

## **An Announcement from Calvary's Staff Parish Relations Committee**

The Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church, and Calvary United Methodist Church Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce Reverend Randall G. Bennett, Jr. as the Senior Pastor beginning July 1, 2021. Randy is a native of Johnson City, TN. He graduated from Science Hill High School in 1994, East Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance and a Master of Music Education in Choral Conducting in 2000/2002, and Evangelical Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity in 2009. Randy is also a Veteran of the United States Marine Corp.



Randy has served God and spread the good news of Jesus as Director of Music Ministries at Zion United Methodist Church (York), Pastor at Trinity UMC (New Freedom, PA), Pastor at Paxtonville UMC (Paxtonville, PA), and is currently serving as Senior Pastor at Christ Community UMC (Selinsgrove, PA).

Randy has strong leadership skills and a demonstrated ability to grow congregations in each of his appointments. He has completed several Capital Campaigns and led multiple churches through extensive renovation and expansion projects. Randy is personable, approachable, and committed to establishing meaningful connections with the family of Calvary.

Randy is married to Aime who graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Christian Life and Ministry, and in 2013 with a Master of Marriage and Family Therapy from Lancaster Bible College. She currently works as a Therapist and Supervisor for Adelphoi Villages.

Randy and Aime have two daughters, Madisyn and Haley. Madisyn is a junior in high school and excels in the arts and humanities. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She enjoys public speaking events, plays, musicals, and playing the trumpet. Madisyn is a delegate to the Annual Conference and was elected by the Susquehanna Conference to be a delegate to the next Jurisdictional Conference. Haley is a freshman in high school and is a talented musician. She studies percussion and qualified for the District Band. She also enjoys singing. She is also intelligent and studious. Dixie Dawg is the family's 85lb Black Lab lap dog.

Pastor Jeff, SPRC, and the Susquehanna Office of Equipping Vital Congregations will be working closely with Randy to navigate this transition and foster a positive and authentic relationship with Calvary from the very beginning. We are excited for all that is to come, so please join us with open hearts and open arms in welcoming Randy and his family to Calvary!

~Jill Robertson (Chair), Jason Hershock, Diane Baker, Bill Shook, Corvé Ransom, Ruth Milliken, Bonnie Krampe, John Nau, Dennis Helsel (Lay Leader)