CALVARY COMPASS

December, 2026 Crestline, Ohio

So That They May All be One.

November CAMP Donations

Thank you to the generous congregation of Calvary U.C.C. for their donations of laundry detergent, dish soap, facial tissue, paper towels, toilet tissue and monetary donations to CAMP for Community Christmas. You have counted your many blessings and have given to others so that they may have a brighter Christmas.

Ask Debra Ritter, Bob or Eileen Parr how your generous offering in the Crestline Community has served a number of families, adults and children. Thank you again and Merry Christmas blessings to you all.

Your Church Life and Mission Committee

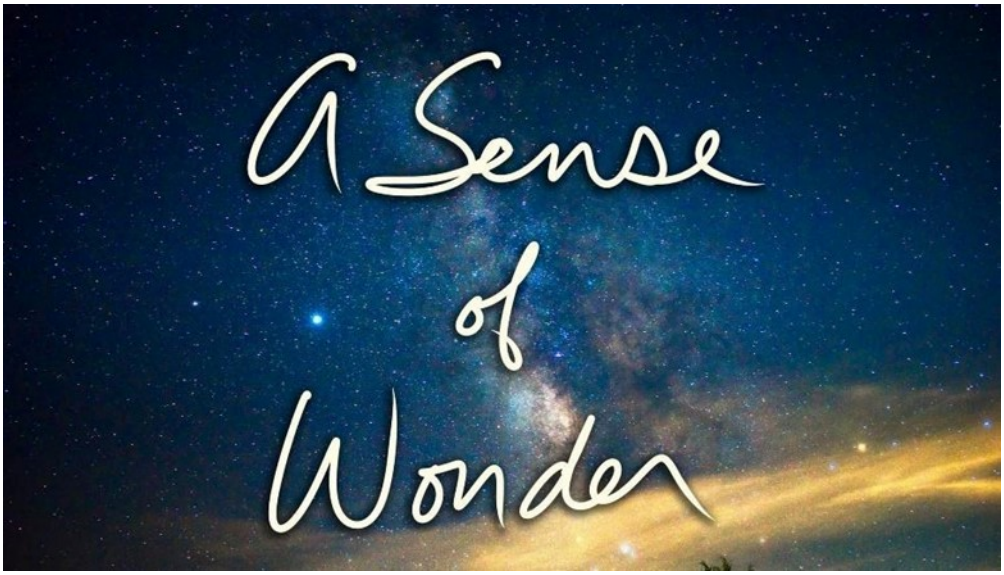




Christmas Eve Worship

Our Christmas Eve worship will include the celebration of Lessons and Carols along with the traditional candlelight service. Our worship will begin at 5:00pm.

Come and join us as we welcome the Christ Child into our lives once again.



I wonder as I wander out under the sky….

Perhaps these words are familiar to you. They are the opening words of the Christmas Hymn, I Wonder as I Wander. Just in case you're wondering, you'll find this hymn in our church hymnal, it's number 161.

Anyway, it's time for us to think about wondering. During these weeks of Advent, we may hear the word "wonder" a great deal. Stores and businesses use this word frequently this time of year. It's all about the "Wonder of Christmas."

I recently came across an Advent Devotional from a few years ago. This particular devotion was written by Quinn Caldwell, a UCC pastor. He begins by writing: "There's not a lot of room left in the world for wondering these days. When was the last time you said, I wonder what…or I wonder how… or I wonder who… and didn't just head straight for your smart phone, tablet or computer and Googled your wonder?"

It's true, I do that often. I find myself wondering who, what, where or when and sure enough if I Google my question or YouTube my "wondering" I get an immediate answer, sometimes there are several responses to my question or wondering.

Anyway, Quinn goes onto to write, “The word wonder has at least two senses. There’s the sense we usually mean when we say it this time of year; something akin to awe. Then there’s the less magical star in the sky sense: not knowing the answer but pondering the question just the same. These two senses of the word are related. Both involve entering into the unknown, feeling more or less O.K. about a world that mouse clicks or smartphone taps can’t fully explain.

Wondering is more about questions than answers, it’s about opening ourselves to a sense of mystery and not knowing. Quinn points out that he longs for unknowing. He wants to wonder.

So, Quinn suggests that we should all spend more time wondering. Ask a question you don’t know the answer to and just spend time thinking about it for a while. If you’re stuck for a good “wondering” Quinn says this: “Given that nobody expected the way God showed up in Jesus, and given that God has promised to come back again one day but nobody’s quite sure what that’ll look like, wonder what that second coming will be.

Don’t look it up, just sit around and think about it for a while. Because the more time you spend wondering, the better you’ll be at wondering in the wide-eyed sense when that star shows up again.”

So, go ahead, take a chance, just sit quietly and wonder. Turn off your phone, your tablet, your T.V, your computer and just wonder. Who knows a miracle of wonder might just appear. You never know.

As we continue to prepare for Christ to be born in that manger one more time, may we be wise enough to wonder with awe at the mystery of love that is God’s gift to us all. Go ahead, WONDER!

Have a great time wondering in silence and quiet.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Diane

FLOWERS

A 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 off ice for the bulletin. You can contact Annette Smith or Lisa Gibson or fill out an envelope and leave it in the office. Cost is $35.00.





OUR LOVE TO GOD IS MEASURED BY OUR EVERYDAY

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WITH OTHERS AND THE LOVE IT DISPLAYS.

ANDREW MURRAY

2027Church Envelopes

Church envelopes are here. Please pick them up in the Narthex or ask someone to pick them up for you.

Heart to Heart



Heart to Heart will be meeting at the Golden Corral in Ontario on Dec. 15th at 6:00 p.m. All women are invited to attend. Please let Karen Kindinger know of your plans to attend.

Do not forget the reason for our anticipation at Christmastime. It is not for the presents under the tree but the "Presence in our Hearts." Keep Jeus as the forefront of our thoughts during this Advent season.





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jerry King .....Dec. 3

Karen Rismiller...Dec. 4

Judy Berger...Dec. 5

Happy Birthday!!

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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.

December 2025



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

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