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Dear Calvary United Methodist Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is with gratitude and excitement that I begin my ministry with you on July 1, 2026. My wife, Grace, and I are delighted to become part of the Calvary family, and we look forward to getting to know you and sharing in the journey of faith together.

Allow me to briefly introduce myself. I was born in South Korea and came to the United States at the age of fifteen. I grew up on Long Island, New York, and have served local churches in New York City, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. I also served with the General Board of Global Ministries, the mission agency of The United Methodist Church, where my responsibility was to develop mission initiatives in Southeast and Central Asia. Grace and I have lived in Wyomissing for the past two years, and we are grateful to call this area home.

As we begin this new chapter together, my ministry focus is simple: spiritual maturity and discipleship. I believe God calls us not only to believe in Christ but also to grow in Christ and follow Him faithfully in our daily lives. Through worship, prayer, Scripture, fellowship, and service, we are continually being shaped into the people God created us to be.

My prayer is that Calvary will continue to be a welcoming church where people of all ages and backgrounds can grow in faith, build meaningful relationships, and share the love of Christ with our community. Together, I hope we will deepen our commitment to Jesus, strengthen our fellowship, and discover new ways to serve God and our neighbors.

The future will bring both opportunities and challenges, but we move forward with confidence because God is faithful. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

Thank you for welcoming me into your church family. I look forward to worshiping, serving, and growing in faith with you.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Jong



9:30AM ~ SUMMER WORSHIP

July 5 Pastor Jong Kim
Communion

July 12 Pastor Jong Kim

July 19 Pastor Jong Kim
Rock Solid Praise Band Service

July 26 Pastor Jong Kim



CHURCH SERVICES AND HOURS

1ST SUNDAYS- COMMUNION SUNDAY

ALL SUNDAYS 10:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICES

(September-May)

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM ALL AGES (September-May)

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME: 9:30 AM

(June- 1st Sunday of September)

3RD SATURDAY, 9-11 AM - MIFFLIN FOOD PANTRY AT ZION

4TH SATURDAY 5-6:30 PM -DINNER CHURCH AT ZION



BLESSED BONDS

Our next outing
will be at

The Sunny

Bistro in Mohnton
Wednesday, July 8
at 11:30 AM.



July 11th
at 6pm



Praise Band & Pizza
Please join us on the lawn of
Calvary United Methodist
church for an evening of
fellowship praise and pizza. In
the event of rain it will be
moved inside to the sanctuary.



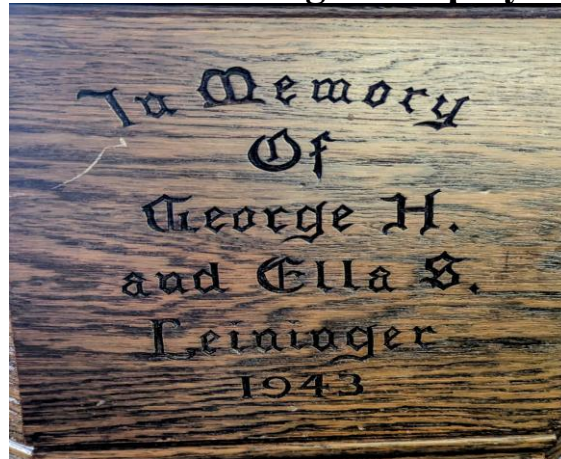
Staff Updates from our Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Vickie Dautrich has graciously stepped into the role of Church Treasurer. Vickie has faithfully served as chair of our Finance Committee, and we are grateful for her willingness to share her gifts in this important ministry. Thank you, Vickie, for answering this call to serve. At the same time, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Laura Conlin, who is retiring as Treasurer after more than 30 years of service. Our congregation has been truly blessed by her faithful stewardship, dedication and commitment to this vital ministry, and we are deeply grateful. We are pleased to share that Ashley Crabb has been hired as our new Director of Children & Youth Ministry and Christian Education and will begin serving on July 1. Ashley and her husband, Scott, began attending Calvary in May. Their family lives in Mohnton and their twin sons, Everett and Hudson, attend Calvary Care Preschool. The boys were recently baptized by Pastor Nova. Ashley has shared that her family has found a genuine sense of belonging within our church family, and we are grateful that God has led them to Calvary. Ashley grew up actively involved in church, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and mission trips, experiences that helped shape her faith and who she is today. She brings a diverse background in education, communication, community engagement, marketing and entrepreneurship. She is also the author of a children's book, *The Crabb Twins and Friends*. Most importantly, Ashley brings enthusiasm and a genuine heart for serving others. She believes that children deserve spaces where they feel safe, valued, encouraged, and connected - not only to one another, but also to God and their community. Ashley has already begun getting to know our church family and is excited to partner with parents, volunteers and the congregation as we support the spiritual growth of our children and youth.

Please join us in welcoming Ashley and Vickie to these ministries.

From Bob Wagner

Do you know where this image is displayed at Calvary?



It is engraved in one of the many sides of our Baptismal font. The baptismal font originated in the early Christian Church as a transition from outdoor baptisms in rivers to indoor, immersive pools. Early examples included sunken basins in the Roman catacombs or separate baptistery buildings, which evolved into freestanding pedestaled vessels as infant baptism became the norm. The Earliest Fonts: The oldest known physical font dates to the 3rd century and is located in a Syrian house church. These early fonts were often deep, tomb-shaped, or cruciform (cross-shaped) pools where adults were fully immersed, symbolizing their spiritual death and rebirth in Christ. The Octagonal Shape: Traditional fonts are heavily associated with an eight-sided (octagonal) design. Early theologians noted that the number eight represents the "eighth day" of creation. Just as Christ rose on the eighth day (Sunday), the octagonal font symbolizes the eternal life granted to the baptized. Placement: Architecturally, fonts were frequently situated near the entrance of the sanctuary. Our font is placed in the front of the sanctuary, just before the Altar Rail, when baptisms are celebrated as they were in recent weeks. The font serves as a visual reminder of spiritual rebirth, indicating that a person must pass through the waters of baptism to officially enter the faith. Fonts were routinely decorated with carvings of fish or lambs. Our font was purchased dedicated to the memory of the Leininger's in 1943. New Life: Baptism represents a fresh start. The water in the font symbolizes being spiritually reborn into a new life in Christ. Cleansing from Sin: Water is a sign of washing. Christians believe baptism symbolizes the cleansing of sin and the beginning of a restored relationship with God. Connection to Jesus Christ: Baptism connects believers with Jesus' own baptism and his death and resurrection—symbolizing dying to old life and rising to new life. God's Promise: It also represents God's promise of grace, love, and belonging to those who are baptized.

From Pastor Nova : Acts 20:32

"Now I commit you to God and to the word of His grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

Dear Calvary United Methodist Church Family,

As our family prepares to begin a new chapter of ministry in Washington State, my heart is filled with gratitude for the privilege of serving as your pastor these past three years.

From the moment we arrived in July 2023, you welcomed Justin, Nathan, Nicole, and me with open arms and loving hearts. You became more than a congregation to us—you became family. Together, we have worshiped, prayed, served, laughed, cried, and witnessed the faithfulness of God. We have celebrated baptisms, affirmations of faith, answered prayers, and new beginnings. We have stood beside one another during illness, loss, uncertainty, and change. Through every season, God has been faithful.

Thank you for your trust, your encouragement, your generosity, and your partnership in ministry. Thank you for every prayer offered, every meal shared, every act of kindness, every word of support, and every way you cared for our family. We have been blessed beyond measure by your love.

As I reflect on our journey together, I also recognize that no pastor serves perfectly. If I have ever disappointed you, overlooked you, spoken carelessly, failed to meet your expectations, or hurt you in any way—whether knowingly or unknowingly—I humbly ask for your forgiveness. It has been my sincere desire to serve Christ and serve you faithfully.

Likewise, if there have been moments of misunderstanding, disagreement, or hurt along the way, I release them with grace. The church is a family of imperfect people learning to follow a perfect Savior. I leave not carrying grievances, but carrying gratitude. I choose to remember God's goodness and the many ways we have been blessed together.

The church has never belonged to one pastor. It belongs to Jesus Christ. Pastors come and go, but Christ remains the Head of the Church. Therefore, I leave with confidence and hope. The same God who has guided Calvary in the past will continue to guide Calvary into the future. I encourage you to remain rooted in God's Word, faithful in prayer, united in love, and open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. I could never stress enough the basic way of Christian life, **READ YOUR BIBLE PRAY EVERYDAY!**

I also encourage you to welcome Rev. Jong Sung Kim with the same grace and love that you extended to us. Pray for him, support him, and partner with him as together you continue God's mission in this place. I believe God has prepared both pastor and congregation for this next season of ministry.

Like the Apostle Paul, I now entrust you to God and to the word of His grace. Continue to seek the Lord. Continue to love one another. Continue to be a light in this community and beyond.

Finally, I want you to know that I love you. Calvary will always hold a special place in our hearts. Though distance may separate us, you will remain in our prayers. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your story, just as you have become part of ours.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May His grace sustain you, His Word guide you, and His Spirit empower you for all that lies ahead. And now, to Him, who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we could ever ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory, honor and praise.

With love, gratitude, and prayers,

Pastor Nova, Justin, Nathan & Nicole Thomas

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Introducing...

NEW MEMBERS & MARRIAGE joined Calvary's church family in June. When you see them in worship, please be sure to stop by to welcome them and introduce yourself.

Dominic Uliana-Birthday July 10 Amber Uliana- Birthday May 2



**Acasia Jaeger
Lucien Uliana**

