



CALVARY NEWSLETTER

Calvary Presbyterian Community Church of Pine River www.bayfieldcpc.org.

April, 2021

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From Pastor Emyrs:

**“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you...I long to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.”
~Paul in his letter to the church at Rome 1:8-12**

We are approaching the end of my time to serve as your Supply Pastor. I am returning to the all-consuming work of summer camp at Sonlight, and you are continuing the journey to discovering whom God is calling to be the next pastor at Calvary.

Thank you for your faithfulness as we have walked together these last five months. The continuing (though tapering) oppression of Covid-19 made it hard to gather, and brought new challenges in communication and technology. But God has provided the resources to stay connected digitally and perhaps equip Calvary for a broader reach in the future. Meanwhile, we had to get the work going for a Mission Study and election of long-term pastoral leadership. I thank God that you were able to complete the Mission Study and elect a PNC, that we were able to persist in spite of all the anxieties and fears that arise in seasons of transition.

In those principal disciplines of the faith—worship, studying the scriptures, and leading in hope—I am glad to have been with you for this time. I am hopeful that the faith in Christ which has allowed Calvary Pres to persist so long will continue to enliven you for the future. I know that the season of actively searching for the next long-term pastor will be one that requires patience and your mutual encouragement to one another to stick with it. But we follow the savior who rose from the dead, so all things are possible!

I hope that in preaching, teaching, and serving you I have been able to offer you some encouragement. If I could focus that into one departing word, it would be to trust the God of resurrection to provide everything that is needed for Calvary’s continued ministry. May the knowledge of God’s love and power for you keep you strong in faith and hope, no matter what.

I will be praying for you!

With love and gratitude to God,

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REPORTS FROM SESSION MEETING APRIL 20, 2021

DID YOU KNOW? Calvary Presbyterian Church pays a Covenant Commitment to the Western Slope Presbytery for every active member of the congregation. This year the amount is \$73.66. With all the funds collected from the other Western Slope churches we can support the staff, missions, and programs of the Presbytery. Our Session does not pass the cost along to members, however, if you want to make a donation for the Commitment, please indicate

so on your check before you place it in the offering plate. Thank you! **Please remember to mail in your support for the church. P.O. Box 336, Bayfield, 81122. Thank you.**

COVID VACCINE UPDATE: Contact Upper Pine River Fire Protection District at vaccine@upperpinefpd.org to register or call the administration building at 884-9508. You can also contact San Juan Basin Health at <http://bit.ly/35dzClw> for further information.

PROPERTY/BUILDING & GROUNDS TEAM – Judy Norton, Jerry Brown

Approval given by session for Judy and Jerry to price exterior church painting, to price new window shade in office and pastor's study. A work day to clean the church will be scheduled. Approval given to price windows and exterior painting of Manse. This will be done as soon as Jim reroofs the Manse.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM – Nancy Senti

Our **Prayer Team** is led by Diane Lane. Contact Diane at 970-883-2454 or her email: philwlane@hotmail.com with your prayer requests. Let Diane know if you desire to be part of our prayer circle team.

Be in prayer for this church, God's church, to move forward in our search for pastoral leadership. Pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they study and move forward with our wants and needs for this church.

Pray for Carol Blatnick's sister, Barbara, who has breast cancer and will have surgery in April. Carol's mother now in declining health, so prayers for her also.

Keep Suzy Meyer and her healing from surgery in your prayers. Jerry Brown is recovering from foot infection. Carolyn Brown is recovering. Will Reynolds has kidney cancer. Ellen Frahm's great-niece Desiree has an inoperable brain tumor. It has shrunk, but continuing prayers are requested by the family. George & Sherry Hughes nephew Dan is off the ventilator and is now in ReHab. Pray for George with cancer.

Pray for the people of Atlanta and Boulder. The list of tragedies continues to grow in our country.

Anne Rudolph's husband Al passed. Services were April 7th at our church with gathering at her home after.

Pastor Emyrs asked for continued prayers for his mother who will have additional surgery. Joy for additional staff hired at Sonlight! **Joy in our church for Emyrs' blessed talents, encouragement and fervent prayers for our congregation! His last service is this Sunday, April 25th.**

Joyce's daughter-in-law is suffering from cancer. Wickman's daughter Courtney in AK with auto-immune disease. Danielle Hillyer's family members with cancer and a stroke.

Brenda Marshall requested prayers for her father and for her visit to the UK.

Sara Tyler would like prayers for those in need of food, warmth and any other needs, and that they *receive* what they need.

Lew Pratsch was diagnosed with possible multiple myeloma. Prayers for Lew, Gerry and their family.

Carolyn & Lance Blair visiting her son Jeff in Phoenix when his wife Donna passed in the night.

JOY for Judy Norton receiving clean bill of health for another year! Joy also for Amy Deming who now has back surgery scheduled for May with promise of complete physical activity post-surgery.

Judy Dennis passed April 18 into our Lord's heavenly realm. Emyrs contacted family in Kansas who are considering services in late May at Calvary.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2

Women's Bible Study normally meets Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Our group has been on hiatus since November. We will continue our study of Romans in the Nav/Life series. This is a small group. All women of our church and community are welcome!

We would like to be more involved with our members who are homebound, hospitalized and unable to keep up with our Sunday Services. Are YOU being called to this ministry?

Samuel's Kids is on Facebook and has a GoFundMe account listed there where you can donate. Carolyn reports that Covid has raised orphanage costs and makes medical care more difficult. Contact her for further information.

WORSHIP TEAM – Carol Blatnick Jane Martinez will be with us all Sundays in May.

A to Z Electric will do additional wiring in the sanctuary and Berry Hall to allow installation of TVs. Those TVs will be installed May 10th.

CONGREGATIONAL INVOLVEMENT TEAM – Amy Deming

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION –Carol Blatnick Vacation Bible School **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! PLEASE CONTACT CAROLYN!**

MISSION & EVANGELISM TEAM –Melanie Mazur Pine River Shares needs volunteers to help stuff backpacks with non-perishable food that students take home for the weekends. They request four people wearing masks to help from 1:30 to 2:30 on some Wednesdays. (Note: no volunteers have appeared so far!) If you would like to help, please contact Melanie. ALSO! Brenda and Melanie could use one more person to help them run the **Zoom camera** during Sunday services. They will provide training. Requested time commitment is one Sunday per month. Contact Melanie Mazur at 749-9241 or email mazurboys67@gmail.com if you would like to help!

July 4th falls on Sunday this year. We are checking with Town of Bayfield about their plans. Pie bakers be on stand-by!

One of our area churches has received letters from children who received a **SHOEBOX** this past Christmas season. Following are two letters.

“Hi. My name is Mbali Faith Dhlamini. I am 12 years old and I am in the 6th grade. I live in Beverley Hills, Johannesburg South Africa. I am from a family of 4 mom, dad, sister and I. My mom loves gardening, my dad loves fixing cars and my sister and I love doing similar things together.

As a family we love going outdoors but it's not possible since my dad is working alone and my mom is not working. I really appreciate the time you took putting together the gift that I received. May God bless you for everything you put together for me and others.

Take care lots of love

AND,

My name is Yaneth, I am eight years old and I live in the Los Olvidos neighborhood, in the Pakal-na` neighborhood, in Palenque, Chiapas.

I am an only child and my family is very poor. My father has been an alcoholic for many years and therefore he has many problems with my mother, although they attend many traditional religion festivals.

A friend invited me to an Outreach Event and to my surprise it was something very beautiful, which I really liked; they invited me to receive Jesus Christ in my heart and I did it, the truth was something very special. Then I received a box with many gifts.

Now I go to church with my parents, which gives me great pleasure and I see how God is changing their lives.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” -- Isaiah 6:8

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lighting the Christ Candle, Pouring the Water, Opening Prayer

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE (without touching or moving; looking at each other & sharing the Christ within)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

Music for reflection

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CURRENT SESSION ELDERS 2021

Amy Deming, Clerk Carol Blatnick Judy Norton, Treasurer & Financial Secretary Melanie Mazur Jerry Brown
Nancy Senti "I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

*Please feel free to comment, contribute news and join in to celebrate Calvary's heritage in the Bayfield community.
Resolve for our church to be this anchor in outreach to our community.*