

## We are God's Community THE CHINA June 2025

#### Thoughts for the Journey:

Jesus looked as his followers and from his heart spoke these words of confidence and instruction. I put them into an outline to challenge your reading and contemplation.

Read them through once as you would in the Bible.

- Then read them as if someone were talking and sharing it in intimate conversation.
- Now read each line. Take your time with the words, the intent, the possible message or lesson each line holds.
- Read it with the imagination of a son and father relationship in mind.

Now...look at every line and say the form of "love" out loud. Read it once more through as if you were the one who was speaking and sharing these words with your loved ones.

"I've loved you the way my Father has loved me.

Make yourselves at home in my love.

If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at home in my love.

That's what I've done—kept my Father's commands and made myself at home in his love.

"I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature.

This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love.

Put your life on the line for your friends.

You are my friends when you do the things I command you.

I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning.

No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father.

"You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil.

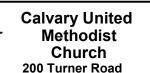
As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

"But remember the root command: Love one another.

Some of us may not have the earthly relationship with a father that we would have wanted or needed. But in the midst of these words, Jesus is inviting us into the child and parent relationship that was central to his life and being. Then he invites us into that intimate space as siblings together.

Happy Father's day to my beloved dad who knows the love of the Parent God in person,

Pastor Laurie



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#### **Worship Schedule**

Sanctuary Worship 10:30 a.m.

Children's Church for children 3 years - 3rd grade following Children's Time in Worship.



Our Mission: We are called to Produce disciples of Jesus Christ for God's transformation of the world: Praise God through worship, *Provide* for one another in God's name, *Proclaim* God's Good News. and Promote growth in the Spirit.



June Birthday Wishes go to ...

15. Chuck Beltz 18. Ben Spaulding

- 20. Wyatt Peckham
- 28. Drew Barrett

If you would like to add your name or a family member's name to our Birthday List, please contact the office at calvarylife@necoxmail.com.



#### We Need Your Empty Ink Cartridges!!

We turn your empty ink cartridges in to Staples each month for savings on office supplies! There is an orange Collection bin outside the office. Thank you for helping us save! The Chimes

#### JOIN US FOR Wor ship!

**WORSHIP** We invite you to join us for **Worship on Sunday** WITH US Mornings in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

If you are unable to attend in person, please join us on Zoom. The link is:

us02web.zoom.us/j/2821697807?pwd=aldEN09mTFZ4VIN5Q3IWQi90cmRGQT09





Calvary hosted the Community Meal on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We served 63 meals of beef stew, salad, rolls, fruit, applesauce, water and dessert to our guests. Thank you to **everyone who helped with last month's meal. We will serve the** Community Meal again on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like information or would like to help with the Community Meal, please contact Chuck Beltz, Mission Chair.



Start cleaning out your closets, attic and garage. We can use household items, books, toys, electronics, baby items, clothes & more!

#### Clean, unbroken items only, please.

Volunteers are needed to help sort & price items, set up tables, work at the sale & help with clean-up.

Homemade goodies are needed for our Bake Table too!

Donation Drop Off will begin Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

To make this a successful Yard Sale, we will need your stuff & your help!

Sign Up Sheet is located on the table outside Crocker Hall.

#### 2025 Al tar Fl ower Dates

There are still 2025 Altar Flower dates available. The Sign Up Sheets are located on the bulletin board outside of Crocker Hall. The cost is \$45.00. If you have any ??, please contact Betty at calvarylife@necoxmail.com or (401) 847-6181.





#### CALVARY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL NEWS



The Chimes

It is hard to believe that another school year is almost over! During the month of May our preschoolers

spent lots of time learning and playing and just having fun! They celebrated their moms with



muffins, songs and special handmade gifts. They enjoyed games, stories and learning about lots of BUGS! They especially loved watching the ants in our ant farm

as they built tunnels and moved sand.

J.J. & Sutton, along with Miss Beth & Maddie, made a special visit to both the Caterpillar and Butterfly classes. The children were very impressed with what

good listeners the dogs are and how helpful they were!

June will bring end of the year fun and lots of outdoor play with friends. The water pump is 1 back but rainy weather kept us from using it much during the month of May so they are looking forward to making lots of mud pies and sand cakes in the mud kitchen during these last few weeks of school!

Our dads will join us here at preschool on Thursday, June  $5^{\text{th}}$  and Friday, June  $6^{\text{th}}$  for "Donut Cake with Dad". We will celebrate our dads with song, poem and a special treat!

The last day of school for our Caterpillar class will be Thursday, June 12th and our Butterflies will graduate on Wednesday, June 11th Their last day of school will be Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Looking Ahead to 2025/2026 With declining enrollment, staffing challenges and what seems to be a desire for more classroom days for students, the decision was made to eliminate our 3 year old program and have a 5 day week/ Pre-K program for 4's and young 5's for the 2025/2026 school year. If you are interested in enrollment or know of someone who might be, please pass along our contact information. Children must be 4 years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup> to enroll. For more information, please contact Betty at 847-6181 or calvarycp@necoxmail.com.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6



#### Page 3 **Celebrating our Graduates!**

Congratulations to Pastor Laurie who received her Masters of Divinity from Boston College on Saturday, May 17th. Following graduation, Pastor Laurie will continue doing what she does bestministering to all those she meets along life's path! Laurie is the mother of Emily, Arienne, and Rachel and they couldn't be prouder of their Mom!! We are proud of her too!!!

Congratulations to *Kylie* who will graduate from Canine Companions Professional Training Academy, with a double major in Mobility Assistance and PTSD Mitigation. Following a pre-match call on May 29th, and the final confirmation on June 3rd, Kylie will know what her future plans are. The Paolero family are Kylie's proud puppy trainers.



### Where God's World Comes Together!

Monday, August 4th - Friday, August 8th 9:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Children ages 4 years - completion of 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. Registration begins June 1st. Space is limited!

For more information or to receive a Registration Form, contact Betty at calvarylife@necoxmail.com or (401) 847-6181.



Preschool Is Still In Session! Please proceed carefully when entering, CAUTION! parking & exiting our parking lot. Preschool begins at 9:00 a.m. and dismisses at 12 noon. These are busy traffic times with lots of parents with small children walking to their cars. Thank you for being careful!



# June 2025 🔊



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Church Picnic	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Pentecces Children's Sunday	9	10	II Butterfly Class Graduation 11:30 a.m.	12 Caterpillars' Last Day of School Celebration 11:30 a.m.	13 Butterflies' Last Day of School	<i>14</i>
15 Fathers	16	17	18	19 Community Meal 5 p.m.	20 hello, Summer	21
22	23 Chimes Deadline	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	July 1	2	3	4 Office Closed	5
6 Summer Worship Hours Begin Today! Beach 8:00 a.m. Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.	7	Join us for Worship on Sunday Mornings Sanctuary Worship 10:30 a.m. Children's Church for children 3 - 3rd grade following the Children's Message Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m 1:30 p.m. **Summer Worship Hours begin Sunday, July 6 <sup>th</sup> Beach Service 8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Service 10:00 a.m.				