

The Calvary Focus

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This July Focus is a mile marker in ministry at Calvary, because it indicates that I have been writing these pastoral letters for a whole year now. I am grateful for this means to share my heart, perspective, and plans with you. In addition, I am celebrating the past year of ministry that we shared together. I am looking forward to this next year of ministry and I cannot wait to see what God will do in and through us!

Coming up on Sunday, July 13th, I am participating in a pulpit swap with Rev. Scott Mann from Wakarusa First UMC. Rev. Mann and his family worshipped at Calvary when he was a young boy, and he is the nephew of Jane Bontrager. I will be preaching at Wakarusa First on July 13th and Rev. Mann will be preaching here.

After our pulpit swap, we will begin a new summer series called, "Are We There Yet?" and we will focus on travel stories in the Bible. Anyone who has traveled with a child for any amount of time will have heard that at least once or twice. But it also speaks to the way that vacations do not always go the way we plan, making us wonder, "Are we there yet?" I have had my fair share of vacations where bad things happened. But one of the most memorable trips that went sideways was our annual family reunion for my dad's side of the family. His sisters and their families live all over the United States, so we went different places each year. This particular year, the summer of 1999 or 2000, we went to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Our time in Eureka Springs was perfectly fine. Just getting to and from there was disastrous. On the way down we blew a tire on the highway. We had to wait overnight until it could be replaced in the morning. On the way home our car ran out of coolant. Unfortunately, our car required a specific form of coolant, so not just anything would do. I remember sitting on the side of the highway, blazing hot, as we awaited the tow truck.

Our journeys in life never go completely as planned. Sometimes they turn into a disaster, and we find ourselves asking, "Are we there yet? Can this be over now, please?" Thankfully, they eventually become memories and possibly great stories to tell. Scripture reminds us that we do not have to thank God *for* disastrous circumstances, but we can thank God *in the midst* of disastrous circumstances. God is with us, through it all, always.

In Christ,
Pastor Amanda



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Aaron Housh
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Danny De La Virgen



South Side Soda Shop July 19, 2025

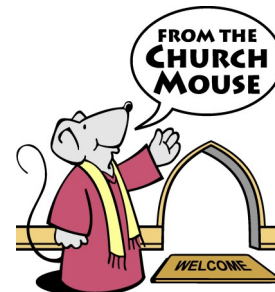
Ladies Go To Lunch will be heading to the South Side Soda Shop, 1122 S. Main Street, Goshen, Saturday, July 19. A carpool leaves at 12:30 p.m. for a 1:00 p.m. lunch time. All ladies are invited to attend. Please call the church office, 574-293-0783, if you are planning to attend. Come and bring a friend or relative. All ladies are welcome.



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 July 7 and August 4. If you would like communion brought to you, please contact the church office by 9:00 a.m. that Monday.



"The Spirit you received does not make you slaves so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship."
Romans 8:15

The Spirit sets us free from the law of sin. It guides us to follow the laws not because we have to, but because we want to.

We serve out of love, to please the one who died on the cross to pay for our sins. If we believe in Christ our Lord we have forgiveness for our sins.

Jennifer and John will be out of the office from June 30-July 4, please plan accordingly.





GOAL

\$13,304.05

RAISED

\$12,433.35

The Food Box at Elkhart Calvary UMC is raising funds for our new water fountain and water bottle filler. Since 2021, we have been supporting the food insecure in our community and would like to expand our efforts to include clean and accessible drinking water. We are currently averaging 250 visitors a week!

<https://www.zeffy.com/peer-to-peer/water-bottle-filler>



SUMMER COMMUNITY PICNICS

Thursday, July 3 at 6:00 pm

Come join us for a time of fellowship, grilled chicken, hot dogs, and ice cream. There will be indoor and outdoor seating.

This is a free meal for everyone.

Scripture Reader Schedule:

July Schedule:

07/06/2025

Deb Bledsoe

Daniel 3:13-27

07/13/2025

Kristen Butjas

TBD

07/20/2025

Jackie Mann

Exodus 16:1-12

07/27/2025

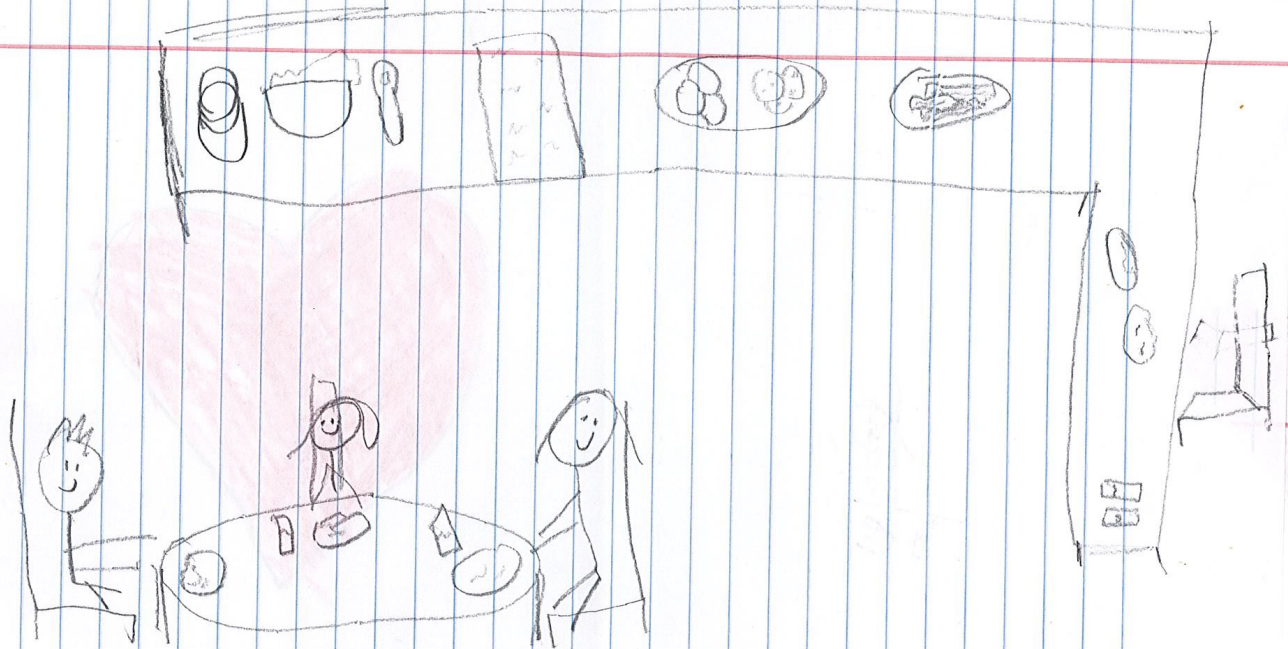
Steve Basse

Ruth 1:6-18

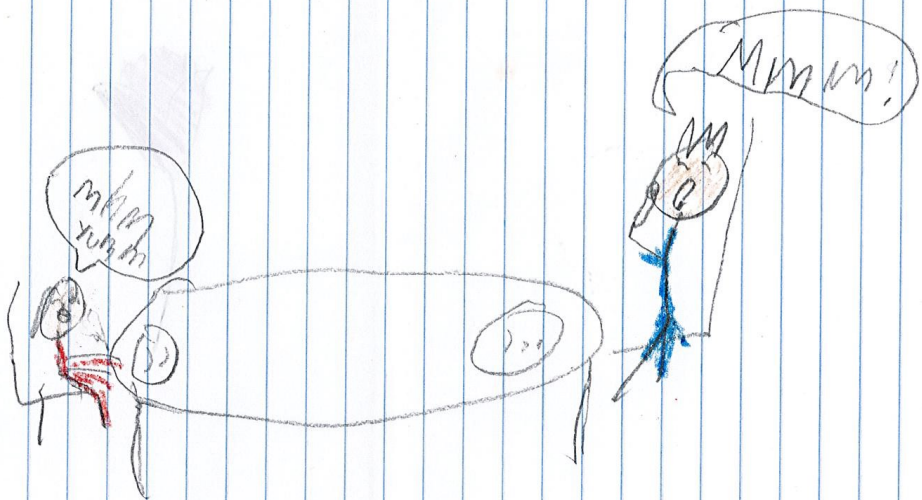


The following cards were made by one of our friends from our community meals.





We are so grateful for you!!



This food taste great!!

**You're Invited to a
Whimsical Celebration!**

A Retirement Party for Two of Our Favorite Teachers!



For Mrs. Davis, it's true –

She's Seussical, fun, and
we're bidding adieu!

After years full of rhyme, fun,
and zest,

Her time as a teacher has
come to rest.

For Mrs. Johnson,
it's a beautiful day in the neighborhood,
She's always been kind, just like
Mr. Rogers would.

New it's time for cardigans, joy and cheer
As she retires after many great years!



Sunday, June 29

11:00 AM – 1.00 PM

Elkhart Calvary United Methodist Church

2222 West Indiana Ave, Elkhart, IN 46516

Join us for laughter, memories, and sweet treats as we send off
two preschool legends in style!

Come in comfy shoes, your brightest colors, or maybe a cardigan

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Return Service Requested



Sharing the love of God through words and actions

**PLEASE KEEP OUR WORLD, OUR NATION, OUR CHURCH AND
THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS**



- Calvary's Website: **www.elkhartcalvaryumc.org**
- Calvary's Facebook Page: **Elkhart Calvary UMC**
- Prayer Request: **elkhartcalvary.prayer@gmail.com**

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