



October 9, 2016

This
Saturday,
October
15th!

9:00 am—
1:00 pm



Church of
the Good
Shepherd,
35 W. Phil-
adelphia
Ave,
Boyertown

Does your church have all the money it needs! If so, congratulations, you're doing it right!!

But what if you said no to that question. Are you looking for new ideas, perhaps some new methods to increase giving? Does the following sound familiar?

The Stewardship Campaign is struggling! There is a 20% short fall in pledged income? A broad discussion in the Finance Committee takes place. One person says we should just go with the proposed budget and trust the Lord! Another says we need to cut and suggests starting with wider mission giving (OCWM) and only local church wider mission in which a church member is involved. Another competing voice is heard and proclaims "Let's use some principle from the endowment fund!" One of the pastor's strongest critics says to freeze salaries and decrease part-time professional and support staff hours. Yet another voice is heard that says "We need to find more members – that would increase giving!" A long term member suggests a letter to the congregation to alert them to the significant shortfall. You sit silently and then..... what do you say or do? Where might you stand concerning their suggestions?

Join us for this Leadership Workshop with focus insights on faithful, creative, and successful financial stewardship ministries. There is no fee for this event, but we do request that you register.

Visit the PSEC website (psec.org) to register. Registration closes this Tuesday, Oct. 11th.

Getting to Know:

Calvary Reformed UCC

640 Centre Ave., Reading, PA 19601



At Calvary UCC in Reading, PA, our magnificent structure and inspiring worship is just the beginning of who we are. We just began our second 125 years with new vigor and commitment to feeding, housing, and caring for the lost and oppressed. Our unique ministry is also focused on

serving as a ministry hub for 5 other congregations and several community ministries. We became the first ONA congregation for 40 miles in every direction in 2014, and we offer many ministries for our diverse community.

We are actively involved in Family Promise, the Reading Berks Conference of Churches, the Centre Park Historic District, Berks Women in Crisis, and many more local and global ministries. Our pastor, Steve Ohnsman, is in his 18th year as our 8th pastor. Along with our own emergency Food Cupboard, we provide funding through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, assisting local residents with rent and utilities. We also have a relationship with a local pharmacy to provide medicine for struggling families. Calvary supports a literacy program called Ready.Set.READ!, an initiative of the Berks County United Way, and other outreach programs in the city of Reading. The congregation has also developed a partnership with the Religious Studies Department at Albright College to bring well known theologians and authors into the community.

Our mission is the same as it was in 1890 - to serve Christ where people have needs.



Prayers are requested for Calvary Reformed UCC in Reading and Rev. Dr. Stephen Ohnsman.