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## From Our Pastor

“Put on Your Shoes....Areas of Growth in 2017”

Our Congregation Watchword that was selected in worship on January 1 is:  
As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace (Ephesians 6:15).

I smiled as I read the 2017 Watchword for our congregation. At first I thought about our motto: Come in Faith, Go with Peace, and Live God's Love. I love the reminder to “go with peace,” working and living each day with a peaceful spirit and peaceful actions. But as I reflected on the opening words, I felt the Spirit continuing to lead us into pathways of growth as I wrote in January's newsletter.

“Put on those shoes for your feet.” Those words seem to be reminding us that we are to constantly seek new ways to grow - perhaps new ways to “live God's love.” In January and at Church Council, we examined four ways that we can grow in 2017, and asked if you would consider, if possible, to take on one piece of growth this year. Pray and think about how you might be a part of these areas, and let's talk further!

- 1) Mission/Service: We want to invest in a service project in our community that allows us to interact with individuals in our area, perhaps at one of the local non-profits or using our building for a service. How could you help with your specific gifts or interests? Apartment refurbishment, working with children, serving a meal, etc.? Do you have a specific mission or service idea in our neighborhood or the greater Allentown community?
- 2) Church Family activities: We can continue to strengthen our church community through social gatherings, such as potlucks, picnics and other opportunities to get to know each other better. How can you help us to grow through volunteering at such gatherings or creating new ones?
- 3) Neighborhood Outreach: As we share the good news of Jesus's love and our ministry opportunities with others, can we especially focus on our local West End neighborhood for new members? How can you help us grow by brainstorming about local outreach, new programs and events for our neighborhood, etc.?
- 4) Financial Stability: For the past several years, our expenses have been constant, but our income has decreased. In addition to increasing member contributions, we need to creatively look to increasing revenue sources in other ways. How can you help us grow with creative ideas for fundraising, increasing your personal gift to the church, baking sugarcake on a monthly basis, serving on a stewardship task force, etc.?

What is the way that you can help us on shoes to proclaim the gospel in this new year?

Blessings,

Pastor Janel

## 2017 Watchwords for Calvary's Boards, Committee and Groups

May your watchword guide you into the new year.

(If you have not received a watchword, please take one from the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary or talk with Pastor Janel to get one.)

**BIBLE STUDY** – I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety. Psalm 4:8

**CARD MINISTRY** – You shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace. Isaiah 55:12

**CHANCEL CHOIR** - The Lord said to Paul, "Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you."

Acts 18:9-10

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** - The Lord makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters. Isaiah 43:16

**CHERUBS** – Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals. Psalm 118:8

**CHURCH DINNER** – See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. Isaiah 42:9

**CONFIRMATION** – Our Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Titus 2:13-14

**CONGREGATION** – As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6-15

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP** – Jesus said, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand?" Mark 4:21 (NKJV)

**COOKIE BAKERS** – Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Isaiah 55:6

**COUNTERS** – O Lord, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge on the day of trouble. Jeremiah 16:19

**DIENERS** – He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great. Psalm 115:13

**DINING WITH FRIENDS** – God did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Romans 8:32

**ELDERS** – The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Psalm 50:1

**FLOWER COMMITTEE** – Ah Lord God! It is you who made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. Jeremiah 32:17

**FOOD BANK REPRESENTATIVE** – Whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:17 (NIV)

**GREETERS** – The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant. Psalm 103:17-18

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** – May the God of peace make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will. Hebrews 13:20-21

**JOYFUL NOISE COUNTERS** – The Lord executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger. Deuteronomy 10:18-19

**NITSCHEMANN CIRCLE** – May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Psalm 40:16

**ORGANIST** – Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness. 2 Corinthians 3:12

**PASTOR** -To each one the manifestation of the spirit is given for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:7 (NIV)

**PRAISE BAND** – God's firm foundation stands, bearing this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his."

2 Timothy 2:19

**PRAYER CHAIN** – The Lord will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. Psalm 91:11-12

**SACRISTANS** – We also will serve the Lord, for he is our God. Joshua 24:18

**SCRIPTURE READERS** – More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Psalm 93:4

**SECRETARY** – All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:6,8

**SEXTON** – Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** – The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:26

**STUDENT PASTOR** – Jesus Christ says, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

**SUGAR CAKE BAKERS** – The God of heaven is the one who will give us success, and we his servants are going to start building. Nehemiah 2:20

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** – Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. John 16:24

**TRUSTEES** – All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name. Psalm 66:4

**USHERS** – Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock Matthew 7:24

**VISITATION MINISTRY** – Paul wrote: We may proclaim the good news in lands beyond you. 2 Corinthians 10:16

## **FEBRUARY WORSHIP CALENDAR**

**February 1:** **Breathe Mid-Week Evening Service**, a brief time to prayerfully come together for quiet meditation and worship in an evening service at 6:30 p.m.  
**Andrew Craver**, student pastor, will be leading.

**Beginning on January 29th**, we started a focus on Jesus's sermon on the mount from Matthew 5 which we will follow through February.

**February 5:** 9:30a.m. Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall, Andrew Craver, preaching.  
10:45a.m. What do our actions do in the World?

**February 12:** Cherubs Sing  
A Code of Conduct for Followers of Jesus

**February 19:** Loving Even Your Enemies?

**February 26:** Transfiguration Sunday. As the Lenten season approaches, we hear again an affirmation from God about the role of Jesus as "The Son of God."



Our cherubs will be singing the following dates this winter and spring:  
**February 12, March 19, April 16, and May 14**

### **Inquirer's Classes Begin**

Pastor Janel will hold two inquirers' classes this February which can lead to church membership. If you aren't a member, why join? By joining a church, you are committing to be a part of something bigger, the body of Christ in this world. It is a network of support and care for your body and your spirit, and also a connection force to serve as Jesus as called us in our community and around the world.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about this call to serve, and in particular to join the Moravian church, we hope you'll join us for two classes, on Sunday, February 12 from 12:15 - 2:30 p.m., and Wednesday, February 15 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. (approx.). If you can't make one or both of those times, please let Pastor Janel know. Our classes will cover Christian and Moravian history, the current ministries of Calvary, and engage us in our personal faith journeys with God.



**It's Cold and February . . .  
Perfect time for a book  
study!**

As the new year began, our worship lead us through the question of "Call": how is Jesus being called by God and how we are being called and how are we responding? These questions reminded me of a wonderful little book called "Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation" by Quaker educator and author Parker Palmer. From personal experiences of depression and doubt, Palmer engages us in how we listen and hear a calling for our lives. Join Pastor Janel for a book study this February.

We will hold two different sessions of this study group, on Tuesday evenings or Friday mornings.  
Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21 at 7 p.m.  
Fridays, February 10, 17, 24 at 10 a.m.

A sign-up sheet and books are available after church for \$10 each, or you can find it online for your e-book reader, Kindle, etc.

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## January Birthday

30 Samuel Veliz

## February Birthdays

4 Parker Tatum,  
5 Carol Normington  
5 Robert Syvret  
9 Jack Bowser  
12 Cynthia Smith-Daubenspeck  
12 Gregory Fitch  
13 Robert Kahle  
14 Austin Benedict  
15 Jill Snyder  
19 Wanda Hontz  
19 Barbara Miller  
26 Julia Weik



## Serving in Christian Love



### OUR FEBRUARY GREETERS

1 Charles and Kathleen Jenkins  
8 Olga Pirone and Linda Amey  
15 Jeff and Fran Diehl  
22 Larry and Julia Weik  
29 Paul and Kista Kershner

### OUR FEBRUARY USHERS



1 Richard Pirone and Robert Wesner  
8 Sam Spagnola and Bob Swavely  
15 Karen Kahle and Wayne Shoop  
22 Sue Dickinson and William Glose  
29 Richard and Donna Cabrey

## February Anniversaries

2 Carol and Allen Koszi

## WELCOME!

**Karen Kuttruff** through  
Letter of transfer to our church.

## **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

We extend the sympathy of our congregation to **Margaret Kuhnert's children and family** on her passing January 10, 2017.



## Altar Flowers



**February 5**

Presented by Karen and Bob Kahle  
in memory of loved ones.

**February 12**

Presented by Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Normington  
in memory of Jack and Dorothy Burkert

**February 19**

Presented by Engle Family  
in memory of Ralph and Betty Texter

**February 26**

Presented by James McMahan  
in memory of Howard Gershen

## Please Remember Our Shut-Ins



Milton Fett, Rachel Gericke, Mary (Becky) Hilbert, Delores Miller, Emma Jane Mosser, Thelma Normington, Ellen Paul, Louise Rankin, Frederic Romig, Naomi Schleicher, Mary Jeanne Stephens, Betty Sterner, Ed Stoudt, and Randolph (Mac) Swavely.  
Our continued prayers and support are greatly appreciate.



Every February, there is a national effort called “ Souper Bowl of Caring” to remind us as the frenzy of Super Bowl Sunday approaches to remember the hungry among us. We look forward to participating by raising money through the Joyful Noise offerings to benefit a local organization doing much good to feed the hungry in Allentown: Allentown Ecumenical Soup Kitchen, a ministry of the Lehigh Conference of Churches. The Soup Kitchen serves lunch at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (8th and Walnut Streets) on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

(<http://lehighchurches.org/what-we-do/soup-kitchen/>)

Since 1982, they have partnered with Catholic Charities to ensure that the working poor, homeless, elderly, children, those between jobs, individuals on fixed incomes, and those who have nowhere else to turn receive at least one hot, nutritious meal every day of the week. The Soup Kitchen operates three days a week; Catholic Charities’, four.

**New Adult Sunday School Class**

Throughout the month of February (12th, 19th and 26th), I will be leading the adult Sunday school class in an examination of the liturgies from Moravian Book of Worship for the season of Epiphany. Together we will explore the themes and layouts of some of the liturgies, talk about why we use them, and maybe write our own. Join me in this exploration of our Moravian prayers and beliefs, we will meet in the first lower classroom and start with coffee at 9:30.

- Andrew Craver, Student pastor

**A Season of Reflection: Lent Gatherings and Worship**

Our Lenten Journey Begins March 1 with Ash Wednesday worship at 7 p.m.

Our Ash Wednesday services offers a chance to acknowledge our shortcomings before God and start the Lenten journey of forgiveness. Ashes will be offered at the end of the service to all interested. Save the date for our Mid-Week Lenten programs which will feature a soup dinner and program starting March 8th and each Wednesday evening throughout Lent from 6 - 7:30 p.m. More information will be available in the bulletin and March newsletter.



**Celebrate everyone’s Birthday with a Birthday Social!**

Join us after church on Sunday, February 26. It’s a Birthday Social where we celebrate everyone’s birthday - and get to know each other better too! Here’s how it works: starting in February, we’ll be asking for six volunteers to bring in a cake to share. There will be six tables set up, one for every two months of the year. If you sign up to make a cake, consider a theme one: for example, for the January/February table, perhaps you would make a Valentine’s Day theme, etc. As you arrive, you will sit at your birthday month table. We will have sandwiches to share for lunch and then everyone will celebrate their birthday with their cake (and also get a chance to sample some of the other cakes that are made). If you would like to make a cake, or help us set-up, please call the office or look for the sign-up sheet in church.

**Dining with Friends**

The Dining with Friends group will be gathering at the Parkway Caribbean restaurant on Tuesday February 28th. at 6:30 pm. The restaurant is located at 209 Union Street. e-mail Sharon Spagnola at [sharon1946@ptd.net](mailto:sharon1946@ptd.net) or call her at 610-434-5773 if you would like to attend. We would love to have you join us for fellowship and great food.



**Inclement Weather Reminder**

**If we are faced with an extreme weather situation, we are registered with Channel 69 news (WFMZ) alerts, and you can find out about closings on television or their website ([www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com)). We will try our best to be open for worship each Sunday pending safe conditions for all. Please talk with Pastor Janel if you have any questions.**

## Tax Statements

Contribution tax statements have been mailed out. If you need a more detailed statement or have not received yours, please contact the church office.

## 2016 Financials and Looking ahead to 2017

We are very grateful for the generosity of our congregation, the wise use of our resources in keeping our expenses under budget, and the extra fundraising that we were able to do to close out 2016 with income of \$174,382. However, our expenses were \$182,431, ending our 2016 year with an \$8,474.50 deficit.

With surpluses from 2009-2012, we have been able to offset recent deficits in the past several years, which has allowed us to make our budget and still pay 100% of our denominational common ministries offering. However, our surplus is growing much smaller. Currently, we have \$29,500 left to help offset any deficits we might encounter in the future.

We also are facing a smaller number of pledges this year (50) and a lower amount pledged (\$118,000). As we work with this reality, we will continue to encourage generous financial support of our ministries within our congregation while taking a look at extra ways of finding revenue. As outlined in my "Letter from the Pastor" and at church council, one of our areas of growth will be "Financial Stability." We would welcome interested individuals to join us on this task force to examine our options for the future.

## Free Income Tax Preparation

AARP Tax Aides will be preparing federal, state, and local taxes, as well as rent and property tax rebate forms here at Calvary Moravian Church downstairs in Fellowship Hall open to anyone in need every Friday from February 9 - April 14, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Please call the church office (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.) to make an appointment. AARP Tax-Aide is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service.



## In our Community:

First Friday Luncheon Discussions at Muhlenberg College, Seegers Union, Rooms 111 & 112

Lunch: 11:45 am, Program: 12:00 - 1:00 pm  
February 3, 2017: Transforming Communities from the Inside Out

The Rev. Maggie Maldonado, Rivers of Life Siebert Church

March 3, 2017: Birth of a Nation

Dr. Paul McEwan, Assoc. Prof. & Director, Film Studies Program, Muhlenberg College

April 7, 2017: Beyond Little Women: Utopia and Dystopia in Louisa May Alcott

Dr. Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of the College for Academic Life, Emerita, Muhlenberg College

May 12, 2017: Understanding and Celebrating Communities

Dr. Roland Kushner, Assoc. Professor of Business, Muhlenberg College  
Ilene Prokup, Kutztown University (retired)

**THANK YOU**

Dear Calvary Family,

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, gifts, and hugs following my mother's death in December. We celebrated Mom's life here in our sanctuary on December 26<sup>th</sup>, and several of you attended to support our family. Sue Dickinson, Terri Syvret, Jean Kuttruff, Anne Ettinger, and Pastor Janel contributed many hours of their time to Mom's funeral and luncheon. Thank you so very much. We are truly blessed to have such a loving church family!

In Christ's love,

**Martha, Dave, and Ben Teel**

Dear Pastor Rice,

On behalf of the **Lehigh Conference of Churches** thank you for your recent committed contribution of \$200 on 1/3/2017 to support our neighbors who are in need. The Conference of Churches is most grateful for your support. I look forward to continuing and deepening our partnership in ministry.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

The first two Sundays in February are still in the period of Epiphany, and our music will reflect joy. On February 11 our Anthem “Hymn of rising” will tell us the happiness of remembering Christ as the “Light”. It should be helpful to listen to the words and then attend our congregational council meeting and look to the light as our thoughts turn to year 2018.

February 14<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and the onset of the period of **Lent**. Our musical tone becomes more somber when we observe Holy Communion on Sunday, February 18. **Robert Kahle** will bring us the piano introit and the **Chancel Choir** will sing a **Bach Chorale**. Our **Cherubs** will sing on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

As I mentioned in my annual report, we will hear new music from our composer in residence, **Richard Pirone**, who will compose a composition for our **Cherubs**.

I will begin a new series of **Anthems** by Moravian composers and **Bach Chorales**. The Moravians composed church music for mixed voices, strings, organ and other instruments added for variety. On the whole, the anthems were not too difficult to play.

The **Bach Chorales** are more complicated. I love **Bach** and have studied his music in all forms since childhood. It is my hope to acquaint my congregation with chorales for different times in the church calendar, ranging from the delightful “O delightful theme or Jesu, du O Herze” to the somber “In Truth, he has borne our sorrows” by Ernst Erbe, a Moravian composer (1854-1927).

The **Chancel Choir** will sing hymn arrangements of **John Antes**. Some of the music will be unfamiliar but very worthwhile to hear. In times of much turmoil in our world, I hope to convey beauty and peace in my selections of music in February and March. The Bach Chorale sections will be unfamiliar chorales, but encompasses the trials of Jesus and I am using a collection of 371 Chorales, edited by **Albert Riemenschneider**. I hope you will be inspired by our Pastor, Janel, and our musical family. Do remember our mid-week **Lenten** services beginning on **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Anne Ettinger

Minister of Music