



# Calvary Connections

## Worship Servants

9 AM ZOOM

Lay Leader: Wanda Steffey

Meditation: Matt Doran

Music: Doug & Michele Pearson,  
Megan Richerts &  
Linda Ebersole

## 10:30 AM IN-PERSON

Lay Leader: Bill Ruth

Music: Linda Ebersole &  
Megan Snelling

## ZOOM WORSHIP by Phone

1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 647 829 181#;

Password: 082013

**SUNDAY WORSHIP BY PC  
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## We're Working on It

8/1/21 Message by Pastor Tamie

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16

Growing up, my parents were do-it-yourself people long before it became fashionable. My dad started working in my grandpa's cheese factory when he was big enough to stand on a stool and clean out the vats. In the fields at home, dad would drive the tractor on haying days as soon as his feet reached the clutch. Grandpa left dad to figure things out when they broke down. It's why a '57 Chevy pickup lived in our garage most of my life. It's why every weekend there was some kind of work project. I grew up in a do-it-yourself household with incredible success stories and hilarious "it's a work-in-progress" comedies.

You can live life like it's a do-it-yourself project, too, or for those whose lives are rooted and grounded in love, who have invited Christ to live in their heart, you can rely upon God. The letter to the Ephesians says, "Now to [God] who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to [God] be the glory" (3:20-1). This is the benediction to the prayer we prayed on our knees that acts as a hinge in the letter between all God is doing in our lives and truth spoken in love about leading a life worthy of our identity in Christ.

It begins with identity. In the movie, *Overcomer*, shown on the side lawn on Friday night, Thomas Hill advises, "Your identity will be tied to whatever you give your heart to." His daughter, Hannah, discovers her identity after studying the first two chapters of Ephesians. She writes down a list of descriptors: created by God; forgiven; chosen; redeemed; loved. From that list she could articulate from a deep place in her heart who she is:

*I am created by God. He designed me, so I'm not a mistake. His Son died for me, just so I could be forgiven. He picked me to be his own, so I'm chosen. He redeemed me, so I am wanted. He showed me grace, just so I could be saved. He has a future for me because He loves me. So I don't wonder anymore, Coach Harrison. I am a child of God.*

Tied to Christ. Rooted and grounded in love. Grasping the very breadth of God's grace. Filled with the fullness of God. Powered by Christ. Are y'all there yet?

A good Methodist should respond, "We're working on it." Ephesians says it too, "but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (4:15).



## REMINDER:

A special "Afternoon of Music" to celebrate the life of Rev. William "Bill" Garrett will be held on August 22nd at 2 P.M. at First United Methodist Church 200 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA.

## Calvary's Financial Needs

2021 Operating Budget	\$329,144
YTD Giving Needed	\$196,215
YTD Actual Giving	\$186,558



For now, the **Birthday Giving Tree** is still in the sanctuary. New tags, with names and birthdays through October, are available for you to choose.

Everyone is invited to be a blessing in one or more ways...

Make a monetary donation, *writing Birthday Giving Tree in the memo line of your check.* Your gifts will be used to purchase birthday gifts and/or provide postage to mail them.

Select a child and shop for them. An actual giving tree is being created and will display the names starting next week, or you may select a name from the Sign-Up Genius online.

GO TO:

**BIRTHDAY GIFT TREE**

[If you need help with the SignUp Genius, please contact Janet in he church office at 610-777-8441.]

Provide wrapping materials or organize a squad of wrappers after church

Color or donate cards

Volunteer your time to shop - even shop with our youth

*fearfully and wonderfully made.*  
~Psalm 139:14

We're off to a GREAT start!

As Calvary Church continues our **Birthday Giving Tree** outreach project, already July gifts have been delivered and most of the tags for August have been chosen. The love of Jesus is being shared all over the state of PA!

Just imagine the happy smiles!

Tags through the month of October have been added to the tree. Simply choose one, complete the duplicate tag, and have fun shopping! Or you may choose a name online using SignUp Genius.

Please stay in the spending range of \$50 per child. If possible, wrap the gift(s) , attaching the tag to he outside of it, OR place the name, & birthdate on the outside of the package. Finally, drop the gift off at the church at least a week prior to he birthday, so that there will be time to deliver it.

The **Birthday Giving Tree** is a is a project in partnership with Christian Bethany Services (BCS),



## Happy Birthday to:

08 – Blake Dearstyne  
72 Peach Street  
Mohnton, PA 19540

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48 Butlers Ln.  
Mohnton, PA 19540

09 – Kathy Keinard  
42 Maple St., Apt. 2-A  
Mohnton, PA 19540

10 – Kaitlyn Highdusch  
5016 Cherrywood Dr.  
Mohnton, PA 19540

12 – David Eshelman  
137 W. Summit St.  
Mohnton, PA 19540



*The Mosley Family* – Name given by Michelle Daniels; Edie Mosley's brother, David, passed away from COVID; prayers for strength and peace.

*Fam. of Diane Seyfert* – Wife of John and former member of Calvary who passed away unexpectedly on 8/2 during a heart procedure. Condolences may be sent to:

Mr. John Seyfert  
433 Confer Avenue  
Hamburg, PA 19526

*Wanda Steffey* – Experiencing pain from an inoperable shoulder

Enjoy Fellowship

**OUTSIDE**

in the fresh summer air!

Friday evening **MOVIE NIGHT**  
on the side lawn of the church  
will be held again **THIS FRIDAY, Aug. 6th.**

~FEATURE MOVIE~

**War Room**

To view the trailer, go to: [War Room Official Trailer](#)

This movie is geared more toward a youth and adult audience.

Rated PG, **WAR ROOM** is a very compelling Christian movie about spiritual warfare. Tony and Elizabeth Jordan have reached the end of their ability to tolerate one another as a married couple. Their daughter, Danielle, is depressed by their constant warfare. Elizabeth is a real estate salesman, and Tony is a highly successful pharmaceutical salesman. Tony is tempted by other women, however, and Elizabeth has grown to hate him. Everything changes when Elizabeth meets Miss Clara, an older woman full of wit and wisdom, who's selling her home and has some important advice to share with her.

**WAR ROOM** is spiritually and emotionally powerful. Most viewers will cheer at the end.

**Gathering Time: 8:15PM**

**Shows will start at about 8:30PM**

(Rain location will be in the Social Hall.)

Bring blankets and/or chairs and your own snacks/drinks.



There's the believing in God's abiding grace that is always present; there's the accepting of God's redeeming grace in our lives through Christ; there's the grace that nourishes us as we grow up, perfecting our love of God and others in Christ. The Methodist founder, John Wesley, embraced the theology of Ephesians which says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God" (2:8). And John Wesley embraced the faith journey of perfecting love of God and others in what we call sanctification. What's so amazing about growing up is that while we journey toward Christ, Christ is already journeying with us (G. Porter Taylor, *Feasting on the Word: Year B, Volume 3*, 304). We are a work-in-progress, but it's not a do-it-yourself project at all.

What does it mean to grow up? The message is clear cut here. Seven times one word is repeated. *One*. One body; one Spirit; one hope; one Lord; one faith; one baptism; one God and Father of us all. *One*. That one is not a "me" or an "I." It's not singular; it's plural. The principal mark of the church is oneness, or unity. Theologian Paul V. Marshall explains, "Growing up may require standing down because mature Christians are more concerned about *unity* than personal triumph" (*Feasting on the Word: Year B, Volume 3*, 303). At the same time, the diversity of God's creation is celebrated and devised purposely to assist in building the all in all of God's family. The wondrous diversity of gifts are intended for the good of the whole, not the individual, do-it-yourself model. The Christian calling is to build up the body of Christ, in a constant movement toward reconciliation, restoration, and wholeness.

This is what distinguishes followers of Christ - how they love one another, how their hearts are set on one thing - making every effort to maintain unity in the Spirit of the bond of peace (4:3). It's a journey, individually and collectively. Ephesians begins with the encouragement to recognize and value this movement for a lifetime, from generation to generation, to the ends of the earth and for all time in Christ. I have a friend in her eighties who always says to me, "I don't know what I want to be when I grow up!" She truly embraces her journey in Christ and inspires me to live courageously into humility, patience, sacrifice, and gentleness. Just when we think we've grown up, we discover we have more growing up to do.

How is growing up in Christ reflected in the lives we lead? It begins with intentional focus on concerning ourselves with the goodness of the whole. Let me give you a real life example of how such growth might inform a person's life and thus everyone with whom she interacts. In her book, *The Blue Sweater: Bridging the Gap Between Rich and Poor*, Jacqueline Novogratz documents her personal journey of understanding global poverty and discovering new ways of tackling it. Her story begins when she abandons her successful career in international banking and begins non-profit work in Africa. One of many profound learnings she recounts remains with me. As part of her work in funding sustainable projects that lift people out of poverty, Novogratz encounters a man living alone in a marshy land. He is hungry,

sick with malaria, and has no work. His small hut is in disrepair. What she discovers is the simplest of solutions. A mosquito net. It cost \$25. On her next visit, she is amazed to be greeted by an energetic man. The hut is tidy with small repairs underway and a small garden is growing around its perimeter. A healthy, nourished body transformed his life. What Novogratz discovers is that "our actions - and inaction - touch people we many never know and never meet across the globe."

While we don't have to quit our jobs and move to Africa, we do have to intentionally understand the impact we have on others, even if we don't intend it. As a good Methodist would respond, "We're working on it." A major distinction of our Methodist roots is the connection between personal holiness and social holiness. Methodists are committed to social action, viewing it as a natural extension of the gift of God's grace. In a clergy group, we grappled with issues of economic justice. We discussed the power we have just in the way we choose to spend our money. Here are just a few powerful questions that help us reflect on the power we have with our money:

- Do you consider the ethical practices of businesses you patronize, considering how they compensate their employees or if they operate out of intentional practices to protect the environment?
- Do you consider the history of the economic systems in which we all operate? For example, the service industry uses tips as a significant part of an employee's income. This system developed after the abolition of slavery when people who once received no pay were suddenly employed. The system of tipping allows the patron to determine the "value" of the person and the services they receive. It even allows for a person to receive services and not pay at all. This oppressive system still exists today.
- Do you consider the importance of investing in the economy of poverty stricken neighborhoods? One huge lesson I learned in my work in Haiti is that the most valuable contribution I can make is simply spending money in the family-run, local businesses. When I purchase sandals made by Roosevelt, he then spends that money in his community. It goes around and around, providing for many families. It drives the economy by sustaining jobs and small businesses. Donations of food, clothing, and services actually diminish employment and prohibit cash flow.

Where we choose to spend our money says a lot about where our heart lies. Our faith challenges us to grow personally so that we may move closer to God and others.

This is our journey as followers of Christ, to seek ways of building up - and not tearing down, to make choices that are for the good of the whole. All aspects of our life requires us to grow up in Christ: maintaining a healthy body, managing conflict, nurturing relationships, caring for the environment, identifying and using our gifts, and so much more. That's why it's a lifetime journey of we're working on it. It's just *not* a do-it-yourself project. It's powered by the Christ living within us.