

# the Messenger

✠ June 2022

What does it mean to be United Methodist?

That's a question that has some urgency these days. There are some within the United Methodist Church that have recently taken steps to leave and form a new denomination, some have wondered, "What does it mean to be a United Methodist?" During the pandemic, when many have fallen out of the habit of attending worship in person at a local congregation each Sunday and churches have offered online options, some have wondered, "What does it mean to be a United Methodist?"

To answer that question, let me direct you to what we as the congregation say each time someone is baptized or confirmed:

**We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

and

**As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our witness, and our service that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

We proclaim our shared beliefs together with the words of the Apostles' Creed and other historic confessions of faith. We regularly share communion at the Lord's Table, asking God to make us "**one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**" These words identify us as the body of Christ with others around the world.

As United Methodists, we belong to a particular branch of the family tree. Our Methodist roots go back to John Wesley who was interested in bringing together both a concern for individual piety as well as for social justice. He called people to have a faith in God who is made known in Jesus Christ.

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Methodism, at its best, has always allowed for a variety of opinions, styles of worship, and theological perspectives while still being true to the core of Christian belief and practice. The church is richer for having lots of voices and for having room for people to ask questions rather than being a place where there is only one acceptable point of view and everyone must fall in line.

In response to the question, "What is a Methodist?" John Wesley said that Methodists are devoted to God, adore God, rejoice in God, trust in God, pray to God, seek to please God and believe that all scripture is inspired by God. Methodists love people, are pure in heart, do good toward everyone and demonstrates fruits of a living faith.

Wesley also wrote that Methodists do not all think, talk or act the same. We do not focus on a single idea. Our personal opinions do not mark us as Methodists. **"We hold to the central teachings of Christianity, but as to all opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity, we think and let think."** (John Wesley, "The Character of a Methodist")

We also can know what it means to be United Methodist through this particular congregation. Here at Calvary United Methodist Church, we know what it is to be United Methodist through a beautiful building and a long history, through individuals and programs and groups that have fed our spirit and shown us what it is to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We have been stirred by the music, inspired by the preaching, nurtured by the care of others and taught by many teachers. Although this congregation has its flaws and limitations, it carries the power of the gospel and passes on the good news of Jesus Christ to people every day and every year. For this we can be thankful. And we can renew our promise to God to participate in the ministries of the church "that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

#### **Prayer For Renewal of the Church (UMH #574)**

**Renew your church, Lord, your people in this land.**

**Save us from cheap words and self-deception in your service.**

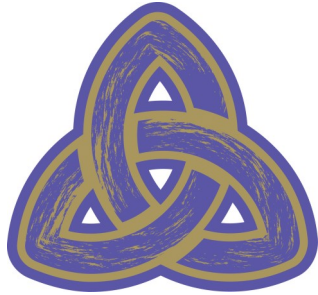
**In the power of your Spirit transform us,  
and shape us by your cross. Amen.**

**-Pastor Steve Larsen**

# June Worship



**June 5 Pentecost Sunday** Holy Communion  
Matthew 6:9-15 Sermons on the Lord's Prayer  
Title: Who Makes Forgiveness Possible



**June 12** Trinity Sunday  
Matthew 6:9-14 and Luke 11:1-4  
Sermons on the Lord's Prayer  
Title: Save Us From Ourselves and the Devil!

**June 19** Sermons on the Lord's Prayer  
Title: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
Matthew 6:5-14

**June 26** Guest Preacher:  
Rev. Dr. Eliezer Valentin-Castanon,  
Frederick District Superintendent



June 5– End of year picnic, Elementary aged students and their families are invited.  
June 9– Bed Build of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
July 5– Mission Central Service Trip, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Musings from the Director of Discipleship

Opportunities arise in life and we are to seize them. I had the opportunity to accompany my husband on a journey to Lake Tahoe. He was attending a worship conference. I was given the title Non-Participant observer. I got to have a lot of free time. I spent the time doing a lot of walking, thinking, and praying. It is so beautiful there. The water was so blue and green. It was like you were in the Caribbean. Except the water was glacier cold.



This is a picture without a filter. As we head into the summer months, I know it was a cold spring. Let us seize the opportunities given to us. One I would like to concentrate on is being a welcome Haven for any visitors who come through our door. If you meet someone new, please let me know so I can welcome them.

In the Discipleship Pathways one of the Paths is sharing our faith/witness. We can do that by welcoming others and sharing about our church. We have a church filled with fourth and fifth generation families. We are having more and more visitors coming in our door. I wish all those graduating God's warmest Blessings and always know you have a place to come home to.

Many Blessings for a beautiful summer!

Jacki, 410-660-6668 or [stranathan79@gmail.com](mailto:stranathan79@gmail.com)



# Our Graduates

## **Graduates from Calvary UMC**

### High School

Molly Anderson

Caroline Auth

Addie Benton

Isaac Benson

Rachael Bostian

Owen Duthoy

Will Quigley

Brent Moyer

Ethan Simpson

Luke Vega

Jack Willard

### College/University

Emily Schwarzenberg

University of Tennessee

Chris Moyer

James Madison University

Maddie Meyers

Penn State

Ian Vega

University of Maryland



## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR

### A THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so very much to the Calvary family for welcoming me so kindly as your next music director and organist. I am excited and looking forward to serve Calvary for many years ahead in praising God with all and each of you. Special thanks to Pastor Steve, the hiring Committee members, and the parish administrator Cathy Baker for helping me navigate and get attuned to the job requirements and expectations. It was a true pleasure to meet Calvary's staff - a very special group of dedicated and charming people. Moreover, it is a true blessing to have the opportunity to work and collaborate with Joyce Summers – such an incredibly gifted piano accompanist and caring person. I cannot thank enough Joyce and her wonderful husband Rob for remodeling and refreshing the Music Ministry's office and the choral rehearsal room – they look now so welcoming and nicely organized. It has been an amazing experience to meet the members of the sanctuary Choir group and recognize their outstanding abilities to praise God together in song and harmony. Besides contributing passionately to an excellent singing ensemble and being great sight-readers, the Choir is a spirited group of people who translate their sense of friendship and camaraderie into singing for the glory of God.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Summer Choir:** We will be assembling a group of singers, and perhaps instrumentalists, to sing and play during all worship services in the coming July. The rehearsals will take place in the choral rehearsal room between 9:00 am and 9:45 am on Sundays. Please send an email to [adela@calvaryumc.org](mailto:adela@calvaryumc.org) or call the office if you are willing to join. No prior singing experience is expected. Just come as you are able.

**Singers and Instrumentalists Needed:** We need you!!! If you like to sing solo or in a small group or play an instrument and are willing to share your talents with us, please contact me via email at [adela@calvaryumc.org](mailto:adela@calvaryumc.org) or just see me after the Sunday service to get involved. I am looking forward to make some joyful noise with you all.

**Ringers:** We need helping hands to organize the handbells room and get it ready for rehearsals. Please contact me if you can lend a hand. Thank you so very much in advance!

**English Handbells Summer Camp:** Interested middle and high school students have the opportunity to learn how to ring handbells and chimes under the direction of Larry and Debbie Henning (Westminster Ringers) at the Westminster Church of the Brethren in Westminster, Maryland. This unique opportunity is offered for the week of July 18 to July 22, 2022, at a fee of \$150. Please let me know if you are interested in registering your middle or high school student. More information for both sessions can be found at the following links:

- middle school: <https://carrollcountyartscouncil.org/event/english-handbells-music-camp-middle-school-session/>
- high school: <https://carrollcountyartscouncil.org/event/english-handbells-music-camp-high-school-session/>

Blessings to all,

Adela

*"Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious." — Psalm 66:1–2*



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

# NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace** is an all-volunteer effort to cut, sand, and assemble lumber into twin beds. Free of charge, these beds are delivered with new mattresses, sheets, quilts, and pillows to needy Frederick families whose 4- to 17- year-old kids have no beds. We hope you will join us for a time of service and fellowship on **June 9, Thursday evening 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** This will be all CUMC volunteers working at the SHP milking barn near Adamstown. No special skills required but volunteers must be a least 8 years old. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or online with the SHP Sign up Genesis link will be provided by mid-May. Questions- See Dave and Pat Herber or Helen Sheppard.

**Calvary VBS is back! June 27 - 29, 9 am - Noon**

Join us on a 3-Day Adventure

filled with Bible stories, games, songs and more!!

Register Today—

<https://calvaryfrederick.ccbchurch.com/gotof/forms/80/responses/new>



**CHILDREN'S**  
*Sunday School*

Children's Sunday School will be taking a break over the summer and will resume after Labor Day weekend in September. Our last morning together in class, before Summer Break is Sunday, June 19

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Sunday School Mission Project



For their Sunday School Lenten Mission Project, Calvary's Children's Sunday School classes wanted to raise money to help build beds for children in Frederick County who don't have their own place to lay their heads to sleep. We had heard about *Sleep In Heavenly Peace* through Pat Herber and Helen Sheppard. Mrs. Herber was kind enough to come to our Sunday School class to share all about the program. The kids were immediately excited after hearing Pat's enthusiastic explanation of the Frederick County chapter, and had lots of questions.

We got to work right away collecting coins, dollar bills and checks. People also began sending in beautiful brand-new bedding: unicorn comforters, teddy bear sheets, and fluffy new pillows! The Lux family, who join us for Sunday School on our Zoom link every week from Pennsylvania, sent in an entire box of bedding! Throughout the months of March and April, we also worked on tying soft flannel "rag" blankets to include with all of our new bedding.

We even had the opportunity to visit a couple of the Adult Sunday School Classes to share some posters we made, and we were able to collect even more money for the project. In total, the Children's Sunday School students collected over \$600 and 5 giant laundry baskets filled to overflowing with brand-new bedding! We can't wait to hear how excited and grateful the recipients of these new beds will be!

On June 9, Calvary members will have an opportunity to build beds in Adamstown as a church group. There is a sign up in the Parish Hall, or you can contact Pat Herber or Helen Sheppard. There is an online form to complete before attending. After the beds are built, we will be able to personally deliver some of them – with our own bedding collected by our Sunday School kids! We are so lucky to have such enthusiastic and kind-hearted kids at Calvary who are so devoted to helping others! To Emily, William, Charlotte, Savannah, Laurali, Armani, Malachi, Abel, Elena, Anna, Mikey and Ryan, thank you for a job well done!

Amy Stone

Children's Sunday School Coordinator





Greeting from Calvary Weekday School!

The kids are all gone but we continue to remain busy at the school. Olivia is entering information for our new enrollment and gathering the necessary forms from families. I am working on purchasing new technology for our school utilizing funds from the MSDE Nonpublic School Textbook Grant. This is a big undertaking but we are looking forward to making these improvements to our school.

A big thank you to Paul Metcalf for helping hang more bulletin board strips in the hallways and all the additional jobs he does for our school. He is certainly a blessing!

This month we will also meet with the Steering Committee to celebrate all our accomplishments, finalize the budget and look at changes for next year.

I hope you and your family enjoy some sun-filled days!

Patty Lockard, Director

Anna Belle Childers family would like to thank everyone for there love, compassion, prayers and cards in there time of loss. Also, the We Care Group for the wonderful luncheon that was prepared for everyone who attended Anna Belle's Memorial.

*JoAnn Leigh*

# YARD SALE



**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

**7:00AM – 1:00PM**

**CALVARY UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**131 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Frederick  
[ Corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bentz Streets ]**

**RAIN OR SHINE ♥ BAKE SALE  
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## HELP WANTED!

Are you bored? Lonely? Need exercise? Just want to help?

Come join a group of friendly, fun-loving, talkative women to help sort and organize yard sale items. No previous experience necessary.

June 6-June 10 from 8 am-1 pm (or any part thereof) and June 7 & 9 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Added bonus— workers get to shop early!

Questions, please contact Mary Crum at 301-695-9109

## **From Going to Church to Being the Church ...**

As we observe Pentecost, the birth of the Christian church, it seems appropriate to reflect on what the church means. Merriam-Webster defines church as “a building for public and especially Christian worship.” Most opinion pollsters, in gauging the extent to which the public is engaged in religious activity, cite frequency of church attendance, a metric that connotes the church being a place while also noting our behavior in relation to that place. While both of these concepts of the church are valid, they are not the whole story for those who follow Christ. In fact, they may miss the point of the Gospel.

The Apostle Paul refers to the church as the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27) and to Christ as the cornerstone of the church (Eph 2:20). Even Jesus declared that he would build his church upon the rock that was his early disciple Peter (Mt 16:18). Such metaphors imply a spiritual definition of church. Towards that end, it was by power of the Holy Spirit on the first day of Pentecost that the disciple Peter inspired a fellowship of believers to become the first church (Acts 2), a fellowship that abided in Christ’s commandment that we love God and love our neighbor, making new disciples as they did so. In other words, as the children’s song goes: “I am the church; you are the church; we are the church together!”

If we are the church in fellowship with Christ, empowered by the Spirit of God, are we not also committed to follow the teachings and example of Jesus, whose self-proclaimed mission was to serve, not be served, especially those marginalized by society or otherwise in need? Mark Moore, in his book of weekly scriptural studies *Core 52*, equates loving God with action rather than emotion, action that must move into our communities (p. 211), just as Jesus modeled. The *Social Principles of The United Methodist Church*, derived from the social gospel movement of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century church, speak to the issues of justice and mercy to which we are called to ministry in the communities about us.

At this time when there is an existential threat to our planet, devastating wars and other hateful practices take place in our world, the human rights of people in our nation are at risk, and just under 40% of the households in our local community cannot afford basic needs in housing, food, child-care and health services, the needs for Christian love abound. Our calling this Pentecost at Calvary is to be the church together, through not only our worship, study, and fellowship, but in extending the love of God through Christ to the communities about us.

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If you are not already connected with a community outreach ministry at Calvary and wish to become so, please contact Jackie Stranathan, our Discipleship Coordinator, either in person after Sunday worship or by email at [discipleship@calvaryumc.org](mailto:discipleship@calvaryumc.org).

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministry



Scripture gives us so many wonderful glimpses of the kingdom of God, the people who worshiped him in the Old Testament times, how we worship today, and in the future depicted in Revelation. In all times the worship of God is the same. Psalm 100 is a perfect example of joyful worship expressing thanksgiving and gratitude. This is depicted in verse 4: “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.” Why is such unbounding joy expressed by the people of God in this Psalm?

It is an expression of great gratitude and acknowledgement of the blessings God has bestowed upon them as individuals and as a people. Stop for a moment and imagine such song and praise. Think of some blessings that are God’s gift to you. Is it a loving family and caring friends? Maybe an enjoyable, productive job that allows you the income that meets your needs and even income to achieve some of your wants. God’s blessings come to us in many forms, they all allow us to live in peace and security. The security and happiness we seek are blessings from God. It is a truth that all blessings, great and small come from God. Yet, it is something we tend to forget. We lose the attitude of gratitude.

Psalm 100:5 continues, “For the lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.” God blesses us with all his grace and mercy from the day we were conceived to the day we die to this world. He holds nothing from us. He does not hold back his love, mercy and our way to salvation from any sinner. It is his love for all that he gives the way to eternal life for all who abide in him and believe in his Son, Christ. What reason do we have to not express our gratitude to God in extreme?

How do we show that gratitude and thanks? Read Psalm 100 again in its entirety – it is short. We see an example of heart filled worship of God, singing to him, and praying to him, as you are entering his gate. The gate is to today's Church, it is the gate to kingdom of God that is near and within each Christian, it is the gate to the New Heaven and New Earth. It is the gate to eternity. Gratitude is a key to that gate.

Now turn to 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15. Give to God from what he has blessed you with and as the Holy Spirit guides you. Paul tells us to give without reluctance or compulsion, give with gratitude. Doing this, scripture tells us in many ways our endeavors and faith lives will be successful and abundant. We gain righteousness and Paul says we are enriched in every way, so that your generosity will result in greater and continued thanksgiving. One feeds the other. As you give, you gain, and you move to repeat the cycle because it is all good. Your acts of generosity will be ever increasing, your gratitude will be ever increasing and your life will expand the kingdom at this moment and in the End Times.



Vic and Rebecca Rohrback	June 3	Lindsey and Sheila Howard	June 21
Rodney and Delphine Hamilton	June 4	Eliezer and Magda Valentin-Morales	June 21
Bob and Constance Mason	June 7	Kevin and Traci Davies	June 22
Rick and Susan Miller	June 7	Gary and Cynthia Brown	June 22
Bill and Linda Warehime	June 8	Matt and Amy Mcgreevy	June 23
Ken and Andrea Willets	June 10	Joe and Ginger Ward	June 23
Mike and Carol Stockhausen	June 12	Jason and Jennifer Aud	June 24
David and Pat Herber	June 13	James Colburn and Patricia Sterling	June 24
Robert and Jennifer Bennett	June 14	James and Sharon Bear	June 25
John and Becky Kile	June 15	Carroll and Donna Kehne	June 25
Scott and Mary Beth Pearce	June 15	Dean and Maria Calcagni	June 26
Frank and Beth Strakonsky	June 18	Curtis and Janet Fox	June 27
Dennis and Ellen Ahr	June 19	Daniel and Lindsey Shankle	June 27
Bret and Stephanie Slovikosky	June 20	Don and Barbara Mentzer	June 28

# JUNE Birthdays

- 1**, Caroline Proudfoot, Meg Winter, **2**, Amy Duvall, Rita Sharpe, Jeffrey Tang  
**3**, Leo Giambarresi, Cindy Mills, Gloria Tang, **4**, Rodney Hamilton, Emily Schwarzenberg  
**5**, Katherine Hembree, Garrett Keyser, Greg Shipley, Lois Tyson  
**6**, Christy Mossburg, Kristine Schumacher, **8**, Katy Cosby, Linda Muehl, Dustin Newcomer  
**9**, Cynthia Brown, Alexander Heller, **10**, Katie Flory, Quinn Mood, Grace Ritterbusch  
**11**, Anastasia Pard, Mike Pickett, Jeminah Ritterbusch,  
**12**, Regan Forsythe, J. Ray Frank, Jesse Moxley, **13**, Patti Rice, Tom Starnes  
**14**, Stephanie Felton Clair, **15**, Ronald Fisher, Becky Kile, Donald Shoemaker  
**16**, Ann Harper, **17**, Anne Mossburg, **18**, David Pard, **19**, Judy Johnson, Kevin Keyser  
**21**, Jessica Bernier, **22**, Ryan Willard  
**24**, Stephanie Quigley, Natalia Rojas, Hannah Yeager,  
**25**, Janet Shoemaker, Amy Stone, Harper Sweet, **26**, John Ritterbusch, Joyce Summers  
**27**, Noah Shankle, **28**, Lainey Davy, Savannah Muehl, Susan Sharpe  
**29**, Karla Hembree, Andrew Tang, Beth Waskey  
**30**, Todd Bear, Lilyen Eyler, Collin Stone



**Bents Street Planting Crew**

Thank you to Becky Kile, Terre and Peggy Rhoderick,  
Mike and Melissa Rust and Helen Sheppard

## June 2022

June 1

6:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

June 2

6 p.m. AGAPE

June 5

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

4:30 p.m. Confirmation

June 6

Yard Sale Prep Begins

4 p.m. Mission Committee

June 7

10 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

1 p.m. Calvary Weekday

Steering Committee

1:30 p.m. UMW Ex. Comm.

7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

June 8

6:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

June 9

4:30 p.m. Bed Build

6 p.m. AGAPE

June 11

7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Calvary Yard Sale

June 12

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

June 14

10 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

June 15

6 p.m. AGAPE

June 19

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

June 21

10 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle

7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

June 22

2 p.m. Miriam's Circle

6:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

June 23

6 p.m. AGAPE

June 26

VBS Set Up

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

June 27

9 a.m. -12 p.m. VBS

June 28

9 a.m.-12 p.m. VBS

7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

June 29

9 a.m.-12 p.m. VBS

6 p.m. VBS Celebration

6:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

June 30

6 p.m. AGAPE



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