



CALVARY CRIER

Words of Wisdom from Rev. Cheryl Kincaid

I still feel remorse for a crime that I committed against my brother when I was six years old. He was in Boy Scouts and trying to achieve a nature badge. He had spent months collecting moths and butterflies and fixed a little pin in each one and carefully printed their Latin names under each specimen. He was proud of his collection and left it on the dining room table for everyone to see before he showed it to his scout leader. This was a mistake, because his overly zealous religious little sister saw the butterfly display as nothing more than **cold blooded murder!!!**

So, I snatched his collection that night and dug a hole in back yard and gave those butterflies a proper Christian burial, complete with popsicle stick cross. When my brother found out that his science project had been stolen, he was beside himself with grief and the injustice that weeks of his labor could be so callously stolen by sister and covered with dirt.

When we dug up the collection, I was surprised how quickly delicate colorful designs on the butterflies' wings had so quickly faded. The butterflies were under the ground for only one night and had already begun to deteriorate after they had been covered by the dirt. My brother got his badge anyway after the scout master had been informed of his little sister's misdemeanor. But his little sister was left with the image of how quickly things fade away.

We all have a moment where learn that life must change and end at a certain point. It may start with bugs and hamsters before it evolves into grandmas and family members. But our mortality can hurt, it often feels like a betrayal. It feels like something was torn away from you. As Christians we have a greater hope that our loves are thriving in heaven's resurrection power!!!

We suffer the same shock of disillusionment when we notice the injustice in this world. This starts with our indignation as when we realize that the school yard bully only chooses the weakest and most awkward child in our class to taunt, it evolves into righteous anger as adults when we witness a world power brutalize a smaller, vulnerable country. As Christian, again, we have greater hope that God will hold all people accountable and protect the weak. This, too, is the hope of heaven.

When the Apostle Paul talked about Heaven and bodies weakening here on this Earth, he compared our Earthly body as a tent in which we groan inside longing for the hope of Heaven.

"Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in Heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found unclothed. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life." 2 Corinthians 5:1-6

The Earthly tent that Paul is speaking of is our human life. The early Jewish faith had a celebration where they would remember their time in the desert when they were fleeing Pharaoh, during that time they lived in tents. They understood that their dwellings were temporary. At first the tents new and strong and gave better shelter than slavery. Then as time passed the tents began to age and sag, and the

Hebrews began to long for something sturdier and more permanent than a temporary tent. In fact, the Greek word that Paul uses in this text for tent is **scanos**. It not only means tent, but a rented tent. In fact, **scanos** was the term that was also that used for the rent that was paid for a tent. Paul is telling us, that we all live on borrowed time, our lives belong to God, and we depend on him for our next breath. This body is temporary tent, but our heavenly dwelling is a permanent dwelling not a temporary tent that can fade away.

We are now entering the season of Lent. During the Lenten season we contemplate our own mortality and shortcomings while we consider Christ's death on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins and our salvation which is empowered by His resurrection. Thinking of Christ's death may draw us into dark thoughts about our own moral failings.

I want to encourage you during this Lenten season to view Christ's death through eyes of His resurrection. When you think of His suffering also think of His great reward where He is seated with heavenlies with His father. When you think of your own tent sagging and changing, also think of the great reward that you will experience one day in Christ's presence in heaven. When you think of your moral failings, consider His forgiveness. When you think of the unjust suffering in our world, be comforted by the fact that Christ is the great comforter of the oppressed.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4

Don't let Lent drag you down to thoughts of death, let Lent lift your eyes to thoughts of empowerment that you have from heaven. Don't let Christ's death make you feel guilty over sin because you have already been forgiven, let Christ's death make you feel comforted in that there is not a type of suffering that you have experienced that Christ has not also experienced on some level. So, we can expect empathy from Him when we pray to him, as scripture says,

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-- yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Let Lent and Easter this year, draw your eyes towards God's love and redemptive plans for your life.



Prayerful Practices for People of the Presence

Ash Wednesday (March 2) marks the beginning of the season of Lent. As we move through this special time on the life of the church, we are invited to meditate on our need for a Savior, to commit ourselves to daily self-examination and repentance, and to be mindful of the work of Jesus Christ, who conquered sin and death. Below I share with you the first 12 verses of Psalm 51, a psalm of David. It is known as a penitential psalm, and it is quite appropriate for the Lenten season. Perhaps you might want to spend some time in prayer using this Psalm to examine your heart before our merciful God. For it is God alone, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who can offer forgiveness and newness of life. It is only by the work of the Holy Spirit that we can truly be renewed and restored and filled with joy.

Might you join in praying this Psalm on a regular basis as you seek to have a clean heart before God? How might you be transformed as you open yourself to the healing and cleansing work of the Spirit? Do you want to find out? Let's pray.

Psalm 51

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.*

*² Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.*

*³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.*

*⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.*

*⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived
me.*

*⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the
womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret
place.*

*⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be
clean;*

wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

*⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.*

*⁹ Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.*

*¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

*¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.*

*¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

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The holiday season has come and gone and we are headed into 2022 with high hopes for serving you in many ways.

Your deacons visit and correspond with shut-ins. Each deacon has prayer lists for particular people, both in our congregations, and those associated with people in our church.

We provide food services for church receptions—weddings, memorial services, special events.

We seek out people who need assistance in several ways.

The first quarter of each year is a time where we focus on funding the Deacon's discretionary funds to help those who may be experiencing a crisis where we, as their church family, can help them through that time. We ask that each of you pray about how you want to participate in this important ministry. You may feel you want to give prayer support, or you may want us to be aware of someone who needs this ministry. And you may prayerfully decide to donate to the Deacon's Fund, so that our ministry will continue to have the resources to help.

In all the above, we covet your prayers. Jesus tells us to "pray without ceasing," and we deacons take that very seriously. Everything we are called to do is bathed in prayer. This, hopefully, keeps us connected to you and to Holy Spirit's leading.

We also have new Deacon's that were ordained in January 2022.

Let us welcome our NEW DEACONS

Cindy Bostick, Judy Lipke, Linley Ruoss and Kristine Harger.

Thank You for your commitment in serving the Lord here at Calvary Presbyterian Church.

Thank you for your participation.

Your Deacons



JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENINGS

LENTEN SOUP & SALAD SUPPERS

Lenten Suppers are in Harvey Hall

Wednesday Evenings from 6:00 PM– 6:45 PM

Communion Service Following 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Dates: (5 Weeks) March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6

▶ ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DINNERS***

- ▶ Sign-up sheets for volunteers and for those attending dinner are in Fellowship Mall.

For more information, See Janice Singer

Small Group Bible Studies

Life Lessons from Acts, a 12 week study by Max Lucado, is our winter study. Books are \$9 and there is a sign-up sheet on the table in Fellowship Mall. You may also register by contacting donna@calvaryenfield.org

UPDATE: Thursday morning 10:30 AM are now both mixed groups. You may register at the same email address above.

KIDS CONNECTION (Grade K-12+)

Sunday after church for 30 minutes

Snacks—Sharing— Mini Bible Study— Creative Experiences —Prayer

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Meeting from 9-9:45 AM on Sunday morning in UL8

Life Lessons from Acts



Music News

Preparations are now being made for the season of Lent and Easter. The expressive music for this time of the church year, especially Ash Wednesday, March 2; Palm Sunday, April 10; Maundy Thursday, April 14 and Easter, April 17 will be practiced in Choir rehearsals on February 27, March 13, March 27 and April 3 at 11:30. You are most welcome to join us!

Lori Bourret

Organ Pedal Pipes Project

Calvary Presbyterian Church recently purchased insurance. It is not just *any* insurance. Thanks to funding from the late Arlene H. Howes, Music Director Emeritus, and the fine work of Messrs. Czelusniak et Dugal, Inc. the Schantz pipe organ (opus 1430, 1977) has significantly lowered its risk of malfunction and is once again in excellent condition.

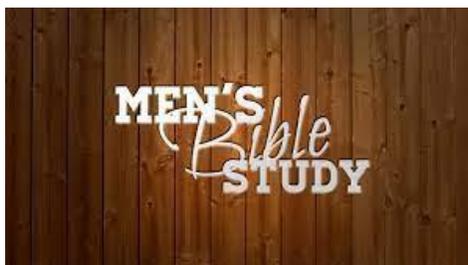
Previously every now and then while playing the organ I would hear a “whoosh” coming from the pipe chamber behind me. A 16-foot bourdon pedal note which sounded rich and smooth earlier now merely wheezed wimpy air. The stopper had slid from the top of the pipe all the way down to the bottom! A few other stoppers of the same rank had sagged from their optimum positions also.

The Church’s Building Superintendent, Evans Farrell learned some basic organ first aid from Bill and crew, and this was a time to use those skills. Evans and an assistant carefully raised the sunken stopper. This emergency operation paved the way for the church to act on a permanent solution.

The wooden pedal pipes were removed and brought to the shop in Northampton, MA for renovation. The original neoprene packing deformed and hardened strangely and was removed from the stoppers. New felt and leather were applied. Some pipe stoppers were originally constructed with wood grain going in the wrong direction. Shellac was applied to these surfaces as a humidity barrier. The stoppers were precisely fitted to the pipes, the pipes were returned to the pipe chamber, then tuned in place. Protective ties were strung on the pipes in the back row as a precaution against future slippage.

The organ sounds divine once again! The church has peace of mind and assurance that the wooden pedal stoppers will slip and slide no more.

Lori Bourret



Two Men's Bible Studies

MONDAY NIGHT AT 7 PM IN UL8

Study: "Life Lessons from Acts"

For more information, please see

Rene Cardona

THURSDAY NIGHT AT 7 PM IN UL8

(Every other week on odd numbered weeks)

This is a time of watching a video with discussion following.

For more information, please see

Larry Lipke

or

Evans Farrell

Be encouraged, learn more from God's Word, and enjoy a great time of fellowship.



Have you or someone you know lost a loved one?

No one should have to bear this alone!

Here at Calvary Presbyterian Church, there is a support group that meets every Saturday from 10:30 AM—12 PM in Room UL 8.

This support group meets for 13 weeks.

For more information, you may call the church office at:

860-745-5211

Or

see Linley Ruoss



Need Prayer? You can visit our website at: www.calvaryenfield.org and click on the PRAYER link or you may call the church office [860-745-5711](tel:860-745-5711)

Office Hours are Tuesday – Friday

9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.



March Birthdays



March Anniversaries

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| 2 | Darren Burn | 26 | Janet & Dave Cushman |
| 7 | Roberta Richmond | | |
| 14 | Emily Clark | | |
| 15 | Ann duPlessis | | |
| | Ted Perrill | | |
| 17 | Eileen Venditti | | |
| 18 | Bob Bourret | | |
| 20 | Roma Metivier | | |
| 24 | Vangie Gallacher | | |
| | Irene King | | |
| 28 | Gail Clark | | |



**REMEMBER TO SET
YOUR CLOCK AHEAD NEXT SUNDAY
MARCH 13, 2022**

Calvary Crier Article Guidelines

Below are some general guidelines that will help get the monthly Crier together easily. Thank you all for your continued content –it is a good thing to shine light on the ministries and goings on here at CPC, and your articles are read and appreciated!

- Please have your article bodies in Arial font and in size 11. This keeps things visually consistent and increases readability. You can choose the same font in a larger size for your article title, or you can choose another font and size and I will resize if needed. Your title should be centered on the page as well. Please keep readability in mind, and the fact that we print in black and white at this time.
- Please have your articles print-ready, having already been checked for spelling and grammatical errors as well as dates. I'm editor in name only, just dropping your articles as-is into a document.
- If there is a graphic you want included in your article, go ahead and put it in. If it doesn't test-print well, it may need to be dropped from the print version. It can likely make it into the online version, where we aren't limited like we are with print.

Here are the due dates for the Crier articles for the rest of 2022. Please strive to get your articles in by the due dates whenever possible. I'd like to get the Crier printed by the week before each month changes. If you need an extension, please email or call the office, as there may be a little "wiggle room" that month. Thank you!

<u>Edition</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
April	March 22
May	April 19
June/July	May 17 (combo edition) – subject to change
August	July 19
September	August 16
October	September 20

November

October 18

December

November 22

That's about all! Thank you so very much for working with me in keeping our congregation informed of all the ways in which our Lord Jesus Christ is working in our church and beyond. Glory to God!

You can send your articles to me at: Loriadmin@calvaryenfield.org