

# the Messenger

† November 2022

There are many ways that the people of Calvary United Methodist Church are making a difference in the larger community. Here are a few examples:

- Eric Anderson heads up the Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. There are folks from the church who donate and others who volunteer to check people in, set up the room, and provide food and drinks for the donors. Since the pandemic, each blood drive is actually **two shifts**. This means that Calvary Church is the host and collection site for ten blood drives each year!
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace builds and delivers beds to children who otherwise did not have one. The organization takes raw lumber and creates the bed frames, obtains mattresses and bedding, and sends out crews to deliver and assemble the beds. Calvary UMC has sponsored a "Bed build" in May and provided many volunteers. Then, throughout the summer we send out a crew of four to six people each week to deliver the beds to homes in Frederick County. This delivery has continued.
- In August, we collected school supplies and provide funds for the Stuff the Bus Campaign to provide backpacks and other items to students as they were going back to school.
- In September we sent a group of eight to Eastern Kentucky to work on projects at Henderson Settlement, a mission of the United Methodist Church. And more than \$1,900 in donations has come in to be forwarded to UMCOR for hurricane relief.
- In October we worked with Rise Against Hunger to package 10,000 nutritious, shelf stable meals that can be shipped wherever there is a food emergency. We also raised money for hunger projects through the CROP Walk. The youth here took the lead to keep this activity going.
- This month, we are partnering with SHIP (Student Homelessness Initiative Project) for Frederick County to collect toiletry items for students who are without a permanent home.

I recently participated in an online course that looked at creative ways for churches to do ministries in their local community. I learned that it is helpful to do some intentional listening to those in the neighborhood to get a sense of what the needs are and what sort of things might be missing. I hope to have us take the next step to find ways to offer more to those who are in the area. Loving your neighbor starts right outside your front door.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Steve

## Worship this Month

This month we move through the celebration of the recently departed on All Saints Sunday, to the dedication of our Estimate of Giving cards, on Commitment Sunday, to the reception of our newest members on Confirmation Sunday. Then the month ends with the beginning of Advent and the start of the new Christian Year.

Nov. 06 All Saints Sunday. Holy Communion

Ephesians 1:11-17 and Luke 6:20-31

Title: Everyday Saints

Nov. 13 Commitment Sunday

(People are invited to bring forward their pledges/estimate of giving cards for 2023)

Luke 21:5-19

Title: As Good As It Gets

Nov. 20 Reign of Christ, Confirmation Sunday

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4 and 11-12 and Luke 17:11-19

Title: A Chip Off the Old Block

Nov. 27 First Sunday of Advent - HOPE

Romans 13: 11-14 and Matthew 24: 36-44

Title: Sacred Time



**CALVARY**  
COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES  
2022-2023 SEASON

**November 6, 2022, 3:00 p.m.**

**Danielle Cunning, guitarist, and  
John Wesley Wright, tenor vocalist**

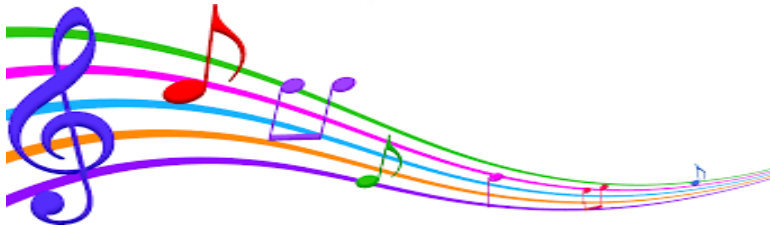
**“North Meets South Duo”**

**Calvary's**  
*Holiday Extravaganza!*

November 12 ★ 9:00am to 3:00pm

**BAZAAR TREATS & TREASURES:**  
VENDOR ARTS & CRAFTS  
ORNAMENTS  
WREATHS  
LUNCHEON  
MUSIC  
SILENT AUCTION  
CHEESEBALLS!

*Christmas is the only time you decorate a dead tree in the living room and eat candy out of your socks.*

**“Singing in the Spirit”**

**Everyone is Invited to UMW’s Group Hosting of Dr. Adela Peeva**

All congregation members, including friends as well, are cordially invited to a special evening event to explore approaches to **Singing in the Spirit**.

On Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 pm in the Calvary’s Ladies Parlor, the United Methodist Women’s (UMW) Group will host a discussion with our Music Director and Organist, Dr. Adela Peeva. At this meeting, Dr. Peeva will lead an informal conversation on

***“How to sing in the spirit, prayerfully and with conviction.”***

The conversation will also include singing of hymns, with a guided emphasis on melody and rhythm, in attempting to deeper interpret and enlighten our understanding, experiencing and appreciation of the story behind the hymns’ music. Dr. Peeva will also provide some practical suggestions touching on techniques that can be used to enhance how we ***“sing in spirit.”***

Come and experience the joy of praising God in song!

***“Praise the Lord, all the Earth; make ye merry and sing and give praise.” (Psalm 98:4)***

## **Church in relation to society: A focus on youth**

Mark, the gospel author, was likely a teenager during the time of Jesus' ministries. His mother was an active follower of Jesus and later, as a young adult, he worked closely with and learned from the apostles Peter and Paul. His gospel has been characterized by scholars as focused somewhat more on Jesus' actions in the community, and less on his sayings, though both are contained in his account of Jesus' life. The old saying that "action speaks louder than words" might in fact characterize the youth and young adult years, a time during which we develop a better sense of who we are as individuals and begin to assume more responsibility for our actions in relation to others and the communities in which we live. The outlook of youth and young adults on faith is likely to be captured by the disciple James who shared that his faith is reflected by his actions (Jas 2: 18).

It is also during the teenage years, and especially the early adult years that follow, that young people tend to drop out of active participation in the church, a trend that scholars of church life have documented over the past half century. There are many reasons for this, included among which may be their questioning the relevance of the church in the context of issues and problems that are salient in the local, national, and global communities in which they live. A recent article in the Washington Post (Sept. 17, 2022, p. B2) observes in this context that many are exploring faith traditions other than Christianity. By contrast, Diana Butler Bass, a scholar of American Christian church history, finds many of this younger generation exploring spirituality apart from the traditional church in which many of them grew up, many among these however searching for a more personal relationship with Jesus than they found in the church itself.

At Calvary, we see a paucity of youth and young adults in our worship services. To be sure, a few are serving in our nursery or other helpful roles with our younger children during worship hours. Nonetheless, we do have an active Methodist Youth Fellowship for teenagers of our congregation and their friends that meets every Sunday (early evening under the able leadership of our Youth Coordinator Jenn Duthoy. Perhaps other than eating and enjoying one another's company, my guess is that their favorite activities are those in which they are serving in some special way those in need within our community. This they have done in association with our pastor and other adults of our congregation through mission trips, CROP walks (as recent as the one on October 23<sup>rd</sup>), helping build beds for children without their own beds (as they did this past summer), and collecting needed items or gifts for children and youth in need, especially at times such as Christmas (for which Calvary will have opportunities in the next month or two to collect items in need for homeless youth within our community). On Youth Sunday each year, we have the opportunity to observe them leading us in worship, with the more senior among them impressively sharing their faith through actions by personal testimony.

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As a congregation, we have a responsibility to actively support our youth before they leave us as young adults for college, military or other public service or employment. We made this pledge at the time of their baptism and confirmation. If we have not already done so in various ways, it is time if we are able to put the words of that pledge into action. As adults of our congregation we have many different backgrounds of faith development, careers, and community engagement from which to share with our youth. Jenn Duthoy is always seeking adult volunteers to share an evening or two with our youth, perhaps bringing refreshments but also to share as Christian men and women from our life and faith journeys.

Please consider being among those who do so by contacting Jenn at:

[calvaryyouth@calvaryumc.org](mailto:calvaryyouth@calvaryumc.org) or by personally meeting with her at church.

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministries



***Hanging of the Greens***  
***Saturday, November 29 at 9 a.m.***

***The Tour of Churches Returns!***

For the last two years the Tour of Churches was not held or was virtual. This year we return to seeing the beauty of Christmas through the lens of God's touch. Calvary will be participating as in the past. We will be opening our doors along with the other churches in Frederick for all people. The date is December 26<sup>th</sup> and will be from 4 to 9 pm.

We will be hosting the community with the world famous corn soup, coffee and cookies. Adela will be providing the music program. We need you to participate by volunteering to be host greeters to greet and guide visitors to the sanctuary and the parish hall. This is a chance to express the joy of Christmas with you neighbors.

A signup sheet will be in the Parish Hall for host times and maybe some of you left over Christmas cookies. If you have questions or wish to signup contact Kay Jacobs, [kacee2@msn.com](mailto:kacee2@msn.com) or 301-371-8987.



## ***Stewardship***

In all we do, waste is not an attribute we want. We look to conserve our time. Doing things that help to get the job done more quickly without forgoing quality. In industry we invent and develop in order to make better products, cheaper and more quickly. We experience “supply chain” issues as products become more complicated – and we make every effort to eradicate bottle necks.

It is the same in our Christian faith. We try to move through our faith life with the least encumbrances and demands upon ourselves. We believe, wrongly, that it is the reality we live in that is the important thing. We have missed the better way by giving the emphasis on worldly matters. We follow the easy way because God, who cares for us will forgive our “little” faults. As a disciple of Christ, this is upside – down.

We need to spend greater conscious effort in being a disciple who is faithful, honest to God and to themselves in their prayers, presence, gifts (read generosity), service and witness.

Your witness is to tell your own story about your relationship with God. God makes you who you are and who you will ever be. You can tell others how sin has passed and been conquered with God in you. Tell what God did to set you free from it. You do not have to rise to the level of prophet, pastor or TV evangelist. You are merely a disciple in training and in witness.

Your presence is your attention to seeking out God. It is the coming into his audience through worship service, reading scripture and other faith writings, studying his word given to you. God’s presence will be felt through an open heart and an open mind. It is an attitude of “receptivity to the Holy Spirit”. It is your keeping God’s presence in your heart.

The final two are not the least of these but are together the most impactful to the world and maybe to yourself. These two, service and gifts, are those qualities that reflect the faith you hold. They are the most visible to the world and others. What you give, your generosity, is demonstrative of how much you appreciate the blessings given to you from God that makes you better, that makes you complete and whole. Generosity and service reveal the depth of your God-man relationship. The world will see your generosity and may well think you the fool. But you do not do gifting and service for their praise but to show them the way to God. It is God who we wish to see our generosity. The same can be said of service.

Serving others is the giving of ourselves is all kind of ways. I have made the two acts of faith the most important because each reflects the depth of faithfulness.



## Greetings from Calvary Weekday School!

We are happy to announce we won "Best of the Best" for 2022! We appreciate all your votes. I couldn't agree more that Calvary Weekday School is a very special place.

Last month we held a Volunteer Workshop for families interested in helping at our school. We are excited to have volunteers back in the building and we truly appreciate their time and support.

We are preparing for our Accreditation visit on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Wish us luck for a successful visit!

Our students had a visit from the Fire Department. They learned about fire safety, stop, drop and roll, and loved seeing the fire trucks and equipment. The fire fighters also dressed in their gear so the children learn not to be fearful of firefighters if they had to be rescued from a real fire. Each month, the students participate in a fire drill at school but it is also a good reminder for all of us to practice these same kinds of drills at home. Don't forget to check your smoke detector batteries!

This month Kindergarten will also visit Rose Hill Manor to learn what it was like long ago. The students will also make butter the old fashion way.

We hope you have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving-

Calvary Weekday School Staff



*Advent Tea*

*December 3, 2022*

*2:00 p.m.*

## **Kris Kringle Procession**

*Friday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.*

*Cookies and hot cocoa in the Parish Hall to follow the procession.*



**Saturday, December 10 from 10 a.m.-noon: Children's Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal in the Parish Hall.**



**Annual Children's Sunday School Christmas Pageant**

**Sunday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Parish Hall**

## **Bake A Batch**

**ATTENTION All Bake... Get Ready...It's BACK!!**

Pleased to announce after a 2 year hiatus, our beloved Bake-A-Batch fundraiser for Jenn Esler is back. Jenn is a Calvary member and served as the Nursery Director before being diagnosed with a brain tumor years ago. Following surgery, she had extensive rehabilitation to improve her quality of life. Proceeds from Bake A Batch serve to help Jenn in her rehab and to remind her that she is not forgotten by her Calvary family. All cookie donations can be dropped off in the kitchen or church office on Friday, December 9 or the parish hall on Saturday, December 10 by 9:00 a.m.

Cookie trays will be available for purchase Sunday, December 11

Baking Cookies is a great activity to do with your children or grandchildren and for a great cause. All homemade cookies whether family favorites or holiday classics are welcomed. So get those mixers moving!!

Any questions, please contact Julie Schwarzenberg 240-626-7666



## Please help our community's homeless youth: Homeless for the Holidays!

From mid-November through December, Calvary is partnering with **SHIP** of Frederick (Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership), by collecting *personal hygiene articles* for middle and high school age youth who do not have permanent homes. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants for boys and girls, shampoo, soap bars, hair brushes, feminine hygiene articles, and shaving items for older boys are examples of the types of items needed. For a complete list of needed items, see: <https://shipfrederick.com/events/homeless-for-the-holidays>.

In Parish Hall by the coat racks, each Sunday from November 13 through December, there will be a box decorated with Christmas wrappings and marked **HOMELESS-FOR-THE-HOLIDAYS**. At this time of year when we give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us through God's grace, and prepare our hearts spiritually for the birth of Jesus, let us be generous in helping our community's youth in need. If in addition to or in lieu of giving the items above you wish to make a financial contribution to SHIP of Frederick, you may do so through that organization's website or the offering plate in our church narthex, with a check made out to Calvary UMC noting SHIP in the lower left memo line.

### ***Organ Update***

Calvary's new pipe organ build is underway! On October 19 and 20, Joyce and Rob Summers, Pipe Organ Building Committee Chairs, and Adela Peeva, Director of Music and Organist, made a road trip to Denver, NC to visit the Cornel Zimmer Organ Builder Shop. Our first stop was in Winston Salem, NC at First Baptist Church where Zimmer recently built and installed a new console. We were able to see a completed console and how it is organized, and Adela was able to play the organ and get a good sense of how Calvary's new console will feel. We then visited Zimmer's shop. They provided a tour of their facility and had prepared a mock-up of our console (see details below). We saw our pipes being washed, saw some metal pipes that are more than 100 years that have already been completed restored (they look brand new!), and reviewed the layouts that determine where all the pipes will be placed in our chambers next summer. It was a very productive and exciting trip! A separate, more detailed newsletter with many more photos was sent last week; if you didn't receive it, contact Joyce at [jsummers@calvaryumc.org](mailto:jsummers@calvaryumc.org).



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**1**, Anna Marshall, Rick Miller, **2**, Ezra Belgrave, Brian McKann, Abigail Ritterbusch  
**3**, Christy Quigley, **4**, Chaz Jones  
**5**, Robert Bennett, Jenn Duthoy, Laura Miller, Alan Newcomer, Anna Stroh  
**6**, Thelma Fischer, Delilah, **7**, Michael Reilly, **8**, John Bolyard, Sharon Cole, Greg Gray  
**9**, Dean Calcagni, **10**, Mark Mayer  
**11**, Jessica Chaney, Andrew Farmer, Riley MacDonald, Ezra Ritterbusch  
**12**, Caroline Auth, Adelyn Melhorn, **13**, Regina Hall, Elizabeth Krause, Lucy Vinar  
**14**, Joan Buckley, Mary Crum, Teddy Miller, **15**, Cooper Gaeta, Nancy Slovikosky  
**17**, Faye Cannon, Sally Meyers, David Shickel, **18**, Margery French, Tara Shoemaker  
**19**, Christina Kim, Adelynn Wilde, **20**, Catherine Duvall, Edith Edmonston  
**23**, Charlotte Richey, Connie Scoggins, **24**, Carl Reed  
**25**, Marietta Anderson, Angela Burke  
**26**, Elizabeth Wyatt, **27**, Monica Campolongo, Jennifer Esler, Ivy Tang  
**28**, Margie Wilde, **29**, Bob Manthey  
**30**, Sylvie Duthoy, Mary Ann Fogle, Michael Leftwich, Didi Willard

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Richard and Judy Delauter Nov. 2  
Eytan and Martha Moked Nov. 3  
Charlies and Amy Jones Nov. 5  
Gregory and Liz Selby Nov. 5  
Cleon and Diane Stull Nov. 9  
Stephen and Laura Miller Nov. 12  
Robin and Bonnie Duggan Nov. 15  
Kyle and Becky Bostian Nov. 18  
Chris and Amy Vinar Nov. 18  
Jeremy and Susan Leftwich Nov. 21

Dennis and Kim Remsberg Nov. 21  
John and Nancy Slovikosky Nov. 25  
Bert and Virginia Edmonson Nov. 27  
Brian and Peggy Krompasick Nov. 29



## NOVEMBER 2022

### **Nov. 1**

10 a.m. Bible Study  
1:30 p.m. UMW Ex. Comm  
6 p.m. AGAPE  
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### **Nov. 2**

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

### **Nov. 6**

9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir  
4:30 p.m. Confirmation  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

### **Nov. 7**

7 p.m. Staff Parish  
Relations Committee

### **Nov. 8**

10 a.m. Bible Study  
6 p.m. AGAPE  
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### **Nov. 9**

6 p.m. Making Cheese Balls  
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### **Nov. 12**

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Holiday Bazaar**

### **Nov. 13**

9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir  
4:30 p.m. Confirmation  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

### **Nov. 14**

7 p.m. Trustee's

### **Nov. 15**

10 a.m. Bible Study  
1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle  
6 p.m. AGAPE  
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### **Nov. 16**

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study  
7 p.m. Education Meeting  
7 p.m. UMW Meet Adela

### **Nov. 19**

10 a.m. Washington Ringers  
Society

### **Nov. 20**

Confirmation Sunday  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

### **Nov. 21**

7 p.m. Finance

### **Nov. 22**

10 a.m. Bible Study  
6 p.m. AGAPE  
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### **Nov. 23**

2 p.m. Miriam's Circle  
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

### **Nov. 24**

**Happy Thanksgiving!!**

**Church Office Closed**

### **Nov. 25**

9 a.m. Wreath Fluffing

**Church Office Closed**

### **Nov. 26**

**Hanging the Greens 9 a.m.**

### **Nov. 27**

9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship

### **Nov. 28**

7 p.m. Church Council

### **Nov. 29**

10 a.m. Bible Study  
6 p.m. AGAPE  
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

### **Nov. 30**

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

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- Nov. 4      Movie Night 7 p.m.
- Nov. 6      No Youth Group
- Nov. 13    Mission Trip Parent Meeting 4:30
- Nov. 27     No Youth Group
- Dec. 18     Christmas Party