



We are God's Community

*Growing Love . . .
Serving Others*

THE CHIMES

July 2025

Thoughts for the Journey:

About three years ago, someone sent me an email using Deb Wolf's "12 Simple Ways to Worship God Every Day". Ms. Wolf quotes David Jeremiah where he suggests, "Since the days of our first parents in the Garden of Eden, worship has walked a tightrope between lifestyle and liturgy. When God walked in the garden with God's first children in the cool of the day, Adam and Eve worshipped God as we should – without interruption. The creator and God's creatures experienced a continual, ongoing exchange of provision and praise. God provided everything Adam and Eve needed, and they responded with praise – with gratitude, reverence, honor, submission, and holy fear." ~ David Jeremiah

She suggested that "the lifestyle part of worship is hard isn't it? So many things get in the way.

Busyness
Discouragement
Distractions"

Then she included a text from Paul's letter to the Romans which calls us to allow our lives to be an "offering of worship".

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him."
(Romans 12:1-2, MSG)

This is Deb Wolf's outline to achieve that goal. These summer months might afford a good opportunity to try this routine. Maybe it will become a lifestyle?

12 simple ways to worship God

- 1. Start the day with God.**
- 2. Get down on your knees to pray.**
- 3. Write 7 things you're thankful for every day.**
- 4. Be Awe-mazed at who God is and what God does.**
- 5. Sing and dance like David.**
- 6. Take a fast from grumbling.**
- 7. Read a Psalm to start the day.**
- 8. Intentionally surrender your day to God.**
- 9. Go outside and take a walk – enjoy God's creation.**
- 10. Remember blessings, anniversaries and celebrate the moments of God's grace.**
- 11. Worship God by loving the people in your life.**
- 12. Take care of yourself.**

Starting this day with God,
Pastor Laurie

Wolf, Deb. *12 Simple Ways to Worship God Every Day*. Counting My Blessings. Accessed March 12, 2022. <https://countingmyblessings.com/simple-ways-to-worship/>.



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Worship Schedule

Beach Service
8:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship
10:00 a.m.

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

Our Mission:

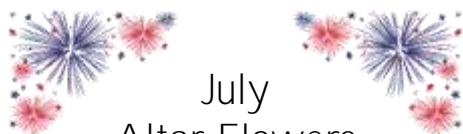
We are called to
Produce disciples of Jesus Christ
for God's transformation
of the world;
Praise God through worship,
Provide for one another in
God's name,
Proclaim God's Good News,
and
Promote growth in the Spirit.



*July Birthday
Wishes go to ...*

13 James Santerre
14 Janet Belson
26 Ashley Duval
28 Ken Forsythe

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.



July
Altar Flowers

July 6
Martinez Family

July 13
AVAILABLE

July 20
Chuck Beltz & Holly Johnson



July 27
Spaulding Family

2025 Altar Flowers

If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, the Flower Sign Up Sheets are located on the bulletin board outside of Crocker Hall. The cost is \$45.00. If you have ??, contact Betty.



We Need Your Empty Ink Cartridges!!

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



The Chimes

Summer Worship Hours Begin July 6th Worship at the Beach is Back!

Beginning on Sunday, July 6th, we will offer an **8:00 a.m.** Beach Service during July and August at Middletown's Third Beach (Third Beach Road entrance). This is a *very* informal style of worship, so bring a beach chair or blanket/towel, apply sunscreen and dress casually. In case of rain, the service will be canceled until the next week.

All ages and faith connections are welcome!

In addition to the Beach Service, we invite you to join us for our **regular Worship Service** at Calvary UMC which will begin at **10:00 a.m.** beginning on the 6th.

If you are unable to join us in person for the 10:00 a.m. service, please join us on Zoom. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2821697807?pwd=aldEN09mTFZ4VIN5Q3lWQI90cmRGQT09>

Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 12 noon Closed Fridays

Mission News

Community Meal Update



Calvary hosted the Community Meal on Thursday, June 19th. We served 65 meals of hot dogs, beans, coleslaw, fruit, applesauce, chips, water, cookies & ice cream to our guests. Along with their meal, they were also offered a variety of toiletries. Thank you to everyone who helped with last month's meal. **We will serve the Community Meal again on Thursday, July 17th.** For more information or to volunteer, please contact Chuck Beltz, Mission Chair.



**Calvary will hold it's Church-Wide
Yard Sale**

Saturday, July 26th

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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!

Call the Office (401) 847-6181 to drop off items beginning 7/13.

Your Stuff + Your Help = A Successful Yard Sale!



CALVARY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL NEWS



It is hard to believe that another school year has come and gone. Our Caterpillar Class finished the year on Thursday, June 12th with an End of the Year Celebration & Program for their families with songs, poems, and the presentation of certificates. Our Butterfly Class celebrated their Graduation on Wednesday, June 11th. They shared songs and poems with their families and enjoyed a short trip down memory lane with a slide show after receiving their diplomas. They returned on Friday for one last day of fun and play with their classmates. The weather cooperated and they got to spend a lot of time out on the playground!

It was sad to say "good bye" to those families who will be moving and to those staying here but going on to Kindergarten. A few of our Caterpillars hope to return as Butterflies next year, if we are open and they don't get picked for the Public PreK Lottery.

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 1st 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



"Feed A Friend" Food Donations NEEDED!

Our Feed A Friend program is a year-round mission. Please help us help those in need by picking up a few extra food items at the grocery store each week and dropping them off at church. "Family-friendly" foods and complete dinner kits, as well as lunch & breakfast items and boxed milk are always needed.







Where God's World Comes Together!

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

Children ages 4 years - completion of 6th grade are invited to attend.
Registration begins July 1st. Space is limited!

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

Adult & Youth Volunteers
are NEEDED!
Contact Betty if you are interested.

Donation:
\$15/child
\$25/2 children
\$30/Family




EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR



Snack Needs

Everywhere Fun Fair begins on
Monday, August 4th

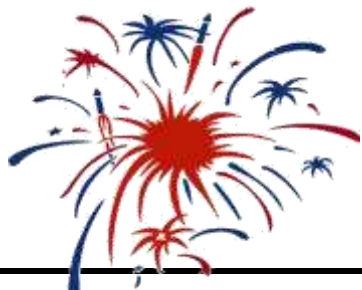
Here are just a few items on our list
to help feed our hungry neighbors.

Check out the **"Fun Fair Snack Needs List"**
on the bulletin board outside Crocker Hall
for a complete list and quantities needed.

- 4 Pillsbury French Bread Loaves (unbaked)
- 2 boxes Graham Crackers
- 2 boxes Shortbread cookies
- 1 large container Cool Whip
- 1 bag of Pretzel sticks
- 1 bag Chocolate Chips
- 2 bags shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 1-gallon jugs of water
- Plastic spoons

Cash Donations are also appreciated.
We are happy to do the shopping!



July 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Summer Coffee Hour Hosts NEEDED! Sign Up Sheet is located on the table outside Crocker Hall.</p>		1	2	3	4 Office Closed 	5
6  <i>Summer Worship Hours Begin Today!</i> <i>Beach 8:00 a.m.</i> <i>Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.</i>	7	8	9	10	11 Office Closed	12
13	14	15	16	17 <i>Community Meal 5 p.m.</i> 	18 Office Closed	19
20	21	22 <i>Chimes Deadline</i> 	23 <i>Council Mtg. 5:30 p.m.</i>	24	25 Office Closed	26 <i>Yard Sale 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.</i> 
27	28	29	30	31	Aug. 1 Office Closed	2
3	4 VBS Starts TODAY! 9:00-11:45 a.m. 	5 VBS 9:00-11:45 a.m. 	 <p>Summer Worship <i>Beach Service 8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>Children's Church for children 3 years - 3rd grade following the Children's Time in Worship</i> Office Hours <i>Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon</i> </p>			