

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022.....9:30 A.M.**

**THE STORY**

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*THE PRELUDE: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* - arr. Jack Schrader

THE PEACE

\*OPENING WORDS

LEADER: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

**PEOPLE: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

LEADER: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,

**PEOPLE: praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,**

LEADER: praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

**ALL: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.**

-- Based on Psalm 150.

\*HYMN: *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* UMH # 277

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER: **Father, you have blessed us beyond measure, and you have called us to worship. May our gifts today flow from hearts of worship to the One who provides all we need. May we never forget that all we have is yours. Take it and use it according to your will. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *God So Loved the World* arr. Benjamin Harlan

\*HYMN: *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* UMH # 371

MESSAGE: The Hour of Darkness

\*HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* UMH # 327

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: *There's Something About That Name* UMH # 171

\*POSTLUDE: *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone* by George Allen

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:**

**9/18/22** – Worship at 9:30am, Sunday School to follow worship at 10:45am, Youth Group at 6:30pm to 8pm, ‘Block’ voting before and after service

**9/19/22** – ESL 8:15am, Tai Chi 8:45am

**9/20/22** - ESL 8:15am, Tai Chi 10:15am, basketball

**9/21/22** – ESL 8:15am, bulletin deadline 9am, basketball, NA meeting

**9/22/22** - ESL 8:30am

**UPCOMING:**

**9/25/22** – “Block” voting before and after worship

**10/1/22** – Church Conference at Trinity UMC at 4pm

**10/25/22** – SPRC meeting at 6:30pm

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Pearl Gauthier given by Marsha Dodson.

**THANK YOU WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:** Greeters – Marsha Dodson & Christa Banks; Usher – Ken Criswell; Worship Leader –Heather Villeme; Video –Regina Sherman, Rodney Sherman, Matthew Johns; Web & Social Media – Regina Sherman; Sound Sponsors – Cindy Barber

**ATTENDANCE:** Sunday, September 11 was 75, with the addition of 10 from the Hispanic Ministry.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**WEEK 1:** The family of David Frye, the family of Cindy Sencindiver, Bill Lewis, Calvary family

**WEEK 2:** Ozalene Russell, Ruth Bartles, Crystal Smallwood, travel mercies for Jim & Myrtle, Katelyn F, the family and people of England on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

**WEEK 3:** The family of Linda Miller, Wanda Sherman, Donnie Yingling, Wyatt Riner, Barth Frankenberry, Mark Albright, Myrtle Holland, Darlene Unger

**INTERESTED IN JOINING CALVARY:** If you are interested in becoming a member of Calvary, please complete a form that can be found outside the sanctuary doors on the desk and place in the offering plate.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** Thank you to all who helped to make our spaghetti dinner such a success. Special thanks to our chefs and to Debbie Dennis for organizing. Our next spaghetti dinner will be on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**APPLE DUMPLINGS UPDATES:**

If you can help make apple dumplings on October 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>, please call Debbie Dennis at home 304-754-7311 or on her cell at 304-261-8120.

If you wish to order apple dumplings and have not done so the deadline is next Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. There are forms on the table outside the sanctuary door please complete the form and place in the offering plate. Blank envelopes are on the table if you wish to include your payment.

If you have already placed your order for Tuesday pickup, please note that the time has changed to pick up beginning at noon.

**LUNCH BUNCH:** Please see the insert to register for the next lunch bunch on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at noon. We will be having the luncheon at King's New York Pizza in Inwood, located at 785 Middleway Pike, Inwood, WV. Deadline to register is the Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Calvary will be hosting our next blood drive on Tuesday, October 11 from noon to 5:30pm. If you would like to donate, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to donate.

**FLOOD RELIEF:** Calvary is looking to send a team to help Appalachian Service Project with flood relief. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office or see Pastor Lynn.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB:** The B&G Club has returned and will be using the church facilities Monday – Friday from 3:15pm to 6:30pm. Please call or come to the front handicap ramp door if you need to visit the church.

**MILLVILLE FAMILY FALL FEST:** Nathan would like to invite his Calvary family to the Millville Family Fall Fest on Saturday, October 8th from noon to 4pm at Shenandoah Memorial Church located at 436 Millville Rd, Millville, WV. The festival will include live music, food, fun games, wagon rides, moon bounce and more. Everyone is invited. A flier about the event is attached.

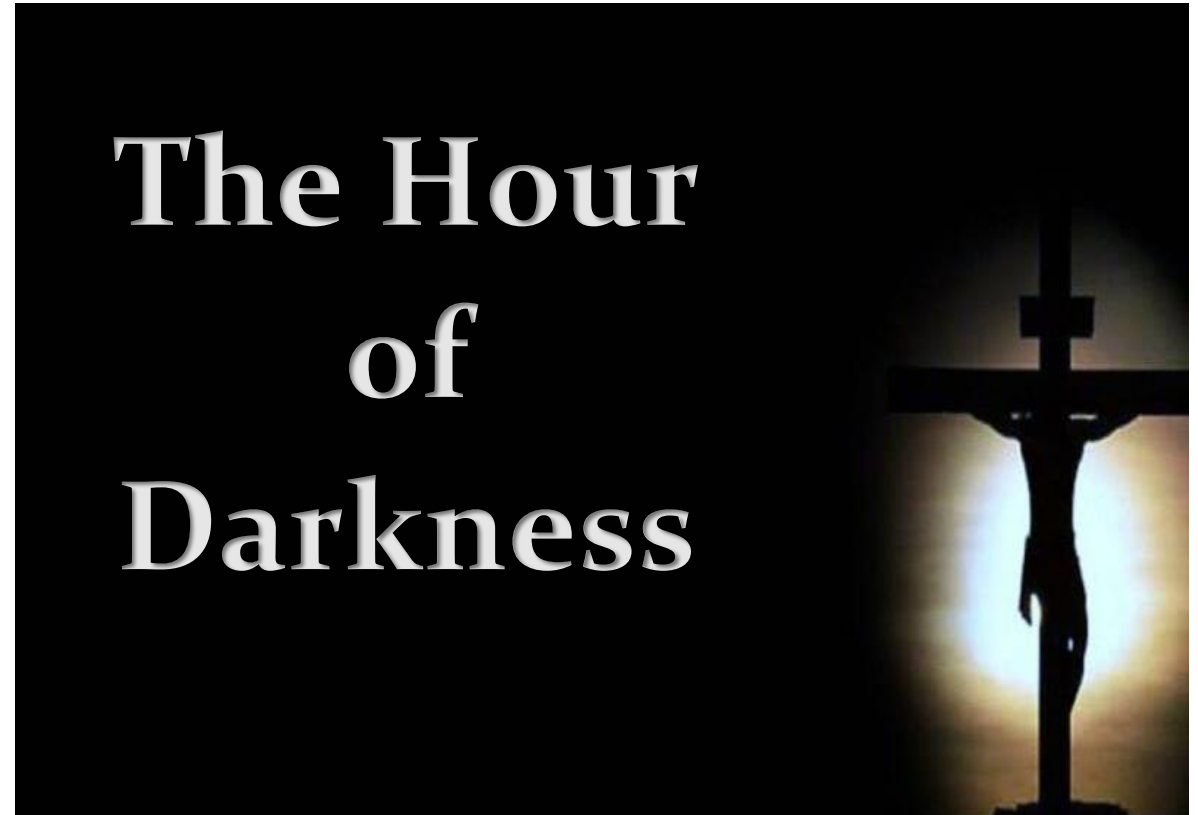
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## CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

220 West Burke St., Martinsburg, WV 25401

On the web at [calvaryum.org](http://calvaryum.org)

Worship: 9:30 AM – Latino/Hispanic Worship: 9:30 AM



*Our Vision: To be a beacon of God's love!*  
*Our Mission: To show and grow the love of Jesus!*

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**Rev. Lynn Wilson, Pastor**

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The Calvary Church Council held a special meeting that was open to the congregation on September 7, 2022. This meeting was to decide how to conduct a church wide vote to determine if Calvary would join the block of churches who are hiring a group of attorneys to negotiate a reasonable settlement with the Baltimore Washington Conference. These negotiations may allow the churches a choice to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church or to stay with the UMC. The cost for participating in the block is \$1000.

**What is the Block?** The Block is a group of United Methodist churches who have banded together to hire attorneys to represent them in negotiations with the Baltimore Washington Conference Trustees to attain a more reasonable means of exiting the UMC *if at a later date* a church decides to disaffiliate.

**Who is the legal firm that would be representing the churches?** The National Center for Life and Liberty. This is a group of attorneys who have experience in representing churches in litigations.

**What is the current disaffiliation method set by the Baltimore Washington Conference Trustees?** Currently the BWC Trustees position is that any church leaving the UMC would be charged 50% of the churches assessed value, two years of their apportionments, and payments into the pastor's retirement fund.

**What would the current BWC position mean for Calvary if they voted to leave the UMC?** Calvary's current assessed value is \$1,750,000.00. *if at a later date* Calvary would vote to leave the UMC, under this policy, we would have to pay the conference \$875,000.00 plus 2 years of the churches estimated apportionment totaling approximately another \$60,000 dollars and pay an amount to be determined to the pastor's retirement fund for 2 years which would be approximately another \$24,000. The total they would be charging Calvary would be approximately \$959,000.00. Under this ruling it would be impossible for Calvary to leave if that was our desire.

With all of the above being said, joining the block means that Calvary would be represented in negotiations with the BWC to attain a more reasonable means of exiting the UMC *if at a later date* they would vote to do so. **Joining the block does not mean that we have voted to leave the UMC.** Joining the block will hopefully result in a negotiated means that is more reasonable which gives Calvary the opportunity to choose to leave or stay.

After much discussion the following motion was voted on by the council members and passed.

- The motion was made to hold a congregation vote to join or not to join the Block.
- There will be two Sundays to vote: September 18 and September 25, 2022.
- Voting will be conducted in Russell Fellowship Hall before and after worship on the previously mentioned Sundays.
- Two Church Council members will work at two different tables during voting.
- Church members present will be able to vote.
- Non-church members present that have attended worship 26 weeks during the past two years and are at least 12 years of age will be able to vote.
- The person's name will be checked off on the attendance list or the membership list when each person votes.
- The votes will be done by a ballot that will read:

Join the BLOCK? Mark one.

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

As you determine how you will vote please allow the Holy Spirit to be your guide.



**LUNCH BUNCH**

**Tues., September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Noon**

**Kings Pizza, Inwood**

**R.S.V.P. deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**

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