



We are God's Community

Growing Love . . .  
Serving Others

# THE CHIMES

January 2026

## Thoughts for the Journey:

We all know that 2025 was a year fraught with deep emotions. Often we look at the New Year with anticipation of being better than the last. The reality is that it will be in some ways. It will be more difficult and frustrating in other ways. It will present every day as a possibility and opportunity or one that we would work to forget. This is our human condition. Complex and messy. Determined and defeated. Hopeful and helpless. It is a beautiful broken life. That is why we need faith, God the Creator, Christ as the path and love as the power to bring everyone, including you and me to a place of breath, peace, and strength to meet every day in the light. This reading from Ann Weems from *Kneeling in Bethlehem* has supported me through this season and my prayer is that it will carry us all into the New Year with embrace and not fear.

Working to live into the gift of Life,  
Pastor Laurie

### Gifts From God

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God's mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning.

The Lord God gave the peoples of the earth a garden,  
and the people said, "That's very nice, God, but that's not enough.  
We'd like a little knowledge, please."

The Lord God gave them knowledge,  
and the people said, "Now that we have knowledge,  
we'd like things."

The Lord God gave the people things,  
but they always said, "That's not quite enough."

So the Lord God gave them gifts unequalled:  
the sun  
lightning and thunder  
rain and flowers  
animals and birds and fish  
trees and stars and the moon.

God gave them the rainbow.

God parted the Red Sea and gave them manna.

God gave them prophets  
and children  
and each other,

but still the people said, "That's not quite enough."

God loved the people,

and out of ultimate merciful goodness God gave them the Gift of Gifts,  
a Christmas present never to be forgotten.

God gave them love

in the form of God's Son,  
even Christ Jesus.

There are some that don't open their eyes or their ears  
or their hearts and they still say, that's not quite enough.

They wander through the stores looking for Christ mas.

But others open their whole being to the Lord,  
bending their knees to praise God,  
carrying Christmas with them every day!

For these the whole world is a gift!



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### Worship Schedule

**Sanctuary Worship**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Children's Church for  
children 3 years - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
following Children's Time  
in Worship.**

**Children in grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays**

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*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.



### January Birthday

Wishes go to ...

- 9. A.J. Paolero
- 11. Lynn Fullerton
- 19. Kyle Fullerton  
Bert Emerson
- 20. Jonah Emerson
- 22. Kyle Barrett
- 23. Holly Johnson
- 24. Braden Santerre
- 25. Liam Duval
- 26. Vanessa Ellermann
- 27. Tyra Erickson

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](mailto:calvarylife@necoxmail.com).

January  
Altar Flowers

January 4  
*The Weiss Family*

January 11  
AVAILABLE

January 19  
AVAILABLE

January 25  
AVAILABLE



### 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!





**JOIN US FOR Worship!**

We invite you to join us for **Worship on Sunday 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2821697807?pwd=aldEN09mTFZ4VIN5Q3lWQl90cmRGQT09>



## Mission NEWS

### Community Meal Update



Calvary hosted the Community Meal on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We served 82 meals of shepherd's pie, salad, rolls, fruit, applesauce, water and dessert to our guests. Along with their meal, they were also offered a variety of toiletries, winter hats & gloves, socks, underwear and assorted gifts. Thank you to all who donated items so that we could share the Christmas Spirit with our guests. We will serve the Community Meal again on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like information or would like to help with the Community Meal, please contact Chuck Beltz, Mission Chair.



Throughout the winter months, we will be collecting **New Hats & Gloves** to be distributed at the Community Meal. The biggest need is always for **men's** hats and gloves but all donations are appreciated. Warm socks can also be used. Donations may be left in the container outside of Crocker Hall. Thank you!



### Immediate Openings for Liturgists, Greeters & Coffee Hour

**Hosts** A sign up sheet is located on the table outside of Crocker Hall. Please feel free to speak to Pastor Laurie or Betty if you have any questions regarding these "job openings". Thank you!

### 2026 Altar Flower Dates

If you would like to sign up for a 2026 Altar Flower date, 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](mailto:calvarylife@necoxmail.com) or (401) 847-6181.



## Thank you to . . .

Logan & Morgan Amaral, George & Hubert Chapman, Katelyn & Liam Duval, Tyra Erikson, Ethan & Maggie Falk, Ben & Eliana Malkoff, Braden & James Santerre, Talia Spaulding, Cora & Everett Taylor and Abby & Kai Weiss for working so hard to prepare and present "A Traditional Christmas Pageant" on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. What a great job they all



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did and what a wonderful Christmas gift to share with their friends and families! It was truly a very special celebration of the season!

"And a little child will lead them."

Isaiah 11:6

## Children's Church

All children ages 3 years through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to join us for Children's Church in Dunfey Hall following the Children's Time in Worship.



The children will enjoy a small snack \*(usually cookies & water), hear a Bible story (or other Christian value story), maybe play a game or do an activity page. Children should be picked up immediately following the end of the Worship Service.

\*Please indicate on the Sign In sheet if your child has any allergies.

The Sign In sheet is located on the table at the back of the Sanctuary. Please sign your child(ren) in as you enter for worship. You will be asked to sign them out when you pick them up. Any ??? Talk to Betty or Ashley!



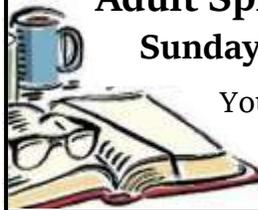
**"Bible 101" for 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Our older Elementary/young Middle School students are

welcome to join us following the Children's Time in Worship. On these weeks, we offer our tweens an opportunity to learn and discover "What's in the Bible?" Please encourage your child to bring their own Bible with them each week to church, to use it on the weeks they stay in church and to use it for our lessons and activities in class as well.

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## Adult Spiritual Conversation

Sunday Mornings 9:00 a.m.



You are invited to join us Sunday morning in Crocker Hall for "Adult Sunday School".

## "Feed A Friend" Food Donations NEEDED!



Many of our neighbors need help to feed their families not just at the holidays, BUT all year long!! 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.

## Prayers in Pajamas . . . or Dressed for the Day



I would like to invite you, and anyone you care to invite, to join me on Thursdays at either 6:45 or 7:00 a.m. on Zoom for 15 minutes of *Thoughts for the Day* and a prayer to energize our lives and weave hope into the fabric of the world.

Every Thursday, wherever you might be - rising from bed, preparing for the day, eating breakfast, driving to work - let us come together for various thoughts, scripture and prayer to begin the day. My prayer is that out of this time together, we might be inspired in new and creative ways to meet the challenges of daily life and live into our faith more genuinely.

As we initiate this experience, the *Thoughts and Prayers* offered will be the same both days.

## Rise Up & Pray

The schedule is:

- 6:45 or 7:00 Greeting
- 6:47 or 7:02 Prayer Concerns
- 6:52 or 7:07 Thought for the Day
- 6:57 or 7:12 Prayer
- 7:00 or 7:15 Blessing & Goodbye



Any questions, contact me at 315.269.3724.

Praying we make a difference for each other, Pastor Laurie



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Dec. 28</i> Pajama Sunday</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Office Closed</p>	<p>31 Office Closed</p>	<p>1 Office Closed</p>	<p>2 Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Epiphany Sunday</p>	<p>5 Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Trustees/ Finance 6:00 p.m. Council 6:15 p.m..</p>	<p>15 Community Meal 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 Office Closed</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 CHIMES Deadline</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>
<p>Feb. 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday Morning Worship</b> Sanctuary 10:30 a.m. Children's Church for children 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade every Sunday following Children's Message 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders—2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</p>				