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June 2026

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COMBINED WORSHIP AND PICNIC JUNE 28TH AT 10AM

Mt. Calvary will be coming together for a combined worship service and potluck picnic on June 28th. Join us at the pavilion at 10AM for worship and bring some wonderful food to share with your brothers and sisters in Christ at 11AM. We'll have a signup sheet in the Narthex for folks to share what they're bringing. If it rains, we'll bring all of the faith, food, and fellowship inside. Come out for what will be a great morning of church!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMING TO MT. CALVARY BUILDING FAITH, SHAPING THE FUTURE

Beginning in June, Mt. Calvary will begin a soft launch of a new capital campaign called "Building Faith, Shaping the Future." Over the past several years, we have been blessed to develop budgets with very little waste. Because of the faithful stewardship of the Mt. Calvary congregation, we have not needed to draw from reserves for general budget needs. We have also been able to rely on a previously established Capital Fund for larger projects.

Over the past 10 years, this Capital fund has helped provide for the replacement of all 11 HVAC units, a new organ, updated computers, choir microphones, equipment for the Jubilee Band, and more. One challenge, however, is that while the fund has supported many important needs, we have not yet been able to replenish it for the future. This campaign is an opportunity to begin doing that together.

The campaign will include both short-term and long-term goals, which will be shared during presentations by the Finance Committee in June. In the short term, we hope to support projects such as replacing the carpet and lighting in the Sanctuary, renewing the children's area downstairs, building the prayer garden, and potentially purchasing a church van. Long-term goals include rebuilding the Capital Fund to help prepare for future needs we anticipate in the coming decade, including a new parking lot and eventual HVAC replacements. If feasible in the years ahead, we also hope this campaign may help position Mt. Calvary to continue exploring the possibility of a future community center as a space for ministry, fellowship, and outreach.

As you receive more information, we encourage every person connected to Mt. Calvary to consider how they might pray for this campaign, plan for the future of the church, and participate as they are able. Every contribution, no matter the size, is a meaningful investment in the future ministry and mission of Mt. Calvary Church.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our Finance Chair, Mark Schug, or Pastor Jim before he begins his renewal leave.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

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12th Season Finale

Then Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.' (Matthew 11:28-30)

I'm writing this article with some mixed emotions. It's May 11th and I'm less than a month away from my Renewal Leave. There's a lot I'm looking forward to: time with my family without having to run off to meetings, solid alone time, various places I'll be visiting, and more. On the other hand, my heart has been centered on being the pastor of Mt. Calvary for the past 12 years and aside from my previous Renewal Leave in 2019, I've never taken an extended time away. I love being able to lead worship, teach classes, interact with our Children and Youth, and fellowship with all of you. Nevertheless, God calls us to such a time as this and I know that this time will be a benefit for myself, my family, my relationship with God and, I genuinely believe, all of you as well.

God established the Sabbath as a time of rest but Pastors are often the worst at honoring it. Ironically, Lifeway Research reports that 1700 pastors leave the ministry every month, with the most common reason for this exodus named as burnout. This isn't meant as a "woah-is-me" statement but rather a challenging truth about the spiritual and physical toll that full-time ministry takes on Christian leaders. There's a reason that Jesus modeled the example of rest and often taught that turning to Him could be a source of comfort and rest as well.

Over the past couple of months, I've been thankful for the encouragement I've received from so many of you telling me that I've "earned" this time to get away and rest. I genuinely don't believe I've "earned" anything but that doesn't make me any less appreciative for your kindness.

Mt Calvary has done so much for God and God has done so much for us since my last Renewal Leave. We went through COVID together, recovered in attendance and have grown our services, said "goodbye" to and welcomed staff, added a women's and men's ministry, seen the largest growth in our youth ministry at any point during my tenure, expanded the programming of our children's ministry, become more deeply involved in missions, created a new church vision, and so so so so much more. Looking back, it's incredible to see all God has done and I'm so excited to see what He has in store for Mt. Calvary in the future.

In my time away, there are going to be many great opportunities for worship, fellowship, and ministry. You're going to hear messages from great preachers, primarily from Pastor Lynn but also from Owen Howson and Matt Luttrell. We're going to have our Vacation Bible School from July 19th-23rd. There will be two combined services: an outdoor service and picnic at 10am on June 28th and a combined VBS Sunday at 10am on July 26th. The youth will be preparing for their mission trip at the beginning of August, and we're going to have beautiful special music at our 9AM service throughout the summer.

One place that I'd encourage everyone to consider with your presence and gifts this summer is Wonders Found. Every day this ministry provides missional support throughout the world, whether here in West Hanover Township or literally on the other side of the globe. With this, every day they also need more support i.e. man/woman power. If you're able to give even an hour a week of your time to this vital ministry over the summer, it will make a huge impact for the body of Christ.

The reason we're able to continue these ministries with such vibrancy is because of the faith-filled staff and volunteers that I'm so blessed to walk alongside. Make no mistake about it, the body of Christ at Mt. Calvary is strong and centered on glorifying the Lord. I'm excited to hear about all of the blessings that occur during my time away.

Love and Prayers,

Pastor Jim



WONDERS FOUND MAY REPORT

We want to THANK everyone who loves to do laundry (haha) and made it possible to take 7 truck loads of clean clothes along with excess medical equipment from Wonders Found lending closet to Pronio's Market in Hershey to be shipped to Ukraine. This is an ongoing project, so if you have a passion for doing laundry stop at the shop and pick up a box or 2 and fulfill your passion! (For more information about how you can help, see our small announcement below.)

We also want to THANK Hershey Free Church volunteers for spending 5 1/2 hours on May 3rd deep cleaning, straightening rooms, purging, sorting, pricing and sharing God's ❤️ love (and even purchasing \$75 worth of merchandise)!

How does a young mother pay for the adoption of her child?? By collecting excess shoes from Wonders Found and taking them to an organization who pays her for them (and then turns around to send them to third world countries). So if you have extra shoes sitting around your house (not too used, please), bring them in and we'll make sure they get to the individuals who are collecting them.

We are SO THANKFUL for the many ways God gives us to share His love ❤️ with others! And "Thank You" to everyone who helps us in our mission to serve God using the talents we have to collect, sort, display, and sell items to help take care of needy people in the world.

WONDERS FOUND MISSION TO UKRAINE

Wonders Found will continue to support the people of Ukraine with shipments of durable medical equipment and clothing into the foreseeable future. The clothing must be laundered before shipping because of limitations imposed due to Russian attacks on the power and water infrastructure, which daily limits the amount of time these systems can be used. Therefore, in order to continue to ship clothing, we need "clothing washers!" If you can wash a load, or a few loads of clothing, please stop by Wonders Found to pick up a box to take home, wash, dry, fold, and return.

THANK YOU!

IF YOU HAVE A PASTORAL NEED WHILE PASTOR JIM IS ON LEAVE, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT PASTOR LYNN at 717-514-0302, or CALL THE OFFICE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE at 717-545-1681.

Pastor Jim will be on leave from Tuesday, June 9 through Sunday, August 2. During this time, we kindly ask that you refrain from calling, emailing, or texting him so he can fully rest and recharge. We also ask that you extend to Amanda this opportunity for rest and renewal.

Thank you so much for your understanding and support!

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2026

Easter Egg Sales	\$304.00
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Store Sales	\$25,449.98
Total Income	\$26,317.17
Rent	-\$7,600.00
Utilities	-\$646.09
Store Supplies	-\$88.41
Sales Tax	-\$900.07
Total Expenses	-\$9,234.57
Profit/Loss	\$17,082.60

"All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need...And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."
Acts 2:44-45; 47b

This Summer's "Preaching Schedule"

- June 14: Lynn Hackman
- June 21: Lynn
- June 28: Owen Howson (Picnic)
- July 5: Lynn
- July 12: Lynn
- July 19: Matt Luttrell
- July 26: Owen (VBS Picnic)
- August 2: Pastor Jim Copulos
- August 9: Ashley Howson
- August 16: Lynn
- August 23: Pastor Jim
- August 30: Pastor Jim

MCUMC Children's Ministries

June 2026



End of Year Celebration!

Join us on June 7th during our Sunday School hour between services as we celebrate the conclusion of our year together with enjoyable activities and games. Our first graders will be presented with their Bibles, and we will send our fifth graders off to Youth Ministries! If you would like to contribute or volunteer for the festivities, please check the sign-up sheet below.



Classroom Clean Out Days!

It's time to refresh our spaces! Join us for classroom clean-out days on June 2nd and 4th from 5pm-7pm, and June 7th after the services until 1pm. We'll be sorting supplies, organizing materials, and preparing our rooms for an exciting transformation. Many hands make light work - bring the whole family and help us get ready for the new year!

Classroom Renovations are Coming!

We have asked the kids what they want to see in the space and they sure did have BIG IDEAS! We're planning refreshed walls with bright new colors, improved storage solutions, flexible seating options, and a maybe even a new smartboard! Be on the lookout for scheduled workdays from our leaders on this project

Volunteer with Us!

We need YOU! Our children's ministry thrives because of amazing volunteers like you. Whether you can help weekly, monthly, or at special events, there's a place for you on our team. Check out our volunteer link here to find the perfect opportunity to serve and make a difference in kids' lives!



Register for Next year!

Visit our sign-up link below to make sure you don't miss out on all of the exciting things we have planned for next year



YOUTH GROUP - JUNE UPDATE

Hi All,

What an amazing youth season this has been! We are so blessed to have so many opportunities to witness God and His goodness in our lives. With starting our season praising Him at church and Uprise, diving in to building a meaningful connection with Him in prayer, to wrapping it all up with recognizing our responsibilities as stewards to the things He has given us in our daily lives.

As we wrap up this years youth season, I wish to remind you all of the challenge I gave you at the start of the year: to read a chapter of a book of the 4 gospels a day, and to spend 5 minutes in prayer with ZERO distractions around you, no phone, no music, no other people, just a running stop watch and your Bible, spending purposeful planned time with God.

Just because our youth season is ending, that does not mean that your relationship ends. We will still have activities and opportunities for you to be involved at church and the community:

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| June 7 th from 5:30-8:30: | Youth Group Closing Party. (Longer Youth Group!!), campfire pending weather. |
| June 14 th at 5:30pm: | Youth room clean up. |
| June 16 th & 18 th : | VBS decorating days |
| July 19-23: | VBS Volunteering |
| August 2-5: | Transform Mission Trip to Williamsport |
| TBD | MYSTERY DINNER |
| TBD | Wonders Found Service Day |
| TBD | Pool Party??? -We'll see, pending interest |

I look forward to seeing you all at church and the events through the summer, and thank you for an amazing youth season!!

Mr. Owen

Events and Happenings

May Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3 Sarah Holloway
- 5 Meredith Hazen
- 5 Corey Pierce
- 6 Derek Marker
- 7 Janet Copulos
- 7 Emily Gutshall
- 7 Jonathan Hazen
- 13 Grant Hoover
- 15 Ken Egan
- 15 Dane Nearhoof
- 16 Carole Gochenaur
- 18 Dennis Estheimer
- 21 LJ Klos
- 23 Michael Askew
- 24 Clyde Liddick
- 25 William Blaha
- 27 Elizabeth Ebert
- 28 Chris Chianos
- 28 Rayne Ebert

Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Brandon & Tricia Smith
- 9 Owen & Ashley Howson
- 15 Earl & Sally Hoffman
- 15 Kevin & Linda Topp
- 16 Mark & Debbie Schug
- 18 Jim & Laura Reynolds
- 25 Ron & Cindy Hoover

Deaths

G. Dean Miller, a long-time member of Mt. Calvary, passed away on April 29, 2026, at the age of 84. His wife, Janice, and sons Chris, Rod and Jared survive him. Dean was very active in the church and was a leader in other groups and societies in the area. His funeral service was on May 9th in Williamstown.

Meetings

Trustees, CR Tuesday, 6/2 6:30pm
Ad Board, CR Monday, 6/8 7:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On Monday, June 1 at 6:30pm, the women will begin a new study titled Luke in the Land, by Kristi McClelland. We've been looking forward to this one, so come on out, join in, and learn! Books can be purchased online.

MANADA HILL STUDY

The Manada Hill Bible study will be on hiatus over the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone when we reconvene in September to discuss the book of 1 Samuel.

Father's Day Sentiments

We'll be sharing Father's Day sentiments in the bulletin on June 21st. Please fill out the form and return it to the office by Sunday, June 14th.

Baptism on May 31st

We will be celebrating the baptism of Benjamin Eugene Howson at the 11AM service on May 31st. All are welcome to come and celebrate this special day with Benjamin, his parents Owen and Ashley, and his sister Evelyn.

Healing Opportunity May 31st

At the end of our worship services on May 31st, there will be an open call for anyone to come forward and receive prayer and anointing with oil for healing. If you have something physically, mentally, emotionally, socially, or spiritually you'd like prayed over, please consider utilizing this opportunity to receive God's healing blessings.

Audio/Visual Update

On May 11, the Administrative Council voted to approve a proposal to upgrade the Sanctuary's audio/visual technology at a cost of approximately \$42,000. The project includes improvements such as acoustic panels in the rear of the Sanctuary, a new soundboard, and enhancements to our online worship experience.

These upgrades will improve sound clarity within the Sanctuary and help ensure that both in-person and online worshippers can fully participate in our services. While this is a significant investment, we are grateful to have received more than \$50,000 in government credits during 2024, which helps offset the expense and allows us to move forward responsibly.

We currently expect the work to be completed by the end of July.

Mark Your Calendars For The Summer!

Thur, Jun 4-Jun 6	Susquehanna Annual Conference
Sun, Jun 7	- Final Children's Sunday School and final Youth Group for the Summer
Tue, Jun 9	Pastor Jim starts Renewal Leave
Sun, Jun 28	Combined Service with Church Picnic
Sun, Jul 19 - Jul 23	Vacation Bible School
Sun, Jul 26	Combined Service for VBS at 10AM
Sun, Aug 2	Pastor Jim returns
Sun, Aug 2 - Aug 5	Youth Mission Trip
Sun, Aug 30	Blessing of the Backpacks
Sun, Sep 6	Combined Worship and Picnic
Sun, Sep 13	Ministry kickoff Sunday! Return of Children's Sunday School, Youth Group, and more!

Collection Updates





Food Pantry: The collection items for the month of June is spaghetti sauce. Donations may be placed in the designated plastic tub in the lobby.

Mission Zone continues to collect wrapped plastic silverware, plastic bags, eye glasses, cell phones, aluminum cans, aluminum can tabs. Thank You for your donations!

JUNE HELPERS

9am Traditional Service	June 7 Pastor Jim's last Sunday before renewal leave	June 14	June 21 Father's Day	June 28 Combined Worship at 10am and Potluck Picnic	July 5
Acolyte	Ava Colello	Wyatt Scheidler	Ava Wagner	N/A	Whitney Sehar
Greeters	Jim Reynolds and Erin Collelo	Brad and Nicole Scheidler	Frank and Kathy Duschek	Pennsy Waltman Patrick Gerety	Lenny Baumbaugh Judy Imes
Media	Bob Ulrey	Jaan Sidorov	Blake Bechtel	N/A	Jaan Sidorov
Scripture Reader	Jim Reynolds	Maddie Kreamer	Yvonne Fry	N/A	Nicole Scheidler
Stewards	Matt Luttrell Frank Duschek	John Kreamer Kathy Duschek	Diana Reynolds Sharon Sidorov	Blaine Fry Todd Ruddle	Bob Ulrey Sharon Sidorov
Ushers (head usher listed first)	Blaine Fry Brian Matthews	Bill Griffiths Anna Strouse	Brian Matthews Bob Ulrey	Bill Griffiths	Brad Scheidler Nicole Scheidler
Communion Stewards	Pastor Lynn Bill & Becky Griffiths	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11am Jubilee Service	June 7 Pastor Jim's last Sunday before renewal leave	June 14	June 21 Father's Day	June 28 Combined Worship at 10am and Potluck Picnic	July 5
Nursery	Kim Kalinowski Jeff Klos	Amanda Billington Owen Howson	Jake Loffreda Ashley Howson	N/A	Pam Ruddle Kaitlyn Loffreda
Greeters	Steve and Tammy Chianos	Dave and Sheila Heckman	Tom and Amanda Billington	Pennsy Waltman Patrick Gerety	Marlin and Karin McCormick
Media	Mitchell White	Mitchell White	Maddie Snyder	N/A	Mitchell White
Scripture Reader	Maddie Snyder	Debbie Schug	Dave Heckman	N/A	Rachel Woodworth
Stewards	Todd Ruddle Amy Thomas	Russ Thomas Mark Schug	Matt Luttrell Dave Heckman	Todd Ruddle Blaine Fry	Matt Luttrell Russ Thomas

JUNE CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>MAY 31</p> <p>9am - Traditional Service</p> <p>10am - Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:15am - Sunday Schools</p> <p>11am - Jubilee Service and Baptism</p> <p>5:30pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11am - Manada Hill Bible Study</p> <p>4-7pm - Barb, piano lessons, S</p> <p>6:30pm - Women's Bible Study, CR</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30pm - Men's Group, CR</p> <p>5-7pm Children's Classroom Cleanout</p> <p>6:30PM - Trustees, FH</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5-7pm Children's Classroom Cleanout</p>	<p>5</p> <p>2026 Susquehanna Annual Conference in Williamsport, PA</p> 	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Pastor Jim's Last Sunday Before Renewal Leave</p> <p>9am - Traditional Service</p> <p>10am - Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:15am - Sunday Schools</p> <p>11am - Jubilee Service</p> <p>1pm - Children's Area Cleanup</p> <p>5:30pm - Youth Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11am - Manada Hill Bible Study</p> <p>4-7pm - Barb, piano lessons, S</p> <p>6:30pm - Women's Bible Study, FH</p> <p>7:30pm - Ad Council, CR</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pastor Jim's Renewal Leave Begins</p> <p>6:30pm - Men's Group, CR</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6am - Men's Sharing Group, SH</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9am - Traditional Service</p> <p>10am - Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:15am - Sunday Schools</p> <p>11am - Jubilee Service</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11am - Manada Hill Bible Study</p> <p>4-7pm - Barb, piano lessons, S</p> <p>6:30pm - Women's Bible Study, FH</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30pm - Men's Group, CR</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6am - Men's Sharing Group, SH</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Juneteenth - Office Closed</p> <p>JUNETEENTH</p>	<p>20</p>
 <p>21</p> <p>Father's Day</p> <p>9am - Traditional Service</p> <p>10am - Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:15am - Sunday Schools</p> <p>11am - Jubilee Service</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>11am - Manada Hill Bible Study</p> <p>4-7pm - Barb, piano lessons, S</p> <p>6:30pm - Women's Bible Study, CR</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30pm - Men's Group, CR</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6am - Men's Sharing Group, SH</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>NATIONAL TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10AM COMBINED WORSHIP AND PICNIC</p> <p>PICNIC</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11am - Manada Hill Bible Study</p> <p>4-7pm - Barb, piano lessons, S</p> <p>6:30pm - Women's Bible Study, CR</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30pm - Men's Group, CR</p>			<p>S-Sanctuary</p> <p>SH-Social Hall</p> <p>CR-Conference Room</p> <p>YR - Youth Room</p>	<p>7</p>

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Worship With Us:

Traditional Worship: 9:00AM

Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School: 10:00AM

Jubilee Contemporary Worship: 11:00AM

Virtual 9 & 11AM:  YouTube

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