



CALVARY NEWSLETTER

Calvary Presbyterian Community Church of Pine River

January, 2021

“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you” Isaiah 60:1

FROM PASTOR EMRYS: **Epiphany: Eureka!**

The season between Christmas and Lent is traditionally called “Epiphany.” The name comes from the Greek word that means “manifest” and “appearing.” The birth of Jesus—the arrival of God into the world in human flesh—was known to a few people, like Mary and Joseph and a small group of shepherds. After that fateful night, however, Mary and Joseph went back to Nazareth and merged back into normal life.

A few years later, the magi showed up from the east (probably Persia, or present-day Iran). They announced to King Herod and Jerusalem that the stars declared the birth of a new king of the Jews. Announced by the stars and heralded by these sages, the news of Jesus’ birth was now fully public. His arrival was manifest. He had officially appeared. The world had its epiphany.

Epiphany, in which we traditionally read about the magi, Jesus’ baptism, the beginning of his public ministry, and his transfiguration, reminds us that Jesus is not just a cute baby sleeping in a manger. He is the real, manifest, moving power of God for us and for the world. Epiphany keeps us from singing our Christmas carols and then forgetting about Jesus until next year.

Epiphany calls us to follow the grown-up Jesus into the reign of God. In the outside world, this season is the time for trying (yet again) to get a New Year’s resolution to stick. Let’s resolve together this year to dive right into the ministry of Jesus—in worship, bible study, fellowship, and prayer. When we do so, the power of God will be more manifest in us and God’s grace will be manifest in the world.

And through us we hope the world will have an epiphany of its own, and discover Christ!

Love, Pastor Emrys

WORSHIP SERVICES WITHIN OUR CHURCH WILL RESUME FEBRUARY 7TH. ZOOM WILL ALSO CONTINUE FOR THOSE UNABLE TO WORSHIP IN PERSON.

REPORTS FROM SESSION MEETING JANUARY 19, 2021

Amy Deming was elected Clerk of Session for 2021. Thank you Amy, and to you Carolyn Brown for the years of faithful recording of Session business! Judy Norton was elected Treasurer and Financial Secretary. Thank you Judy, and to Sharon Kinton for her conscientious work!

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 – Don Wickman, Dennis Hillyer Judy reports that Jim Sawyer will replace the Manse roof. She also recapped the many improvements made by Jim (and his team) during 2020: concrete parking pad at kitchen entrance, concrete sidewalk to office entrance from Mill Street, new windows in kitchen, hallway & office, new entry door to Berry Hall. Stucco repaired. PROJECTS for 2021: Paint exterior walls of Kitchen, clean out the shed and clean and paint the foyer. Berry Hall furnace considered for repair or replacement.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM – Nancy Senti

Our **Prayer Team** is led by Diane Lane. Please 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.

Remember our nursing homes & Four Corners nursing home. Norm's sister Phyllis Rizzardj, 94, passed in early January from natural causes. The Vallecito church experiencing an outbreak of COVID. **Tom Early** negative for the virus, but ill from pneumonia. Pray for him to regain lung function. Judy Norton's brother Fred doing well after aneurysm surgery. Joy: Judy's niece (Milly's daughter) delivered baby Jan 1st. Carolyn Blair's son Greg seeing heart specialists. Ellen's great grandson and his mom have COVID. Melanie's aunt Sherry & Uncle Shawn recovering from COVID. Lance's Aunt Sherry and Uncle Mike have COVID. Brenda's joy for her parents in the UK in receiving the vaccine. **Brenda's father Bill** hospitalized with possible stroke.

Remember Melanie's **friend Karen** who had 8 biopsies. **Judy Dennis** out of hospital and recovering at home. Lance and Carolyn's friends, **Jess & Donna**, have covid issues. **Dr. Katherine McCrea** with Mercy Regional Hospital is at home with COVID. Please remember all medical personnel within our community.

Pastor Emyrs expresses joy of Christ's Resurrection. Jesus combats and overcomes the giants we see in our path. He also gives thanks and joy for friend **Thomas** who asks 'how can I serve my community.' Give him God's strength and all who wish to serve.

Pray for President Biden and Vice President Harris to be successful. We pray for safety for all involved with the inauguration.

Pray for those who committed crimes at our nation's capital to experience repentance. We are thankful for snow! Remember **Margaret Centafanti** who is no longer working for the Humane. She needs firewood and our encouragement.

Carol Blatnick hospitalized 1/9 with COVID symptoms, and now recovering at home. **Joyce Knoll** receives your cards at Box 990, Ignacio 81137. Her phone does not accept calls. She would appreciate our thoughts and prayers.

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.

Pastor Emyrs has begun a **Bible Study** on Sundays, 2 p.m. This is by Zoom. Members have received Zoom connection instruction by email.

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.

Donations for **Linda Hester** can be made directed to the church with her name in the memo line. The church will forward those donations to her.

WORSHIP TEAM – Carol Blatnick reports that Katy Blatnick-Gagné has formatted a new website for Calvary Presbyterian Church. New pictures and information are needed for events. Katy can be contacted at kabg1015@gmail.com. A helpful feature will be a tab for people to give to the church using a credit card. The website continues to be tuned and refined!

Carol will be the Session member in charge of Worship for the remainder of the year. If you have any questions or suggestions for meaningful worship during these COVID times, please contact her at carol.l.blatnick@gmail.com or 884-2884. She is looking for people to serve on this committee. One project will be boxing up the old hymnals and sending them to a company she found on the internet that will find new homes for them.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES were a joint service with Allison CPC, thanks be to God and Emyrs! Carol Blatnick reports that technical additions to the church involving a new screen for the sanctuary and one in the Fellowship Hall along with mountain devices, audio and installation is proceeding. These units will provide better audio, ability to share text on the screen, view outside speakers, share pictures of departed at funerals, play CDs for VBS and other events.

January/February Pulpit Supply: 1/24 Pastor Emyrs 1/31 Rev. Cathy Hamrick 2/7, 14, & 21 Pastor Emyrs

CONGREGATIONAL INVOLVEMENT TEAM – Amy Deming

Kathleen Delzel and Carolyn Brown have finished updating the church directory. Pictures are dated, but all contact information is new and fresh! **If you would like to update your photo, please email photo to Carolyn Brown.** Copies will be available at the church soon. Thank you ladies!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Carolyn Brown & Carol Blatnick Session supports plans for VBS 2021. Contact Carolyn Brown for updates as we all know volunteers are needed. This will be implemented according to state restrictions and county COVID recommendations.

MISSION & EVANGELISM TEAM –Pine River Shares accepting clothing & household donations by appointment (884-6040) Mondays and Thursdays. On Thursdays, front door is open to entry room where donations of food and clothing are accepted.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Judy Norton reports that she has tracked 13 of their shoeboxes were shipped to Mexico. She also tracked 6 church shoeboxes to Mexico.

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

ALL THE COMMITTEES LISTED ABOVE NEED VOLUNTEERS ON THEIR TEAM. PLEASE CONTACT TEAM LEADERS IF YOU ARE CALLED TO SERVE.

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

Dennis Hillyer Amy Deming, Clerk Carol Blatnick Judy Norton, Treasurer & Financial Secretary Melanie Mazur
Jerry Brown Nancy Senti

New Elders installed Sunday, January 17th for 2021 include Melanie Mazur, Jerry Brown & Judy Norton. Nancy Senti continues for another term. Pastor Emyrs is scheduling Elder Enrichment sessions (on Zoom) for new Elders and any Elders who wish to be included. We thank all Elders for their commitment! We also thank those Elders 'retiring' for their service: Carolyn Brown, Don Wickman and Sharon Kinton! **NOTE:** Sharon has been accumulating duties in the church that now need to be delegated to others. Please volunteer for any of the following duties:

1: Order, distribute envelopes and make a list of the members for the counters of offerings. The envelopes for 2021 are now available for distribution to mailboxes.

2: Update the marquee with Pastor's name and sermon title once church has reopened.

3: Collect rent from Manse. Perhaps Property Mgmt Team can handle this.

4: Zoom services each Sunday. There is just Pastor, Becky & you in sanctuary.

5: Produce Sunday bulletin with help of Pastor once church reopens.

TIME & TALENT COMMITMENT

We look for your talent for the following teams! Please contact the current team leader to participate.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP --- Sharon PROPERTY & GROUNDS --- Don Wickman CONGREGATIONAL CARE --- Nancy Senti
CONGREGATIONAL INVOLVEMENT --- Amy Deming WORSHIP --- Carol Blatnick CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
--- Carolyn Brown MISSION TEAM --- (No current leader)

[From our wonderful friend, Phyllis Ludwig](#)

I was born in Russellville, Ark. To Harvey and Leona Heffington, joining a brother, Donald. My first home was on a farm in Oklahoma. My dad farmed there until I was 5 years old, then moved back to Ark. To work for his brother at his sawmill. We left Ark. when I was in the 3rd grade, moving with the sawmill crew to Ramah, N. Mex. From there, we moved to new timber sales in Smith Lake and Thoreau, N. Mex., all on the Navajo Reservation. I attended a two room school in Thoreau, completing the 6th and 7th grade in the same year (not because I was smart, but because I was the only 6th grader so the teacher assigned me 7th grade work to keep me busy). My dad changed occupation while there, going to work constructing natural gas plants. Our travels then moved us to Runge, Tex., Bayfield, CO., Grants, N.Mex., Winston, N.Mex., Cuchillo, N.Mex and Dubach, La. While in Dubach, my dad quit his job and we

moved back Bayfield, he said this was the place he liked the best. In two days, he had a job with the local construction company then became self-employed within a year...I was very happy about the move, I had changed schools a total of eleven times and I was ready to settle down to one. My brother and I both graduated from Bayfield High School; following graduation, I worked for a CP, lawyer, LePlatts LP Gas and was in banking for 17 years.

I met my husband, Gerald, while in high school. We dated for four years before married, we certainly knew each other's likes, dislikes, quirks etc. by then. We are blessed with three great kids, Rick, Tracie and Ron; they also enriched our lives with eight grandchildren. I think the roughest time for me was when Ron's twins were born; Hayden weighed in at one pound and Catherine one pound six ounces...God definitely made his presence known in all of our lives as the twins finally came home after five and a half months in Denver hospital...they are now 13 years old and doing great!

While raising the family, we were both 4-H leaders for about 21 years. Gerald worked for LePlatts LP Gas, became a truck driver, hauling beer, then cattle and heavy equipment across the country. While he was busy at that, I began work at Bayfield Post Office, becoming Postmaster in 1983 and retired in 2003. Gerald took over the family will add to that with many more years.

I try to stay involved with our Senior Center and have served on many boards since my retirement; keeps me busy enough!

I believe our faith in God and his guidance has been the reason for a most rewarding life.

Our thanks to Phyllis, who has been a part of our community for many years. When we were newcomers to Bayfield, I found her to be more than Postmaster; she was our friend, she was the Chamber of Commerce to me and so many others!

(Won't you start writing to share your life story with us soon!) Please contact Nancy 970-749-7807 and/or nancysenti@gmail.com I have a form with suggestions so that you can get started!

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