

# the Messenger

✦ August 2019

Many of you have heard our good news in church already! After many years of infertility and failed fertility treatments as well as three miscarriages, we finally had a fertility treatment work! Aaron and I are expecting our baby this November. While everything has been going well in the pregnancy so far, we ask for all your prayers that everything continues to go well.

I admit I have spent much of this pregnancy being anxious. Someone tells me they are pregnant--- will their pregnancies continue to term while mine ends abruptly? I have pain--- am I just having round ligament pain or is this the end of the pregnancy too early? Should I have Aaron put together the nursery or will we have to get rid of the crib before a baby ever lays in it? All these things have happened before. But, as my spiritual director and therapist and scripture itself (see, for instance, Luke 12:25) remind me, my worry does not prepare me for something bad to happen. Worrying only robs me of the joy I can find in this moment--- joy in the little (so far) kicks, joy in the overwhelming excitement of our grandparents, joy in hearing the baby's heart-beat and trying out names. Joy in this ordinary moment.

I was listening to a podcast in which John Swinton, a minister, mental health nurse, and disability theologian was interviewed. In it, his writing about time was quoted: "God's time is gentle, generous. It moves at the speed of love." When you have been through trauma, people talking about God's timing might make you a bit batty. At least it does for me. However, when I heard this quote from Dr. Swinton, I thought about how right now in the liturgical calendar, we are in Ordinary Time. This is the long months of summer and fall after the celebration of Easter and the festival of Pentecost but before the preparation of Advent begins. You can tell its Ordinary Time because everything in the church is green forever. It is a kind of boring season for me as a pastor sometimes--- no pomp and circumstance to be working up to!--- but I think it is a good season for me as a disciple because it reminds me that God is moving even in the ordinary moments of life. Even when ordinary for me--- and maybe for you too?--- means anxious and uncertain, God is still moving at the speed of love.

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Maybe in the midst of my pregnancy anxiety as I hold out for the next sonogram to tell me if everything is still ok, or, for you, maybe, in the midst of the business of the end of summer and ramping up into the fall, we can all learn to move less at the speed of anxiety and more at the speed of love. A gentle, generous speed anchoring us to the people around us right now. A speed pointing us to God's presence in this ordinary moment.

You all have helped me find that speed of love already. The joyful celebration of my announcement overwhelmed me and Aaron with love and support. We ask for your continued prayers--- both that everything goes well and that we can lean into your joy for us when the anxiety creeps up, reminding us that God is with us, gentle and generous and persistent in love.

*Rev. Shannon Sullivan*



The 2019 Scholarship committee is please to announce that the following students have received scholarships for the 2019-2020 school year.

Lauren Fox

Rachel Gray

Regan Kinsey

Preston Kinsey

Mary Grace Mayer

Mollie Mayer

Miranda Mossburg

Christopher Moyer

Emily Schwarzenberg

Haleigh Seek

Cameron Simpson

Spencer Simpson

Caroline Strakonsky

Steven Zalatoris

The committee was impressed by the quality of the applications. We are pleased to be able to help these students with some of their expenses. We will be recognizing these students at the worship service on August 4.

# AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Renew and Rejoice Sermon Series

As we announce our organ campaign this month, we will look to many ways God calls us to renew our faith commitments and rejoice in all God is doing and all God is going to do!

August 4                                      Renew and Rejoice                                      Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Campaign Announcement Weekend

Scholarships awarded in Worship Service

August 11                                      Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them:  
Rejoicing in God's Creation                                      Genesis 8: 1-19

August 18                                      Lifting One Another Up:  
Renewing Our Faith through Prayer                                      Acts 12: 1-16

August 25                                      Mission Sunday: Renew and Rejoice through Service  
Blessing of the Backpacks

September 1      Regular Schedule Services      8:30 & 11 am





## Help pack Comfort Kits

You are invited to join volunteers who care about children in foster care in Frederick County on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm in Parish Hall to pack kits for the children to comfort them when they are removed from their home or must move from one home to another. This is a typical challenge for children, and many of them end up moving

their belongings in a garbage bag. Comfort kits are packed in suitcases, duffle bags, or other permanent bags which the children can keep for themselves and use whenever they need to move. It gives them dignity and comfort. The bags will also have toys, blankets and/or other items to bring them comfort during a time in their life which can be very traumatic.



## JOCHE IS SEEKING NEW CHOIR MEMEBERS

I am so grateful for our devoted volunteers that serve Calvary by singing in our choirs! Calvary has always maintained a choral and bell program only because singers and ringers have stepped forward to offer their skill and commitment to our Music Ministry. This fall, we'll be missing several of our familiar faces as they leave Calvary for new places. Our deepest thanks to Alice Zalatoris and Corki and Steve Jarvis for all they have done for us these past many years.

In losing such fine multi-taskers as these folks, we will have several openings in our handbell choir, and empty chairs in our adult choir room! So, we need YOU to fill the spaces. The choirs are in session September through mid-June with summers off! Please consider joining us that we may keep our ministry strong. You are needed! Let Joche know of your interest as soon as possible, and any questions you may have.

Joche Wilmot, Director of Music Ministries: [Joche@calvaryumc.org](mailto:Joche@calvaryumc.org), 301-662-1464, ext. 117. And, of course, any time after church! Just catch him as he jumps off the organ bench after the postlude!



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# Fantastic Beasts VBS

**August 12 - 15**  
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for the whole family!*

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## Youth Wacky Wednesdays

**Wednesday, August 7 from, 10 am-1 pm** Cunningham Falls State Park  
(bring picnic lunch)

**Wednesday, August 21** at 8 am, leaving for Hershey Park for the day \$38 plus  
food money



**Sunday, August 25 at our 10:00 am service**



# School Supply Drive

Thursday, August 15th is the date for the annual Frederick City Feeder School Supply distribution. You can help children and youth in our community get off to a great start as they begin a new school year by donating school supplies, and

Volunteering at the annual Frederick City School Supply distribution day. The Religious Coalition along with volunteers from local churches, The Temple School, the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek, and other community members will help distribute school supplies for the 2019-20 school year to Frederick City families in need. The school supply drive will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 199 North Place, Frederick. We have access the entire building and so have activates as the families wait for distribution to start.

Volunteers are needed from 8 am to 8 pm registering families, organizing the supplies, supervising in the movie area, reading books, distributing supplies, and clean-up. Here is a sign-up link for volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4ca9ab2da46-school1>

If you wish to make a donation of school supplies please see the list below. Donations can be left on the stage in the Parish Hall until August 11th.

You can also make a financial donation through the Religious Coalition. Please maker your checks "school supplies." The funds given through the Coalition are then spent on school supplies by members of the "buying" team.

Many thanks for your help and support.

If you have questions, please contact Rev. Barbara Kershner Daniel , Senior Pastor, Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ [bkdaniel@eruss.org](mailto:bkdaniel@eruss.org) or 301-662-2762

## School Supplies Needed

<b>Dry erase markers</b>	Composition books	Graph paper
<b>Ear buds</b>	Pens (black, blue, red)	Index cards
<b>Large book bags (teen/adult size)</b>	Pencils (#2)	Ruler
Colored pencils	Pocket folders	Compass
Crayons	5-pocet folders	Protractor
Glue sticks	Binders (1, 3,4 1/2 inch)	Eraser
Washable markers	Filler paper	Backpack
Safety scissors	<b>Graphing calculators</b>	Hand sanitizer
Pencil box or pouch	<b>Zipper binders</b>	Tissues
Markers	<b>Sketch books</b>	Crayon pencils
Notebooks	Highlighters	Quart or gallon size zipper bags
	Flash drive	<b>**Bold items are most needed</b>

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**To The Mission Possible Kids Ice Cream Social and Open House**

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**When: August 25, 6:00 pm**

**Where: Calvary UMC, Parrish Hall**

Please RSVP to Christy Mossburg ([christy@calvaryumc.org](mailto:christy@calvaryumc.org)) if you're coming!

## August Book Club Book

**Wednesday, August 28 at 7:30 pm at**

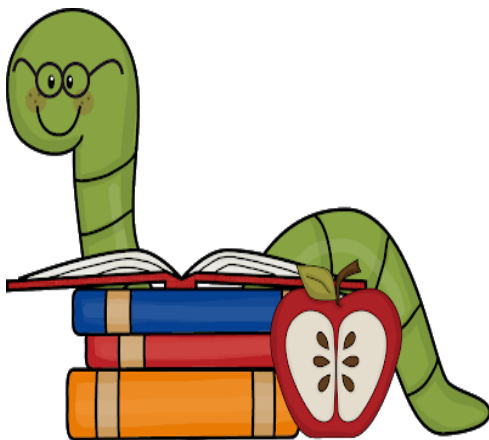
**Hometown Harvest Kitchen**

August Book:

*Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green

A Young Adult novel by the hugely popular author John Green that explores mystery, friendship, adolescence, and also behavioral health struggles.

Content Warning: very realistic and difficult descriptions of obsessive compulsive disorder.







The Tour de Frederick is back! This year, the Tour takes place on August 10. There are a number of rides available, ranging from 8 miles to 100 miles. They cater to all ages and abilities. Keep in mind that this is not really a race; it's a fundraising ride for a great cause - the Boys and Girls Club of Frederick County and

the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek. We have Calvary Team already in place for those who might wish to ride. You can also sponsor one of the riders on the team. Team Calvary UMC. [www.tourdefrederick.com](http://www.tourdefrederick.com).

### CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

GRILLED HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS

CHIPS, POTATO SALAD, SNACKS, BROWNIES AND ICE CREAM

## Youth Group Kick Off

September 8 at 5:30

More information to come



## Volunteer Opportunities with the Frederick Food Security Network

- The Religious Coalition is currently recruiting regular volunteers to assist with community open hours. If you are interested in finding out more information, contact Catherine Dorsey at [cdorsey@rchen.org](mailto:cdorsey@rchen.org).
- We are **recruiting for more 300-hour AmeriCorps interns** to start after August 15, 2019. Members will give 300 hours working for FFSN and in exchange get ~\$1,200 education award that can be applied to student loans or future tuition. It can also be grandfathered to immediate descendants. For more information, contact Connie Ray at [ray@hood.edu](mailto:ray@hood.edu).
- Our gardens always need volunteers! No gardening experience is necessary. If you or your church group, workplace, or other organization are interested in volunteering, please contact Connie Ray at [ray@hood.edu](mailto:ray@hood.edu)

Calling one, calling all members of Calvary who want to see the Christmas bazaar continue. This is a plea for help. We are desperate for new crafting personnel this year. Several people have moved and a couple of people had life changes. The bazaar can't continue without people to support the work. The proceeds from the bazaar have gone to support many worthy missions in the Frederick area. We would hate to see that part of the work stop.

You don't need to be crafty. There are many jobs like: cutting, gluing, stuffing, mailing, and enjoying the fellowship.

I have already had outside vendors contact me because they want to be a part of the 2019 bazaar. We now have a wonderful reputation and many folks from the community return every year for the fun.

Please consider helping the craft group this year. Without you, there may not be a bazaar. Please call Becky Isaacs to volunteer. 301-304-0439. Thanks for considering this mission work.

God bless you. Becky

Schedule your session at  
[www.calvaryumc.org](http://www.calvaryumc.org) for our new  
Directory

Be included in our new family directory. Its been  
a few years since our last directory, so let's up-  
date!!

Available dates below:

Monday	8/19/2019	1:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8/20/2019	1:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8/21/2019	1:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Thursday	9/26/2019	1:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Friday	9/27/2019	1:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Saturday	9/28/2019	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



A big part of our worshiping God involves music. It always has been a part of a people in worship of their God. This can be seen throughout Psalms with its many references to music used in worship and praise. In Psalms we find music, singing and the playing of all kinds of instruments – all in praise and adoration of God. As a good example, turn to Psalm 33: 1-4.

In our own Sunday worship, we sing hymns accompanied by piano and organ. I use the music to immerse myself in the sounds to focus my mind and attitude in worship. My heart is softened to the presence of God's Spirit and the words of Christ, the prophets and disciples repeated during the service. Someone once said: music soothes the soul.

The present pipe organ has reached a point of replacement. The effort and money that it takes to repair it and maintain it is diminished in any return. We believe that it will stop in the near future. We can wait until it plays no more. But, that action only delays the effort to replace it.

To be proactive, we started, under Pastor Dunnington, a study and search for the best solution. There have been many proposals developed from this effort – they can be found in the study produced by the Organ Committee as presented to the Church Council. A new organ is needed. The decision to pursue a new pipe organ as a building program was approved and is now under way.

When we worship God, when we honor him for all that he has accomplished for us, we give our first fruits. That was called for by God for the system of sacrifices made in the Old Testament. The Israelites gave to God the best they had and we follow their example. In the New Testament we are called to give to God our whole heart, mind, and soul; as a living sacrifice described by Paul. This is our first fruits in body and spirit. And, it is reflected in our financial giving.

To me, the best I can offer is enter into a time of self-sacrifice in giving to the Organ Fund. I am giving of self by actively participating in the campaign with time, talent and commitment. Also, I am committing financially in a sacrificial manner over the ensuing three years that is beyond my giving to Calvary's annual support. I know that I am not alone, by working together we can reach the church's goal of a new organ that reflects our first fruits attitude.

We will not reach this goal unless we try our best.

Dear Members of Calvary UMC,

I would like to express my gratitude for all of the thoughtful cards, gifts and visits I received from my friends at Calvary during the past several years when I was in and out of hospitals and rehab centers.

Your encouragement and support made recovery so much easier. Although I have not been able to participate in church services and activities for awhile, I have never felt disconnected from my church home.

I look forward to being “back in the fold” soon. I do miss seeing your smiling faces, Thank you so much for the love you have given in so many different ways. His Spirit has come through you to me.

Love,

Joan Cooley



Calvary is going to Rise Against Hunger again as part of our second annual Weekend of Caring, **October 12th** from 10:00 am until noon. But we need your help to succeed! Donations of time and financial contributions are both important.

Give what you can and watch what God can do with your gift once it is added to everyone else's! Sign up or contribute toward the food we will pack:

<https://rah.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=7013Z0000025mLkQAI>

Dear Calvary friends,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and visits for my dear Martha over the past few years and upon her recent passing from this life. She would have loved knowing and serving our Lord with you at Calvary, had she been able to do so. Special thanks to Pastor Steve, Pastor Shannon, Pastor Ken, and Pastor Harry for your visits in our home and at the hospital during the years of her health challenges. And, many thanks to all who recently helped make her memorial service such a beautiful celebration of her life.

Your brother in Christ,

Paul Nelson

## Calvary Weekday School August 2019 Newsletter

Greetings from the Calvary Weekday School. We have been busy moving classrooms, preparing materials and getting ourselves organized for the new school year. We would like to personally thank all the volunteers who helped paint two of our classrooms. They look great and we couldn't have done it without them. A special shout out to Bob Jacobs for organizing the volunteers as well as getting all the materials. We have also been preparing our welcome letters for our incoming families which will be sent out in the beginning of August that includes information about our student and parent orientations. Most of our classes are full with some openings in our kindergarten program as well as our 3/4's class. We invite you to tour our school or let your friends know about our program. We can be reached at 301-662-6783 or [director@calvaryweekdayschool.com](mailto:director@calvaryweekdayschool.com). Enjoy the rest of your summer days.

Patty Lockard, Director

To my home church in Methodism, Calvary,

Thank you for blessing me on my faith journey. Thank you also for holding Alice and Steven in your good care as I had moved through the years of studies, training, and appointed ministry.

You nurtured my discipleship. You enabled me to grow in my faith expression, service, education, practice, and courage to share in ministry. You also planted a seed in me to appreciate and grow into Methodism.

Thank you also for your generous gift to Cokesbury. I have chosen to listen to the people at Harmony before I redeem the gift.

Thank you on behalf of Alice and Steven for the lovely send-off and blessing in June.

Your Friend in Christian Ministry,  
Jeff Zalatoris

# August Anniversary

Bill and Dawn Metcalf	Aug 3
Michael and Melissa Rust	Aug 3
Jim and Sandy Sengstack	Aug 4
Ryan and Bethany Webster	Aug 4
Doug and Josie Manger	Aug 5
Shannon & Stephanie Whitmarsh	Aug 5
Larry and Judy Johnson	Aug 8
Health and Julie Wilson	Aug 8
Bruce and Jane Shafferman	Aug 10
Jack and Jane Tritt	Aug 11
Ed and Judith Ahlstrom	Aug 12
Kevin and Patty Keyser	Aug 12
Michael and Laurene Carlisle	Aug 14
Mitch and Penny Reading	Aug 14
Rev. Steve Larsen & Wanda Bulkowski-Larsen	Aug 16
Lou and Judy Finneyfrock	Aug 17
David and Amy Carter	Aug 20
Joe and Pat Staggs	Aug 20
Jeff and Cara Dragan	Aug 25
Jim and Norma Hamilton	Aug 25
Dan and Dianna Plotner	Aug 25
Chuck and Susan Engler	Aug 30
Steve and Mary Ann Mood	Aug 30

# August Birthdays

**1**, Charlotte Miller, Mary Ritterbusch, JC Rossman, Rob Summers, **2**, Barbara Mentzer, Gabrielle Rohrback, Jim Sengstack, **3**, Marlene Bordner, Ruth Brown, Grant Keyser, Susan Leftwich, Connor Radcliffe, Delores Shade, **4**, Stephanie Barrows, Camden Webster, Kendel Wickline,, **5**, Cindy Naugle, Leslie Williams, **6**, Kyle Bostian, George Washburn, **7**, Vivian Clipp, Fred Schumacher, **8**, Cara Davy, Jennifer richey, Hayden Rohrback, **9**, Seth Kahan, Cathy Karl, Allison Stone, **10**, Robert Bennett, Barbara Cook, **11**, Molly Kellam, Nancy Leftwich, Pat O'Toole, Doug Reilly, **12**, Karen Leggett, Merle Meacham, **13**, Cindy Lang, Lawrence Proudfoot, **14**, Zach Davies, Jody Francisco, Steven Francisco, Kay Phillips, **15**, Don Mentzer, Jeff Wilson, **16**, Rebecca Tangredi, **17**, Patsy Eavey, Will Quigley, **18**, Ray McKinnon, Bill Metcalf, Sam Mills, **19**, Laura Stouter, **20**, Stefanie Harris, **21**, Logan Boston, Gabriella Cirko, Zachary Engler, Darlene McKnight, **22**, Kelli Fox, DJ Gannon, Steve Mossburg, Walker Zimmerman, **23**, Bethany Adams, Liam Boston, Edna Snyder, **24**, Kathy Phillips, Dianna Plotner, Jen Pond, **25**, Bert Edmonston, **26**, Skip Boston, Nathaniel Heller, Mark Lopez, Barbara Piper, Andy Radcliffe, **27**, Charles Geisbert, Spencer Simpson, Mark Yeager, **28**, Christina Heller, Bryane Washburn, **29**, Leisa Moyer, Catherine Waskey, Tammy Welch, **30**, Helen Austin, Elifrieda Bell, Mollie Mayer, David Mills, **31**, Cavan Rankin

\*Please let the church office know if there are any corrections or missed dates.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:30 Kitchen Committee	2	3 9 WRS Bell 10 Prayer Shawl
4 Wheelbarrow 11 Picnic Capital Campaign Kick-off	5 6:30 Stephen Ministry	6 12:30 UMW Ex. Commit. 6 Yoga	7 Youth Wacky Wednesday 11 Cunning- ham Falls	8 1 Mary Martha Circle	9 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal	10 10 –4 Wedding
11 11:00 a.m. Church Picnic	12 6:30 –8:30 Harry Potter VBS	13 6:30-8:30 Harry Potter VBS	14 6:30-8:30 Harry Potter VBS	15 6:30-8:30 Harry Potter VBS	16	17
18	19 LifeTouch Pictures 7 Education	20 LifeTouch Picutres 1 Staff Meeting 6 Yoga	21 Youth Wacky Wednesday Hershey Park Lifetouch Pictures	22	<b>23</b>	24
25 Blessing of the Backpacks 6 Mission Possible Kids	26 7:00 SPRC	27 6 Yoga	28 7:30 Summer Book Club at Harvest Kitchen	29	30	31

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