

Grace Notes

The Calvary Presbyterian
Church Newsletter

*For everything there is a season, and a time
for every matter under heaven! ~Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**February-March 2012
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We've been working with this same scripture verse throughout much of our time together. I have been reminding you that the task of the interim pastor is to lead you through this in-between season, guiding you through the process of selecting a new pastor to lead this congregation into the future. Last year we took many important steps in that process, and now we have begun to discuss the many changes that are about to come to Calvary as the work of choosing a new pastor nears completion.

Just about a year ago we approved the final version of our **Mission Study**, which tries to describe the ministry that we have here at Calvary. (Copies are still available in the library.) After careful deliberation on all the issues involved, and a congregational forum to hear everyone's concerns about this alternative, the session proposed to you that we call a **Designated Pastor**. This is an "in-between" category of pastoral relationships. It's not permanent, but it can become permanent. At the end of two years, the congregation and the pastor will have an opportunity to decide whether to make the relationship permanent. This gives both the pastor and the congregation time to assess whether it is a good match for each of them.

Last April, our presbytery gave us permission to call a **Designated Pastor Nominating Committee**. We asked the congregation to elect the nine members of the present session to act as the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee. They were each elected on May 15. (In an effort to provide needed continuity for their work, our nominating committee asked the

congregation to elect all three members of the Session class of 2011 to serve another term, becoming the class of 2014.) They worked together to write a **Church Information Form**—using the information that we had gathered in the writing of the Mission Study—and a specific job description for the ministry that they believed we are called to here at Calvary. In

September, they filed our CIF with the presbytery and a committee of presbytery began to search for the best possible candidates to fill our needs.

That committee has now finished its work on our behalf, sorting through the many applications they received; and has delivered four names for our DPNC to consider. Last weekend they began the process of

interviewing pastors and listening to sermons. Please pray for them as they labor over this important decision. It is altogether possible they will have a candidate for us before long, but they cannot give you any more information than that until they are ready to offer you a final candidate to consider. Sometimes the final contract negotiations take a bit of time, so have patience, but be ready. Calvary is about to step into the future that God has already prepared for us!



*God is about to do a new thing!
Now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it? ~Isaiah 43:18*

Diane

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Session, Staff and Friends

The Staff

The Rev. Diane Hutchins, Interim Pastor
Sue Munson, Organist & Music Director
Claride Mayo, Clerk of Session
Jim Lawhorn, Treasurer

Michele Hoffman, Admin. Asst.
June Yamayoshi, Financial Secy.
Helen Yang, Chancel Choir
Accompanist

2012 Elder Ministry Charges

Worship Team: Barbara Allen, Frank Miller
Congregational Care & Christian Education Team: LeAnn Pittman, Margaret Yeboah
Mission & Outreach Team: Sharon MacInnes
Property Team: Tony Pittman, Ernest Amankwah, Gina Adu-Gyamfi
Administration Team: Tim Dole

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Worship: Sunday, 10am

Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 11am-5pm

Sunday Bulletin Deadline: Thursday noon

Monthly Newsletter Deadline: 20th of the month

or the last workday prior, if the 20th is on a weekend or holiday.



Bluegrass at Calvary!

Join us for worship on
Sunday, March 25, as we
enjoy the *Bluegrass*
Sounds of our own,
School Street Ramblers!

Lectionary



- Feb 5** Isa. 40:21-31; Ps. 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39.
- Feb 12** 2 Kings 5:1-14; Ps. 30; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45.
- Feb 19** **Transfiguration of the Lord:** 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps. 50:1-6; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mar 9:2-9.
- Feb 22** **Ash Wednesday:** Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa. 58:1-12; Ps. 51:1-17; 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21.
- Feb 26** **First Sunday in Lent:** Gen. 9:8-17; Ps. 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.
- Mar 4** **Second Sunday in Lent:** Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps. 22:23-31; Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38.
- Mar 11** **Third Sunday in Lent:** Exod. 20:1-17; Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 1:18-25; John 2:13-22.
- Mar 18** **Fourth Sunday in Lent:** Num. 21:4-9; Ps. 107:1-3, 17-22; Eph. 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.
- Mar 25** **Fifth Sunday in Lent:** Jer. 31:31-34; Ps. 51:1-12 or Ps. 119:9-16; Heb. 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.

Assisting in February & March

February Communion

GUILD: Tsune Middlecoff, June Yamayoshi.
SERVING: LeAnn Pittman, Gina Adu-Gyamfi, Tim Dole, Margaret Yeboah.

February Coffee Hour

THOMAS: Ernest Amankwah, Sharon Brumleve, Alec Williams, Al & Sandy Snyder.
SIMON: Margaret Yeboah, Ebenezer & Rebecca Dankyi, Dave Hutchins, Sue Munson, Carey Fauber, Laurie Simpson.

March Communion

GUILD: Elsie Plues, Dorothy Walker.
SERVING: Claride Mayo, Sharon MacInnes, Frank Miller, LeAnn Pittman.

March Coffee Hour

ANDREW: Ray & Ilse Klopotek, Dorothy Walker, Steve Hoffman, Rebecca & Hannah Yeboah, Faustina Ababio.
MATTHEW: Kwabena & Paulina Sintim-Aboagye, William Addo, Yaw Ohene Asomaning, Tsune Middlecoff, Patrick Agyemfra.

Newsletter Volunteers

Tsune Middlecoff, Dorothy Walker, Bette Wright

<i>Date</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Worship Assistant</i>
Feb 5	Elsie Plues, Rebecca Yeboah, Ilse Klopotek, Steve Hoffman	Sandy & Al Snyder, Rebecca & Ebenezer Dankyi	LeAnn Pittman
Feb 12	Gahlia Gwangwa'a, Albert Osei-Agyeman, Dave Hutchins, Barbara Allen	Danielle & Tim Dole, Patrick Agyemfra	Danny Williams
Feb 19	Steve Hoffman, Gina Adu-Gyamfi, Pam & Danny Williams	Elsie Plues, Michael Plues, Etta Walker	Danielle Dole
Feb 26	David Noel, Claride Mayo, Gahlia Gwangwa'a, Dorothy Walker	Paulina & Kwabena Sintim-Aboagye, Dave Hutchins	Zeke Olson Dowty
Mar 4	Frank Miller, Sharon Brumleve, Ebenezer Dankyi, Tsune Middlecoff	Angus & Sharon MacInnes, Steve Hoffman	Claride Mayo
Mar 11	Margaret Yeboah, Elsie Plues, Claride Mayo, Steve Hoffman	Tsune Middlecoff, June Yamayoshi, Gahlia Gwangwa'a	Kwabena Sintim-Aboagye
Mar 18	Patience Ayenu, Stacey Brown, Ilse Klopotek, Gary Alexander	Bernie & Sherry Jones, Dorothy Hernandez	David Noel
Mar 25	David Noel, June Yamayoshi, Tsune Middlecoff, Anthony Amoah	Danny & Pam Williams, Patience Ayenu	Sharon Brumleve
Apr 1	Rebecca & Ebenezer Dankyi, Margaret Yeboah, Albert Osei-Agyeman	Claride Mayo, Shirley Bowman	Frank Miller

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Calvary Presbyterian Women

Hazel Circle usually meets in the library following worship and fellowship time on the first Sunday of each month. However, because of the New Year's holiday, the next circle meetings will be Sunday, February 5 and March 4.

Circle One usually meets in the parlor at 1pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Pastor Diane will lead Lesson Five: *Greatly Honored Are Those Who Show Mercy!* (Matthew 5:7; Luke 10:25-37) on February 7 and Lesson Six: *Greatly Honored Are the Pure in Heart!* (Matthew 5:8; Psalm 24, 51:1-12) on March 6.

Outreach Program: A thank you letter was received from missionaries at Tecate Mission International, thanking us for the stamps donated by Calvary. These are sold to a dealer and the money used by the Bible Correspondence Department at the mission. *Watch for more details on this outreach program in future newsletters.*



Sharing Brings Joy, to Others, to God, and to Us!

Last year was a historic year for weather-related disasters. Not only did we have the huge earthquakes in New Zealand and later in Japan, but there were 1,500 tornadoes across the United States, including one in Massachusetts! Heavy rain and melting snow caused historic flooding into the Ohio Valley and wiped out thousands of acres of farmland in the Midwest, while drought and wildfires caused unimaginable devastation in the Southern Plains. In the midst of all the upheaval, the PCUSA was there for those in need because of your gifts to the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. The OGHS offering supports the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Fund and the Self-Development of People Fund. We will be receiving this offering on **Palm Sunday**, and ask you to be in prayer throughout the season of Lent for all those around the world who find themselves in need of this kind of humanitarian aid.



On Sunday, February 5, we will take up the annual **Souper Bowl Offering**. This is a project begun by a Presbyterian Youth Group in South Carolina, to bring our attention to

hunger in our own community on the day when so many of us are eating too much at Super Bowl parties across the country. Give generously on that day so that we can help UCM to feed more families who are in need this winter. There will be a soup pot in the hallway for your cash and checks. Let's fill it up.

On Sunday, February 12, we will accept a **Valentine Offering of Books** for the *Mt. Vernon Lee Child Development Center*. There are now 65 children participating in the program that began here at Calvary many years ago. Please bring in one or more reading books—paperbacks are fine, but not coloring books or sticker books—appropriate for K-2nd graders. Let's send every child in the program home with a book of their very own as a Valentine gift from people who continue to care about them.



The Sound of Silence

Be Still and Know that I am God! ~Psalm 46:10

Recognizing that the world we live in is filled with constant noise which seems to get louder and more invasive every year, we are planning to offer worship on the first Sunday in Lent this year, February 26, in the style of the Taize Community in France. We hope you will feel your blood pressure decrease and your sense of The Holy increase as we worship in music and prayer and a bit more silence than we have become accustomed to. Take advantage of this opportunity to slow down and let your soul catch up with your busy life as we take our first steps into the season of introspection and renewal, seeking to find God's presence with many fewer words, letting the sound of silence fill our hearts and prepare us for the Lenten journey.

Time to Order Your Easter Lilies

If you would like to sponsor **Easter Lilies** to decorate the Sanctuary, your dedication and check for \$15/lily made payable to *Calvary Presbyterian Church* must be received in the office no later than Sunday, April 1.





Cracks in our back wall have been sealed and the whole wall has been waterproofed and painted.

Still getting your **newsletter** by mail? Want to see it in living color — days before it arrives in your mailbox? Let the office know that you would like to receive your newsletter by email. You'll also be saving the church the cost of postage, paper and copy costs.

Congregational Directories are available on the hallway table or email the office if you'd like the URL and password to access the directory online. Online access will only be given to members and former members of Calvary.

Worship Assistant and Usher/Greeter Lists for January–June 2012 have been sent out along with new Procedures for Ushers. Please be sure to read the Procedures carefully as there are changes for this year.

The **2012 Flower Chart** is posted in the main hallway near the School Street entrance. You may sign up to sponsor sanctuary flowers for your special occasions. Please make your checks payable to Calvary Presbyterian Church for **\$35** – marked *Sanctuary Flowers*.

The **2012 Discipleship Team/Calling Tree List** is available on the hallway table. Both members and regular attendees should be on one of the Teams. If your name is not there, please let the office know.

The **2011 Annual Report** was delivered to the Annual Meeting on January 22. Copies are available in the hallway, including the 2012 budget. Please let the office know if you would like a copy emailed to you.

2012 Offering Envelopes are available in the office. Please let us know if you would like yours mailed to you.



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11.

NOTES

FROM THE

OFFICE

Snow Emergency:

Please check our website (www.calvarypres.org) on any Sunday morning that you think we might have canceled worship. LeAnn and Diane will confer in the early morning and have it posted as early as possible. We

cannot worship if the parking lots around us have not been cleared. Please tell the leader of your Discipleship Team if you want to be called any morning we cancel.

Pick up your **2011 End-of-the-Year Statement** from the hallway table or let the office know if you would like it mailed to you.

Your share of the cost of being Presbyterian in 2012 is **\$35.35**. If you are able to contribute your **per capita apportionment** individually, in addition to your regular pledge, we would greatly appreciate it. Just mark your check *per capita*, so our treasurer will be sure to account for it accurately. You may use the blue Per Capita envelope included in your regular envelope box or simply add a separate \$35.35 per person in a second check or in cash to your normal collection plate offering. Thank you.

Events & Milestones

February

- 1 - Eagles Wings tutoring program, 7pm
- 2 - Chancel Choir practice, 7:30pm
- 5 - Worship Service *including the Souper Bowl Offering*, 10am
- 5 - UCM food collection
- 5 - Hazel Circle, library, following coffee hour
- 7 - Circle One, parlor, 1pm
- 8 - Eagles Wings tutoring program, 7pm
- 9 - Chancel Choir practice, 7:30pm
- 12 - Worship Service *including Valentine Offering of Books*, 10am
- 15 - Eagles Wings tutoring program, 7pm
- 16 - Chancel Choir practice, 7:30pm
- 19 - Transfiguration of the Lord:** Worship Service, 10am
- 19 - UCM food collection
- 20 - Newsletter deadline
- 20 - *Presidents' Day*
- 22 - Ash Wednesday Joint Service:** 7:30pm, Heritage Presbyterian Church, *The Rev. David Van Dyke preaching*
- 23 - Chancel Choir practice, 7:30pm
- 26 - First Sunday in Lent:** Worship Service, 10am
- 29 - Eagles Wings tutoring program, 7pm

March

- 1 - Chancel Choir practice, 7:30pm
- 2 - *World Day of Prayer*
- 3 - International Potluck,** fellowship hall, 5:30pm
- 4 - Second Sunday in Lent:** Worship Service, 10am
- 4 - UCM food collection
- 4 - Hazel Circle, library, following coffee hour

- 7 - Eagles Wings tutoring program, 7pm
- 8 - Chancel Choir practice, 7:30pm



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- 11 - Third Sunday in Lent:** Worship Service, 10am
- 14 - Eagles Wings tutoring program, 7pm
- 18 - Fourth Sunday in Lent:** Worship Service, 10am
- 18 - UCM food collection
- 21 - UCM Restaurant Fundraiser:** Cosmopolitan Grill, 7770 Richmond Hwy. (next to Gold's Gym), 11am-9pm. *Tell your server you're there to support UCM and 10% of your ticket will be donated!*
- 21 - Eagles Wings tutoring program, 7pm
- 22 - Chancel Choir practice, 7:30pm
- 25 - Fifth Sunday in Lent:** Worship Service including special music by *The School Street Ramblers*, 10am
- 28 - Eagles Wings tutoring program, 7pm
- 29 - Chancel Choir practice, 7:30pm



Happy Birthday!

February

- 2 - Rev. Diane Hutchins
- 3 - Nasang Gahlia
- 4 - Abigail Hope Page
- 10 - Cameron Miller
- 12 - Paulina Sintim-Aboagye
- 13 - Jeanne Ries
- 13 - Sandy Snyder
- 15 - Manzoor Ghouri
- 15 - Nora Severson
- 17 - Claride Mayo
- 21 - Afua Sintim-Aboagye
- 22 - Dorothy Sloppy
- 23 - Pam Williams
- 27 - Sean Amankwah
- 27 - Annie Springs
- 28 - Jackson Dole

March

- 2 - Gahlia Gwangwa'a
- 9 - Alice Miller
- 10 - Lynne Storer
- 14 - Anthony Amoah
- 20 - Mike Cummiskey
- 20 - Bette Wright
- 22 - Dorothy Campbell
- 24 - Sampson Hagan
- 24 - Lynn Harman
- 30 - Brooke Alexis Cronin

Joint Services Lenten Schedule

All joint services are at 7:30pm.

Ash Wednesday: February 22 at Heritage Presbyterian, Rev. David Van Dyke preaching

Maundy Thursday: April 5 at Calvary Presbyterian, Rev. Bill Teng preaching

Good Friday: April 6 at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian, Rev. Diane Hutchins preaching

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Keep These Persons in Your Prayers

United Community Ministries & our DPNC

Home

Sandy Snyder*
Bernie Jones*
Rich & Stevie Todd
(friends of Danny & Pam)
The Noel Family*
Sharon Washington*
Gabriela Boone (Dole's niece)
Manzoor* & Family
John Amankwah
Dora Amankwah*
Jim Hoffman (Steve's father)
Irma Dole (Tim's grandmother)
Roy Brooks (Roy's son)
Harry Earman*
Harry Turner
(Bernie's brother-in-law)
Ashleigh Cummiskey*
Tom & Margie Williams
(LeAnn's parents)
Rebecca Yeboah*
Cheroqui Layne
(Barbara's nephew)
Greg Hrin*
Ron Henderson (Frank's friend)
The Mittlestadt Family
Melissa Vail
Betty Carnes*

Peter Harding
Carol Maffei
The Anderson Children
Barbara Mireku
J.D. Turnbull
Irene Arch
Jennifer Stambaugh*
Roy Brooks*
Robert Cutts

Hospital

Lloyd Johnson*
Cynthia Hull, UCM Director
Andrew Wood (Jones' relative)

Serving in the Military

Jack Snyder
Alexander Snyder
SPC Sean Dowty
Capt. Tom Vail
Lcpl. Ben Ellis
Private Brandon Noel
Sgt. Charles Sewornu*
Sgt. Jack Severson*

Nursing / Rehab Ctr.

Wilson Carnes*
Margaret Wilson*
Rilla McCoy

*Current & past members

Grieving

Family of Seroze Masih
(Manzoor's father)
Family of Mayrona Seymour
(Barbara's aunt)
Family of Phyllis Towler
(Sister-in-law of the Wright's)
Family of Ben Stewart
(Barbara's family member)
Gladys* on the loss of her cousin
Family of Joy Kalogeropoulos
(Sharon B.'s friend)
Gary on the loss of his brother
Family of Wayne Taylor (Stacey's cousin)
Family of Edna and Wayne Patton
(Mary's sister and nephew)
Family of Louis Stich (friends of Michele)
Family of Fred Smith (The Miller's friend)
Family of Victoria McCray (Anissa's mother)
Family of Betty Mahl
(Dorothy Walker's sister)
Family of Agnes Yawa Amankwah
(Ernest's sister)
Family of Christiana Asantewaa Assoku
(Kwabena's mother)
Family of James Jones (Bernie's brother)
Family of Norman Olsen (Diane's father)
Family of Dora Baah*
Family of Johnny Johnson*
Family of Charles Mohr*
Family of Cecelia Fokum (Gahlia's aunt)
Family of Alvin Anderson*
Family of Akosua DeDaah
(Margaret's mother)
Family of Sherman Holmes
(Danielle's father)

Please remember to contact the office if you would like someone added to or removed from the prayer list.
Leave a note in the office, email mhoffman@calvarypres.org or phone (703) 768-8510.



Manase Richard Joseph was honored at a special coffee hour on January 15.



Congratulations to **Elsie Plues**, proud great-grandmother, and **Michael Plues**, proud grandfather, of Madison Michelle Mahoney, born January 27, weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz., 19 3/4".



International Potluck

Saturday, March 3 ~ 5:30pm

Bring a traditional dish from your family's table!

*Ash
Wednesday*

February 22 ~ 7:30pm

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**The Rev. David Van Dyke
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