

Sunday Mornings at John Calvin

Sunday mornings are a great time for children, youth and adults to stop and reflect on God's word and what Christ is teaching us as individuals and as a family of faith.

Sunday School begins at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. We'd love to help you connect with a class!

8:30 a.m.

Chapel Service

Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every third Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship

Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every first Sunday

10:15 & 11:30 a.m.

Coffee and Fellowship in the Narthex



Sunday School for all ages 9:15 a.m.

**Children and Youth
"Grow, Proclaim, Serve"
Classes are located in the
Fellowship Hall**

October Teachers:

Preschool: Julie Hebert

Elementary:

Cara Cantu and Robin Bush

T'weens: Kelly Zea

Young Adults

**Class is located in the
Fellowship Hall**

"Feasting on the Word"

Passages from:

Matthew 18, 21, 22, 25, Joshua 3, Isaiah 64,
and Philippians 1, 2, 4

Facilitator: Rev. Harry

Adults Discussion Class

Class is held in the church library

October: "Religions of the World"

Sharon Fortin, Facilitator

November: "Religion and Philosophy of India"

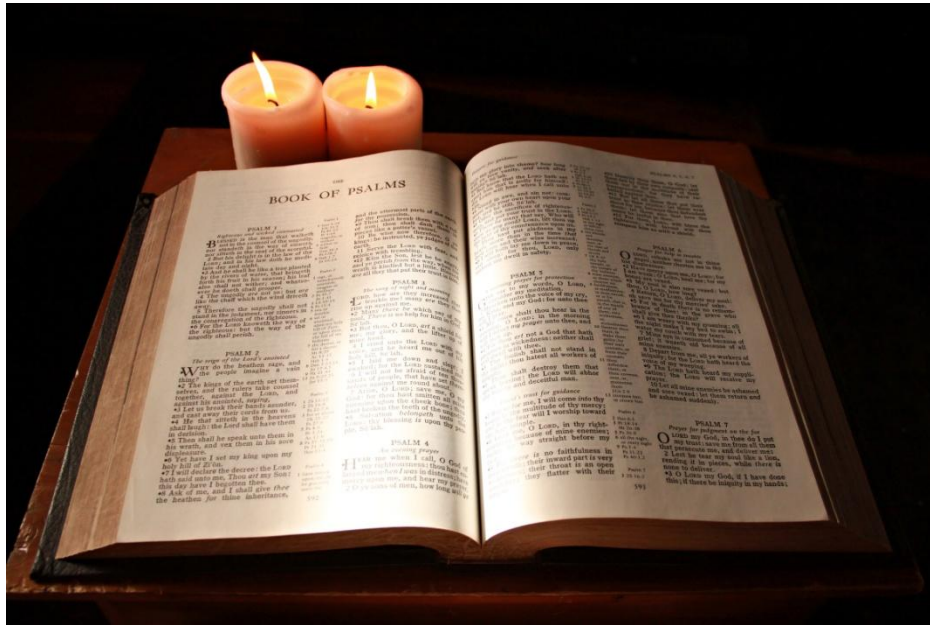
Richard Ashmore, Facilitator

December: "Christmas Miracles"

Jon O'Regan, Facilitator

“WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE”

October 15-November 19



Wednesday Night Live is a six session Bible Study that will take place on Wednesday evenings October 15-November 19. We will begin at 6 pm sharp and end promptly at 7pm. A light meal will be provided at 6PM. The study will be on discipleship and there will be a children/ youth component led by Laurie Robinson, our Christian Educator.

Our study comes from the Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding series. Reformed and Presbyterian Christians are people of faith who are seeking understanding. From the beginning of our Reformed tradition, Presbyterians have realized God calls us to explore ways the Christian faith can be more fully known and expressed. Our purpose is to enhance, enrich and expand our insights into what it means to be disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

These studies engage our whole self. We find our minds moved by new ideas, our emotions stirred with responses of gratitude, and calls for action that can lead us in different directions.

Heads, hearts, and hands will be drawn into the joys of discovering new dimensions of Discipleship: The Way of Jesus.

*O give thanks
unto the LORD:
for he is good.*

PSALM 136:1, KJV

FROM THE STUDY WINDOW

For some time I have been talking with you about what it means to be a missional church. The first shift toward being a missional church is moving from an internal to an external focus. The second missional shift is about helping people grow into the human beings God intends them to be. Reggie McNeal points out that if we accomplish the first shift but not the second all we will succeed in doing is wearing ourselves out with extra activities. Our focus needs to be on developing people of faith rather than on developing programs.

For centuries church leaders told people how they should grow spiritually – attend services, discover their gifts, get involved in a small group, etc. and people did it for several reasons. One was a then prevailing world view that allowed for authoritative hierarchies. Another was a restriction of information so that spiritual insight was disproportionately owned by those with theological degrees and specialized training. All of this has changed. Just as people are taking greater roles in choosing their education pursuits, designing their work places, and managing their health care, they feel increasingly qualified to craft their own spiritual quests.

However the fact that people are no longer willing to let others, including and especially the church, script their spiritual journey doesn't mean that they are unwilling to be coached. People will accept help in shaping their spiritual path. In fact they welcome it from people they respect and trust who seem to have their best interests at heart.

What if we actually began to see ourselves as responsible for creating a culture where people get to participate in customizing their spiritual journeys based on their spiritual appetites and ambitions? All of us know the importance of a doctor or mechanic that listens to what we say and responds to our needs. Instead of simply creating programs and forcing people into that mold, we need to listen to people's problems, dreams, needs and receptivity and then work to shape an individualized path toward personal growth and maturity in faith.

Such an approach is very labor intensive. It is much harder to work with people on individual spiritual goals than it is to create a program and push people into it. But we don't have to abandon our programs to pursue engagement with people's spiritual journeys. We can use existing programs when crafting a portfolio of activities designed to accomplish each person's quest to grow in faith. It's a matter of perspective. In a program driven church you begin with programs and look for people to make them happen. In a people development church, you begin with people and use established programs and whatever else it takes to help them grow. What would it look like if we created online spiritual and life coaching, offering people suggestions of specific resources to consult and programs to participate in to specifically target specific spiritual objectives? Such efforts put programs in their proper place as a resource to help make people stronger Christians.

In Christ's Service

Rev. Harry Brown



**Sunday October 5: World Communion Sunday –
The annual Peacemaking Offering will be received during worship.**

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering supports the efforts of Presbyterians through their congregations, presbyteries, synods, and the Presbyterian Mission Agency to work for peace by working to transform cultures of violence into communities of peace.



Please support the Peacemaking Offering and make *A Season of Peace* a time to renew your commitment to creating a peaceful and loving world.

Gifts to the offering are used in a variety of peacemaking efforts at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

25% is retained by congregations; 25% is used by presbyteries and synod; 50% is allocated to the PCUS Mission Agency

Volunteer Opportunity—Second Harvest Food Bank

In our continuing support of Second Harvest, we are scheduled to sort food at its Elmwood Warehouse on **Saturday, October 18** (8-11a.m.). Many of you have been volunteers and are well aware of the rewarding and enjoyable experience this opportunity presents. We would especially extend this invitation to those who may be new to John Calvin. Also, the activity affords a great opportunity to invite your friends. It should be noted that Second Harvest largely accomplishes its tasks, in providing 22 million meals annually through a network of 240 non-profits in South Louisiana, through the help of volunteers. Please contact Richard Britson or Sharon Fortin to volunteer.

Presbyterian Women October Circle Meetings:

Grace Circle will meet Tuesday, October 14 at 9:30am in the church library.

Lydia Circle will meet Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00pm in the church library

All ladies are invited!



Friday, October 24

6:00-8:00PM

Specific needs for this event are:

- Individually wrapped candy
- Sponsors of a trunk
- Assist with setup and cleanup

Come enjoy an evening of candy, fun, games, crafts and prizes.

This is a great community outreach and we need your help to make it a success.

Sponsored by the Christian Education Committee

Questions -- Contact Laurie at 888-1375

Playschool News

We are WILD about learning through PLAY at John Calvin Presbyterian Playschool. We are off to a great start to the school year and the children are enjoying their new classrooms, teachers, and friends. Our youngest students have adjusted well and are trading in the tears for the smiles!

Thank you for your support and help with Family Fun Night! It was a success and a night of good food, fun, and family!

Some important Playschool dates to note:

Sept. 28-Oct. 10: Charleston Wrap/ Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Be looking out for brochures with available products in the near future. New products will be offered this year and hopefully Christmas shopping can be made easier for you.

October 3: Flu Shots in Fellowship Hall from 11:45-12:45 (available to Church and Playschool families)

Both Flu Shots and the Flu Mist will be available. Consent forms will be available in the Playschool office and on the day of the event.

October 23: Parent's Night at 6:30 in the Sanctuary

October 24: JCPC Trunk or Treat 6:00-8:00 in the church parking lot
(Church and Playschool families are invited)

Thank you in advance for your support of our fundraisers this year as we try some new and different things.

Did you know that John Calvin Playschool collects BOX TOPS? Do you have any BOX TOPS at home? Please bring them in because we are collecting them and getting ready to make our fall mailing with the ones we have collected so far. Also, please let your family and friends know so they can save them for us as well. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents and some Bonus ones are worth even more!





A special “Thank You” is extended to **Guy and Juanita Pruett’s** daughters, Karen and Karla and their families for the donation of the two new benches located in the Church courtyard.

October Birthday’s

- 1 Helen Fish
- 1 Evelyn Tobey
- 6 Elizabeth Wade
- 8 Guy Favaloro
- 9 Larry Wise
- 9 Brendan Isham
- 11 Earl Sundmaker
- 15 Suzanne Wooderson
- 16 Doug Casey
- 17 Laurell Brown
- 17 Lauren Bone
- 19 Regina Isham
- 22 Harriet Cross
- 25 David Quintero
- 28 Louise Fuller

**John Calvin Host’s October Presbytery Meeting
October 10 and 11**

Volunteers are needed to assist on Friday for setup and on Saturday with prep to serve lunch and refreshments and cleanup.

Please call the office to volunteer.

The meeting on Saturday 9:00AM is a great opportunity for session elders to experience a Presbytery meeting. Lunch tickets are \$10.

JCPC Book Club October 30 at 7:00PM in the church library.
The book of the month is “And the Mountains Echoed” by Khaled Hossein.



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| Monday October 13 | 8:30-4:00 or 8:30-12:30 or 12:30-4:00 |
| Tuesday October 14 | 8:30-4:00 or 8:30-12:30 or 12:30-4:00 |
| Wednesday October 15 | 8:30-4:00 or 8:30-12:30 or 12:30-4:00 |
| Thursday October 16 | 8:30-4:00 or 8:30-12:30 or 12:30-4:00 |
| Friday October 17 | 8:30-Noon |

Task will consist of answering the phone, assisting visitors and folding the bulletin. Please call the church office (888-1375) or email Dianne (dpb@johncalvinchurch.org) if you can volunteer on any of the above dates.

October

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 PS Pictures Day Choir Rehearsal 7:15PM | 2 PS Pictures Day | 3 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Flu Shots available in FH | 4 |
| 5 Peacemaking Offering 8:30 AM Chapel Service 9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM Hospitality | 6 | 7 PW Council Mtg 10AM | 8 Choir Rehearsal 7:15PM | 9 | 10 Presbytery Meeting at JCPC Worship 7:00PM | 11 Presbytery Meeting at JCPC |
| 12 8:30 AM Chapel Service 9:15 PM Sunday School for all ages 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 11:30 AM Hospitality 11:45Worship Cmt Mtg | 13 6:30 PM Session Committee Meetings | 14 Grace Circle 9:30AM in the church library Lydia Circle 7:00PM In the church library | 15 6-7 PM Wednesday Night Live! Dinner and Bible Study Choir Rehearsal 7:15PM | 16 Resource Mtg 7PM | 17 | 18 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Second Harvest Food Bank Work Day |
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SAVE THE DATE!!



TRUNK OR TREAT, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:00-8:00 PM

Wear a costume and join in the party! Bring your children and grand-children! Trunk or Treat is a fun-filled event for children and adults alike! Come and enjoy trick- or- treating in a safe, well-lit outdoor environment and then enjoy the festivities indoors! Crafts, music, and treats inside the Fellowship Hall.

The Christian Education Committee is currently soliciting trunk sponsors and bags of wrapped candy to supplement those trunks. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex along with a box to collect bags of candy. Please feel free to call Laurie Robinson in the church office, 504-888-1375, or by cell, 504-344-9079, if you would like to participate as a volunteer or, if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of our family events!!

