



## The Calvary Connection

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

#### **"Finding our Self-Esteem in Christ Jesus"**

One of my most important callings as a pastor and Bible teacher has been to minister to those whose self-esteem has been damaged by the hurtful actions and words of others. For some, their main struggle has been to overcome the abuse, neglect, or shaming that they encountered within their families of origin or marriages. Others have been deeply wounded by friends or romantic partners who have ridiculed, criticized, or rejected them. Many folks have been injured by harassment or mistreatment within the workplace. Often most painful of all, is when believers have been wounded by fellow Christians—through gossip, guilt-tripping, or being neglected or abandoned during their hour of need.

While it is human nature for us to base our self-esteem and feelings of well-being on how those close to us are treating us; *the Bible tells us clearly that our self-esteem and value as Christians is based solely upon the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ.* Let me ask you this: Knowing that the Lord of heaven and earth first loved you while you were still a sinner; died for you on the Cross; sent His Holy Spirit to live inside of you; promised to minister to you from heaven as your high priest; calls you "friend" rather than "servant"; walks with you every day of your earthly life; and has invited you to spend eternity with Him in the life to come—does it really matter what anyone else thinks of you? In the words of the Apostle Paul, on which we shall close: ***"If God is for us, who can be against us?"*** (Romans 8:31).

If you are a member or friend struggling with this issue of self-esteem, do not hesitate to reach out to me, or to a member of our intercessory prayer team. We will be glad to continue the conversation and to pray with you.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Keith*

## **Scripture and Sermon Selections for July 2022:**

### **7/3/22:**

First Reading: Psalms 66:1-9

Second Reading: Galatians 6:6-16 (ESV)

**Sermon: "Generosity, Goodness, and Glory"**

### **7/10/22:**

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-8

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-12

**Sermon: "The Footsteps of Faith"**

### **7/17/22:**

First Reading: Psalm 33:18-22

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-11

**Sermon: "The Race of Faith"**

### **7/24/22:**

First Reading: Psalm 112:1-6

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-6

**Sermon: "Love and Hospitality"**

### **7/31/22:**

First Reading: Psalm 103:1-8

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:7-17

**Sermon: "The Sacrifice of Praise"**

## **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 do not 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 may 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.calvarya2.com/donate>



## June 25<sup>th</sup> Free Trunk Yard Sale Report

Coordinating the Free Trunk Yard Sale for the church was a new experience for me. In fact, I have never even done a garage sale of my own. There were a lot of things to figure out. Since there were not many hands to help out, the event needed to be as simple as possible before, during and after the event. We used our cars and the parking lot of the church to display the free things and had a small table with a very large jar to collect donations for Hope Clinic. Our main goal was to connect with the neighbors and find homes for the things we were no longer using. The event happened on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Jean, Frona, June, Norma, Andrea, Heather, Deborah R., and Char helped at the event. The weather, the people, and the event itself all went well. We even got testimony from one neighbor who said at one time she was homeless and had cancer and that Hope Clinic came through for her in a big way. With so many people's generous hearts, we raised \$283.72. We did well!

Adrienne Backues



## Art Classes

Art classes for July will meet on the following days:

**Thursdays**, July 7<sup>th</sup>, and July 21<sup>st</sup>  
from 10 AM to 12 noon

**Saturdays**, July 16<sup>th</sup>, and July 30<sup>th</sup>  
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 Backues at [sharonbackues@runbox.com](mailto:sharonbackues@runbox.com)



## Lectors For July

July 3rd -----Norma Scheider  
July 10th -----Sharon Backues  
July 17th -----Kay Hartung  
July 24th -----Frona Foltin  
July 31st -----Bill Scheider



## Upcoming Event

### **Lawn Concert:**

We are excited to be hosting a free concert for the neighborhood on the church lawn again this year, at 5:30 PM on Sunday, July 24th. Performing will be the Ukulele Party, a folk music group of local renown, and the PJS trio (voices, guitar, and recorder). A food truck, "Tacos de Mariachi Loco," will be selling food on site. Anyone is welcome to come for any part of the concert (or even just for the food).

**Free!** Lawn Concert  
Sunday, July 24th, 5:30 PM  
2727 Fernwood  
Calvary Pres. Church - corner of Fernwood and Norwood

### **Performers:**

Ukulele Party - Local folk music group

PJS Trio - Voice, guitar, and recorder



\*\*\* Food Truck \*\*\*



"Tacos El Mariachi Loco" will be selling food on-site!

**All are welcome!**

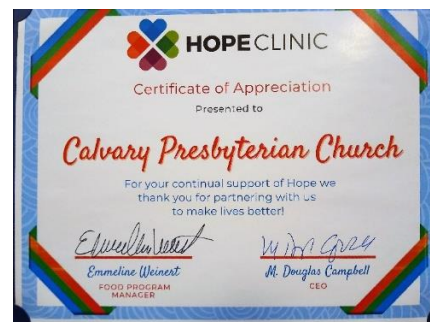
Bring your own lawn chairs.

For more info contact Steven Backues: [sabackues@gmail.com](mailto:sabackues@gmail.com)

## Thank You Notes

**From Hope Clinic:** two thank you notes:

1. For baby items received in April of 2022.
2. For the monetary gift received in June of 2022.





**From Marion Medical Mission:**

Thank you letter, dated June 18, 2022, for the money given towards building sustainable water wells.

**From Alpha House:**

Thank you letter dated June 22, 2022, for the monetary gift in support of emergency shelter for families in need.



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(See Matthew 14:14-21)

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BUT A FEW FISH AND SOME BREAD MIGHT BE A  
BETTER OPTION

# Calvary Presbyterian Church

## July Calendar

### OFFICE HOURS

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

July 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> AA** 11:30 – 1:00pm	<b>2</b> AA** 1:00 – 3:00pm
<b>3</b> 10:00 am Worship w/communion Coffee Hour + Live Wire after worship AA**1:00 – 3:00pm	<b>4</b> AA* 5:30-6:30pm 6:00-8:00pm Linda Speck Sanctuary	<b>5</b> 6:00-9:00pm Linda Speck FH  Backues House group 7:00– 8:30pm	<b>6</b> AA** 11:30 – 1:00pm 1:15pm Prayer Meeting	<b>7</b> 1-6pm HVAI  Art Class w/Sharon 10am-12pm 6:30-8:00pm Linda Speck Courtyard	<b>8</b> 1-6pm HVAI  AA** 11:30 – 1:00pm	<b>9</b> AA** 1:00 – 3:00pm
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<b>24</b> 10:00 am Worship Coffee Hour + Live Wire after worship AA**1:00 – 3:00pm Free Lawn Concert 5:30pm	<b>25</b> 1-6pm HVAI AA* 5:30-6:30pm 6:00-8:00pm Linda Speck Sanctuary	<b>26</b> 1-6pm HVAI 6:00-9:00pm Linda Speck FH  Backues House group 7:00–8:30pm	<b>27</b> 1-6pm HVAI AA** 11:30 – 1:00pm 1:15pm Prayer Meeting	<b>28</b> 1-6pm HVAI  6:30-8:00pm Linda Speck Courtyard	<b>29</b> 1-6pm HVAI  AA** 11:30 – 1:00pm	<b>30</b> AA** 1:00 – 3:00pm  Art Class w/Sharon 3:30-5:30pm
<b>31</b> 10:00 am Worship w/communion Coffee Hour + Live Wire after worship AA**1:00 – 3:00pm	<p><b>Birthdays</b></p> <p>Wayne Morsfield 07-16 Devon Herren 07-20</p> <p><b>Anniversaries</b></p> <p>Steven &amp; Adrienne Backues 07-12</p> <p><b>*HVAI = Huron Valley Area Intergroup</b></p>					