



1 W. Wyomissing Ave., Mohnton, PA 19540

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 2025

[www.calvaryumcmohnton.org](http://www.calvaryumcmohnton.org)

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

Calendar of Events Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>

Office hours: Monday, Wednesday - Friday 7:30-1:30  
Tuesday 9-3

### ACTIVITIES NEXT WEEK AND BEYOND

NOV. 30, TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:30AM

9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - ALL AGES

10:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP ~FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT~

DEC. 1 - CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING @ 7PM AT CALVARY UMC

DEC. 2 - WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP @ 9AM AT CALVARY UMC

DEC. 3 - MONTHLY CLERGY MEETING @ 9AM AT CALVARY UMC

DEC. 6 - MOHNTON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FROM 6-8PM @ THE MOHNTON PARK

DEC. 7 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:30AM W/COMMUNION

9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - ALL AGES

10:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

### LOOKING AHEAD – WORSHIP SERIES

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|---------|--|
| NOV. 30 | HOW CAN WE HAVE HOPE IN A SEASON OF UNANSWERED PRAYER? HOW DO THE PROMISES OF GOD HELP US CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD EVEN WHEN THINGS DO NOT WORK AS WE WISH FOR THEM? |
| DEC. 7  | WHAT SITUATIONS HAVE YOU, OR THE PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE FACED? HOW HAS THIS AFFECTED YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH AND UNDERSTANDING OF GOD?                                   |
| DEC. 14 | HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN A SITUATION WHERE WHAT YOU SENSED GOD CALLING YOU TO DO WAS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT SOCIETY OR YOUR SOCIAL GROUP WOULD HAVE DICTATED?              |

**All members are invited to attend  
the Special Charge Conference:**



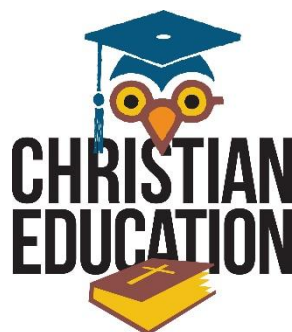
Calvary United Methodist Church (Mohnton) will hold a Special Charge Conference on Monday, December 1, at 7:00 PM during the regularly scheduled Church Council meeting

# ADVENT READINGS

**"Let's Talk About It"**  
Advent Study  
Using Adam  
Hamilton's "Faithful"  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
@ 10:30AM and 6PM

- Dec. 2
- Dec. 4
- Dec. 9
- Dec. 11
- Dec. 16
- Dec. 18
- Dec. 23

For more information  
about either bible study  
group, please contact  
Pastor Nova at  
[novavillavi@gmail.com](mailto:novavillavi@gmail.com)



**Sunday, Nov. 30**  
Thanksgiving Break  
No youth or kids club

**Sunday, Dec. 7**  
Kids club at 4pm

**Sunday, Dec. 14**  
Nova Adventure Park,  
time TBA

## **Recreational Bowling!**



Please join us for our non-competitive  
bowling group each Tuesday of the  
week at Berks Lanes. Practice begins at  
6:20PM.

All are invited, regardless of experience.  
Balls and shoes available! \$16 for 3  
games

You may join us anytime for 2 hours of  
social engagement! For any questions,  
call or text Bruce Morton at  
484-794-0744



30 – Diane Anderson  
35 Stewart Ave  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608



02 – Fred Fichthorn  
501 Meadow lane  
Reading, PA 19605

04 – Michele Pearson  
53 Shea Drive  
Mohnton, PA 19540

05 – Mirabelle Martin  
19 E. Fairview St  
Mohnton, PA 19540

05 – Daniel Hanley IV  
21 Main St, Apt 3  
Mohnton, PA 19540

06 – Eva Stone  
1 N. Sandy Lane  
Sinking Spring, PA  
19608

## **Calvary Christmas Card EXCHANGE**

- Calvary will continue our tradition of  
exchanging Christmas cards among our  
LOCAL church members and friends.  
(In the past, many cards have NOT  
been picked up; therefore, we ask that  
cards NOT be left at church for out-of-  
town members.)
- Bruce Morton will set up a drop-  
off/pick-up table in the narthex after  
Thanksgiving.
- Please alphabetize your cards.
- Cards addressed to local shut-ins will  
be delivered by a member of Calvary,  
but if you have time to hand deliver  
shut-in cards,  
you are encouraged and welcomed to  
do so.





# December 2025



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<b>Theme:</b> Letter: E, e Number: 11	<b>1 All Day</b> All day and School age students must sign up for care if needed. <b>9:00-12:00 Classes</b>	<b>2</b> Christmas Shop	<b>3</b> Christmas Shop	<b>4</b> Christmas Shop	<b>5</b> Christmas shop	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Theme:</b> Letter: D, d Number: 12	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Preschool & Pre-K Christmas Program. Doors open @ 6:00pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Theme:</b> Letter: C, c Number: 13	<b>15</b> Toasty from my head to my toes Wear Holiday Hats & Socks	<b>16</b> Grinch Day Wear green or Grinch wear	<b>17</b> Ugly Sweater Day Wear your Christmas Sweaters	<b>18</b> Polar Express Day & Rudolf visits Wear your warm Pajama's	<b>19</b> Christmas Hair don't Care Day Do up the do as Christmasy as you wish too	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Closed – No Classes	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Closed – No Classes	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 			



**POINSETTIA** — This shrub, native to Mexico, is at the heart of legend about a poor girl who wanted to bring Baby Jesus a gift one Christmas Eve. As she walked to church, she gathered a bouquet of weeds — which Jesus miraculously transformed into lovely red flowers. Thus the poinsettia (named for Joel Poinsett, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico who first brought the plant to America) is known in Mexico as la flor de la Nochebuena (flower of the Holy Night). The poinsettia is also an ideal Christmas symbol because its leaves turn red when deprived of sunlight and its flowers (the red inner buds) bloom in December.

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## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

A Reverse Advent Calendar is where you pick up one item a day to donate to the FOOD MIINSTRY and put it in a box. Most Advent Calendars are comprised of a series of doors or windows to open once per day, revealing a small chocolate, a picture, or a little gift for each day. The Reverse Advent Calendar turns this tradition around. Instead of receiving a gift, you participate by donating and "Giving" an item each day to the food bank. These calendars were marketed to assist children in counting down the days until Christmas. Thank you for opening your heart and giving to families in need in your local community.

December 1 – Box of Cereal	December 14 – Instant potatoes
December 2 – Peanut Butter	December 14 – Can of Mixed Veggies
December 3 – Canned Yams	December 16 – Can of peas
December 4 – Spaghetti Sauce	December 17 – Can of carrots
December 5 – Tuna Fish	December 18 – Can of green beans
December 6 – 100 % juice 64 oz. container	December 19 – Can of kidney beans
December 7 – Can of soup	December 20 – Can of baked beans
December 8 – Can of pineapple	December 21 – Canned chicken breasts
December 9 – Applesauce	December 22 – Canned salmon
December 10 – Can of peaches	December 23 – Can of diced tomatoes
December 11 – Can of ravioli	December 24 - Spam
December 12 – Mac and cheese	
December 13 – Can of mandarin oranges	

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING AND BEING A PART OF THIS  
PROJECT TO HELP BRIGHTEN SOMEONE ELSE'S CHRISTMAS THIS  
HOLIDAY SEASON**

## Special Christmas Gifts

A variety of gifts may be given in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Please indicate your choice(s) below. **All gifts must be received by Wednesday, December 17th.** Checks may be made payable to "Calvary UMC" with the gift designation in the memo section.

The dedications will be printed in the *Calvary Connection* edition just prior to Christmas Eve.

\_\_\_\_\_ A Poinsettia to adorn the sanctuary (\$12 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ GSM Christmas Program (\$12)

\_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Discretionary Fund (\$12)

\_\_\_\_\_ Community Dinner Church (\$12)

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth/Children's Fellowship (\$12)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Env. # \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your donation and dedication(s) to:

**Calvary UMC, Attn: Special Christmas Gift, 1 West Wyomissing Ave., Mohnton, PA 19540**

*The Wyomissing Band, Inc.*  
*Presents a free*  
*Christmas Concert*

*Sunday, December 14, 2025*  
*3 - 4:30 p.m.*

*Zion E.C. Church*  
*Church and Summit Streets*  
*Mohnton, PA 19540*

**Welcome  
Winter**





## Candles That Tell a Story



Lighting its candles each Sunday is a treasured tradition during the four weeks of Advent. Depending on denomination, churches use different color combinations for the candles. Some place four blue candles around the wreath with a white one in the center, while others use all white. Many light purple candles on the first two Sundays, pink on the third, purple again on the fourth, and then a large white candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Each part of the wreath carries symbolic meaning:

- **The wreath:** Its circular shape represents the everlasting love of God, having no beginning or end. The green symbolizes eternal life.
- **The four candles:** Mark the four weeks of Advent. One tradition says that each candle also represents 1,000 years totaling 4,000 years from Adam and Eve to Christ's birth.
- **Purple candles:** in ancient times, was expensive and was considered the color of royalty and kings. On Christmas, Christ is proclaimed King of Kings. Purple also symbolizes humility and penitence. The first purple candle represents Hope; the second, Peace; and the final purple candle, Love.
- **Blue candles:** Blue is another color often used as a symbol of royalty. Some churches use blue candles to symbolize the night sky and the anticipation of the announcement of Christ's birth. Blue also symbolizes the beginning of a new creation as in the waters of Genesis 1.
- **The pink candle:** Lit on the third Sunday, it represents Joy and marks the halfway point of Advent.
- **The white candle:** The large white candle in the center is the Christ candle. Its light symbolizes Christ the Savior — "the light of the world."

The Advent wreath is more than just greenery and candles—it's a symbol of watchfulness and growing joy as Christmas draws near.

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**SANTA CLAUS  
IS COMING TO MOHNTON!  
SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 6th**

After Santa's fire truck ride through Mohnton, he will head to the Mohnton playground for the annual holiday tree lighting. Santa will arrive about 6:00 pm. The Christmas Committee is also looking for candy or a monetary donation for the children.

**Please join us!** The tree lighting will begin with the singing of Christmas songs. Children are welcome to visit with Santa and share their Christmas wishes. *Complimentary hot chocolate will be served by the Mohnton Lions Club.*

ARE YOU LONELY, SAD, OR DISCONNECTED DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?  
WE SEE YOU AND WANT TO SUPPORT YOU.



**A Blue Christmas**

LESSONS OF  
HOPE AND HEALING  
A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS  
**DECEMBER 14 AT 3 PM**

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH  
1 CARLISLE AVE  
LINCOLN PARK, PA 19609

Service led by Minister Brenda Wallace  
Licensed Clinical Psychologist

A time to reflect, sing, recenter and renew your joy.

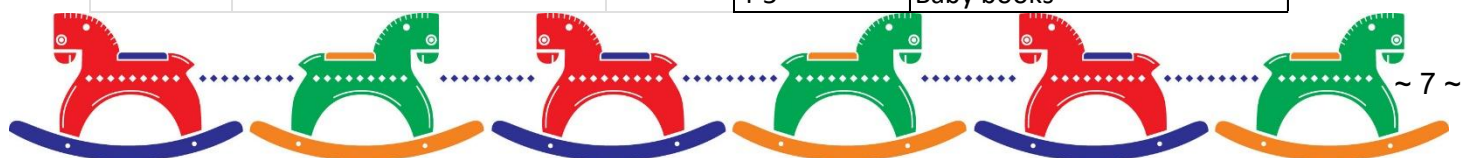
BRING A PHOTO OR MOMENTO IN MEMORY OF  
YOUR LOVED ONE OR SITUATION.

ALL ARE WELCOME!  
LITE REFRESHMENTS SERVED.

Calvary Care Early Learning Center does one fundraiser a year which is our Christmas shop! This year we need over 270 items to meet the needs of our little shoppers. We sell items from \$2.00-\$10.00, so we ask that you do not spend more than \$15 on any one item. With your donations, we hope to have a successful fundraiser this year. Please refer to the Giving Tree in the narthex for more info on how to donate! Thank you for your support!



Adult Female (Moms / Grandmoms/ Aunts)		Adult Male (Dads / Granddads/ Uncles)	
# Needed	Items suggestions	# Needed	Items suggestions
1-2	Cats	7-8	Outdoorsy things
2-3	Nails &/or hair items	5-6	Car's / car things
9-10	Coffee (box of k-cups / mugs)	7-8	Tools
9-10	Cooking / Baking	2-3	Golf
9-10	Reading	2-3	Grilling
12-13	Plants / flowers / Gardening	4-5	Fishing
5-6	Candles / wax warmers / wax melts	4-5	Hunting
3-4	Teacher items	4-5	Camping
6-7	Arts / crafts / scrapbooking	4-5	Eagles team stuff
1-2	Hummingbirds	4-5	Flyers team stuff
1-2	Butterflies	4-5	Phillies team stuff
1-2	Travel	5-6	Coffee (box of k-cups / mugs)
		2-3	Gloves
		2-3	Socks
Teen Female (Aunts/siblings/ cousins)		Teen Male (Uncles/siblings/ cousins)	
# Needed	Items suggestions	# Needed	Items suggestions
3-4	Skin care	2-3	Baseball
2-3	Nails &/or hair items	2-3	Soccer
2-3	Makeup / Makeup brush sets	2-3	Science
2-3	Volley Ball	2-3	Space
Female Child (Siblings/ cousins)		Male Child (Siblings/ cousins)	
# Needed	Items suggestions <u>Ages 3-10</u>	# Needed	Items suggestions <u>Ages 3-10</u>
5-6	Arts / Crafts / Coloring	2-3	Balls
3-4	Baby dolls	5-6	Cars
2-3	Bubbles	2-3	Superhero's
2-3	Paw Patrol items	5-6	Fidget toys
4-5	Blocks	2-3	Paw Patrol items
3-4	Disney Princess	2-3	Dinosaurs
		3-4	Drawing (drawing pad and pencil)
Female Infant/toddler (Siblings/ cousins)		Male Infant/toddler (Siblings/ cousins)	
# Needed	Items suggestions <u>Ages 0-3</u>	# Needed	Items suggestions <u>Ages 0-3</u>
4-5	Baby toy items	4-5	Baby toy items
4-5	Baby books	4-5	Baby books





## Remember to Send Holiday Cheer & Love to:

Please send these 1<sup>st</sup> class or hand deliver; do not place these in the Christmas card exchange.

Marlene Burkard  
2611 Cumberland Ave  
Reading, PA 19606

Michelle Daniels  
4106 Lynn Ave.  
Reading, PA 19606

Rick Ehst  
333 Pennwyn Place  
Shillington, PA 19607

Ginny Epps  
Berks Heim. Room A317  
1011 Berks Rd.  
Leesport, PA 19533

Joan Fisher  
320 Gelsinger Road  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608

Mark Gerhard  
2269 Welsh Road  
Mohnton, PA 19540

Ron & Dawn Fox  
2139 Reading, Blvd.  
West Lawn, PA 19609

Pegge Harshaw  
Mifflin Court, Rm. 216  
450 E. Philadelphia Ave.  
Shillington, PA 19607

Suzie & John Maniaci  
9 Bancroft Terrace  
Shillington, PA 19607

Patti Manuel  
851 N 20<sup>th</sup> St  
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Doris McCleary  
230 Hawthorne Ct., N.  
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Doris Metz  
% Darryl Metz  
407 Valor Dr.  
Lititz, PA 17543

Jerry Pawlick  
1213 Liberty Ave  
Kenhorst, PA 19607

Jack Price  
3414 Poinciana Ave  
Reading, PA

Janet Reppert  
308 Maplewood Ave.  
Mohnton, PA 19540

Joy Ruth  
1435 Wyomissing Court  
West Lawn, PA 19609

Joanne Schmidt  
215 Ulrich Lane  
Leesport, PA 19533

Bob Steffey, Jr.  
4851 Perkiomen Ave  
Lot 71  
Reading, PA 19606

Lola Troutman  
1 Summer Hill Drive  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608

Sue Werner  
Phoebe Berks Village Gardens  
9 Heidelberg, Dr., Room 106  
Wernersville, PA 19565

Jay Wonder  
2000 Cambridge Drive  
Apt 263  
Wyomissing, PA 19610

Mary Wooddell  
806 Lakeview Dr.  
Mohnton, PA 19540

Jane Smith  
36 Gale Road  
Camp Hill, PA 17011