

THE

CALVIN CONNECTION

Your connection to the Calvin Church Community

April

Fri 2nd Beautiful Creation
Concert
(7:30 p.m.)

Sat 3rd 3-D Family Worship
(5:00 - 6:15 p.m.)

Sun 4th Service of Holy
Communion
(11:00 a.m.)

Sat 10th Breakfast @ Jim's
(8:30 a.m.)

Mon 12th Session Dinner @
Smitty's
(6:00 p.m.)

Sun 25th Church School
closes

Mon 26th Prayer Chain
(10:30 a.m.)

Ladies Guild
(1:30 p.m.)

As the Season of Pentecost gives way to what's come to be called 'Kingdomtide' - and we pass through the season of summer vacations - the world, and life of the church, seem to slow down. However, amidst the slow down, is the invitation to prayerfully reflect upon our busyness...and where we find God in it. Here's just a little of what's going on at Calvin as we drift into this time:

Beautiful Creation Concert

'Beautiful Creation' Concert: is an upcoming musical event sponsored by the Ladies Fellowship group. It will be held on Fri. June 2nd 2017 at Calvin Presbyterian Church, and will feature soprano Barbara Fris and pianist Faith Daley performing some classical selections, an excerpt from Mozart's Exultate Jubilate, Schubert, Gospel, Musical Theatre and Nova Scotia favourites. Admission \$20 and children free. Proceeds from this concert will be used for out reach into the community.

Calvin's 3-D Family Worship

Our next night of dinner, discussions, and discipleship will be held on Sat. June 3rd at 5:00 p.m.! We'll explore Jesus' calming of the storm'. (Mark 4:36-41)

A spaghetti dinner, with garlic bread and salad, will be provided, followed by a brief time of worship, before we break into age-groups 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,

Breakfast @ Jim's

Join us for this monthly
tradition of getting together
for breakfast on:

Sat. June 10th

@ 8:30 a.m.

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

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

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!

This month, is important, as we'll be dreaming together of what the future of this ministry might look like for the Fall, and we'd appreciate your input and feedback.

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!

Celebrating Pentecost Sunday!!!

This coming Sunday (June 4th), marks the celebration of the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It's a big Sunday in the life of the church; one rooted back in the New Testament's Book of Acts (see Acts 2); and one that remembers the birth of the church. Aside from celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion together, this year's celebrations at Calvin will include:

The Welcoming of New Members: This year, it our hope to welcome 4 young people into membership in the church through their public profession of faith. This is a big step in the life of faith; a taking responsibility for one's relationship with God; as well as a taking responsibility for one's place in service to God amongst God's people. We'd like to encourage everyone to come, to be a part of this service, to support those professing their faith, and to welcome them to the next stage of their spiritual journey here at Calvin!

Liturgical Dance: Dance has been a part of worship, and has its biblical roots running all the way back to King David of the Old Testament (see 2 Samuel 6). David danced. Most presbyterians however, don't. At least not in worship. But liturgical dance has it's place. It is a visual interpretation of hymnody and praise music, an expressive form of worship that is (quite literally) a moving form of worship.

This year, we welcome Dorette Pronk to Calvin. Dorette is a Dalhousie University Professor, a member of the Christian Reform Church here in Halifax, and someone who leads in a dance and flag ministry there. We'd invite you to come, and to see, and to experience something of this worship. And yes...it might feel odd. Again, it's not something we'd tend to perhaps



just a friendly reminder...

associate with our Presbyterian ways. But...come anyway. And remember, while music, the hymnody, and it's beautiful words and melody can often be lost on those with hearing difficulties, liturgical dance allows them to 'see' the music! Perhaps, it might help us to 'see' it also in a new way!

A Sunday Sundae Bar: Following the service you're invited to a special fellowship time downstairs in the hall featuring a Sundae Bar of ice cream and kinds of fixings. Please stay, enjoy some ice cream and some good fellowship!

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!

Session Dinner Meeting

The Session will be meeting for dinner on Mon. June 12th at Smitty's restaurant at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting, is to reflect on the year past, and in particularly in regard to the Young Family and Youth Outreach Ministry we had hoped to see happening at Calvin. A lot has happened in this past year to impact that dream and its development. And now as the Session meets to try to discern the future direction for that, and for the rest of our ministry together, we'd invite you - the congregation - to pray for God's Spirit to lead us through this time!

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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