



Calvary Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter

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A Word from the pastor

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Edith Hill was one of the first American Baptist women to be ordained. Her ordination council was held at First Baptist Church, Pittsburg, KS in 1894. Minutes from the meeting record the following:

"Miss Hill recited from memory eighty-five scripture verses endorsing women in public work. Rev. Scott preached the sermon from the text Psalms 68:11 and Galatians 3:28, which was an able and clear proof that there is a place in the gospel ministry for women."

Edith then told of her call to ministry, a practice that continues in ordination councils today. True to my own experience, she credits "the approving voice" of trusted mentors as the catalyst in her consideration of a call to vocational ministry. She recounts dismissing and resisting the call, saying she prayed to the Lord on occasion, "There are plenty of men to do that." During her education, she wrote to her childhood pastor for advice. You could tell he wanted to encourage her, but had many reservations.

"I think I understand what it cost you to write to me as you did, because for a man, I have much of the same difficulty that you have. But I do think from what I know of you, which is not very much, and from my own experience, that you are an ambitious and liable to be a hasty girl!"

The council came to the church body with the following recommended motion:

"...We recommend to the First Baptist Church of Pittsburg, that they delegate her to do the work of an evangelist; and in the absence of desirable ordained help, that she be authorized by the church to administer the ordinances."

In other words... 'OK, we'll affirm her in bringing people to faith, and then maybe presiding over communion and baptism only if there are no qualified men around.' When the motion was moved and seconded, Edith got up and said,

"I hope the church will remember that the condition under which I accept the pastorate is that I shall be regularly ordained as a minister of the Gospel."

The gathered congregation voted as such, and Edith Hill was fully ordained to the full gospel ministry. In her first few years of ministry, Edith Hill baptized 170 new believers.

This was, of course, the case of someone called to full-time vocational ministry, which is only a minority. But to borrow Edith's pastor's words, I for one am thankful for all of the "ambitious" women in the life of the church who do so much to serve God at church, at home, and in the workforce. I am often amazed at the stamina, perseverance, and tenacity that women show, especially in the face of many challenges both within the church and the wider culture. Women truly help the church THRIVE, the theme of American Baptist Women of Pennsylvania and Delaware. I'm honored to hand the pulpit over to some of Calvary's women this Sunday as they lead us in worship.



Members and Friends at Home

*Each week a member or friend of the church at home will be highlighted.
Greeting cards are always appreciated.*

Anita Van Horn

Mailings to Lynda Parkins: 105 Elm Ave., Newark, DE 19711

Visits: Millcroft Health Care Center, 255 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711, Room 122



Anita is the mother of Lynda Parkins. She was married to the late Frank Van Horn. Anita and Frank joined Calvary in 1954, because they saw the church on Delaware Ave and her father said "that little church needs our help." Anita sang in the choir and was active in the Sunday School program. She is a graduate of Drexel University. Anita spent many years as a volunteer at the Emily P Bissel Hospital. In 1976, Frank retired from DuPont and left Calvary. Anita and Frank went to "work" for American Baptist Home Missions traveling the country visiting pastors, missionaries and other establishing trust funds. They spent the last 20 years in Milford, DE. Anita now lives at Millcroft. She enjoys visitors. Cards are appreciated.

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- 1 Tom Smith
- 1 Braydon Fields
- 3 Leilani Walker
- 3 Heidi Ewing
- 4 Jeffry Dunson
- 4 Jonathan McMurray
- 4 Robert Loyd
- 4 Kascha Coleman
- 8 Owen Prinski
- 8 Josiah John Majors
- 9 Shirley McCahan
- 10 Jean Dunson
- 12 Jeffry Blake Dunson, II
- 13 Amanda Wells
- 14 Alaina Idaho
- 15 Leon Hudson
- 16 Bryson Ehle
- 18 Tyler Ewing
- 19 Eva Teresa Cahill
- 22 Caleb Coleman
- 23 Joe Terranova
- 24 David Kohan
- 25 Jasyah Cooper-Coleman
- 27 Kathy Hickman
- 27 Sam Dowell
- 29 Ann Terranova
- 30 Quinn Walter Prinski
- 31 Lynette Phillips



Women's Sunday is October 22, 2017. Women of Calvary will be planning and leading the worship service that day.



The Fall Vespers Worship Service has been rescheduled for **Sunday, October 22 at 5:00 pm** at First Presbyterian Church, 292 W. Main St.

We will gather in the Remembrance Garden as we sing, meditate and pray around the theme:
"Holy Ground, Sacred Space"

Combined worship service with First Presbyterian Church, Calvary Baptist Church, New Ark UCC and Head of Christiana. This is rescheduled from October 8.

Help us reach out to those who "Duck In." On Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 pm, we invite people to "duck in" on our front lawn for free refreshments, a friendly hello, and a listening ear. Consistency will be key to making it so we can reach people and gain familiarity. If you would like to participate in this, perhaps once a month, let Tom Parkins or Pastor Corey know.



University of Delaware's
"Vision a Capella"
will perform during worship
October 29

The cool, crisp fall weather is now upon us, which means the choir will be rehearsing and preparing the Christmas Cantata for the Advent season. If you are interested in being a part of our musical group, please join us Wednesdays at 8 PM for cantata rehearsal in the sanctuary. Feel free to consult the bulletin or contact our choir director, Sarah Gober, for any details.



Come sing with us, and bring a friend!

Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief: Two new trips announced for Nov 6-13 and Jan 9-16



Rev. Rudy Mayak, pastor, Park Baptist Church (Pittsburgh) will be leading a team to Houston, Texas, from November 6-13, 2017. The cost per person for this trip is \$800.00. This covers transportation, housing, food and supplies. The ABMen's Disaster Relief Trailer (housed at First Baptist Church of Bentley Creek) has been deployed to be on site to support the team and to help serve the people of Houston.

If you are interested in being a member of the November team, complete the registration form and send it to us along with a payment of \$800.00 (checks made payable to ABCOPAD or make an on-line payment.) There will also be another team going January 9-16. Individual cost for that trip is \$700.

You can also contact us if you are interested in leading or participating in a future trip.

If you're reading this on your computer, you can [click here](#) to register online. Paper registration forms are available on the church welcome desk.

It is that time of year again when we are getting ready to pack Christmas at Sea shoeboxes. Time to bring in your shoeboxes and sign up to provide stuff to go in them. Also, remember to watch the rocket launch from Wallops Island at 7:37am on November 11; that huge rocket comes in through our Port of Wilmington!



Look for a sign-up sheet on the church welcome desk. Suggested items for a Ditty box:

Toothbrush and toothpaste
Comb
Gum/candy
Pens/stationery
Chapstick
Shampoo
Cough drops

Sewing kit
Playing cards
Hand lotion
Razors
Knitted hat and scarf

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treating

Sunday Oct. 29th from 4pm-6pm, front lawn

- All ages are welcome to enjoy games, a mini hay ride, and trunk or treating. Costumes are encouraged & welcomed
- Donations of candy will be accepted & collected by Amber Hickman-Taylor or Erica Chadick
- Anyone who would like to decorate their trunk & hand out candy, please sign up at the welcome desk.



Come Put the “Hallow” Back in
All Hallows Eve!

March with Calvary in Newark's
Annual Halloween Parade

Meet Sunday, October 29th at 2:30 p.m. at George
Read Park across from Newark High School!
Then join us at Calvary afterward for our Fall
Festival from 4-6!



Calendar

October

21	11:30am	YG High School Paintball Outing
22	5:00pm	Ecumenical Vespers Service @ First Presb. Church
24	7:00pm	Vision Team
25	6:00pm	Dinner (Hot Turkey Sandwiches)
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
29	3:00pm	Newark Halloween parade – Calvary participating
	4:00pm	Fall Festival

November

1	6:00pm	Dinner (Grilled Cheese)
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
2	7:00pm	Band practice
8	6:00pm	Dinner (Hot Dogs)
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
10		Veterans Day observed, Office Closed
	7:00pm	YG Fall All-Nighter
11	9:30am	ABWM
12	12:00pm	Diaconate
	12:00pm	Christian Ed
	12:00pm	Trustees
15	6:00pm	Dinner (Chili)
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal
16	9:00am	Hope Dining Room
19		Ingathering Sunday
	12:00pm	Thanksgiving meal
21	7:30pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving service, St. Thomas Episcopal Church
22		Office Closed
23		Office Closed – Thanksgiving Day
24		Office Closed
	12:00pm	Thanksgiving Leftover Feast (for the homeless and needy)
29	6:00pm	Dinner (Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches)
	6:45pm	Small groups
	8:00pm	Choir rehearsal