

The Calvary Focus

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In May of this year, The Council of Bishops, in conjunction with the Connectional Table, announced the unveiling of a new vision statement for The United Methodist Church. This vision reflects the Church's deep commitment to embodying God's dream for the world.

The vision states: **The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and world-wide connections.**

This vision statement complements the Church's longstanding mission statement, inspired by Matthew 28:1-20: "The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

The vision encourages United Methodists to embody the following principles:

- **Love Boldly:** Passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender and walk of life.
+ *Inspired by Matthew 22:37-39 and John 13:34-35*
- **Serve Joyfully:** With a Christ-like heart, journey alongside the most vulnerable, offering care and compassion with joy.
+ *Inspired by Psalm 100:1, Nehemiah 8:10, John 13:14-15 and 1 Peter 4:10*
- **Lead Courageously:** Follow Jesus' example by resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice and reconciliation.
+ *Inspired by Joshua 1:9 and Ephesians 6:10*

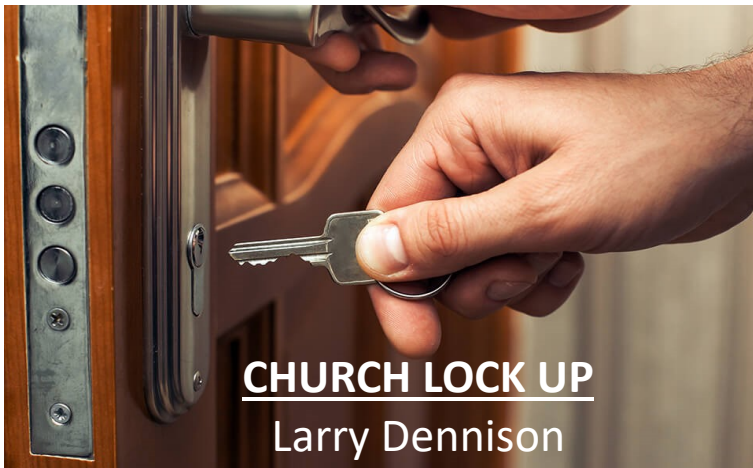
"This new vision is not simply a statement or a plan, it is a catalyst for transformation," said Bishop Tracy Smith Malone, President of the Council of Bishops. "It is a vision that will help the Church embrace the opportunities before us, to follow where God is leading us, and to more fully engage in our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

We will spend three Sundays in August exploring each principle of this new vision statement, in a sermon series called "Bold. Joyful. Courageous." How can we live into this new vision at Calvary UMC? Where is God calling us to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously? Let us join together in prayer that the Holy Spirit would move in our church as The United Methodist Church embarks on this new season of mission and ministry.

In Christ,
Pastor Amanda



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Wendie House
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Ruth Rockwell
 - 12 John Campbell
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Traveling Communion



Do you worship from home and live locally? Pastor Amanda has started bringing communion to congregants in their homes on the Monday after a Communion Sunday. The upcoming dates are August 4 and September 8. If you would like communion brought to you, please contact the church office by 9:00 a.m. that Monday.



South Side Soda Shop August 16, 2025

Ladies Go To Lunch will be heading to the South Side Soda Shop, 1122 S. Main Street, Goshen, Saturday, August 16. A car-pool leaves at 12:30 p.m. for a 1:00 p.m. lunch time. All ladies are invited to attend. Please call the church office, 574-293-0783, if you are planning to attend. Come and bring a friend or relative. All ladies are welcome.



Do not forget to mark your calendars. The September Focus deadline is Friday, August 20!!!



"For I am the Lord, your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you."

Isaiah 41:13

As an earthly parent holds on to their child's hand to protect them our heavenly Father holds us tightly in His hands.

He comforts us in our times of trials and temptations.



As the new school year begins, we want to surround our students, teachers, and school staff with love, support, and prayer. On Sunday, August 10th, we invite you to a special Blessing of the Backpacks during worship. Students are invited to bring their backpack to church that morning. During the service, we'll offer a blessing over the backpacks and the students who carry them, as well as the teachers, school staff, and parents who guide and support them. This is a meaningful way to remind students that God is with them wherever they go—and that their church family is cheering them on every step of the way. Everyone is welcome! Invite your neighbors, friends, and classmates to join us as we pray for a safe, joyful, and successful school year. Let's start the year off right—with hope, faith, and community.



District Rally with Bishop Malone

Our District Rally with Bishop Malone will be Saturday, September 6th at Crown Point First UMC at 4:00 pm EST. This will be a time of worship with Bishop Malone preaching as well as our first time to fellowship together as the Northern Lakes District. Let Pastor Amanda know if you are interested in attending the District Rally.



United
Women
in Faith

Elkhart Trinity United Women in Faith
(2715 E Jackson Blvd, Elkhart)
invite all women to an evening of food and fellowship

Tuesday, August 19, as we welcome
Indiana Conference President, LaDonna Riddle Weber.

Carry-in dinner starts at 6:00 followed by a message from LaDonna about her journey with UM-W/UWF and the organization's journey.

Bring a dish to share or just come as our guest.

Please RSVP the number attending from your church to abrownropp@gmail.com by August 12.

SUMMER COMMUNITY PICNIC

Thursday, August 7 at 6:00 pm

Come join us for a time of fellowship, turkey sandwiches, hot dogs, side dishes and ice cream. There will be indoor and outdoor seating.

Everyone is welcome and this meal is free.



Snack Collection for Mary Daly Elementary Faculty and Staff

We are collecting individually packaged snacks to give to the faculty and staff at Mary Daly Elementary School. Snacks will be collected through Sunday, August 3rd.

Scripture Reader Schedule:

August Schedule:

08/03/2025	Janet Dennison	Luke 24:13-35
08/10/2025	Mona Gorsuch	John 4:4-15
08/17/2025	Deb Bledsoe	Luke 10:25-37
08/24/2025	Kristen Bujtas	I Peter 4:7-10
08/31/2025	TBD	Joshua 1:1-9



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**Bring in your
loose change**

**Collecting coins, bills and
checks for Bashor
Children's Home**



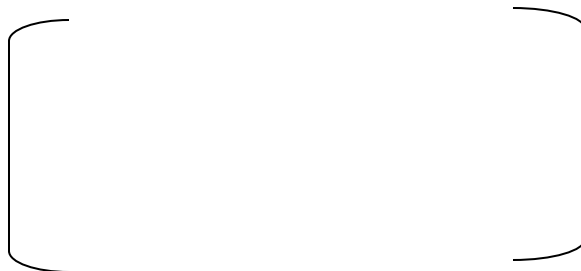
Thank You!

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make our new water fountain and bottle filler a reality! Whether you donated, raised funds, did research, or volunteered your time—we couldn't have done it without you. Your support is making a lasting difference for our community!



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