



# the Messenger

September 2022

One more step in our organ project took place earlier this month as a crew from Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders came to take apart the old organ in the sanctuary. With speed and careful efficiency, the pipes from the organ were removed and placed in specially made wooden boxes. Many of these pipes will be refurbished or remanufactured and incorporated in the new instrument. The company removed all of the pieces that were part of the previous instrument, including the window boxes visible in the chancel area, the organ console, the blower and wind chest in the basement under the chancel, as well as the parts located in the chambers on both sides of the chancel. A large dumpster was filled with parts no longer needed.

Some of the oak that made up the console, bench and window boxes has been kept and will be repurposed in the coming year.

The process for replacement will take up to twelve months. In the meantime, we will be using an electronic organ, supplied by the builder

It is exciting to see things in motion to accomplish this project!



We wish All of our teachers and students God's richest blessings for a wonderful school year.

## What's Happening in Worship

August 21

Luke 13:10-17 — The poor woman in the synagogue had been unable to stand up straight for 18 years. Why couldn't they rejoice when Jesus set her free? Are there times when we refuse to rejoice when our brothers and sisters are released from myriad forms of captivity?

August 28

Luke 14:1, 7-14 — Invite those who cannot repay your favor. Take the lowest seat at the banquet. It is so undemanding to claim a good position on the social ladder and to enjoy trading favors with our friends. Jesus' words about humility and charity are difficult to hear in any era.

Sermon Series #BeUMC- The People of God

In this time of swirling change and disruption, it might be helpful to consider just what it means to be the people of God. From a Wesleyan perspective, we have ways to answer this question to help us see beyond all that might divide us or distract us to recognize a higher calling and receive a larger gift.

Sept. 04 Labor Day Weekend, Holy Communion

Proverbs 3:29-30, Micah 6:6-8

Title: The People of God... Who Do No harm

Sept. 11 Romans 12:9-21

Title: The People of God... Who Do Good

Sanctuary Choir resumes

Sept. 18 1 John 5:1-4

Title: The People of God... Who Attend the Ordinances of God

Sept. 25 Isaiah 2:2-4

Title: The People of God... For Whom the World is Our Parish



**A new Choirs Season is starting in September!!!!** Calvary Music Ministry is welcoming all current members while looking for new ones - singers and ringers! Please consider joining our music family and help us with spreading the word in the community! All are welcome and there are NO AUDITIONS!!! Please contact Adela at [adela@calvaryumc.org](mailto:adela@calvaryumc.org) with any questions and feedback.

**Sanctuary Choir:** Starting Tuesday, September 6, Calvary's Adult Choir will rehearse every Tuesday between 7:30 and 9:00 pm in the Choral Room. We look forward to further enthusing the current Choir members and attracting new singers with an exciting repertoire including both traditional and contemporary selections. The Choir will especially benefit from new soprano voices while we can put to good use more altos, tenors and basses as well. Please consider joining us in praising God together!

**Children's Choir Rehearsals:** Starting Sunday, September 11, children ages 5 to 11 can come for Children's Choir rehearsals every Sunday between 11:15 and 11.45 am in the Choral Room. The goal of the Children's Choir is to teach and help the children become active participants in the music and worship life at Calvary through song, scripture, and prayer. To achieve this, the children will develop singing skills, vocal range and repertoire in a meaningful and joyful way. Come and join the fun!

**Joyful Noise Ringers:** Starting Tuesday, September 13, Calvary's Adult and Youth Handbell ensemble will rehearse every Tuesday between 6:30 and 7:15 pm in the Handbell Room. We are looking for all levels of ringers including participants with no prior experience. If you can read the notes from the hymnal you can do this. Please consider making some joyful noise for the glory of God!

**Peal Bells:** Our treasured Peal Bells are eagerly waiting to be rung. **We need 6 more people** to establish a group to ring them. Once we have 8 people (or one ringer for each of our 8 peal bells), we will arrange for a ring master from the Washington Ringing Society who will teach us ringing the bells. There is no need for music reading skills or any special musical talents to participate in this exciting activity. Basically, ringing a peal bell requires just training how to follow a ringing pattern and work synchronously within the group. Ringing Calvary's peal bells certainly will please God and will be a rewarding experience for both the mind and the body! Please let Adela know if you are interested.

## New Adult Sunday School Class to Begin this Fall

If you are not already involved with one of Calvary's adult Sunday School or other Bible study classes, there will be an opportunity for you to become involved with a new small group beginning **Sunday, October 2 at 9 am** in the former library room (near restrooms on first floor). Church guidelines for wearing masks will be followed. The class will be led by Paul Nelson.

The class will focus this Fall on Adam Hamilton's book *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today*. A well-known author, Hamilton is pastor of one of the largest United Methodist Churches in the United States. As commented by another Biblical scholar, Brian McLaren, "if you hope there's a better way to read, live by, and value the Bible, Hamilton has written the book that will help you ...."

If you are interested, please contact Paul at [paul.d.nelson@outlook.com](mailto:paul.d.nelson@outlook.com).



**Sunday School for children will resume on Sunday, September 11.**

**It will be for elementary aged children and take place in the activity room of the education center from 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.**

**Youth Sunday School and Youth Group Kick Off!!**

**Sunday September 11**

Youth Group 5:30 p.m.



**Golf Tournament for Least of These—Friday, September 23**

Anyone who loves the game of golf, this is your opportunity to help a great cause. The Least of These is a ministry to feed the hungry in the Dominican Republic, both physically and spiritually. See Jacki for more details.



**October 23, 2022**

**Save the date.**

## ***“Christian Nationalism:” An Oxymoron***

In the media these days we often hear or read about “Christian Nationalism,” more often than not in the context of political discourse. The term conjures up thoughts about one of the bedrock principles on which our democratic republic is founded, namely separation of church and state, but also the view that our country was founded and remains as a Christian nation. While our nation’s earliest leaders were mostly deists, scholar Alf J. Mapp, Jr. in his book *The Faiths of Our Fathers* notes that their religious beliefs were as diverse as their political opinions, such that there was no national monolithic faith acknowledged by all Founding Fathers. Thus, as some have put it, though Christianity may be the predominant faith of believers in our country, we were not founded as a Christian nation, but rather as a nation in which we are free to practice the Christian faith.

Moreover, from a scriptural perspective, the term is an oxymoron! While the Old Testament has a focus on God’s relationship with the chosen people of the nation of Israel, the New Testament brings God’s focus to us as individuals, with Jesus exhorting his followers to go forth and make disciples of all nations. In that commission centuries later, John Wesley was known for declaring his parish to be the whole world. Following that tradition, the United Methodist Church has a long history of world mission, caring for people of all nations through education, health care, economic development, civil liberties, and care for the environment. Organizations of other Christian faith traditions do likewise.

In a recent sermon, Pastor Steve spoke of the connectedness of the world in which we live, awareness of which is certainly heightened by the speed and scope of communications and transportation technology, climate changes and their impact on agriculture, health, and economics, and most recently by the covid virus pandemic. As the old saying goes, we are all the more so these days our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers, globally. “Who is our neighbor we are to love?”, we might ask Jesus. “The whole world!” He would most certainly reply.

While much of our local church mission is focused on helping those in need within our Frederick community, or through mission work in nearby cities or states, as a local congregation in the connectional United Methodist Church we also have opportunities as a congregation or as individuals to contribute to special global needs through such organizations as UMCOR. In recent months, much focus has been on helping our sisters and brothers in Ukraine. In other times, natural disasters have been a focus. Currently, and still all too often in other parts of the world, disease and famine remain a critical threat to human life. God calls us, through ways in which we are able, to respond to such needs as disciples of Jesus. Indeed, quite contrary to the nature of “nationalism,” among our nation’s finest hours arguably have been those during which its own self-interests have been secondary, even at times with considerable sacrifice, to helping other nations in their times of crisis.

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministry

## Stewardship

Anxiety, worry and fear of failure, all emotional angst, are part of our human condition. There is not one person who is not affected. This came to mind when I was revisiting Mathew's writing about Jesus' words of the Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 6:25 Jesus says, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life...." He repeats the admonition in verse 31.

We all can relate to the experience of anxiety in our lives. I can tell you that I was very anxious three years ago, at the beginning of implementation of the fund raising phase of the new organ campaign. The organ feasibility study committee had been working for 7 years and concluded a new organ was needed. Now it was time to seek funding. My anxiety was sky high – the whole picture of the organ as we wanted was like looking out a steamed up window. Were we to have an organ the may cost up to \$1.6 million or a lesser amount of \$1.2 million? Could it be something even a lesser amount? How successful would the fund raising effort be?

How would Calvary church respond? Could we even approach \$1.0 million? Present anxiety turned into anxiety about future things. Jesus said that I (we) should not be anxious. With the words of Jesus, I left it in the hands of God. If it was in His will, with our work, He would be with us. God would show us if it was not His will. Just as Jesus said, we are to live our lives in the faith God would provision our needs to His will. We should allow God the glory of His blessing our endeavor. God cares for us and His will is to bless us. Peter wrote: "Cast all you anxiety on him because he cares for you (1Peter 5:7). With that we must humble ourselves to His will.

The church pledged \$735,000. God's spirit reached others who were not members of the congregation but were children in his kingdom. We gave financially to our effort in his service. Through our efforts and the use of resources available to the church, after three years of raising funds, we are within reach of our goal.

We can discern God's will by seeing His Spirit touching the heart of Donald Day to offer a \$3,000 match challenge. It was met twice over. Donald is not a member of Calvary. Another heart was touched to offer another \$5,000 match challenge. Not only have those pledging an amount are meeting their commitment, new gifts have been made by Calvary's family.

This has become a testimonial about how we should handle anxiety in our lives. Give your worry, fears and anxiety to God. He will take them from you willingly because He cares for us as His children individually and as the body of Christ.

## Christy Mossburg Steps Down as Director of Christian Education



For six years, Christy Mossburg has served as the Director of Christian Education here at Calvary United Methodist Church. This was her second time to serve in this position. She guided our children's ministry and led small group studies for adults. She organized and ran the children's church during worship services. During the pandemic, Christy found numerous ways to stay connected with families through special projects sent home, online Sunday School, story time and VBS. She offered a family and children's ministry blog, provided lots of valuable guidance with Facebook, the church website and "MyCalvary" database. She organized the making and delivery of the "Love Bags" distributed to many of our seniors at Valentine's Day.

Christy just started a job with Navy Federal Credit Union that will require her full time attention. She has decided to step down from her position here at Calvary Church effective the end of the month. We wish her well in her new job.

We can be grateful to Christy of the many ways in which she helped the church care for children, families and adults. She will be missed as the Director of Christian Education, but she will continue to be active in the congregation as a member.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is in the process of reviewing the job description and considering how to best to proceed to care for those items that are best suited for a church employee.

### **Musings from the Director of Discipleship**

Sometimes calendars do not sync. Right now I am thinking about the Fall but the weather is saying it is the heat of summer. I do not like the heat at all. I am ready for cool fall days.

Malcolm and I had a very inspiring trip to see the Passion Play. It was so moving and meaningful, the entire journey. Italy was beautiful and so full of art and history. I learned so much about Michelangelo and da Vinci.

These two pieces of art to me represent the very nature of God. The pieta and the Creation of Adam.-Jacki



## Calvary Community Concert Series Returns!!

**September 18, 2022– 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Andrew Sords, violinist**

**Come and join us for the first concert of Calvary Community Concert Series.**

Andrew Sords returns to the Community Concert Series after his 2018 standing-ovation performance with the second concert of romantic violin music. The program will include works by Beethoven, Brahms, Bloch, and Sarasate, accompanied by Brian Wentzel, pianist.

### Mission Projects

-Thanks to all who contributed to the school supply drive in July. We had three big boxes of items to pass on to the United Way for distribution to students throughout Frederick County.



-Over the summer we have had teams from the church deliver 23 beds as part of our work with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We hope to continue to make deliveries each week and we are using the garage and a room in the Education Center to store items for these deliveries.

-We have a mission trip planned to Henderson Settlement in the Appalachian region of eastern Kentucky from September 25 – October 1. Calvary Church has sent groups to Henderson Settlement several times in recent years. This will be the first such trip since the pandemic.



### **Diaper Drive for Henderson:**

Along with our helping hands we would like to take diapers to the Henderson Settlement. All sizes are needed, including wipes. Please find the cradle and poster in the Parish Hall or main hallway. Thank you for helping a family in need.





## Greetings from Calvary Weekday School!

We are getting ready to start the new school year. Kindergarten staff return on August 17 and classes begin on August 24. Pre-K staff return on August 29 and classes begin in September.

We welcome some new faces to our Calvary Weekday team. Shannon Musser, a former parent at our school, will be the kindergarten assistant. During her interview she told me she has always wanted to work at our school since her son was here six years ago. Shannon is thrilled to be back as a staff member. She is replacing Gail Colby who worked at Calvary for over 26 years. Many children and families were blessed to have Mrs. Colby in a variety of roles. My own children were fortunate to know and love her!

Renee Gillenwater will be our new Monday, Tuesday, Thursday teacher in the three year old class. Ms. Gillenwater returns to downtown Frederick after living and working in Loudon County, Virginia. Her warm and positive personality will be a wonderful asset to our school.

Kristi Johnson will join Renee as the assistant in the three year old class. Kristi is also a former parent and I was fortunate enough to teach her son. Her daughter also attended Calvary with Mrs. Neubauer. Kristi has an amazing family and so much experience and creativity to offer our school.

Our mantra this year will be “we are better together as a team rather than an individual.” I couldn’t be happier to work with such an outstanding staff.

Enjoy the last days of summer-

Patty Lockard, Director

### John Wesley Heritage Tour

Join Rev. Steve Larsen for a nine-day tour of key sites in England that shaped John Wesley and early Methodism, July 18-26, 2023. The tour includes London, Epworth, Cotswolds, Stratford, Bristol and Bath and Oxford with an optional extension to Ireland. Come travel and learn about the ways that John Wesley founded a movement that brings together heart and head, a concern for the social holiness gospel along with an interest in individual piety, and the earnest desire to see faith lived out in practical ways. Rev. Larsen will be hosting the trip organized through Educational Opportunity Tours. For more information, contact [RevSteve@cavalryumc.org](mailto:RevSteve@cavalryumc.org) or call the church office at 301-662-1464.

## September Birthdays

1, Katie Dragan, Andrew Radcliffe, Bret Slovikosky, 2, Madelynn Sewell, 3, Emily Yeager  
4, Bill Waskey, 5, Robert Beltzel, Grace Dobson, Andrew Howard, Stephen Miller, Bill Pasquerette  
6, Kathryn Schumacher, Kelly Stull, Janet Wiles  
8, Isabella Anderson, James Dennis, Fannie Johnson, John Shade  
9, Collin Mood, Douglas Selby, Fon Smith, 12, Ned Calabrese, Bobbie Jarvis, Paul Metcalf  
13, Carole Law, 14, Joyce Dixon, Anna Mills, 15, Jennifer Cline, Luke Vega  
16, Eleanor Pickard, Joe Staggs, 17, David Calabrese  
18, Sophie Bailey, Tristan Belgrave, Laurelle Maubert  
19, Amanda Calabrese, Ryan Fox, 20, Basil Eavey, Paul Nelson  
21, Karen Dobbs, Rubie Meyers, Cheryl Radcliffe, Matthew Staley  
23, Autumn Bordner, Lindsey Howard, Christian Leber, Helen Sheppard, Cleon Stull  
24, Bruce Phillips, Richard Phillips, 25, Judy Delauter, Colin Lyon, Anne Rollins, Renee Vega  
26, Jeannie Baumgartner, Anna Snyder, Billie Stokes, 27, Jacqueline Grimes, Beth Strakonsky  
28, Ray Crum, Scott English, John Patterson,  
29, Brad Davy, Thomas Dixon, Bertram Edmonston, Archer Grimes, Bea Kilel, Mitch Reading,  
Jane Tritt  
30, Haleigh Seek, Gregory Selby

## September Anniversaries

Bruce and Kathy Phillips, Sept. 3	David and Gail Colby, Sept. 16
Roy and Julie Schwarzenberg, Sept. 4	David and Cindy Mills, Sept. 16
Mark and Allison MacDonald, Sept. 6	Rod and Jen Pond, Sept. 17
Adam and Melissa Rankin, Sept. 6	Justin and Karen Leggett, Sept. 20
Bill and Charlotte Pasquerette, Sept. 7	Chris and Heidi Sweet, Sept. 22
Bertram and Jennifer Edmonston, Sept. 9	William and Mari Beth Schmersahl Sept. 24
John and Ann Harper, Sept. 11	Peter and Jenn Duithoy, Sept. 26
	Bob and Faye Cannon, Sept. 28

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9/1	9/12	9/21
Wedding	7 p.m. Trustee's	6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
9/4– Wheelbarrow Sunday	9/13	9/24
9 a.m. Sunday School	10:00 a.m. Bible Study	10 a.m. WRS
10 a.m. Worship	6 p.m. AGAPE	9/25
9/5	6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise	Henderson Mission Trip
Labor Day Holiday	7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	9 a.m. Sunday School
9/6	9/14	10 a.m. Worship
7 a.m. Toast Masters	6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study'	11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
10:00 a.m. Pastor's	9/17	5:30 p.m. Youth Group
Bible Study	4:30 p.m. Wedding	9/26
1:30 p.m. UMW Ex. Comm.	9/18	7 p.m. Church Council
6 p.m. AGAPE	9 a.m. Sunday School	9/27
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	10 a.m. Worship	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
9/7	11:15 a.m. Children's Choir	6 p.m. AGAPE
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	3 p.m. Andrew Sord Concert	6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
9/10	5 p.m. Youth Council Elect.	7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast	5:30 p.m. Youth Group	9/28
9/11	9/19	Calvary Blood Drive
9 a.m. Sunday School	7 p.m. Finance Committee	2 p.m. Miriam Circle
10 a.m. Worship	9/20	6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir	7 a.m. Toast Masters	
5:30 p.m. Youth Group	10:00 a.m. Bible Study	
Kick-Off	12:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle	
	6 p.m. AGAPE	
	6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise	
	7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	



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