



# the Messenger

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## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

If you recently happened to come across John Wesley's directions for hymn singing found on page vii in the United Methodist Hymnal, you might agree with my own feelings from reading them shortly after joining Calvary this spring. I was deeply impressed. The directions are thorough and practical while focusing on the importance of everyone's participation that creates the sense of community through song. Wesley also directs everyone to sing modestly and in time, to strive to unite voices together, sing lustily and with good courage and above all - to sing spiritually. These directions are a powerful reminder that the hymns are to be sung by everyone - boldly but still listening to each other, modestly but still loud enough to be heard and above all, purposefully, to praise the goodness of God. Following Wesley's directions in singing by Calvary's congregation is something to be cherished, nourished and supported. And it feels so great that even from the organ's bench, I can hear the powerful unity of voices, the divine text, and the music that capture our hearts, calm our fears, help us rejoice, feed our minds, and warm our souls.

Surely, congregational singing is at the very foundation of the singing musical element of worship expression and experience in our congregation. And the next component is represented by the church choirs that fulfill a very special role in this spiritual experience. When the church choir is enthusiastic, sings with conviction, and ultimately and inevitably enjoys performing each song, the music has the power to open the heart and mind in preparation for encountering Holy God. Furthermore, singing in a church choir could be one of the most rewarding and fulfilling experiences a person could have. Today, more than ever before, singing in a church choir is of utmost importance allowing people to feel and encounter God. Participation in a church choir brings happiness, healing, and peace to all singers bonded in a spiritual connection with each other while expressing the God's majestic power through their voices and emotions. Soloist singers and instrumentalists also play a special and important part of the musical worship expression and experience.

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Most importantly, the singing musical element of worship expression is an open, dynamic and flexible arrangement. It is up to each congregation member to choose the preferred participation at a level that best suits and fulfills his or her feelings, inclinations, and skills in finding the best way to express divine experience through singing. If some of you would like to enhance your singing skills, or would like to develop new skills, or would like to try stepping a level up and joining the church choir, by all means – please let me know and I will be happy to work with you.

As a church musician, I carry a huge responsibility to seek and offer moving and heart-felt experiences to each and all congregation members while planning the musical selections for the choirs and also the organ and piano repertoire. And of most importance is to offer to the congregation music that speaks to you and engages you. The meaningful church music is like a mighty wind, which uplifts and moves the spirit each time it is experienced. I am eager to know what kind of music Calvary's members would like to hear more during worship. What are your favorite hymns or songs? What different or preferred musical experiences would you like to encounter more often? Any ideas for the musical programming that you may have? Please see me after worship or write me a line at [adela@calvaryumc.org](mailto:adela@calvaryumc.org) if you would like to share. I would love to hear from you.

Blessings to all,

Adela Peeva, Director of Music Ministry

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

### **Mission Project - Stuff the Bus – School Supply Drive**

This year we will be working along with the United Way of Frederick County to collect school supplies to help local students be prepared to succeed. There are 27 schools that will have students receiving supplies through this drive. Calvary United Methodist Church will be a collection site up until July 22. Items needs most are:

Earbuds	#2 pencils	wide-rule notebook paper
black pens	colored pencils	composition notebooks
markers	crayons	pencil boxes
index dividers		

Look for yellow containers that will be in the hallway and parish hall. This project will be a way that we can continue to be in service to others in our community. There will also be a need for volunteers on August 8, 9 and 10 to get these materials to the students in time for the start of school. Watch the bulletin and weekly emails for details.

## **Renew and Rejoice Pipe Organ**

The Pipe Organ Building Committee is pleased to present computer renderings representing how the parts of our new organ that will be visible in the Sanctuary will look when completed. Here is what you need to know about these photos:

- 3D scaled computer models were made of the Chancel casework and pipes (the wood structure surrounding the pipes) and the Transept windchests and pipes.
- The 3D computer models were inserted into 2D, or “flat” photographs. Therefore, it’s impossible for the scaling between the models and the photograph to be exactly accurate.
- The colors (wood stain and paint) represented here are not accurate. The Committee will be approving actual stain and paint samples provided by Zimmer.

### **Chancel Casework and Pipes**

Our new pipe organ will utilize casework that will be larger than the current “window-box” style because:

- The casework – a traditional method of organ building - serves to blend and direct the sound outward into the room and protect the pipes from the air conditioning vents blowing cold air on them.
- Casework also traditionally uses larger pipes in the front of the organ case because these are the foundation of the organ and the primary sound in leading congregational singing. These pipes will be specifically finished to be visible and attractive.
- Aesthetically, the casework will enhance our sacred space by taking its design cues from the church’s neo-gothic architecture and our beautiful reredos, the wood-carved screen behind the Altar. Zimmer is taking great care in reproducing these intricate details.



### **Transepts**

Transept walls are being utilized for the lowest octave of the pedal, or bass notes. This frees up much needed space in our chambers for other pipes. These pipes are wood and are currently mitered (bent) to fit inside the swell chamber. They are original to our organ and will be straightened and restored for placement in the transepts.



**Console** - the console will be a combination of oak and walnut wood and will fit into the same space as the current console. It will have some decorative details that blend with the casework.

## **Fundraising Update**

Good news! With your help, we have raised \$925,757 as of June 15. The organ contract price from the builder is \$997,713. This means we have raised 93% of the funds needed! We have about \$72,000 still to raise, and we are hoping to encourage members and friends of Calvary, especially newer ones to help.

*Fundraising Match Opportunity:* Calvary has a generous friend, Donald Day, who is a long-time supporter of the Community Concert Series. He made a significant gift to the Renew and Rejoice Campaign early-on and wants to do more. Mr. Day will provide a dollar-for-dollar match to new contributions (not on existing pledges). For every new gift received between now and September 30th he will match it, up to \$3,000. That means your gift will be doubled, and we will have raised an additional \$6,000! In addition, a Calvary member couple will up the stakes: If we reach our Match goal, they will “Match the Match” with another \$3,000, for a grand total of \$9,000.

New gifts of any amount – even \$10, \$20, \$50, or more are not too small. If you’ve already given and/or pledged, we hope you will consider helping us reach this Match challenge.

If you would like to participate in this Match opportunity, please send your donation to the Church office and mark it “Organ Match Gift.” Thank you!

## **The current timeline on the project is:**

August 1-5, 2022: Zimmer will be dismantling our current organ. The Sanctuary will not be available for any other use that week. Due to equipment, parking in the back lot will be very limited. Installation of the new organ is expected to be in early Summer of 2023 with a target completion date of September 1, 2023.

Thank you again for your support and for being part of this historic project!

\*\*Look for more updates on the organ’s progress and “Gift” opportunities , please see our website: [www.calvaryumc.org](http://www.calvaryumc.org)

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## Director of Discipleship Musings

As I was driving into Calvary today, my radio was blaring Neil Diamond, "Sweet Caroline." Not sure the story behind the song, but it is one of my favorites. At the Queen's Jubilee concert, Prince William and little George were singing along. Music and nature and family are my go-tos when I need to breathe.

When I arrived at Calvary I walked over to see my first experience with the yard sale, wow, what a lot of treasures. And, there are some wonderful treasures. So many worked all week to sort and get it ready. Thank You.

Another thing that has happened is that I love our music at Calvary. Thank you so much Adela, our Choir, and Agape. Looking forward to the summer hearing more and more.

As you read this I am on a trip. One that has been in the planning since 2018. We are leading a group to Italy, Austria, and Oberammergau. Oberammergau is a small town in Germany where every 10 years since 1680 the town puts on the Passion Play. According to a legend; an outbreak of the bubonic plague devastated Bavaria. The village of Oberammergau made a vow depicting the life and death of Jesus Christ. The performance involves over 2000 performers, musicians and stage technicians. It was supposed to be in 2020. But postponed due to covid till this year. And we just received word, the CDC has lifted the testing to return to the USA. The last of the travel restrictions. We are so grateful.

On this trip, my plan is to think of what study or studies and continued Mission offerings, we shall offer in August and in the Fall. If you have a suggestion, please email me at [Discipleship@calvaryumc.org](mailto:Discipleship@calvaryumc.org). Or you can Facebook me. I hope to keep a log on my trip and my thoughts.

Discipleship is an ongoing process. Look at the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and see which of the paths you think you may want to take in the Fall. It does not have to be just one. You can take a class and participate in a mission project. You can join the choir. You can make pledge. I look forward to sharing my experiences with you and listening as you share yours with me.

Blessings and Stay Safe, Jacki

## **Sweet land of liberty, to thee we sing ...**

As we celebrate our nation's birth once again, the Preamble to our nation's *Constitution* reminds us that "we the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

As we receive this newsletter, we are troubled if not angered by the epidemic of gun violence in our society, certainly disruptive of any sense of domestic tranquility, general welfare, and the blessings of liberty. Were the preamble to the Constitution to be given more attention than the Second Amendment, perhaps there might be as in earlier times of our nation's history at least serious legislative debate among those of our Congress about possible solutions. Sadly, among too many there is no appetite for such. Gun violence, however, is but an overlay to other endemic issues of civil rights, immigration policies, health care access, economic distress, and climate change that challenge our nation in the face of political polarization so great that our federal and state legislative bodies seem incapable of addressing them through reasoned negotiation and action.

Suzanne Mettler and Robert Lieberman in their book *The Recurring Crises of American Democracy* (2020) remind us that, while our nation has in prior periods of its history survived threats to our republic when faced with political polarization, conflicts over "who belongs," increasing economic inequality, and executive aggrandizement, the pillars of our constitutional democracy are always at risk. Their admonition (turned premonition) was published months before we witnessed a violent attack on our nation's capital by some of our own people in an attempt to disrupt if not overturn the orderly transfer of presidential power from one party to another following our last national election.

All such matters are of concern to us as American citizens; but they should be of great concern to us as Christians as well, for the gospel of Jesus is both personal and social, focused on our relationship with God and with other humans. With the advent of the social gospel movement in our nation's history at the turn of the last century, stimulated by Walter Raushenbush's *Christianity and the Social Crisis* (1907), a writing inspired by his ministry among the poor immigrants of New York City's Hell's Kitchen, the predecessor to the *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church* was published in the form of the *Social Creed* in 1908. Faithful to the teachings of John Wesley, it called for the church to adhere to the demands of the gospel and to advocate for justice in the public square. For nations, Raushenbush had argued; drawing heavily upon God's message through the ancient prophets, die not by wealth, but by injustice.

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Thus, as we prayerfully sing “to thee, sweet land of liberty” in our love for country at this time, let us do so with the faith, hope, and love with which Jesus calls us to bear witness in His name.

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministry

## **Stewardship**

“Then God said, 'Let the land produce vegetation: seed bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.' And it was so.” Genesis 1:11

God created an earth to be green, with vegetation, plants and trees; they are to be fruitful so they will give mankind food abundantly to sustain life. All this and other acts of God’s creation are for us as his created kind.

What does it take for a plant/tree to bear good fruit? It requires land made up of good soil. The Garden of Eden is described as having abundant vegetation, all that Adam and Eve needed to eat. The soil in Eden must have been very good. Adam and Eve were to have stewardship over the garden but their labor was light. Plants grew, they bore good fruit.

Vegetation requires water/rain at the right time and in the right amount in the growing cycle. Too much water is as bad as too little. Plants need sunshine, all created by God. These are the three basic needs for vegetation to bear good fruit. It also, must be in the DNA of a plant to continue to reproduce its kind.

Plants bearing good fruit is a good metaphor for the Christian today. How do we as Christian disciples bear the good fruit Jesus talks about? Like the plant, we need to have good soil. Soil is the foundation for our roots to go deep and hold strong. Soil can be equated to a strong faith foundation to nourish and sustain us. Jesus told the parable of two builders: one set his house upon a shallow foundation built upon unstable, sandy soil. It could not stand before a storm of adversity. The other builder built upon a foundation that was rock that would remain in the face of adversity. To bear good fruit, we need to have a strong faith, a practiced faith and a growing faith as our foundation. We need to actively cultivate such a faith foundation.

Christians need to be watered by the Holy Spirit that seeps down to their roots that hold onto the foundational soil. This Holy Spirit/water gives the sustaining life of knowledge, conscious and perseverance that is needed in bearing good fruit. This requires prayer, meditation and study of God's will and character. If we allow the Holy Spirit into our faith life, we have a Christ attitude that leads us to enact what God call us to be. Our bearing good fruit is a disciple making disciples - producing in kind. Our seeds are sown throughout all nations and peoples. They in turn may become disciples as the Holy Spirit works.

Plants need sun to sustain life through the process of photosynthesis. Christians require God as the plant needs sun. God causes a change in us as we relate to him through the absorption of his word as truth and the way to eternal life. Jesus is the sun and the life. Without sun, plants would not live; without God, humans (especially Christians) could not thrive. Bearing good fruit in the work of God is a blessing to us

## **July Worship**

July 03 Holy Communion, Galatians 6:1-16 VBS Sunday

Sermon Title: The Fruits and Freedoms of Faith

July 10 Isaiah 55:6-56:1 and Psalm 65:5-1

Sermon Title: Everything is Connected

July 17 Rev. Ken Humbert to preach

July 24 Jacki Stranathan, guest preacher

July 31 New Sermon series: That's Extraordinary! Jesus' words of startling wisdom.

The first in the series is on Luke 12:13-21— in an

era when so many are possessed by possessions, Jesus continues to warn us

against succumbing to greed.

Rev. Steve Larsen will be away on vacation July 13-28.





## Greeting from Calvary Weekday School!

Our classes are full for the 2022-2023 school year and Olivia are I updating hand-books, class schedules and all the necessary paperwork.

Erica Lockney our kindergarten teacher has decided to step back in order to spend more time with her family. Erica has worked at our school since 2013. She has been a parent, parent volunteer, classroom assistant, media teacher, member of the steering committee, and most recently the kindergarten lead teacher. She has been an amazing asset to our school and many children and families have benefitted from her dedication and talents. She will certainly be missed! We are glad she will be returning as a resource and substitute teacher. We wish Erica the best of luck and appreciate all that she has done for the Calvary Weekday School.

We welcome Mary Beth Knauss as the new kindergarten teacher. Mary Beth is a parent at our school and her son Niles will be in the four year old program next year. Mary Beth has a Bachelor's Degree in Regular and Special Education as well as a Master's Degree in Reading. She comes to us with a variety of teaching experiences and is super excited to get started. Please welcome Mary Beth to our Calvary Weekday Staff.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup>!

Patty Lockard, Director

### **Give the Gift of Life on Wednesday, July 20th**



The American Red Cross is hosting a Summer Blood Drive at Calvary UMC on Wednesday, July 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. Just a 1-2 hour contribution of your time can help save up to 3 people with a single blood donation! Blood supply levels remain at a crisis level in our region and nationally, as the pandemic and its aftereffects continue to amplify the need for adequate blood supplies. With approximately 20 appointment slots remaining for this drive, please consider signing up for a lifesaving blood donation...or if you can't at this time, you can always invite 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](mailto: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.*

## *July Birthdays*

- 1**, Ethan Simpson, Pat Staggs, Carter Vinar
- 2**, Isaac Benson, Adryana Slovikosky, Lindy Witmer
- 3**, Suzanne Duvall, Michael Rust, Linda Schmeltz
- 4**, Virginia Edmonston, Katie Lopez, Blake Rosen, Rylee Rossman
- 5**, Chris Blackledge, Marilyn Moyers, Margaret Selby
- 6**, Madi Davies, Luci Palmer, **7**, Shirley Lakel, Jane Shafferman
- 8**, Abel O'Toole, Eduardon Valentin-Morales
- 9**, Joann Crum, Bob Mason, Caitlin Perry, Julie Schwarzenberg
- 10**, Linda Bennett, **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**, Anne Gray, Amy Heller, 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**, Don Orrison, Maria O'Toole
- 24**, Bob Abbott, Tom Mullineaux, **25**, Mike Hahn, Jack Heller, Rebecca Rohrback
- 26**, Jack Almeida, Malachi O'Toole
- 27**, Ben Davies, Brianne Paugh, William Selby, Kelsey Sunderman, **28**, Keith Krause
- 29**, James Colborn, Judy Tran, Alice Zalatoris
- 31**, Ricky Munday, Carol Officer, Daniel Shankle



## *July Anniversaries*

Jeff and Amy Stone	July 1	Carl and Linda Reed	July 11
Eric and Angie Anderson	July 5	Andrew and Carol Keirn	July 15
Isam and Katie Ballenger	July 7	Sam and Kate Mills	July 16

**Thank you to our Calvary Family for your love, support, donations, golfers and prayers for our Annual Golf Tournament in our son Bryan's memory. We appreciate all that was given in every form!- Sandy and Brett Chaney**

Sunday, July 3

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

July 4

Church Office Closed



July 5

9 a.m. Youth Trip to Mission Central

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

6 p.m. Agape

7 p.m. SPRC

7 p.m. Special Music Practice

July 6

6:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

July 10

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

July 11

7 p.m. Trustee's

July 12

6 p.m. Agape

7 p.m. Special Music Practice

July 13

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

July 17

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

July 18

7 p.m. Finance Committee

July 19

1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle

6 p.m. Agape

7 p.m. Special Music Practice

July 20

Calvary Blood Drive

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

July 24

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

July 25

7 p.m. Church Council

July 26

6 p.m. Agape

7 p.m. Special Music Practice

July 27

2 p.m. Miriam's Circle

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

July 30

Wedding

July 31

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

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