



1 W. Wyomissing Ave., Mohnton, PA 19540

June 16th, 2024 – June 22nd, 2024

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Summer Worship: 9AM

*Connect with God.
Connect with each other.
Connect with the community.*



On Sunday, June 30th, join us in showing our appreciation for Pastor Matthew and his family during our 9:00AM summer worship service. There will be a fellowship hour to celebrate his many ministries at Calvary and to also celebrate his opportunity to serve God in this new role.

Greater Than Series: WE > ME

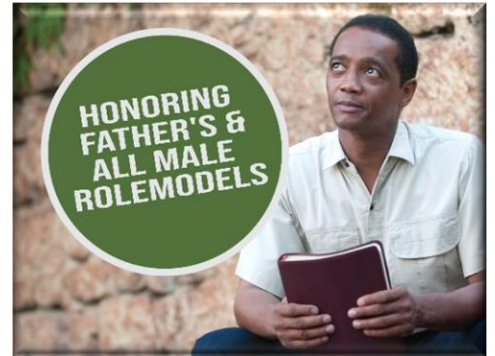
Pastor Nova's Sermon from 6/9/24; Scripture: Acts 2:14-18

If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.
~ Robin Jones Gunn

Acts 2:14-18 talks about what happens when the Holy Spirit is poured out on the diverse group of believers in Jerusalem at Pentecost. Men and women of all ages and social classes had visions and dreams (verses 17-18). Together, they had a vision greater than what they could have alone. Even though they spoke different languages and came from different walks of life, the Spirit enabled them to understand each other and be united in their vision for community. Onlookers were surprised. They thought the people were drunk. Such big, bold dreams wouldn't make sense to everyone, but in the end, 3,000 people were baptized. The dream is *led* by the Holy Spirit, who works *through* the community. More and more different kinds of people catch the dream and become inspired.

I remember when we were preparing to start the 40-day walk on July 11, 2023, as well as the 40-day prayer challenge last Lent. At first, we wondered if we could finish our goal. But because we were together, we were able to accomplish walking the whole township of Mohnton and reading Mark Batterson's book, *Draw the Circle—40-day prayer Challenge*. **We > Me**. Last Lent, I tried to do the 40-day prayer walk, but because I was alone. Again, I was not successful. **We > Me**.

Acts 2:17 says: I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT: your sons and daughters will prophesy.
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June 16th, 2024

Father's Day

9:00AM Worship

**Greater Than Series:
Possibility > Status Quo**
Pastor Nova preaching

The summer worship is available via
livestream through Calvary's
website homepage.

Go to: calvaryumcmohnton.org or

**CTRL + CLICK HERE
SUNDAY LIVESTREAM**





Climb aboard for mountains of fun at
Rocky Railway!
 On this faith-filled adventure, kids
 discover that trusting Jesus pulls
 them through life's ups and downs.

Mark Your Calendar Now!

(Ages 3 yrs. – 5th Grade)

Vacation Bible School

June 17th – 21st from 6 – 8PM

@ Mohnton Playground (June 17-20)
 Closing day, June 21st, at Zion E.C.C.

Questions? Please call or text
 Pastor Matthew @ 717-917-5342



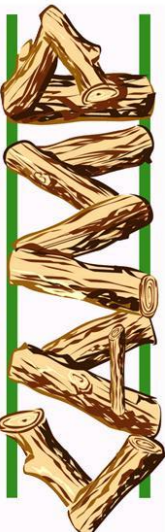
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- 16 – Sara Erb
 113 Pennypacker Rd.
 Mohnton, PA 19540
- 18 – Zachary Jones
 101 Mesa Dr.
 Reading, PA 19608
- 18 – Elizabeth Davis
 337 Pamela Lane
 Lebanon, PA 17042
- 19 - Nicole Thomas
 12 N. Church St.
 Mohnton, PA 19540
- 22 – Chuck Wills
 135 Hartz Store Rd.
 Mohnton, PA 19540

This Sunday, June 16th,
 Kristine Adams, wife of
 David and daughter-in-
 law of Jim & Carol Adams,
 will give her reflections
 on the 2024 General
 Conference which she
 attended as a Lay
 Delegate in April & May.

SUMMER CHURCH



The Eastern PA Conference offers four camping locations with a wonderful myriad of camping themes. **NOW** is the time to be looking over the various websites to check out their electronic brochures and registration areas. **NOW** is the time to start talking to your brothers, sisters, and friends about experiencing a camp adventure this summer!

Partial scholarship funds are available through Calvary Church (one scholarship per child per season). If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Matthew at 717-917-5342 or christianed.calvmohn@gmail.com.

Below are the links to each of the camps: (Ctrl + Click)

[Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center](#)

[Innabah Camp & Retreat Center](#)

[Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center](#)

[Carson Simpson Farm Christian Camp](#)

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Prophecy means: 1) Declaring God's message of hope and love; 2) Denouncing the evil in society; standing up for what you think Jesus will do; and 3) Disclosing judgment for those who are not willing to repent.

I remember when I was studying for my Master of Divinity at Drew University. At first, I was having a difficult time with all the reading and paperwork. I could not submit all my papers on time. There were nights I cried and pitied myself. Then I met my friends, Betsy, Dan, Felix, and Hyunmin, who became my study buddies. Studying with them, I understood the lessons well and wrote papers on time. My grades even improved! **WE > ME**.

While at Drew, I learned the word UBUNTU, which means "I am because you are." According to Desmond Tutu: *Ubuntu is very difficult to render into a Western language. It speaks of the very essence of being human... you are generous, you are hospitable, you are friendly and caring and compassionate. You share what you have.* It is to say: "My humanity is inextricably bound up in yours. We belong in a bundle of life."

"Togetherness is oneness, not sameness. A theology of the unity of the Church understands that unity does not mean homogeneity. God is diverse and brings us together from different parts of the world" (National Association of Evangelicals)

In today's world, it is almost impossible for families to get together. We are extremely mobile, living great distances apart, and our busy schedules give us little quality time when we gather together. People are in a hurry, moving in a hundred different directions. Consequently, people feel lonely, are missing joy, and, perhaps, feel that life has no purpose.

What happened at Pentecost resulted from the faithful being "together in one place." Today, we praise God for the achievements of our graduates and recognize that God poured out His Spirit upon them to change the world.

WE > ME *Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.* ~Nelson Mandela

Ultimately, togetherness gives us the strength and support we need to succeed. It allows us to come together and accomplish great things that would otherwise be impossible.

It always seems impossible until it is done. ~ Nelson Mandela **We > Me**

God makes the same promise to us as to those gathered² at Pentecost—that when we follow Jesus together, we will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit inspires our dreams and unifies our vision. Our goal is 206 (in attendance on a Sunday morning) by 2026. As a church, we can accomplish a lot if we are together. **We > Me**. Together with God's Spirit, we can do it.

To the graduates, always remember that you graduated not only because of your hard work but also because of the support of those who love and pray for your success. Go and change the World! God is with you. And always remember: **WE > ME**.



Reading Phils Ticket Sale

Come enjoy some great baseball, fireworks, BBQ, and more! Fun for the whole family!

Fundraiser for the Calvary UMC
India Mission Team

\$45 for a book of 6 tickets.

Tickets are good all season.
That's only \$7.50 a ticket...\$12
at the gate!

Please see Pastor Nova or contact
the church office @ 610-777-
8441 for tickets.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP EVENT

**COME JOIN FELLOW CHRISTIANS AT OUR 16TH
SUMMER DAY OF WORSHIP, ENTERTAINMENT
AND FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY JUNE 23rd AT THE
MOHNTON MEMORIAL PARK
[Zion E.C. Church if inclement weather]**

- ❑ Worship service at 10:30 AM (Main Pavilion) –
- ❑ Featured speaker Rev. Rachel Dietz (see Bio)
- ❑ Covered dish picnic w/pulled pork Bar-BQ at noon
- ❑ Fellowship time

Sponsored jointly by:

**Calvary United Methodist Church
New Life Church of Shillington
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Zion Evangelical Congregational Church**

**Church participants are invited to bring a covered dish (preferred) and /
or a dessert to share. Those concerned about sharing food are invited
to bring a picnic lunch for their family. Don't forget your lawn chairs.**

Pastor Rachael Dietz

Executive Associate of the Bishop for Leadership



Born and raised in Richmond, VA, I graduated from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA with a public policy/economics degree. After a year of itinerant youth ministry in the Midwest and 18 months as an inventory analyst, I admitted that the rustling in my gut wasn't indigestion but a call to sacramental service in the Church. I went to Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC, where I got schooled in the ways of shrimp and grits, scripture, theology, pastoral care, and Friday night cookouts.

Since ordination, I've served St. James Lutheran Church, Hobbie (near Wilkes-Barre) and St. John Lutheran, Mohnton. I loved living and working in Mohnton! In 2021, the newly elected Bishop, Christopher deForest, called me to serve on the Northeastern PA staff. After 18 years as a pastor, I'm still gobsmacked that I get the privilege to be about what God is up to in the world—to point out Jesus, crucified and risen.

I cheer for the Steelers and Packers passionately, stretch daily, knit methodically, and travel through life curiously with my service dog, Chipotle. I've been married to Travis Woodfield for almost 11 years now. Ask him to do a magic trick for you at the picnic!

And now about **SSD Chipotle** ...

Chipotle is Pastor Dietz' 4-year-old black Labrador from Susquehanna Service Dogs (SSD), near Harrisburg, PA. He was born in June 2020 as part of the "Caliente" themed litter. After waiting 4 years and speed dating over a dozen dogs, Chipotle and Rachael became a team in July 2022.

He helps her with balance and mobility tasks such as: retrieving dropped items, providing a brace up and down curbs, pushing automatic door buttons, fetching her cane from anywhere in the house, taking off her socks, and more! When he's not working, he loves playing ball and sleeping on the couch.

Want to help with his training? The best thing you can do is ignore him!

Want to know more about him—or service dogs in general? Ask.

<http://www.facebook.com/dogfordietz>