

Welcome to
Calvary Mennonite Fellowship

December 24, 2023

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9:40 Pre-service prayer and sharing in Room CH-2.

10:00 Singing	Jonathon Mullet
Announcements, Offering	Tom Keener
Scripture Readings from Luke 1-2	Ben & JoAnn S., Martin K, Fonda S., Tabitha W., Austin B.
Men's Quartet	Jonathon Mullet
Children's Story	John Ivan Byler
Song	Jonathon Mullet
Sharing and Prayer	Robb Mullet
Message	Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 2:8-20 Josh Helmuth

"Searching for a King"

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Greeter Today:	Eber & Gloria Wenger
Hosts Today:	Robb & Margaret Mullet
Usher in Charge:	Thomas Wenger

THIS WEEK

Dec. 22, 12 pm – Tuesday, Jan 2, 9:30 am – CCA Christmas vacation
Friday,– No Youth activity.
Sunday, 7 pm will be a New Year's Eve party at CCA for the youth.


LOOKING AHEAD


Jan. 5, 7 pm – UNITE, DNI prayer focus for Unreached People Groups. Sign up in the hallway for one or more segments.

Servants For Next Sunday

Sermon:	Ivan Godoy	Hostess:	Suetta Horst
Cleaning:	Merlynn Keener	Usher in Charge:	Russel Shirk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **Fifth Sunday, Dec. 31,** the offering will be for pastoral support.






 **FINISHING TOUCHES** – Guttering and landscaping were installed on our church building this week. We express our gratitude to the Esther (Elmer) Showalter estate for a gift of \$2500 that is paying for the landscaping installed by Conrad Hershberger.

Offering last Sunday: ~~\$4,014.00~~

Regular Offering Fund: \$4,014.00

Attendance last Sunday: 112

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

-  **Beginning January 7 a weekly prayer time** will begin at 9 am each Sunday morning in the Sewing Room. May we learn and grow in praising and praying together for Calvary, needs in our world and community, etc. Plan to participate if you can!
-  **Family or Individual Photos for the 2024 Directory** should be sent to John Ivan at calvarymfva@gmail.com **by this Tuesday, please.** Forms are available for new entries. We hope to include all members and attendees.
-  **The 2024-25 EBI Handbook & Course Catalog** is available under the mailboxes. We encourage and financially support students who attend Bible school!
-  **Calvary Medical Aid is due on Sunday, Dec. 31.** Note the increased rates: Singles, \$310; Couples, \$620. Make checks payable to CALVARY MEDICAL AID.
-  **Jan 9, 7:00 pm** – Annual board meeting of the Food Pantry at Cooks Creek fellowship hall, open to all interested persons!

Missionary Spotlight – Joel & Crystal Yoder

Director of MTC in NYC

Hello everyone, and Merry Christmas!

This month has been filled with good things as well as challenges. Some of the good:

- Crystal and I flew to Colorado and spent a couple of days in Estes Park in a little condo celebrating our 27th anniversary! We had a wonderful trip but it was too short 😊. We saw some beautiful scenery and some wildlife but not as much as we were hoping for. From there we drove up to Cheyenne, Wyoming, for Caleb Otto's wedding. Caleb is a member of our church but is with DNI in Quebec doing church planting. It was a very special trip.
- The other big news is that our daughter Janae decided to become Mrs. Byler! We are very happy for her and are beginning to plan for a wedding probably in July 2024. Her fiancé, Kendrick Byler, is from Millersburg, OH.
- As a church, we had several times of singing & tract distribution in the train station this month. There is something special about Christmas time as well that seems to make people more open to the Gospel.
- On the 22nd we are planning a Community Christmas Dinner here at the church. We've done this in the past and it's always been a special time. We pray that this will be a time of reaching out to our neighbors and community and not just for our church people.

Ways to Pray:

- Pray for our family as we live and reach out here in Elmhurst.
- Pray for wisdom as we disciple people who are coming to church.
- Pray for creative ways to meet new people and point them to Jesus
- Pray for a wedding venue for Janae & Kendrick
- Pray for continued financial support for our family

Thank you all for your investment in our lives. You are part of the ministry here and we could not do this without you.

Joel & Crystal & family

COMMUNITY/SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

West Rockingham Food Pantry served 74 households, on Dec. 14. Your gifts to bless our neighbors may be sent to WRFPP, 4222 Mt. Clinton Pike, Rockingham, VA 22802

Jesus: "I was hungry and you gave me food."

2022- 2023 Sunday School Classes

- Preschool (4-5 y.o.) -- Gloria Wenger, Becki Smucker Rm CH-1
- Children's Assembly (Gr 1-9) - Jeron Mullet Cafeteria
- Primary (Gr 1-3) - Suetta Horst, Cynthia Shirk Room 101
- Junior (Gr 4-6)- Lou Martin, Lane Beery Art/Music Rm 103
- Youth (15+ y.o.) -Skyler Beery, Tom Keener Room 213
- Women - Merlynn Keener, coordinator Sewing Room
- Mixed - Calvin Shirk, coordinator Auditorium

Superintendents, Nat Glenn and Joel Troyer

Our Mission Statement

We are a caring community of faith fully dependent on the Holy Spirit—committed to glorifying God, magnifying Christ, loving our neighbor as ourselves, sharing the Good News, and edifying our fellow pilgrims through the exposition of and obedience to God's all-sufficient written Word.

CMF Leadership Team

Sam Troyer, Pastor & Secretary Josh Helmuth, Treasurer
Larry Wilkins, Deacon John Ivan Byler, Chairman
Frank Good, Deacon Stanley Good, Lay Leader

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