

the Messenger

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Pipe Organ Build Commences!

The team from Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders visited on January 24 and 25 to gather all remaining information needed to prepare the engineering and mechanical drawings for Calvary's new pipe organ. The Organ Committee met with them informally and learned more about the process and upcoming steps that will, in the spring of 2023, lead to the installation of our new instrument. Pictured, back row, from left: Fred Schumacher, Cornel Zimmer, president/founder; Aaron Pannebaker, vice-president/shop manager; Jake Hill, pipe organ designer; Rev. Steve Larsen. Front row, from left: Brad Davy, John Kile, Becky Kile, Sandy Chaney, Brett Chaney, Linda Muehl, Bob Jacobs, Rob Summers, and Joyce Summers.

Worship in February

Feb. 6

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Communion

Luke 5:1-11 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sermon: God Makes a Way

Feb. 13

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 and Luke 6:17-27

Sermon: Love Happens

Feb. 20

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 6:27-38

Sermon: The Full Measure of Love



Feb. 27

Transfiguration Sunday

Luke 9:28-43a

What Do You See?



Greetings from Calvary Weekday School!

We have been busy with registration for the 2022-2023 school year. Classes are filling up quickly and we have about 60 families already registered. Families or friends wishing to register may contact Olivia at 301-662-6783 or email her at:

calvaryweekdayschool@calvaryweekdayschool.com

Last month we also worked on completing applications for the Textbook, Aging, and Safety Grants. At this point, we have received notification that we will be eligible for funding from the Textbook and Aging Grant. Funds received for the Aging Grant will help defray costs to replace the original roof on the Christian Education Building. Funds from the Textbook Grant will be used to replace technology and materials for the classrooms. If we get approval, funds from the Safety Grant will be used to replace the original windows over a couple of years. We are also in the process of receiving a second round of funding from the Stabilization Grant. We should know more about these allocations in March.

Before the holidays, we participated in our first fundraiser at Chick-fillet. We made over \$150.00 in profits and are planning another on April 4th. Mark your calendar to join us by simply making a purchase and mentioning Calvary Weekday School between 5-8pm.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Patty Lockard, Director

Thank you, Calvary!

I could hear them coming, as Jackie and I awaited their arrival in the lower-level general purpose room of our Education Building, ... the squealing in delight of a 2-yr old followed by the chatter of two young teenagers as they came into the building on Saturday evening of December 18. This was to be their evening home for the next two weeks, other than for the time with nearby relatives over the Christmas weekend. Four families, sponsored by the Emergency Family Shelter Program of The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, would be safe and warm at this wintery time of year thanks to Calvary's hospitality, consistent with our Advent theme of "welcoming the stranger to the inn."

This ministry would not have been possible without the support and prayers of our Church Council and the entire Calvary congregation. In addition, whether your service was needed or not in the end, a special "thank you" goes to those who volunteered to help set up and take down the sleeping cots and other equipment provided by The Religious Coalition, and as well as to those who volunteered to prepare a warm meal each evening for our guests: Pat and Dave Herber, David Cline, Jan and Don Cline, Margie Wilde, Terri Giambarresi, Sandy and Brett Chaney, Cathleen Gough, Becky Kile, Linda Mullineaux, Greg Shipley, Helen Sheppard, Jacki Stranathan, and Pastor Steve.

While this was the final time Calvary will host such families, as we have been doing pre-pandemic twice each year, when this program moves into its new Hayward Road facility in March 2022 new opportunities for our support of this vital community ministry will be announced.

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministries

Love Bag Adoption Project

Last year our Love Bag Adoption Project was such a huge success that we decided to continue the tradition.

What are Love Bags?

These are bags put together for members of our church who need a little extra love for Valentine's Day. Instead of donating bulk items to the church for a group to assemble, we are asking people to adopt someone to offer them a Love Bag.

If only one person or family is making a love bag for one other person, what does that look like?

We want it to be flexible. Normally our love bag has crossword puzzles, lotion and chapstick, notebook, pens, and sometimes a stuffed animal, in addition to various snacks (not too sweet since some folks can't have a lot of sugar). Maybe you want to continue that.

Or maybe you want to offer a gift of a prayer cross or a gift box you find at a local store. It does not need to be an expensive item. Something small done with love. It is a connection point, an opportunity for a little luxury for those who need a little extra love right now. Loving our neighbor is an important part of living out our faith, and it is also a way we can be the hands and feet of Christ for another.

If you'd like to adopt a Love Bag recipient, contact Christy Mossburg at christy@calvaryumc.org to be matched up to one of our congregation members. We can promise you will get as much joy out of giving this small gift of connection as your newly adopted recipient does. Gift bags must be distributed by February 14. Thank you for your support!

Here are steps for the Love Bag Adoption:

1. Email Christy Mossburg and let her know how many you would like to "adopt."
2. Prepare a bag filled with special items to make your adoptee feel loved and remembered.
3. Take a picture of the bag so we can share with the congregation the number of filled bags we were able to complete.
4. Deliver the bag to the recipient by February 14.

Stewardship Corner

“If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.” Matthew 13:36 packs a lot of stewardship into eleven words. Who has time to sleep in our world of business?

We know, as Christians, that Jesus Christ will come again. But, mankind has been waiting and watching for over 2,000 years. The mystery is that we do not know the time the Messiah will return in glory with his host of Saints attending him. Jesus admitted he did not know and told us only God, his Father, knows the hour. So the words are watch and be patient – but not asleep. There is no way around it. We must wait for God to enact his will. We will eventually experience the Second Advent in our earthly body or as slumbering saints.

The real question is: What are we to be doing while we await the longed for event? Jesus gives us the answer in John 15: 1-2; “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” So the answer is that we are to be fruitful people of God as we await the return of his Son.

Bearing fruit is doing work that furthers God’s kingdom. We understand good fruit to be good deeds or works. We are to practice stewardship of our lives by living a holy and righteous earthly life. We should employ all that we are, including our possessions as we go about the business of discipline – following the commands given to us by Jesus and God’s calling.

Examples of how we bear good fruit are: the care we give to others in their need. We give of our time and attentions when an opportunity arises. We give of ourselves and we give from that which we possess and hold in stewardship the things God has placed in our control. We give tithes to the church, other charities and the person on the street. We buy socks from the company that expresses and employs Christian values by giving the added pair to the needy.

We do Christian discipline each day we live. We do good deeds each hour we live. We do them each minute we live. Such acts are not a once-in-awhile of glowing holiness. They are a part of us, innate in our being when we have Christ close to us and the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

The point to understand is that while waiting with patience and keeping watch we are active Christians to ensure we are not left outside the door when the party starts. We are not to be sitting on your hands. Aesop’s fabled grasshopper is not to be our lead. Disciples are to be active as ants in our stewardship. Preparing and working toward the coming of Christ.

Musings from the Director of Discipleship February

Happy New Year!

2022, we thank God for a New Year. I can not wait to see where we go with this year! I have had a busy January. We went to visit our daughter, Son in law and Grandson in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. I loved where they live, and I can now picture where they are and their house and Harrison's school. Brought back many memories from our time In England 1985- 1990.

The second part of January I spent in Barahona, Dominican Republic. The Least of These Ministries is a feeding Ministry that feeds 15 Batey's. We also do some construction projects and conduct Vacation Bible School. It was a wonderful experience. I leave part of my heart when I come home. Here are a few photos. Our Team and helpers painting the Warehouse. Pastor Ramon praying and serving the Rice and Beans, the salty pump at Batey San Rafael, and helping with a wonderful Bible School.



Some upcoming events to put on your calendar

We have 2 new Bible Studies happening.

Sacred Rhythms study offered by Amy Kulesa will be on Wednesday night. Started 1/26 at 7pm on Zoom.

And the book study **Unclobber** will begin in April. Rev. Victoria Starnes will be leading this study. We hope this will be an in-person study on Tuesday nights at 6:30.

The books for both of these studies are in the office and can be purchased.

Save Friday, March 4, 2022, for The World Day of Prayer 2022. More details of time will be shared. I have received the program book and it looks wonderful. Jeremiah 29: 1-14.

Don't forget the wheelbarrow food collection. And if interested in Sleep in Heavenly Peace. The Mission committee is becoming active with the Frederick Chapter. The Facebook site for this is

: <https://www.facebook.com/SHPFrederickCo>

We are in a New Year look at your life and maybe pick a new class to take, a new mission to support, help as a liturgist in worship, help with the youth group or Sunday School. The 5 paths of discipleship are our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and our witness. All can help us grow closer to Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year! Blessings

Jacki



Calvary Community Concert Series Presents:

Brian Ganz, pianist

Sunday, February 20, 2022 3:00 p.m.

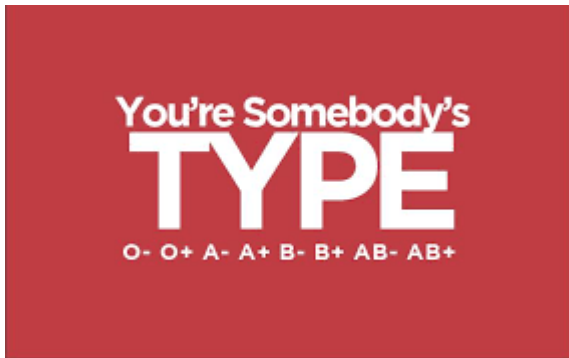
Chopin's Musical Garden, Part II

A constant presence in Calvary's Community Concert Series, Brian Ganz continues his quest to perform all the works of Chopin. He will expand upon his 2019 concert of Chopin's Musical Garden with a variety of early mazurkas, waltzes, polonaises, including the "Heroic" polonaise in A-flat major, Op. 53, followed by mature examples of the same genres.

This interactive, highly-energetic performance is a must-see!

February Anniversaries

Michael and Nancy Leftwich	2/14
Tom and Linda Mullineaux	2/14
David and Juanita Pard	2/14
Jack and Grace Heller	2/16
Jeff and Michelle Matsler	2/17
Keven and Kelli Fox	2/24



Join Us at Calvary's **WINTER** Blood Drive!

The American Red Cross is hosting a WINTER Blood Drive at Calvary UMC on Wednesday, February 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For 1-2 hours of your time, you can help up to 3 people with one donation! Blood shortages are now designated at a crisis level, and the pandemic continues to amplify the urgency for adequate blood supplies. Please consider making a donation 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. Limited appointment times remain, primarily in mid- to late-morning and early afternoon, so to secure a spot on the schedule, please reach out soon!

For the first time in its 140-year history, the Red Cross has declared a national blood crisis. There is always a critical need for blood, but the shortage is currently the worst in a decade, and donor turnout as well as staffing are being significantly impacted by the pandemic.

To read more, visit: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/dlp/red-cross-national-blood-shortage-crisis.html>. Even if you can't make our drive, you can see other drives in the area by visiting www.redcrossblood.org.

February Birthdays

- 1, Zachary Patterson,
- 2, Daniel Long, B. O' Hara, Michael Pfister, Carmen Vega
- 3, John Harper, David Herber, Betsy MacMullen, Tristen Palmer
- 4, Richard Alsmeyer, Maurlea Long, Christopher Moyer, Thea Ruff, Thomas Winkler
- 5, Steve Mood, Amelia Whitmarsh
- 6, Emily Capano, C. John Slovikosky, Tommy Stokes
- 7, Katherine Crum, Heidi Sweet
- 8, Pauline Baker, William Schmersahl
- 9, Gary Coffman, Kimberly Remsberg
- 10, Ralph Lopez, Paul Quigley, Alison Radcliffe, Sandy Sengstack, Katie Stone
- 11, Amelia Irving,
- 12, Wanda Bulkowski-Larsen, Abigail Proudfoot, Linda Sheridan
- 13, Grace Carter, William Davy
- 14, Ashlynd Adam, Nancy Crum, Susan Miller
- 15, Gerald Palmer, Isabelle Wilde, Ramona Yanike
- 16, Jeff Stone
- 17, Payton Forsythe, Thomas Ruffner, Shannon Whitmarsh
- 18, Terry Fisher
- 19, Patricia Grimes, Jane Hahn, Josie Manger, Bradley Proudfoot
- 20, Susan Burall, Jennie Davy, Edwin Kinsey, Lois Pacheco, Andrew Wilde
- 21, Pat Herber, Katelyn Irving, Patricia Kellam
- 22, Joshua Herber, Alyxandra Hoover
- 23, Roy Schwarzenberg, Adam Stone, Kathryn Woodall
- 24, Luke Witmer, 25, Jean Flory
- 26, Addison Benton, Anna Belle Childers, Janet Cline, Peter Duthoy, Penny Reading
- 27, Chase Leber
- 28, Armani Gough, Vic Rohrback, Lydia Souders, Wanda Weddle



February Calendar

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

1:30 p.m. UMW Ex. Committee

2/2

Calvary Blood Drive

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sacred Rhythm

2/3

Agape 6:00 p.m.

2/6

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

2/8

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

2/9

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sacred Rhythm

2/10

Agape 6:00 p.m.

2/13

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

2/14 Happy Valentine's Day

2/15

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

1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle Meeting

2/16

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sacred Rhythm

2/17

6:00 p.m. Agape

2/20

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

3:00 p.m. Brian Gantz Concert

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

2/22

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

2/23

2:00 p.m. Miriam's Circle Meeting

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sacred Rhythm

2/24

6:00 p.m. Agape

2/27

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

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