

Welcome to
Calvary Mennonite Fellowship

December 7, 2025

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9:00 Prayer Service in Room CH-2, Focus on Deacon Selection –

All are Invited and Welcome!

9:30 Sunday School (*List of classes is on back*)

Pre-school (ages 4-5)	Room CH-1
Children's Assembly (Gr. 1-9)	Cafeteria
Youth/Adult Sunday school	Auditorium

Text Today: Mark 4:1-20; **Next Sunday:** Mark 4:21-34

10:25 Opening & Announcements,

Call to Worship & Offering	John Ivan Byler
Congregational Singing	Jonathon Mullet
Sharing & Prayer Time	Frank Good
Message	Isaiah 58
	Jason Groff

“The Chosen Fast”

6:30 pm Deacon Licensing Service c/o Jason Groff

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Greeters Today: Jerry & Lou Martin
Hosts Today: Brian & Kathy Rau
Usher in Charge: Martin Keener

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 9-2 – Sewing Circle

Tuesday, 6-8 pm – Card making for “Christmas to India” c/o Gloria W.

Bring color pencils (not markers!) and finger food snacks to share.

Thursday, 6:30 – Leadership Team

Friday, TBD pm – Youth meet at CCA for “Tractor Caroling”

Saturday, 6:00 pm – Annual Christmas Banquet for all who attend CMF; please inform Bev King (540) 421-8854 if you will not be at the banquet.

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 16, 6:30 pm – Wreath-making for ladies in cafeteria (*see page 2*)

Dec. 21, evening – Caroling in the community.

Dec. 25, 10:00 am – Christmas Day service

Servants for Next Sunday

Message: John Ivan Byler	Hostess: Martha Shirk
Cleaning: Cynthia S. for CCA	Usher in Charge: Kyler Martin

Offering: Last Sunday: \$6,300 Regular Offering \$1,850
RRO: \$250 **ACE:** \$0 **GCA:** \$1,200 **Pastoral Fund:** \$3,000
Attendance last Sunday: 133

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✚ **Our Mission Board is offering up to \$5000 matching donation** for gifts to any of these ministries by Dec. 14 (*clearly designate each gift*):

- **RRO** (Redeeming Rain Organization in Cambodia); *Freely we've received;*
- **ACE** (Arrows for Chr. Ed. Center in Honduras); *freely we give.*
- **GCA** (Grace Chr. Academy in Detroit).

✚ **Calvary Medical Aid is due** on Dec 28th. Increased rates are now Couples \$720; Singles \$360. Make check payable to CALVARY MEDICAL AID.

✚ **Family Photos for the 2026 CMF Directory** may be submitted to cavlarymfva@gmail.com by Christmas, preferably as a large file/good quality. Non-members who are attending, we want to include you in the Directory and Calendar! Talk **today** with John Ivan if you have questions.

✚ **Dec. 16, 6:30 pm -- Ladies' Evergreen Wreath-making** in cafeteria c/o Hope and Julia. Bring a snack, greenery to share, and your wreath base (if one is needed, ask Hope). RSVP to Hope at (540) 810-0684.

✚ **Sword & Trumpet, Dec., 2025** is available on the table. If you'd like CMF to extend the subscription, please talk with John Ivan.

✚ **Thanks to trustees for the new songbook racks on back of padded chairs!**

Family of the Week – Jonathan & Althea

Dear CMF Family,

Hard to believe we have less than a month left to 2025. In the studio, the men are working hard to keep moving passages through the process of translation. Jonathan keeps pulling out of those tasks and focusing more time on the rest of his consultant training tasks. He also continues to brainstorm possibilities for moving the Verdiya translation office to a new location. We hope to have a definite idea of where the studio facility will go by the end of this year. We're still praying that Moh and Sue will find a place to rent to set up their own guest house business while we are still here to help them get started.

While we barrel hard through the second semester, we are also looking around us and beginning to get rid of things we know we won't need here anymore. It's a good feeling!

The emotional ups and downs are picking up, and we know they won't settle down again until some time on the other side of the move. Pray for us! We swing from joy and excitement to fear and anxiety. So thankful that our Good Father is always steadily present -- both now and next year!

Love,
Althea, for the Bylers

2025- 2026 Sunday School Classes

- Preschool (4-5 y.o.) - Gloria Wenger, Becki Smucker Room CH-1
- Children's Assembly (Gr 1-9) – Cafeteria
c/o Calvin Lee Shirk and Fonda Showalter
- Primary (Gr 1-3) –Cynthia Shirk, Betty Wilkins Room 101
- Junior (Gr 4-6) – Marissa Anderson, Kathy Rau Room 103
- Intermediate (Gr 7-8) Angie Smith, Merlynnne Keener Room 209
- Youth (15+ y.o.) – Gordon Brunk, Joel Troyer Room 213
- Women I Suetta Horst, Bev King Library
- Women II Becky McGurrin, Michelle Showalter Sewing Room
- Men I Stanley Good, Jordan Knicely Left side of Auditorium
- Men II Robb Mullet, Sherman Showalter Right side, Auditorium

Superintendents, Jason King 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

Frank Good, Deacon John Ivan Byler, Chairman
Skyler Beery, Pastoral Assistant Josh Helmuth, Treasurer
Jason King, Pastoral Assistant Stanley Good, Secretary

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