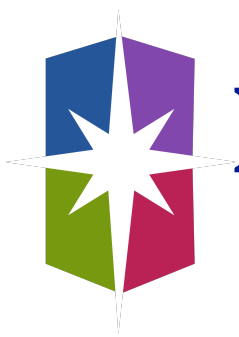
Jack & Treva Trivette

Jack Trivette

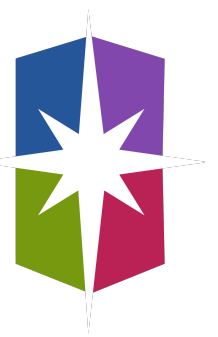
Please note that this reflects tributes as of October 16th, 2026.
All tributes received after that date will be included in the next *Calvary Connections*.

A special thanks to Sabrina Maksi & Carol Middleton for these!

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



Fall Church Council



November 8th, following 11 AM Worship

We look forward to hearing a ministry report from our Board of Elders, a financial review from our Board of Trustees, an update from the Roof and Steeple Committee and a report from our Building and Grounds committee. We will also be presented with the 2027 annual budget proposed by our Treasurer, Bill Seippel, and approved by our Joint Board. We will also elect new members to our Joint Board and thank all those who are completing their term. This is an important meeting as we near the end of 2026 and look forward to all God has in store for our Calvary congregation in 2027. We hope you are planning to join us for worship and the council meeting, and bring any questions you might have!

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

The Rev. Dr. Nola Reed Knouse,

Pastor of Congregational Care & Visitation

Amanda Schumpert,

Director of Music & Congregational Ministries

Jacob Patrick, *Office & Communications Manager*

Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, *Organist*

Sabrina Maksi, *Financial Secretary*

Brian C. Lott, *Band Director*



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Mon-Thurs 8 AM-4 PM
Lunch Hour: 12:30-1:30 PM
Closed on Fridays

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