



the Messenger

✠ December 2017

WHAT DO I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

BY ANN WEEMS

What do I want for Christmas?
I want to kneel in Bethlehem,
the air thick with alleluias,
the angels singing
that God is born among us.
In the light of the Star,
I want to see them come,
the wise ones and the humble.
I want to see them come
bearing whatever they treasure
to lay at the feet
of him who gives his life.

What do I want for Christmas?
To see in that stable
the whole world kneeling in thanks
for a promise kept:
new life.
For in his nativity
we find ours.

God bless you all this Christmas season.

--From the Calvary Church staff



Christmas an Inviting Time

The weeks in December are a wonderful time to invite friends, neighbors, coworkers and family to come and visit the church. The building is decorated in a festive way, the music is particularly special, there is a sense of anticipation and excitement among the people here- everything makes this a wonderful time for guest to see us at our best. Even more important, this is the time when we hear the news that God is coming into our world not just as a baby many years ago, but into our lives today. Research shows that most people would be glad to come to church if only they were invited by someone they knew. You could be that someone.

Sermon Series:

Do Not Be Afraid– *What are your fears? Our world is full of fear, but this Advent season, we pray you listen to those messengers from God who say “do not be afraid!”*



December 3 First Sunday of Advent Holy Communion
Sermon : Do Not Be Afraid, Zechariah
Scripture: Luke 1: 5-25

December 10 Second Sunday of Advent
Sermon: Do Not Be Afraid, Mary
Scripture: Luke 1: 26-38

December 17 Third Sunday of Advent. Music of Christmas
Sermon: Do Not Be Afraid, Joseph
Scripture: Matthew 1: 18-25



December 24	10:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Do Not Be Afraid, Shepherds Scripture: Luke 2: 8-14 (No Sunday School)	Rev. Larsen
	5:00 p.m. Families and Children Christmas Service Children’s Choir	Rev. Sullivan
	7:00 p.m. Youth Service Youth participants, Voices of Praise Youth Choir	Rev. Sullivan
	9:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion Sermon-”I Wander as I Wander”	Rev. Larsen
	11:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion Sermon- “I Wander as I Wander”	Rev. Larsen
December 31	10:00 a.m. Service only (No Sunday School)	Rev. Larsen



December Helpers

Dec. 3	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	Paul Nelson	Jack & Jane Tritt
Acolyte	Charlotte Auth	Owen Duthoy
Lay Reader	Beth Richards	Dean Calcagni
Coffee/Tea	Corki & Steve Jarvis	Sue Krause
Dec. 10	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	David & Ellen Adams	Larry & Judy Johnson
Acolyte	Alaina Pond	Ben Moked
Lay Reader	Helen Sheppard	Bonnie Strine
Coffee/Tea	Jack & Jane Tritt	Sue Krause
Dec. 17	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	Cleon & Diane Stull	Jack & Grace Heller
Acolyte	Catherine Waskey	Alyxandra Hoover
Lay Reader	Beth Strakonsky	Zan Fleming
Coffee/Tea	Barbara Piper & Lois Pacheco	Stephanie Slovikosky
Dec. 24	10:00 a.m. Service	
Greeters	Todd Main	
Acolyte	Paige Willard	
Lay Reader	Didi Willard	
Coffee	Ray & Becky McKinnon	
Dec. 31	10:00 a.m. Service	
Greeter	Betsy Bryant	
Acolyte	Sophia Bostian	
Lay Reader	Kaye Chesemore	
Coffee	Lou & Judy Finneyfrock	

DECEMBER USHERS

8:30 A.M. DAVID MILLS

RUSS SLOVIKOWSKY, DAVE ADAMS, MARK McDONALD, JACK KINGLSY, AND FRANK STRAKONSKY.

11:00 A.M. ELAINE CHILDS

ANN MOSSBURG, BILL PASQUERETTE, RICHARD MILLER, AARON HARRINGTON, JACK TRITT

DECEMBER FLOWERS

DEC. 3 NO FLOWER SPONSOR

DEC. 10 ALTAR- BECKY ISAACS

DEC. 17

ALTAR- ALICE ZALATORIS

DEC. 24

ALTAR- PAUL METCALF

PULPIT-LINDA ENGLISH

DEC. 31 NO FLOWER SPONSOR

***IF INTERESTED IN BEING A FLOWER SPONSOR THIS MONTH, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.**



KRIS KRINGLE PROCESSION

& Hot Chocolate at Calvary

Friday, Dec. 8, 6:00pm

Join us as we march through downtown Frederick singing Christmas Carols. We end at the Baker Park Bandshell, then we'll gather in Parish Hall for hot chocolate, cookies, and advent mural coloring.



Sign up at
www.calvaryumc.org!



Attention all bakers!!!! Mark your calendars now!! We need cookies for the annual Bake-a-Batch fundraiser for Jen Esler. Jen is a Calvary member and served as the Nursery Director before being diagnosed with a brain tumor years ago. Following surgery, she has had extensive rehabilitation to improve her quality of life. Proceeds from bake a batch serve to help Jen in her rehab and to remind her that she is not forgotten by her Calvary family.

All cookie donations can be dropped off in the kitchen on Friday, Dec. 8th or on Sat. Dec. 9th, BY 9:45!! Pageant rehearsal is this same morning, so why not bake a batch of cookies and bring them along as you bring your children for rehearsal?? Trays will be assembled Saturday morning in the Education

Bldg. activity room and available for sale on Sunday, Dec. 10th before and after the 8:30 service. Baking cookies is a great activity to do with your children or grandchildren and for a great cause!!!

Any questions, please contact Julie Schwarzenberg



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER, 10 AT 10:00 A.M.

**OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRESENTED BY THE CHILDREN
OF CALVARY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES.**



Mark your calendar!



December 9
8:00 a.m.

This Christmas

Give the gift of shelter

Dec. 23, 2017
-
Jan. 5, 2018



GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIFE

Wednesday,
December 6, 2017
1:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Calvary UMC
Parish Hall

Calvary at the



December 23
4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

WESLEYAN CIRCLE WILL MEET TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 19, AT 1:30 P.M.
AT JEAN SHAFF'S HOME.

Church and Society

December, 2017

The Reordering of All Things

From the writings of the Christian Martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, comes a devotional entry entitled “The Beginning of a Complete Reordering of All Things.”

According to this pastor/professor, when God chooses Mary to be instrumental for God’s coming into this world in all lowliness, it is not an idle family occurrence but the beginning of a complete re-ordering, new ordering, of all things. If we want to participate in this Advent-happening, we cannot stand by as observers, enjoying all the Christmas trappings; on the contrary we will be drawn into this Act of God, this reordering of all things. If we want to participate, we must accept and play our part in this redemption drama. *

These consequential thoughts from Bonhoeffer are supported by Scripture. Lowliness attends the birth of Jesus through and through, and this is the King of kings and Lord of lords. Jesus was poor, yet rich; weak, yet strong; servant, yet master; defeated, yet victorious. From birth to death and resurrection of Jesus the biblical accounts show the reordering of all things.

A consequential faith, the only authentic faith, determined Bonhoeffer’s choices and actions in his all-too-brief life. All things for him were reordered; thus he upset the powers: political, economic, and ecclesiastical. Security and success were to be found neither in a quiet Lutheran pastorate nor in an American professorship. The established churches of Germany, too closely aligned with the government, had forsaken their prophetic charge, abandoned the practice of mercy, and disowned any pursuit of justice. As Jesus disturbed the powers, incurring their wrath, so also the disciple, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. One of the last acts of Adolf Hitler was to order the execution of this remarkable man, whose participation in the Advent-happening, the reordering of all things, assured him of Life as opposed to and beyond a mere existence.

Isam Ballenger

*Bonhoeffer Brevier, assembled and presented by Otto Dudzus; translation by the author

Thank You~ We want to express our many thanks for your amazing support during our time of lose. Thank you for your outpouring of cards, prayers, food, gifts, phone calls, and hugs. It is so wonderful having you as our church family.

The Miller Family

Thank You~ Thank you to all of our Calvary friends, we truly appreciate all the help, food, love, prayers, and cards during our time of grief. Words cannot express the comfort it gave us.

Anna Belle Childers, Jo Ann Leigh and Family

Youth News....

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:4



As we enter into this Advent season, we are reminded of the blessings we have, as well as the ways we can be blessings for others. Let us remember the greatest gift of all came in the form of a baby boy, and is everlasting.

Let it SNOW!!!

Cancellations for inclement weather will be posted on the Facebook Calvary Youth Parents Page. Emails will also be sent. If church is cancelled due to inclement weather, youth will be cancelled as well.



We continue to pray for those who have experienced tragedy in the face of senseless violence, and for the leadership of this country to work towards ending that violence.

December Youth Schedule

December 3	VOP	4:30	Ed building
December 3	youth	5:30	Parish Hall/ed building
December 10	VOP	4:30	Ed building
December 10	youth	5:30	Parish Hall/ed building
December 17	Caroling	3:00	Northampton Manor
December 17	VOP	4:30	Ed building
December 17	Christmas Party	5:30	Parish Hall/ed building
December 20	2 nd Street & hope	3:30	Centennial Church

December 24 & 31 NO YOUTH Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Did you know...

The youth here at Calvary is service oriented? Many of our youth help to serve dinner at Centennial's 2nd Street and Hope, go on mission trips, and give of their time and money to support missions in the community? They are blessed to be a blessing!

Thank you for the continuing love showered upon the youth!

December 2017 Calvary Weekday School News

Greetings! We are enjoying the beautiful fall weather with each of our seven classes visiting Baker Park for an autumn nature walk. Our five day four's spent a morning at Homewood, entertaining the "grandma's and grandpa's" with songs, stories, and goodie bags. (Our kindergarten class will be visiting there for St. Patrick's Day.)

Reverend Shannon Sullivan visited with us last month to share in a special story with all of the classes. This month Reverend Steve Larsen will be visiting to share in another story. We look forward to connecting in faith in the goodness of our community and with these special friends.

We are hosting two kindergarten information sessions on Monday, November 27th at 9am and 12:30pm in preparation for next year's registration. Our kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Lockney, will be presenting an overview of our curriculum and will lead a tour of the classroom. You are invited to attend by calling 301.662.6783 or director@calvaryweekdayschool.com. There are 18 students per class and two teachers. Come and see the difference!

Registration for in-house current students and Calvary members begins on Monday, December 11th @ 9am in the Activities Room for the 2017 – 2018 school year, with alumni (3 years out or less) set for January 3rd, and for the community on January 4th. Please call the office for any further information.

The staff of Calvary Weekday School wish you many blessings as you celebrate with your families and friends. Thank you for your support and peace and love in the New Year.

Mrs. Walmsley, Director

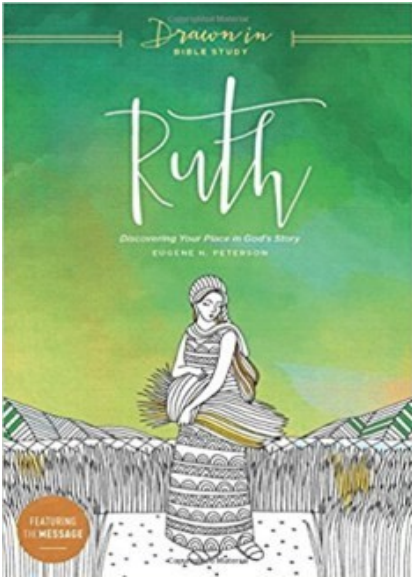




31ST ANNUAL
— CANDLELIGHT TOUR of —
HISTORIC HOUSES
of **WORSHIP**

HISTORIC FREDERICK, MARYLAND

Featuring 12 Worship Sites
Tuesday, December 26, 2017 from 4–9pm



An Afternoon with Ruth, January 27, 1-5pm


Join us for an afternoon filled with warm friends, warm food, digging into the Bible and getting creative.

Coloring quiets your heart and mind so you can enter fully into Scripture's stories. The Bible's passion and personality come through in *The Message*, surprising new and long-time Bible readers alike.

Ruth: Struck by tragedy. On the fringes of society. Seizing upon hope. Ruth didn't wait for hope to arrive. She sought it out and grabbed hold of it. Compelled by need, animated by faith, she dared to leave the only land she knew. Ruth's resilience and resourcefulness offer you a creative vision to navigate life's inevitable struggles, trust God, and hold fast to his irrevocable hope.

\$15 Per Person, includes your own book, coloring supplies for the afternoon, and beverages. Attendees are invited to bring a dish to share.

Register at www.calvaryumc.org. Contact Christy Mossburg with any questions.



CPR & First Aid
Certification Training

CPR/AED Certification at Calvary
Saturday, January 20 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
CPR/AED Certification and First Aid Course Cost-\$80

Includes digital certification, digital book, and additional resources. The course will cover CPR procedures for the Adult, Child, and Infant, and use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Basic First Aid will cover controlling bleeding, shock, amputation, burns, sudden illness, stroke, diabetic emergencies, choking and much more. This is a blended learning course, meaning that part of the course is completed online prior to the classroom training date. **Pre-registration is required.**

American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) CPR/AED Certification and First Aid for the Community and Workplace Training provided by SCS Safety Health and Security.

Contact Christy Mossburg for more information or with any questions.

Stewardship

From Deuteronomy 26: 9-11

“He brought us to this place and gave us the land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, O Lord, have given me. ¹¹...you shall rejoice in all good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.”

Like many verses in the Bible, God’s word, holds greater meaning than when first read. The story of the Israelites’ journey out of Egypt and from bondage is familiar to us. These verses tell of their arrival to the land promised, a promise made and kept by God. This is a truth about God. The promises he makes to you and me, all of us, are and will be kept.

Described as a land flowing with milk and honey, the speaker envisions a beautiful, productive, and bountiful place for them to live. God’s promise is not limited to the Israelites. It is a promise conveyed to us through the Prophets of the Old Testament and through Jesus Christ in the New Testament. God’s promise to us is to live in peace, a full and bountiful life in his kingdom today and in his heavenly kingdom. The question is how much are we aware of God’s promise for such a “land” and life this day.

In these verses, there is a feeling of joy in worship of God in recognition of what he has done for them. In response, in a mood of thanksgiving, the speaker in verse 10 offers to God what is asked, the first of his fruit from the cultivated land. Here too, there rings joy in the opportunity and ability to offer to God his first fruits – because it is a promise kept by God in giving abundance to the Israelite. We too, return to God of our first fruits. He has given us the ability to work and earn our keep in his earthly kingdom.

He has given us talent that has value, allowing us to receive income that supports our needs. God is providing. We have moved from an agrarian society to an economic society. Our first fruit comes from the money we earn and not in bushels of wheat gown at the will of God.

During the last few months, I have opened myself to God and scripture. The verses have been spoken to me by the Holy Spirit in ways not heard before. They caused me to reflect on the blessings received from God in my life and I have been remiss in my joyful giving.

Please, for your own soul, reflect again upon the above passage. How is the Holy Spirit speaking to you? Are you at peace with God?

2017 Daily Devotions for Advent Booklet

The 2017 Daily Devotions for Advent booklet is available beginning Sunday, December 3rd.

Copies available in the Narthex.

DECEMBER 2017

Dec. 2

10 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Dec. 3

Wheelbarrow Sunday

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm Genesis/ Bells of Jesus

1:00 pm Sunshine Choir

4:30 pm Voices of Praise

5:30 pm Youth Group

Dec. 5

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study

12:30 pm UMW Ex. Committee
Meeting

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Yoga

7:00 pm Joyful Noise

7:00 pm "Stretch Out Your Hand"
Book Study

Dec. 6

1:00 pm Blood Drive

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm Open Prayer

Dec. 7

6:30 pm Kitchen Committee

7:15 pm Cathedral Choir

Dec. 8

6:30 pm Kris Kringle Parade



Dec. 9

7:30 am UMM Breakfast

10:00 am "Bake a Batch"

10:00 am Pageant Rehearsal

2:00 p.m. UMW Advent by
Candlelight

Dec. 10

8:30 am Worship

10:00 am Children's Christmas
Pageant

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm Genesis/Bells of Jesus

1:00 pm Sunshine Choir

4:30 pm Voices of Praise

5:30 pm Youth Group

Dec. 11

6:45 pm Worship Committee

Dec. 12

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study

6:00 pm Yoga

7:00 pm Joyful Noise

7:00 pm "Stretch Out Your Hand"
Book Study

Dec. 13

1:30 pm Bishop's Day on the
District

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm Open Prayer

Dec. 14

1:00 pm Mary Margaret Circle

7:15 pm Cathedral Choir

DECEMBER 2017

Dec. 16

10:00 am Bell Peal

Dec. 17

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

12:30 pm Genesis/Bells of Jesus

1:00 pm Sunshine Choir

4:30 pm Voices of Praise

5:30 pm Youth Group

Dec. 18

5:00 pm Troop 792 Honor

7:00 pm Education Committee

Dec. 19

10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Yoga

7:00 pm Joyful Noise

7:00 pm "Stretch Out Your Hand"

Book Study

7:30 pm Gospel Choir

Dec. 20

3:30 pm Youth Group at 2nd Street & Hope

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm Open Prayer

Dec. 21

7:15 pm Cathedral Choir

Dec. 23

Family Shelter at Calvary Dec. 23-Jan. 6

4:00 pm Calvary at the
Soup Kitchen

Dec. 24

10:00 am Worship (No Sunday School)

5:00 pm Family Service

7:00 pm Worship

9:00 pm Candlelight Service

11:00 pm Candlelight Service

Dec. 25



Dec. 26

4:00 pm-9:00 pm

Candlelight Tour of Frederick

Dec. 27

6:30 pm Men's Book Study

7:00 pm Miriam's Circle

Dec. 31

10:00 am Worship (No Sunday School)

Jan. 1

Happy New Year!!

Church office Closed



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 4	Mike and Becky Isaacs	Dec. 19	Bill and Georgia Riggelman
Dec. 4	Greg and Pamela Rotberg	Dec. 29	Chuck and Brenda Kinsley
Dec. 5	Edwin and Jennifer Kinsey	Dec. 29	Jeff and Suzanne Rosen
Dec. 6	Jeff and Katie Grossnickle	Dec. 30	Steve and JoAnn Ehlers
Dec. 10	Howard and Nancy Strine	Dec. 31	Steve and Christy Mossburg
Dec. 12	Tom and Susan Burall	Dec. 31	Ethan and Abbie Mueller



Dec. 1 James Gibson, Amy Jones, William Mann, 2, Chuck Engler, Rebecca Forsythe, Rick Williams, 3, Delphine Hamilton, Jessica Twilely, 4, Neidel Hamilton, Maren Lyon, Morgan Lyon, 5, Linda Watson, 6, Charlotte Auth, Earl Beck, Maude Muehl, 7, Jim Hamilton, Christine Willard, 8, Carroll Kehne, Chad Ritterbusch, 9, Caleb Benson, Christina Edwards, Gus Eversz, David Fish, Riley Stone, Joe Ward, 10, Yvonne Eicholtz, penny Knapp, Taylor Matsler, Nick Schwarzenberg, paulette Shockey-Petrucci, 11, Steve Jarvis, Preston Kinsey, Linda Reed, Sydney Tyler, 12, Sandy Chaney, Audra Chewning, Curtis Fox, Dorothy Smith, 13, Elizabeth Anderson, Alexander Baughman, Janney Marshall, Martin Rowley, 14, Sophia Bostian, Laurene Carlisle, Dominic Jenkins, Amanda Lee, rob Pond, Layton Rowley, Julie Wilson, 15, Mary Caruthers, Lee Engel, Makayla Sawyer, Thomas Shoemaker, William Thomas, 16, Robert Keeney, Monica Pearce, 17, Robin Duggan, Karen Lemasters, Amanda Stone, Shane Wickline, 18, Noah Bento, Brett Chaney, Cassie Simpson, 19, Deborah Fleming, Sarah Gray, Robert Sharpe, Kern Thornton, 20, Jim Dobbs, Elizabeth Holtz, Brenda Kay Linton, 21, Eleanor Bowersox, Charles Jackson, Paul Maubert, Taylor Rosen, 22, Donna Bruchey, Abigail Colby, Bonnie Duggan, 23, Holly Martz, 24, Ellory Gipson, 25, Bob Jacobs, 26, Eden Kelly, Michelle Matsler, Wilhemina Winkler, 27, Liam Condon, Kaitlin Herber, Gabriella Lee, Amy Routzahn, 28, Donnie Aushman, Bethany Lemaster, Brent Moyer, Cora Vinar, Betty Waltz, 29, Austin Crum, Laurali Gough, 30, Joyce Burkett, Art Fennington, Cheryl Gray, David Lopez, Danielle Mentzer, Lauren Ronk, 31, Charlotte Elliott, and Jack Willard.

Deaths

Ella Mae Ramsburg	11/7/2017
Allison Leigh Nicknadarvich	11/9/2017
Nancy Geisbert	11/24/2017

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