



the Messenger

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From Pastor Steve

One of the things that was not possible during the last year and a half was public gatherings for funerals and memorial services. When friend or member of the family dies, there is a great need to gather together to remember the person who has died and work through the grieving process with others. We need to hug and be present with one another. We need to recall memories and hear stories about the ways that this person was part of our lives and the lives of others. And we need to be with others so that we can know that others are sharing in the loss we feel and helping us move forward in some new and healthy ways. We were not able to do this for so long and this has made the time much harder.

With a wonderful suggestion from the United Methodist Women, Cavalry Church will be providing a way to help people gather to remember, to celebrate and to grieve those who have died. There will be a memorial service for church members and those loved ones in our extended family who have died since March 2020. This will be on Sunday, July 11 at 11:00 AM after the usual morning worship service. (See list on page 2)

There will be music, scripture readings and prayers along with a brief sermon and time for friends and family of the deceased to share a few words. Following the service, the We Care Committee will provide food and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall to allow for the conversation and fellowship that they would normally provide after a funeral or memorial service held at the church.

I hope that you will join us as we celebrate the lives of those dear to us and give thanks to God for the ways that their lives have enriched the lives of others.

Grace and peace,

Steve Larsen

Memorial Service

<i>Lee Sharpe</i>	<i>June 18, 1944 ~ March 19, 2020</i>
<i>Doris Louise Felton</i>	<i>February 5, 1931 ~ April 11, 2020</i>
<i>Carol Crayton Dimock</i>	<i>December 14, 1940 ~ April 18, 2020</i>
<i>Bryan Louis Chaney</i>	<i>November 2, 1994 ~ August 19, 2020</i>
<i>Patsy Hoover</i>	<i>October 5, 1956 ~ September 23, 2020</i>
<i>Elizabeth Libby Hale</i>	<i>June 6, 1925 ~ November 3, 2020</i>
<i>Nancy Molesworth</i>	<i>May 31, 1931 ~ November 15, 2020</i>
<i>Thomas Martin Zufall</i>	<i>April 17, 1942 ~ November 21, 2020</i>
<i>William Peter "Pete" Allen</i>	<i>January 15, 1927 ~ December 3, 2020</i>
<i>Larry Silbernagel, Jr.</i>	<i>January 5, 1928 ~ December 22, 2020</i>
<i>Dorothy Mitchell</i>	<i>May 23, 1940 ~ February 4, 2021</i>
<i>Lucille Etzler</i>	<i>July 1, 1918 ~ February 28, 2021</i>
<i>Joyce Friel</i>	<i>March 24, 1954 ~ March 15, 2021</i>
<i>Herman Jackson</i>	<i>January 3, 1924 ~ May 14, 2021</i>

Friends of Calvary

<i>Ellen Gardiner</i>	<i>January 1, 1937 ~ March 19, 2020</i>
<i>Velma Lucille Hoffman</i>	<i>March 17, 1922 ~ March 21, 2020</i>
<i>Robert L. Hancock, III</i>	<i>February 7, 1947 ~ May 17, 2020</i>
<i>Lunetta "June" Walden</i>	<i>June 26, 1928 ~ June 8, 2020</i>
<i>Bessie Lee Todd</i>	<i>February 8, 1925 ~ July 18, 2020</i>
<i>Harry J. Eidan</i>	<i>September 8, 1933 ~ August 18, 2020</i>
<i>Mila Lou Williams</i>	<i>May 2 1948 ~ October 22, 2020</i>
<i>Thomas VanPelt</i>	<i>June 20, 1936 ~ November 20, 2020</i>
<i>Sue Rexrode Bowers</i>	<i>June 16, 2021</i>

July Worship Schedule

July 4 We Hold these Truths
Psalm 33:1-12 & Romans 13:1-7

Sermon Series: I've been meaning to ask...

A four-week sermon series created by A Sanctified Art focused on community and those things that link us together. Using four simple questions, we will consider some of those things that can foster relationships and help us find the ways our experiences and dreams connect us.

July 11 I've been meaning to ask... Where are you from?
Genesis 2:4b-15 Humanity is formed from dust
John 1:35-51 Jesus calls the disciples

July 18 I've been meaning to ask... Where does it hurt?
1 Samuel 1:1-18 Hannah's pain
Mark 5:21-43 Two moments of healing

July 25 I've been meaning to ask... What do you need?
Job 2:11-13 Job's friends
2 Timothy 4:9-18 Paul's instructions to Timothy

Music at Calvary Church

The SPRC continues to be in conversation with Joche Wilmot about the music program. Joche has been with Calvary as the organist and music director for more than two decades. Our hope is that he will be back with us this fall and lead the music program going forward conducting the choirs and playing the organ. We would love to have him back with us sooner, but he currently does not feel sufficiently safe to be in the building. During the pandemic, Joche has been very helpful in helping with the online worship, providing weekly devotionals as well and giving guidance to the pipe organ building committee. This will continue through the summer.

Since the organ is at the heart and center of our music program and the worship life at Calvary Church, we have arranged to have guests' organist play on Sunday mornings all but two of the Sundays in July and August. Joyce Summers will continue to play the piano as needed at the services and arrange for anthems and special music as well.



Greetings from Calvary Weekday School!

We are happy to share that we have full enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year with a waiting list for all our classes. It is a great feeling knowing how hard our staff continues to work for reopening in the fall.

Last month, we installed student cubbies in the four preschool classrooms. We are starting to look like a school again! These cubbies will help with following some of the current guidelines as well as a long term improvement to our classrooms. Many thanks to Kevin Hubble and Hubble Brothers' Construction for a job well done.

Maintenance projects continue at the Weekday School thanks to the hard work of Fred Schumacher and the support of the Board of Trustees.

School supplies have been ordered, family welcome letters have been sent, and bulletin boards are starting to take shape. Olivia and I will take time to vacation with our own families this month and get ready for the home stretch as we prepare to welcome our kindergarten families in August.

Happy 4th!

Patty Lockard, Director



Join Us at Calvary's Summer Blood Drive!

The American Red Cross is hosting a Summer Blood Drive at Calvary UMC on **Wednesday, July 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. For what amounts to 1-2 hours of your time, you can help save up to 3 people with one donation! Blood supply levels in the area continue to be a critical need, and the pandemic continues to amplify the urgency for adequate blood supplies. So why not give a summertime gift that can save up to 3 lives? Or if you can't, consider inviting a friend to donate! To sign up, call or text Eric Anderson before the event at 240.506.5759, or connect via email at eric.anderson3@redcross.org. The earlier you sign up, the better an appointment slot you will get!

Organ Fund Update

Calvary is about half-way through its fund raising period for the new organ. The *Renew and Rejoice* program may seem to be stalled but there is a lot of activity behind the scene. Right now there seems to be a great deal of but little to see, touch or hear. Like faith in God, there is a great hope in the unseen.

With faith in the project, we can imagine standing with our church ancestors who envisioned and built this church building we worship in today. They too had hope in the final church building to come. The current organ is part of the build constructed 100 years ago. I can imagine their hopes to establish a church that would house prayer and song to God for a 1000 years. But organ pipes and valves do not last forever and repairs can only do so much. The organ is part of our worship as we honor God in heart and mind.

Our faith leads us to also hope for the unseen in this world that is part of God's creation with the same hope we have in God's promise of an eternal life. The organ does not compare to salvation, but both require faith in the unseen.

As I look forward to the time of a new reliable organ, I continue to meet my initial pledge. I hope to increase the amount, even if I must go beyond the remaining initial 18 months. It is a stewardship ministry that is important. I hope to be counted as one who picked up the fervor of the 1920's congregation and carry on their legacy by providing future generations of worshipers with an organ that leads in song and praise.

I ask you to join myself and others who have made their pledge and continue to meet their commitment. We have a vision of a timeless air of music presented to God's ear and the ear of those who know God and those who are seeking God. The organ is for the community beyond our church walls.

Please continue to meet your pledge, consider a start in giving with an 18 month pledge. Contact Bob Jacobs at bobjacobs@calvaryumc.org of 301-662-1464.

Children's Corner

**** Story Time on Zoom is moving to 11:30 a.m.** Our Children's Sunday School program happen every Sunday morning with a short Zoom Story. If you are not already part of this group, email Christy Mossburg for details at christy@calvaryumc.org.

Stay tuned for details on Children's Sunday School returning in the Fall. If you would like to register your child for our Sunday School program please contact Christy Mossburg at christy@calvaryumc.org.

Stay -at-Home Youth Mission Week July 12-16

Because of the pandemic, we decided back in January NOT to go on a mission trip. But we still wanted to get together and do mission. Enter: the stay-at-home mission week where each day we have an opportunity to serve right here (or near) Frederick for some or all of the day.

The beauty of this week is that there are many different kinds of things to do, in air conditioning and outdoors. Some people might sign up for the whole week, others one or two days depending on what their schedule allows and what kinds of work they are interested in.

We do need lots of adult help, so grown-ups don't forget to sign up to join us!

We will meet in the church parking lot at start time of each day!

Monday July 12: Construction from 10:30-4:30

We have a demolition project taking down an old shed at the Religious Coalition. Meet at the church at 10:30! This will be an all outdoor project. The Religious Coalition is providing pizza and snacks and we will bring water and Gatorade. Please wear jeans and closed toed shoes. Bring gloves and eye protection. And sunscreen!

Tuesday July 13: Construction from 10:30-4:30

We will hopefully be able to put up a new shed at the Religious Coalition. Meet at the church at 10:30! This will be an all outdoor project. The Religious Coalition is providing pizza and snacks and we will bring water and Gatorade. Please wear jeans and closed toed shoes. Bring gloves and eye protection. And sunscreen!

Wednesday July 14: Assembling and sorting UMCOR Relief Kits from 8-4 (may be done early depending on what work they have)

Driving up to Mechanicsburg to Mission Central. This work will be indoors and easy, but we will learn about UMCOR's work and get to spend some time in fellowship as we work.

Thursday July 15: Packing Meals from 5-7pm

*Another indoor activity this time helping neighbors across the world from our own church parish hall! Join us to pack meals with Rise Against Hunger.
Separate sign up to come.*

Friday July 16: Fun Day! 12-whenever at Adventure Park

Many mission trips include a day or an evening to enjoy the local attractions. We thought we would celebrate getting to spend the week together by also taking some time to play at Adventure Park. Please bring money for entrance fees and food.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-youth2>

Two New Roles Filled This Month.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that we will be hiring two new persons as paid of the church staff. The new **Director of Youth Ministries** will be Jenn Duthoy, a member of the congregation. Jenn is a big fan of the youth in the church and a big supporter of the various youth ministries here at Calvary. She plans to help refocus and re-energize the program as we move forward after all the disruptions that the pandemic caused this past year.

The second person hired by the church will be Jacki Stranathan, a recent graduate of Wesley Theological Seminary and someone who has worked in several United Methodist Churches in our conference, including Westminster UMC and Trinity UMC in Frederick. Jacki will serve as the part time **Discipleship Coordinator** starting in July. The new position will help people, especially new members and guests build relationships with others in the congregation. She will also be encouraging and oversee the various ways that the Church helps people with faith formation and in Christian Discipleship. She is lives in Westminster but looks forward to getting to know people here and make this her church home.

These changes will help the church continue to do vital ministries as we look ahead and as we say goodbye to Shannon Sullivan as the Associate Pastor.

Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the following students have received scholarships for the 2021-2021 school year.

Elizabeth Anderson

Rachel Carter

Jake Mayer

Mollie Mayer

Christopher Moyer

Kaitlyn Quigley

Emily Schwarzenberg

Haleigh Seek

The committee was impressed by the quality of the applications. We pleased to help these students with \$500 each for educational expenses.



Throughout the scriptures, the principle of sacrifice is a consistent theme. In the Old Testament, God calls for any sacrifice to him to be the first fruit and the first born. Even the first born son, while redeemed was considered to be sacrificed to God.

We know the story of the widow at the temple, giving all that she had to God. And of course the sacrificial death of Jesus for our redemption. Barnabas gave up property as a sacrificial gift to the early church in Acts 4. Job and Jonah each sacrificed much at the call of God. There is something they all have in common. All gave up their gift willingly. Some initially were reluctant or questioning the call. They gave willingly in the end.

We recognize sacrificial giving as releasing from our control something of value and meaningful to us. Hebrews 13:16 reminds us "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." We find that God is pleased with our gift as he was with Abel's gift of his best lamb. But Cain's gift – a gift none the less- was not looked upon with favor by God. Why? We can only derive that the gifts were not the real problem. It was the attitude of the giver. Abel's gift was given from his heart in attitude that puts God foremost. He obeyed the command of the "best", unblemished gift. Cain did not have the attitude of Abel. Cain selected some of the fruits of the soil with little thought of faithful worship.

Another way to look at sacrificial giving in question its role in a true Christian disciple and steward's faith attitude. The concept of sacrificial giving is that the gift has some value. This implies that since the gift has value, or even great value to the giver. It is human nature to keep what is good and is of value. If not for a strong faith and fear of god, we would be inclined to keep the gift rather than give it away. The giver still has some attachment to the possession that has value in the world and is meaningful to the possessor. What is its value after this life?

Can the giver ever reach the point that any attachment to the gift is conquered? Attachment to any possession can be overcome by putting your faith life and your possessions into perspective that God has all and is all. God owns all and we owe all things to him. The gift is God's creation and is his ultimately. He has loaned it to us for our use as his stewards of his kingdom in this world.

Mark tells us: "To love him (God) with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." Mk 12:33 When we can do what Mark tells us, there is no "sacrifice" attached to your gift.

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the library

Interested? Contact Bob Jacobs at bobjacobs@calvaryumc.org

Resuming July 4th

Donut Hour will be at 11:00 a.m. after Sunday Services. If you wish to volunteer please contact Bob Jacobs.

Adult In-Person Sunday School Classes

will begin July 18 at 9:00 a.m. for the Friendly Circle and Couples Class

Wesleyan Circle Meeting will meet Tuesday, July 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the library.

New Member Class

Pastor Steve will be holding a new member class and welcome event for potential new members on Sunday, July 18 at 11:00 AM. It has been quite some time since we were able to offer this. We look forward to having several people join the church family. Our new Discipleship Coordinator will be helping with the class.

HAPPY
Anniversary!

July Anniversaries			
		Ralph and Michele Lopez	July 9
Jeff and Amy Stone	July 1	Carl and Linda Reed	July 11
Zan and Deborah Fleming	July 3	Bruce and Helen Sheppard	July 12
Eric and Angie Anderson	July 5	Andrew and Amanda Radcliffe	July 14
Scott and Linda English	July 6	Andrew and Carol Keirn	July 15
Isam and Katie Ballenger	July 7	Sam and Kate Mills	July 16
Leo and Terri Giambarresi	July 8	Jonathan and Alison Sunderman	July 18
Alice and Jeff Zalatoris	July 8	Chris and Erica Miller	July 18



July Birthdays

- 1**, Ethan Simpson, Pat Staggs, Carter Vinar
2, Isaac Benson, Jeff Matsler, Adryana Slovikosky, Lindy Witmer
3, Suzanne Duvall, Michael Rust, Linda Schmeltz
4, Virginia Edmonston, Katie Lopez, Blake Rosen, Rylee Rossman
5, Christopher Blackledge, Marilyn Moyers, Margaret Selby **6**, Madi Davies, Luci Palmer
7, Shirley Lakel, Jane Shafferman **8**, Abel O'Toole, Eduardo Valentin-Morales
9, Joann Crum, Bob Mason, Caitlin Perry, Julie Schwarzenberg
10, Linda Bennett, Gwyn Sewell, **11**, Marley Crum
12, Angie Anderson, Deborah Hammond, Cynthia Yeager
13, Ronda Dudley, Page Fox, Betty Rollins, **14**, Christopher Howard, Mary Pfister
15, Molly Rhoades, Ellori Sue Webster, Caitlyn Wilson
17, Mary Boyer, Anne Gray, Allison Rossman, Candace Whiting
18, Carol Delaski, Sara Dragan, Donald Linton, Emma Livingston
19, Sebastian Duthoy, **20**, Steve Ehlers, **21**, Michael Karl, **22**, Brent Paugh
23, Maria O'Toole, Don Orrison, **24**, Tom Mullineaux, William Shiflett
25, Mike Hahn, Jack Heller, Rebecca Rohrback, **26**, Jack Almeida, Malachi O'Toole
27, Ben Davis, Brianne Paugh, William Selby, Kelsey Sunderman
28, Keith Krause, **29**, James Colburn, Alice Zalatoris
31, Ricky Munday, Carol Officer, Allyson Sewell, Daniel Shankle



July 1

AGAPE 6:00 p.m.

July 4

Virtual Worship 9:00 a.m.

In-person Worship 10:00 a.m.

July 5

SPRC 7:00 p.m.

July 6

Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

UMW Ex. Committee 11:15 a.m.

July 8

AGAPE 6:00 p.m.

July 11

Virtual Worship 9:00 a.m.

In-person Worship 10:00 a.m.

Memorial Service 11:00 a.m.

July 12

Trustees 7:00 p.m.

July 13

Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

July 15 Mission Event

AGAPE 6:00 p.m.

July 17

Calvary at the Soup Kitchen 5:00 p.m.

July 18

Virtual Worship 9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School Class 9:00 a.m.

In-person Worship 10:00 a.m.

New Members Class 11:00 a.m.

July 19

Finance Committee 7:00 p.m.

July 20

Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Wesleyan Circle 1:30 p.m.

July 21

Blood Drive 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

July 22

AGAPE 6:00 p.m.

July 25

Virtual Worship 9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School Class 9:00 a.m.

In-person Worship 10:00 a.m.

July 26

Church Council 7:00 p.m.

July 27

Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

July 28

Miriam's Circle 2:00 p.m.

July 29

AGAPE 6:00 p.m.

****Sunday Coffee/Fellowship 11:00 a.m.**

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Christ for the transformation of our community and our world.*

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