



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

## Where is Your Mission?

1/19/25 Sermon by Pastor Nova; Scripture: John 2:1-11

Today, we're diving into the story of Jesus' first miracle—turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana. But I want us to look at it through the lens of a question: **Where is your mission field?** Let's explore this together through three themes: **Water, Teamwork, and Social Presence.**

### 1. Water: The Essential Ingredient

Water is fundamental to life. When we went to India, everybody was telling me to drink water, "Doc" Darlene, "Pastor" Mark and Hollywood star, Doug, were my water police, because I sweat a lot and I would have a headache, that means I'm dehydrated. You cannot just drink water in India, it is a place where they don't have enough clean water, because water that comes from the well absorbs the dirt from the ground. When we arrived here in Mohnton, I checked the plants and saw that they were almost dead and crying out for hydration. But after giving it some water, the next morning, it stood tall, vibrant, and full of life. A little hydration made all the difference.

In our story, the water jars at the wedding were originally meant for purification—a serious, sacred purpose. But Jesus repurposed that water into wine, a symbol of celebration, love, joy, family, and relationships—a new way to bring life and connection to the gathering.

### What resources in your life might God be calling you to repurpose?

- Maybe it's your **time**—something you usually dedicate to one activity could be redirected to serve someone in need.
- Perhaps it's a **skill** you've always thought was "just a hobby." Could it be used to bless your church or community?
- Or maybe it's even a **space**, like your home, that could be transformed into a place for ministry or fellowship.

### **How can you bring "water" to the withered areas in your mission field?**

Imagine you're like a bottle of water. Who around you is spiritually dehydrated? Maybe it's a colleague, a family member, or even someone sitting near you in the church. It is your mission field. People who need encouragement, or are struggling with loneliness, and are going through a tough season. The resources you already have—time, talents, treasure, and even words—could be what God uses to bring renewal. Jesus transformed water into wine to bring joy to a celebration. He can transform our ordinary interactions into extraordinary opportunities to bring life to someone in need.

~ Sermon cont'd on pg. 3



January 26th, 2025

9:15AM ~ Sunday school

10:30AM ~ Traditional Service

Pastor Nova, preaching  
Scripture: Luke 4:14-21  
*What is Your Legacy?*

The 2025 Altar Flower chart is available for sponsors to sign up. Check your calendar to see which special occasion/person you'd like to honor or remember by sponsoring flowers to adorn the altar for Sunday worship.



## In It to Gather

**CALVARY SENIORS & FRIENDS  
MEETING FOR FELLOWSHIP,  
LEARNING, & FUN!**

On Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>,  
Calvary seniors (and friends)  
are invited to attend an "In It  
to Gather" event at Calvary in  
the Chapel beginning at 12PM.

◆ Lunch will be provided.

◆ A local historian will talk  
about Berks County history,  
specifically its settlement,  
local Indians, and the French  
and Indian war in this area.

◆ A fun activity after the  
speaker to conclude the  
afternoon.

**PLEASE RSVP** TO THE  
CHURCH OFFICE (610-777-8441)  
ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>, IF  
YOU'D LIKE TO ATTEND.



- 26 – Anthony Maniaci  
9 Bancroft Terrace  
Shillington, PA 19607
- 28 – Tegan Rhode  
133 Schearers Rd.  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608
- 31 – Linda Chandler  
5 Kenny Dr.  
Mohnton, PA 19540



- 01 – Joan Fisher  
320 Gelsinger Rd.  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608
- 01 – Jeff Stone  
1 N. Sandy Lane  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608
- 02 – Marlowe Martin  
19 E. Fairview Street  
Mohnton, PA 19540



**CHURCH STAFF OPENING:** Janet  
Dearstyne will be retiring March 31, 2025.

We are looking to hire someone for the role of  
Administrative Assistant to begin on  
March 1st. This will allow a period of transition.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more  
about this opportunity, please contact Michelle Tomczak,  
SPRC Chair, at 484-650-0223. The job description is  
posted on the bulletin board near the end of the main  
hallway, by the restrooms.

*I am so appreciative for all  
the prayers lifted to the  
Lord by members and  
friends of Calvary on my  
behalf during my recent  
hospitalization. I was  
much sicker than I thought,  
and your prayers brought  
me through. ~Lisa*

~Sermon, cont'd from pg. 1

## 2. Teamwork: Working Together for a Miracle

Have you ever noticed how nothing big gets done without teamwork?

At the wedding, Jesus didn't perform the miracle alone. He gave instructions, and the servants obeyed. They worked together to fill the jars with water, even though it might have seemed pointless at the time. But because they followed His lead, they witnessed the miracle firsthand.

When we were in India, eight of us had a great time getting to know each other better. I noticed that we all had different gifts and experiences to offer. Yet we tried our best to support each other. For example, we were not singers, yet we all stood and supported Mr. Doug in singing praise songs. They were not pastors, yet when people needed prayers, they would step up and pray for people.

### **Our mission field isn't a solo act; it's a team effort.**

Who are our teammates in life and ministry? Are we listening to Jesus' instructions together? Our family, church, or small group might be the team God has placed in our mission field. Like the servants, our obedience—no matter how small—can create space for miracles.

## 3. Social Presence: Being Fully Present

Let's talk about something we all struggle with...**being present**. Imagine you're at dinner with friends, but instead of enjoying the moment, half the table is scrolling on their phones. Or maybe you're thinking about yesterday's problems or tomorrow's to-do list while someone's sharing their heart.

Jesus was fully present at that wedding in Cana. He noticed the need and acted on it. That's what being present in your mission field looks like. Being present where God put you. *Communicate with people around you, see the need, see all the people.*

### **Our mission field is where God has placed us right now.**

Whether it's our workplace, neighborhood, or church, God calls us to "see all the people." This idea, rooted in United Methodist traditions, challenges us to reach beyond our comfort zones and truly engage with those around us. Who needs our attention today? Who needs our smile, our listening ear, or our willingness to step into their life and offer hope?

### **So, friends, where is your mission field?**

- It's in the parched souls that need refreshment.
- It's in the team God has placed around you.
- It's in being present where you are right now.

As we go into this week, let's commit to seeing our mission field with fresh eyes. Like the servants at Cana, let's follow Jesus' lead, work together, and be fully present. And who knows? Maybe God will use us to bring joy, transformation, and celebration to someone's life, and we can meet or exceed our goal of 206 (attendance on Sunday mornings) by 2026.

This is our challenge... again I ask, "Where is your mission field?" In the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

"Let's Talk About It" Thursday AM Bible Study  
Meetings postponed during the winter months;  
will restart sometime in March.

New Member's Class – Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> after  
worship; pizza lunch provided  
New Member's Join – Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> during  
the 10:30AM service

Restarting the "Not by Choice"  
Widow/Widower Group  
...but ALL ARE INVITED!

First lunch get-together will be  
Feb. 19, 2025 ~ 11:30AM at  
LongHorn Steakhouse, Wyomissing

RSVP to Linda Chandler  
484-269-8200





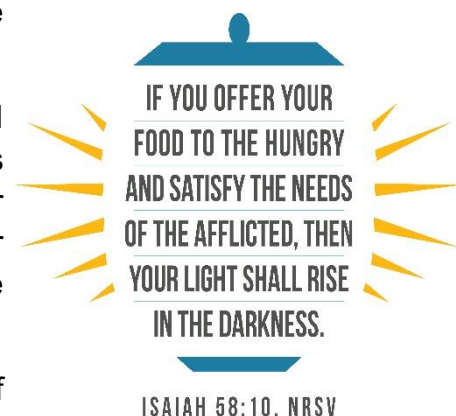
February 9th is a BIG day for many sports lovers; it's SUPER BOWL SUNDAY. However, it's also a very BIG day for everyone to team up together and participate in the SOUPER BOWL OF CARING! What a great opportunity to be part of a nationwide effort to collect much needed food to help those less fortunate.

Our local food bank, the Mifflin Community Food Ministry (MCFM), is asking all Mohnton congregations to participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring by **donating canned food items with a \$1 bill rubber-banded around them.**

The money will be used to purchase additional food items that are in short supply when the ministry leaders/volunteers prepare for the monthly food distribution day (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month).

Through Sunday, February 9th, a collection point for canned goods will be available in the Gathering Area, as you enter the side glass doors off the parking lot. Large soup pots will be the receiving containers for your donations. Each Sunday, from now to the Super Bowl, let's do our very best to FILL those soup pots to OVERFLOWING! The needs are great, so the donations should be extravagant! Above and beyond!

We want Calvary's collection of food to match the generous hearts of our church family (& friends). Please prayerfully consider bringing a canned food item (w/ a \$1 bill rubber banded around it) EACH SUNDAY.



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