

# CALVARY COURIER

July 2024

## Congratulations, Ruth Huyser

On July 10, 2024, Ruth Huyser will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ruth was born on a farm near Otley, Iowa. That was the time when doctors made house calls; there were no hospitals. Ruth was the youngest of eight children. When Ruth was growing up there was no electricity-so no radios, televisions, computers, or refrigerators. Neither was there any indoor plumbing. There were no games that you could buy, so their fun times as a family included playing games that they made up by using their own imagination. She remembers when the cost of a postage stamp was \$.03, and a post card cost \$.01.

When Ruth was five years old many people were hit hard by the Great Depression, but for Ruth and her family they were quite sufficient on their own, as they grew their own fruits and vegetables and had their own milk, eggs, and meat. Her mother and older sisters would make all the family's clothes.

When Ruth was old enough to go to school, she walked the two miles to and from school each day. That would be in the sunshine, in the rain, or in the snow and freezing temperatures. She was one of the first graduating classes from Pella Christian High School. She had nine people in her class. Ruth then attended Calvin College. She paid \$33.00 per semester. That was the cost for those living west of the Mississippi River. She lived in private homes and worked for her room and board. She lived with different families and helped with the housework and taking care of the children. Her tasks were to serve the meal, do the dishes and take care of the children. One family paid her \$5.00 if she did extra work for them. After graduating from Calvin College, she taught for four years in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In 1949, Ruth married the love of her life, Jim Huyser. They were blessed with four children, Joel, Daniel, Mary and Rebecca. When Ruth was forty-six years old Jim died suddenly of a heart attack while managing the Farmer's Coop in Sully.

Ruth taught Kindergarten and remedial reading at the Sully Christian Grade School. After retiring in 1989, Ruth moved to Pella and joined Calvary Church. She continued to do volunteer work. She traveled to Rolling Fork, Mississippi, where she volunteered at the Christian Family Services, tutoring mentally and physically-challenged adults. She also volunteered at the Pella Clothing Bank at the Pella Community Center, the Work of Our Hands Store, and Hospice of Pella. She was a faithful volunteer in many areas at Calvary: Coffee Break, the library, and as a Care Shepherd. Ruth still attends Mission Circle and the morning services at Calvary. Ruth considers Calvary as her church family, and she is very thankful for the church bus that offers her transportation to church. In the evening, she watches the services online.

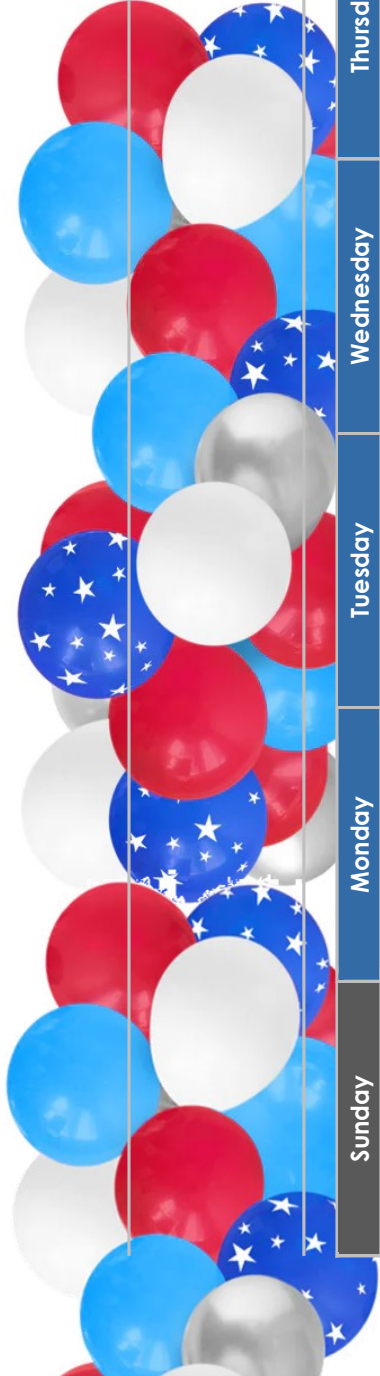
Every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM you will find Ruth having a zoom call with her four children: Joel in South Korea, Daniel in Arizona, Mary in Michigan and Rebecca in Tennessee. Ruth has fourteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Mark your calendars: Ruth will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 10, 2024, with an open house in the fellowship hall at Calvary Church from 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

Ruth's testimony is, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." (based on Lamentations 3:22-23)

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