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Connect with each other.  
Connect with the community.*

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## Lectern vs. Pulpit submitted by Bob Wagner

The **church lectern** is the stand from which scripture is typically read during a service, and it has a specific role in Christian worship within Christianity. The church lectern originated in 4th-century Christianity as an elevated platform called an "ambo". Then, during the Middle Ages, the structure evolved into the iconic raised, freestanding structure utilized in many traditional sanctuaries today.

### The Evolution of the Lectern

The earliest Christian lecterns were large, often ornate stone or wooden platforms placed in the church's center, where deacons and lectors would read scripture to the congregation. As services shifted toward congregation-oriented teachings, lecterns were moved into the body of the church. Calvary's Lectern stand to the right of our Pulpit and Communion Table. Historically, this allowed the congregation to better hear the readings (often the Epistle), distinct from the sermon delivered from a separate pulpit.

Today the Lectern is primarily used as a support for the scriptures read aloud by Lay Leaders or Deacons. Modern church lecterns are most often made of solid wood, metal, or acrylic, and are used to hold the Bible, liturgical books, announcements, and/or microphones for speakers.

While the pulpit is mainly for preaching or sermons, the lectern is specifically for **reading** the Word of God. This distinction shows that scripture itself is central, even before it is explained. The lectern represents God speaking to His people through His Word being shared with the congregation.

In many churches, the lectern is shaped like or decorated with an eagle. The eagle symbolizes spreading the Gospel throughout the world and is traditionally linked to Saint John the Evangelist. *Stop by Calvary's Lectern sometime and see if it has a unique carving.* Like other church furnishings, it helps focus attention and is treated with respect because of its role in worship.

**Remember**, the lectern represents **the reading, authority, and sharing of God's Word** during worship.



FROM THE  
*Pulpit*





# Preaching Schedule

9:30AM ~ WORSHIP

**JUNE 7 – COMMUNION  
MICHELLE DANIELS**

**JUNE 14 –  
GRADUATE SUNDAY  
PASTOR NOVA**

**JUNE 21–  
FATHER’S DAY  
CRAIG CALTAGIRONE**

**JUNE 28  
CHURCH PICNIC**

## BLESSED BONDS

**Our next outing will be  
Wednesday, June 10, 11:30 AM  
at B2 Bistro in Wyomissing.**



### 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

**Juneteenth**



**Adult Sunday  
School class will be  
on summer break  
beginning Sunday  
May 24.**

**Sunday School will  
resume the Sunday  
following Rally Day  
in September.**

**9/13/26**



**The SAFE BERKS WALK FOR NO MORE  
will be held Saturday, June 20 from 9 - 11**

**It is a short walk down Penn Avenue in West Reading, beginning at  
The Mills @ Sly Fox Brewery**

**Please consider attending but if that is not possible, prayerfully  
consider a donation of any amount.**

**If interested or with questions, contact Diane Anderson 484-269-7599  
or Shannon McBride 484-269-963**

# Introducing...

FOUR NEW MEMBERS joined Calvary's church family in May. Their pictures are below. When you see them in worship, please be sure to stop by to welcome them and introduce yourself!

## DEBBIE MENKINS

Birthday: 9/21  
35 W. Wyomissing Ave.  
Mohnton, PA 19540



## BRENDA LEE HERNANDEZ

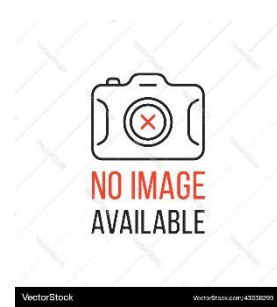
Birthday: 1/9  
225 S. Wyomissing Ave.  
Shillington, PA 19607



## GLADYS TROUTMAN

## ATHAN TROUTMAN

Birthday: 7/30 & 9/1  
130 Woodland Ave.  
Mohnton, PA 19540



# may BAPTISMS

Isaiah Butler  
Bryleigh Kay Diedrich  
Cecelia Helen Brower  
Hudson & Everett Crabbs





Dear Calvary Members and Friends,

Thank you for joining us on Sunday, May 31, for worship and fellowship as we celebrated Pastor Nova's ministry and the impact that she, Justin, and Nicole have had on our church family. We are grateful for the time we have shared together and pray for God's blessings as they move to their next appointment at Ronald UMC.

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Jong, whose first Sunday at Calvary will be July 5. Following the 9:30 a.m. worship service, we will host a reception with cake to welcome Pastor Jong and his wife, Grace. A more formal welcome reception will be held on Rally Day in September.

As we prepare for this new season of ministry, we would like to organize several gatherings in the homes of our members and friends. These gatherings will provide an opportunity for Pastor Jong and Grace to get to know our congregation in a relaxed and personal setting.

We are seeking a few volunteers to host gatherings this summer. Our goal is to schedule two gatherings in July and two in August. If you are interested in hosting a gathering with light refreshments, please contact me at (484) 650-0223. When you reach out, please let me know your preferred date and the number of people you can comfortably accommodate.

Once the gatherings have been scheduled, a list of dates and locations will be posted in the gathering area and sent via email. Everyone is encouraged to attend one if possible. We also anticipate planning additional gatherings in the fall.

In addition, we encourage our small group leaders to invite Pastor Jong and Grace to a future meeting as another opportunity to meet and connect with members of our church family.

Please continue to keep Pastor Nova and her family as well as Pastor Jong and Grace in your prayers during this time of transition.

Thank you for your support and participation.

Michelle Tomczak



**COME JOIN FELLOW CHRISTIANS AT OUR 18TH  
SUMMER DAY OF WORSHIP, ENTERTAINMENT AND  
FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY JUNE 28th AT THE  
MOHNTON MEMORIAL PARK  
[ Zion E.C. Church if inclement weather ]**

- Worship service at 10:30 AM (Main Pavilion) with music by the Calvary Praise Team
  - Featured speaker Rev. Kenneth Miller (
- 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

Picnic 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.



You're Invited

**SURPRISE**

**PARTY!**

**VBS**

**The Unexpected Grace of Jesus**

JUNE 22-26 6-8PM  
ST JOHN'S ELC  
39 S. CHURCH STREET MOHNTON, 19540