

THE

CALVIN CONNECTION

Your connection to the Calvin Church Community

This Month

- Fri 2nd** Games Night
(7:00 p.m.)

- Sun 4th** World Communion
Sunday (11:00 a.m.)

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

Church
Thanksgiving
Decorating
(10:00 a.m.)

- Tues 13th** Recycling
Workshop
(7:30 p.m.)

- Thur 22nd** Bible Study begins
(1:00 & 7:30 p.m.)

- Sat 24th** Fall Yard Sale
(8:30 a.m.)

Congregational
Meeting (7:00 p.m)

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

November

- Sun 8th** Remembrance Day
Service (11:00 a.m.)



Congregation Meeting Called

The Session is calling for a Congregational Meeting to be held on the evening of Sat. Oct. 24th beginning at 7:00 p.m.

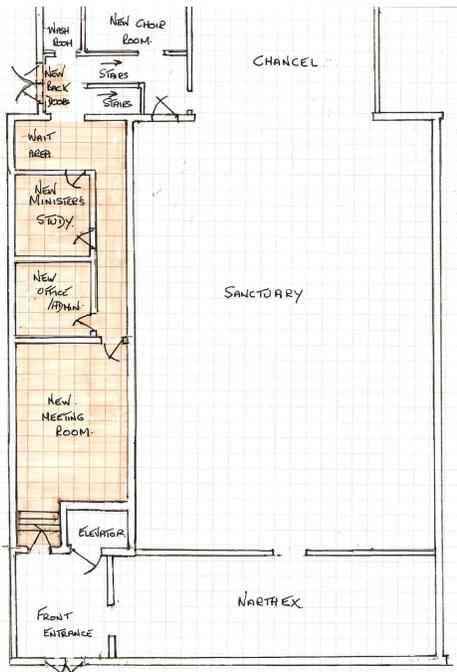
The purpose of this meeting is to seek the congregation's collective consideration in regards to 2 separate, yet not entirely independent, issues currently on the table (and which have been for some time) in the hopes of deciding together upon a definitive way forward.

These two issues are outlined briefly in what follows...

Issue #1: A Proposed Building Expansion

This particular idea, which in part predates the Calvin-Knox amalgamation, proposed an expansion to the Calvin building for the purpose of creating more usable space.

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This expansion proposes the addition of an approximately 850 sq. ft. annex intended to offer additional meeting/office/possible Sunday School space to the building. (see illustration on left)

The hope, was that this additional space might provided an opportunity to 1.) better facilitate both new and current church programming, 2.) better accommodate the number of outside groups making use of the space, and 3.) to create new and more easily accessible space.

The challenge to dealing with this proposal (*and the reason it has rested on the table for seemingly such a long period of time*) has been a matter of money - accurate costing, firm financial plans for payment, and a concern about first addressing maintenance issues with the rest of the existing building.

At present, at the request of the Session, the Finance & Stewardship Team has prepared a more accurate costing estimate, as well as a possible financial plan to pay the expansion.

Issue #2: A proposed hiring of a Christian Youth and Young Family Outreach Worker

This particular idea was born, first out of a workshop with the Synod’s Youth and Camping Consultant, and subsequently out of a recommended book study which the Session undertook throughout the Fall of 2014.

This study challenged the Session to carefully consider 1.) the current ministry of the church, 2.) the challenges we’re facing in looking forward, and 3.) possible dreams and ideas God might be calling us to pursue in moving forward.

After much discussion and dream, and with prayer and congregation input garnered at our Feb. 2015 Annual Congregation Meeting, the Session worked at putting together the framework for a contracted 3-year payed part-time position for a youth and young family outreach worker.

This was an area the Session identified as being an important aspect of our ministry in need of consideration and some intentional work...both inside, and outside, the congregation. This position would first focus on those youth and young families already involved or associated with the congregation to help them grow in their spiritual journey. Secondly, this position would focus on reaching out, and connecting with those youth

**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. Oct. 10th
@ 8:30 a.m.**

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

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

and young families in the surrounding community who are not yet connected to the church.

Having completed the framework for such a position, and having received input from the Personnel and Ministry Opportunities Team, as well as the Finance and Stewardship Team in terms of financing the Session feels there is now sufficient information to bring before the congregation.

2 Issues. 1 Challenge.

I'd mentioned earlier, that these two issues might at first seem unrelated. One proposes a building expansion; the other a newly formed paid position. In both cases...there is a dream that such a proposal could help grow Calvin's ministry and ultimately the congregation itself.

Both have a price tag attached. Both come at a cost. But as the Session sees it, we can reasonably only afford one...if either at all.

And so the Session would strongly encourage you to please be a part of this process: to come to the meeting, to come be a part of the discussion, and to come...having given this a great deal of thought and prayer. And come, so that together, we can do our best to discern God's will, to move forward faithfully in our calling to Christ's service.



“A Journey through Judges”

A 6-part Bible Study Series

The Old Testament's book of 'Judges' explores the challenges God's people faced in settling in the 'Promised Land'. Living amongst peoples, cultures, and beliefs that were very different, and often at odds with their own, the book of Judges explores living out a life with God in a world not all that unlike our own! So please, make plans to join us Thursdays for this 6-part Bible study, beginning Thurs., Oct 22nd with sessions at 1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

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| Oct. 22nd | Session 1: From Joshua to Judges (Judges 1-3)
Israel's struggles in settling the Promised Land, and the rise of the 'Judges'. |
| Oct. 29th | Session 2: “The Good, the Bad, & the Lovely: Part 1” (Judges 4: -5)
The judges...with a focus on Deborah – Israel's first female judge. |
| Nov. 5th | Session 3: “The Good, the Bad, & the Lovely: Part 2” (Judges 6-8)
More of the judges...with a focus this week on the story of Gideon. |
| Nov. 12th | Session 4: “The Good, the Bad, & the Lovely: Part 3” (Judges 10-12:7)
More of the judges...with a focus this week on the story of Jephthah. |
| Nov. 19th | Session 5: “The Good, the Bad, & the Lovely: Part 4” (Judges 12:8-16)
More of the judges...with a focus this week on the story of Sampson. |
| Nov. 26th | Session 6: “The Sorry State of Affairs” (Judges 17-21)
2 stories of God's peoples' struggles to faithfully find a way forward. |



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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

Food Bank Donations:

A reminder that donations to the Halifax West Ecumenical Food Bank are always welcomed, and needed. If you'd like to contribute, donations can be placed in the shopping cart outside the sanctuary, and we'll be happy to pass them along.

Financial contributions can be made through the church, by simply earmarking your cheque 'Food Bank'.

Scouts Canada Popcorn Sales:

It is that time of the year once again, and the Beavers/Cubs/Scouts are taking orders for Trails End popcorn. Please see information and order form on the table in the narthax outside the Sanctuary. Please be aware that the last day to order will be Sun. Oct. 25th.

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!