



## THE CALVARY CALLING

Dear Calvary folks,

Remember from last Pentecost when Brenda and Cindy created those rotating, restless representations of the flames of the Holy Spirit? Four of them that hung around the sanctuary, one of them directly in the flow of one of the heater outlets? How fun and original and clever they were. And indeed, we will see them again this Pentecost!

Pastor Mary suggested that we organize some kind of group that could do the same for other seasons, especially since we are coming quickly to the Lent and Easter times. I thought it was a good idea, but couldn't imagine that something equally creative as the Pentecost flames would emerge. Silly me.

So it was with some wariness that I organized an initial group for brainstorming worship arts. We had a recent zoom meeting with us pastors and Nancy Koppl, Joyce Bauer and Jean Senter.

Pastor Mary described what might be possible with decorations that don't need printed words, that might enliven the senses of sight, hearing, touching, even smelling. And then she opened up the discussion. Wow!

I mostly listened and took notes, but I believe that there were several times when four people were all talking at once! For an hour and a half, it was kind of like that Pentecost day with the Spirit flowing and bringing new things to light. Here are some of the ideas that surfaced (a stream-lined summary):

- Creating a mobile based on concentric circles from which would hang all kinds of figures, sayings, art or whatever that could be traded out by season, and that could be sturdy enough to last.
- Reinitiating the ability to show images from our ceiling-based projector onto the screen above and behind the pulpit. One thought was to have sunrises showing on Easter Sunday, with photos taken by members of the congregation. (There are accomplished photographers among us, and with mobile phones cameras, we all can act like great photographers!)
- Use colored cellophane or some other similar product to create stained glass effects on our windows, or streamers along walls.
- Use inexpensive fabrics (like organza at under \$3 per yard) for draping, hanging or other arrangements.
- There are other plans underway too, from Brenda Ouwerkerk and Cindy Haener for an Easter sun behind our cross, and from Ken Foran about a new real stain-glass installation in our western windows.

We have a beautiful sanctuary, and these ideas will certainly enhance our worship and fellowship and experiences of joy. And it is such a revelation to me that holy creativity is so close to the surface in our congregation!

It's a pleasure to be among you!

Pastor Brian



Ash Wednesday will take place on the evening of February 14th at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. The service will include an extended confession, holy communion, and an opportunity to receive either ashes or dirt on our foreheads. (Learn more about the reason for two options by coming!)

**Lenten**  
SCHEDULE Mid-week Lent gatherings will take place on the five Wednesdays starting on February 21st. There will be a soup supper at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall, with an abbreviated worship service starting at 6:15 pm in the sanctuary. Sign-up sheets will be available on Sunday morning, February 4th for those wishing to provide the soups. The theme for worship will be stories of dust in the Bible.



## Programs continuing in February

Discussion on *The Chosen* will be on hiatus until February 4th.

-- Sermon **Feedback and Feedforward** will take place as usual on Tuesday, January 30th at 10:00 am on Zoom.

-- Regular **Wednesday Bible Study** will meet at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall, with the subject of The Early Church in Acts.

-- The new **Worship Arts Committee** will be meeting on Zoom on Thursday, February 1st at 2:00 pm on Zoom. Please let me or Pastor Mary know you are interested in joining this group.

-- The regular **Worship Planning Committee** will meet on Saturday, February 3rd, starting at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall.

-- **Pastor Mary's Bible Study** on Parables of Grace will continue in February. See more information below:

The Parables of Grace class continues Tuesdays, 1:10 p.m.-2:30 p.m. We have regularly 10 participants, two or three attend on Zoom. The others meet at the Stein-Webber's home, 1302 17<sup>th</sup> St. It is never too late to join the group.... full of insight and we are all growing in faith and understanding of the Parables. Here is the schedule for February.

February 6 – Of the Unmerciful Servant – The one Thing God Won't do – Matthew 18:21-35

February 13 – Of the Workers in the Vineyard – Unmerited Favor – Matthew 20:1-16

February 20 – Of the Good Samaritan – Spontaneous Love – Luke 10:25-39

February 27 – Of the Fig Tree – Fruitfulness out of Death – Luke 13:1-9, Mark 11:12-14, 19-22

## Scriptures for February

February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38



The parking lot is done! It's beautiful, and we were able to update our disabled parking spot so that it is ADA compliant! The best thing is – we were able to pay for it completely!



-- Elected the following **officers**: Nancy Koppl and Joyce Bauer as co-presidents; Janet Lorenzo as secretary; Nancy Padilla as treasurer.

-- Calvary will be receiving **new members on Sunday, February 11th** during worship.

-- There will be an additional **worship planning group** that will concentrate on one liturgical season at a time, with attention to liturgical additions, creative arts in the sanctuary, and special themes that can continue throughout a season.

-- The 2023 **net gain of \$27,364.41** was transferred to the Designated fund for Property Needs on January 15, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

## Treasurer's Report

Income - \$11,309.00. Expenses - \$16,899.42. Income was at 123.49% of the 2023 Budget for the twelve (12) months that ended 12/31/2023. Expenses were at 92.75% of the 2023 Budget for the same period.

Don't forget to pick up a supply of recycled offering envelopes for enclosing offerings to the ministry of the congregation. There is still a good supply of them on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

## Outreach Committee –

The Outreach Committee met in January to make plans for the Lent Project and Easter decorating. It was a unanimous decision – THE BOAT IS BACK! Look for the Disciples boat to be back in the Sanctuary this Lenten Season. When you're doing your grocery shopping please remember our friends at Iglesia, and let's fill the boat again with delicious goodness to feed the people of Iglesia San Juan Bautista!



## Who doesn't love a Brunch?!

At the end of January, Brunch Team #2 prepared a delightful and delicious pasta and salad bar, complete with yummy desserts. Thanks to Mary, Nancy K, Cindy, Katie, Rachel and Brenda for feeding our bodies and providing fellowship for our souls!

**On Feb. 25, Brunch Team #1** will provide something delicious as well! You don't need to bring anything except your appetite! Be sure to join us to see what is on the menu!

## Remember in Prayer

- Jean Senter – Problems with knee
- Sean Cannoles, Nikki Rocha’s cousin – heart problems
- Dick Williams – general health issues
- Katie Edson and family who are grieving the loss of Mercedes
- Joyce Bauer – recovering from health issues
- Elaine Grawe – relocating to be near her son
- Nancy Padilla – going through multiple dental procedures
- Becky Padilla – dealing with recurrence of cancer
- Robin Karas – Home from Bayside and recovering
- Christian, Heidi Carney’s son – dealing with multiple health issues
- Barbara Stein, Tom Anello’s sister – dealing with resurfacing cancer
- Byron Nelson, friend of Jacoby's – dealing with cancer
- Mike Johnson – dealing with lymphatic cancer
- Chris Senter – frontotemporal lobe dementia, and starting a medication trial
- Heidi Carney – ongoing health issues
- Kate Anderson
- Ina Davenport
- Aaron Brochtrup - returning to work, and continuing to recover
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas – dealing with health issues
- For Sally and Jennifer and the family of Marcia Shep who passed on Dec. 27
- James Hecker- undergoing hyperbaric oxygen therapy for serious infection
- Iglesia San Juan Bautista, Pastor Esteban and Angie – support of their ministry
- Those who are contracting COVID
- An end to the war in Ukraine
- The peoples of Israel and Palestine
- Victims of senseless gun violence



# February

## Happy Birthday!

Carol Frasier	2/4
Connor Schuldt	2/4
Lanaya Schuldt	2/4
Ken Foran	2/9
Joyce Bauer	2/12
Ed Ogren	2/16
Mary Stein-Webber	2/20
Katie Brochtrup	2/21


## Anniversaries

Ken & Gretchen	2/2
Sperow, Dan & Kathie	2/14

*Happy Anniversary!*

**Here’s a beautiful prayer of St Benedict who lived in the 6th century. “O gracious and holy God, give us wisdom to know you, Intelligence to understand you, Diligence to seek you, Patience to wait for you, Eyes to behold you, A heart to meditate upon you, A life to proclaim you. To the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, Amen.”**

Save the Date! The Morro Bay City-Wide yard sale will be on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. When you’re doing your Spring Cleaning be sure to save your discarded items for the yard sale. We have a little room left to store small items – larger items may be dropped off the day before the yard sale. This is a major fund raiser for Calvary – thank you to all who participate to make it happen!

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>February 2024</b> <b>*Please remember in your prayers.</b> Worship services are live streamed on Facebook and posted to <a href="http://morrobaylutherans.org">morrobaylutherans.org</a>				1 *Sandy McMillan  Worship Arts Comm. 1:00 zoom	2 *David & Janelle Muff	3 Worship & Music Comm. 9:30
4 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Worship Assist: Joyce B.	5 *Ton & Joyce Bauer  Coffee Club 9:00 Inn at Morro Bay  Confirmation 6:00	6 *Gary & Gail Brochtrup  Sermon Feedback 10:00 Pastor Mary's Bible Study 1:10  Finance Committee 7:00 zoom	7 *Ken Brocks  Bible Study 10:00	8 *Heidi Carney  Council Meeting 5:30	9 *Bob Clemensson	10
11 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 <b>Installation of New Members</b> Worship Assist: Nikki R.  The Chosen Zoom Discussion Group 7:00 -8:00 PM	12 *Ina davenport  Morro Bay Community Dinner 4:00	13 *Valerie Donohoo  Sermon Feedback 10:00  Pastor Mary's Bible Study 1:10	14 *Katie Edson  Bible Study 10:00  <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Service 6:00  	15 *Ron & Audrey Forster	16 *Elaine Grawe  Coffee Club 9:00 Carloch's	17
19 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Worship Assist: Andy J.  The Chosen Zoom Discussion Group 7:00 -8:00 PM	19 *Bruce & Cindy Haener  <b>Presidents' Day</b>	20 *Victor Hansen  Sermon Feedback 10:00  Pastor Mary's Bible Study 1:10	21 *Herb & Patti Harsch  Bible Study 10:00  Soup Supper 5:30	22 *Andrew & Rachel Jacoby	23 *Woody & Nancy Koppl	24
25 Worship Service with Holy Communion 10:00 Worship Assist: Katie E.  <b>BRUNCH! 11:00</b> The Chosen Zoom Discussion Group 7:00 -8:00 PM	26 *Jennifer Kurrle  Confirmation 6:00	27 *Mike & Janet Lorenzo  Pastor Mary's Bible Study 1:10  Sermon Feedback 10:00	28 *Jim Luke  Bible Study 10:00  Soup Supper 5:30	29 *Jeff & Kea McKee		