



The Calvary Connection

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Scripture and Sermon Selections for September 2022

9/4/22

First Reading: 1 Cor. 7:29-31

Second Reading: Jonah 3:1-10, 4:1-4

Sermon: "Turning Tail"

9/11/22

First Reading: Psalm 14

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Sermon: "Christ's Immense Patience"

9/18/22

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Second Reading: Luke 16:1-13 (WNT)

Sermon: "Bondservants of God or Gold"

9/25/22

First Reading: Psalm 146

Second Reading: Luke 16:14-15, 19-31

Sermon: "The Rich Man's Comeuppance"

Calvary Presbyterian Church Worship

We continue to be meeting in person at 10 AM Sundays. Masks are recommended but not required. The sermon recording and some worship aids will be available by Monday morning each week on the Calvary website at: <http://www.calvarya2.com>.



How to Donate to Calvary Presbyterian

- First, you may place your tithe/offering in the offering box on the ushers' table (near the sanctuary entrance) before or after worship; or you may come forward to put it in the offering box during the prayer of dedication. (We don't pass an offering plate).
- Second, you may mail your check. Our address is: Calvary Presbyterian Church, 2727 Fernwood Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.
- Third, you can make a donation online on our church website. You can make a one-time donation, or "set in and forget it" so that your donation will be paid on a recurring basis: Here is the direct link:
<https://www.calvary2.com/donate>

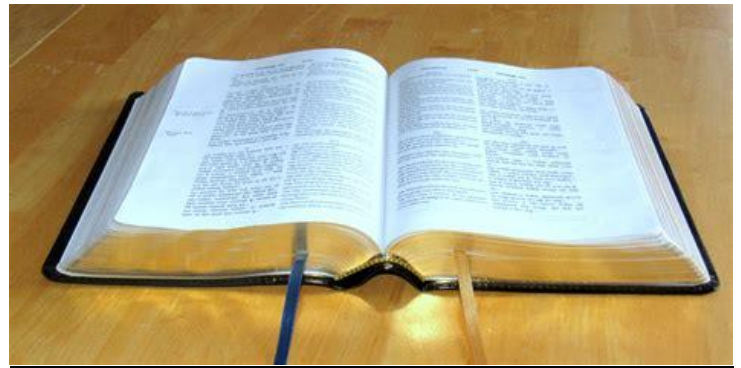


Bible Study

It is that time of the year again and we are planning another year of Bible study. We are still planning on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month if that is alright with everyone. We will start out studying the book of Acts until we can agree on another part of the Bible. Please be thinking about this and let's come up with a subject that is new and something that everyone agrees on. Looking forward to our time together again for learning and growing.

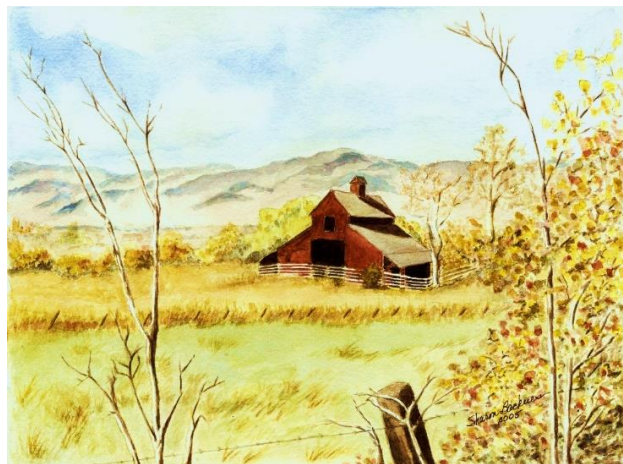
Blessings,
Frona

P.S. First Bible Study date: September 8th, 2022.



Art Classes

Here is September's schedule:
Thursdays: Sept 1st and Sept 15th from 10 AM to 12 noon
Saturdays: Sept 10th and Sept 24th from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM
All are welcome. Instruction tends to be quite individualized. If you are planning to come, please contact Sharon B2kues at sharonbackues@runbox.com.



Lectors For September

September 4th -----Norma Scheider
September 11th -----Frona Folton
September 18th -----Sharon Backues
September 25th -----Kay Hartung



Miscellaneous Reports

Building and Grounds

Planning meeting Saturday August 27th

Jean, Kay H., Margarita, Sharon, Kraig, Steven, and Adrienne were present at the meeting at 7:00pm:

1. Buckthorn thicket: Margarita will continue to work at the bush and maybe several workdays as a group working on it to remove the buckthorn. Sharon, Kraig, and Adrienne have volunteered to help with that. We will speed up the project as much as is feasible for us, and let the neighbors know what the plans are.
2. **Workday is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th at 12:00pm:** Group effort to remove the buckthorn. We will try to get the word out to AA and other friends of the church as we could use many hands.
3. Additional projects: Getting quotes for Epoxy to cover tiles in the sanctuary. This project requires removing benches and piano and organ for maybe two weeks to let the Epoxy dry. Additional questions on this project: Who is moving the benches (piano & organ) and screwing them back down? Also, what is the fate of the carpet? Margarita suggested a report on what has been done for the roof, electrical, and plumbing and what is left to still be done. What is the maintenance required? This might be a good winter task.

Margarita suggests thinking of ways to raise money (e.g., crowdfunding), save, and/or get a loan to help with keeping up the Calvary building. Sharon will contact two carpentry experts to get some quotes on fixing the rotten wood in the back of the handicap bathroom and pillar near the entrance where most people enter the church building. Jean made a helpful list of suggested indoor and outdoor tasks. Ask and I can send you the list.

Adrienne (and Steven)

Notes from coffee hour conversations with visiting pastors - August 2022

8/14/2022 - Charon Barconey, Associate Executive Presbyter

Message: "Hope Begins Here.... But it Doesn't End Here."

Resource available through Presbytery: Congregational Vitality Survey

Resource: Congregational Development and Transformation committee (CDT) - chair Rev. Laura Kelsey, pastor at First Presbyterian, Pontiac

Three questions for a church to ask itself:

What is God calling us to do **today**?

What do we have the energy to do?

What are we willing to risk for the sake of the gospel?

Charon's prayers are with us!

8/21/2022 - Joel VanderSchel, New Life Church

Message: "A Man Born Blind" John 9

New Life church is involved in a number of activities where they partner with various other churches in town. Joel has often found that the best way to make connections with other churches is by working together in service/mission.

He mentioned a variety of things that they were involved in, both focused on connecting with U of M students as well as serving the local community (e.g., warming shelters, backpacks for Mitchell school, etc.)

Going forward, he will keep us in mind if there are activities that they are doing that it might make sense for us to partner in (e.g., in our local area), and we can let him know when we are doing service/outreach events that college students from his church might be interested in helping with. Possibly trunk or treat, lawn concerts, or Friends and Music?

8/28/2022 - Mike Frison, Community Outreach Pastor, Restoration Outreach Ministries (also recently retired from Knox Presbyterian)

Message: "Becoming People of the Towel," John 13:1-17

For a possible study/inventory, he recommended "Natural Church Growth" by Christian Schwarz. Restoration Outreach Ministries is a new, small (~50 member) majority black church in Ypsilanti with a particular heart for black men who have had run-ins with the criminal justice system. They meet at 11:55 AM on Sundays at 5752 Whittaker south of Ypsilanti (rented space). He was excited about the idea of possible greater connections with Calvary and suggested that he and Pastor Keith talk about it sometime.

Humor



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September Calendar

OFFICE HOURS

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

September 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1-6pm HVAI Sharon's Art Class 10am to noon	2 1-6pm HVAI AA** 11:30 – 1:00pm	3 AA** 1:00 – 3:00pm 3:00-4:00pm Linda Speck Sanctuary
4 10:00 am Worship w/communion Coffee Hour + Live Wire after worship AA**1:00 – 3:00pm	5 1-6pm HVAI AA* 5:30-6:30pm	6 1-6pm HVAI 4:30-5:15pm Linda Speck Sanctuary Backues House group 7:00– 8:30pm	7 1-6pm HVAI AA** 11:30 – 1:00pm 1:15pm Prayer Meeting	8 1-6pm HVAI 1:00-3:00pm – Women's Bible Study (Book of Acts)	9 1-6pm HVAI AA** 11:30 – 1:00pm	10 AA** 1:00 – 3:00pm Buckthorn bushes work party – 12 noon. Sharon's Art Class 3:30–5:30pm
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18 10:00 am Worship Coffee Hour + church gathering after worship AA**1:00 –3:00pm	19 1-6pm HVAI AA* 5:30-6:30pm	20 1-6pm HVAI 10:30am Ann Arbor Fire Inspection 4:30-5:15pm Linda Speck Sanctuary Backues House group 7:00–8:30pm	21 1-6pm HVAI AA** 11:30 – 1:00pm 1:15pm Prayer Meeting	22 1-6pm HVAI 1:00-3:00pm – Women's Bible Study (Book of Acts)	23 1-6pm HVAI AA** 11:30 – 1:00pm	24 10am Session meeting at Norma's house AA** 1:00 – 3:00pm 3:00-4:00pm Linda Speck Sanctuary Sharon's Art Class 3:30–5:30pm
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Birthdays

Maria McFarland 09-05
Norma Scheider 09-09
David Galbraith 09-18
Michael Zabik 09-21
Heather Sedlak 09-22

Anniversaries

Bruce & Jan Fleming 09-12
Nick & Jean Cochran 09-20