



# Calvary Connections

## Worship Servants

9 AM ZOOM

Lay Leader: Sandy Graffius  
Music: John Bassetti, Lilly DeLoretta & Kay Wadsworth

## 10:30 AM IN-PERSON

Lay Leader: Shannon McBride  
Music: Kay Wadsworth, Lilly DeLoretta & Pearsons

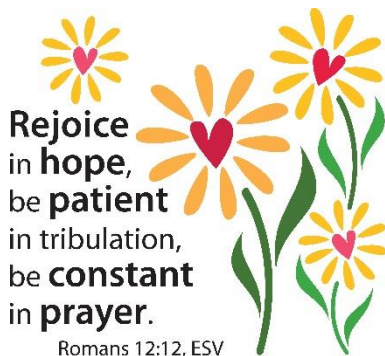
## **ZOOM WORSHIP by Phone**

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP BY PC  
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**Rejoice**  
in **hope**,  
be **patient**  
in tribulation,  
be **constant**  
in **prayer**.

Romans 12:12, ESV

## **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	\$202,544
YTD Actual Giving	\$195,093

## **Speak Life. Love. Hope.**

8/8/21 Message by Pastor Tamie

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

### *Speak Life*

On January 19, 2015, 14-year old John Smith and his two friends are hanging out together. It's January in St. Charles, Missouri, so everything is snow covered and frozen. The three boys decide to fool around on frozen Lake St. Louise. Suddenly, the ice breaks open and all three boys fall into the frigid waters. One boy is able to climb out of the waters, and the other

is quickly rescued. John, on the other hand, is trapped beneath the ice and sinks to the bottom of the lake. He remains in these icy waters for 15 minutes before finally being rescued by a first responder.

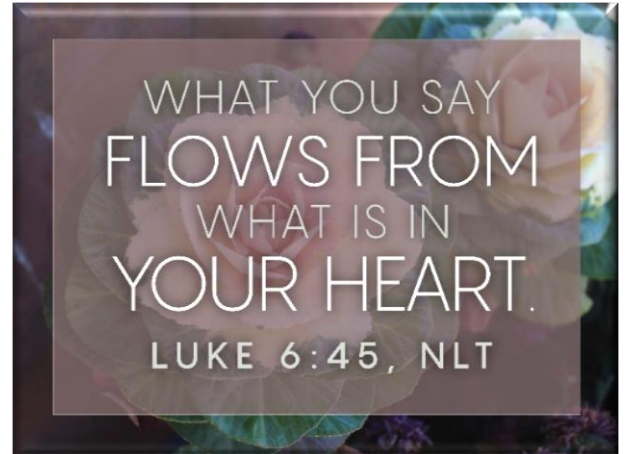
As you can imagine, his body is cold and lifeless. For forty-three minutes doctors administer CPR without success. Before Doctor Kent Sutterer can tell John's mother, Joyce, that he is dead, she bolts into his room and prays a bold prayer over his body: "Holy Spirit, please come and give me back my son!" According to witnesses, her son's heart begins beating immediately. Joyce witnesses to People magazine, "I have always believed that God's going to do what he says he does because I've seen it all my life. But this is like the Oscars of faith. The very moment that I needed God, he was there instantly. And when John's heartbeat started right up it was like, 'Thank you, Lord, for being so merciful for me,' which just set my faith forever in bedrock."

While there is now a heartbeat, doctors remain cautious about John's future recovery and wonder about the permanent damage that may have occurred due to the length of time his body has been unresponsive. Joyce, on the other hand, remains hopeful.

In fact, she challenges everyone in the hospital, those visiting, and those in the community to do only one thing: speak life. She demands that only words and prayers of life should be spoken over and about John at all times. Speak life.

Within forty-eight hours of his rescue, John awakens and answers questions. Within three weeks of entering the hospital lifeless, John walks out of the hospital on his own feet. Within several weeks, John is discharged from outpatient therapy and continues on with his typical teenage life. For Joyce, this is reflective of the power of the Word, Jesus Christ. *Speak life.*

Today we hear similar words of encouragement from the Letter of the Ephesians. This message of faithful living follows a descriptive transformation of those who have been baptized into the community of faith followers. Their former way of living is put away and a new self lives within their spirit. There are rules for living in this new life that sounds a little like a list.



More  
tags  
are  
now  
available!



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's tag from the "Birthday Giving Tree" located in the narthex and shop for them. 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 the 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 the 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 the birthday, so that there will be time to deliver it.

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

Ultimately, it is framed around one central idea: speak the truth in love. The very first thing engaged in faithful living in the community is the power and influence of our words. I think Joyce has read Ephesians. I think Joyce understands the power of *speaking life, love, and hope*.

### *Speak Love*

This isn't the first time the letter addresses the topic of speech. In fact, last week it was modeled by words spoken in love: we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ. The letter concludes requesting prayers - words of life, love and hope - that the message received may be bold and spoken - with words of life, love, and hope - to share the mystery of the gospel. Words matter. The words themselves and the spirit in which they are spoken matter.

Let's notice this real important acknowledgement: be angry. There's no denying the feelings that naturally bubble up in us. There's no denying the hurt and frustration and grief and anger. Instead, be angry but do not sin. Sin by definition means a separation of yourself from God and others. Do not let the sun go down on your anger; do not let evil creep in. These are words I needed to hear this week. Yes, I've been hurtful with my words. Yes, I've heard hurtful words spoken about me and to me. A good friend of mine says that we are responsible for what falls out of our mouths. That's so true. The reason why words "fall out" is because of what lives in our hearts. It's the build up of all that anger and hurt and fear that we let the sun go down on; it's the running dialogue in our minds that circles itself and never constructively shapes itself to share in an appropriate way with the person to whom you should say it. When the words suddenly fall out, they are ugly or harmful or unproductive.

It's a challenge to live true to the truth while simultaneously living in a community of diversity. It's a challenge to speak the truth, especially since we can't predict the reception of our words. It's a challenge to live with our pains and worries and fears and yet expect to concern ourselves with other people's truths. When we engage speaking truth, we enter into a relationship in which we not only speak the truth but we also need to hear the truth. Sometimes we are afraid of the truth; sometimes we don't want to hear what the other person has to say because we regard our truth as the only one; sometimes we doubt our own truth or self-worth. These are just some of the reasons why so many people choose silence or slandering or gossiping. We leave room for evil to move in.

In a community, especially one of diversity with its heart set on the unity in the spirit of the bond of peace, words matter. The words themselves and the spirit in which they are spoken matter. Listen to this powerful description of the words when we

speak truth. I will pause after each to let them sink in: useful for building up; only as needed; giving grace to everyone who will hear it. In this spirit, words are spoken in love. Such words enhance relationships and intentionally enrich the community. My dearest friend is the one who is both my greatest cheerleader and the one who offers me the most honest, constructive feedback. We must speak the truth; and we must speak the truth for the purpose of giving life and in the spirit of love.

### *Speak Hope*

This week I was given the incredible gift to attend the annual Global Leadership Summit with guest speakers like Michelle Poler who conquered her 100-day challenge without fear, Jerry Lorenzo, founder of the luxury streetwear label Fear of God, and Malcolm Gladwell, author of books such as *The Tipping Point* and *David and Goliath*. It was essentially two days of drinking from a firehose of empowering messages, innovation, and inspiration. In the midst of all of these incredible messages was a continuous layer of recognizing the current mental fragility of our country. According to Dr. Henry Cloud, the typical percentage of people who are diagnosable with mental health problems is 15 to 17%. Today 40% of all people have a diagnosable mental health concern. He emphasizes that these are not extreme cases but certainly ones requiring attention and healing. We are a people who have just lived through a complete stop of the world as we know it and witnessed a ravaging disease, death, and social and political division and unrest. This is the truth of the reality that continues. It has not ended. Today we need to be more vigilant in recognizing the fragility, exhaustion, and anxiety of everyone around us.

Pastor Rich Wilkerson Jr. of Vows Church in Miami says that a bold legacy doesn't happen by accident; it happens in the grit and grind of life. The grind is laborious, and almost all you do goes uncelebrated. The key to living in the grind is to rename it. Create an identity that defines a life-giving purpose to it and inspires hope. Words matter. If you are without a job, it's a season of providence where God is providing all you need. If you are lonely, it's a season of self-discovery. If your life isn't how you want it to be, consider it a season of preparation. What we are doing today is always for tomorrow. He asserts, "God won't multiply what you refuse to maximize." When we reframe the grind, we see it differently. We embrace the gift of life we have been given by God and create a mindset of gratitude. Words matter. With words, we speak hope into places that might otherwise descend to despair.

Friends, we are a church being made new, not by choice but by the circumstances of the pandemic. The old is passing away. How we speak in this season of transformation - to each other, about Calvary Church and its ministry, and in our everyday



lives with our families, neighbors, and the greater world - matters. Our words, spoken or dwelling in our hearts, matter. In a season of sowing seeds, we must tend the garden with kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. Let us nurture our gratitude as we spot the fruit, pull the weeds, and prune that which is not life-giving. Ephesians says, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved Children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (5:1-2). The words we choose can either be life giving or they can drain life. Our words today will influence our tomorrow. Just as Joyce insists, it doesn't matter whether other people can hear it or not; the language of our hearts must constantly pour out life, overflow with love, and be a beacon of hope. Speak life. Speak love. Speak hope.

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## FROM the Director of Christian Ed.

Anyone desiring to teach or volunteer with children, youth and/or vulnerable persons must have his/her proper clearances (PA Criminal Clearance and PA Child Abuse Clearance). The information below will allow you access to the online sources to complete the necessary applications for these clearances. The cost will be paid for by the church.

### PA Criminal Background Check:

<https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

Click on the link for New Record Check  
*Volunteers Only*

### PA Child Abuse check:

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>

Click on Individual login or create new account if you don't have one.

If you have current clearances, please provide a copy of each to the church. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Director of Christian Education, Matthew Davis at [christianed.calvmohn@gmail.com](mailto:christianed.calvmohn@gmail.com) or call his cell phone at 717-917-5342.



Teaching  
is a work of  
heart.