

CALVARY



COMPASS

January 2025

Crestline, Ohio

So That They May All be One.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2025

January 2, 2025

Attention all members of Calvary,

January 19, 2025, will be Calvary's Annual Meeting. At this years meeting we will mostly be taking care of routine business and sharing reports and voting on a new budget.

The Consistory of Calvary is once again issuing a call to all our active members to prayerfully consider a term of service as a member of Consistory. If you have an interest, or questions, or concerns, please talk to one of the Elders. As of this writing we have not received any nominations or offers to serve on Consistory. We currently have four positions on Consistory, with individuals staying over their terms.

Your Consistory would like to thank all our active members for their time, talents and participation that are given to our Church. We encourage your attendance at the Annual meeting and if you are unable to attend please fill out the proxy you will be receiving and return it to the Church or give it to any Consistory member. Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please talk to one of your Elders. We hope to see everyone on Sunday, January 19th immediately after our Church service.

Respectfully,

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*The baby had a birthday, we made the brandy sauce, we drank his health and
spent our wealth upon ourselves, of course.
We had a lovely party and brightened up the place; profusely strung the tinsel
hung, you couldn't see his face.
Then when the feast was over and we'd run out of cheer, we packed him in
the trimmings' tin till Christmas time next year.*

Cecily Taylor, Worship Live

Well, here we are again. We've come to the end of the year and the end of our Christmas Season with all its celebrations and activities.

Instead of putting up all those beautiful lights and greens that are decorated with all sorts of ornaments, we're trying to figure out how to put it away and store all the stuff until next Christmas.

When I came across this poem about the end of the celebrations, it struck me that perhaps the poet is right. Is it true that when we are finished with all the tinsel and parties we are also putting Christ away until next year too?

I certainly hope not, but I fear that perhaps that is just what happens. Maybe whether we realize it or not, we get ourselves so caught up in all the trap-pings of the Christmas Season; the shopping, baking, decorating and partying that we forget that the light of Christ should be the center of our daily lives all year long.

The church where I was ordained, my home church in Westerville, has a carved nativity scene that is hung over the entry way that leads into the sanctuary. As one looks up, there it is every day of the year. Everyone who comes into the church is reminded that Christ is born into our lives no matter what the calendar tells us.

As we begin a new year, let us all try to remember the birth of Christ and the entrance of Christ into our lives. May we never pack the baby away along with all the tinsel and ornaments.

As our congregation begins a new year let us celebrate the baby in all ways. Perhaps we shouldn't pack up the nativity scene on display here at Calvary. We might just want to keep it on display the entire year. Its presence might remind us that the birth of Christ doesn't just happen one day every year.

May you all have a joy filled New Year.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Diane



What is Epiphany?

Epiphany is the celebration of the arrival of the Wise Men to Bethlehem, revealing the good news of the Christian message and the reign of Christ being for the whole world. Although, we are celebrating Epiphany on January 5, the season of Epiphany begins on Monday, January 6 and continues until Ash Wednesday.

What Are the 12 Days of Christmas?

For many Western Christian denominations, the Twelve Days of Christmas, or Christmastide, are a 12-day festive religious season that celebrates the Nativity of Jesus. The 12 days represent the time that it took for the three wise men or kings to travel to Bethlehem to visit baby Jesus and offer him gifts. In certain Eastern Orthodox denominations, it is instead a celebration of the time from Christ's birth to his baptism.

This festival season is basically a series of religious feast days—as well as a constant stream of entertaining and merrymaking!

The festival season, which begins on Christmas Day (December 25), ends on the evening of January 5 (called Twelfth Night); this marks the end of Christmas festivities and, in ancient Celtic tradition, the end of the 12-day winter solstice celebration.

The Twelve Days of Christmas festival season is nearly forgotten in the United States for various reasons, but some traditions survived, as did some religious feast days for practicing Christians.

Thank you to all the members of Calvary UCC who generously donated non-perishable food items to the Crestline Community Christmas program to brighten the Christmas of the less fortunate in the village of Crestline. May the spirit of giving guide our hearts as we continue to do church work at Calvary UCC and beyond our church throughout the year of 2025.

Sincerely,

Church Life Committee: Cathy Strauch, Lisa Gibson and Don Graff

Dear Calvary UCC,

Thank you so much for your generous gift this Christmas. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness. I feel greatly blessed to serve our congregation as your pastor and teacher. Thank you again for your continued support and encouragement as we travel our road of faith together.

Blessings,

Pastor Diane

OUR LOVE TO GOD IS MEASURED BY OUR EVERYDAY
FELLOWSHIP
WITH OTHERS AND THE LOVE IT DISPLAYS.

ANDREW MURRAY

Happy Birthday!!

Eileen Parr Jan. 6

Caren Feick Jan. 8

Alice Tibi Jan. 16

Ruth Karl Jan. 21

Cathy Strauch Jan. 22

Karen Kindinger Jan. 24

FLOWERS



Flower Calendar is available on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please sign up at least 2 weeks in advance, if possible, to allow time to notify the florist and the church office for the bulletin. You can contact Paula Ruhl or fill out an envelope and leave in the office. The cost is \$25.00.

CAMP is our local food pantry. They are still serving the people of Crestline on Saturday and Sunday each week, by appointment. Please call (419) 689-2702 or check them out on Facebook. CAMP is accepting monetary and food donations.

Heart to Heart

Heart to Heart will meet at The Brown Derby Roadhouse in Ontario on Tuesday, January 21 at 5:30 p.m. All the women of the church are invited for an evening of fellowship. Please let Karen Kindinger know if you plan to attend.

Choir Practice

Choir practice will be held on Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m. prior to worship for the months of January and February.

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*****If you or someone in the congregation would like to be added to this list, please let the church office know.***

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2 Next Chapter 3:00	3	4
5 Worship 10	6 Epiphany	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship 10	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Worship 10	20 MLK Day	21 Heart to Heart 5:30 Brown Derby	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 10	27	28	29	30	31	

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