



1 W. Wyomissing Ave., Mohnton, PA 19540

June 30th, 2024 – July 7th, 2024

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Summer Worship: 9AM

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



This 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 afterward.



June 30th, 2024

*Farewell Pastor Matthew,
Elizabeth, Aiden, & Maya*

9:00AM

Pastor Matthew preaching

The service will be followed by a time of fellowship, with light refreshments, to greet the Davis family and personally wish them well.

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

Go to: calvaryumcmohnton.org or click on the link below.

**CTRL + CLICK HERE
SUNDAY LIVESTREAM**

Ticket Sales

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

Calvary India Mission Team Fundraiser
\$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.

**Support GSM
Mission**



Mifflin Food Ministry is collecting school supplies (**needed by Aug. 11**): Extra-large bookbags (sufficient smaller sizes are on hand), two pocket folders, spiral notebooks, pocket size tissues, pink erasers, pencil top erasers, glue sticks, highlighters, colored pencils, markers, and Sharpies.

Drop off donations in the gray bin in the Gathering Area.

Items will be distributed to school-age kids on Saturday, August 17th.

School will start on August 19th.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 - John Rowe
1411 Farm Crest Drive
Ephrata, PA 17522
- 05 - Jane Smith
36 Gale Rd.
Camp Hill, PA 17011
- 06 - Cheryl Varano
17 Woodland Manor Dr.
Mohnton, PA 19540



Happy Birthday to Calvary Church!

By Bob Werner

This year our church and parsonage buildings turn 93 years old! Built during some of the most perilous economic times our country has faced, The Great Depression, they have weathered many storms, provided a home for the families of 12 pastors, and welcomed thousands to worship within the beautiful and comfortable confines of our church over those many years. As with any 93-year-old structure, regular maintenance is essential to keep the buildings looking good and functioning well. Fortunately, we have been blessed with good stewardship of our resources by our Boards of Trustees during the long history of our buildings. Their foresight, hard work, and efficiency have proved invaluable to the care of our structures.

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Food Items Needed for July Food Ministry Distribution

CANNED PEACHES, CANNED CHICKEN BREAST, SPAM, CANNED SALMON, TUNA, RICE -A-RONI (or similar product), 100% JUICE, CANNED MANDARIN ORANGES, and CANNED FRUIT COCKTAIL

In addition to food items, the MCFM is always in need of volunteers! One hundred boxes of food will be prepared. On Saturday, July 20th, it would be helpful if volunteers could be at Zion E.C. Church (N. Church & Summit St., Mohnton) as close to 8:30AM. Then when the distribution is done at about 11:30, help will be needed for clean-up.

2020 General Conference Recap

by Kristine Adams, Reserve Delegate General Conference, Lay Delegate for Northeastern Jurisdiction

The 2020 General Conference, held in 2024 due to the pandemic, was in Charlotte, NC. Conference occurred over two weeks at the end of April and beginning of May. About 800 delegates from around the world attended.

Many words used to describe the conference were: amazing, grateful, liberating, enlightening, hopeful, victorious, inclusive, spirit-filled, historic, unity, joyful, prayerful, praise and worship. My word for the conference is intentional. Everything that was done there was done with intention, with a purpose. My fellow reserve delegate and myself were able to be on the floor and vote for a few sessions when we needed to fill in for others who needed to step away. It was exciting to be able to cast a vote, use my voice in a way, to make a change in the denomination.

The Eastern PA delegation team consisted of 5 clergy – Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm, Rev. Dr. Lydia Munoz, Rev. Johnson Dodla, Rev. Robin Hynecka, Rev. Edward Cameron (reserve) and 5 lay people – Judy Ehninger, Lenora Thompson, David Koch, Clarita Krall, Kristine Adams (reserve).

Regionalization passed at General Conference with at least 2/3 of the votes. Regionalization provides for contextualization ministry and mission throughout the church. The US will become a regional conference. Central Conferences already have the ability to adjust their ministry to their specific context. Allows each region of the church to make decisions that will best support outreach and ministry efforts in their specific setting. Regionalization plan will require amending the UM Constitution. The amendment needs to be ratified by annual conferences – 2/3 of the total voting members of all the annual conferences combined. The process can take till 2026. Eastern PA Conference will most likely vote on it at next year's Annual Conference.

The UM Social Principles has been revised. It was a 12-year project that over 4000 United Methodists participated in. The harmful language regarding homosexuality not being compatible with Christian teaching has been removed. The principles have been divided into 4 sections: community of all creation, economic community, social community and political community. Language has also been added to defining sexual ethics.

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People in a sexual relationship “agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, integrity in all personal relationships, social responsibility, and faithful sexual intimacy expressed through fidelity, monogamy, commitment, mutual affection and respect, careful and honest communication, mutual consent, and growth in grace and in the knowledge and love of God.”

Marriage between two LGBTQ persons is now allowed in the denomination as well as the ordination of LGBTQ+ persons. Local churches have been given the freedom to decide if they are open to a marriage in their church. The pastor can agree to marry a couple but if the Board of Trustees decides they do not want such a wedding take place on property, then the pastor can still perform the ceremony, but it needs to be held off property. LGBTQ persons are now allowed to be ordained. Boards of Ordained Ministry will make decisions on the fitness, readiness, and effectiveness of clergy.

Conference delegates voted to be in full communion with the Episcopal Church as well as the Moravians North and South.

It was wonderful to see Missionaries, Deaconesses and Home Missioners commissioned for service. Deaconesses and Home Missioners function through diverse forms of service directed toward the world to make Jesus Christ known in the fullness of his ministry and mission, which mandate that his followers: alleviate suffering, eradicate causes of injustice and all that robs life of dignity and worth, facilitate the development of full human potential, share in the building global community through the church universal. The budget for the next quadrennium, 2025-2028, is \$370 million. This is a 38% reduction from the budget adopted in 2016. Some of the agencies included in the budget are Africa University, Black College Fund, Episcopal Fund, General Administration Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, and World Service Fund. The various categories in the budget are: Education (largest piece), Episcopal Leadership & Ecumenical Ministries, Global missions, Communication, Justice initiatives, Discipleship, Finance and administration and Intra-church needs.

The new clergy pension program, COMPASS, will take effective January 1, 2026. The program will be operated by ~ 3 ~

WesPath. The current defined benefit program will be replaced by a defined contribution program. To learn more about it you can visit www.wespath.org/about-wespath/general-conference.

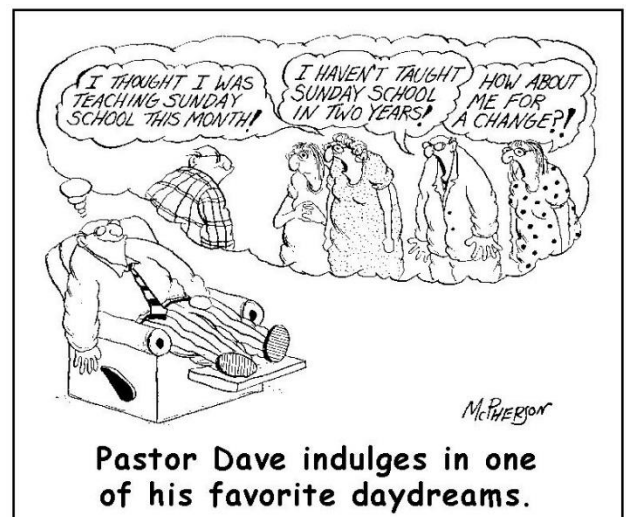
Deacons are considered clergy in The United Methodist Church and are ordained for ministries of word, service, compassion and justice — serving as a bridge between the church and the world. An amendment allowing deacons sacramental authority was passed as well. What this means is that deacons can now offer Holy Communion and conduct baptisms where they have been appointed to serve, whether that is a church, outreach ministry or mission.

Bishops and episcopal assignments were a big topic for General Conference. With the budget cuts we weren't sure what would happen to the number of bishops. Africa will receive two additional bishops. The United States will now have 32 bishops for the next quadrennium. Calvary is part of Eastern PA Conference which is part of the Northeast Jurisdiction. Northeast Jurisdiction will have 6 episcopal assignments. This means that most conferences will share a bishop. Currently Eastern PA and Greater New Jersey conferences share a bishop. For the first time, bishops may be transferred to other jurisdictions.

If you'd like to learn more about all that happened at General Conference then check out www.resourceumc.org. It is a wonderful resource for all the decisions made.

There will be a Northeast Jurisdiction Conference July 8-12 in Pittsburgh.

It was an honor to attend General Conference and to bear witness to so many historical decisions.



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On September 4, we will be solving one aspect of a long-standing problem of heat leakage in the parsonage. Specifically, 3 inches of foam insulation will be applied to the walls and ceiling of the parsonage attic, stopping the heat loss which has resulted in excessive gas and oil costs through the years. After much thought and consultation with professionals, this procedure has been deemed the most cost effective with the shortest payback period.

The Stewardship, Finance, and Trustee committees are asking the congregation to support a special fund-raising initiative to make this project possible. 25% of the total cost has already been covered, so our goal is to raise the remaining \$9000 to pay for this essential operation. Please don't let this special project affect your regular giving, as we need to also continue our outreach, staffing, and regular maintenance funding. Our hope is to reach the \$9000 goal by Sunday August 18th.

Please send your checks to the church office or place in the Sunday worship offering plate with the notation "parsonage project" on the memo line. We look forward to keeping Pastor Nova and her family warm this winter through your generosity and kindness.

P.S. We will apply any excess contributions to our budget funding which, as usual for this time of year, is in a deficit situation.



In Memory of

An anonymous contribution was made to the Terry Leatherman (former member) Golf Fundraiser for the St. Francis House, with Calvary's name placed in the tournament program and on a sign. Some members of Calvary played in the tournament in Terry's memory.

Terry's name was also mentioned during Calvary's tournament, which was held on June 26th.

