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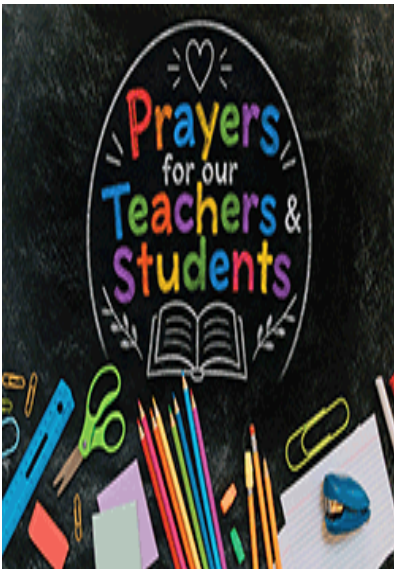
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Connect with each other.

Connect with the community.



FROM THE
PASTOR



September Pastoral Letter: Growing as Disciples

Dear Calvary Family,

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

As September arrives, we begin a new season in the life of our church. Summer is coming to an end, children and young people are returning to school, and many of our ministries are beginning again. It is a wonderful time to ask ourselves an important question: How are we growing in our faith?

The Apostle Paul writes: "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith."

(Colossians 2:6-7)

I especially appreciate Paul's words, "continue to live your lives in him." Receiving Christ is not the end of our journey of faith; it is the beginning.

Christian discipleship is a lifelong journey of becoming more deeply rooted in Christ and allowing Christ to shape who we are and how we live.

Like a healthy tree whose roots continue to reach deeper into the soil, we are never finished growing in faith. It does not matter whether we have followed Jesus for a few months or for many decades. There is always more of God's grace to experience, more truth to discover, and more love to share.

During September, our worship theme will be "Growing as Disciples."

Together, we will follow a simple movement: Come → Surrender → Grow → Live. We come to Christ because Christ first invites us. We surrender ourselves to God in response to God's mercy. We grow toward spiritual maturity, and then we live out our faith through love, grace, forgiveness, and goodness.

Growing as disciples is something we do both personally and together as a church family. We need one another along the journey of faith. Through worship, prayer, Bible study, fellowship, service, and caring for one another, God uses our life together to strengthen our faith and help us become more like Christ.

As we begin this new season at Calvary, I encourage each of us to consider where God may be inviting us to take another step in our faith.

Perhaps it is spending more time in prayer, becoming more deeply engaged in Scripture, participating in a ministry or small group, or simply reaching out to someone who needs encouragement. Spiritual growth often happens through small and faithful steps as we open ourselves to the work of God's grace.

My prayer is that Calvary will continue to grow—not only in numbers, programs, or activities, but deeper in Christ. As we begin this new season together, may God deepen our roots, strengthen our faith, and help us grow together as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Jong



Preaching Schedule

9:30AM ~ SUMMER WORSHIP

September 6 Pastor Jong Kim
RALLY DAY, Communion

10:30AM ~ WORSHIP

September 13 Pastor Jong Kim

September 20 Pastor Jong Kim

September 27 Pastor Jong Kim

AUGUST ATTENDANCE
includes visitors & streaming

August 2- 60 people

August 9- 69 people

August 16- 63 people

August 23- 83 people

August 30 – 68 people

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

Church Office OPEN

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 -2:00

Wednesday, 1:00-6:00



BLESSED BONDS

Our next outing
will be on
Wednesday,
September 9th,
11:30 AM at
Stefano's in
Wyomissing.



Choir begins September 2nd at 7:00PM followed by
Bell Choir rehearsal at 8:00PM. See Scott with any
questions or concerns!

**The new Church
Directory will be
distributed to
members during our
Rally Day Worship
Service on
September 6!**



**BIG THANK YOU TO
GLORIA AND DANNY
HUTZELL AND NADINE
JENSEN FOR THEIR VERY
GENEROUS DONATION
FOR THE AED EQUIPMENT**

**A BIG
Thanks!**

Why does the Lay Worship Leader do that? **submitted by Bob Wagner**

You may have noticed in worship that the Lay Worship Leader may follow a practice when receiving the offering from the Usher. Do you remember seeing them walk toward the Communion Table at Calvary and raising up the offering plates? Why do they do that?

The history of offering gifts to the Lord began in the earliest days of human history as an outward sign of worship, thanks, and love. Long before written laws or temples existed, people gave the best of what they had back to God to show their devotion.

In the Old Testament

- The first recorded gifts to God appear in Genesis, where Cain brought crops from the earth and Abel brought the firstborn lambs from his flock.
- Abel's gift was accepted because it was given with faith and the best of his work, establishing that God looks at the attitude of the person giving.
- Ancient Israel formalized giving through the Mosaic Law, requiring people to bring the "first fruits" of their harvest and livestock.
- Offerings included burnt offerings, grain offerings, and peace offerings. These acted as physical ways to say thank you, seek forgiveness, and honor God's care.

In the New Testament

- The Wise Men brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the infant Jesus, symbolizing His royalty, divinity, and future sacrifice.
- Jesus shifted the focus of giving toward helping the poor, sick, and needy. Early Christians viewed acts of love and sharing resources as a true form of worship.

Lifting an offering to the Lord is a physical act of worship. It shows that everything we have comes from God, and we give a portion back to honor Him, support His work, and trust Him with our lives. **So why do we still raise up our offering?**

- Giving an offering is a way to thank God for His daily blessings and provision.
- Jesus taught that our money follows our heart. Giving shows that God comes first, before our wealth.
- **Lifting the gift is a physical sign of letting go of control and trusting God as our provider.**





A quarter century after the September 11, 2001 attacks, 100 million Americans are too young to remember the day that changed our city and nation forever. It is our shared promise — made 25 years ago — to never forget so those born after 9/11 learn its significance and enduring legacy. As we commemorate this anniversary, a new generation will learn about the unimaginable loss we experienced and the inspiring stories of bravery, compassion, unity, and service that we witnessed, and have rippled through the decades.

Twenty-five years later, we invite you to remember, reflect, and learn with us — at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in lower Manhattan, through our many online programs, or by acting in your own community

Praise Band & Pizza
September 12th @ 5:00PM
Please join us on the lawn of CUMC for an evening of fellowship, praise and pizza. In the event of rain it will be moved inside to the sanctuary.

Pizza



& praise

September Events

TUESDAY

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9:00 AM Weekly Prayer Group (*Sanctuary every Wednesday*)

WEDNESDAY SEP 2

7-8 PM: First Choir Practice

8-9 PM: First Bell Choir Practice

(Practice Sept-May)

SUNDAY

SEP 6

RALLY DAY!

- 9:30 Worship Service ft. Choir & Rock Solid
- Communion
- Fellowship following Service ft. Food, Meet the Ministry

WEDNESDAY SEP 9

11:30 AM Blessed Bonds at Stefano's Wyomissing

3:30 PM Mom's and Littles Gathering Area (Sep- May)

THURSDAY SEP 10

6-7 PM Game night *ALL AGES AND FAMILIES WELCOME* (Thurs Sept-May)

SATURAY SEP 12

5:00 PM Pizza and Praise with Rock Solid

UPRISE Shippensburg Fairgrounds

SUNDAY SEP 13

Adult SS: 9:15

Worship: 10:30 (Nursery & GRADE SCHOOL SS during)

Next Gen: 12-1

CALVARY KIDS & YOUTH: PM OUTTING

TUESDAY SEP 14

9:45 AM League of Golden Ages (Pastors Meeting)

7:00 PM Church Ad. Council Meeting

FRIDAY SEP 18

9:00 AM Food Donations Due (Donation Station)

SATURDAY SEP 19

9:00 AM Mifflin Food Ministry Distribution @ Zion ECC

SUNDAY SEP 27

Sept Bday "Potluck" (Gathering Area **after Worship**)

CALVARY KIDS & YOUTH: PM OUTTING

MONDAY SEP 28

6:00 pm Calvary Care Early Learning Center Board Meeting (upstairs in school room)

TUESDAY SEP 29

9:45 AM League of Golden Ages (Pastors Meeting)

6:00 PM Calvary Care Early Learning Center Board of Director's Meeting

IMPORTANT SEP-MAY

Worship Service every Sunday 10:30 AM (Nursery & Youth Sunday School during worship)

Sunday School Adult 9:30 **NEXT GEN** 12 noon

Prayer Group every Tuesday 9:00 AM

Choir every Wednesday 7:00 pm **Bell Choir** 8:00 pm

Moms and Littles every Wednesday 3:30 pm

Family Fellowship every Thursday 6:00 pm

Kids Club & Youth Group every Sunday afternoon/evening

CHILDREN & YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP & MINISTRY

CALVARY KIDS & YOUTH 2026/2027



FAITH • FRIENDSHIP • FUN

Our **Kids Club & Youth Group** is a place where faith grows through friendship, prayer, service and community. All God's children are welcome!

Contact: Ashley Crabb,
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& Children's Ministries*
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SUNDAYS



Kids & Youth

Activities, outings, & time together.

Sunday time varies, check weekly updates for details.

WEDNESDAYS



Moms & Littles

Play, activities & faithfull connection for littles and moms.

Wednesdays 3:30–4:30 PM

THURSDAYS



Family Night

Food, fun & fellowship for children, youth and the whole family.

Thursdays 6–7 PM

September 6th Rally Day. Special Activities & Events Vary Year Round

FACEBOOK

CALVARY WEBSITE

1 WEST WYOMISSING AVE



Growing as Disciples

A New Season of Christian Education Begins September 13!

NURSERY

Birth–Kindergarten: Nursery care will be available during worship, creating a welcoming and safe space for our littlest members.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

School–Aged Children: Children will head to Sunday School after the Children's Message to learn, ask questions, and grow in faith together.

NEXT GEN

High School Juniors & Seniors + Young Adults through their 20s: Join us for Bible study and connection for one hour following worship.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 AM every Sunday: ALL are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you are joining the class remotely, please use the [Zoom link](#).

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YOUR SUPPORT MAKES SAFETY
POSSIBLE

**Your Impact Is Felt
Daily**



What does your support look like in action? It looks like a safe place to sleep, an advocate standing beside a survivor, and help available the moment someone reaches out. This past year, your generosity helped Safe Berks be there for nearly 2,000 people across our community.

Every number represents a person who needed safety, support, advocacy or simply someone to answer when they reached out for help.

From July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, Safe Berks continued to be there for survivors throughout our community, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And because of the generosity of our donors and community partners, survivors were able to access critical services when they needed them most.



1,999

Individuals Served

That's an average of 5.5 people every single day who turned to Safe Berks for support, resources and advocacy.



13,959

nights of emergency
shelter provided

334 individuals found a safe place to stay through our emergency shelter program, with an average stay of nearly 42 nights.



592

individuals received
legal services

In addition, Rapid Response Advocates assisted 289 survivors filing Emergency PFAs and SVPOs when immediate protection was needed.

These numbers tell only part of the story. Behind every statistic is a survivor making a difficult phone call, finding safety for themselves or their family, sitting with a counselor, seeking legal protection or beginning the next chapter of their life.

Your support makes it possible for Safe Berks to keep showing up.

When you give to Safe Berks, you help ensure that confidential services, emergency shelter, counseling, legal advocacy and support remain available to survivors at no cost.

Give now and help us continue providing safety, support and hope to survivors throughout Berks County.