

The Calvin Press

April 2026 Edition

Calvin Presbyterian Church

126 Angell Road, Cumberland, RI

(401) 333-0355



*Let Easter fill your heart with hope, your soul with peace,
and your life with the joy of new beginnings.*

*Worship with us each Sunday morning
at 10:30 AM (Livestream or In-person)*

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Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden, there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. — John 19:41-42

As you are receiving this month's newsletter, we are just a few days away from Easter Sunday, the central celebration of our Christian faith, and we have closed our Palm and Passion Sunday service with the words above.

In John's Gospel, Creation imagery permeates the account surrounding Jesus' resurrection. As we see in the above verses, there was a garden at the place where he was crucified. And Jesus' body is laid in a tomb located in this garden (John is the only one of the four Gospel writers to specifically call this place a garden). Additionally, John is especially keen to make sure we know that the day the tomb is found empty is, in fact, the "first day of the week" (John 20:1). Finally, when the Resurrected Jesus is seen for the first time, he is confused with the gardener (John 20:15).

In many ways, John – who, we dare not forget, began his Gospel account with a call back to the very beginning of the heavens and the earth ("In the beginning..." Genesis 1:1; John 1:1) – ends his Gospel where he began. With the beginning of Creation - the first day of the week; and a garden.

John wants to make sure we know that something cosmic is going on here. The empty tomb of Easter Sunday is about more than individual salvation or even "proof of life after death." Those things are certainly caught up in this, but they only scratch the surface. The resurrection of Jesus is about the beginning of God's re-Creation, if you will...it is about new and *re-newed* Creation. It is (to borrow language from 1 Corinthians 15) the down-payment, the first-fruits, the very promise – and is itself the means of fulfilling that promise – of God's faithfulness to creation – you, me...indeed everything that God has made and declared "good."

And Easter Sunday (and in fact, each and every Sunday), we gather together to once again affirm that we, dear family, are a resurrection people. (in fact, for those keeping liturgical score at home, you may notice we even shift how we talk about Sundays – during Lent we speak of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc., Sunday *in* Lent; but for the Easter season, we shift and speak of them as Sundays *of* Easter). We are a people who find ourselves in a variety times and places and circumstances throughout our lives, but at Easter we at last in Jesus find who we *are* - a people ***of Resurrection***; a people of the Easter promise; a people being formed and shaped by this great, eternal, cosmic promise: *God is faithful...God is faithful to what God has made, no matter how bent or broken it may have become*. This is the lens through which we are called to view our lives, and that of our families; the lives of our neighbors and strangers alike, our friends and our enemies alike; our individual lives and our corporate and community life together. Indeed, this is the lens through which we are called to see all of God's Creation – time and space, the structures of it and the happenstance we find in it...all

the ways we live, move, and breathe; all of our comings and going; our work, our rest, and our play.

At the close of his great chapter on the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15), the Apostle Paul concludes with this:

“Therefore...”

(That is, because of the truth and promise of the resurrection...)

“Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, unshakable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, *because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*”

Beloved, indeed...what a promise this is – a promise to hold on to; and a promise to lead, challenge, and call us into God’s world, to be such an Easter people!

Alleluia, friends! Jesus Christ is Risen!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Kevin

PASTOR ON VACATION



Pastor Kevin will be on vacation from Monday, April 6th through Sunday, April 19th. Kathy Cooper will preach on Sunday April 12th and Rev. Blake Blakesley on Sunday, April 19th.

If there is an emergency, please contact the office at 401-333-0355 and it will be properly handled.

Dear Calvin Church Family,

It is with great sadness to inform you that I have decided to retire from Calvin Presbyterian Church as the Church Administrator. I have given a 3-month notice and my last day of service will be Friday, June 19, 2026. I have agreed to train the new person and will stay longer if necessary. It was a difficult decision to make which I struggled with, but feel it is time to travel and enjoy time with my husband.

During the twenty-three years as church administrator, I have worked with five Pastors, sometimes no Pastor, experienced difficult and sad times, and happy and joyous times. I have met many people and made many close friendships. I will cherish all the memories and will miss every one of you.

God Bless You All,

Pam Marcil

APRIL EVENTS

BIBLE BITES



A gathering for some time with the Bible and with one another. At each gathering we will be watching an episode from the video series "66 Verses to Explain the Bible" by Dr. Esau McCaulley. Esau McCaulley is a Professor of New Testament and Public Theology at Wheaton College as well as an author, podcaster, church planter and pastor. The short videos of 5-8 minutes discuss a verse or passage from one book of the

Bible to show what that passage reveals about the grand narrative of scripture and what it reveals about our life with God, our neighbors and ourselves. After watching the video, we will discuss it as well as having time for fellowship and prayer. All ages are welcome!

Date/Place: Wednesday, April 1st - 10:00 AM at the White's home, 98 Arnold St., Lincoln, RI
Wednesday, April 15th - 10:00 AM at Calvin Presbyterian Church (TBD)

The 7:00 pm Bible study is cancelled until fall and will be reconsidered then.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

PALM SUNDAY ~ MARCH 29

Church Service ~ 10:30 AM

Palms will be passed out.

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ APRIL 2

At Four Corners Community Chapel
200 Angell Road, Cumberland, RI 02864

7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY ~ APRIL 3

Church Service from 12:00 to 1:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 5

Christ is Risen! ~ a Joyful Easter celebration
Church Service and Communion ~ 10:30 AM

Please encourage your friends, neighbors, co-workers,
fellow students to: **Come and See**

APRIL EVENTS



The annual East Egg Hunt will be held on **Saturday, April 4th at 11:00 AM**. The event will be held outside weather permitting. All children 10 years of age and younger are welcome.

If you would like to help at the Easter Egg Hunt on that Saturday, a signup sheet is on the table. Please volunteer to help!

**Also, there are flyers on the table in the narthex. Please take and give to family members, friends or neighbors.

APRIL LUNCH MEET-UP GROUP

Join us in April when we eat out at Chili's in Lincoln Mall, 622 George Washington Highway, on **Friday, April 10th at 11:30 am**. Burgers, steak, shrimp...everything that can be grilled is on the menu. Lunch combination specials (\$11+) include entree, beverage, and soup or salad. To RSVP or if you have questions, call the church at (401) 333-0355. **Please RSVP by April 7th.**



CROCHET/KNITTING GROUP



The Crochet/Knitting Group will meet on **Tuesday April 14th at 10:00 AM and April 21st at 6:00 PM**. This club is open to everyone and anyone who would like to learn how to crochet and/or knit, those who already know how and would like to teach, and those who would like to crochet/knit with friends. Please join us!

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

Due to Pastor Kevin's vacation, there will be no lunch with the Pastor in April. It will reconvene on May 20th at 12:30 PM.



ATTENTION ALL FOLKS AGES 50 AND UP

Senior Moments Fellowship will be meeting on **Wednesday April 15th at 2 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy the opportunity for an hour of inspiration, humor, sharing, and a chance to keep your brain young. We look forward to seeing you!

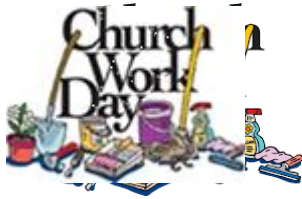
If you are free that afternoon, come and bring a friend!

APRIL EVENTS



The Congregational Care committee is hosting another Family Game night on **Friday, April 24th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM** in the fellowship Hall. Pizza and games will be provided. **Please bring a snack/dessert to share.** *If you plan on attending, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex on April 12th.* Everyone is welcome! Please bring a friend!

SPRING WORKDAY

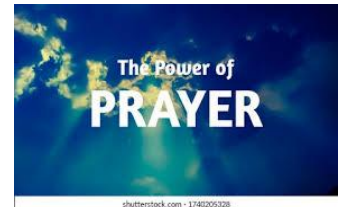


The Building and Grounds committee is having a church inside and outside workday on **Saturday April 25th at 9:00 AM**. Various projects that need attention will be worked on. If it rains, the rain date will be Saturday, May 2nd at 9:00 AM.

Much help will be needed. Please join us.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

The next Prayer Gathering will be held on **Thursday, April 30th at 7:00 PM**. Prayer is the main method by which we communicate with God. This time will be an opportunity for spiritual growth, worship, scripture reading, prayer and music. It is a chance to be immersed in the presence of God and feel the healing power of prayer. We encourage your participation and welcome friends and family.



SUMMER BIBLE CAMP



Summer Bible Camp is an opportunity for Calvin Church to share God's love with children of our church and the community. For one week our church is filled with children singing, laughing, and having fun while learning Bible stories. The dates for the summer camp will be from **July 20th through July 24th from 9:00 am to 12 noon** and the theme is

"Deep Sea Discovery".

In order to move forward with planning, we need many volunteers. Please consider volunteering for any amount of time with this important ministry. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Carroll or Krystle Pak.

*****There are flyers in the narthex to give to family and friends.***

MAY EVENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The next Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday, May 30th at 9:00 AM.** Julio Tavares will be in the kitchen cooking up a fantastic meal! Bill Burns will be the guest speaker. His topic is: "The Wizard of Oz—the author, the book, the film, and beyond the yellow brick road." Please mark your calendars and plan to join this friendly group of men for a delicious breakfast and great fellowship. It is sure to be an enjoyable morning. Please call the church office at 333-0355 by May 25th to let us know you are coming.

ATTENTION CALVIN 2026 GRADUATES

If you are a high school/college senior from our church family graduating this May/June, please e-mail the information to calvinpres.church@gmail.com, call the church at (401) 333-0355 or leave your name on Pam's desk. For college students, please provide the college name and the degree and for high school seniors, the college attending in the fall. Thanks, Pam



Dear Calvin Family,

As you no doubt remember, this past December one of our members brought to our attention a family they had a connection with that was struggling financially. You all, as the congregation of this church, jumped in and donated toys, clothes, and other items for the children of this family to still be able to receive Christmas presents. Thanks to your abundant generosity, we were able to provide gifts for the parents as well.

We recently received the following thank you from the family:

To all those who helped and came forward. My husband and I cannot be more thankful for all your generosity. To be able to throw my children a Christmas, it meant the world to us. In a time of such struggle, you try hard to find the positive in every situation, I found myself trying to find ways to explain to my kids why Santa didn't come this year. I worried about them thinking they made the naughty list, and that they would be devastated. You helped bring holiday cheer and let them still feel the magic of Christmas. Times have gotten hard, and in the mix of all the life chaos, you all took part in reminding me that kind people still exist here. My children were happy and thankful for all they received. To be able to sit and watch them as they opened specific things they asked for was an excitement all on its own. I truly hope one day I will get the funds to give back, to do the same for another family. I know Christmas is all about the people we surround ourselves with, but the magic you see through your children is a different feeling. We are forever grateful. God bless you all, and again from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

Sincerely,
The Smiths

NEWS AND NOTES

GREETERS

Apr. 05 — Rachel White
Apr. 12 — Lynne & Bob Correllus
Apr. 19 — Jackie Eckhardt
Apr. 26 — Rachel White

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Apr. 05 — Jackie Eckhardt (Easter Sunday)
Apr. 12 — Jennifer Cameron
Apr. 19 — Betty Conlon
Apr. 26 — David Pak

SOUND BOARD TECH

1st Sunday of the Month — Paul Kunis & Josh Cameron
2nd Sunday of the Month — David Pak & Josh Cameron
3rd Sunday of the Month — Chris Koney & Josh Cameron
4th Sunday of the Month — Peter & Josh Cameron
5th Sunday of the Month — Chris Koney & Josh Cameron

April Birthdays

03 Judy Anderson	17 David Pak
05 Kristina Maglietta	23 Carol McGinness
06 Matt Gorvett	26 Charles Barlog
Chris Koney	29 John Reali
09 Thomas Smith	



If your birthday is not listed, or is listed incorrectly, please let Pam know and it will be corrected.

FLOWERS



If you wish to order fresh flowers for a specific Sunday (in memory, births, anniversaries, etc.) you may do so. ****Please email the church at calvinpres.church@gmail.com with what you would like printed in the bulletin and what Sunday or call the church office at (401) 333-0355.** The cost of both bouquets is **\$50.00**. Please make check out to Calvin Presbyterian Church and put for flowers on... in the memo line. Pam will inform Jackie Eckhardt when to order the flowers.

NEWS AND NOTES



Table Grace of the Month

We thank You for Your goodness, Lord, Your blessings from above.
And may the meals that we prepare be seasoned with Your love.
Amen.

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Apr. 05 — Terri Hale (Easter Sunday)
Apr. 12 — Jennifer Ross
Apr. 19 — D A Silbert
Apr. 26 — Betty Conlon

COMMUNION SETUP

April 5

Betty Conlon (Captain)
Jackie Eckhardt, Julio Tavares, Marsha Weiss

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Fellowship Hour has been simplified for everyone who is hosting. When it is your scheduled Sunday, there is a bin in the kitchen with pre-packaged snacks that can be served along with the usual coffee and water or other cold drinks. But if you prefer to bring in baked goods, please feel free to do so. You do not need to use the pre-packaged snacks.

*****If it is your Sunday to host, please bring a container of half & half. There is not always one in the refrigerator.***

To keep this bin full of snacks, we are encouraging everyone to participate by donating the pre-packaged snacks and leaving them in the kitchen. The snacks can be pre-packaged cookies, cupcakes, donuts, pastries etc.

Thank you to all who volunteer on a regular basis, and to all who donate pre-packaged snacks.

CALVIN'S TENDER LOVING CARE LIST

Remember Calvin's members that don't come to Sunday worship and our military by sending a greeting card or making a special visit. (Addresses for members are in the directory and military are below). *Let us continue to shower them with Christ's love!*

OUR MILITARY

ZACHARY WEST - July 4
10646 Montura Ct.
Santee, CA 92071

SAMUEL GARVIN ~ July 10
7952 Cayenne Way
Pensacola FL 32526

NEWS AND NOTES

2026 SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Administrative Committee – David Pak - Chair

Subcommittees - Finance & Stewardship (Dave Pak);

Personnel - Lillie Koney, Chair; Betty Conlon, Melissa Gorvett,
David Pak

Communications (Rachel White)

Oversees Personnel & Finance & Stewardship Aspects.

Building & Grounds Committee – Josh Cameron – Chair

Peter Cameron

Oversees the maintenance and care for the buildings & grounds.

Committee Care Committee – Betty Conlon – Chair

Lillie Koney

Oversees and provides ways to reach out into the local and
wider communities and the world.

Congregational Life Committee – Marsha Weiss – Temp Chair

Jackie Eckhardt, Julio Tavares

Oversees and provides for the nurture and care of the

Nominating Committee – Jackie Eckhardt – Chair

Betty Conlon

Oversees selecting members of the congregation for
positions as Elders, Deacons & Auditors.

Head of Calvin Church as a Corporation:

David Pak – President; Betty Conlon – Vice President;

Peter Cameron – Secretary; Peter Siczewicz – Treasurer

Board of Directors – Jackie Eckhardt, Lillie Koney, JulioTavares

NEWS AND NOTES

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Session

Betty Conlon
Jackie Eckhardt
Lillie Koney

Melissa Gorvett

David Pak
Julio Tavares
Peter Cameron
(Clerk of Session)

Deacons

Trudi Parrillo
Kathy Wallace
Jennifer Cameron
(Moderator)

Nancy Boyd
Terri Hale
Carol McGinness
Jennifer Ross

Cynthia Filliatreault

Auditor

Brad Kruzan

Chris Koney

Heather Miguel

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Office Hours: Tuesdays, 2:00-4:30pm, Thursdays 9:30am-12:00pm, and by appointment.

Church Staff: Pastor, Kevin White; Pam Marcil, Administrative Assistant;
Derek Doura, Music Director.

Calvin Press Deadline for the May edition will be April 21st.

Sunday Morning Bulletin Deadline - Tuesday

Pam Marcil - calvinpres.church@gmail.com

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Sunday Morning

Sunday School/Adult Class - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

In-Person and Livestreamed via Facebook
(www.facebook.com/calvinpresbyterianri)

Fellowship Hour - After Service

Masks are **optional** during service.

MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Christ-centered community, welcoming all in hope and grace
as we worship God, grow in faith, and serve one another.*

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