

# the Messenger

November 2019

## **Message from Pastor Shannon**

This is the month! Our baby is due November 22! Of course, only 5% of babies actually come on their due dates, so we have no idea when the baby will actually come—we just know it is soon!

So because the baby will be here soon, I wanted to share my maternity leave plans. I will be taking 12 weeks off after the baby is born (unless my doctor wants me to go on bed rest or something early). I am grateful that The United Methodist Church in general and Calvary in particular are supportive of new parents in this way.

Maternity leave for me will not mean no contact whatsoever, but it will mean you shouldn't expect to see me on Sundays, I won't be leading programs, and I won't be answering email. Instead, Aaron and I will be juggling our new responsibilities and spending time with our extended families. For Aaron's father, this will be the first grandchild, and on Aaron's mother's side this will be the first great-grandchild!

I will want to introduce you to the baby as soon as possible, but please remember that flu season is starting and we want to be smart about bringing the baby out in public. There will be pictures shared on the bulletin board to tide you over though!

Jenn Duthoy will be leading youth group in my absence, and we will need a lot of prayer and volunteers to support her. Please call Cathy in the office or look for sign up geniuses on the enews to direct you to ways you can help.

In the meantime, be easy on Pastor Steve. Though also give him a hard time if he doesn't wear any glitter, angel wings, or a light-up stole for Christmas.

I've been singing "Great is Thy Faithfulness" to myself often this season, especially the line "morning by morning new mercies I see." We are giving thanks for the new mercies of a baby in our lives and ask for your continued prayers.



## November Worship Schedule



November 3

All Saints Sunday

Rev. Larsen

Holy Communion

*Accompany them with Singing*

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

November 10

Veterans Day

Rev. Sullivan

*Blessed Be the Lord God: Hannah's song*

1 Samuel 2: 1-10

November 17

Campaign Celebration Weekend

Rev. Larsen

*Blessed Be the Lord God: Mary's son, the Magnificat*

Luke 1: 46-55

November 24

*Blessed Be the Lord God: Zechariah's song, Benedictus*

Luke 1: 67-79

Rev. Humbert

**Church and Society Ministry Team** will meet, Saturday, November 2 in the library at 9:30 a.m.

Beginning in January 2020, Calvary's Church and Society Ministry Team will meet *every other month on the 2nd Saturday at 9:30 am in the library*. Thus, after our November meeting, unless otherwise notified, we will meet on the 2nd Saturday of January, March, May, July, September, and November of 2020. .

Also, our ministry team's Table Talk on environmental and social justice issues will be held after the 8:30 am worship service (10 am in the summer) in Parish Hall on the Sunday immediately following our bi-monthly meetings.

At the September meeting of the Church Council, I brought up the possibility of changing our Sunday morning worship schedule. We've done this over the past several summers so it's not entirely new, but making such a change would come with some upsides as well as some downsides. Our worship attendance has gotten smaller over the past ten or more years. Given the large worship space we enjoy, having 100 to 150 people at each worship service still leaves many open seats and empty spaces. Holding one worship service each Sunday would provide the opportunity for more of the whole congregation to be gathered at one time and the adult choir would be able to be present at all the worship services instead of being shared across the two services. The major downside would be losing the choice of worship times.

Since I brought this matter up at the Church Council, it has been discussed informally in some of the Sunday School classes, the Education Committee, the Sanctuary Choir, and the Worship Committee. PLEASE NOTE: NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO CHANGE THE SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE. There isn't even a specific plan under consideration at this point.

Much more discussion is needed in order to learn the various pluses and minuses involved in making any sort of change.

In my opinion, there are several things that we would want to preserve no matter what.

- We need to be a separate time for Sunday School and worship.

- We need to preserve time for fellowship and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

- We will need to make sure that the schedule will allow us to continue to offer ministry to the Grateful Hearts members.

- Each worship service we offer will include hospitality, music, a message and welcome that new guests and current members will want to return to each week.

In the coming weeks and months, there will be various opportunities for you to share your thoughts and ideas on this matter. This will be a forum for discussion, a congregational survey and the presentation of a specific set of plans for your consideration. As we go along, you can also send your thoughts directly to me at [RevSteve@calvaryumc.org](mailto:RevSteve@calvaryumc.org). Whatever will be decided --whether to stick with our current plan or introduce some changes-- will only come about after there has been careful listening and considerable prayer.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Steve Larsen



I noticed a pile of acorns stashed at the base of an oak tree in front of the church. You could not miss the pile because of the large number. My first thought was a squirrel planning ahead – must have been a number of them working in concert. Or, it could have been a child's effort to occupy their time.

It is funny how thoughts string together. My next thought was about amassing enough stuff (money) to get through the cold winter or through a comfortable retirement – both requiring stuff (money) to keep me in house and home, and as comfortable as possible – the rich fool (Luke 12: 16) is the image.

How much stuff do I need? Would simple comfort, or opulent luxury, or somewhere in between be enough? There are financial advisors to help answer that question. What an advisor cannot tell us is how to use our acorns, the collected money. How much are we to serve God today with what we have? What is so important that we cannot give more to God and rely on the promises made by him to care for our needs?

We see how quickly Christian stewardship arises when confronted with worldly needs in opposition to heavenly desires. We set goals to discipline ourselves. However, we innately know our thinking is flawed when we lean too much toward worldly needs.

Goals are a good thing. Goals instill frugality, to save and even give up one thing for another for the future. Goals develop in us a work ethic. Paul said that if there is no work there is no food. To great of focus on one goal can corrupt our proper thinking of God and his desire for our working with him in his kingdom on earth - doing those things that are not foolish.

A goal can be a new or larger home, or a second home for vacation and enjoyment. How about a red - fast sport car you have always dreamed about or a boat that is bigger than a kayak! Those certainly are rewards for frugality and hard work. Yet we innately know our thinking is still flawed. Those are not forever things.

Could there be a goal that is greater and of more value than those earthly ones? Think of the found pearl and the buried treasure. Jesus says there is something of greater value – it is the goal of entering the heavenly kingdom that God promised would exist in all of eternity. Jesus spoke often of this proper goal of man while living in this world with the kingdom of God so near. He told us to think of heavenly things and not worldly things. Jesus spoke of God's clothing the lilies of the field in finery and food for the birds. Treasure of your heart over treasure of the world should be our goal. Setting goals has everything to do with stewardship.

Stewardship is not a once a year action or an "oh yea" moment. Stewardship, to a Christian, is a way of living a life today and every day. It reflects how we think of God and how we serve him in this world. Stewardship is exchanging the boat, or beach house for the heavenly way of giving up that worldly object in order to give to God and his kingdom on earth to save lost souls. It is a way to save your own lost soul.

Jesus said there will be an eternal reward for feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, and giving light to the blind. I think I can give up a few acorns if I can give light to someone.

# 2019 Holiday Bazaar

IT'S ALMOST HERE!!!! The 2019 Christmas Bazaar is just around the corner - November 9th, 9:00-3:00. The elves have been working hard to make it happen. Now we need your help. In the coming weeks, we need:

- Baked items for the baked goods table
- Donations for the White Elephant Room (leave on the stage)
- Donations for the Silent Auction (the bigger the better)
- Workers for the day of the bazaar

We can plan and create but without helping hands, we will not have the grand event for which we are known in the community. Please consider helping in some way. Every contribution helps.

We want to highlight that this year our musicians on the morning of the bazaar will be Joyce Summers, The Joyful Noise Hand Bell Choir, AGAPE, the Frederick Community College Flute Choir and our own Dr. Ray Moreland. Following music, we will have a delicious luncheon of homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts. We also have 21 vendors and beautiful crafts available. Don't forget to purchase your holiday homemade cheeseballs. They freeze well.

Look for our advertisements in the Frederick Newspost (including the 72 Hour section, Community Calendar and Three for the Road), the Frederick Magazine (an article about us and a date on their calendar) and WFRE morning community events.

Our bazaar is the first one of the season in downtown Frederick. Please put it on your calendar and join us for a lovely day of true church community. Hope to see you there.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - 8AM - 3PM

## PARENT'S DAY OUT

SPONSORED BY THE CALVARY YOUTH  
GROUP

**Support local small businesses and get your shopping done!**

We will have crafts, games and a movie to watch, all you need to do is send lunch. All of this is available for a donation. Proceeds to benefit the Calvary Youth program.

Please sign up so we can prepare accordingly!

Watch for sign up links on our website, in the weekly e-news & at church.





**Sunday, November 3 - 12:15 in the parlor**  
Come join in celebrating with Shannon and Aaron  
as they prepare for their new little one.  
In lieu of a card, please consider a gift of your  
favorite book or small baby item.

**Light refreshments will be served.**

### **Thank you!!**

Elizabeth Anderson would like to thank Calvary members for their generous donations to her upcoming Mission of Peace to India. She is thrilled to announce that her fundraising goal of \$5,000.00 has been met through the gifts of friends and family, many from Calvary. She would appreciate your continued prayers as she prepares for the trip, which will take place December 28 through January 15.

## *A Fond Farewell*

It is with a full heart and a proud spirit that I bid Calvary farewell for now. After spending the months of August and September serving full time as the Interim Pastor at Taylorsville UMC in Mount Airy and continuing my ministry at Calvary on a limited basis, the time has come to devote my full attention to Taylorsville. Know that this decision was not easy and leaving a church is always a mixed blessing, but it is part of the call of being clergy in the United Methodist system.

We have been through a great deal of change together in the six years I spent at Calvary, including three lead pastors, two associate pastors, and several youth leaders and other changes in both staff and lay leadership. Yet through all that change, ministries sprouted, grew, or were redesigned. The Lord's laundry serves 40-50 of our neighbors in need of a permanent home each week. We provided a warm bed and shelter for families in need of a permanent home for two weeks in a row, twice a year, for as long as I was with you, through the Religious Coalition's Emergency Family Shelter Program.

I was blessed to be part of mission teams which traveled to Puerto Rico three times, as well as teams that went to Maine and the Henderson Settlement. I have faith that the Mission Steering Committee and the VIM trained leaders will continue to guide the mission teams to plan trips which are meaningful and built upon relationships with those who are being served and those you will serve along side in the years to come.

I also have faith that the Habitat for Humanity projects will continue under the leadership of Andrew Wilde and Pastor Steve (who is on their board).

And then there is all the justice work that we accomplished together. The Church in Society team has worked tirelessly over the past several years to help educate the congregation on a variety of social issues from a theological standpoint. This includes climate justice, poverty, the oppression of our immigrant and refugee neighbors and our LGBTQIA+ siblings. I was proud to be part of the reconciling process when the Church in Society group became part of the Reconciling Ministries Network last year.

Calvary has a legacy of being the church downtown that people know for its good music and its helping hands. While I am sad to leave the beautiful sanctuary and wonderful congregation, I know that you all will continue the legacy and continue to build upon it. For you are yet alive.

Until we meet again,

Rev. Julie Wilson

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**Next Mission: November 10, 6:00 PM**

Contact Christy Mossburg at [christy@calvaryumc.org](mailto:christy@calvaryumc.org) to register your child. For children in First Grade and up – younger children are welcome to participate if a parent stays.

*You're invited!*



A special invitation to attend the United Methodist Women's November 14 meeting at 1:00 in the church parlor. Marcelena Holmes, Vice President of Development and Marketing with the Board of Childcare will be our guest speaker. Please join us as we learn more about this important organization, the work they do and how we can best serve them and their needs .

**Calvary at the Soup Kitchen**

November 16

5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Contact Bob Jacobs if you are interested:

[bobjacobs@calvaryumc.org](mailto:bobjacobs@calvaryumc.org)



**Wesleyan Circle Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 19 at 1:30 p.m.**

**at Jean Shaff's home**





# **BIBLE SUNDAY**

**November 10, 2019**

Join us as we present our 3rd Grade Sunday School students with their very own Bibles during the 8:30 service, followed by a special "Bible Unwrapping Ceremony" at 9:45 in the Chapel. Cake will be served in Parish Hall after the Bibles are opened.



# **Hanging of the Greens**

**Sunday,  
November 24**

5:00 PM Service  
Followed by Soup Dinner  
and decorating the church

RSVP on our website  
[www.calvaryumc.org](http://www.calvaryumc.org)



# CALVARY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**Sunday, December 8  
10:00 am in Parish Hall**

*Rehearsal 12/7, 10-noon*

**Come see our Children's Sunday School  
classes put on our annual Traditional  
Christmas Pageant.**

**All are invited!**

We would like to thank Judy and Lou Finneyfrock for their devoted service in organizing the coffee hour for the past several years. They have been faithful in making sure the social hour ran smoothly. Calvary is fortunate to have such responsible volunteers. Thank you Finneyfrock' s!

We are quickly approaching the New Year, 2020. There are Sundays available for volunteers to sign up and help with coffee hour. It's fun and a great way to meet new and old friends.

If you are interested, please contact:

Donna Loeb at 301-787-4331 or Connie Scoggins at 301-678-2678

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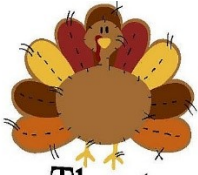
## Bake A Batch

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Bake a Batch cookie fundraiser is Sunday, December 15. Please help support this event with your homemade cookies. Please drop cookies to church office anytime on Friday December 13 or Saturday December 14 by 9:30am.

*Bake your holiday cookies, drop off at church and we'll assemble them into beautiful serving trays to sell on Sunday morning. Tray are perfect for holiday guests and parties. The proceeds from the sales of these cookies benefit Calvary member, Jenn Esler*

**Questions? Contact Julie Schwarzenberg,  
240-626-7666 or [jds6148@aol.com](mailto:jds6148@aol.com)**



Happy Thanksgiving

## Calvary Weekday School

Happy Fall from the Weekday School! We have finished our Claire's Gourmet fundraiser and we are also getting ready to wrap up our first Community Service Project, Soles for Love. We collected new shoes for children in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade that will be distributed in Frederick and Washington County. During the month of November we will work with the Community Agency for School Services (CASS). We will collect hats, mittens/gloves and gently used coats for FCPS students in need. Feel free to help with this project by bringing donations over to the school.

In the middle of the month, Kindergarten will hold Parent- Teacher conferences and at the end of the month they will visit Rose Hill Manor for a field trip.

Next month we will start registration for the 2020-2021 school year. It begins for church members on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to thank a church member for their anonymous donation to the Calvary Weekday School. The church member commented that their daughter went here 27 years ago! That says a lot about happy memories that are made while attending the school. This donation helped us purchase bulletin board strips used to hang student work in the halls.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **Financial Peace University returns to Calvary January 2020**

Are you ready to start the new year – and new decade – with a better handle on your money? Join us as we work together to learn how to make your money work for you. Thursday evenings for 13-weeks beginning January 23.

To register, go to: [https://www.financialpeace.com/groups/1103425c=ccf&cd17=b2ch\\_FP\\_Coord\\_3ActionPoint\\_190715](https://www.financialpeace.com/groups/1103425c=ccf&cd17=b2ch_FP_Coord_3ActionPoint_190715)

# Every Week At Calvary

## Every Sunday

8:30am—Worship & Children's Church  
9:45am—Sunday School for all ages  
11:00am—Worship  
12:30pm—Children's Choir  
5:30-7:30pm—UMYF (Youth Fellowship)

## Every Tuesday

10:00am—Pastor's Bible Study  
6:00pm—Gentle Yoga—Parlor  
6:30pm—Dinner Theology  
6:30pm—Joyful Noise Handbells  
7:30pm—Sanctuary Choir

## Every Wednesday

6:30pm—Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm—Open Prayer & Communion

SAVE THE DATE!

Ladies Advent by Candlelight

December 14th

2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Host a table or be our guest as  
we prepare our hearts and  
minds for this beautiful season.

## November Youth Schedule

November 3	Youth Craft Fundraising	5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
November 10	Youth Council Meeting	4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
	Youth Christmas Story	5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
November 17	Youth Led Fundraiser for Organ	5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
November 24	Hanging of the Greens	5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
November 30	Parent's Day Out	8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

## November Birthdays

1, Coreen Jarvis, Anna Marshall, Rick Miller, 2, Bryan Chaney, Jack Farner, Brian McKann, Abigail Ritterbusch, 3, Christy Quigley, 4, Chaz Jones, 5, Robert Bennett, Jenn Duthoy, Laura Miller, Alan Newcomer, Anna Stroh, 6, Thelma Fischer, Randy McClement, Delilah Richey, 7, Michael Reilly, 8, John Bolyard, Sharon Cole, Sally Farner, Gregory Gray, 9, Dean Calcagni, Dollie Gibson, Scott Moyer, Carol Whittington, 10, Mark Mayer, 11, Jessica Chaney, Andrew Farmer, Riley MacDonald, James Mackley, Ezra Ritterbusch, 12, Caroline Auth, Drew Hardy, Adelyn Melhorn, 13, Regina Hall, Elizabeth Krause, Lucy Vinar, 14, Joan Buckley, Mary Crum, Laura Edwards, Teddy Miller, 15, Copper Gaeta, Amy Leigh, Adam Nazari, Nancy Slovikosky, 16, Amy Carter, 17, Faye Cannon, Sally Meyers, 18, Makayla Buchanan, Margery French, Tara Shoemaker, 19, Christina Kim, Hunter Weedon, Adelynn Wilde, 20, Catherine Duvall, Edith Edmonston, Claire Moked, Diana Nazari, 21, Ian Connors, 23, Aliyah Gannon, Charlotte Richey, Connie Scoggins, 24, Carl Reed, 25, Marietta Anderson, Angela Burke, 26, Micah Milam, Elizabeth Wyatt, 27, Monica Campolongo, Jennifer Esler, Ivy Tang, 28, Alaina Pond, Margie Wilde, Bob Manthey, 30, Sylvie Duthoy, Mary Ann Fogle, Michael Leftwich, and Didi Willard.



## November Anniversary

Richard and Judy Delauter	November 2
James and Tamara Shoemaker	November 4
Charlie and Amy Jones	November 5
Gregory and Liz Selby	November 5
Cleon and Diane Stull	November 9
Stephen and Laura Miller	November 12
Robin and Bonnie Duggan	November 15
Timothy and Natalie Gipson	November 16
Kyle and Becky Bostian	November 18
Chris and Amy Vinar	November 18
Jeremy and Susan Leftwich	November 21
Dennis and Kimberly Remsberg	November 21
Bert and Virginia Edmonston	November 27

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						2 8:00 am UMM Breakfast 9:30 am WRS Bell Peal Church & Society 10:00 am Prayer Shawl
3 All Saints Wheelbarrow Sunday 12:15 pm Baby Shower	4 7:00 pm SPRC	5 11:15 am UMW Ex. Committee 1:00 pm Staff Meeting	6 5:00 pm Cheese Ball Making	7 6:30 pm Kitchen Committee 6:00 pm Vision Team 6:30 pm Education	8 Holiday Bazaar Prep	9 9:00 am–3:00pm Holiday Bazaar
10 Bible's at the 8:30 am service 6:00 pm Mission Possible Kids	11 6:30 pm Trustees	12	13	14 1:00 pm UMW Board of Child Care	15 4:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	16 10:00 am Wedding 5:00 pm Calvary at the Soup Kitchen
17 Celebration Sunday 6:30 pm Youth Dinner	18 7:00 pm Education 7:00 pm Finance	19 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Wesleyan Circle at Jean Shaff	20	21	22	23
24 5:00 pm Hanging of the Greens	25 7:00 pm Church Council	26	27 7:00 pm Miriam's Circle	28 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30 Youth Parents Day Out 8:00 am- 2:00 pm

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UMM Breakfast  
 Saturday, November 2  
 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

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