

TODAY'S THEME

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where faith, compassion and authenticity meet

June 30, 2024

Quiet Meditation

Compassion is not pity. Pity lets us stay at a distance. It is condescending.
Compassion is not sympathy. Sympathy is for superiors over inferiors.
Compassion is not charity. Charity is for the rich to continue in their status over the poor.
Compassion is born of God. It means entering into the other person's problems.
It means taking on the burdens of the other. It means standing in the other person's shoes.

– Henri Nouwen

SCAN ME



TO CHECK IN

Enter to Worship – Depart To Serve

***Gathering Hymn** "Change My Heart, O God" Hymnal #695

Welcome, Time of Quiet Prayer and Centering Breath

Opening Chant *Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
That I may love what you do love, and do what you would do.*

Scripture Exodus 13:17-22 (NRSVUE) Judy Kercovich

P: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Humility Judy Kercovich

L: Let us pray.

All: *Healing God,*

*You formed us in your image of love
and we have fallen short of that love,
not only to you
but to each other
and all of creation.*

*I ask for your compassion
and from all my siblings,
sisters and brothers in Christ
especially my neighbors
including my others.*

*I thank you for the comforting strength
and healing counsel of your Holy Spirit
to do better in bringing love and grace
to all I say and do
and all I think and pray.*

Hear us now as we offer you our silent confessions...

Prayer of Humility Response (#246) *Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise*

Assurance of God's Love

L. Friends: Believe the Good News of the Gospel

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Congregational Response (#606)** Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost*

Children's Sermon

Anthem

"Allegro from Concertino in G Major"

~ Oskar Rieding'
Jake Pieszak, violin

Sermon

"Weaponized Darkness"

Rev. Ralph Lowe

Musical Meditation

"Largo"

~ Antonin Dvořák

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord our God.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Prayer

Communion Song:

Heal us, Lord. Heal us, Lord.

On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down.

Come and heal our hearts, O Lord.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

*Presentation of Gifts

Announcements, Minutes for Mission, Concerns and Celebrations

*Hymn

"Will You Let me Be Your Servant"

Hymnal #727

*Blessing and Benediction

*Response

*God be with you, God be with you,
God be with you 'til we meet again.*

*Postlude

Serving This Week and Next Week

❖ Greeter this week: Shelly & John Free

❖ Greeter next week: Judy Kercovich

Coffee Hour

Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

❖ Today's coffee is served by: Tom Reiber

❖ Next Week: Kay Tilton

Prayer Ministers

Every Sunday after worship service, prayer ministers are available to offer confidential prayers of healing for you or another through you. Upon conclusion of the service prayer ministers will move to the rear of the church to pray with you.

❖ Prayer Minister: Rosemary Shirley

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CALVIN CHURCH ELDERS

David Shidemantle — Building & Grounds (2024)

David English — Worship & Arts (2024)

Rachel Fagan — Youth Formation (2025)

Amy Alexander — Membership & Hospitality (2025)

Donna Galbraith — Spiritual Nurture (2025)

Tom Reiber — Personnel & Finance (2026)

March Frierson — Mission (2026)

Rachel Neelley — Communications (2026)

Sunday

FLOWERS

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning services, please sign your name on the form located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or email the office administrator at the church, at office.cpc@zoominternet.net.

SERVICE

A live broadcast of each worship service is offered each Sunday. You can watch the same service throughout the week. To get the broadcast, go to the homepage on the Calvin Church website at www.calvinchurchzelie.org.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES

Hearing Assist Devices are now available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. If you need assistance, please see DeWayne or one of our audio technicians before the services.



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Calendar

Church Office Hours: Monday — Thursday 10:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 30th

9:00 a.m.	Adult Education
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship
6:00 p.m.	World Events Group

Monday, July 1st

6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Connection
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Tuesday, July 2nd

9:30 a.m.	Devotional Prayer Group
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Wednesday, July 3rd

4:00 p.m.	Worship & Arts Ministry Team Youth Formation Ministry Team
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Thursday, July 4th

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, July 6th

10:00 a.m.	Pre-Sermon Small Study Group
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Samaritan Counseling Is Here to Help: Calvin Church supports and hosts Samaritan Counseling as part of our ongoing mission to care for those in our community. Samaritan offers both in-person and virtual counseling both in their office at Calvin Church, and at their 10 satellites throughout Western Pennsylvania. They accept almost all insurance and also offer client aid. If you, or someone you know, is struggling and needs to speak to a therapist, please contact Samaritan at 412-741-7430 or through their website at www.samaritancounseling.net.

Weekly Groups

Visit our website for more information about our groups

www.calvinchurchzelie.org

TUESDAYS

Devotional Prayer Group — 9:30 a.m.

Conference Room or via Zoom

This is a group for those seeking to go deeper in their faith journey. It prayerfully studies and discusses classics of the Christian spiritual life. Contact Marie Campbell at marie.l.campbell@icloud.com for more information.

WEDNESDAYS

Beth Moore — 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, this group uses the Beth Moore Bible Studies to learn more about the Bible. Beth Moore is a charismatic biblical teacher whose focus is teaching women how to love and live on God's Word.

Begins again this fall.

THURSDAYS

Men's Room — 7:00 a.m.

Marriott North (dining area), Cranberry Twp. or via Zoom

Men's Room 2.0 — 11:00 a.m.

St. John's Specialty Care, 500 Wittenberg Way, Mars

4th Floor Dining Room

This spiritual growth group for men explores ways to connect faith practically in work, family, and other areas of life.

GIFT — 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room

GIFT is a women's book group that meets every Thursday evening. All women are welcome. Contact Kelly Casey at knccasey@gmail.com for more information.

Begins again this fall.

SUNDAYS

World Events Through a Christian Lens — 6:00 p.m.

This group allows all participants to celebrate, lament, discuss, and share thoughts on current events, history, culture, and trends in a safe place, where we can respectfully share, agree, or disagree, in a supportive mutual spirit of Christian witness.

They meet the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome! Contact Herb Wright at 412.443.7098 with any questions.

Announcements

VBS AT CALVIN

Are your kids ready to CATCH THE WAVE OF GOD'S LOVE?



Get ready for Surf Shack Vacation Bible School!

Dates: July 29th –August 1st

Times: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

All kids in grades K-6 are invited to grow in faith as they play, learn, sing, and work to share God's love in our congregation and community. Sign up today by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://forms.gle/x4byLHjC2s8Ejef87>



If you are unable to attend, but wish to support this ministry through a donation of supplies, please check out our AMAZON REGISTRY! <https://tinyurl.com/CalvinVBS2024wishlist>

MEALS ON WHEELS

It is that time of year again when Calvin Church provides desserts for Meals-On-Wheels. Volunteering to make or buy desserts for our senior citizens in need is a big part of the Mission of Calvin Church. Without your cooperation Meals-On-Wheels would not be able to provide their clients with such a valuable and needed service.



Our weeks are:

Monday, June 24th through Friday, June 28th

Monday, July 1st through Friday, July 5th (No July 4th)

Monday, July 8th through Friday, July 12th

All desserts are to be delivered to the English Lutheran Church at the High Street entrance between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on the day you have chosen. We need 30 regular baked goods and 10 diabetic baked goods.

Please contact Judy Kercovich at 724-774-5746 or jkerovich@yahoo.com if you can help. We appreciate your support.

MEN'S ROOM

The Men's Room are reading a new book entitled *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr.



06/13/24	1. The Two Halves of Life
06/20/24	2. The Hero's Journey
06/27/24	3. *The First Half of Life*
07/04/24	*4th of July No Men's Room*
07/11/24	4. The Tragic Sense of Life
07/18/24	5. Stumbling Over the Stumbling...
07/25/24	6. Necessary Suffering
08/01/24	7. Home and Sickness
08/08/24	8. Amnesia and the Big Picture
08/15/24	9. A Second Simplicity
08/22/24	10. A Bright Sadness
08/29/24	11. The Shadowlands
09/05/24	12. New Problems and New Dir...
09/12/24	13. Falling Upward

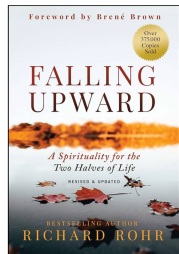
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The group meets every Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. in the Marriott Cranberry North dining area.

There is now a Men's Room 2.0 which meets on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Calvin Church conference room.

You can also join via Zoom. A link is emailed out every week.

The start of a new book is always a great time to try out joining a small group!



Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Resumes in the Fall



CREATIVE ARTS MINISTRY

All children grades K-6.

Resumes in the Fall



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Check out the [special section](#) on our website for children's bulletins, sermons, and other fun stuff for the kids!



YOUTH GROUP

Resumes in the Fall



ADULT EDUCATION

Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m.

Calvin Summer Series of Spiritual Formation

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr

Pastors Ron and Susan Johnson

PLEASE NOTE THE SLIGHT INCREASE!



\$44.20 for a single family member

\$88.40 for a two-member family

\$132.60 for a three- member family

\$176.80 for a four-member family Etc.

Ways to Give

ONLINE

<http://www.calvinchurchzeli.org> and click the Contribute Online link or scan the QR code with the camera on your smartphone



CHECK/CASH

You can place your donation in the offering plate on the table at the back of the church before or after services. You can also mail your donations to the church at 415 E. Grandview Ave. Zelenople. Make checks payable to Calvin Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH APP

Download our Tithe.ly app and click on the Give link to make a one time donate or set up recurring giving.

Social Media



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Deadlines

- ◆ Bulletin and Sunday Service Inclusions — Wednesday @ 3pm
- ◆ Newsletter Submissions — 20th of every month
- ◆ Ministry Team Minutes — within 24 hours after meeting

Calvin's Average Worship Attendance Per Week

	In-Person (i)	Online (o)	Total	# States	# Countries
May 2024	125	102	227	14	3
		YTD-2024	237	16	4

Surprisingly, attendance has increased slightly so far this May.
Calvin's average # of States and Countries continue to be impressive.
Blessings to our friends who regularly worshipped with Calvin from:
France, Ireland, Sweden and Germany!

Today's Scriptures

Exodus 13:17-22

Theme

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Calvin 2Gether:

1. **FIND:** someone you don't know as well as others and introduce yourself.

2. **DISCUSS:** *How have you experienced or witnessed Jesus' kind of healing?*

3. **PRAYER COVENANT:** to pray for each other daily, by name until you meet again (the prayer to the right is offered as a suggestion).

Calvin's 'Men's Room' Prayer

Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit –

help me to be grounded in you

so that your grace can flow

through everything I do.

Guide me with your wisdom

so that I can place you at my center

and live a healthy life,

balancing faith, family, friendship, career, and me.

Bless me so that in all I do

I can hold tightly to you in faith,

live in your hope,

and reach out in your love.

In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

Prayer Concerns

Please offer God prayers for the different ministries & activities of Calvin Church

Especially pray for

- * Worship & Arts & Youth Formation Ministry Teams
- * Caroline Baker, who graduated from seminary and is discerning next steps

Prayers for the World

- * For Calvin Church's partnership with Oti Presbytery – Ghana
- * For first responders and front line medical workers
- * The coronavirus pandemic, and those affected
- * Our congressmen, senators, governor and president
- * Josh Heikkila, our missionary in Ghana
- * For people across the world who are victims of terrorism
- * For Syria refugees and for the Syrian conflict
- * The people of Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and their liaison, Ron Cotner
- * Ukraine, Palestine and Israel during this time of war
- * Ellen Smith, our mission co-worker based in the States, serving in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Poland

Please pray for these members of Calvin Church

- ~ Vickie Baker, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer and will be in Butler Memorial Hospital for a while
- ~ The family of Wayne Leeper, who recently passed away
- ~ Mary Koepke, who is receiving Hospice care, and Bob and ChrisAnn Goossen as they also care for her.
- ~ Dennis Segafredo, who is in skilled nursing
- ~ Ken Weaver, for continued healing
- ~ Wayne Brinda, for continued healing

If you would like to include someone in these weekly prayers, please contact the church office at 724-452-7560, office.cpc@zoominternet.net or place a note in the offering plate.