



the Messenger

✦ January 2020



As usual, you are receiving our Christmas Card in the newsletter after Christmas day--- but not after the Christmas season! By the liturgical calendar, we still have until January 6 (Epiphany) to celebrate. And celebrate we are! As most of you know, we welcomed home James Ezekiel (who we call Zeke) on November 26, and we are so happy!

It was a strange Advent season for me, when in the life of the church we would normally talk about waiting and preparing but in my life of maternity leave our long wait for a baby was finally over. Yes, Advent is about waiting for the coming of Christ, but incarnation reminds us that God chose bodies, our bodies, through which to show us love and we are experiencing that incarnation in our little baby. It was also a strange season because Advent directly followed our second miscarriage, it was the season when we got our diagnosis of why I was having miscarriages, and it was the empty season last year when we should have been welcoming home a little one but weren't because I had miscarried yet again. But this Advent was full of life! And so has the Christmas season. Yes, neither season were what I expected, just as a new baby changes your life in ways you don't expect, but both seasons have been filled with the presence of God. My prayer is that your Advent and Christmas seasons were, and this new year is, time for you to experience God's presence as well--- in all the unexpected but beautiful, loving ways God continually shows up for us!

-Pastor Shannon Sullivan



January Worship Schedule



January 5

Epiphany Sunday

Rev. Bill Warehime

Matthew 2: 1-12, Isaiah 60: 1-6

January 12

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev. Steve Larsen

Baptism of the Lord

Remember Who You Are

Acts 10: 34-43, Matthew 3: 13-17

Sermon Series: **Reckless Love** (6 weeks) based on the book by Tom Berlin. Jesus' call to love our neighbors pushes us to cross all sorts of boundaries and take risks. To love as he loved will challenge us and change us.

January 19

Being With Love

Rev. Dr. David Cooney

(Reckless Love #1)

The reckless love of Jesus involves both loving God and loving others.

Mark 12: 29-34 and Deuteronomy 6: 4-6

January 26

Expand the Circle

Rev. Steve Larsen

(Reckless Love #2)

The reckless love of Jesus pushes to reach beyond the people that are already close to us.





VeggieTales Movie Night is BACK!

Friday, January 10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

All children ages 4 and older are invited to join us. (Younger children can stay with a parent or guardian.)

Watch for signups!

Contact Christy Mossburg or Amy Stone for more information.

Calvary's Community Concert Series

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



Lux Choir

**Sunday, January 5, 2020
3:00 p.m.**

doors open at 2:30

Calvary United Methodist Church
131 West Second Street
Frederick, MD 21701

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

The Town Lay Hushed

This choral program summons us to the peace of that miraculous night in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. Through beautiful music such as "The Town Lay Hush'd" by Thomas Tallis, and "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Gustav Holst, you will be transported to that little village and the night that changed the world forever.

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Sunday, January 19, 2020, Brian Ganz, pianist
Sunday, March 15, 2020, Meraki, clarinet and piano duo
Sunday, April 26, 2020, Michael Adcock, pianist



Greetings from the Calvary Weekday School!

We hope you enjoyed the holidays with your family. It was fun to learn about the different traditions from the diverse families in our school. We are so blessed!

Registration began in December for currently enrolled families and church members. On January 6th, registration is open to alumni and we will begin calling families on our waiting list on January 7th. Keep spreading the word about the wonderful preschool program we have here at Calvary.

This month we will be getting ready for the MOMS Preschool Fair held on January 23rd from 4-6 at the Elk's Lodge in Frederick. This opportunity is another way share our program with perspective new families.

Our kindergarten and four year old classes will go on a field trip to Catoctin Creek Nature Center to learn about animals and their life cycles to support our science curriculum at school. I wonder who will pet the hissing cockroach this year?

Calvary is so fortunate to offer music class to our students. Miss Angela, the music teacher, provides such an active, fun and engaging program. So far the students have learned about rhythm and movement and beat and tempo. Miss Angela incorporates song, dance, and movement using a variety of instruments and materials. She even got dressed up as a turkey during the month of November. I can't wait to see what she does this month!

Stay warm-

Patty Lockard, Director



Financial Peace University begins

January 23 at Calvary!

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Friendly Circle Room

Never worry about money again with *Financial Peace University* (FPU)! It's the proven plan to help you master budgeting, beat debt, and live the life of your dreams! Through nine lessons rooted in biblical wisdom, your FPU group will learn from Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. FPU includes your member workbook and other exclusive online benefits through a free year of Financial Peace Membership. For more information, contact Mark MacDonald at markpmac@gmail.com

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Chopin's Musical Garden

Brian Ganz returns to Calvary UMC as he continues his quest to perform all the works of Chopin. This program of "musical gardening" will include early mazurkas, waltzes, polonaises, marches and nocturnes followed by mature examples of the same genres. Highlights include Polonaise-Fantaisie, the Nocturnes Opus 27, Funeral March, and much more.



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Start the New Year by getting in shape. Gentle Yoga is offered every Tuesday evening in the Parlor. Beginners to all levels are welcome to join us beginning at 6:00 p.m. The first session is free, and then \$10 per session.

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Love Bags

Happy New Year! Now that the rush of the holidays is over it is time to think about **Love Bags**.

We are asking Sunday School classes, families, and individuals to contribute items for **Love Bags** for the shut-ins of the congregation. These **Love Bags** are hand-delivered to the shut-ins the week before Valentine's Day. It's a small, but very poignant reminder to let them know they have not been forgotten.

Sunday School classes are asked to donate the following:

- Asbury Class: Small, purse size tissue packs (25)
- Children's Classes: Bags of regular & Sugar-free individually wrapped candy (i.e. peppermints, Hershey Kisses, Dove minis, Werther's Originals)
- Couples Class: Travel size lotions (30)
- Fellowship Class: Small purse size tissue packs (25)
- Friendly Circle Class: Chapstick (25)
- Middle/High School Classes: Small, individual pretzel or Goldfish cracker packs (50)
- New Beginnings Class: Chapstick (25)
- Open View Class: Small puzzle books (45) from the Dollar Store or Ollie's
- Weekday School: Small boxes of raisins; Cheese/Cracker snack packs

If you are not part of a Sunday School class but would like to contribute, please feel free to leave any of the above items in the designated box on the stage.

Donations are due Friday, January 24.

All are invited to help decorate and assemble the **Love Bags** on Sunday, **January 26th at 6:00pm** in the Parish Hall with our Mission Possible Kids.

Thank you! Your assistance is greatly appreciated!





I have always enjoyed the Christmas season more than I let other people know, even family. To me there always is an air of closeness and intimacy with other people that is not experienced during other times of the year.

It may be that each of us is more open to receiving and to giving. Open hearts and open minds to the need of others leads to open hands and helping hands.

The Christmas tree supporting those in need through the Salvation Army was set up in mid-November. What caught my attention was that some gift wishes were so simple in living needs. There was the usual Play Station wish and Bicycles – but there was also clothes and shoes and socks. I have become more attuned to meeting the “basic living” needs of people that leads to better living condition. The adage of “teaching to fish” is very much a guide.

The wishes of those around us, most visible at Christmas, are wishes that exist all year. Why do we respond so eagerly at this time of year? I admit that giving makes me feel good and gratified; God has made the act of generosity a good feeling characteristic in man.

We speak of the Holy Spirit working within us to respond to the call of God and to follow the teachings of His Son, Jesus. The Holy Spirit is working all the time, everywhere and with everyone. We should be aware of those in need through the rest of the year if we are intentionally open to God’s call.

This year, 2020, why not commit yourself to entering a serving attitude, open heartedly to the work of the Holy Spirit’s call. Pick a need within the community or in the Church and put some all year effort into it. Plan your time to volunteer (an idea is to tithe your time). Call a friend into your effort.

Winter clothing is on sale at the end of the season. Plan ahead and get more for your money to meet needs that will inevitably occur. Your hands are needed all year.

THE 2019 FREDERICK SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Our 37th year

We are an ecumenical organization providing religious education in the greater Frederick, Maryland community. Courses are open to anyone who seeks to grow spiritually: young or old, laity or clergy, and from differing religious persuasions. The School offers courses on subjects of continuing interest in religious history, theology, religious education, ecumenical studies, church administration, spiritual growth, worship and the arts, and life issues.

This is our mission —

To provide courses in a broad range of religious subjects for adults of all ages with a variety of spiritual interests and needs. To provide the opportunity for spiritual growth from each individual student's starting point. To build friendships between persons, congregations, and congregational jurisdictions, enriching both the individual and the greater Frederick community.

Classes on six Mondays and Tuesdays, February 24 – March 31

Snow Dates: April 6 & 7

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick

4880 Elmer Derr Road

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Mondays 1:00-3:00

- 1. Canticles: Songs from Scripture – Wayne L. Wold*
- 2. Mystics & Visionaries of Christianity – Raymond Moreland*
- 3. What is Evil? Theological & Philosophical Investigations – Carl Gregg*

Mondays 7:00-9:00

- 4. The Early Years of the Christian Enterprise – Charles Harrell*
- 5. Creation Care – Climate Justice – Mike Koob*

Tuesdays 1:00-3:00

- 6. God in Process: Introduction to Process Theology – Shannon E. Sullivan*
- 7. The Jewish Context of the Christian Bible – Jordan Hersh*

For more information about the school or to obtain registration forms, visit our web site at www.frederickschoolofreligion.org or contact Charlotte Pasquerette at 240-490-5657.

❄️ *SPECIAL DAYS* ❄️
IN
JANUARY ❄️

January Birthdays

2, Joni Allen, Edwin Kinsey, 3, Jennifer Bennett, Cyd Maubert, 4, Bert Edmonston,V, Carol Keirn, Dorothy Landis, 5, Larry Sibernagel, 6, Frank Strakonsky, 7, Bill Warehime, Connor Weedon,8, Paula Coffman, Melissa Rankin, Mary Schueler, 9, Kate Mills, 10, Elizabeth Knapp, Peggy Rhoderick, Jean Shaff, Virginia Shoemaker, 11, Piper Bailey, Debbie Patterson, 12, Judith Ahlstrom, Janet Fish, Peter Milum, Mary Ann Mood, Jack Tritt, 13, Hannah Willetts, 14, Brian Griffee, Charlotte Mueller, 15, Pete Allen, Rob Chewning, John Kile, Dawn Kraham, Mark MacDonald, Sue Ann Wilms, 16, Howard Strine, 17, Miles Absalon, Leslie Bell, Carin Quigley, Sharinna Sarmiento, 18, William Polvinale, 19, Maria Calcagni, Fiona Richey, Susan Staley, 20, Gracie Garcia, Scott Officer,21, Hadley Aud, Courtney Cirko, Christy Whittington, 22, Maddie Meyers, Patricia Paugh, 24, Sharon Adams, Timothy Ritterbusch, Mikaela Vega, 25, Mark McKann, Zachary Pard, 26, Gene Selby, Walker Stone, 27, Abbie Mueller, 28, Katie Ballenger, Marcia Rose Fuoss, Elisabeth Leftwich, 29, Andrew Byers, 30, Susan Engler, Robert Sacoman, Kent Williets, 31, Jack Vega

January Anniversary

Jody and Laura Francisco	January 5
Steve and Cindy Naugle	January 11
Bruce and Mary Caruthers	January 16
Greg and Anne Gray	January 16
Jack and Renee Vega	January 19
Skip and Laura Boston	January 24



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

January Youth Schedule

January 5	Youth Group	5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
January 12	Youth Council Meeting	
January 19	Snow Tubing	
January 26	Youth Group	5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.



Calvary at the Soup Kitchen

Saturday, January 18

5:00 p.m.

Sign up in the Parish Hall

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Church Office Closed Happy New Year	2 6:30 Kitchen Committee	3	4 9:30 WRS Bell Peal 10:00 Prayer Shawl
5 Wheelbarrow 3:00 Lux Choir Concert	6 7:00 SPRC	7 11:15 UMW Ex. Committee 1:00 Staff Meeting 2:30 Commu- nications Team	8	9	10 6:30 Veggie Tails Movie Night	11 8:00 UMM Breakfast 9:30 Church and Society
12	13 6:30 Trustees	14	15	16	17	18 5:00 Calvary at the Soup Kitchen
19 3:00 Brian Ganz Concert Youth Tubing Trip	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday 7:00 Finance	21 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	22 1:00 p.m. Miriam's Circle	23 6:30 Financial Peace University	24	25
26 6:30 Mission Kids Possible	27 7:00 Church Council	28	29	30 6:30 Financial Peace University		

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Calvary United Methodist Church seeks and invites all to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and our world.



UMM Breakfast
Saturday, January 11
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

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