



We are God's Community
Growing Love . . .
Serving Others

THE CHIMES

August 2025

Thoughts for the Journey:

Throughout my time here in Rhode Island, I have been constantly amazed by the beauty of the nature surrounding me, the business of the Island, and the welcoming of the people. From the very first conversation I had with Pastor Laurie to the first full day on the Island, God was already working on how amazing the summer would be. Working with Laurie, for this church, has been a wonderful experience. The kindness and care offered to me from this faith community has helped heal some of the hurt caused by my home church. Thank you for being a part of my seminary and faith journey.

Throughout the summer, I have seen many examples of biblical hospitality across the island. From a Hebrew Bible perspective, hospitality was a necessity for survival, similar to the community meal, community garden and coffee hour after church. Even the things that may seem like a frivolous task can be a necessity for one's soul. Hospitality is not exclusive to physical needs but also incorporates emotional, spiritual, mental, and communal needs. In the Greek Testament, it was less of a necessity for survival and more about caring for others through hospitable acts of service.

Several opportunities have been offered to us during the summer to share community with one another outside of Sunday morning, another act of hospitality. Our hospitality also extends to those who are not in our community of faith, for they are still a part of God's creation that deserves to be cared for. Coming into this internship, I had expectations to learn and a hope that I could possibly leave a positive impact at Calvary. Now with the summer coming to an end, I can say I have learned many things and have been positively impacted by my experiences on the island. The hospitality you've shown to this southern born and raised girl from Texas has been uplifting and inspiring.

I will miss y'all terribly. Thank you for the wonderfully abundant lessons in holistic hospitality.

With gratitude and hope,
Aurora Buchanan



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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.



August Birthday

Wishes go to ...

2. Kathy Bronson
8. Jessie Russell
17. Gunnar Ellermann
22. Sandra Trocki
30. Kelly Fullerton

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.

August Altar Flowers

August 3

Nickie Russell

August 10

VBS Sunday

August 17

Kathy Bronson

August 24

AVAILABLE

August 31

AVAILABLE



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.



The Chimes

Summer Worship Hours Worship at the Beach

We invite you to join us at **8:00 a.m.** for our **Summer Beach Service** 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 starts at **10:00 a.m.**

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

We will resume our regular 10:30 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, September 7th.

Regular Office Hours will begin on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Mission News Community Meal Update



Calvary hosted the Community Meal on Thursday, July 17th. We served 58 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, August 21st. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Chuck Beltz, Mission Chair.

Save the Date! Candy Cane Bazaar
Saturday, November 8th 9a.m. - 2p.m.



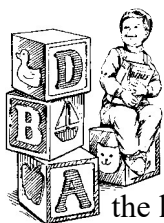
We Need Your Empty Ink Cartridges!!

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!



Contact the Office for More Info!!!





CALVARY CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL NEWS

I am sad to say that this will be the last Preschool News for the CHIMES. Over the last few years we have seen a decline in our enrollment. With the declining enrollment, staffing challenges and what seemed 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. This change in our program did not bring in more students and those who thought they might return were all chosen for the state Pre-K programs which have been established in several child care centers and schools on the island.

Therefore, the decision was made by the Preschool Board of Directors and the Church Council to close the school. This was not an easy decision nor was it the one we wanted to make. However, we are appreciative of the support the church has given to this mission and ministry. Countless children and their families have been a part of the school family over the past 19 years and we are grateful to each and everyone of them! Thank you for a great run!!! - Betty

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

Proverbs 22:6



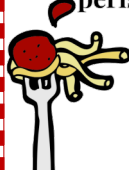
Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

to benefit the Aquidneck
Food Pantry
at

Portsmouth United Methodist Church
2732 East Main Rd, Portsmouth, RI

Sat, Sep 13th
5:30 & 7:00 PM seatings

Admission is by monetary donation at the door.
We also kindly ask each guest to bring a non-perishable food item to support our local pantry shelves.



Scan QR Code or Call
Church office to
RSVP
401-683-4900





Vacation Bible School

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 August 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





GOD'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

**Supplying FREE fresh produce & herbs to
our neighbors in need and all seniors.**

Come to our Farm Stand

Calvary United Methodist (located by Garden)
Wednesdays 10-11:30 AM

Open June - September

Questions? Contact Linda Wood
lswwood@cox.net 978-505-0147
www.godscommunitygarden.com

"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.

August 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <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> 					1	2
3	4 VBS Starts TODAY! 	5	6	7	8 Office Closed	9
Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:45 a.m.						
10 VBS Sunday 	11	12	13	14	15 Office Closed	16
17	18	19	20	21  Community Meal 5 p.m.	22 Office Closed	23
24	25 Chimes Deadline 	26	27	28	29 Office Closed	30
31  Last Beach Service of the Season 8:00 a.m. Third Beach	Sept. 1 Office Closed  LABOR DAY	2	 <p>Summer Coffee Hour Hosts NEEDED! Sign Up Sheet is located on the table outside Crocker Hall. No Baking Required!!!!</p>			