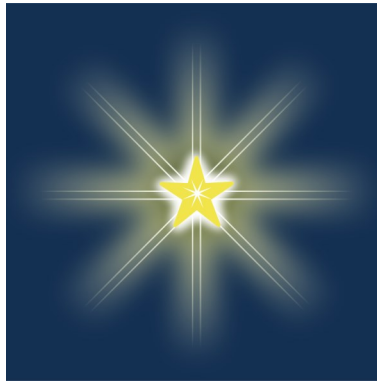


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The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

*To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.*

20th c. theologian, scholar, teacher Rev. D. Howard Thurman

Worship Column

Saturday, January 6

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 7

Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29;
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, January 14

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20);
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20;
John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 21

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, January 28

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28



Life is better
when you
cry a little,
laugh a lot, and
are *thankful*
for everything
you've got.

-unknown





Birthday Wishes Go Out to.....

- 2 Jude Hammer
- 5 Christopher Safulko
- 8 Virginia Coon
- 8 Erika Ray
- 10 John Lopinski, Sr.
- 11 Janet Mazzaroppi
- 12 Sandra Boag
- 13 Allan Andrews
- 14 Bilquis Dass
- 17 Carolyn Harbison
- 19 David Patel
- 19 Keylee Casseri
- 22 Grace Yockey
- 26 Mason Appleton
- 29 Hans Spielberger
- 29 Eric Dass



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

What's Happening in January 2024....

Monday, January 1	<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, January 2	12:00 pm	Food Pantry	
Wednesday, January 3	2:30 pm	Ukulele	
Thursday, January 4	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir	
Sunday, January 7	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service Fellowship Time	
Monday, January 8	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study	
Tuesday, January 9	12:00 pm	Food Pantry	
Thursday, January 11	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir	
Sunday, January 14	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service Chili Cook Off	
Monday, January 15	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> 9:00 am 9:30 am	<i>Office closed</i> Day of Service with Calvary Baptist Adult Bible Study	
Tuesday, January 16	12:00 pm	Food Pantry	
Wednesday, January 17	2:30 pm 7:00 pm	Ukulele Session	
Thursday, January 18	12:00 pm	Food Pantry	
Sunday, January 21	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:30 am	Choir Worship Service Fellowship Time	
Monday, January 22	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study	
Tuesday, January 23	12:00 pm	Food Pantry	
Thursday, January 25	12:00 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Choir	

January 2024 continued....

Sunday, January 28	9:30 am	Choir
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Time
Tuesday, January 30	12:00 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, January 31	2:30 pm	Ukulele



The Adult Bible studies continue, Mondays at 9:30 am, January 8, 15, 22. Sessions offered via Zoom, led by Gladys Gifford. All are welcome!

The theme, Sacred Encounters, focuses on how meeting Jesus sparks active faith in him which then transforms a person's life. Lesson Three (on January 8) examines Luke 8:43-48 and shows how a woman finds healing by reaching out to Jesus. Lesson Four (on January 15) reviews Luke 10:38-42 and offers insights into the value of each person's role in the community of faith.

Please join us, and let our Monday morning studies bolster your faith for the week!

Annual Reports Are Due

February's Annual Meeting is rapidly approaching. Have you turned in your committee's annual report yet?

The deadline for reports is Sunday, **January 12th**.



Chili Cook Off Is Back!!

Meet us in the fellowship room after the service on Sunday, January 14th, where we will gather for our UPC Chili Cook Off! If you bake, bring your best chili to share. If you don't, bring some crackers or bread to share! Come enjoy the company and experience some of our awesome chili!!



University Presbyterian Church

and Calvary Baptist Church

Martin Luther King Day of Service

Date: Monday, January 15, 2024

Time: 9 AM – 12 PM

Location: Calvary Baptist Church

1184 Genesee Street

Buffalo NY 14221

Join us this MLK Day as our congregations come together to build community through unity, service, and transformation. Let's honor Dr. King's legacy by working toward a more just and equitable society, where everyone is valued and respected, regardless of their race, ability, religion, or background. By participating in this service, we can help bridge divides, heal wounds, and create lasting change that will benefit our communities for years to come.

Our day will begin at 9 AM with a simple breakfast and a short worship service, followed at 10 AM for two hours of volunteer work at Calvary Baptist Church and in our shared communities.

The projects will be activities that occur at Calvary Baptist Church as well as within our communities, including paired visits to shut ins and seniors, and services at their homes that are difficult for them to achieve on their own, such as cleaning the refrigerator, organizing closets, shoveling snow, etc.

Please contact Val Macer at 13vmacer@gmail.com or 716-523-3811 for more information.

To participate, provide the following information:

- Your name
- Your contact information
- If you need a ride or can provide transportation
- If you would like to participate in a service project-
 - At Calvary Baptist Church
 - At someone's home in the community

If you would like a service project performed at your home, contact Val Macer at 13vmacer@gmail.com or 716-523-3811 and provide your name, your address, and your project.