



Calvary Weekly Connections

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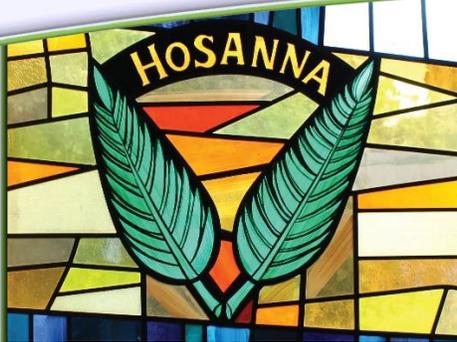
NEW MEMBERS JOIN

On Sunday, March 29th, during the online worship service, Dr. Julie and Tristan McGettrick became full members of Calvary Church. The McGettricks have been worshipping with us since May 2019 after moving to Mohnton.

They will be introduced to the full congregation at a later date.

WELCOME,
Julie & Tristan!

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◆ **HOLY WEEK SERVICES** will all be offered via ZOOM (by phone and on computer devices). See the enclosed/attached info. sheet.

◆ Check our website @ www.calvaryumcmohnton.org and/or Facebook page for daily updates.



Donkeys, Colts, Lions, and Mice

Holy Week begins with the celebratory parade; loud Hosannas, "Save me!" ring out along the street as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Jesus comes riding on a donkey, leading the colt beside him. This is a grand act of humility. Though he is welcomed as if a king, he enters as an ordinary person. He garbs the very presence of a peasant. By Friday, this acclaimed king will once again take a position of great humility, resigning himself to the fate given him by the crowd. He will accept their cries, "Crucify him!" Meekly he will go to the cross and die. In this paradox of extreme love and hate lies the most powerful human story that defines our best and our worst.

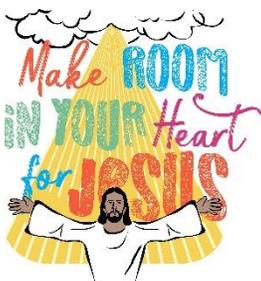
Both of our readings share one common theme - humility. I looked up the meaning of the word humility and discovered this definition in the *Chambers English Dictionary, 1988 edition*: "the state or quality of being humble; lowliness of mind; modesty." The adjective form means "low: lowly: modest: unpretentious: having a low opinion of oneself." The following story, "The Lion and the Mouse" poignantly illustrates humility.

A lion was awakened from sleep by a mouse running over his face. Rising up angrily, he caught the mouse and was about to kill him, when the mouse said, "If you spare my life, I will repay your kindness someday." The lion laughed and let him go. It happened shortly after this that the lion was caught by some hunters, who bound him with strong ropes. The mouse, recognizing the lion's roar, came, gnawed through the rope, and set him free. The mouse then exclaimed: "You did not think that I would ever be able to help you. You now see that is possible for even a lion to need the help of a mouse." (https://ministry127.com/resources/illustration/the-lion-and-the-mouse)

Humility is a ground zero mentality that opens us up to receive all people - regardless of race, gender identification, age, education, economic status, political affiliation, citizen status - as equals. All people are equally valuable and, if accepted as so, contribute to the wholeness of our world, God's one kin-dom in Christ.

You're probably wondering how "donkeys, colts, lions and mice" can offer us a message of any importance. I also wondered how this letter of Paul, used to inspire and unite the faith of community of Philippi, could possibly guide our journey through a Holy Week with the Covid-19 pandemic? This intimate letter was written by Paul while awaiting a trial, which he believed would lead to his imminent death. As we begin Holy Week, we find the writer of this letter in a similar position to that of Jesus - predicting and awaiting death. This is our daily news. Predictions of illness and death. We are all waiting to see the numbers; we are all wondering who will make up those numbers. Both Jesus and Paul were resigned to death.

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**ANNOUNCING A
CALVARY UMC
CHARGE CONFERENCE
Friday, April 10, 2020 at
10AM
via ZOOM**

The CARES ACT was passed that permits non-profit organizations to apply for a forgivable loan that will cover the cost of salaries. Calvary UMC is eligible to apply for this funding. According to policy of The United Methodist Church, we must hold a charge conference for a final vote. Please plan on attending this meeting for a vote to apply for monies from the CARES ACT. Use the following information to connect with the ZOOM meeting.

Pastor Tamie Scalise is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: Charge Conference
Time: Apr 10, 2020 at 10AM**

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/960701234?pwd=NVB5TzBMQkdMUGZPRXdJYnN1c0dPQT09>

Meeting ID: 960 701 234
Password: 027218

One tap mobile:
1-646-558-8656,960701234#

Dial by your location:
1-646-558-8656# (New York)
Meeting ID: 960 701 234#

1st & 2nd WEEK PRAYER CONCERNS/UPDATES

Linda Chandler – Will have 5-yr follow-up medication therapy and 3 rounds of radiation following Stage 1 breast cancer diagnosis; doing well

Fam. of Mary Frey – Beloved friend of Deb Bierly; lost her battle w/ cancer on 3/24; prayers for her family & esp. her 91 yr. old mother

Angie Juckem – Biopsy on small chin area showed basal cells; will have follow up treatment

Edie Mosley – Name given by Michelle Daniels; undergoing chemo & radiation for tumor

Parents & Children – Prayers for the difficulty some parents are experiencing in having to be their child(ren)'s teacher, and students missing the structure of a regular classroom & their friends

Fam. of Rafe' Schearer – Daughter of Jack & Shirley Grove; passed away following long battle w/ a rare lung disease

Bonnie Slonaker – Aunt of Julie Burkard; hosp. w/ possible Covid-19; other health issues, including breathing problems. Prayer for Bonnie and her family.

Harry Stephenson – Brother of Terry; foot infection; concern due to status as a Type 2 diabetic

52 persons participated in Calvary's first Prayer Vigil held on Sunday, March 29th. Praise God for all those willing hearts! Now you again have the opportunity to join in our **SECOND 24-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH, (12AM-11:59PM)** to continue lifting our petitions to God during this pandemic.

The landscape of our lives has changed dramatically in just the past week. "Isolate in place" and "social distancing" are the new watch words of the day. Lives have been lost around the world, and more lives will be lost. Those working on "the front lines" helping to treat & care for the sick are exhausted and often under-equipped, but the fight must go on.

Let us continue, then, to undergird in prayer all those suffering, for whatever reason. God is waiting to hear our voices. SIGN-UP NOW for a time slot that suits you best by calling/emailing the church office; or copy and paste the link below which will take you to the SignUp Genius website.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C45AAAA2CA4FD0-24hour>



FINANCIAL UPDATE - Giving Through Week 13

Current Year thru	03/29/2020	Last Year thru	03/30/2019
Received	\$73,708	Received	\$75,864
Annual Budget Need	\$320,000	Annual Budget Need	\$308,162
%Rec'd to Date	22.8%	%Rec'd to Date	24.6%
Total 3/29 Sunday Offering	\$ 815	Total Offering 3/30/19	\$ 4,884

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Paul implores a spirit of solidarity, inviting the Philippians to a shared experience. He exclaims from the very beginning this beautiful witness of togetherness, saying, "you hold me in your heart" or otherwise translated, "because I hold you in my heart." Listen to the mutuality of such a statement that means both you holding me and me holding you! Is that not the best expression of love? He immediately establishes a message that is entirely about community. He doesn't ask them to come and do what he is doing, but he seeks their solidarity. The Philippians can take part in his imprisonment and suffering, struggling with Paul and working alongside him. This message of community and solidarity is crucial to understanding the humble spirit of Jesus.

In this image of Christ, Paul emphasizes how Christ - though divinely identified with God - humbles himself in his incarnate nature. Jesus, on the cross, is fully human. Jesus renounces the "form of God" and voluntarily relinquishes his divine nature to become mortal. In meekness, nonviolently, he accepts the humiliation, the judgment despite innocence, and the grueling death. This is who Jesus was. This is what Jesus taught: Colossians 3:12 says, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

The contrasts seem obvious, but let's name them. Donkeys are the animal of choice for those who labor and carry heavy loads. Colts are young, swift and noble. The lion is notably identified as king of the jungle, at the top of the food chain; the mouse is notable the lowliest of the land, a weak and squeaky scavenger. Who are your heroes today, the lions and colts or the donkeys and mice? The people on the front lines of this pandemic look different than those identified as heroes before this moment. They are the people who are cleaning our hospitals and picking up our trash, who are checking us out at the grocery store and pharmacies, who are driving trucks across a nation otherwise shut down, who are feeding the sick and washing their laundry. These are the people risking not only their own lives but the very lives of their families. Our lives depend on the courage, strength, and compassion of people who work some of the lowest paid jobs - without healthcare or benefits - to protect and save our lives. There couldn't be a more perfect real life example of the lion and the mouse, the donkey and the colt.

Jesus' story teaches us this really important message. Love me for what I have to offer you right now, just as I am. The people cried out for a king to save them, a royal king who would be a warrior like David. Jesus was not that; he meekly submitted to death on the cross. Paul, the apostle who came with the message of Jesus to the Philippians, also faces trial and death. He implores the people to stand with him in this suffering and to see such sacrifice through different eyes than that which the world demands. Choose the donkey. Choose the mouse. Not because the donkey is better than the colt, nor the mouse better than the lion. Accept them as equally powerful, equally important. A king like David is equal to a king like Jesus. Love me for who I am; love me for what I have to offer. We need to lift up and encourage all of our front-line workers! We need to say thank you, and we love you for what you have to offer.

~Pastor Tamie

HELP SAVE A LIFE!

Won't you please consider calling the Miller-Keystone Blood Center at 610-926-6060 or go to www.giveapint.org to find a donor center near you?



Send a Card or Greeting to a Shut-in

Pegge Harshaw
501 Sycamore Rd.
Mohnton, PA 19540

Marion Loesch
Phoebe Berks Healthcare Center
1 Reading Dr., Rm. 230
Wernersville, PA 19565

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP: COME AS YOU ARE!

This Sunday, April 5th, at 9AM, Calvary UMC will host its 2nd online worship using ZOOM. Everyone is welcome, by either computer or phone. We will gather to hear the word and message, sing with Linda from her home, pray, and praise God!

Everyone can join us - even by landline! If you don't have a PC or don't use one, at 9AM simply use your phone to call 1-646-558-8656.

When instructed, enter the following:

Meeting ID: 647 829 181

[Please be sure to turn off your TV and radio to eliminate background noise.]

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Please call or email your prayer requests to the church office (610-777-8441) or administrator.calvmohn@comcast.net or call Pastor Tamie at 610-780-1486.

**STAY CONNECTED!
SEND A BIRTHDAY CARD OR
NOTE TO:**

- 5th Maggie Vernon
1036 W. Schuylkill Rd.
Pottstown, PA 19465
- 5th Mark Brumbach
404 Lyncrest Rd.
Shillington, PA 19607
- 7th Sam Scalise
705 Caramist Cir.
Sinking Spr., PA 19608
- 7th Gwen Alsedek
34 Medinah Dr.
Reading PA 19607
- 8th Hunter Martin
PSC 477 BOX 15
FPO AP 96306
- 9th McKenna Clausman
11 Harry Ave.
Reading, PA 19607
- 10th Nadine Jensen
5 Pine Tree Ct.
Reading, PA 19607
- 12th Mary Wooddell
1411 Farm Crest Dr.
Ephrata, PA 17522
- Birthday & Address
Correction**
- 24th Liz Munsterteiger
3009 Regency Dr.
Sinking Spr., PA 19608

Wednesday Calvary Connection Resumes

You are invited to attend ZOOM meetings (class from 6:30-7:30PM, with follow-up open class discussion time from 7:30-8:00PM) as we continue our Wednesday evening study on the meaning of the cross, examining several contemporary and ancient viewpoints.

Follow the instructions below to connect to the meeting tonight. Please email or text/call me if you have any questions!

Richie
christianed.calvmohn@gmail.com, 717-376-5780

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ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING IN:

Every week on Wed, until May 13, 2020, 6 more occurrence(s)

Apr 8, 2020 06:30 PM	Apr 15, 2020 06:30 PM
Apr 22, 2020 06:30 PM	Apr 29, 2020 06:30 PM
May 6, 2020 06:30 PM	May 13, 2020 06:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/817414027?pwd=VXI2NnpGd2RuQUVBWm1jd1UrL3VZUT09>

Meeting ID: 817 414 027

Password: 888524

One tap mobile

1-646-558-8656, 817414027#

Dial by your location

1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 817 414 027

**Sunday Morning Adult Christian Education
will immediately follow the 9AM Zoom Worship Service
from approx. 10:15AM – 11:15AM**



WYOMISSING VALLEY PRESCHOOL DURING COVID-19

by Kelli Ernst, Director

Check out the WVP Facebook page! Our preschool teachers have been doing a ton of things to keep in contact with our families, some of which I am able to post on our Facebook page.

I'm sure it would brighten your day to see the kids' smiling faces, and it would also give our amazing teachers a little bit of well deserved recognition! Preschool parents have been getting more involved and posting pictures of their activities throughout the days, too. It's fun to see what everyone is up to!