

## The One Who Calls

Can you imagine the hope and excitement that stirred in the heart of Bartimaeus when he heard those words? He was a blind man, whose only way of getting sustenance was to sit at the side of the road and beg. All dignity was gone, and he was well aware of his hopelessness. That's why this news of Jesus calling had such a powerful impact on him. So much so, that he even cast aside his cloak, which may have held the alms that he had been collecting. No matter what value this cloak held for him, it didn't compare to this miraculous word from Jesus.

Bartimaeus knew who Jesus was and wouldn't let the chastisement from others hold him back. He even used a messianic title as he shouted out to Jesus: "Son of David, have mercy on me!" (v. 47). And now, the hopelessness of Bartimaeus was overcome by the One who was calling him.

Have you ever felt hopeless? We all find ourselves in that place because of sin, which is why Christ came. The One who redeemed us by dying on the cross and then being raised the third day—defeating death and hell—is calling us to come. And if we respond by coming to him, we will find forgiveness and freedom from sin. Alleluia!

The same Lord that claims us for salvation also calls us to service as we follow him. Mark tells us that Bartimaeus didn't just sit down once we was healed; "he regained his sight and followed [Jesus] on the way" (v. 52). It is easy to get discouraged in the work before us. Feelings of worthlessness or incapability can overwhelm us. In those times, it is crucial to remember that the One who called you and saved you will also equip and sustain you for the journey ahead.

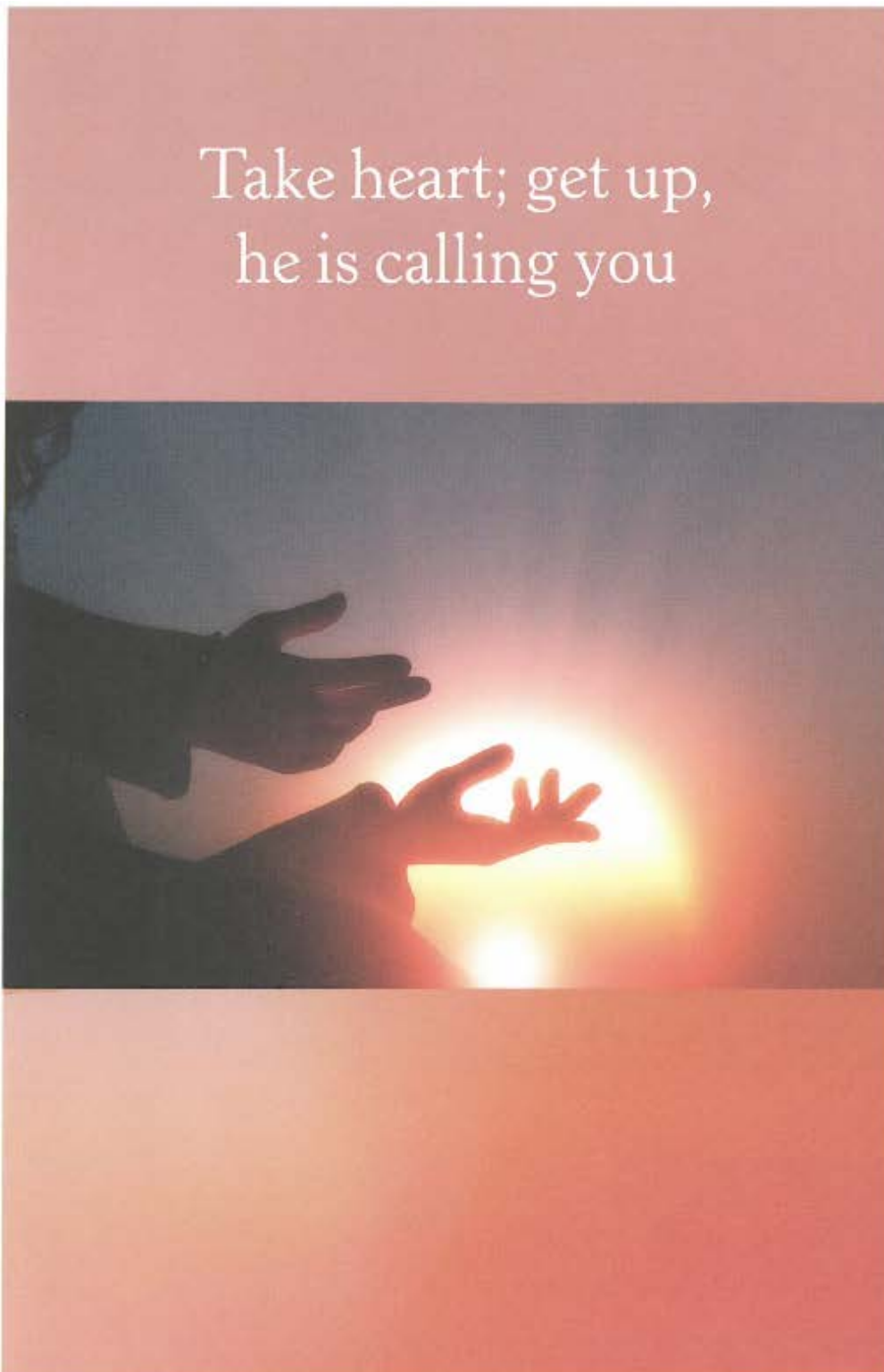
Take heart, friend; get up, for Jesus is calling.

—Chad Palmer, associate pastor  
Mohican Church of the Brethren  
West Salem, Ohio

**Text for today:** "Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called [blind Bartimaeus], saying to him, '*Take heart; get up, he is calling you.*' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus" (Mark 10:49-50, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52.

10-25-15

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**THE BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
at Worship October 25, 2015 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** (11:00) I Sing the Mighty Power of God *arr. Kenneth D. Varner*

**“COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP”** ~Phillips, Craig, & Dean

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP** (11:00)  
A Shaker Call to Worship *arr. Burton Bumgarner*

**CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER** Chris Zepp  
Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshiping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

**SINGING WITH BRENT** (8:30)

**YORFF’S** (11:00) Give Me Oil *Traditional / arr. M. Houff*  
Joy, Hope, Peace *Dawn Wooderson*

**PROCLAIMING**

**MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION AND CHILD & FAMILY DEDICATION** (11:00)  
Frank Oncken  
Andrew Flory Oncken & Eric Spivey Oncken

**\*Unison Congregational Response**

As an inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus and live the love of God, we make this pledge to you all: to support you in times of ease and difficulty, joy and sorrow, and growth and frustration; to embrace these children as beloved members of our family of faith; and to be faithful witnesses for Christ in upholding and supporting your families and these special young ones as we grow together in God’s love.

**\*HYMN # 311** *The church’s one foundation* AURELIA

**CHILDREN’S TIME** (11:00) Tony Stovall  
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions. Following the Children’s Story, all children preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Children’s Worship in the Agape Room.

**OFFERING**

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

On Eagle’s Wings *setting by John Carter*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Bill Faw

**\*HYMN # 87**

*Great is the Lord*

GREAT IS THE LORD

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 55:6-9

Ephesians 4:1-6

**SERMON**

“What Matters Most”

Robbie Miller

**RESPONDING**

**REFLECTIONS** (8:30)

Music for contemplation, followed by conversation.

**\*HYMN # 305**

*Where charity and love prevail*

CHESHIRE

**\*SENDING WORDS**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**(11:00)

A Shaker Benediction

*arr. Burton Bumgarner*

**POSTLUDE** (11:00)

Sinfonia from *Solomon*

*arr. Mark L. Williams*

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

October 25-31, 2015 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.  
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

<b>Today</b>		Children's Worship during Worship at 11 – Agape Room	
<b>Mon.</b>	7:00	Plan of Organization Meeting	Lounge
<b>Tues.</b>	7:00	Child Care Center Board	Room # 27
	7:00	Stewardship Commission	Lounge
<b>Wed.</b>	2:00	Pastor's Book Study	Lounge
	5:15	Cherub Choir (K-2) Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	5:30	Wednesday Evening Meal (Menu: Enchiladas, etc.)	Social Hall
	5:45	Carol Choir (3-5) Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:30	Yorff Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00	Ministerial Services Commission	Lounge
	7:15	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
<b>Thurs.</b>	5-7	CROP Meal – Kline Camps Center at B.C.	
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Fri.</b>	4:00	Apple Butter Snitting	Social Hall
	5:00	Apple Butter Dinner begins	Social Hall
	5:30	BSM Halloween Party – Home of the Zepp's	
	8:00	Apple Butter Kids' Piñata	Social Hall
<b>Sat.</b>	4 a.m.	Apple Butter Boiling begins	Backyard
	Noon	Apple Butter Canning	Social Hall

### NEXT SUNDAY – November 1, 2015 – All Saints Day

**Worship:** 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Pastor Jeff Carr, preaching

Sermon: "Living History"

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9 & John 11:32-44

**Bell Choir Rehearsal** – 9 a.m. – Choir Room

**Puppets Rehearsal** – 9 a.m. – Agape Room

**Sunday School** – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

**Youth Fundraiser Lunch** – Noon – Social Hall

(Menu: Breakfast for Lunch)

**CROP Walk** – 2 p.m. – Bridgewater Community Center

## BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus  
and live the love of God.*

### ***Our Mission...***

*As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.*

### ***Our Values...***

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.  
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.  
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.  
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

### **PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF**

**Jeff Carr** – Senior Pastor

**Chris Zepp** – Associate Pastor

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF**

**Fortunato Correa** – Custodian

**Phil Flory** – Treasurer

**Shannon Puffenbarger** – Administrative Assistant

**Leon Rhodes** – Head Teller

**Glenna Wampler** – Business Manager

### **PROGRAM & MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF**

**Kathleen Arndt** – Child Care Center Administrator

**John Barr** – Organist

**Jim Benedict** – Bell Choir Director

**Jeanie Eye** – Christian Education Director

**Mary Beth Flory** – Pianist

**Marianne Houff** – Children's Choir Director

**Ellsworth Neff** – Sound, Light, Video Coordinator

**Curtis Nolley** – Sanctus Choir Director & Music Coordinator

**Clarke & Hope Staton** – Youth Ministry Coordinators

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

### **HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall**

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.**

**Representative** – Jeannie Turner

*All Are Welcome* brochures, available in the pews and literature rack, list specific Christian Education opportunities and locations.

**PARKING ASSISTANCE:** 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

### **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!**

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a “cry room” for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

**Greeter** (11:00) – Chuck Clouse

**Guitarist** (8:30) – Brent Holl

**Greeters** (11:00) – David & Lori Lineweaver  
Becky & Jim Replogle

**Head Usher** (11:00) – Devin Bowman

**Sound/Light Operators** (11:00) – Ellsworth Neff & Adeline Hipps

**Decorators** – Mary Ann Angleberger & Anita Beckman

**Van Driver** – Melvin Wampler

**Worship Leader** – Bill Faw

### **ATTENDANCE /STEWARDSHIP FOR LAST SUNDAY: 10/18/15**

**Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 21 11:00 – 274 Sunday School: 156**

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$6,463.00
Loose Offering	674.17
Books	82.00
Wednesday Night Meals	91.00
EYN Compassion Fund	798.41

~ Leon Rhodes, Head Teller

### **TODAY'S CALL TO WORSHIP TEXT: Traditional Shaker**

Come to Zion, sin-sick souls, in sorrow bound.

Lay your cares upon the altar where true healing may be found.

Halleluiah! Halleluiah! Praise resounds o'er land and sea.

All who will may come and share the glories of this Jubilee!

### **TODAY'S BENEDICTION TEXT: Traditional Shaker**

On the work of our hands and the praise of our hearts,

May the light of Thy countenance shine,

In the least ever faithful, abiding and true,

Our service of joy shall be Thine.

May the halo of pray'r mantle of peace

As the heav'n's benediction descend,

Ordaining our lives for the mission of Christ,

And love with our sacrifice blend.

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### **B.H. AUXILIARY GENERAL MEETING**

You are invited to the Bridgewater Home Auxiliary General Meeting *Meet and Mingle* on Monday, October 26, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Alexander Mack Rooms in Houff Community Center. Learn about all the Auxiliary has accomplished this year while enjoying a fall dessert bar. Even if you're not a member of the Auxiliary, you are invited to the meeting to learn more about the Auxiliary and exciting ways you can become involved.

### **LISTEN! THE STORY OF THE APOSTLE PETER**

The Shenandoah Valley Biblical Storytellers invite you to “Listen! The Story of the Apostle Peter” this evening at 7 p.m. at the Timberville Community Center. Admission is free! Everyone welcome!

### **CROP EVENTS INFORMATION**

CROP Meal: Thursday, October 29, from 5-7 p.m. at BC KCC.

CROP Walk: Sunday, November 1, beginning at 2 p.m. at Bridgewater Community Center.

To reserve tickets for the CROP Meal, sign up to participate in the CROP Walk, sponsor one or more of our congregation's CROP walkers, or get more information, visit the CROP Table in the Greeting Hall, obtain a form from the literature rack, or call the church office.