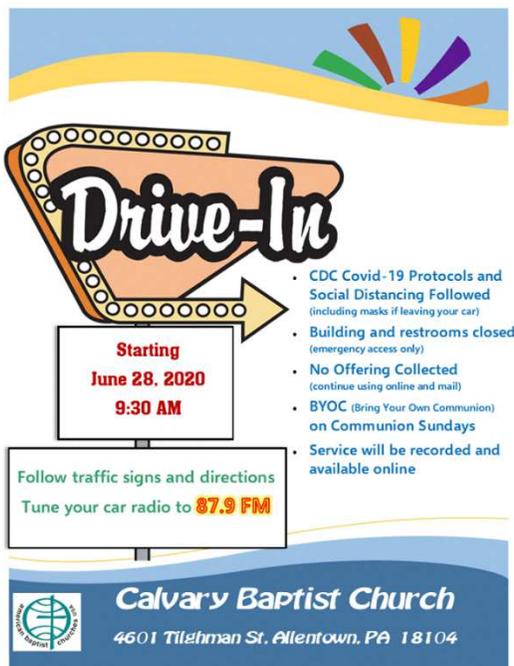


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The sign features a stylized orange and white 'Drive-In' sign with a yellow arrow pointing right. Below it, a white box with a red border contains the text: 'Starting June 28, 2020 9:30 AM'. A second white box with a green border contains the text: 'Follow traffic signs and directions Tune your car radio to 87.9 FM'. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the Calvary Baptist Church logo and address: 'Calvary Baptist Church 4601 Tilghman St. Allentown, PA 18104'. The top of the sign has a decorative graphic with colorful rays.

EXCITING NEWS!

THIS SUNDAY – June 28, 9:30 AM

Drive-In Church Service in our parking lot!
Socially Distanced Parking
Tune your car radio to 87.9 FM

LOTS OF NEW INFORMATION
IN THIS EDITION OF OUR NEWSLETTER!
READ AND SHARE!

July

1 Richard Zellers
7 Drew Mohr
8 Anna Wiegner
8 Deborah Herman
8 Robert Mauro
9 Megan Wagner
9 Jennifer Korin
10 Myles Miller
13 Samantha Toggas
14 Keith Heywood
19 Peggy von Harten
21 Anne Pearson
21 Linda Dixon-Shea
23 Dalani Petties-Bond
23 Kevin Godusky
24 Andrew Heywood
25 Melika Matlack
26 Karen McQue
27 Timothy Harris
28 Jon Matlack
30 Lara McQue



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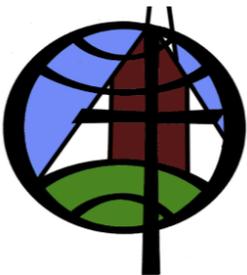
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5 Hope Dahn
7 Dave Goodall
9 Donald Arnold
9 Brandy Eschbach
12 Karen Toczek
12 Carol Vasko
15 Cynthia Kovalchick
19 Kathy Ayers
24 Naomi Baumer
25 Vince Cocca
25 Carolyn Stein
26 Arlene Varney
28 Alexander S. Mantz
30 Munyaradzi Mafundikwa
30 Brian Akonu

July Anniversaries

7/15/67 Dave & Beverly Goodall
7/7/79 Jim & Sara Wiegner
7/22/08 Eric & Sherol Kane

August Anniversaries

8/27/66 Bruce & Connie Fritch
8/12/72 Dale & Andrea Rothrock
8/9/75 Phil & Cheryl Merkel
8/18/01 Mardy & Peggy von Harten



Look what our Outreach
Committee
has been doing!

[Calvary Baptist Church -
Allentown, PA](#)

**Our Little Free Library is now installed and filled
with 38 books!**

**No sooner was the library installed than a young
mother and child visited to take a book and share
some of her own.**

**View this and other updates on our
FACEBOOK PAGE!**



Therefore, as American Baptists:

1. We recognize that people of European ancestry have taken the responsibility and obligation to govern others, based on their understanding of God's predestined role for Christians in world history. This concept, called Manifest Destiny, is implicitly racist and has permeated both our national history and our American Christian life. It is a form of white racism which has affected the way the United States views its role in the world and views immigrants to this country. As American Baptists, we will seek to create a new image for this nation in which the cultures, the contributions, the insights and the abilities of all racial groups are valued.
2. We recognize that the formal and informal structures within our society have been used to institutionalize our racist actions and enable us to avoid personal responsibility. We recognize our individual and corporate responsibility to work for racial justice and will initiate and support actions toward the elimination of institutional racism.
3. We recognize the responsibility to protect the rights of and support opportunities and equity for racial minorities in the political, economic, social, educational and judicial systems in this country. We will initiate and support actions to enable persons of all racial backgrounds to become full participants in and beneficiaries of the life of this country.
4. We recognize that racism in public and private education has been a major factor in the perpetuation of racial injustice. We oppose racism in public and private education and will support and initiate efforts for quality education for all.
5. We recognize that our economic system has exploited racial minorities. We will continue to examine our economic system and to engage in actions by which racial minorities may participate fully in the decision making and control of the economic system fully benefiting from its productive processes.
6. We recognize that racial minorities have suffered disproportionately from poor health and a lack of basic health care. We will support and initiate efforts for the provision of basic health care for all persons.
7. We recognize that although the United States is a nation of immigrants, with the exception of Native Americans and Hispanics who were here before the 1600's, our immigration policy and practice has often been discriminatory against persons of color. We will oppose the imposition of quotas, the incarceration of immigrants or the extradition of persons based on color.
8. We recognize that violence against minorities has been a continuing factor in American society. We will challenge the covert and overt violence that is the tool which gives expression to the hatred of one racial group for another.
9. We recognize that racial minority women and children are among the most vulnerable in our society and that racism has resulted in public policies and practices that have fractured many families. We will support public policies that strengthen and undergird families.
10. We recognize that racist decisions (individual, corporate and political) result in policies which adversely affect racial minorities and ethnic groups in areas which include housing, mental health, criminal justice and employment. We will initiate and support efforts to correct such policies.
11. We recognize that racism is involved in relations between nations as well as within nations. We will challenge our nation and support international efforts to overcome racism and the effects of racism in every sphere.

Finally, as American Baptists, we will make it our policy to realize the deepest meaning of Christ's love for all of us. We will seek to move as one body under the Lord toward that high promise of liberation, peace, and justice for which Christ died and was raised and lives forevermore.

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AMERICAN BAPTIST POLICY STATEMENT ON RACIAL JUSTICE

We, as American Baptists, believe that all people are made in the image of God and that the right to human dignity, to be respected and treated as a person without regard to race, is foundational to our faith.

Racism is the belief that one race is innately superior to all other races. It is the devaluing of persons in terms of their intelligence and potential for contributions to a given society because of their race by one or more racial groups who have an economic, social and political position of power in that society. The organization of formal and informal systemic structures that keep specific racial minority groups disadvantaged and disenfranchised, whether intentional or unintentional is called institutional racism. Racism, whether individual or corporate, is a sin against God. With grief we find racism to be one of the most pervasive examples of sin in our country.

Scripture affirms that we, as people of God with new life in Christ, are a people among whom all distinctions are affirmed and respected. However, in our humanity we have been unable to realize fully what we have been called to be by God. While societies may have good intention of building values and operating structures designed to achieve visions of good ends, the reality is that they usually end up serving the few rather than the many. We recognize and affirm efforts underway by some to accept racial and ethnic diversity and call the church to model within society those values and structures that open the doors of opportunity for all people. American Baptists represent the coming together of many racial and ethnic streams within American life and within the life of our world. However, by the very nature of our humanity and the institutional church structures that have emerged, some individuals and churches become privileged over others. Racial justice is recognizing our oneness in Christ, confessing that we have not become what God wants us to be, and committing ourselves to pressing on to that mark of high calling by which we can become a liberating symbol to our nation and world of what it means to be the people of God. In so doing, we can challenge our nation to live up to its high purposes. We can challenge all the nations to take seriously the struggle for the freedom and peace of all humankind.

Therefore, as American Baptists:

1. We affirm the diversity of races and cultures as distinctive aspects of our denomination. We accept each person as a full participant and each race and each culture as valid expressions within the life and witness of the ABC family.
2. We will establish those education processes and lines of communication which will enable us to learn from each other and to share in the rich racial textures that characterize our communities of faith.
3. We will advocate for racial justice within our American Baptist fellowship and we will engage tenaciously in the elimination of racism at all levels (national, regional, local congregations and affiliated organizations and institutions) and in all arenas including communication, participation and staffing.
4. We recognize that each race and each culture must be full participants in the American Baptist family with access to the full range of American Baptist services without sacrificing its unique and enriching racial and cultural insights and patterns of work and worship.
5. We recognize that racism is an acquired attitude expressed throughout the world. In our relationships with other nations and cultures through our national and international mission we will continually examine our own roles and attitudes to eliminate any vestiges of racism and we will work to witness for racial justice which is implicit in the Christian faith.
6. We recognize that concern for racial justice is not confined to American Baptist churches. We will work with other religious, ecumenical and secular groups with similar concerns to secure racial justice.

Based on the mandate of our Christian faith and our belief that a nation cannot be secured unless it is founded on justice and opportunity for all, we believe that Christians must work for racial justice within their own societies and within the world.

**“HEY HEY HEY HEY!
Don't you forget about me!”**

Join the **BREAKFAST CLUB at Calvary! Give to others in need!**

WHAT: We need healthy BREAKFAST ITEMS DONATIONS (non-perishable items individually packaged i.e., granola bars, trail mix, dried fruit, individual non-perishable drinks, etc.)

WHEN: DROP OFF DONATIONS June 28, 2020 between 2-4 PM
Collections will be the last Sunday of EVERY MONTH 2-4pm June, July & August (stay in your car, we'll grab groceries from trunk/windows)

WHO: Calvary Baptist Church Allentown is donating breakfast bags first come, first served to cars that drive through our lot! No questions asked. We want to FEED OUR COMMUNITY. Anyone in need. One bag per car/group.

Distribution will be every Monday 9-10 AM in July & August. Email mollee.griffith@gmail.com or melikamatlack@gmail.com if you want to VOLUNTEER TO DISTRIBUTE BREAKFAST BAGS!



Pray without ceasing...

Shut-ins—Anna Mae Davis, Jeffrey Hahn, Vera Krisukas, Louise Prather, Connie Tomredle, Lucille Hopper

Ongoing Concerns— Lois & Floyd Bitler; 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; Rev. Bob & Sandra Boudier; 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); Marjorie Valentine; Charlotte Roland (Meeka Matlack's grandmother); 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; Betty Leibert; Jesse Gunkarpea; Julie Brichta, Alvin Fischer; Arlene Varney; Bruce 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 and undergoing chemotherapy for neuroblastoma; Michelle Faraco, daughter of Dave & Bev Goodall; Vince Cocca and family on the passing of his sister, Donna M. Swoyer

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



Congratulations, Mollee & John Griffith

Mollee Griffith graduated from Lehigh University with a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership, and John Griffith graduated from Moravian College with a BS degree in Nursing. Congratulations on these wonderful accomplishments!

The Bible for Beginners Google Meet Class

The Bible for Beginners Sunday school class will be meeting online via google meet at 11:30am (instead of 9:30) starting the 28th to accommodate the drive thru service.

Here is the link for the meeting
<http://meet.google.com/jsr-ninq-uzw>

And here is the website that correlates with the classes
<https://sites.google.com/view/bible-for-beginners/home>

Join us at the new time beginning this Sunday, June 28!

Jenna McQue



NEW 11:30 AM time for Sunday School!

Bible for Beginners

JOIN US! 11:30 AM GOOGLE MEET

ALL are welcome! Bring questions and curiosity as we learn the basics of the Bible together in a safe and loving space.

Facilitated by Jenna McQue.

Email Jenna with any questions and to get the link to join us
jenna.mcque@gmail.com



The Information You Need!

Vacation Bible School On Hold



Due to the severe health crisis across the United States, our VBS Ministry Team felt it was best to put **this year's Vacation Bible School on hold** as we evaluate the current health crisis. Many of our volunteers and students have health concerns, and we do not want to put anyone at risk! Every one of our teachers is just as disappointed as we can imagine the children are by this news.

It is possible Vacation Bible School may happen sometime in August, or we may get together in the fall for a smaller, one-day event similar to our regular Vacation Bible School.



Visit us on
Facebook

Our Facebook page contains many announcements and updates about ministry at Calvary, including a link to Children's Sunday School!

Find us at Calvary Baptist Church – Allentown, PA and avail yourselves of the resources available there! Stay in the know!

Calvary Baptist Outreach Ministry

Want to help and join our community outreach efforts?! We'd love to have your support! Email us at melikamatlack@gmail.com or mollee.griffith@gmail.com

"Think of the kindness you wish others would show you; do the same for them."

Luke 6:31 (VOICE)

Dear Calvary Baptist Church Family,

We've been busy brainstorming and planning during our extended time at home and exciting things are on the horizon at Calvary! We want **YOU** to get involved! Thanks to a new Outreach Ministry we're developing, here are some things you can look forward to participating in and enjoying now and when we are back in the green phase at church.

We are currently building and working on a **Little Free Library** to complement our beautiful outdoor play area and to give free books to our friends and neighbors this summer. We hope to have this project finished and installed by June 30. To learn more about Little Free Libraries, go to www.littlefreelibrary.org. We'll be on the world map and accessible to anyone who wants to read! Want to help? We'd love some perennial plants to decorate the library. Email Meeka at melikamatlack@gmail.com if you want to donate a plant to the library.

Come out on the afternoon of **June 28 from 2-4 PM at Calvary Baptist Church Allentown** to donate non-perishable breakfast items to **"The Breakfast Club at Calvary."** Fill your trunk and drive through to donate items. No need to get out of your cars, leave your groceries in bags in the trunk: this will be a touchless drop off since we're still in the **yellow!** THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

We need volunteers on June 28th from 2-4 PM to:

1. collect items
2. sort them into bags
3. take photos/post to social media
4. welcome/direct traffic

TELL EVERYONE all about it!

In **July and August**, we plan to distribute bags of breakfast items in a drive through each **Monday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 AM.**

We need volunteers to:

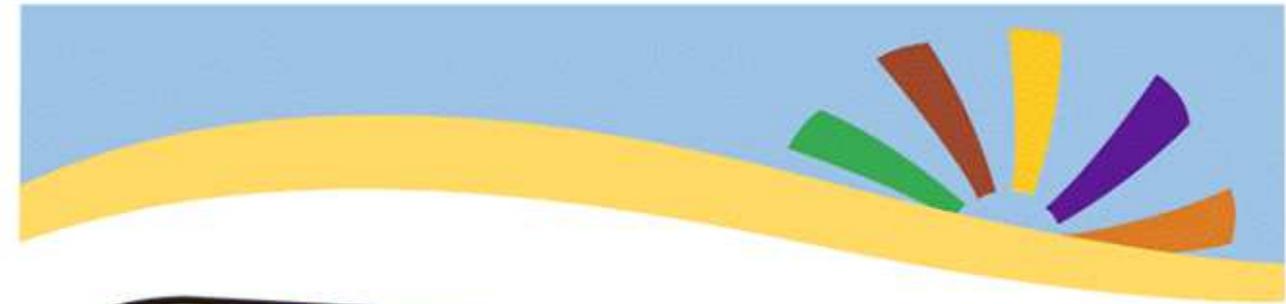
1. welcome/direct traffic
2. hand out bags

A sign up will also be sent out at a later date for distribution days (July/August), or you can simply email Meeka melikamatlack@gmail.com or Mollee mollee.griffith@gmail.com directly to sign up.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiasm and interest!

The Outreach Ministry at Calvary

Join us for church in the parking lot THIS SUNDAY!



Starting
June 28, 2020
9:30 AM

Follow traffic signs and directions
Tune your car radio to **87.9 FM**

- CDC Covid-19 Protocols and Social Distancing Followed (including masks if leaving your car)
- Building and restrooms closed (emergency access only)
- No Offering Collected (continue using online and mail)
- BYOC (Bring Your Own Communion) on Communion Sundays
- Service will be recorded and available online



Calvary Baptist Church

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Newsletter Update for July from our Pastoral Search Committee

Dear Members and Friends of Calvary,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Pastor Mardy's drive-by retirement parade. I was personally blessed to be among my church family after such a long separation. Sundays at Calvary are always spirit-filled and enriched by the warm fellowship of our brothers and sisters in the Lord. COVID19 has brought us many challenges but also many opportunities. Volunteers have been working with our supply pastors to upload sermons on YouTube while we are not allowed to meet in church. Rev. Kenneth Webster, our supply pastor for June and July, will begin a social distancing outdoor church service this Sunday, June 28, at 9:30 am in our parking lot! More information on this exciting next step can be found in this newsletter. Please be in prayer for the Deacons, Worship Committee and the Webster family.

Each one of you is unique and has a special place and a special purpose within the body of Christ. Our thanks to those who completed the Pastoral Search Committee Survey on our website and by return mail. We are carefully considering these important results and prayerfully working to discern Calvary's uniqueness for the on-line profile all pastoral candidates will review.

Please continue to pray for unity, wisdom and discernment within the Pastoral Search Committee as we work towards bringing an interim pastor to Calvary during this time of pastoral transition. We know the Lord is already preparing the heart of our future pastor. Be in prayer for the servant of God whom the Lord will call to Calvary Baptist; that this pastor will feel a connection with our church profile and that the way to Calvary Baptist will be made clear.

God Bless,
Suzanne Davies, chair

Susan Blair
Mollee Griffith
Yeka Kilikpo
Scott Korin
Doug Leech
Melika Matlack