

# CALVARY CROSS ROADS

March 2020



Sunday, March 1st, the First Sunday in Lent, Pastor Sarah will begin a five week Lenten Series entitled "Wilderness" Please plan to join your CUMC family and share in this season of preparation.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Marion Schreiber	Martha Anderson
Gordan Christmas	Sara Wilson
Russ Greatwood	Linda Fenlon
Flordeliza Azurin	Peyton Greer
Allen Bender	Bobbie Smallwood

To have names added to the prayer list contact  
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Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer



**SHROVE TUESDAY**  
*Pancake Supper*

(TODAY) February 25th, 4:30-7pm - The Friendship Club and the United Methodist Men will co-sponsor the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Pancakes, eggs and sausage will be served - you won't want to miss this special event!

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and is a traditional time for pancakes. The tradition is to rid the house of fats and sweets before the fasting season of Lent. FYI, the word "shrove" in Shrove Tuesday means to confess one's sins in preparation for the spiritual emphasis of Lent and is a historic part of the practice of the day.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
*worship service*

**Wednesday, February 26, 7pm** - This year the Waldorf United Methodist Churches Ash Wednesday Services will be held at Zion Wesley UMC, 11500 Berry Road, Waldorf.

**Wednesday, March 4, 7pm** - SPRC Meeting

**Saturday, March 7, 9am** - United Methodist Men meeting. All men of the church are invited to attend. Breakfast will be served.

**Sunday, March 8** - Daylight Savings Time Begins

**Saturday, March 14, 9am** - United Methodist Women meeting. All women of the church are invited to attend. UMM will be cooking breakfast!

**Tuesday, March 17** - St. Patrick's Day



The UMW would like to invite all women of the church to join us in two retreat opportunities this year:

**Saturday, March 28** - a one day retreat at Stacy Feldman's house

**October 9-11** - Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA to see Esther.

At both retreats we will be studying Lysa Tyrkeurst's "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way". There will also be lots of food, fun, and fellowship!

Please see Amy Doner if you are interested in either event. We particularly need a head-count for the Lancaster trip since shows are already selling out!



**Palm Sunday, April 4** - Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Festivities will begin immediately after worship services. Lunch will be served and an Easter egg hunt for all children will follow. The event is open to the public. Please plan to join in the fun, food, fellowship and there will be prizes!



# Pastor Sarah's Reflection

Brothers and Sister in Christ,

It is with both sadness and expectant hope that I shared with the congregation Sunday, and now with you, the news that at the end of June, I will end my time as the pastor at Calvary. Having received this new appointment from our Bishop, July 1, 2020 I will begin serving as pastor at Pasadena United Methodist Church.

The time I have been with you at Calvary has been a great blessing both to me as well as my family. You have welcomed and embraced us with immense love and support. I am exceedingly grateful for you.

During my time here, we have begun our partnership with Our Place Waldorf to offer hot meals twice a week to those in need. We have increased the number of Sunday school classes for children and youth, and we have offered a unique One-Day VBS. We have continued to support each other through highs and lows, and we have walked with members of our community through illness and recovery as well as grief.

This has also been, and continues to be, a season of discernment around the future ministry of Calvary UMC. We have had to face realities of long-term decline and financial pressures which we had previously been able to set aside. A changing community as well as the loss of financial reserves and resources which previously kept our heads above water have compelled us to cut expenses, including staff and heading into the new appointment year (which begins July 1), requesting a part-time pastor instead of a full-time appointment.

That this season of discernment and hard decisions coincides with a tense season in our United Methodist denomination seems almost overwhelming at times, doesn't it?

And yet—the Bible tells us that it is in times of great pressure, even pain, that God is often most able to do a new thing. It is often when our own capacity to find solutions or have our own way runs out that God is able to birth in us something we could not have imagined. I believe that God is doing this for Calvary even now.

In the coming months, even as we await word of the pastor who will be coming in July, we will continue to have discussions and be in discernment about how God is calling us now and in the months and years ahead to steward the legacy, people and resources of Calvary. I hope you will join us as we schedule and hold such discussions. There will be no path forward that I, your next pastor, or a select few leaders determine. We are all called to the ministry of making disciples and as we call Calvary our church home, we all have important insight and energy to offer in determining the path forward.

It is for such a time as this that God has brought us together, and I am confident that in the remaining four months I am with you, and in the season which follows both for me and for you, God will guide us to God's next new thing. May God's strength, peace, wisdom, grace and love carry us through the path ahead.

If you have any questions about our ongoing discernment, about my appointment change, or anything related to the coming pastoral transition, please do not hesitate to speak with me, or Mary Lee Quade, who chairs our Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

Grace and Peace.  
Pastor Sarah

# MARCH 2020 - CUMC CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Sunday School 10am Worship - Communion 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	2 10:30 am Friendship Club Dominoes	3 6:30pm AA Meeting	4 7pm SPRC Meeting 7pm 12-Step Program	5	6 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	7 9am UMM Meeting
8 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	9 12 pm Friendship Club Meeting	10 6:30pm AA Meeting	11 7pm 12-Step Program	12	13 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	14 9am UMW Meeting/UMM preparing breakfast
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## NOTES: HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 5 - 10am Palm Sunday Service (Sanctuary), 11am Easter Egg Hunt (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, April 9 - 7pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 10 - Noon - Good Friday Services. Zion Wesley UMC

7pm - Good Friday Services, Good Shepherd UMC

Sunday, April 12 - 7am Easter Sunrise Service (Oakland Cemetery) (UMM tailgate continental breakfast)

10am Traditional Easter Sunday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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



Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

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

## cUMC message board

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH**

10:00 AM - PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 AM - EASTER EGG HUNT

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH**

7:00 PM - MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH**

12:00 NOON - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
ZION WESLEY UMC

7:00 PM - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE  
GOOD SHEPHERD UMC

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH**

7:00 AM - SUNRISE SERVICE -  
OAKLAND CEMETERY (UMM TAILGATE  
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOLLOWING SERVICE)

10:00 AM - EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



Calvary UMC VBS Supporters and Volunteers,

It may be cold out (brrrr!) but summer is coming...eventually!

I had a great time at our one-day VBS last year, and the kids seemed to enjoy it as well!

I wanted to reach out to see if you felt this was a program we wanted to do again this year, and see if any of you would be willing to spearhead it for us. I'd be happy to pass along all the info on our process last year, and really, our volunteers stepped up and made it awesome (and easy for me!)

Please let me know if you would be willing to be the coordinator this year. Also, last year we did the event in August, mostly because we didn't get things together in time to do it earlier. Did you like that? Is there a different time of the summer you think you would be better? We haven't set any details yet, so we can decide what seems to work best.

And, if you have any other suggestions or ideas about VBS, please let me know!

Pastor Sarah