



## The Calvary Connection

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*Newsletter: November 2022*

**Due to organizational changes, this month's newsletter is abbreviated. Hopefully by the new year regular newsletter service will resume.**

### **Pastor's Corner: November 2022**

#### **"Retirement Letter with Questions and Answers"**

Dear Calvary Members and Friends:

In 1982, I began my service in the mental health field as a volunteer at SOS Crisis Center in Ypsilanti. I worked in that field for 25 years as a therapist, supervisor, and mental health director before the Lord called me into the ministry in 2007. That was the year I married Dawn and we took off together for Richmond, Virginia, for me to attend seminary. After graduating with my Master of Divinity degree in 2010, I accepted a call at a church in rural Virginia, where I served for four years.

In 2015, Dawn and I moved back to Michigan so that she could be closer to her family; and I have spent my years since then in interim and ongoing ministry in Michigan. For the last six and a half years, I have had the blessing and privilege of serving Calvary Presbyterian. It has been a wonderful experience for both Dawn and me; and we have both felt loved, supported, and encouraged during our time here. I have greatly enjoyed preaching, teaching, visiting, and getting to know each one of you.

October of 2022, marks forty combined years for me in mental health and ministry. While my time has been meaningful and rewarding, I have become weary after four decades of service, and the Lord is leading me now to retire from active ministry. My last day at Calvary will be January 31st, 2023, and all of my ministry duties shall conclude on that day.

While I don't know exactly what the Lord has planned for Dawn and me in the months and years ahead, I do know it is time for me to rest, to spend more time with my wife, and to learn to draw nearer to Jesus Christ in my daily walk. Please keep Dawn and me in prayer during this time of transition; just as we shall keep you all in prayer for God's guidance and direction. Be assured that the Presbytery of Detroit will provide all the necessary support, guidance, and counsel as you prayerfully consider the Lord's leading for future pastoral leadership.

I also shared this information from the pulpit on Sunday, October 23rd; and am glad to meet with anyone who would like to set up a time to talk in person, by phone, or by video chat.

In Christ's Love,  
*Pastor Keith*

**Questions and Answers:**

**Q: Will you still be available to preach, to do weddings or funerals, or to do pastoral visitations after your retirement date?**

A: All of these pastoral duties will end as of January 31<sup>st</sup>. This is important when a pastor leaves for two reasons: first, so that the congregation can grieve and get used to their pastor being gone; second, so that the congregation can develop a close relationship with the next pastor when they come.

**Q: Will you still be attending Calvary after retirement?**

A: For the same reason mentioned above, I won't be attending worship at Calvary. After a year has passed, if the current pastor (or session moderator) wishes to extend an invitation to a special Calvary event, I would certainly be open to that. My wife Dawn on the other hand is looking forward to still attending art classes and women's Bible study so you all will still be in the loop!

**Q: What about friendships?**

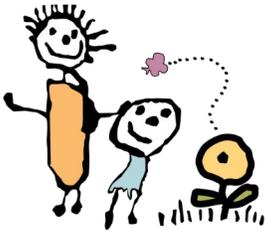
A: While my service and duties as pastor will end completely on 1/31/23; friendships that have developed don't get erased when a pastor retires. **What does that mean in practice and what are the boundaries?** It means that we look forward to your Christmas cards, and if I ever meet you for coffee or lunch, I will be glad to talk about life, family, cats, and retirement—but I will not be discussing church business.

## **FOUNDATIONS PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS**

Calvary is once again planning to give gifts to families at Foundations (Perry) Preschool. Covid and changes in situations at the school have necessitated some changes in our process. The families at the school are still single parent and/or high risk with the result that programs have been added to reach more of the children as early as possible. There are now programs for infants and toddlers, as well as pre-school to pre-kindergarten age.

Therefore, this Christmas we will still collect Meijer gift cards for the school to give to families "from Calvary Presbyterian Church in the name of Jesus Christ." In addition, especially for those who miss giving actual gifts, selections can be made from the school wish list on next page. We will collect those items, unwrapped, and take them to the school with the gift cards. During the holiday season the school will be setting out toys, books, dolls, crafts, etc. that have been donated during the year. Parents will be invited to choose a gift for their child or children from these items and the remainder will be used throughout the year.

I (Kay Hartung 734-971-3085) will collect gift cards and gift items at any time. However, I must have everything **no later than Sunday Dec.11, 2022**, because they will be taken to the school the next day.



# Foundations Preschool

of Washtenaw County

## Classroom Wish List

Construction Paper

Marbles

Playdough

Stickers

Multi-cultural Books

Craft materials (pipe-cleaners, popsicle sticks, etc.)

School Supplies (glue sticks, colored markers)

Tape Measurers, Rulers

Dry-Erase Markers & Sharpies

Magnetic Tiles

Packing Tape

Multicultural Items (dolls, dress-up clothing)

Colored Masking Tape

Envelopes



pencils,



## Fillable Condiment Bottles (for paint)

Interested in supporting our mission by making an in-kind donation? Please call 734-677-8130 or email

[development@foundations-preschool.org](mailto:development@foundations-preschool.org)

## Calvary Presbyterian Church November Calendar

### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday thru Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

| November 2022   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
|   |   | <b>1</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>Backues group 8:30pm  | <b>2</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>AA**<br>11:30 – 1:00pm<br>1:15pm Prayer Meeting  | <b>3</b><br>1-6pm HVAI                                     | <b>4</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>AA**<br>11:30 – 1:00pm           | <b>5</b><br>AA**<br>1:00 – 3:00pm  |
| <b>6</b><br>10:00 am Worship<br>Coffee Hour<br>AA**1:00 – 3:00pm                              | <b>7</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>AA*<br>5:30-6:30pm  | <b>8</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>Backues group 8:30pm  | <b>9</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>AA**<br>11:30 – 1:00pm<br>1:15pm Prayer Meeting  | <b>10</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>1:00-3:00pm<br>Women's Study    | <b>11</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>Bible<br>AA**<br>11:30 – 1:00pm | <b>12</b><br>10am Session Meeting at Sharon's house<br>AA**<br>1:00 – 3:00pm<br>Sharon's Art Class 3:30–5:30pm |
| <b>13</b><br>10:00 am Worship<br>Coffee Hour + Live Wire after worship<br>AA**1:00 – 3:00pm   | <b>14</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>AA*<br>5:30-6:30pm | <b>15</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>Backues group 8:30pm | <b>16</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>AA**<br>11:30 – 1:00pm<br>1:15pm Prayer Meeting | <b>17</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>Sharon's Art Class 10am to noon | <b>18</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>AA**<br>11:30 – 1:00pm          | <b>19</b><br>AA**<br>1:00 – 3:00pm   |
| <b>20</b><br>10:00 am Worship<br>Informal Church Gathering after worship<br>AA**1:00 – 3:00pm | <b>21</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>AA*<br>5:30-6:30pm | <b>22</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>Backues group 8:30pm | <b>23</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>AA**<br>11:30 – 1:00pm<br>1:15pm Prayer Meeting | <b>24</b><br>1-6pm HVAI                                    | <b>25</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>AA**<br>11:30 – 1:00pm          | <b>26</b><br>AA**<br>1:00 – 3:00pm<br>Sharon's Art Class 3:30–5:30pm   |
| <b>27</b><br>10:00 am Worship<br>Coffee Hour + Live Wire after worship<br>AA**1:00 – 3:00pm   | <b>28</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>AA*<br>5:30-6:30pm | <b>29</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>Backues group 8:30pm | <b>30</b><br>1-6pm HVAI<br>AA**<br>11:30 – 1:00pm<br>1:15pm Prayer Meeting |  |  |  |

**Birthdays**

**Anniversaries**

|               |       |                           |       |
|---------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| Sandy Huang   | 11-09 | Wayne & Dorothy Morsfield | 11-27 |
| Kay Hartung   | 11-15 |                           |       |
| Charles Wilke | 11-20 |                           |       |
| Frona Foltin  | 11-21 |                           |       |
| Trish Zabik   | 11-27 |                           |       |