

Go Immediately

Is the image on the front cover a familiar sight for you? Are the geese having difficulty getting into their usual formation? Who is doing the leading or honking? Which one decided to fly and called the others to join? Where might *you* be in this formation?

Today's scripture is the story of Jesus calling his first four disciples: Simon and Andrew and James and John, two sets of brothers. All four were fishermen, and all four left *immediately* after being called! Jesus simply invites them—"Follow me and I will make you fish for people"—and they drop everything and go.

So, how much did the disciples know about this man who called them? Matthew and Mark record the calling of these disciples the same, but Luke's version provides a little more background on the person they are going to follow (see Luke 5:1-11). Jesus called them after climbing into one of their boats and directing them to drop their nets into the deep water to catch a boatload of fish.

Have you ever said yes to an opportunity to serve without knowing the person calling you or having a detailed description of the arrangements? If so, how did you feel? Most of us are much more cautious than these men, who left *immediately* when called.

The proposed compelling vision statement includes three characteristics of disciples the Church of the Brethren will endeavor to call: innovative, adaptable, and fearless. We know the One who is calling us, and we trust that we'll be equipped for our journey. May we be willing to say yes and go *immediately* when called!

—D. Miller Davis
Westminster, Maryland

Text for today: "Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, '*Follow me* and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat . . . and followed him" (Mark 1:14-20, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 (17).

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Worship 10:30 AM



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Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God.

—Hanover Mission Statement

Please be mindful of those who are meditating as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have come to worship with others in this sanctuary...

Cong: *...we seek you in this place!*

Leader: In a dry and thirsty land that is in need of spiritual quenching...

Cong: *...we seek your life-giving water!*

All: We have come to worship you in this place!

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

O Lord, you are more than able to quench our thirst this day. May all that we do glorify your name as we shelter in God's love. Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN "Come Thou Almighty King" Red 3

OFFERING MEDITATION

Look around us today, at this gathering. We are a community of people who want to follow Jesus. We share so much with those early Christians who "struggled at the work of the gospel" BUT who also found great joy in the Lord and joy in the life they shared together. No matter what we are carrying this morning or what we face—WE ARE NOT ALONE! Let us joyfully share our tithes and offerings this day. The offering plate is in the back of the church as you leave the sanctuary.

Today we have the opportunity to share in a special offering for "clean-up buckets" to help those going through disasters. Please use one of the special offering envelopes.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

TIME WITH OUR YOUNGER CHILDREN Lona Bridenbaugh
(Children may come forward.)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Roxie Schloyer & Bev Wolf

Piano-Organ Duet - Hymn Medley

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 63

Pew Bible Pg. 516

MORNING MESSAGE

Pastor Gerry

"The Parched Wasteland of the Soul: Quarantining"

*CLOSING HYMN "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" Red 125

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Pardoned by God's abounding grace, empowered by God's constant love and protected by God's peace, let us go forth into this week to serve others.

All: We will go forth, encouraged by the faithful and loving presence of our Holy God. Amen!

Let us honor God's Presence with us as we listen to the postlude.

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able.*

We welcome each of you to our service today.

We especially welcome any first time visitors and encourage you to fill out a pink card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate after worship today!

Please make sure you have permission from individuals to share their names during joys and concerns or for placing in the bulletin and share their needs briefly. Thank you.

Personalized activity bags for the children are in the narthex.

Handicap restrooms are available. Hearing devices & large print bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Ministers to All.....	The Congregation
Preaching	Pastor Gerry Godfrey
Worship Leader.....	Connie Morris
Music Director/Pianist	Roxie Schloyer
Organist	Bev Wolf
Head Usher	Roger Bollinger
Deacon of the Month/Welcomer	Dick & Sue Ambrosius
Bulletin Board	Amanda Jacobs-Womer

Announcements

WELCOME BACK - COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Your safety is our priority. Please remember to keep a physical distance of 6 feet, wear a face mask inside the building and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer. Please sit in the indicated pews staying 6 feet apart from non-family members. At this time there is no children's church. The restroom lights in the lower level restrooms will be turned on in the morning-please do not touch switch and turn them off - they will be turned off at the close of church each Sunday. Offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary to place your offering. After the service, socializing is encouraged in the parking lot out in the open air.

Clean-up Bucket Offering - TODAY. Outreach Commission is sponsoring this project for the need is great. If you wish to donate individual items, pick up a list in the narthex and place items in the blue tub.

Youth Valentine Lollipop & Pretzel Fundraiser - Orders will be due by **Sunday, December 7**, The youth will be making the lollipops and covered pretzels on **Friday, February 12** at 6 pm. You will pick up your order on **Sunday, February 14**.

Souper Bowl of Caring, Sunday, February 7. Please bring canned soups and/or a monetary donation to support the PAL program at Hanover Area Council of Churches.

Inclement Weather—If there are delays or closing for our church, you may call the church number and listen to the message or go to WGAL.COM for the listed closing or use their mobile app.

Please Uplift in Prayer

Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless ongoing concern.

Homewood at Plum Creek:

Jewel Amspacher - Room D142

Nancy Mummert - Room C105

Fay Swartz - Room E342

Hanover Hall:

Esther Brown - Room 219

John Paul Fike, Sr. - Room 126A

Country Meadows:

Bonnie Berwager - Apt. 311

Spring Creek Rehab:

Sonja Bankert

Utz Terrace:

Evelyn Dickensheets - Room 422

Normandie Ridge Sr. Living:

Norma Becker - Room 122A

Shut ins: Clarence Berg, Jake Berwager, Dean Brodbeck,
Miriam Mills, Charlie Sell, Dale Sullivan,

Amber Shaw, Emily & Richard Stewart, Dan, Armstrong Family,
Charles & Pat Hartman, Deb Kleindinst

Church Activities This Week

Sunday, January 24 Sunday School - 9 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM

Tuesday, January 26 AA - 8 PM

Wednesday, January 27 Bible Study & Prayer Group - 6 PM

No Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 29 AA - 6 pm

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 31 Sunday School - 9 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM

Thursday, February 4 Connections at Church - 7:30 PM

Sunday, February 7 Souper Bowl Sunday - Worship - 10:30 AM

Orders due for Youth Valentine Treats

Monday, February 8 Commissions Meet - 6 PM

Church Board Meets - 7 PM

Friday, February 12 Youth Making Valentine Treats - 6 to 9 PM

Our Faithful Stewardship - January 17, 2021

Attendance: Sunday School - 18 Worship - 59

Giving: General Fund \$ 1,940.50

Clean-up Buckets \$ 25