

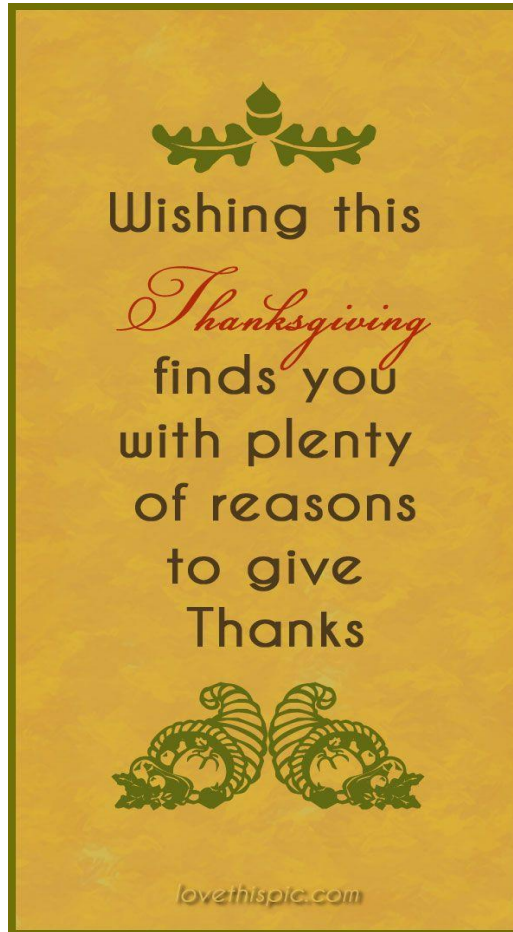
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November



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1	Allison Green
4	Cindy Berhow
6	Debra Wagner
6	Eric Kane
8	Betty Leibert
9	Ed McQue
13	Lumarya Kilikpo
15	Joan Thomas
17	Ann Matlack
18	Mary Rose Holland
21	Elsie Carraghan
24	Sherol Kane
25	Larry Lurwick
26	Janice Carfagna



December

1	Gina Bartholomew
1	Elizabeth Little
4	Amber Ray
6	Evelyn Little
7	Francis Harper
7	David Wiegner
7	Christopher Werley
8	James Wiegner
10	Thomas Vasko
13	Carole Miller
19	Sara Wiegner
19	Dana Smith
22	Abigail Turnier
25	Anire Akonu
26	Richard J. Chartrand
27	Kairi Korin
27	Carol Ann Snyder
28	Brad Kriebel
29	Johnathan Danilovicz
30	Vera Krisukas
31	Floyd Bitler
31	Tim Matlack
31	Jennifer Godusky
31	Peggy Ann Freeman

November Anniversaries

11/29/69	Allan & Suzanne Davies
11/24/79	Bill & Gina Bartholomew
11/2/85	George & Judy DuPaul
11/14/92	Karen & Carlo Caiati
11/6/04	Margaret Keiffer & Jeffrey Norris
11/23/07	Joan & Melvin Thomas, Jr.
11/16/19	Debra Wagner & Gary Davidowich

December Anniversaries

12/16/78	Vince & Karen Cocca
12/30/78	John & A. Cynthia Weber
12/21/90	Ernie & Kellie Eschbach



November 3, 2020

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) originated in the mid-1930s, when American Baptist congregations received a Communion Fellowship Offering on the first Sunday of each month to support retired ministers, missionaries, their widowed spouses and elderly clergy within their churches. In 1977, American Baptist Churches USA launched RMMO to continue this appreciation of God's service. Christians facing uncertainty and difficult situations today can take comfort in the text from Jeremiah 29:11-13 which states, 11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

This year, to honor this tradition and acknowledge the current circumstances, we chose Hope for Today, Hope for Tomorrow as our theme. This theme encompasses the true strength and dedication of ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who have devoted 15 years or more to ABCUSA.



"As pastors serve our congregations and equip them to engage our communities, 2020 presents the church with unlimited opportunities to embody the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That's where RMMO comes in—offering tangible hope through the knowledge that help is available. Thank you for partnering with this vital ministry."

Rev. Kelly Legg
Senior Pastor
West Shore Baptist Church
Camphill, PA

Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering 2020

Allentown Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Outreach

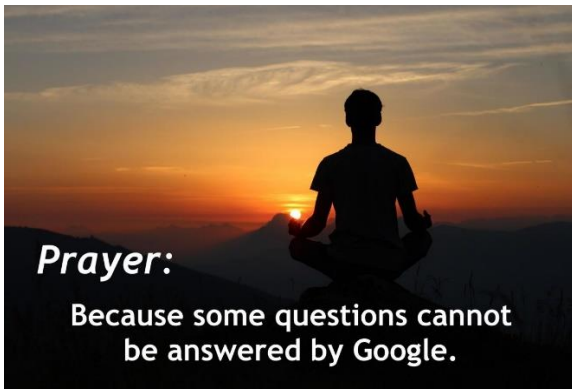


On Sunday, October 25, Rescue Mission president Skip Smith came and shared the story of the Allentown Rescue Mission and the lives that are being changed there daily. Our Outreach Ministry challenged the congregation to contribute toward serving Thanksgiving meals to 50 men. Meeka Matlack and Mollee Griffith presented Skip a check for \$600. Donations will be accepted through the end of November. You may include any donation with your regular offering, designating an

amount for The Allentown Rescue Mission, or you may talk with Meeka, Mollee, or any deacon!



ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION
CHANGING LIVES SINCE 1900.



Shut-ins—Jeffrey Hahn, Vera Krisukas, Louise Prather, Connie Tomredle
Ongoing Concerns—Abraham Dennis & family; Marilyn Fry; Kairi Korin; Carol Ann Snyder; Jacob & Betsy Kilikpo; Allison, David, & Oliver Green; Ester Krangar; Lorrie Kline; Lauren McQue; Mary Ann & Drew Mohr, Laura Faris; Ronald Snyder; Rick Tomredle; Mike & Donna Werley; Arlene Varney's daughter Cheryl; Wendy Klaiber; Jerry & Sandie Hudgins; Jenny Faris; Debi Van Brakle; Nancy Nagle; Skip & Elsie Carraghan; Susan Smeltzer (Diane Leech's daughter); Carolyn & John Greiner (Karen Caiati's parents); Betty Bush (Peggy von Harten's mother); Peggy Ann Freeman; Eric Rivera (Johnny & Judy's son); Larry Pruneda (Ed McQue's brother in law); Robert McQue (Ed's father); Myles Miller; Ed Baumer; Jim

Wagner; Fred Hurney; Betty Kenyon; Greg Furniss (friend of Maryann Panek who has brain cancer); Jerry Woodward, friend of Doug & Diane Leech; Amy Schantz, June Bell; Karen Vasko Toczek, lung cancer; Kathy Slezak; Jesse Gunkarpea; Alvin Fischer; Arlene Varney and her friend, Debbie Morton; Bruce & Connie Fritch; Dave Goodall; Beverly Antonik, Hani & Siham Khouri, (Hani – cancer;) Mary Rose Holland's son Mark – cancer; The Pastoral Search Committee; Maryann Panek's great-granddaughter, Teagan Christophersen, who is just three and a half years old, surgery for neuroblastoma; Michelle Faraco, daughter of Dave & Bev Goodall; Carole Miller; Betty Leibert; Diane Leech; Abigail Turnier; Helen Rush (Karen Rush's mother); Floyd & Lois Bitler; Marion Harris; Julie Chartrand, Missy Gunns, friend of Shannon Helzer with Covid 19; Rev. Bob and Sandra Boudier—Bob is nearing the end of his life—prayers for him and his family; victims of hurricanes, wildfires, and other natural disasters; front line workers everywhere; racial injustice and violence in our cities; our election process, all people afflicted with Covid-19

Students—Novellin K'Paw, Morgan Danilovicz, Emily Crum, Kaitlyn Godusky, Michael Godusky, Ariana Caiati, John Dahn, Elijah Helzer, Shannon Helzer, Tim Lurwick, Tyler & Jared Alexander, Jenna McQue, Nicholas Korin, Brian Akonu, Munya Mafundikwa, Romanley Turnier

The Wired Word Sunday School Class

Allan Davies continues to lead this class and will email the weekly topics to anyone who is interested! These topics are taken from the news and considered from a Biblical perspective. Email Allan or call the church office to indicate your interest.

Allan's email address: ca2pa1984@gmail.com

The Bible for Beginners Sunday School Class

This class meets online. November 1 they will discuss All Saints Day, Day of the Dead, and religious connections to Halloween. After that, the group will begin study pertaining to Advent. If you are interested in joining this group, please email Jenna McQue or Meeka Matlack, or call the church office

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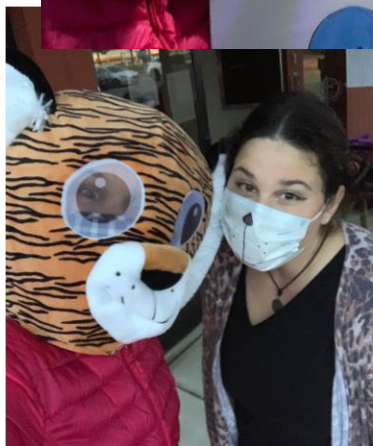
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"Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. *Act* on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like. But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the free life!—even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action."

James 1:22-25, The Message



Calvary Baptist Drive-Thru Trick or Treat



Thanks to our volunteers and helpers:

Pastor Cyndi, Pastor Dave,
Susan B., Cindy B., Maryann M.,
Naomi, Kathy K., Paul K.

On Wednesday, October 28th, we handed out 55 bags to happy, giggling trick or treaters in the drive thru!! Some stopped for a photo op at our fall table. We didn't know the majority of our visitors and they all went home with a bookmark from Calvary with church info and website along with their treats.

It was great fun!



Praise God for all He's doing!



Calvary Cares Outreach Ministry

Christian Education Updates

Nursery COVID-19 Update

As we return inside, please note that the **nursery** will not be staffed. **Parents are welcome to take their children into the nursery for feeding or changing**, but there will be no toys available and there will not be a volunteer in the nursery to watch babies and toddlers.



Junior Church COVID-19 Update

For the safety of our children and staff, Junior Church will not resume when we return to the Sanctuary. **However, “Junior Church To Go” grab bags will be available in the narthex.** The grab bags will include a worksheet and craft that children can complete right in the Sanctuary during service, or at home after service. “Junior Church To Go” will begin starting with Thanksgiving Sunday, November 22.

Stay



Connected!

Visit our website to stay up-to-date on church events. Go to <https://www.calvarybaptist-atown.org/>. You can also follow us on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram. Worship service will be live-streamed on Facebook and available the following week on our YouTube channel. Links to all of our social media accounts can be found right on our website.



Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday, November 1, at 3 AM. Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour!

Our Sunday worship service will begin at 9:30 AM, in our parking lot, transmitted on 87.9 FM to your car radio. It is also available live streamed on Facebook and YouTube. “See you” then!



It's time to FALL back!!!

Just a friendly reminder to turn your clocks back Saturday night one hour!!!

Also, now is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detector when you are “falling back!”
Enjoy the rest of this beautiful season!!

We have a date!



A tentative opening date has been set. The Focus Group presented November 15 as being an appropriate date. Some people thought Nov 1 was too early and others thought that Nov 29 was too late. November 15th was approved by the Coordinating Board on Tuesday, October 13th for a “Targeted” opening date. November 15th opening also depends upon the COVID-19 situation at that time, and is subject to change.

The Sanctuary will be sanitized, as will the Fellowship Hall for overflow. Plans are completed for broadcasting the service live to the Fellowship Hall. Chairs will be placed for social distancing, and will be sanitized.

We will be continuing the Pavilion Services, broadcasting to parking lot, and the Live streaming. The Parking Lot Broadcast will continue as long as it is deemed necessary. You Tube and Facebook Live stream will continue indefinitely.

Please read the GUIDELINES in this Newsletter for information as to the changes that will occur and the guidelines that must be followed.

“Consistent with Guidelines of the Health Department of Pennsylvania and our thoughts as to how best to respect and love our fellow worshipers and others in the communities we serve.”

TO PROTECT US ALL, PLEASE:

IF YOU DO NOT FEEL WELL – STAY HOME OR STAY IN YOUR CAR TO LISTEN TO THE SERVICE.

WEAR YOUR MASK AT ALL TIMES-- USE HAND SANITIZER

DO NOT LOITER IN THE NARTHEX and OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING (-6'-)

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS OF USHERS

PLEASE BE FLEXIBLE - YOU MAY NOT BE SEATED IN YOUR “NORMAL” SEAT. SEATING WILL BE FILLED IN FROM FRONT TO BACK AND DISMISSED FROM BACK TO FRONT TO AVOID CONGESTION.

AVOID HUGGING AND HANDSHAKES--WE ALL KNOW HOW HARD THAT IS!

TAKE CONVERSATIONS OUTSIDE

Our goal is for everyone to feel safe while worshipping. These guidelines need to be followed in order to keep our doors open. We must be diligent in the fight against COVID-19 as well as the upcoming Flu Season. These precautions will help us achieve a safer environment for all to worship.

Thank you from the Focus Group

Do you remember the Memorial Day Parade? All the floats and the bands (I love marching bands!) And the Fourth of July - all those beautiful fireworks - even though the dog had to be sedated for the duration!! And then there was the parade to commemorate the Vote being part of Women's history for 100 years.. I have my t-shirt and wear it proudly! What a summer it was -- 2020 --never will be another like it!!



All those memories - that never happened. But they would have - and could have - another time and another place, but .this is our time and our place. We can wish it were different, but it isn't. Which is not to say we won't have another parade or other fireworks. Just not now.

So many of the things we have held near and dear did not happen this year. But look at the new things we have learned. Did you ever think we would worship in our cars and listen to the sermon on our radio? Or that we could sit at home in our living room or at our kitchen table and have the music and the Word brought to us --in our pj's ?? It is a different time, my friends.

A Task Force was formed sometime this summer and their work has brought about an opening of sorts. The sanctuary will be open - but you will not sit near your friends, or sing hymns or greet each other or read responsive readings from the hymnals. You will sit six feet from you closest neighbor and you will enter and leave the sanctuary without speaking to or shaking hands with other people at worship. It will be different. And your pastor will be on YouTube or Facebook or on your phone . Due to a number of co-morbidities, I will not be in the sanctuary but will put my sermon on tape to be broadcast on YouTube, Facebook or a screen in the sanctuary. It will be different,

You will select which style of worship in which you will participate. If you have compromises which render you more apt to become sick from Covid19, perhaps you will worship from home - or in your car (we will still broadcast to the parking lot) If you are healthy and not concerned about infecting others in your circle of family and friends, you may wish to don your mask and enter the sanctuary.

The scripture tells us that where two or three are gathered in His name, God will be there with us. For me that will be my kitchen or my living room. Not only am I compromised, but I have little ones for whom I carry lots of care and would not carry a germ home to them. Each person will make a decision - I make no judgment on any of these forms of worship...you must do that in concert with you family and your God.

I know I have enjoyed worship in the parking lot. I have enjoyed Zoom worship with my church in Royersford (where I am a member). And I have worshiped with people across the country - since I am not limited by time or space and can Zoom into their service anytime! Try it - you might like it !!

Wherever you worship - and however you select your method of worship, May God bless you with a worshipful heart. And please, be safe and be healthy.

Pastor Cyndi