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VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 5/9/17)—On Monday, May 8, the Board of General Ministries elected Reverend Dr. Lee B. Spitzer to the position of General Secretary of American Baptist Churches USA...Over the past several months the Search Committee had interviewed numerous candidates. After much prayer, discernment, and deep discussion, the committee identified Dr. Spitzer as the candidate best suited to lead American Baptists forward.

Currently Dr. Spitzer serves as Executive Minister for the American Baptist Churches in New Jersey (ABCNJ). He has served congregations in New Jersey, Nebraska, and Rhode Island. Dr. Spitzer brings a wide range of experience and expertise to his new role as General Secretary. In ABCNJ he guided a strategic planning and renewal process, provided pastoral leadership, launched new ministries and collaborative efforts, created networks and new partnerships, promoted church growth, fostered a united community, and managed financial growth. He continues to speak prophetically into current issues and concerns.

Dr. Spitzer has authored *Endless Possibilities: Exploring the Journeys of Your Life* (1997), the companion *Endless Possibilities Course Book* (2001), *A Summer's Journey* (2001), articles for the *Encyclopedia of Religious and Spiritual Development* (Sage, 2006), and *Jesus Christ from Cover to Cover* (2006). In his first Judson Press book, *Making Friends, Making Disciples* (2010), he explores the pivotal role friendship plays in support of the church's mission to make disciples and evangelize. Dr. Spitzer's newest Judson Press book, *Baptists, Jews, and the Holocaust: The Hand of Sincere Friendship*, is scheduled for release in October 2017.

His goal as General Secretary is "to lead ABCUSA into a future of spiritual renewal, creative service, and church growth, in joyful cooperation with all partners of the American Baptist Family." His efforts as General Secretary will be directed toward strengthening connections with ABC regions, affirming and enhancing our diversity, reaching out to the next generation of leaders, growing trust and collaboration, strengthening our American Baptist identity and providing administrative leadership in areas of stewardship, funding, and fiduciary concerns.

Dr. Spitzer will be preaching on Sunday morning, July 2, at the American Baptist Biennial Mission Summit in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Spitzer will begin his service as General Secretary on June 1.

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## Members and Friends at Home

*Each week a member or friend of the church at home will be highlighted.  
Greeting cards are always appreciated*



**Frank Meehan**  
**19 Winsome Way**  
**Newark, DE 19702**  
**302-737-7067**

Frank Meehan and his late wife, Colleen, began attending Calvary many years ago when their son Tom had joined our chancel choir. Frank was always a very faithful member, but quietly staying in the background. Tom left our church a long time ago, but Frank continued to attend. In talking with Tom I learned Frank suffers from severe dementia and Alzheimer's disease. We do miss him in his favorite pew on Sundays, but continue to keep Frank in our prayers, along with Tom who is the sole caregiver for him.

### May Birthdays!!



- |    |                      |
|----|----------------------|
| 1  | Jayden Taylor        |
| 3  | Aaron Widdoes        |
| 4  | Dayna Fields         |
| 6  | Nell Deibert         |
| 6  | Jenn Otto            |
| 8  | Dionisio Companiony  |
| 8  | June Whann           |
| 9  | Jaden Cole Boothe    |
| 11 | Carlee Shea Rash     |
| 12 | Terry Boothe         |
| 13 | Maureen Koeller      |
| 14 | Brayden Wells        |
| 14 | Patrick Bram Walker  |
| 15 | Dalton Carter        |
| 17 | Emi Prinski          |
| 20 | Betty Lewis          |
| 21 | Kristin Inciardi     |
| 21 | Rick Houtz           |
| 22 | Bertha Koeller       |
| 22 | Rhett Walker         |
| 25 | Sue MacDonald        |
| 25 | Katelyn Kohan        |
| 27 | Angela Koeller       |
| 27 | Heather Houtz-McLeod |
| 27 | Joe Rhoads           |
| 30 | Cora DiJosie         |
| 31 | Maria Alley          |
| 31 | Tessa Gordon         |

**The youth event for this Saturday has been postponed due to the pending weather forecast. Please be on the lookout for information on that as well as an additional event for this weekend or next week.**



**Attention all Calvary Women:**  
Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, May 20 at 11:00a.m. at Carol Kidwell's home for a potluck luncheon.**



This is our last meeting until Fall and an opportunity for Christian fellowship and a relaxing afternoon. See Mary Elizabeth or Judy if you have questions.

### Grilled Cheeses and Jesus Rescheduled

Weather and circumstances caused us to postpone Grilled Cheeses and Jesus for Cinco de Mayo. Since the supplies are already purchased we are rescheduling for **Wed May 17, 4PM - 8PM**. Yes, that's normal awake hours for most folks. That is Final Exam Eve. Come out and support us as we say a prayer for our students. Come for an hour or for the entire time. Please let Tom Parkins know if you plan to be there.



## Monthly Financial Statement

5/10/2017



Net Gain \$2,020

Total Income		Total Expenses	
Mar-17		Mar-17	
General Fund Income	\$27,552.12	Monthly Expenses	\$25,532.40
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Join Pastor Dan MacDonald,  
Chaplain David Hicks  
from the Tel Hai Retirement Center  
  
February 18 to 27, 2018  
10 Amazing Days of Biblical Study and Adventure  
Depart Philadelphia for \$3306\*  
with JCBS Instructor Dr. Willis Britt



Full information packets and application forms are available in the Narthex.

## Walk for Friendship House/ Newark Empowerment Center

**Saturday morning June 3rd** at Beautiful Bellevue State Park. Highmark Blue Cross is sponsoring a fundraiser for the non-profits of Wilmington. 100% of the proceeds will benefit Friendship House Newark Empowerment Center. On top of that we have a very generous donor who will match the first \$2000 raised! **You DO NOT have to raise money to participate.**



*Walk for the Homeless*

### **What?**

Friendship House has been invited to join the Highmark Walk For a Healthy Community!

### **WE NEED WALKERS!**

Join us as we walk with some of our homeless friends in support of the programs at Friendship House. 100% of the money raised by our teams goes directly to the Friendship House programs. This year we have a generous donor who has pledged \$1,000 to Friendship House for each of our teams that recruits at least 25 walkers and raises at least \$2,000! We need your help reaching these goals. Join an existing team or start one of your own. If you can't make it that day show your support by donating to your favorite team or your favorite individual walker.



### **Where?**

Bellevue State Park  
800 Carr Road  
Wilmington DE, 19809

Look for the Friendship House check in table when you arrive.

### **When?**

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017.  
Group photo at 8:30 am  
5K Walk begins at 9:00 am  
One-Mile Fun Walk begins at 9:15 am  
Our check in table opens at 7:45 am for all of our walkers.

# Calendar

## May

10	6:30pm	Youth Group
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>13</b>	<b>1-9:00pm</b>	<del>Youth Group Beach BBQ (Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)</del> <b>-Canceled</b>
14		<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>
17	6:30pm	Youth Group
		<b>No Choir Rehearsal</b>
	<b>4-8pm</b>	<b>Exam Week Grilled Cheeses and Jesus</b>
18	9:00am	Hope Dining
<b>20</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>ABW Potluck at Carol Kidwell's</b>
21	12:00pm	Trustees
		Mission Board
23	7:00pm	Christian Ed. Board
24	6:30pm	Youth Group
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>29</b>		<b>Memorial Day- office closed</b>
31	6:30pm	Youth Group
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Vision Team

## June

<b>2</b>		<b>Office Closed</b>
	<b>5:30-10pm</b>	<b>Paint Night</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	<b>Check-in Friendship House Walk</b>
6	6:30pm	Finance Committee
7	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
11	11:30am	Board Meetings
14	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
15	9:00am	Hope Dining
<b>18</b>		<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>
	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Church Annual Business Mtg.</b> (board members and search committee to be elected)
21		<b>Summer Begins!!</b>
<b>27- 7/2</b>		<b>Creation Fest</b>
<b>29-7/2</b>		<b>ABC-USA Biennial</b>