

THE

CALVIN CONNECTION

Your connection to the Calvin Church Community

April

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| Sat 1st | 3-D Family Dinner & Worship (5:00 p.m.) |
| Sat 8th | Breakfast @ Jim's (8:30 a.m.) |
| Sun 9th | Palm Sunday Holy Communion (11:00 a.m.) |
| Sat 8th | Ladies Fellowship (7:30 p.m.) |
| Thur 13th | Maundy Thursday Service (@ St. David's) (7:00 p.m.) |
| Fri 14th | Good Friday Cantata (@ Bayers' Rd. Baptist Church) (2:00 p.m.) |
| Sun 16th | Easter Sunday Service (11:00 a.m.) |
| Tue 18th | Property & Main. Team (7:00 p.m.) |
| Sun 23rd | Maplestone (2:30 p.m.) |
| Mon 24th | Prayer Chain (10:30 a.m.) Ladies Guild (1:30 p.m.) |

We're now well into Lent, that season in the life of the church that finds us journeying toward the events of Holy Week that will ultimately bring us again to the cross in expectation of Easter. It is a time traditionally set aside for spiritual introspection; a time to reflect upon the reality of our lives and the state of our souls, and to do so in light of Christ's redeeming sacrifice for us. Here's just a little of what's going on at Calvin in this time:

What is Calvin's 3-D Family Worship & Dinner?

In short, it's a new start-up ministry aimed at helping to better connect families with God, the church, and each other.

Built around the 3 'D's of 'Dinner', 'Discussion', and 'Discipleship' it's a once a month, laid back, come as you are kind of thing...with about 35 people already taking part. (*Right now, those 35 are all kind of connected to Calvin. But our hope is to build up this ministry into an outreach we could invite people to come to from outside the church!*)

We begin at 5:00 p.m. on the first Saturday night of the month. There's a brief time at the beginning as families arrive and get settled, and as name tags are filled out and put on.

Then, at about 5:10 p.m, we eat together. The meal is provided, and is simple (i.e. pizza, spaghetti, etc.). Over dinner, families are invited to talk with each other, and to enjoy a time of fellowship.

After the youngest in attendance finish eating (which, surprisingly, doesn't take all that long) we share in a time of worship. We open with an introduction to a bible story that will serve as a theme for the night, and a brief message in the form of a more elaborate and fun-filled children's story. There's a prayer, we all pray together, and a song led by members of

Breakfast @ Jim's

You are invited to join us for this monthly tradition of getting together for breakfast at Jim's restaurant on the 2nd Saturday of the every month.

So make plans to join for breakfast on:

Sat. April 8th

@ 8:30 a.m.

at Jim's restaurant
(243 Bedford Highway,
Halifax)

Everyone is invited to come enjoy good food, and great fellowship.

our College and Career Group.

After worship ends, we break up for a bit. There are currently 2 Sunday School-styled classes (with crafts and games), a bible study for teens, as well as a one aimed at the adults. Each group's lesson revolves around the same bible story, but with a focus on various age appropriate questions to consider.

Toward the end of the evening, we rejoin each other. Together, we share the crafts we've made, the questions we've talked about, and a closing song before ending in prayer just after 6:00 p.m. It's a busy evening, but one in which we get to meet God together in our midst!

Our next Calvin 3-D Family Worship & Dinner will be held on:

Sat. Apr. 1st
from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
(6:15 at the latest)
at the church.

If you're interested in coming, please let us know. RSVP to calvinhalifax@bellaliant.com prior to Thurs. Mar. 30th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Allison Power at 902.445.9161, or at patpower@eastlink.ca.

Hope to see to then!

Special Holy Week Services

As we approach final days of Lent, and enter into the events of Holy Week leading up to Easter, we'd invite to be apart of the special services of worship being held throughout that week:

Sun. Apr. 9th - Palm Sunday Service of Holy Communion
(11:00 a.m.)

Thurs. Apr. 13th - Maundy Thursday Service
(7:00 p.m. @ St. David's Pres. Church)

This Maundy Thursday's service will be held jointly at the Presbyterian Church of St. David downtown. Guest Speaker, Rabbi Ellis, will lead us through an encounter with the traditional Passover 'Seder dinner' and the opportunity for questions and answers as we'll explore the Jewish roots, behind the event we've come to call the Last Supper.

The Presbyterian Connection has Arrived!

The Presbyterian Connection newspaper is a new publication of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. It will share stories, news and information in an easy-to-read format. Content will include photos of our churches in action, stories of renewal, interviews, mission and ministry updates, and more.

Free sample copies are currently available at the church. Please feel free to check them out. The newspaper promises to be educational, informative—and fun! Don't miss out—subscribe today! presbyterian.ca/connection

College & Career Group Help Wanted!

We are currently seeking volunteers to join our College and Career Outreach Ministry team. If you enjoy sending cards and letters, perhaps you would feel the call to join this team and help support the communication with our College and Career members who are attending school away from home or are unable to attend regular Church services due to career commitments. If you are able to help with this Ministry, or would like more information, please contact Allison Power at 902-445-9161 or by email at patpower@eastlink.ca.

Fri. Apr. 14th - Good Friday Service
(2:00 p.m. @ Bayer's Rd. Baptist Church)

This year's Good Friday service will be hosted by Bayer's Rd. Baptist Church, and will again take the form of a joint cantata. This year's Cantata, entitled "We Remember Calvary" by Joel Raney, will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Sun. Apr. 16th - Easter Sunday Service (11:00 a.m.)

It's a Small World!

~ submitted by W. Campbell, Treasurer of Calvin

In early 2006, there was a funeral at Calvin Church for a "Mary Vienotte". "Who is Mary Vienotte?" I wondered. "That name sounds familiar." I was soon reminded!

...Let me ramble....

In the late 1970's I became a member of Calvin- being transferred from St Andrew's in Dartmouth, and previously to there from Lake Ainslie, C.B.

In 1979, my visiting elder, the late Wes Pettis, dropped by to see if I would take over as treasurer at Calvin from a Mr. Phil Cann who was transferred out of Halifax. I agreed to visit Phil to see what was entailed. Phil convinced me to become treasurer for the rest of the year, a position I held until the late 1980's.

I later returned as treasurer in 1995 and I am still in that position still ticking like the energizer bunny!

Oh yes.... Mary Vienotte!

In 2003 my job was transferred to a local Junior High as vice Principal at Cunard Jr High and there I met a fine young student, John Cann. The name sounded familiar, so upon questioning him, I learned that he was a nephew of the Phil Cann that I had replaced as treasurer at Calvin, and a grand son of John and Louise Cann who were founding members of Calvin - both of whom I knew from sitting behind them at church. Mary Vienotte, I discovered from him, was a sister of his grand mother, Louise Cann!

The world shrinks more!

Mary Vienotte, I learned, was not only a sister of his grandmother,



Louise - but also a roommate of my mother Mary (MacLean) Campbell from Lake Ainslie, while they were attending (Teachers) Normal College in Truro back in the late 1920's! My mother & Mary Vienotte - roommates before I was born!

Mary Vienotte - a former roommate of my late mother, a sister of Louise Cann, formerly of Calvin, an Aunt of Phil from whom I became treasurer, a grand Aunt of a student from my school, an Aunt of the Cann Family who donated Calvin's outdoor announcement sign, was a single teacher like myself! - She died at the age of 93.

It sure is a small world!

To bring closure, my brother, Edwin, and I visited Mary Vienotte's grave in Ecum Secum, located beside that of John & Louise Cann, in the summer of 2007. At the grave site, I paused and felt as if I knew her personally. I could only imagine what it must have been like for her and my mother- both 'Mary's'- in the same boarding house in a strange town so far from their homes, still in their late teens. I often go past their boarding house on Young St. in Truro and look up at their window that my mother often pointed to. Rest in Peace, Mary & Mom! ...Rest in Peace!!

Opportunities to Help:

Counting the Offering:

Volunteers are needed to record the offering that is received each Sunday.

Reading Scripture:

Volunteers are always welcome to sign up to share in reading the scriptures each Sunday morning. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

Contribute Your News:

Help keep people informed. Share your faith story, an experience of God's, or your groups plans and activities with the congregation!

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The Calvin Connection is a publication of Calvin Presbyterian Church aimed at keeping the community informed of events in and around the life of the church.

All ministry teams within the congregation are encouraged to submit information for publication, and those groups or individuals wishing to contribute are encourage to have submissions into the office via email no later than the 25th of the month.

“Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, **encourage** one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.”

~ 2 Corinthians 3:11