



the Messenger

November 2021

FROM PASTOR STEVE

There's a lot happening down in the church basement these days. The heating in the main building and the Baker Center is provided by two large boilers that work in tandem. One of these was replaced approximately 11 years ago. The other was installed about 22 years ago. The time has come to replace the older of these two units. Parts were ordered and on October 1, when the Calvary Weekday School was closed for the day, a crane was set up in the parking lot to lower the new pieces of the boiler into the basement area under the church.

The installation of the new system requires assembly of the parts, welding and attaching the boiler to all the parts that send hot water throughout the buildings and return it back to the boiler. The system has to be tested and inspected.

The current estimate is that the system will be fully up and running by mid-November. That may mean we have a few chilly days this fall, but when this is complete, we should have a system that will provide reliable heat for many years.

This is one more project that has been paid for out of the interest on the Calvary Trust Fund. We are fortunate that many members have made legacy gifts to the Calvary Trust Fund that allow us to maintain and improve the church property now and on into the future.



Left:
Out with the old.

Right:
In with the new.
Boiler replacement
began Oct. 1



Sermon Series: To Know God Is to Thank God
Our annual giving campaign based on Psalm 50:14
*“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and make good your vows to the Most High.”*

Oct. 31 Offer to God
Ruth 1:1-18 and Mark 12:28-34

Nov. 07 All Saints Sunday Holy Communion.
A Sacrifice of Thanksgiving
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 and Mark 12:38-44

Nov. 14 Make Good Your Vows
1 Samuel 2:1-10 and Mark 13:1-8

Nov. 21 To the Most High
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33



Advent Worship Series–

The Inn: Housing the Holy



The story of the nativity tells us there was no room in the inn for Mary to give birth. The child would have to be born elsewhere. As we enter the Advent season, how can we be a place where the Holy can find room to be born? How might we offer respite, welcome and care to those seeking shelter from the challenges that life brings? How might we find Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Nov. 28 Advent 1 **“Making Room”**
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
Luke 21:25-36

Musings from the Director of Discipleship

I love it when a glove fits perfectly. The position I am in at Calvary UMC is like that glove, it is a perfect fit. I have been blessed getting to know everyone participating in many of your ministries. Including Calvary UMC, I have been associated with six churches as an employee and another 7 as a member and many of them did the CROP walk. What the ones that did the CROP walk had in common was a person passionate about the cause. At Calvary UMC that person is Ray Frank.

On Sunday we had the CROP walk with 25 walkers from ages 2 to 60+. We raised over \$3000. A huge amount for those who are hungry. While the walkers walked, I sat with Ray and learned a lot about him. I also drove around seeing if everyone was ok. It was a beautiful day and I was blessed. If you see, Ray thank him.



CALVARY COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

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

Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

doors open at 2:30

Masking is required at this event

Calvary United Methodist Church

131 West Second Street • Frederick, MD 21701

Beau Soir Ensemble



Don't miss this award-winning trio of harp, flute, and viola with Michelle Lundy, Carole Bean, and Ruth Wicker. Dedicated to classical and contemporary music, the trio will be performing two world premieres by composers Graham Lynch and Adrienne Albert.



Visit www.calvaryumc.org/concerts for information on these and more upcoming events:

Sunday, January 23, 2022
Brian Ganz, Pianist
Chopin's Musical Garden, Part II

February 20, 2022
Women's Guitar Gala

Sunday, March 6, 2022
Merold
(piano, clarinet)

Concert dates are firm at the time of posting and rarely change, but changes or cancellations by the artist group and/or the venue together may happen due to circumstances beyond our control. Changes will be posted at www.calvaryumc.org/concerts.

I was homeless and you welcomed me! ...

The construct of “homelessness” was not cited specifically by Jesus in the Gospel of Mathew’s 25th chapter (verses 31-46); but thirst and hunger, being in need of clothing, seemingly an outcast or stranger in our midst, and not unaccustomed to prisons, each cited therein, are all too familiar to those within our community who for any number of reasons find themselves homeless. Included among these our neighbors are families with children and youth.

The community of Frederick has a remarkable history of caring for those who are homeless, including youth, through collaboration of local government and not-for-profit agencies, including communities of faith. Among these organizations is The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs (RCEHN), this year celebrating its 40th anniversary. Through a variety of services, its mission has always been “*moving our neighbors from crisis and despair to hope.*” Calvary has been among the faith community supporters of RCEHN from its start, with particular financial and volunteer support of the Linton Shelter for homeless single adults (including a laundry service, “the Lord’s Laundry,” led by the Herbers and Sheppards with many other volunteers from our congregation).

In addition, we have supported the RCEHN emergency shelter program for families in transition from homelessness to placement in permanent homes and jobs, by serving as a host shelter for two-week periods twice a year. Unfortunately, due to the Covid virus during the past two years, while we provided financial support for this program, our role and that of most churches as host sites for the family shelter program has been limited. **As in prior years, however, Calvary is scheduled to host families from the program once again the last two weeks of December this year, with all public health precautions being observed.** Normally, there are only a handful of families, the specific number of which we will know closer to the time we host.

In any case, **we will need a few volunteers to help set up cots in our Education Bldg. on Saturday morning, December 18 and again two weeks later to take them down; and, though RCEHN staff remain with the families on site overnight, our hospitality by providing evening meals for the families is always welcomed. If you would like to volunteer for either of these service opportunities to welcome our neighbor families in need, please contact me (paul.d.nelson@outlook.com) or Jacki Stranathan (discipleship@calvaryumc.org).**

And, what a lovely time of the year to show our hospitality to our less fortunate neighbors as we welcome the Christ child into our homes and our hearts!

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Greetings from the Calvary Weekday School!

We would like to welcome Beth Smith to the Calvary Week-day staff. Beth moved here with her family in August from South Carolina. She has an Early Childhood degree and many years teaching preschool. Beth will be the head teacher in the Monday, Wednesday, Friday four year old class. Beth and I will team teach for two weeks to help with this transition. I know the students are going to love working with Mrs. Smith.

Unfortunately, we were unable to take a field trip to the pumpkin patch so the teachers and assistants created their own pumpkin patches right here at school. The children enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a pumpkins, creating all sorts of crafts and participating in fall activities. I am so fortunate to have such an amazing, dedicated staff!

We were nominated once again for the Best of the Best Preschool and our school made it to the top five. Voting starts again on October 27th and runs until Nov. 2nd. Please look for information on the Frederick News Post website or newspaper and cast your vote for us!

Happy Fall!

Patty Lockard, Director

Is your student is in need of a tutor, try Beckmine Tutoring Services at
<https://sites.google.com/view/beckmine-tutoring-services>

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p.s. This also may be the last opportunity for Calvary to be a host site for the program, as a new permanent emergency family shelter is under development by RCEHN in what was the White-Hayward Farmhouse on Wayward Road, hopefully to be opened next year. For those who may wish to make a direct financial or other type of contribution to that much needed development, information can be found on the website *RCEHN.org*.

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministries

Stewardship Corner

Paul's letter to the church in Thessalonica is appropriate for consideration at this time of year. We celebrate Thanksgiving at the end of the month. We look forward to the gathering of friends and family as well as the traditional turkey.

How does Paul's letter written 2,000 years ago apply to us today? His letter gives thanks and praise for the people of this small struggling church for their adherence in continued faith living. He wants to encourage this small group in facing and overcoming future trials. Paul wanted to reinforce their living in faith as the true way to follow the teachings of Christ and to remember the promise of the Lord's return. In 1Thessalonians 1:3, Paul says: "We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our loved Jesus Christ." Paul is stating his thanks to God for this newly established church by pointing out what this group of Christians is doing in living out their faith. Note the attributes of work (deeds), labor (their attention to expanding God's kingdom), and endurance (meeting temptations to return to their old ways). These attributes are reflective of a viable, active and growing church.

When we gather for our Thanksgiving meal, it is a special time to remember those things for which we are thankful as Paul does. God blesses us with many things. Whether it is a productive and comfortable life, a loving family or any number of other favors and blessings.

What do you give thanks for? A lapse of faith occurs when we give thanks that is exclusively to ourselves. As the maker of all good things, we should remember that it is God who is the maker. Humility should be our attitude and God to whom we give thanks is the attitude of a disciple – is it ourselves in our "own" achievements or is it to God who gives us his blessings? Paul knows to whom he should give thanks. It is "God the Father".

Paul and his fellow disciples, Silas and Timothy, established the church in Thessalonica. They worked hard with the small congregation and taught them in the way for Christian living and faith. Paul knows that it is God, Christ and the Holy Spirit who have done the work through their (disciples) work. Any fruitfulness by Paul is the will of the Trinity through them. When we give thanks, whom do we honor?

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The next question is - when we do give thanks? A special day once a year does not seem to be enough for the bounty of blessings we have received through the year. We just looked at a special once a year holiday. It reminds me of the Jew's Day of Atonement. In Paul's letter he gives us direction, in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 he says: "give thanks in all circumstances". Paul says in Philippians 4:12, "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty..." Paul attributes this ability by faith in "him who gives me strength." v13

Giving thanks is an act of worship that is as important as prayer, church attendance and even meditation. Giving thanks should be part of our faith discipline.



Zeke Sullivan-Harrington is going to be a big brother in April! Thank you all for your continued prayers for our family. We miss you all and are happy we can share our good news with you. –Rev. Shannon Sullivan

The Angel Tree Is Looking A Little Different This Year

Due to safety concerns, we will be supporting the Salvation Army/Religious Coalition children a little different this year. We are collecting gift cards that will be used to provide their Christmas wishes of both toys, clothing, and their Christmas dinner.

We suggest that gift cards to Target, Walmart, Kohls, Giant Eagle and Weis would be best for the children.

Gift cards can be placed in the box by the Christmas tree in the narthex. If you do not have time or feel safe shopping, checks and cash donations are gratefully accepted. Please make checks out to Calvary United Methodist Women and reference "Angel Tree".

Donations can also be mailed or left in the church office.



Dominican Republic Barahona is on my mind. Join us as we travel to DR to feed and be fed. Jan. 15 to 22. I have all the information. Join our team from all over. This photo is Consuela. I met her in a Batey. She is so appreciative of the food our organization gives. I have learned so much. And gathered life long friends. I hope you will consider joining us. It is life changing.



Christmas Pageant is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12th during Sunday School (9:00 a.m.)

Don't miss Bake a Batch, Dec. 12th!!

Christmas Pageant?

Parents, we would love to know - would you be interested in having your children participate in a small, but traditional Christmas Pageant at the church this year? Or do you prefer to put together a video version like we did last year? We are in the planning stages and need your input to know how to proceed.

Please respond to Christy@calvaryumc.org and let me know if you're interested in being a part of a Christmas pageant and let me know if you want to be virtual/ video or in-person. I would love to have responses by November 14th please!

Church Conference - Saturday, November 20

The annual meeting where the church reviews its ministries and celebrates its connection with the larger United Methodist Church will take place on Saturday, November 20 at 10:15 AM at Middletown United Methodist Church.

This is the annual meeting when the church leadership makes several reports on the building, the ministries, the membership and the financial health of the congregation. Agenda items also include election of new persons in leadership roles, approval of the compensation package for the pastor and action on those members who have become inactive.

The Church Conference meeting is open for all members of Calvary Church but particularly the voting members of the Church Council.

In Matt 25:35 Jesus said: “For I was hungry and you gave *me* something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave *me* something to drink,...” (my emphasis). Jesus was telling his disciples and those listening how to live a life of stewardship in God’s kingdom.



Kay and I have been the hands and feet of Christ by leading many Calvary members in providing a hot meal (as close to home cooking as you can get) at the Frederick Religious Coalition – soup kitchen every other month for over 22 years. We believe it is time we let others take the reins. We thank all those, too many to name, who worked along our side of us.

This is a good and worthwhile ministry. Over the years we have feed over 12,000 homeless and just hungry Frederick people. It has been rewarding.

But, it is time for us to take a breather from this ministry, try other things in ministry and relax a little. The sad part is that we have found no one to take over the reins of lead organizer. This month, November 20th, will be the last one we will do in that capacity. We will be available to help as volunteers.

As the lead organizer(s) we scheduled with the Soup Kitchen the dates we would be the meal providers, cooking at the soup kitchen. We purchased the food, usually chicken (80 lbs.) to bake or lately breaded chicken patties, rice, gravy, corn and home-made coleslaw or apple sauce. Rolls with butter and cookies for extras. All supplies are reimbursed by the church. We cooked and prepped from 2:30 to 5:00 and served 5:30 – 6:30 with church volunteers (about 8 to 10). We cleaned up after ourselves in the kitchen.

This is a personally rewarding experience and a visibly worthy mission to the community. If anyone would like to assume the lead role, please contact the church office or myself and join us on the 20th for an unexpected God moment.

Kay and Bob Jacobs

301-371-8987

November 2021

Monday, 11/1

6:30 p.m.

Taste & See Book Study

7:00 p.m. SPRC

Tuesday, 11/2

10:00 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

1:30 p.m.

UMW Ex. Committee

Wednesday, 11/3

6:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Open Prayer

Thursday, 11/4

6:00 p.m. AGAPE

Saturday, 11/6

10:00 a.m. WRS Ringers

Sunday, 11/7

All Saints Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, 11/8

7:00 p.m. Trustee's

Tuesday, 11/9

10:00 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, 11/10

6:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Open Prayer

Thursday, 11/11

6:00 p.m. AGAPE

Sunday, 11/14

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

3:00 p.m. Concert

5:00 p.m. Youth Council

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, 11/15

6:30 p.m.

Taste & See Book Study

7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee

Tuesday, 11/16

10:00 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

1:30 p.m.

Wesleyan Circle Meeting

Wednesday, 11/17

6:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Open Prayer

Thursday, 11/18

6:00 p.m. AGAPE

Saturday, 11/20

10:15 a.m.

Church Conference

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

Sunday, 11/21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, 11/22

7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, 11/23

10:00 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, 11/24

2:00 p.m.

Miriam's Circle

6:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

Open Prayer

Thursday, 11/25

Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, 11/26

Church Office Closed

Sunday, 11/28

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, 11/30

10:00 a.m. Bible Study



Richard and Judy Delauter	Nov. 2		
Eytan and Martha Moked	Nov. 3	Chris and Amy Vinar	Nov. 18
Charlie and Amy Jones	Nov. 5	Jeremy and Susan Leftwich	Nov. 21
Gregory and Liz Selby	Nov. 5	Dennis and Kim Remsberg	Nov. 21
Cleon and Diane Stull	Nov. 9	John and Nancy Slovikosky	Nov. 25
Stephen and Laura Miller	Nov. 12	Bert and Virginia Edmonston	Nov. 27
Robin and Bonnie Duggan	Nov. 15	Brian and Peggy Krompasick	Nov. 29
Kyle and Becky Bostian	Nov. 18		



November 1, Anna Marshall, Rick Miller, **2**, Ezra Belgrave, 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, Greg Gray

9, Dean Calcagni, Dollie Gibson, **10**, Mark Mayer, **11**, Jessica Chaney, Andrew Farmer, Riley MacDonald, James Mackley, Ezra Ritterbusch, **12**, Caroline Auth, Adelyn Melhorn, **13**, Regina Hall, Elizabeth Krause, Lucy Vinar, **14**, Joan Buckely, Mary Crum, Teddy Miller, **15**, Cooper Gaeta, Amy Leigh, Nancy Slovikosky, **16**, Amy Carter, **17**, Faye Cannon, Sally Meyers, **18**, Margery French, Tara Shoemaker, **19**, Christina Kim, Hunter Weedon, **20**, Catherine Duvall, Edith Edmonston, **23**, Charlotte Richey, Connie Scoggins, **24**, Carl Reed, **25**, Marietta Anderson, Angela Burke, **26**, Elizabeth Wyatt, **27**, Monica Campolongo, Jennifer Esler, Ivy Tang, **28**, Claire Moked, Alaina Pond, Margie Wilde, **29**, Margie Wilde, **30**, Sylvie Duthoy, Mary Ann Fogle, Michael Leftwich, Didi Willard

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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.

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Youth Sunday School meets every Sunday in the Church Office at 9am. We would love our 6th-12th graders to join us for music, games, and Bible study.

Youth Group meets every Sunday from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. and starts each fellowship time with a dinner together.

Nov. 7 Youth Group 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 14 Youth Council Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Youth Group 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 21 Youth Group 5:30 p.m.