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Core Values

1. **Christ-Centered Ministry:** John 17:3; Colossians 1:18
2. **Authority of Scripture:** 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 1 Peter 1:25; Matthew 4:4; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 119
3. **Lost People Matter:** Luke 15; Matthew 28:18-20; Revelation 5; Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 10
4. **Foundation of Prayer:** Psalm 127; Philippians 4:4-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5
5. **Ministry Team Approach:** Ecclesiastes 4:12; Proverbs 27:17; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 12
6. **Leader as Role Model, Recruiter, Equipper:** Ephesians 4:11-13; Luke 10; 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1

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Calvary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

Thank you for worshipping here today!

December 31, 2017

Calvary cares about **you** because **you matter to God!**

Our desire is to be a Christ-centered, family-oriented, word-sharing, life-changing, need-meeting, world-touching body of believers.

We exist to **KNOW CHRIST** and **TO MAKE HIM KNOWN** through:

EVANGELIZING the Lost of the Community,

EXPERIENCING the Lord in Worship,

ENCOURAGING the Fellowship of Believers,

EDUCATING the Faithful in Christ, and

EQUIPPING our Leaders for Ministry.



2018

- To Know Christ and To Make Him Known -

Service Schedule

Our nursery is staffed and available during Sunday services for children ages birth through 3 years. Please remember that children must be dropped off and picked up by an adult in the south Childcare wing. The Cry Room in the back of the Sanctuary is a quiet place for a parent to take an infant or toddler (through age two) and still be able to listen to the service.

Order of Worship

Praise Team	"Lion of Judah"	Screen
	"My Hope is Built"	Screen
	"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"	Screen

Lyrics for all songs and hymns will be projected on the screen. You may also use the black "Praise Songs" binder or the Hymnal—both are located in the pew racks along with Bibles for your reference.

Welcome

Scripture John 3:22-30

Message "It's Not About You!" ~ *Pastor Dave Motta*

Offering "More About Jesus Would I Know" *Insert*

Benediction

Outreach

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING

Our 5th Sunday of the month offering goes to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Disaster Relief Fund.

Vision: As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR strengthens and transforms people and communities.

Mission: Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

UMCOR's work can be categorized into three major areas:

1. Humanitarian Relief / Disaster Response
2. Sustainable Development
3. Global Health (in collaboration with Global Ministries)

The 5th Sunday offering will be taken at the door at the end of each worship service.



Weekly Events

Sunday, December 31 *Happy New Year!*

- 9:00 AM Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM First African Church Service ~ Upper Room (208)
- 9:30 PM First African Watch Night ~ Upper Room (208)

Monday, January 1, 2018 *New Year's Day*

Office and Building Closed

Tuesday, January 2

- 12:00 PM Prayer ~ 105
- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting ~ 101
- 5:30 PM Upward Basketball Practice ~ Gym, Foyer
- 5:30 PM Upward Cheerleading Practice ~ 102, Foyer
- 6:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Meeting ~ 115

Wednesday, January 3

- 10:00 AM First African UMC Prayer ~ 105
- 4:00 PM Wednesday Night Meal set-up ~ Foyer
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Meal ~ Foyer
- 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study ~ 102
- 6:30 PM AWANA ~ 110, 101, 113, 114, 115, Gym, Cry Room
- 6:30 PM Youth Ministry ~ 200, 201, 202, 203
- 7:30 PM Choir & Men's Chorus ~ 106

Thursday, January 4

- 5:30 PM Upward Practice ~ Foyer, Gym

Friday, January 5

- 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast & Men's Group ~ Kitchen, Foyer, 101
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study ~ 101
- 5:30 PM Upward Basketball Practice ~ Gym, Foyer

Saturday, January 6

- 8:00 AM Prayer ~ Prayer Room 105
- 10:00 AM First African Church Music ~ Upper Room (208)
- 9:30 AM GriefShare ~ 101
- 10:00 AM African Church Music ~ Upper Room

Sunday, January 7 *Holy Communion*

- 9:00 AM Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Children's Ministry ~ 114
- 9:00 AM Youth Ministry ~ 208
- 9:00 AM Various Adult Studies ~ See Information Center
- 10:30 AM Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM First African Church Service ~ Upper Room (208) and Foyer

Sermon Notes

IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU! JOHN 3:22-30

A few observations gleaned from this passage:

Observation No. 1 Competition and Comparison.

- ~ Two bands of Baptizers. vs 22-24
- ~ Argument over purification. vs 25
- ~ John the Baptist again? vs 26-30, John 1:8, 20, 21, 23, 27

Observation No. 2 The attention is going to Jesus. vs 29

- ~ Jesus - an egomaniac?
- ~ When Jesus increases, joy increases. vs 29,30
- ~ God's plan. vs 21; John 6:37, 44, 65
- ~ The voice of the bridegroom. vs 29; John 1:23; John 10:3,4
- ~ John's response - JOY! vs 29, 30

Observation No. 3 The Divine MUST. vs 30

- ~ Three musts in John 3:
- 1. the must of the sinner. John 3:7 "You must be born again."
- 2. The must of the Savior. John 3:13 "He must be lifted up."
- 3. The must of the servant. John 3:30 "I must decrease "

Observation No. 4 Purification. vs 25, 29

- ~ John 1:29 "Behold the Lamb of God..."
- ~ Rev 21:9 "... the wife of the Lamb.

He must increase, I must decrease.

Announcements

TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD

Ushers for January 7, 9:00 - Carl & Polly Wendelbo, Myron Loberg, Bruce Hisenga **10:30** - Lavelle Family, Todd & Ben Stugelmayer

Wednesday Night Meal The meal January 3rd will be burgers beans and chips. Please sign up at the Information Center to eat and/or help.

Women's Bible Study Sermon on the Mount by Jen Wilkins begins Wednesday, January 3 (room 102) and Friday January 5 (room 101). Led by Kathy Mitchell and Kathy Spriggs.

Financial Peace University starts January 3rd! Kits are \$93 at the church office (limited supply) or order and register online. Visit www.daveramsey.com/fpu or contact Alycia & Brian Walker.

Couples Group - Culture Shock by Chip Ingram is a 12 week series consisting of a 30 minute video followed by discussion. Begins Sunday, January 7. The group will gather at 9:00 with the DVD starting at 9:15. Please call Scott & Becky Dunker at 205-8942, sbdunk94@gmail.com or Roger & Diana Hoyt at 499-0640, rbhoytbsa@gmail.com with questions.



BIBLE A Firm Foundation Bible Study begins Sunday, January 7th. Led by John Blair and will meet in Room 115. All are welcome.

January 5th Men's Breakfast 6:00 AM. Hey guys - let's start out the New Year right! Invite a friend to the Men's Breakfast this Friday. Jeff Ogden will be sharing about his relationship with Jesus and God's faithfulness in his life. Jeff is the friendly voice you hear on KFNW every afternoon.

Announcements

End of Year Giving: Have your year end giving into the office or postmarked December 31 in order to have it recorded on your 2017 giving statement. Contact Alycia Walker with questions.

GriefShare begins Saturday January 6, 2018 from 9:30-11:30 AM at the church. Griefshare is 13-week class support group for people grieving the death of someone close. Please share this information with a relative, friend, neighbor, or co-worker who may benefit from GriefShare. Sign-up at the Welcome Center or by contacting the Church Office at 232-5650. For further information contact Karen Fleming 232-0596.

Purses for a Purpose - Friday, January 12 from 7:00-8:30 PM at Atonement Church, 4601 S University Drive, Fargo. This community event is created to serve victims of sex trafficking in the FM area. First responders will give purses to the victims filled with needed personal items and a note of prayer and encouragement. Funds raised from the event will bridge the gap to help survivors get back on their feet and into the community. Light refreshments / silent auction / short program / free will donation.

Visit www.thenextstepnd.com for more details.



The YMCA Calvary childcare would like to thank Sheila, the Trustees and all of the volunteers for their assistance with the Christmas Program and Fellowship meal on Thursday, December 14th. We had a wonderful meal cooked and served by the amazing Calvary volunteers and it would not have been successful without each one of you. Our staff and families appreciate all of the fellowship and partnership we have with Calvary UMC. Thank you! Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

Katie Peterson, YMCA Learning Center Director

Health Concerns: Wayne Schumacher, Jacque Ulstad, Luella Carlson, Emma Streyle, Benadene Snyder, Glen Lysne, Barbara Olson, Roger Kalinowski, Joan Meidinger, and Al & Ruth Tollefson.

