



the Messenger

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Making a difference, upcoming volunteer event

The Missions Committee and Church and Society Committees are sponsoring monthly volunteer projects to benefit people in need both close to home and far away. Each month, there will be a “hands on” event that will allow people from our congregation to focus on a specific need. The projects don’t require any particular skills or ongoing commitment. They are designed to be an easy way for folks to offer a bit of their time to make the world a little better than before. (Lord knows, there are lots of ways to make things worse).



Serving Christ

through

Serving
Others

Each event is a great way to do something meaningful for others, learn about a need, and get to know some folks from the congregation. This is a great way to be the “hands and feet of Christ.” It is also a way of serving Christ by serving others. (Take a look at Matthew 25:34-40.) All we ask is for people to sign up to let us know you’re interested and then show up. (Sometimes a waiver is also required)

We started this with a CROP Walk to raise funds for Ukraine relief in April. In June there will be a “bed building event” with the organization, Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This is a follow up to the efforts done through the children’s Sunday School class. We hope to have about 30 people involved to prepare and assemble beds for children in Frederick County who lack an adequate bed. Other events planned for the fall include a meal packaging in partnership with the organization Rise Against Hunger and home repair day for a family in in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County.

On Tuesday, May 24, we will be taking a group to Mission Central in Mechanicsville, PA. Mission Central is a Christian mission organization that opened in 2002 to work closely with United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has other organizations to offer other services and recourses.

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In 2020, Mission Central served over 3.3 million people with over \$10.9 million in donated resources including medical supplies and equipment, disaster relief, school supplies, food, and provided PPE for hospitals, first responders, and educators. Eighty percent of the resources were used domestically and 20% were sent overseas. Each year, Mission Central hosts between 6,000 and 8,000 volunteers in the campus.

Our volunteer event will leave Frederick at 11:00 AM and return by 4:30 PM. We hope to take group of 10 to 12 people to work in the Mission Central warehouse to packaging items for flood/cleaning kits, school kits, or hygiene kits to be sent where there is a natural disaster or other need. Arrangements will be made for transportation and lunch for those who participate. To learn more or to sign up, see the bulletin and our weekly emails.

This is a reminder that Christian discipleship involves what we do with our hands and feet. I hope you will plan to join in the volunteer efforts that will be offered now and, in the months to come.

Rev. Steve Larsen

In its second year – the **Bryan Louis Chaney Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held Friday, May 20, 2022 at Glade Valley Golf Course, Walkersville, MD. Brett & Sandy Chaney have formed a charitable organization in memory of their son Bryan who passed in August of 2020 due to complications from Sleep Apnea. The Bryan Louis Chaney Memorial Fund, Inc., (501c3 status pending) has as its primary purpose education and awareness of the dangers of sleep apnea. We are looking for: Volunteers, golfers, sponsors, donors. Donations can be either in the form of money or goods or services to be raffled off during the golf tournament.

More information available at:

<https://www.bryanlouischaneymemorialfund.com>, or on Facebook, www.facebook.com/Bryan-Louis-Chaney-Memorial-Fund-109908351617008.

Any questions can be directed to Sandy at – sandy@bryanlouischaneymemorialfund.com .

Donations can be made directly via PayPal at: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=S9ZHQZ8E2STCS



May 1 Holy Communion. “Meal Sunday”
John 21:1-14
Is There More to Easter?

May 8 Mothers’ Day
Title: The Beloved Connection
John 15: 1-17
Dr. Ray Moreland, preaching



Sermon series: On the Lord’s Prayer

May 15 Matthew 6:5-14
Title: Our Father in Heaven (Week 1)
verse 9

May 22 Matthew 6:5-14 (Week 2)
Title: “...Set All Things Right!”
verse 10

May 29 Memorial Day Weekend.
Matthew 6:5-11 (Week 3)
Title: “Provide Us What We Need for the Day”
verse 11

**SPRING
BLOOD DRIVE**

Your donation will
help to save up to
THREE lives.



Give the Gift of Life on Wednesday, May 11th

The American Red Cross is hosting a **Spring Blood Drive at Calvary UMC on Wednesday, May 11th from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.** in the church's 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 remain at a crisis level in our region as well as nationally, as the pandemic and its aftereffects continue to amplify the need for adequate blood supplies. Calvary currently has about 25 appointment slots remaining for this drive - please consider signing up for a blood donation that can save up to 3 lives...or if you can't at this time, consider inviting a friend to donate! To sign up, call or text Eric Anderson before or during the event at 240.506.5759, or connect via email at Eric.Anderson@FrederickHabitat.org.

We continue to take pandemic-related precautions to help ensure donor, staff and volunteer safety. Donors should bring masks to the event based upon guidelines at the time, and we will work wherever possible to maintain safe social distancing.

Summer Camp 2022

The Baltimore Washington Conference offers a wide range of camping experiences each summer for children and youth at two different facilities. Church camps offer a great way to learn new skills, make friends, and grow in faith. Being outdoors, making s'mores at a campfire and spending time in a new setting can leave an impact that can last for years and years. To learn more about what camps are available, see www.bwccampsandretreats.com.

Musings From the Director of Discipleship - May 2022



Pray for Ukraine

4,814 Miles. That is how far Kviv, Ukraine is from Bethany Beach. Malcolm and I had the chance to spend a few days in our RV and we came across this direction post. The Ukraine is weighing very heavily on my mind. I have been praying a lot for the people. Prayer is one of the Pathways to Discipleship. By talking with God and listening we can deepen our understanding.

Eggs in Memorial Park

It was so good to have our Annual Egg Hunt on April 16. I want to thank Laura Miller for helping host this event. Also, thanks to Jenn and Sebastian Duthoy, and Charlotte Miller for stuffing eggs.



Dan and Maurlea Long were such a help with hiding eggs and helping Miss Bunny. Special mention also to Zoe Woolard for her help hiding and helping with everything. And special thanks to everyone for their donations. The crafts and the hunt were so much fun. Miss Bunny even made an appearance. It was a beautiful day.

Up Coming Events

On Sunday May 15, right after worship anyone who is interested in learning more about Calvary United Methodist Church can meet with Jacki in the Wesley Room.

May is full of so many events; prom, graduations, weddings, sports events, dance recitals. We would like to do a church Family Hike on Sunday, May 22 starting at 1:30 p.m. Watch the bulletin for the location. A sign up sheet will be on the Musing bulletin Board.



YARD SALE



SATURDAY, JUNE 11

7:00AM – 1:00PM

**CALVARY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

**131 West 2nd Street in Frederick
[Corner of 2nd and Bentz Streets]**

**Rain OR SHINE ♥ Bake Sale
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May Anniversaries

Fred and Lynn Schumacher	May 1	David and Janet Fish	May 12
Scott and Leisa Moyer	May 3	Paulette Shockey-Petrucci and David Petrucci	May 17
Greg and Carol Shipley	May 5	Douglas and Kim Selby	May 22
Tom and Billie Stocks	May 5	Brad and Jennie Davy	May 26
Adam and Christina Heller	May 10	Rob and Joyce Summers	May 28
Bobbie and Emily Jarvis	May 10	Pat and Maria O'Toole	May 30
Randy and Didi Willard	May 11		

Resurrection closer to home: The church in mission

As Easter people of the Christian faith, entering the period leading to Pentecost and the birth of the church (Acts 2), we turn now to the question that faced the earliest disciples and other followers of Jesus, namely, what is the meaning for us of this divine outcome, the resurrection of Jesus? The Apostle Paul would speak of it as a spiritual new life for those who believe in and commit their lives to Christ Jesus (2 Cor 5:17). From the Book of Acts and the Epistles to the early church, we know that the new life in Christ took the form of Jesus' declaration of His own mission here on earth (Mt 20: 28; and Lk 4: 16-21).

If we as disciples at Calvary are to follow the lead of the earliest disciples, therefore, we are called to become people with a renewed spiritual life in Christ, reaching out in His ministry to those in need or otherwise marginalized in our communities. In that spirit this year, as we enter a "new normal" period following a two-year virus pandemic, the mercy and justice ministries at Calvary are working together with Pastor Steve and Jackie Stranathan, our Discipleship Coordinator, to seek new ways of doing the Lord's work. Of being a church in His mission.

In this endeavor, we seek multi-generational opportunities to engage in fellowship as we serve others, to employ the diversity of gifts and interests with which we have been blessed, while also recognizing the various limitations of our personal life conditions. Examples of these possibilities are: volunteering to be helpers for Calvary-hosted Red Cross blood drives; working on projects with Habitat for Humanity; helping collect food for Frederick food banks; helping build and furnish beds for children who have no place to sleep; planning new mission visits to the Henderson Settlement in Kentucky; sponsoring a work day at our nearby Manidokan church camp; or making financial contributions in support of special local, national, or global ministries.

As plans develop for these and other opportunities for witness to our faith in Christ, notices will be placed in our weekly church bulletins. *But for such ministries to occur, we must have volunteers!* If you know already that you would like to help in any of these or other possible ministries, or even help us plan for the same, please contact Jackie Stranathan, Pat Herber, Helen Sheppard, or me. Otherwise, please prayerfully consider in what type of ministry to others, and in what manner, you would like to participate in the year ahead and let us know. Remember the words written to God's people in the Letter of James (2:18): "I will show you my faith by my actions."

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministries



Greetings from Calvary Weekday School!

We made it! Wow! We are getting ready for the end of the school year. Our school had class pictures in April and the year is coming to a close. The time went by so quickly but I am so proud of what our school has accomplished. I couldn't have done it without the support of such amazing families and staff.

The Pre-K classes will hold their end of the year celebrations in May and Kindergarten will graduate on June 1st.

Our enrollment for next year is almost complete. We have two openings left in kindergarten and two openings left in the three year old classes. Olivia has already started a waiting list for the four year old classes. Teachers and assistants are preparing portfolios to share with families. It is fun to see the changes the students have made academically, emotionally and socially this year.

Olivia and I will take some vacations over the summer and then get ready for the 2022-2023 school year.

Happy Spring Everyone!

Patty Lockard, Director



On May 22, at 5:30 pm - Dig Into the Bible with Pastor Steve and Miss Amy. A fun gathering where our 3rd - 5th graders can learn how to use their Bible, along with some really cool facts!

Stewardship Corner

What is the cost of discipleship? In Luke 14: 28-34, Jesus tells a parable about the cost of living a faithful life. The first example is about a builder who is starting a tower. It is told that the builder must “sit down” and estimate the full cost to its completion. The builder is to plan the tower’s construction and calculate the cost required to complete the tower.

What is the tower builder ready to spend to complete the tower? He has other things he could do with his wealth. Is the tower within his means? Does he have enough to do the foundation and a hope to have enough to finish the rest? This leads us to Jesus’ point of how important is the tower to the builder. Jesus’ real point is how important to you is achieving the promise kingdom?

The second example that Jesus uses is about a king who weighs the cost of opposing a stronger army. Can he afford the risk of defeat or should he sue for peace before the battle is engaged? What is it he has to lose and what is it he hopes to gain by his decision of course of action? What will you lose as a disciple if you do not want to accept the cost?

While these two parables reflect material issues, both have their real meaning in a spiritual understanding. The cost to be considered is what is ultimately an obstacle that hinders total allegiance to Christ? The tower builder; the cost is dictated by the expense to full completion. Would he be willing to give all he has or only a small portion of his wealth? The king; would he be willing to lose a large part of his army or even the loss of his entire kingdom?

How does this compare to the disciples called by Jesus immediately leaving their nets and following Jesus. How much was each of them willing to give in their actions in response to his call? The same question is asked of you; would you be willing to give a little of yourself, or would you go so far as total allegiance and obedience? Would you be willing to give a small amount of your material wealth, oh – up to ten percent or as the widow at the temple, all she had?

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/goto/forms/80/responses/new>



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1, Christopher Graham
- 2, James Bear, Laura Cosby, Jennifer Long, Bill Riggleman, Lindsey Shankle
- 3, Zachary Mossburg
- 4, Judith Allen, Helen Alsmeyer, Sarah Hubbard, Alex Sparks, Amy Vinar
- 6, Don Cline, Joshua Patterson, Suzanne Rosen, Caroline Strakonsky , Diane Stull
- 7, Pamela Beachley, Cara Dragan, Charlie Jones, Shauna Main, Kaitlyn Quigley, Stephanie Slovikosky
- 9, Eric Anderson, Tracey Carter, Kyle Shipley, Bryce Warehime, Camden Warehime
- 10, McGarity Harper, Alice Linton, Ryan Masser
- 11, Cameron Johnikin, Kelly Kim, Steven Zalatoris
- 12, Rebecca Crum, Ronald Dudley, Susie McMullen
- 13, Melissa Rowley
- 14, Matthew Kraham, Amy Lyon, Andrea Willets
- 15, Allison Hamilton, William Pure
- 16, Robert Byers, Rachel Carter
- 18, Alison Massey-Sunderman
- 19, Sydney Crum
- 20, Cathee Calvert, David Cline, Shelia Howard Evelyn Payne, Sam Shoemaker
- 21, Hilary Martz, Robert Pickard
- 22, Traci Davies, Mike Isaacs
- 23, Meredith Miller, Melissa Ritterbusch
- 24, Natalie Cook
- 26, Gary Brown
- 28, Dennis Ahr, Jessica Little
- 30, Allison MacDonald
- 31, Stephen Harris, Doris Keeney, Emma Kinsey, Martha Moked, Jane Sowers



MAY 2022

May 1

Wheelbarrow Sunday

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

3 p.m. Concert

4:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

May 2

7 p.m. SPRC

May 3

8 a.m. Toast Masters

10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

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

6:30 p.m. Unclobbered

7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

May 4

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

May 5

6 p.m. Agape

May 8

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

May 9

7 p.m. Trustees

May 10

10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Unclobbered

7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

May 11

Calvary Blood Drive

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

May 12

6 p.m. Agape

May 15

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

3:00 p.m. Concert

4:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

6:00 p.m. Dig into the Bible

May 16

7 p.m. Finance

May 17

10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle

6:30 p.m. Unclobbered

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

May 18

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible

May 19

6 p.m. Agape

May 22

9 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

4:30 p.m. Confirmation

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

5:30 p.m. Dig into the Bible

May 23

7 p.m. Church Council

May 24

8 a.m. Toast Masters

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible

6:30 p.m. Unclobbered

7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

May 25

2 p.m. Miriam's Circle

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible

May 26

6 p.m. Agape

May 29

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

May 31

10 a.m. Pastor's Bible

7 p.m. Sanctuary

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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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Scholarships

Scholarship Applications are now available. Applications can be found on our website at www.calvaryumc.org in the “News” drop down. A printable application or a CCB application link are both available.

Please submit applications deadline is **June 1, 2022.**