

# CALVARY CROSS ROADS

December 31, 2019

Join us this Sunday, January 5th, Epiphany Sunday  
Sermon Title: "Follow The Light"

Rev. Sarah Schlieckert, Pastor



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*Bless this year  
with love and light.  
Bless this year  
with faith and sight.  
Bless this year  
with grace and ease.  
Bless this year  
with Joy and Peace.*

*From Every Day Spirit*



Natalie	Allard	2
Ronald	Black	10
John	Blom	12
Lisa	Brown	13
Emilia	Milheim	15
James	Thompson	15
Marlene	Phillips	16
Jonathan	Boettcher	28
Shirley	Page	28
Doris	Sawyers-Guest	29

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council will meet Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. All members of the church are encouraged to attend.

NEW CALVARY CROSS ROADS SCHEDULE

Reminder, Calvary Cross Roads is now a monthly publication. We will, when necessary, send out weekly meeting and event updates.

If you have an event, announcement or meeting date that you would like published in an upcoming CCR, please be sure to get the information to the church office no later than the 20th of the month.

Questions: contact the church office at calvumc@calvumc.org or 301/645-5247.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Please remember to add your name to the special music signup sheet on the door opposite the church office.

PRAYER LIST

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Marion Schreiber        | Martha Anderson |
| Gordan Christmas        | Eddie Blanford  |
| Sara Wilson             | Kathryn Brown   |
| Bob Bushman             | Russ Greatwood  |
| Flordeliza Azurin       | Pati Jackson    |
| John Martin             | Patsy Andrews   |
| Allen Bender            |                 |
| Rebecca & Robby Bushman |                 |
| Tommy & Connie Stomell  |                 |

*To have names added to the prayer chain contact Pastor Sarah (pastor@calvumc.org) or Kathie Auth (calvumc@calvumc.org)*



The UMW will be sponsoring a Chili Cook-off on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> immediately following Worship Service.

We hope you will plan to enter your favorite chili recipe in the competition and/or plan to attend this fun event and be a "chili" taster to help determine the winner!

If you have questions or need more information, speak to Stacy Feldman.

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Lay Leadership Committee after worship service on **January 19th**. This is a very important meeting, so if you are on the committee please try to attend.



CPR TRAINING

As promised in the spring, we have scheduled another CPR training class with Chris Schlieckert. The class will be held **Sunday, January 26th beginning at 11:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Since there are a limited number of spots available for the training, if you are interested in taking the class, please contact the church office or speak to Pastor Sarah to signup.

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# january 2020

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
29 9am Sunday School 10 am Worship 3-7 pm OPW setup and meal	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	4 9am UMM Meeting
5 Epiphany Sunday 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	6 Friendship Club 8:30am undecorate church 10:30am dominoes	7 6:30pm AA Meeting	8 7pm 12-Step Program	9	10 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	11 9am UMW Meeting
12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11 am UMW Chili Cookoff 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	13 12pm Friendship Club Meeting	14 6:30pm AA Meeting	15 6pm Quilters Guild 7pm 12- Step Program	16	17 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	18
19 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11 am Lay Leadership Meeting 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 10:30 am Friendship Club dominoes	21 6:30pm AA Meeting	22 9:30am Casual Quilters 7pm 12-Step Program	23	24 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	25
26 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:30am CPR Class 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	27 12pm Friendship Club Meeting	28 6:30pm AA Meeting	29 7pm 12- Step Program	30	31 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	1 9am UMM Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
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# Pastor Sarah's Reflection

Happy New Year! I hope our new, expanded newsletter—now monthly—finds you settling in for a wonderful year to come!

I wanted to start by expressing my deep thanks to you as a congregation for your continued support of me especially these past couple of weeks both through your generous gifts including a financial gift from the congregation, as well as your prayers and support as various members of my family navigated health issues. This especially includes my mother, who is now settled in with Chris, the girls and me for a few weeks as she continues recovery from quadruple bypass surgery. It was a great comfort to know that my Calvary family was holding her and our family in prayer, and your loving support and encouragement, as well as the many people who stepped in to make sure that things were well covered at church while I cared for her and other family members—this was surely a gift from God to me through you. Thank you.

As we head into the new year, in the coming weeks, you will hear, as promised, more about our continued discussions about the future of our congregation. We will use both small and large group settings to do so, as we look beyond our immediate decisions (Council has already approved cutting staff to 1/3 of their hours and salary as well as asking the bishop for a half-time pastor effective July 1) to the future of our congregation. We will consider who God is calling us to be, and who God is calling us to reach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ—and how best to live into that call.

One notable change that these decreases to staffing will bring is a decrease in our office hours. Effective January 1, our church office will only be open on Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have church business needs for Kathie Auth to address, these will be the hours she can do so. I am sure you will honor these new hours, though it means you may need to plan ahead a bit more (as we all will have to). I will still keep Monday, Tuesday and Thursday office hours (I work from home or go to meetings on Wednesdays and Friday are my day off), but as has always been the case, during these times I am sometimes out at pastoral visits or other meetings. It is always best, if you would like to speak with me, to contact me or the church office ahead of time to be sure I am available.

We are also entering a year of tension and discussions across the United Methodist Church. I am actively involved in those discussions, having been elected as one of six clergy (along with six laity) delegates to the 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. My husband Chris is one of the lay alternate delegates. We are already hearing of discussions, plans and proposals for how we as a denomination might move forward in light of our ongoing disagreements about ministry to and with our LBGTO siblings. These disagreements are really deeper, however, as some, most notably in the far extreme of the traditionalist camp, seek to dissolve the very structure of who we are as United Methodists. I will share more with you as well as other UM congregations in our areas about where we are and where we may be heading. I am hopeful, though, I must say, with the direction conversations have been going so far, that the UMC in the United States will find a path to fuller self-governance yet still solidly tied to our United Methodist sister churches around the world. Watch for upcoming information session if you would like to learn more (or let me know if you would like to speak more in person).

Finally, in the midst of all of this, I want to share my own confidence that God is at work in and through all of these changes, adjustments and discussions. The new year brings much uncertainty. I do not know where we will all find ourselves a year from now, but I am confident that God is able to do far more than we can ask or imagine. Trusting God requires that we set aside our own preconceived notions, agendas or plans. I find it difficult at times to trust God, especially when there is great uncertainty or the risk of change seems to great. But it has always been such times that I have most powerfully seen and experienced God show up to wow me with God's wisdom, grace and love. May we all, together, see this all yet again in the coming year!

Grace and Peace.  
Pastor Sarah



# OUR PLACE WALDORF

To the Calvary United Methodist Church Family,

It is this time of year especially that we reflect on those people and organizations that we are most thankful for. Those who have gone out of their way to help us provide food for the hungry in our community are invaluable assets to Our Place Waldorf, and we want to take this time to express our most sincere gratitude for your time and effort. We could not do what we do without your support.

Pastor Sarah and Kathie Auth, we cannot express enough our gratitude for the continued use of your church facilities, and we value your unending support of our mission to feed Charles County residents in a friendly, safe environment. In addition, we appreciate the Church's monthly dinner sponsorships and thank you for providing nutritious meals for our guests.

Finally, we want to extend our gratefulness to the Church members who have volunteered in the kitchen, served dinner to our guests, donated food, clothing and hygiene items, and who have decorated the hall throughout the year. As our guest count continues to increase, particularly during the harsh winter months, we recognize that we could not provide without your help. Thank you for growing with us over the years and for making Our Place Waldorf more than just a soup kitchen.

Sincerely,

Deanna Gerhart, Executive Director  
Our Place Waldorf, Inc.  
support@ourplacewaldorf.com

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Dear Members of Calvary United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donations from the "Baby Shower for Jesus." Your gifts are helping to save lives and we truly appreciate your commitment to this ministry.

Sincerely,  
Page Burns, Director  
Catherine Foundation

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To my Church Family,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift. When Mary Lee called me to the altar and said so many wonderful things, I was overwhelmed. I'm sure it is difficult for you to believe, but I was speechless.

I thank God everyday for bringing me to Calvary and for my amazing Church family.

Your thoughtfulness, love and support are things I will never forget. I love you all.

Kathie

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*We seek to be a faithful congregation sharing Jesus Christ's love by feeding our neighbors physically, emotionally and spiritually.*



## NEW Office Hours

Beginning January 1, 2020  
The Church Office will be open  
on Tuesday's - 9am - 3pm

We're on the Web...  
[www.calvumc.org](http://www.calvumc.org)

**Submit information to be included in the newsletter or suggestions to:**  
[calvumc@calvumc.org](mailto:calvumc@calvumc.org)

## cUmc message board

### The 2019 Nellie Shelor Award

The award honors Nellie Shelor, a lifetime member of Calvary whose tireless and selfless service to God and this community through our church inspired the creation of an annual award to be named for her and presented to her as the first recipient. The award consists of a certificate to be presented to the honoree during one of the regular Sunday worship services and the placing of the honoree's name alongside previous winners on the perpetual award plaque in the narthex. The Lay Leadership Committee (LLC) will select the recipient annually.

### Nomination Process

Nomination forms, are on the table in the Narthex (which includes the criteria to be considered for the award) This will not be an election, but an attempt to give LLC the benefit of the congregations input. The person mentioned on the most nomination forms will not necessarily be the award recipient. That decision rests with LLC:

- Deadline for forms to be returned is **January 17, 2020**;
- No more than one name can be put into nomination on any form;
- Nomination form will include:
  - Name of person making nomination
  - Nominee
  - Brief reason why this person deserves this award

Once chosen, the name of the honoree will be kept in confidence until award is presented on a Sunday to be determined according the church calendar and the recipient's availability.

Please contact the church office at [calvumc@calvumc.org](mailto:calvumc@calvumc.org) if you would like us to send you the complete nomination form via email

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR - Plan to Join Us!**

**January 19 - February 9, 2020**

**Pastor Sarah's Sermon Series**

**"Living in Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood"**