

The Calvary Crier

May 2022



In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:4-6

I love Charlie Brown. The first book that I owned was *A Charlie Brown Cookbook*. Charlie Brown's humanity jumps off the page of the comic book, and he was the first cartoon character that I ever remembered that talked about bullies or the loneliness that a child can feel when they find themselves on bottom of the pecking order. Yet somehow despite all his troubles he always maintained a sense of hope. He always sent out valentines even though he rarely received ones in return. He always ran toward that football even though Lucy continually pulled it away. He always showed up at baseball practice even though it always seemed to rain. He still pined for that Little Red Haired Girl, even though he didn't have the courage to speak to her. He had all of us rooting for him as he faced the trials of childhood.

David Michael, one Charlie Brown creator Charles Shultz's biographers, said:

"Charlie Brown reminded people, as no other cartoon character had, of what it was to be vulnerable, to be small and alone in the universe, to be



Words of Wisdom from Reverend Cheryl Kincaid

human — both little and big at the same time."

Do you sometimes feel vulnerable? The hope of the Christian faith is that we have not been left alone in this world to fend for ourselves. That our lives have an unfolding plan that we can discover as we trust God with our life.

Paul is reminding the Christians of Philippi this when he writes the book of Philippians. He reminds them that he is praying for them and commends them for being partners in the Gospel with him. Then he assures them that the Christ who saved them will continue to work out his plan of salvation out in them. Paul says:

"being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

That is a good promise to remember when we set goals for ourselves and our church. It is a promise that reminds us that we are not on this journey alone, and Christ is there directing us. Much of our anxiety would be calmed if we turned to Him when we can't see our way through the dark.

In junior high, I discovered that Shultz

Prayerful Practices for People of the Presence — Prayer Walking

There are so many ways to pray! One that I have often enjoyed is **Prayer Walking**. It is so simple and yet connects us with God's heart in such a meaningful way.

One way to prayer walk is to take a walk through your **neighborhood**. Jesus told us to love God and to *"Love your neighbor as yourself."* (Mark 12:31). As you walk, notice things about each house. Are there toys outside? Pray for this family and the children. Is there a ramp to enter the house? Pray for those who might have mobility issues for strength and health. Is there a For Sale sign on a house? Pray for the family moving away and the family that will move in! What are you noticing? Mostly, pray that these families will know the blessing of God and the love of Jesus in their lives.

Another place you might want to prayer walk is outside **around your town** government buildings, or schools, or businesses. Jeremiah 29: 7 tells us, *"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."* I know we may not think of ourselves as in "exile" but as followers of Jesus our home on earth is temporary and our eternal

life with Jesus is secure. We can ask for God's blessing on our community.

Another way you might prayer "walk" is praying when you are riding in the car, bus, train, or other transportation. Ephesians 6:18 invites us, *"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests"* See if the Holy Spirit draws your attention to someone for whom you can ask a blessing.

Prayer walking allows us to keep our thoughts on the mission that we have been given by the Lord to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Prayer prepares the way for the Spirit to move.

As we enjoy the new life around us of God's creation, and most especially during the spring, I like to give thanks for the daffodils and the hyacinth and the flowering trees and green grass as I take a walk each day. Thank you, Lord, for this beautiful world!

May the blessing of the Lord be upon you!

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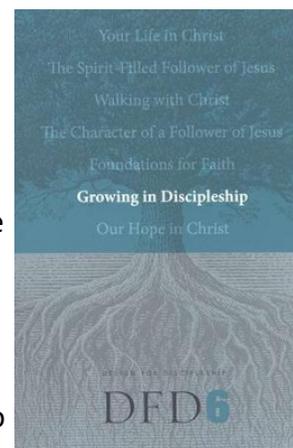
New Small Group Study Continues

Calvary has enjoyed a year of varied studies from the Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire book study, the recently completed Life Lessons from Acts Bible Study, to the topical study on Discipleship that recently began. The plan is to offer a variety of resources to grow as followers of Jesus.

Growing in Discipleship is the name of our spring study that began the week of April 24. The study will last for 5 weeks. Books are available in the Fellowship Hall for \$7. The Monday night women's group and the Thursday morning mixed group meet by Zoom. The Monday night men's group meets in person, as does the Sunday morning group.

Topics in this study include "What is a Disciple?" and "Helping Others Find Christ." This instructive study includes Scripture reading and discussion questions. If you have not joined a study group before, this might be a good time to try out a short-term commitment!

Contact donna@calvaryenfield.org to register by email.





Deacons invite members to pray

It's spring, and we celebrate some warmer weather, lots of rain for our May flowers, and generally the waking up of nature after the siege of winter.

But, your deacons know not everyone can be out to feel the warmth of the new day. We visit, call and send cards to our Calvary shut-ins and we help those who have crises and emergencies and need the help of their brothers and sisters in Christ. And we pray— a lot!

What can you do?

We continue to ask that you make us aware of those in our church family who need the ministry of the deacons; and, especially we ask you to pray Holy Spirit leads you, bringing to your minds those who have the needs we can help.

And, again, Thank You for your participation.

Your Deacons

Kids Connection News

The **Kids Connection** continues to meet after worship on Sunday for 30 minutes through the end of June. Kids from K – grade 12+ are welcome to join the group.

The younger group is working with the Pray Kids resource. The older group is sharing and reflecting on the Scripture passage preached during worship. Some weeks are crafts, creative projects, or games.

New kids are always welcome!

Words of Wisdom

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based his cartoons on his own childhood insecurities. He had been held back a grade and suffered from dyslexia. His large size and learning disability made him an easy target for childhood bullies.

Schultz became a Christian after WWII when his father introduced him to a pastor, but he already had a foundation from the Church of God in Minnesota. During this time Schultz transitioned into Bible studies, and other faith groups that helped him rekindle his faith. He would become a Methodist Sunday school teacher for 10 years in California and defended his faith through his medium.

Later in his life, he would struggle with the Christian culture but kept his faith alive.

About his Christianity he said, ***“In life it's not where you go, it is who you travel with.”***

I love that quote!!! It reminds us that our faith is not a mere religion but a thriving relationship with the living Christ. Let's remember that together, as we move forward to on the path God has prepared for us!!

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died-- more than that, who was raised to life-- is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Romans 8:31-34

Clothing drive to benefit Days for Girls project

Ann du Plessis and Kathy Kane have volunteered for five years with an organization called Days for Girls. They sew washable feminine hygiene products and send them to 145 countries around the world. The group is currently working to send 30,000 units to Poland.

Calvary is hosting a clothing drive through June 1. The garments collected will be sold to a local thrift store by the pound. That money will be used for shipping expenses to Poland.

This is a perfect time to clean out those winter



clothes. Donated items should be placed in plastic trash bag and brought to church (see Kathy or Evans Farrell), or you can call Kathy to come pick them up. She can be reached at 413-883-6061.

Hugs 'n Hope returns after pandemic break

Good news! It is time for Hugs 'n Hope to come together and resume our monthly gatherings as we have been on hold since the beginning of the pandemic.

Hugs 'n Hope – a support and fellowship group – is open to all women who are widowed, divorced or single. Our monthly gatherings are filled with a variety of activities such as potluck dinners and teas at Janice's house, afternoons at church watching movies or playing board

Save the date!

games, picnics, and dinner at local restaurants, all which bring us together for fellowship, inspiration, prayer and support. This ministry started in September 2007. During the fall months, we have also enjoyed participating in service projects for the community of Enfield.

The first get together will be held Friday, May 20. The group will meet at 5:30 p.m. at 99 Restaurant & Pub, 54 Hazard Ave., Enfield. For more information contact Janice Singer at (860) 763-2936.

May Birthdays

- 3 Jay Stradinger
- 4 Beth Gillette
- Kris Harger
- 9 Ruth DeBottis
- 15 Bob Clark
- Sandra Swan
- 17 Sofia Zinkievich



- 20 Chris Ruoss
- 27 Dick Sterling
- 28 Jenn Clark



This year's Easter Plants were given by:

Bill & Sue Christoffersen

- ◇ In memory of Bill's parents, Robert & Bonnie Christoffersen
- ◇ In memory of Sue's dad, W. G. (Tommy) Thompson

Arlene Ellis

- ◇ In memory of husband, David, and children, Grant, Joyce & Ross

The Gallacher Family

- ◇ In memory of Will's father, Rick & step-father, Don
- ◇ In memory of Vange's grandmothers Carolyn & Agnes and her aunt Leslie

The Hess Family

- ◇ In memory of Donna's dad, Gerry Burklund

Irene King

- ◇ In memory of husband, Dick King

Larry & Judy Lipke

- ◇ In memory of Donald Lipke

Fred & Cyrilla Shaw

- ◇ In memory of their parents and
- ◇ In memory of their grandparents

Janice Singer

- ◇ In memory of her parents, George & Patricia Hartman
- ◇ In memory of Hank Singer

Dick & Susan Sterling

- ◇ In memory of Beth Martin



Bodley Scholarship applications available now

Applications for the 2022 Lester and Lillian Bodley Memorial Scholarship are now available at the church office and online. Check the Calvary Website for the Bodley Scholarship Application.

Applicants must:

- Have an ongoing relationship with Calvary Church
- Demonstrate a definite financial need
- Plan to attend (or currently attend) a post-secondary school, community college/university, technical school, etc.,
- participating in a degree or certificate program

Additional requirements are listed on the application

Completed applications are due Tuesday, June 21, 2022. If submitted online, they should be sent to ceperrill@aol.com. If sent to the church, they can be mailed or can be dropped off to the Calvary Church office, 1518 King Street, Enfield, CT 06082

If you have any questions regarding how to pick up or drop off applications, contact Cathy Perrill, cell 860-944-4564, email: ceperrill@aol.com.