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Devotion

Heb. 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Heb. 12:2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Devotion Continued

- ◆ Hall of Fame of Faith
- ◆ The past can empower the present
- ◆ Part of a greater story

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My Hopes

We pray

We meet

We discern a mission/vision in a form of a compelling story

We discern next steps (worship, missions, outreach, discipleship) that are low stakes (unless we discern a BHAG)



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My Hopes Continued

We discern a discipleship process

We discern a leadership training process

We thrive in God's purpose for us



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Session One



- What does a thriving/healthy church look like
- How do we get there
 - Mission
 - Vision
- Mission and vision as a story
- Pathway for discernment
 - Prayer
 - Questions

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Session Two



- Mission and Vision
- Values
- Defining Goals
- Church Structure
- Church Schedule
- Discipleship Pathway

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Session Three

- Church Life Cycles
- SWOT Analysis



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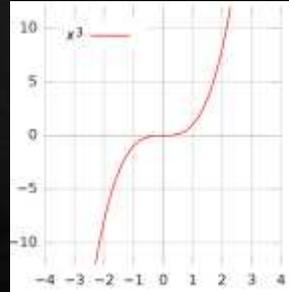
Session Four

Demographics



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Some Opening thoughts



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Welcome to

Evangelical
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Church

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Middletown, Pennsylvania

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1767

Meeting of William Otterbein (German Reformed Church) and Philip William Otterbein



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1800-Christian Newcomer and John Neidig



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Our formation

- March 15, 1851-Congregation represented at Quarterly Conference at Highspire and became part of the Highspire circuit
- 1852-First building built

Record of the Church at			
No.	Member's Name	Sex	Age
1	James M. Smith	M	27
2	John M. Smith	M	25
3	William M. Smith	M	23
4	Elizabeth M. Smith	F	21
5	John M. Smith	M	19
6	William M. Smith	M	17
7	Elizabeth M. Smith	F	15
8	John M. Smith	M	13
9	William M. Smith	M	11
10	Elizabeth M. Smith	F	9
11	John M. Smith	M	7
12	William M. Smith	M	5
13	Elizabeth M. Smith	F	3
14	John M. Smith	M	1
15	William M. Smith	M	1
16	Elizabeth M. Smith	F	1
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1867-Our Second Building



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1893-Our Third
Building



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1925-1951 Harvey K.
Geyer



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1953-Educational Wing



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How do you understand
our history/story as a
church?



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What is your favorite memory of Evangelical?



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Do you have favorite memories of preachers, teachers, congregants?



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When were we at the best? Why were we at our best?



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Can you remember a time Evangelical struggled?



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What can we learn from our history?



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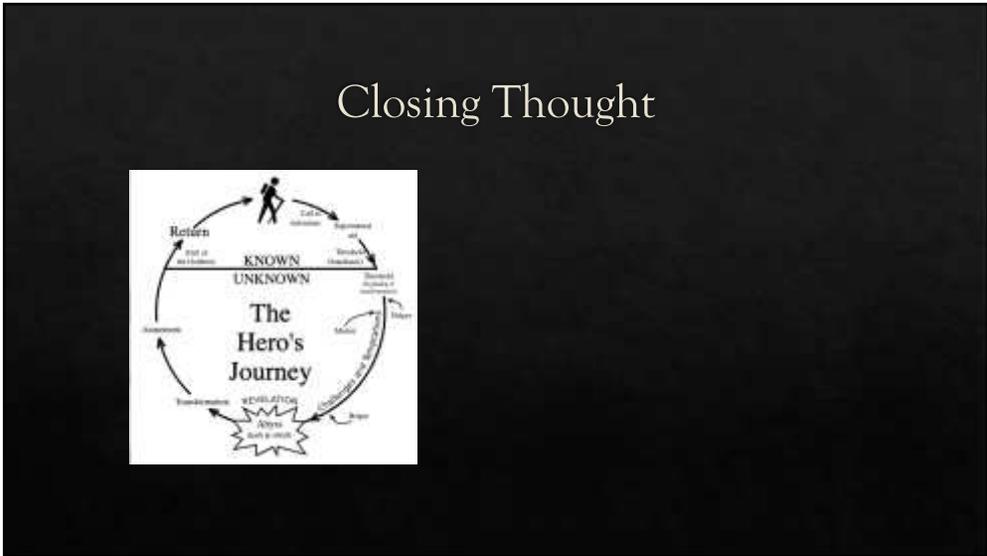
Other Thoughts?



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I. Departure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Call to Adventure 2. Refusal of the Call 3. Supernatural Aid 4. The Crossing of the First Threshold 5. Belly of the Whale 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Miraculous conception and birth 2. Initiation of the hero-child 3. Withdrawal from family or community for meditation and preparation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The call to adventure 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ordinary world 2. Call to adventure 3. Refusal of the call 4. Meeting with the mentor 5. Crossing the first threshold
II. Initiation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. The Road of Trials 7. The Meeting with the Goddess 8. Women as the Temptress 9. Atonement with the Father 10. Apotheosis 11. The Ultimate Boon 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Trial and quest 5. Death 6. Descent into the underworld 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The road of trials 3. The vision quest 4. The meeting with the goddess 5. The boon 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Tests, allies, and enemies 7. Approach to the innermost cave 8. The ordeal 9. Reward
III. Return	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Refusal of the Return 13. The Magic Flight 14. Rescue from Without 15. The Crossing of the Return Threshold 16. Master of the Two Worlds 17. Freedom to Live 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Resurrection and Mirth 8. Ascension, apotheosis, and atonement 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. The magic flight 7. The return threshold 8. The master of two worlds 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. The road back 11. The resurrection 12. Return with the elixir

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Closing Prayer

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