



# the Messenger

September 2019



Vacations are great. As I write this, I am just a few days back from a trip to the San Francisco Bay area of California and Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. My son Nathan and daughter Emma were able to join us for our trip. We went on a balloon ride, an overnight backpacking trip, and a hike to the top of a waterfall. I performed a wedding in a redwood grove, did some fly-fishing (no fish were harmed) and got to see bison, moose, badger, marmots and even a grizzly bear cub in the wild. We beheld the Milky Way on clear nights and enjoyed sharing good talks and making new memories together as a family. It was a refreshing and enjoyable trip.

I will say, that it's good to be back home, too. Although I didn't miss the heat and humidity of Maryland in August, I did miss the friends and family that we have here among the Calvary Church community. It's good to be among you and part of this congregation. And especially when we face challenges and difficulties, knowing that this is a place that is full of grace is a wonderful thing. God is at work among us here.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Steve

# September Worship Schedule



*Sermon Series: Finding Margins*

*Our lives are busy and fast-paced, but  
life is always better with margin and  
breathing room.*

**September 1** Living with More Margins than Mayhem

Matthew 6: 25-34

**September 8** Learning to Number our Days

Psalm 90: 1-12

**September 15** Bringing More Balance to the Budget

Luke 16: 10-13

**September 22** Breathing Room in Your Relationships

Ephesians 5: 21-28

**September 29** Receiving New Members (TBA)



Sunday School for all ages resumes Sunday, September 1!

Join us beginning September 1 for worship at 8:30 & 11:00

Sunday School 9:45 - 10:45

# From Pastor Shannon

*Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. -1 Timothy 12:4*

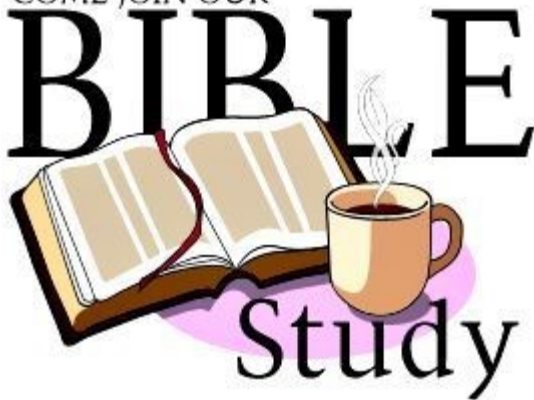
This fall, I have the privilege of working with the youth as the youth director. This summer we had a few fellowship events, and the mission trip was amazing, but youth group for the new year kicks off on September 8. We are still looking for youth leaders, meal makers, and mentors to join our team!

I confess I was not interested in youth work when I was in seminary. It wasn't until I became a pastor and discovered that I found so much joy working with children and youth. I think that the joy comes from the truth spoken through this verse in 1 Timothy 12. I have experienced examples of how to be disciples through youth during my career, but especially here at Calvary. If you were in church on August 25 and saw the slide show pictures of the Pittsburgh Project mission trip, you will know what I mean. The pictures showed the way the kids worked hard to serve those in need, but also how they loved the people they were serving. If you remember the youth Christmas service or Youth Sunday, you will also know what I mean. Our youth are articulate about their faith and allow their love to change them so they can change the world.

I feel blessed to serve alongside the youth in this new way and ask for your prayers as we begin youth group this year. May we all continue to look to our youth to lead us as believers, and may we continue to create an environment in which their faith can thrive!

*Pastor Shannon*

COME JOIN OUR



## **Pastor's Bible Study**

The Tuesday morning Bible Study led by Pastor Steve will begin on Tuesday, September 24 at 10 AM in the church library. It's a lively and fun group. All are welcome; no prior experience or Bible expertise required. Come learn more about what God has to say to us today as we pick up the Bible and read it together.

## **Adopt a Grandparent/Adopt a Grandchild Event**

One of the most rewarding relationships people share can be between a grandchild and a grandparent. It's great for a younger person to have other caring adults in their lives and it's also great as an older person to be able to spend time with those who are much younger. Unfortunately, not everyone who would like to be in such a relationship gets to do so. So we are going to offer an opportunity to match up the members of different ages for an **Adopt a Grandparent/Adopt a Grandchild** event on Sunday, September 29 from 2 pm to 4 pm in the Parlor. We will have a time for refreshments and simple games that will spark conversation between these age groups. And for the afternoon, each will get to be an honorary Grandparent or Grandchild for someone else in the Calvary Church family. More information will be provided as the date approaches but, if you would enjoy the chance to make a connection across the generations, this looks to be a wonderful opportunity.

## **Leadership and Service within the congregation**

The Committee on Lay Leadership Committee has the responsibility for recruiting leaders to guide and implement the ministry of Christ through the congregation. The group makes a list of persons and prays over each of these by name. We consider their interests and gifts and ways that they might be of service to God and others through the ministries of the church. Then we invite them to consider helping out with some program or taking on a leadership role. This process is now underway.

We invite everyone to consider how they might be in service in the name of Jesus Christ. We are open to your suggestions! There is at least one thing each of us can do, whether it is within the church or something we do at home, at work or in the larger community. If you are interested in learning more about serving through a particular ministry of the church, please contact Pastor Steve Larsen [RevSteve@calvaryumc.org](mailto:RevSteve@calvaryumc.org) or our lay leaders, Kyle Bostian [klbostian@gmail.com](mailto:klbostian@gmail.com) and Zan Fleming, [ZanFleming@Kinexum.com](mailto:ZanFleming@Kinexum.com).



## Youth Schedule Fall 2019

### September

- 8 Youth Kick Off 5:30-7:30  
**Parent Meeting 6:00 –7:00**
- 15 **Youth Council Meeting 4:30-5:30**  
 Youth Mission 5:30-7:30

Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>-Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>: Youth Retreat  
 A Lock-In at Calvary at 7:00

*No Youth on the 22<sup>nd</sup>*

- 29 Adopt a Grandparent 2:00-4:00

### October

- 6 Youth Discussion on Mental Health  
 5:30-7:30

- 13 Youth Mission 5:30-7:30

Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>: Interfaith Event with Kol Ami  
 Haunted History/Cemetery Tour 7:00-9:00

*No Youth on the 20<sup>th</sup>*

Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>

Out of the Darkness Walk 9:00-Noon

Prep for Trunk or Treat after 12

(lunch provided)

Trunk or Treat 5:00-7:00

- 27 Youth 5:30-7:30

### November

- 3 Youth Craft Fundraising 5:30-7:30

- 10 **Youth Council Meeting 4:30-5:30**  
 Youth Christmas Story 5:30-7:30

- 17 Youth Led Fundraiser for Organ 5:30-7:30

- 24 Hanging of the Greens 5:30-7:30

Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> Parent's Day Out 8:00-2:00



### December

*No Youth on the 1<sup>st</sup> (Thanksgiving)*

- 8 Youth Worship Planning 5:30-7:30

- 15 Caroling and Christmas Party 3:00-6:00

- 22 Practice and Game Night 5:30-7:30

Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup>: Youth Christmas Eve Service at  
 7:00

*No Youth on the 29<sup>th</sup> (Christmas/New Year's)*

### Upcoming Events to Remember in the New Year

Januray 12: **Youth Council Meeting**

January TBA: Snow Tubing

February 7:00-9:00: ROCK?

February 25: Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner

April 19: Youth Service

Spring Retreat at Skycroft



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>





# Volunteers In Mission

In July of 2017 a team from Calvary, Centennial, and Middletown UMC's went to Vieques, Puerto Rico.

The team worked on a variety of projects while they were there, including tearing down a wall in the dorm building and building a new one. The old wall (which Calvary has also built, back in 2005) was made of wood and lots of glass windows. The new wall was concrete block and would include louvre-style hurricane windows. The team had to leave the wall unfinished because the windows were not yet delivered. One week before the hurricane hit in 2017 Pastor Alex got some folks from his church together to install the windows and finish the wall. When the hurricane hit the church had some major damage, but the new wall in the common room of the dormitory stood, so the church in Esperanza used that space to hold worship services for several months. They also used the space for shelter and other needs. To this day, when teams come to the island, they share the testimony of the team from Maryland and the timeliness, God's timing, of the wall.



The team that traveled to Vieques this year was much smaller, only nine, but they were no less productive. They worked on two homes. In one, our volunteers were under the guidance of a highly skilled foreman who spoke no English, so by listening to the interpreter and following the example of Sabatino, they were able to make some major repairs to Alfonzo's home. Meanwhile, the rest of the crew worked on Milta's home. They were fortunate that another crew had already done all of the roof repairs, so they got to stay in cooler areas. The majority of the work involved patching concrete and painting. A couple of people were also tasked with hanging new doors, including replacing some door frames. By the end of the week, the home was ready for the electrician to re-wire the entire home. Milta's home had not had electricity, other than an extension chord from across the street, since the hurricane struck.

Juan, Milta's son who also lives in the home, stopped by on the last day to thank the team and tell them (using a translation application on his phone) that they are a blessing to so many.





"May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands" Psalm 90: 17

As we enter into the commitment phase of the *Renewal and Rejoice* campaign for the new organ, this psalm is worth thinking about.

We are endeavoring to install a new pipe organ for our holy space of a sanctuary and to enhance our worship in a beautiful building. We have picked up the mantle of the legacy established by those who have come before us for the past 250 years. Each church generation has made sacrificial effort to improve their place of worship and further God's kingdom in Frederick. Calvary started as a few worshipers in a small room in 1770. They had a clear and pure message of the gospel and have grown to a congregation of over 1000 today. With God's word, our forefathers grew from church building to church building, piano to organ, through social strife, political discord and wars, (one war in our own backyard), while facing an unknown future at each major step.

Calvary has an opportunity to renew its spirit and enhance our worship with a much needed replacement organ. Our effort, in the face of our own unknowns, is a testament of a people of strong faith in God. It is a testament to people of the community who may recognize what we do and respond by becoming a part of this congregation that faithfully responds to God's call. "May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us" be seen by all peoples.

"Establish the work of our hands for us" is a prayer to God to be the guiding hand of this campaign conducted in his name. It is a prayer to have God's hand guide us in all of our ministries. To "establish" by God is to make the effort holy and eternal by playing music with heavenly choirs in praise as we praise him on this earth.

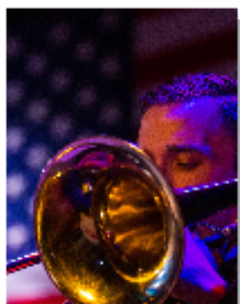
An earlier building project was the installation of the Peal Bells in the church tower. This building project was made about 15 years. Since their installation, people coming from places far from Frederick, heard them peal to God's glory. I envision people coming to hear the organ and singing in praise of God – in harmony with the organ that God has blessed to our care.

This is our generation's legacy to future Calvary congregations and the Frederick community we serve. I am a part of that legacy – you are a part of that legacy – be a joyful participant and rejoice in your spirit.



# Calvary's Community Concert Series

presented by the Music and Arts Ministry  
of Calvary United Methodist Church



## The United States Army Field Band *Chamber Concert*

featuring various performers from The Concert Band and Soldier's Chorus

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

**3:00 p.m.**

*doors open at 2:30*

Sponsored in part by



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### **This concert is free and open to the public!**

Members of The U.S. Army Field Band are coming to Frederick to present an exciting variety of American and European music, including works by Bach, Piazzola, Beaser, and more. Don't miss this opportunity to hear some of our nation's finest musicians - vocal, woodwinds, piano, harp, brass, guitar- share their talent.

*Concert dates are firm at the time of posting and rarely change, but changes or cancellations by the artist/group and/or inclement weather may happen due to circumstances beyond our control. Changes will be posted at [www.calvaryumc.org/concerts](http://www.calvaryumc.org/concerts).*

Visit [www.calvaryumc.org/concerts](http://www.calvaryumc.org/concerts) for information on these upcoming events:

Sunday, October 27, 2019, The Knotwork Band

Sunday, January 5, 2020, Lux Choir

Sunday, January 19, 2020, Brian Ganz, pianist

Sunday, March 15, 2020, Meraki, clarinet and piano duo

Sunday, April 26, 2020, Michael Adcock, pianist



Calling all crafters and wanna be crafters. We need your help. The Calvary Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for November 9th. In order to meet this deadline, we will be crafting in our room in the Education Building every Monday evening 7:00-9:00 p.m. and every Tuesday afternoon 1:00-4:00 p.m. starting September 3rd and ending the week of the bazaar. We are in great need of helpers this year. Please prayerfully consider offering your time and gifts and service. Enjoy a great rest of the summer. Becky Isaacs 301-304-0439 (home) or 301-639-5377 (cell)

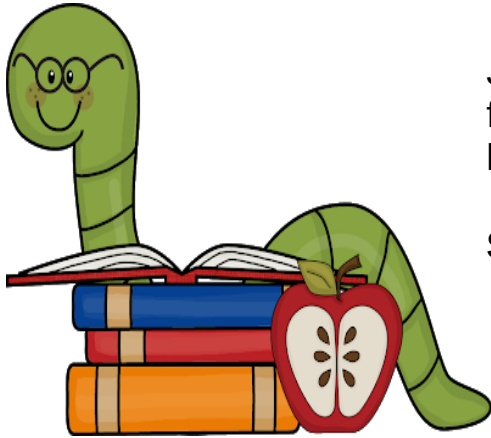
### **Exploring Membership Class**

Persons wishing to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ or interested in becoming a member of Calvary Church are invited to take part in an Exploring Membership class on Sunday mornings, September 15 and September 22 at 9:45 AM. We will meet in the chapel. Pastor Steve Larsen will lead the class. We will consider the history and purpose of the church and look at what it means to have a vital and growing faith today. To let me know you're coming or for more information, contact Pastor Steve at the church at 301-662-1464 or [RevSteve@calvaryumc.org](mailto:RevSteve@calvaryumc.org).

Wesleyan Circle Meeting

Tuesday, September 17 at 1:30 p.m.

at Anne Mossburg's home



Join us this summer for book discussions! If you like fiction, we are reading a few different kinds and would love to have you join us for conversation!

**Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.** at Brewer's Alley "Naamah"



Church Newsletter Calvary Weekday School September 2019

Greeting from the Calvary Weekday School! We held our parent and student orientations in the beginning of September and we are excited to welcome back families and get to know our newest members. Classes have begun and students are learning new routines, making friends and developing a love for learning. We have an amazing staff who strive to ensure each child has a successful school year. This month we will have school pictures and are preparing for our volunteer workshop and parent coffee. It is an exciting year for us as we once again go through The Maryland State Department Accreditation process. Our goal is to maintain our high standards as well as make adjustments to continue to offer an outstanding preschool program. Once again, we would like to thank the church for their continual support. A shout out to Cathy Baker for helping us with our website, answering all our questions and our day to day technology concerns. We appreciate this partnership and look forward to working with the Calvary United Methodist Church throughout the year.

Enjoy the beautiful fall season, Patty Lockard, Director.



# ✓ Sunday School REGISTRATION

Please use this link to register for Sunday School Today!

<https://calvaryfrederick.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/70/responses/new>



**Love to sing? Joche is Seeking New Choir Members!**

With the recent move of several key choir members **we need NEW VOICES!**

Our Handbell Choir and our Adult Choir need YOU!

**Rehearsals are Tuesday nights from September through mid-June.**

**Even if you can only do part of the year, we'd love to have you!**

Contact 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!

# MISSION POSSIBLE® Kids

We're on a mission!

Do you have a child that loves to help others? Don't miss our monthly Mission Possible Kids, where each month kids in 1st Grade and up work together to complete a mission for those in need, both local and far away.

To register please go to <https://calvaryfrederick.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/58/responses/new>

**What: Special Agent Training**

**When: Sunday, September 15, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Where: Mission Headquarters (AKA, the Activity Room of the Education Building)**



## **New picture directory**

Help us connect with each other and capture memories. The church is putting together a new picture directory and we don't want anyone left out. Photography will take place September 26-28. Please schedule an appointment for your pictures today by visiting the church website, [www.calvaryumc.org](http://www.calvaryumc.org) There will also be opportunities to sign up each Sunday morning before and after the worship in the Fellowship Hall

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce & Kathy Phillips	9/3
Roy & Julie Schwarzenberg	9/4
Mark & Allison MacDonald	9/6
Adam & Melissa Rankin	9/6
Bill & Charlotte Pasquerette	9/7
Bertram & Jennifer Edmonston	9/9
John & Ann Harper	9/11
David & Gail Colby	9/16
Robert & Doris Keeney	9/16
David & Cindy Mills	9/16
Rob & Jen Pond	9/17
Justin & Karen Leggett	9/20
Christopher & Heidi Sweet	9/22
William & Mari Beth Schmersahl	9/24
Peter & Jenn Duthoy	9/26
DJ & Kayla Gannon	9/28
Bob & Faye Cannon	9/28



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1, Katie Dragan, Andrew Radcliffe, Bret Slovikosky, 2, Madelynn Sewell, 3, Emily Yeager, 4, Bill Waskey, 5, Robert Baltzell, Grace Dobson, Andrew Howard, Stephen Miller, Bill Pasquerette, 6, Korey Gannon, Ian Rotberg, Tyler Schroyer, Kathryn Schumacher, Kelly Stull, Janet Wiles, 7, Tammi Barber, Natalie Gipson, Kathy Shiflett, 8, Isabella Anderson, James Dennis, Fannie Johnson, Michelle Joy, John Shade, 9, Collin Mood, Douglas Selby, Fon Smith, 10, Gregory Rotberg, 12, Bobbie Jarvis, Paul Metcalf, 13, Carole Law, 14, Joyce Dixon, Anna Mills, 15, Jennifer Cline, Luke Vega, 16, Alison Fox, Eleanor Pickard, Declan Rotberg, Melissa Shipley, Joe Staggs, 17, David Calabrese, Kevin Simpson, 18, Laurelle Maubert, 19, Amanda Calabrese, Ryan Fox, Rory Wilson, 20, Basil Eavey, Paul Nelson, 21, Karen Dobbs, Rubi Meyers, Cheryl Radcliffe, Matthew Staley, 23, Autumn Bordner, Lindsey Howard, Jeannette Marshall, Helen Sheppard, Cleon Stull, 24, Amy Farner, Bruce Phillips, Richard Phillips, 25, Judy Delauter, Colin Lyon, Anne Rollins, Renee Vega, 26, Jeannie Baumgartner, Ryan Giller, Anna Snyder, Billie Stokes, 27, Edith Eversz, Jackie Grimes, Beth Strakonsky, Gina Weedon, 28, Ray Crum, Scott English, John Patterson, 29, Brad Davy, Tom Dixon, Bert Edmonston, Archer Grimes, Natalie Jenkins, Bea Kilel, Mitch Reading, Jane Tritt, 30, Greg Selby



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Wheelbarrow 8:30 and 11:00 Services	2 Labor Day Church Office Closed	3 12:30 pm UMW Ex. Comm. 1 pm Staff 2:30 pm Comm. Team	4 6:30 pm WDS Kinder- garten Ori- entation 7:00 SPRC	5 6:30 pm Kitchen Committee	6	7 11:00 am Anna Lee Brown Memorial
8 5:30 pm Youth Group Kick-off 6:00 pm Parent Meeting	9 6:30 pm Trustee	10 3:00 pm Church in Society	11	12 1 pm Mary Martha Circle	13	14 8:00 am UMM Breakfast
15 3:00 pm Calvary Concert Series	16 7 :00 pm Finance	17 1 pm Staff 1:30 pm Wesleyan Circle	18 7:30 pm Summer Reading Club at Brewery's Alley	19	20 7 :00 pm Youth Mission Lock -In	21 5pm Calvary at the Soup Kitchen
22	23 7 pm Church Council	24 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study	25 7 pm Miriam's Circle	26 1:30 pm-9 pm Life Touch Pictures	27 1:30 pm- 9pm Life Touch Pictures	28 10am-5pm Life Touch Pictures
29 Adopt a Grandparent 2:00-4:00 pm	30					

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