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# CALVIN CONNECTION

Your connection to the Calvin Church Community

## April

- Sat 9<sup>th</sup>** Breakfast @ Jim's (8:30 a.m.)
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup>** Ladies Fellowship (7:30 p.m.)
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup>** Bridge (12:00 - 3:00 p.m.)
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup>** Mission & Outreach Team Meeting (3:00 p.m.)
- Thur 21<sup>st</sup>** Bible Study Begins (1:00 & 7:30 p.m.)
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup>** Maplestone Service (2:30 p.m.)
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup>** Prayer Chain (10:30 a.m.)
- Sat 30<sup>th</sup>** Elder's Workshop: "Becoming a more effective spiritual leader" (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

There is a lot going on this Easter Season: Meetings, Workshops, Bible Studies, Social Events, and special Services of Worship. Here's but a small sample of some of the stuff going on.



## Church Internet Update

### Wifi Changes:

As of Tues. Mar. 29th, Calvin has upgraded to Bell FibreOp. The intention of this upgrade was to allow for faster, and more reliable internet accessibility (as well as reducing annual costs through a re-bundling of phone services). As a result of this upgrade, changes have been made to the church's wifi network. To access the church's wifi network, you will need to 1.) select 'Calvin' from the list of available wifi networks on your laptop, tablets, or smart phones, and then 2.) enter the new password 'calvin3311' when prompted.

### Online Services:

A reminder that full audio recordings of Calvin's Sunday (and special) services are available online through the church's website: [www.calvinhalifax.ca](http://www.calvinhalifax.ca).

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## Breakfast @ Jim's

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

So make plans to join for breakfast on:

Sat. Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>

or

Sat. May. 14<sup>th</sup>

@ 8:30 a.m.

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

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

## Bible Study: The Road to Pentecost

Join us, for this 4-part Bible Study through the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts, as we journey the road from Easter to Pentecost – from the resurrection of Jesus to the out pouring of God's Holy Spirit.

So please, make plans to join us Thursdays, beginning Thurs. April. 21st with sessions at 1:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

### **Thurs. Apr. 21st** – "*Saviour-seeing on the road to Pentecost*" (Luke 24:13-49)

Jesus is alive, and in the world, meeting with his disciples! But what did those meetings look like, what did they involve, and what might that mean for us today?

### **Thurs. Apr. 28th** – "*Onward and Upward*" (Luke 24:50-53 & Acts 1:1-11)

Jesus 'ascends' to heaven...but what does that mean for the church, its thinking, and for you and I?

### **Thurs. May 5th** – "*One more for the road*" (Acts 1:12-26)

A look at the life, leadership, and struggles of the early church, and to how they might compare with the challenges facing the modern church of today.

### **Thurs. May 12th** – "*On a wind and a prayer*" (Acts 2)

The celebration of Pentecost! But what's it all about? What does it mean, that God has poured out his Holy Spirit? And what does that mean for us?

## Ham Take Out Supper

This year's Ham Take Out Supper will be held on Sat. May 14th between 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost of a dinner will be \$10, which will include: ham, coleslaw, homemade potato salad, roll/butter, garnishes (lettuce/carrot/cucumber) & apple pie.

Please watch for details in upcoming bulletins for information pertaining to contacts and ticket sales!

**May**

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>**    Worship & Cong.  
Life Team  
(7:30 p.m.)
  
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup>**     Ann Brown  
Memorial Service  
(2:00 p.m.)
  
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup>**   Ladies Fellowship  
(7:30 p.m.)
  
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup>**    Breakfast @ Jim's  
(8:30 a.m.)
  
- Spiritual Workshop:  
                  "The Colour of Your  
                  Spirituality"  
(10:00 a.m.)
  
- Ham Take-Out  
                  Dinner  
(4:00 p.m.)
  
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup>**   Property & Main.  
Team Meeting  
(7:00 p.m.)
  
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup>**     Bridge  
(12:00 - 3:00 p.m.)
  
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>**    MapleStone Service  
(2:30 p.m.)
  
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup>**    Spring Yard Sale  
(8:00 a.m.)

**'The Colour of Your Spirituality' Workshop**

It's been said - from a Christian point of view - that 'spirituality' is the pattern by which we shape our lives in response to our experience of God in Jesus Christ. It is our continuing response to the reality of God's grace in Jesus Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit.

As such, our spirituality filters into every aspect of our being - how we live, how we pray, how we understand God, ourselves, and the relationship we share. We invite you to come and explore this aspect of your faith, with a spirituality workshop hosted here at Calvin on the morning of Sat. May 14th at 10:00 a.m. The workshop, entitled 'The colour of your Spirituality' will be led by the Rev. Kenn Stright of the Presbyterian Church of St. David.

Everyone is invited to come and explore the your spirituality!

**Spring Yard Sale**

The Spring Yard Sale will be held on Sat. May 28th beginning at 8:00 a.m. Set up will take place on Wed. May 25th at 6:00 p.m., Thurs. May 26th at 9:30 a.m., and Fri. May 27th at 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Items being donated for the sale can be dropped off at these times, with any help setting up being greatly appreciated!

**A Prayer for the Aging**

"Eternal God, I thank you that I am growing old. It is a privilege many have been denied. Awareness of this mercy gives me fresh wonder to every day---I thank you for the joys I now grasp because age has pried my fingers loose from trivial things- for simpler life ; for swallows skimming over sunlit meadows; for unhurried moments to nourish faith on thoughts of your past mercies; for sacred instants when all things that once seemed disjointed fall into place and the sad things of earth are swallowed up in holy joy. — Grant us awareness of the beauties of life's autumn, a time of fulfillment and harvest. May age be seen as a part of your design for the world and for us, so that the years may rest less like a burden and more like a benediction. Spare us from the self-pity that shrivels the soul. Though our wrinkles multiply and our bodies tire, may there be no withering of the spirit. May every day witness some rebirth of beauty, some eager exploration of a new, unspoiled hour"--- Author unknown

(submitted but Riet Vink)

## Help Wanted

**Counters Needed:** The Finance & Stewardship Team is looking for help with “counting offering” following Sunday services. Counters are needed for times throughout May-December. If you can help, a sign-up sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary. Training is available to those who have never done it. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed:** With a number of our Sunday School teachers this past year being university and college students now leaving of the summer, we are in need of volunteers willing to serve as Sunday School teachers on a rotational basis for the months of May – Aug. If you would be willing to help out, please speak to Karen Emmons, or contact her at (902) 219-4816.

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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 25<sup>th</sup> 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



### Cooks Wanted!:

St David’s congregation has prepared, delivered and served casseroles (16, made from a set recipe) for Sunday Supper at St. Andrews Church on Cobourg Road for more than 25 years. They are scheduled to take part approximately 3 times per year, with their next turn being this coming June, and are looking for some help. These meals serve 250-300 people, and it’s the only hot meal in Halifax on Sunday nights. If you would like to participate, please call Nicole Watkins Campbell at 902-422-5878 or email [jncampbell@eastlink.ca](mailto:jncampbell@eastlink.ca). Please also know, that the Session of Calvin Church has agreed to help reimburse those taking part for the cost of casserole ingredients.

### 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!