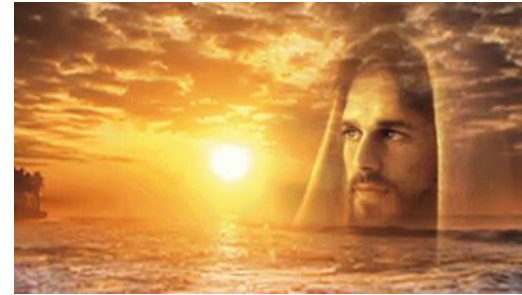


# The Calvary Caller

March 2019



Dear Friends in Christ,

We are now entering the Lenten season. Traditionally Christians have looked at this as a time of deep reflection and accountability for the thoughts and actions in their lives. Christ ministry, death and resurrection are the focus of scripture throughout this season. It begins with Ash Wednesday and commences with Easter Sunday. We will be having many special services and a Lenten Bible study in our charge, during this time. They are listed in this newsletter. The Methodist Church states, "In this season of formation and preparation, we again approach the 40 days of Lent from a variety of different perspectives and points along the Christian journey. During this season, new and longtime Christians alike hear the call to return to God with all their hearts, thus entering a season historically characterized by much prayer and fasting". Many have practiced a tradition of fasting or refraining from things that bring pleasure to their lives, usually in the form of food. Because we are reflecting on our Christian life's, I propose that we concentrate on refraining from the things that distract us from being Christian. Lack of patience, boastfulness, unkind behavior, and selfishness, just to name a few. Let us concentrate on refraining from what is evil and embracing the good. Christ ministry on this earth reflected all the good and God-like behavior that was an example to us of what is Christian. Wikipedia states, "A Christian is a person who adheres to Christianity, an Abrahamic, monotheistic religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth." Simply put, a Christian follows the acts of Jesus. Now is when we look at our interactions with others and ask the question, "Is this what Jesus would have said or done?" My prayer is that all Christians will take this time to examine their lives and rededicate themselves to the ministry of Our Lord. Let us all assume an attitude of love and unity with each other. Lent takes us through deep reflections and leads us to the greatest celebration of all, the Resurrection! Jesus is our Lord and King forever. Let all of us choose to be His devoted follower. AND ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SAID, AMEN!

Blessings and Love,  
Pastor Carolyn

The  
Season  
of  
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NEWSLETTER

Our Mission Statement

TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JE-  
SUS CHRIST  
FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE  
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**Sunday Schedule:**

**Adult Sunday School 9:45am**

**Worship Service 11:00am**

**GOD'S VISIONARY TEAM**

**Trustees:** Dale Oliver, Dan Wickline

**Finance:** Debbie Martin, Shirley Kellgreen

**S/PRC:** Ken Martin, Pat Zimmerman,

**Church Treasurer:** Debbie Martin

**SRCCC Representatives:**

Dale & Betty Oliver

**MINISTERS:**

Every Member of the Congregation

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**

**Please put articles in Secretary's**

**box**

**or E-mail to:**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greg Repasky would like to Thank Everyone for their cards letters, prayers and the prayer quilt. He is healing well & will be doing some physical therapy.

We are in need of Service volunteers for our Sunday Worship Times. Sign up sheets are located in the hallway on the bulletin board near the office.

What a wonderful fellowship "Love Your Neighbor" Reunion Dinner!!! Thank you so much Debbie, Sonia, Shirley, Ken, Sara, Ross, Pam, Dan, Cindy, Pat, Don and anyone else I may have not mentioned. Everything looked amazing, and the food was delicious!!! True Christian Love and Unity!!!!

March 12 at 5:00 soup and Prayer Quilt fellowship.

In need of plastic grocery bags for a project. If you have some, please leave them in the back of the Sanctuary.

Lay Servant Training Registration Applications are located on the Back Table of the Sanctuary.

On behalf of Leigha and our family I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and the outpouring of love and support we have received.

It truly means so much to all of us.

God Bless~ Elizabeth

March 10- First Lenten Bible Study 12:15 – 1:15pm

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



Ash Wednesday - March 6th, 2019  
Distribution of Ashes NLC 12:00 - 1:00pm  
Prayer Service w/ Sonia Skripac 7:30 PM

Maundy Thursday - April 18, 2019  
Columbiana Chapel 7:00PM

Good Friday- 6:00 AM - 6 :00PM Prayer Vigil  
7:00 PM Service

Sunrise service - 7:30AM

Lenten Lunch & Bible Study  
March 10 -12:15 - 1:15  
March 17 -12:15 - 1:15  
March 24 -12:15 - 1:15  
March 31 -12:15 - 1:15  
April 07 -12:15 - 1:15  
April 14 -12:15 - 1:15

Senior Programs 2019:  
April 19, 2019 speaker Bob Schaffer from the Mahoning County Sheriff Senior Service Unit, Lunch and Music with Jerry Kraynak.

May 17, 2019 - WOODWORTH PARK  
Speaker Loraine Hull- Senior Independence 4350, Lunch & Bingo

## FEBRUARY SERVICE

### ACOLYTES

3/03/2019 (Open)  
3/10/2019 (Open)  
3/17/2019 (Open)  
3/24/2019 (Open)  
3/31/2019 (Open)



### FLOWERS FOR MARCH

3/03/2019 (Open)  
3/10/2019 (Open)  
3/17/2019 (Open)  
3/24/2019 (Open)  
3/31/2019 (Open)

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

3/03/2019 (Open)  
3/10/2019 (Open)  
3/17/2019 (Open)  
3/24/2019 (Open)  
3/31/2019 (Open)

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

3/03/2019 (Open)  
3/10/2019 (Open)  
3/17/2019 (Open)  
3/24/2019 (Open)  
3/31/2019 (Open)

### LITURGIST:

3/03/2019 (Open)  
3/10/2019 (Open)  
3/17/2019 (Open)  
3/24/2019 (Open)  
3/31/2019 (Open)

### GREETER:

3/03/2019 (Open)  
3/10/2019 (Open)  
3/17/2019 (Open)  
3/24/2019 (Open)  
3/31/2019 (Open)

### REFRESHMENT TABLE:

3/03/2019 (Open)  
3/10/2019 Elizabeth Miller  
3/17/2019 (Open)  
3/24/2019 (Open)

### MONEY COUNTER:

Shirley Kellgreen- Chairman

### USHERS:

Your Help is Needed



## March Birthdays

We hope your day is very special!  
03/01 — Debbie Riffle  
03/01 — Cyndy Oliver  
03/03 — Debbie Snyder  
03/03 — Cheryl Jackson  
03/03 — Gavin Repasky  
03/03 — Gabriel Repasky  
03/06 — Bradley Johnson  
03/06 — Sue Blackburn  
03/06 — Marion Combs  
03/12 — Jessica Skripac  
03/13 — Steven Cornich  
03/17 — Aaron Lyda  
03/17 — Mark Lyda  
03/19 — Allan Dudash  
03/23 — Rick Riffle  
03/25 — Chris Dudash  
03/30 — Sherry Shaffer  
03/31 — Ross Flowers

## March Anniversaries

03/10 — Bill & Charlotte Evankovich

(If we have missed your special day, please notify the church office to be added to the list! 330-549-2588)

## FINANCE REPORT

As of 1/31/19

Debbie Martin, Treasurer

|                      |                 |                     |                      |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Bal. 12/31/18</u> | <u>Deposits</u> | <u>Expenditures</u> | <u>Bal. 01/31/19</u> |
| \$ 1849.91           | \$ 5,364.65     | \$ 6882.84          | \$ 331.72            |

Shared Ministries - Paid \$0.00 in January 2019  
 \$ 0.00 paid YTD to Shared Ministries  
 \$ 0.00 paid to Missions Asking to date.  
 We are 0 months behind \$ 1,350.25

|               |               |                     |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> | <u>UNDER BUDGET</u> |
| \$5,364.65    | \$8,580.00    | (\$ 3,215.35)       |

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Building Fund

|                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Stifel Nicholas Investment |                      |
| <b>TOTAL BUILDING FUND</b> | <b>\$ 357,178.66</b> |

### Finance Update January 2019

The Finance Committee wants to keep everyone informed monthly of offerings received and budgeted needs. For January,

|                          |
|--------------------------|
| 01/06/2019 - \$ 1,140.00 |
| 01/13/2019 - \$ 1,205.07 |
| 01/20/2019 - \$ Snow     |
| 01/27/2019 - \$ 3019.58  |
| Total Rec - \$ 5,364.65  |
| Needed - \$ 8,580.00     |
| Short - (\$ 3,215.35)    |

Debbie Martin , Treasurer

## “LET US PRAY!”

Isley Bowser for her trip to the ER.  
 So glad you are feeling better.

Cindy McCue will be going through another series of surgery and radiation.

Leigha Miller at Akron Children’s with a Kidney Infection & Bowel Obstruction.

Joe & Kathy Remish who were in a car accident on St. Rt. 7

Galen Snyder  
 Pat’s cousin, Craig is having surgery on his ulna nerve.

Jackie & Dave who are struggling down in New Mexico.

Carmen’s Daughter in- law in Nebraska is having symptoms of a stroke.

Bo Bowser surgery went well & Gabe asked we continue to pray for his daddy’s healing.

Prayers for Greg Repasky and his continued recovery.

Cindy McCue extensive Surgery on Tuesday Feb. 26. Praying for her as well as Harold, their family and the team of Doctors.

Nancy & Phil Valentine and their continued recovery.

The Families, and friends of Alexis Myers, 16, and Danielle Nelson, 15, both of Hermitage who passed away in a car accident, as well as the other 2 injured girls.

Pat & Don Zimmerman’s grandson has been in and out of the hospital with RSV, please lift him up in our prayers, as well as the entire Zimmerman family & extended family.

Bo Bowser and his upcoming Surgery.

Prayers for the District Youth going to Camp Asbury.

### Continuing Education Students

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Kallie Rogers  | Jessica Skripac |
| Randy Skripac  | Lexus Smith     |
| Ian McDevitt   | Dustin Wickline |
| Adam VanTassel |                 |

If you have a loved one or friend you would like to add, please contact the Church Office at (330) 549- 2588

## COMMUNITY DAY CAMP OF NORTH LIMA NEWS

**Thank you to everyone from Calvary United Methodist Church for your support in the fundraising events for Community Day Camp.**

**Our recent soup sale was a success!**

Last year, Community Day Camp had five days for fun and learning about God, with over 140 children attending. This year the committee is expecting more children to experience the fun and learning this year, the week of July 29th thru August 2. Any Children completing kindergarten thru 6th grade may attend. Older youth and adults can help too!

**Upcoming Fundraising Events include:**

Shrove Dinner at Mt. Olivet on March 5th 5:00– 7:00PM

Potato Bake at Paradise on April 7th

Strawberry Festival at Mt. Olivet June 9th

Community Day Camp of  
North Lima  
2019



## POST CONFERENCE MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MALONE

Dearly beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The General Conference has completed its work and by a majority vote, passed the traditional plan with some parts that were ruled unconstitutional. The delegates voted to refer it to the Judicial Council for review at their next meeting but as of now our existing Discipline language is maintained.

Now, some are pleased with the outcome of the special session and some are deeply hurt and disappointed. My heart weeps for the brokenness experienced within the body of Christ. We could not find a way forward of being church that would allow for the contextual differentiation that we were all hoping for and a way to keep as much unity as possible. Now, we need to take the time to process what has happened and the implications of the decisions that are critical for how we move forward.

Friends, please know, that any procedural changes that will have some effect will not take place until January 1, 2020. So, we have time. So, let us breathe.

What I love about our beloved United Methodist Church is our beautiful diversity and our global connection and witness. And as a global church, what is challenging is that we have differing views of human sexuality and understandings of our LGBTQi brothers and sisters.

But despite our differences, as a United Methodist Church we do believe that all persons are of sacred worth. Our doors are open to persons of all ages, races, nations, ethnicities, gender and sexual orientation. We are one church, one family, one in the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

So, here's what I am hopeful for, what I am asking of all clergy and lay:

1. As we prepare to begin this season of Lent, let us fast and pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help us unite and heal our beloved United Methodist Church. Friends, this is all of our work to do.
2. I'm asking that we be calm, stay the course, do not yield to fear, doubt, despair. God is our refuge, a very present help in a time of trouble
3. Stay focused on the mission, because the mission is still yet alive. Let us keep the main thing the main thing, sharing the extravagant love, grace, hope and peace of Jesus Christ with all of God's beloved children.
4. I am asking that you stay connected with your brothers and sisters in Christ; love one another, care for one another, support one another.
5. I am also asking that you plan to attend one of the post General Conference gatherings that will take place across the annual conference on the weekend of March 9 and 10.
6. I am convinced that the God who has begun a good work in us will bring it to completion, because our God is faithful, and God's love, yes, it endures forever. And I know that there is a balm in Gilead that will heal, restore, and give us hope.
7. And I am convinced that by God's grace we will someday find a way to fully embrace the wideness of our beautiful diversity.

As your Bishop, by the grace of God, I will lead, shepherd and guide us through these challenging times and I humbly ask that you commit with me to trust where the Spirit of God will take us. Yes, us. Progressive, centrist, traditionalist, gay, straight, all of God's beloved. And as we go, together, to do Kingdom work, to do kingdom work, the making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, God will be with us.

So, here is my prayer, and I invite you to pray with me. Lord, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we are all seated in the heavenly kingdom! So be it.

Amen



## Feeding God's People

On **Thursday, March , 14th** we will again be serving our "Drive-thru Chicken Dinners".

They will be served from 3:00 to 6:00pm or until sold out.

The cost is still \$7 a meal and the meal consists of: a stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans and a brownie for dessert.

TO ORDER: CALL 330-549-2588

No need to get out of your car, just drive in the driveway and someone will bring your meal out to you.



## SASSY SINGLES

The S.S. get together will be on Friday,  
March 1, 2019 at 12:00  
at

Steamer's Stonewall Tavern  
so be sure to mark your  
**CALENDERS!**

**All church singles are welcome to come and  
enjoy lunch & fellowship.**

We'll be looking forward to seeing you there.  
If you need transportation, please call  
Carmen at 330-549-3818.

**WEATHER PERMITTING!**

## 3C'S

The 3 c's Monthly Food  
Give Away will be held at  
the Old School from 3:30  
pm to 5:00 pm on

March 06  
March 13  
March 20  
March 27

GIVE MONEY FOOD  
LOVE FRIENDSHIP HUMANITARIAN  
FRIENDSHIP LEISURE HAPPINESS UNITY SUCCESS TEAMWORK

**JESUS IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

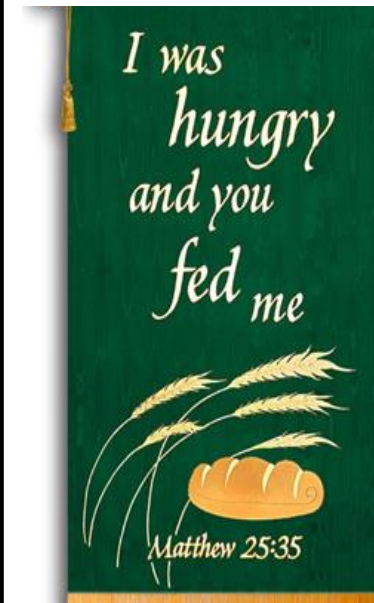
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LOVE FRIENDSHIP RELIEF DIVERSITY MONEY LIFE  
GIVING SUPPORT COMMUNITY HOPE  
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For more Information on the  
3C's please contact Dale &  
Betty Oliver.

## Senior's Luncheon

*All area seniors are welcome to come  
Friday, March 15, from 10am - 1pm at the  
North Lima Calvary U.M.C,  
12062 South Ave., North Lima, Ohio  
Enjoy a free lunch and Bingo  
Speaker Karen Barr– Meals on Wheels of  
Mahoning Valley.*

*We'll look forward to seeing  
you. God's love and blessing to all.*



# March 2019



| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
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|  |  |   |   |   | Pastor at Calvary<br>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!<br>Debbie Riffle & Cyndy Oliver |  |
| 3  | 4  | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9  |
| Sunday School 9:45 am<br>Worship - 11:00am<br>Special Message from Bishop Malone<br>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!<br>Debbie Snyder, Cheryl Jackson, Gavin & Gabriel Repasky |  | Pastor At Columbiana<br>Shrove Dinner at Mt. Olivet<br>5:00- 7:00pm<br>3C's Board meeting NLC 7:00pm<br>Columbiana Prayer Group 10 -11<br>Columbiana Bible Study<br>Revelations 10 - 12 | Pastor at Columbiana<br>Ash Wednesday Service<br>NLC—12:00pm<br>CUMC- 7:00PM<br>Old School Giveaway<br>3:30 - 5:30pm<br>NLC Choir 6:30 - 7:30<br>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!<br>Bradley Johnson, Sue Blackburn & Marion Combs | Pastor At Calvary<br>Columbiana Choir<br>7:00 pm- 9:00pm                                      | Pastor at Calvary   |  |
| 10   | 11   | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16   |
| Sunday School 9:45 am<br>Worship - 11:00am<br>Lent Bible Study 12:15 - 1:15pm  | 4H Meeting 6:30 - 7:30                                     | Pastor At Columbiana<br>Prayer Group 10 -11<br>Columbiana Bible Study<br>Revelations 10 - 12<br>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!<br>Jessica Skripac   | Pastor at Columbiana<br>Old School Giveaway<br>3:30 - 5:30pm<br>NLC Choir 6:30 - 7:30<br>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!<br>Steve Cornich  | Pastor At Calvary NLC<br>CHICKEN DRIVE THRU<br>3:- 6pm<br>Columbiana Choir<br>7:00 pm- 9:00pm | Pastor at Calvary<br>Senior Luncheon 10-1pm                           |  |
| 17   | 18   | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23   |
| Sunday School 9:45 am<br>Worship - 11:00am<br>Lent Bible Study 12:15 - 1:15pm<br>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!<br>Aaron Lyda & Mark Lyda                                    |  | Pastor At Columbiana<br>Prayer Group 10 -11<br>Columbiana Bible Study<br>Revelations 10 - 12<br>NLC One Board Meeting 6:30PM<br>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!<br>Allan Dudash                        | Pastor at Columbiana<br>UMW mtg for Egg hunt<br>Old School Giveaway<br>3:30 - 5:30pm<br>NLC Choir 6:30 - 7:30   | Pastor At Calvary<br>Columbiana Choir<br>7:00 pm- 9:00pm                                      | Pastor at Calvary   | HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!<br>Rick Riffle  |
| 24   | 25   | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30   |
| Sunday School 9:45 am<br>Worship - 11:00am<br>Lent Bible Study 12:15 - 1:15pm  | 4H Meeting 6:30 - 7:30<br>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!<br>Chris Dudash | Pastor At Columbiana<br>Prayer Group 10 -11<br>Columbiana Bible Study<br>Revelations 10 - 12  | Pastor at Columbiana<br>Old School Giveaway<br>3:30 - 5:30pm<br>NLC Choir 6:30 - 7:30   | Pastor At Calvary<br>Columbiana Choir<br>7:00 pm- 9:00pm                                      | Pastor at Calvary<br>Lay Servant Training<br>5:45pm-9:30pm            | Lay Servant Training<br>8:00AM- 4:00PM<br>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!<br>Sherry Shaffer |
| 31   | 1  | Notes   |   |   |   |  |
| Sunday School 9:45 am<br>Worship - 11:00am<br>Lent Bible Study 12:15 - 1:15pm<br>HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!<br>Ross Flowers   |  |   |   |   |   |  |