



the Messenger

February 2023

For many years, Calvary United Methodist Church has offered special church-wide studies during the Lenten Season. We have offered various topical presentations, special speakers, and Bible studies that have stimulated conversation, provided time fellowship and a helped us grow in faith. We are pleased to announce that Calvary United Methodist Church will be providing a church-wide study for all ages on Wednesday evening during the Lenten season starting on Wednesday, March 1.

This year, the hope is that this might be an intergenerational experience that brings different people together with activities that everyone can enjoy and grow together. There is something wonderful that can take place when people from different ages share with one another. It's certainly been great to see more children involved with the children's choir and Time with the Children in worship!

Each Wednesday we will be coming together to eat together, play together, study God's Word together, and sing and worship together. We will be using materials from GenOn Ministries, a leader in creating intergenerational events and curriculum for churches.

Each session will focus on one psalm. The psalms are songs that would have been used for individual prayer or worship. They are also songs that Jesus would have known well. They shaped his own worship and prayer life.

Since this is a different sort of Lenten study, we need help to put it together. If you would like to be involved in the planning, please let me or Amy Stone know.

RevSteve@calvaryumc.org and AmyStone@calvaryumc.org or call 301-662-1464.

More information will be coming about this event!

-Pastor Steve



Worship this Month

- Feb. 5 Holy Communion
1 Corinthians 2:1-9, Matthew 5:13-20
Title: You Are...
- Feb 12 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37
Title: But I Say...
- Feb. 19 Transfiguration Sunday
Preacher: Rev. Ken Humbert

Worship series for Lent: **Lookin' for Love in All the Wrong Places**

from Worship Design Studio.

We often look for wholeness and happiness in places that offer only temporary “good feelings” and satisfaction. Lent is a wonderfully reflective time to reassess where we are searching for meaning and purpose. The title of an old popular song reminds us that we may not find what we are looking for in the usual places. We will consider several stories of Jesus to find out just who offers the “real deal.”

- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
Worship Service, noon in the chapel and 7:00 PM in the sanctuary
Title: Looking for Love
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
- Feb. 26 First Sunday in Lent
Title: Look for the Resister
Matthew 4:1-11

Exploring Membership Class

Persons wishing to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ or interested in becoming a member of Calvary United Methodist Church are invited to take part in an Exploring Membership class on Sunday morning, at 9 AM or 11:15 AM on **Sunday February 5 and 12**. We will meet in the John Wesley Room, across the hall from the Chapel. Pastor Steve Larsen will lead the class to consider the history and purpose of the church and look at what it means to have a vital and growing faith today.

For more information, contact Pastor Steve Larsen at the church at 301-662-1464 or

RevSteve@calvaryumc.org.

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COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

2022-2023 SEASON

February 12, 2023 – Brian Ganz, pianist
3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.



Brian Ganz continues his quest to perform every work of Chopin and returns this season to present several pieces of Chopin's music for piano and cello, and piano, cello, and violin. Featured will be Dr. Alán Saúl Saucedo Estrada, cellist, and Dr. Marjory Serrano-Coyer, violinist. The program will include Introduction and Polonaise brilliant in C major for Cello and Piano, Op. 3, and the Trio in G minor for Piano, Violin and Cello, Op. 8. Don't miss this highly interactive afternoon of musical excitement!



February 26, 2023– District5 Quintet

“Invitation to the Dance”

District5 presents a raucous program of music inspired by dance. This exciting program of piano transcriptions for wind quintet features works by Samuel Coleridge Taylor, Fanny Mendelssohn, Jean-Philippe Rameau, and many others! This award-winning ensemble comprised of flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and French horn has a unique repertoire that showcases the virtuosity, colors, and endless possibilities of the wind quintet.



Greetings from Calvary Weekday School

Last year we were able to utilize funds from the MSDE Nonpublic School Textbook Grant to purchase laptops, document cameras, and display boards for our preschool classrooms. Everything has finally arrived and is installed. We were able to hook the laptops up to the copiers to help make things more efficient for teachers. The students are enjoying interacting with the technology through music and movement and the teachers are doing an amazing job incorporating technology to enhance the students' learning.

This month we will work with Keri Henson from FCPS, who serves as a liaison for homeless and foster children, to collect underwear for boys and girls sizes 4-10 as well as gift cards to Walmart, Target, grocery stores or gas stations to help homeless or foster children in our community. If you would like to help with this cause, items can be dropped off at the school Monday-Friday from 8-1.

Registration continues to keep us busy. We have a few more spots left in our kindergarten program and 3's classes but we have already stated a waiting list for the 4 year old preschool classes. Families and friends wishing to register may contact Olivia for a tour or more information at 301-662-6783 or email at calvaryweekdayschool@calvaryweekdayschool.com. We are always looking for additional staff/substitutes. If you are interested in working at our school email Patty at director@calvaryweekdayschool.com.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Patty Lockard, Director

Thank you, Calvary!

Due to your generosity this recent Christmastide, youth in our community who are homeless or otherwise without a regular residence will have access to personal hygiene items through the services of the Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership (SHIP) working in collaboration with the Frederick County Public Schools. Calvary was among the many churches, synagogues, and other local organizations contributing to this annual service by SHIP for our youth, a service without which many youth might drop out of school or other activities important for their personal development. Thank you, thank you, Calvary!

If you are interested in seeking other ways in which to contribute through the year to the several initiatives sponsored by SHIP, you may find information on the SHIP of Frederick website.

“Sleep in heavenly peace” ...

... so concludes the first verse of Franz Gruber’s beautiful carol, Silent Night, traditionally sung at the conclusion of Christmas Eve candlelight services ... often at a time when the secular nightcap for children that evening goes something to the effect of “all tucked in their beds, while visions of sugar plums danced in their heads.” Sadly, not only worldwide but in our own country, yes, even in Frederick County, there are far too many children who have no beds of their own into which they might be snugly tucked at night!

To address this problem, an organization of volunteers, known as Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), was launched over a decade ago in Idaho, beginning in a garage and now with chapters in most states and Canada. With the leadership of Pat and Dave Herber, Helen Sheppard, and Beth Stitely, Calvary’s Mission Ministry Team has enabled Calvary to become involved in this service with our county chapter for about a year. Some of our adults and youth will recall our engagement as a congregation last June to sponsor and prepare the parts for 20 bunk beds with the guidance of our county SHP organization at its converted dairy barn on Rt. 85 near the Adamstown Road. Our Calvary Sunday School children also contributed on that occasion by collected new twin sized bedding for the bunks for their Lenten mission project. Again, this spring, we will be providing financial support as well as labor to build 20 more beds in the Adamstown barn. *Save the date, Thursday evening, May 4th for this opportunity.* More details will be provided closer to that time for folks to volunteer.

Free of charge, beds with brand new bedding are provided for children 4-17. Last year the Frederick chapter of SHP delivered 1,119 beds. On a weekly basis currently, a group of 4-5 Calvary folks have been delivering beds and bedding to children and youth in need. We have delivered over 100 beds to date, and typically complete 3 home deliveries in an evening. The teams meet in our church parking lot at about 4:30 p.m. and are usually finished by about 7:30 p.m. Our delivery team greets the families in their homes, assembles the bunk beds, and make the beds with fresh linens and bedding. The smiles on the faces and other expressions of joy from the children, youth, and adults thus served are the rewards received! If you are interested in helping with the delivery of beds and bedding, you may sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0445ABA822AAFD0-shpcumc2>.

In as much as we maintain an inventory in Calvary’s garage from which to make deliveries, we are also in need of volunteers with pickup trucks to help us maintain that inventory from local warehouses. Thus, there are a number of ways in which we might participate in this wonderful opportunity for Christian witness and fellowship. If you wish to learn more or to volunteer in any way, you may always call Pat Herber at 301-401-0522. And many thanks to those who have already volunteered in any capacity!

Paul Nelson, Church & Society Ministry



God has always given to us. God gives to us. God promises to give to us more.

True giving out of grace and love is not like any economic exchange. True giving, generosity, is the giving of self, giving from self to another with no expectation of anything in return. We get in return nothing material; but, we get something in return that is spiritual and uplifting. When we speak of value, it is of the greatest value and it is immeasurable.

God's world is a different world than the one we inhabit. God started his creation out of grace, mercy and a predestined love for us. He created us, humans, to be a major participant of his creation. He created us to be in his image of caring, loving, merciful and even being generous by sharing himself with us and we in turn share ourselves with others. God shared his creation of the universe, the world that sustains our humanness. He shared himself through giving himself as his Son, Jesus Christ; to teach us about who this real God is and his desire to have us forsake sin and live an eternal life with him. All of these are his promises to us. He has been nothing but generous to all of humanity in his deeds and his promised works to come.

Why should we not be grateful for what God has done for us? We should wholly give of ourselves as Paul did in an attitude of servant-slave. Why should we keep for ourselves, when we know whose we are? We know that what we keep is an attitude of master and owner over what we have? When we keep or withhold from God our talents, witness or garnered wealth – we are rejecting the God image in us of mercy and love that he has instilled in us.

This last December we finished Calvary's fund raising for the new organ. The good news is we met our goal. The greater news is that God touched the heart of many of you who met their pledge and those who gave above their pledge. Some of you even gave out of scarcity and others out of abundance. The important thing is all gave out of God's blessing in reflecting God's grace, mercy and love.

Let us look to each other for any sign of Christian faith we can emulate. "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24) Each one of us can be an example to another in all we do for God in the name of his Son. Our true purpose in giving is to further the kingdom of God.

2022 Christmas Pageant



Angels:
Alba Costello,
Ryan Mills,
Kate Marshall,
Gabriel Lancione

William Harris

Anna Mills

Laurali Gough, Charlotte Miller
and Micah Bolden



Thank you for the continued support of the food bank. Many of you contribute weekly and have expressed how much you like knowing specific requests from the food bank. After speaking with one of the directors this week, we decided to focus on the following items for the months of February and March.

- Canned meats. Chicken and Tuna
- Canned fruit and fruit cups
- Soups
- Detergent and Lysol /Clorox wipes
- Hygiene items: Full size shampoo, Body wash /bar soap, Toothpaste



Again, thank you for your support
Roy and Julie

Children's Choir 2022 ~ 2023

Right to left front row:

Savannah Muehl,
Armani Gough,
Charlotte Miller,
Kate Marshall
Alison Radcliffe



Right to left back row:

George Palazov,
William Harris,
Emily Harris,
Anna Marshall,
Laurali Gough

Not pictured:

Alba Costello,
Anna Mills,
Mickey Mills



"We are so fortunate at Calvary to enjoy the remarkable talents of **John Mitchell!** John has an amazing ability to use his gift of photography to capture special moments in the life of our church - from our worship services, music ministries, Christmas pageants, special events and everyday happenings, we are so blessed by John's time and talent. Thank you for capturing these beautiful moments for all of us, John! You are a treasure!"

Children's Ministry News

Children's Sunday School for preschoolers through 5th grade meets in the Activity Room of the Education Building every Sunday at **9:00** am for Bible Learning, songs, crafts and games. Please join us! To register, please contact Amy Stone at AmyStone@calvaryumc.org.

On **Sunday, February 5 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm, Mission Possible Kids** will meet for the first time in the Activity Room. Our first task will be to assemble and decorate Love Bags to be delivered by Calvary Members to those in our congregation who need a little pick me up! More information about Mission Possible Kids will be distributed at that meeting, along with information about upcoming "missions" that our amazing kids will take on to make a difference in the world.

Our next **Veggie Tale Movie Night** will take place on **Friday, February 17 from 6:00 - 7:30** for a movie, discussion, a craft and a snack.

For more information or to register for any of these events, please contact Amy Stone at AmyStone@calvaryumc.org.



We are in need of adult volunteers for Children's Church for children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, which meets in the chapel during our 10 a.m. Worship Service immediately following the "Time With the Children". During Children's Church, we listen to the service as it is happening in the "Big Church", and we follow along in the bulletin and discuss each part of worship. Children can color, do puzzles, sing along, or talk quietly. Sometimes we read a book that relates to the sermon or message.

Right now, when there is no adult signed up for Children's Church, *children will be meeting in the Nursery* following the Children's Message.

While we are working on creating a weekly rotation of adult volunteers, parents are also welcome to sit in the chapel with their children while listening to the service. Children's Worship bags are also available in the narthex.

Please sign up to be a Children's Church Volunteer!

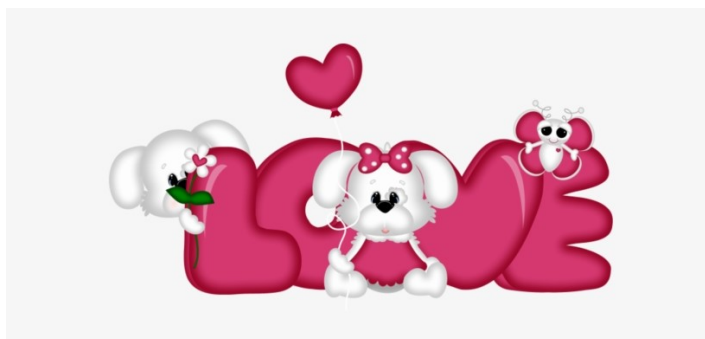
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-childrens>

February Birthdays

1, Zachary Patterson, **2**, Daniel Long, B. O'Hara, Michael Pfister, Carmen Vega
3, John Harper, David Herber, Betsy MacMullen, Tristen Palmer
4, Richard Alsmeyer, Maurlea Long, Christopher Moyer, Thea Ruff, Thomas Winkler
5, Steve Mood, Amelia Whitmarsh, **6**, Emily Capano, John Slovikosky
7, Katherine Crum, Heidi Sweet, **8**, Pauline Baker, William Schmersahl
9, Gary Coffman, Kimberly Remsberg
10, Ralph Lopez, Paul Quigley, Alison Radcliffe, Sandy Sengstack, Katie Stone
11, Amelia Irving, **12**, Wanda Bulkowski-Larsen, Abigail Proudfoot, Linda Sheridan
13, Grace Carter, William Davy, **14**, Ashlynd Adam, Nancy Crum, Susan Miller
15, Gerald Palmer, Isabelle Wilde, Ramona Yanike, **16**, Jeff Stone
17, Payton Forsythe, Thomas Ruffner, Shannon Whitmarsh
18, Terry Fisher, **19**, Patricia Grimes, Jane Hahn, Josie Manger Bradley Proudfoot
20, Susan Burall, Jennie Davy, Edwin Kinsey, Lois Pacheco, Andrew Wilde
21, Pat Herber, Katelyn Irving, Patricia Kellam, **22**, Joshua Herber, Alyxandra Hoover
23, Roy Schwarzenberg, Adam Stone, Kathryn Woodall, **24**, Luke Witmer
25, Jean Flory, **26**, Addison Benton, Janet Cline, Peter Duthoy, Penny Reading
27, Chase Leber, **28**, Armani Gough, Vic Rohrback, Lydia Souders, Wanda Weddie

February Anniversaries

Michael and Nancy Leftwich	Feb 14
David and Juanita Pard	Feb 14
Jack and Grace Heller	Feb 16
Jeff and Michelle Matsler	Feb. 17
Keven and Kelli Fox	Feb. 24



Feb. 1

8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Calvary Blood Drive

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

Feb. 5

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Feb. 7

10 a.m. Pastor's 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

Feb. 8

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

Feb. 11

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Feb. 12

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

3:00 p.m. Brian Ganz Concert

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Feb. 13

7 p.m. Lay Leadership

Feb. 14

10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

6 p.m. AGAPE

6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Feb. 15

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

Feb. 1810 a.m. Washington Ringers
Society**Feb. 19**

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Feb. 20

Presidents Day

Feb. 21

10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle

6 p.m. Youth Shrove Tuesday

6 p.m. AGAPE

6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Feb. 22**Ash Wednesday**

2 p.m. Miriam's Circle

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

Feb. 26

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

3 p.m. District 5 Concert

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Feb. 28

10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

6 p.m. AGAPE

6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Wesleyan Circle Meeting**Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 1:30 p.m.**

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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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Upcoming Children’s Events

- April 1– Sight & Sound Theater
“Moses-Live Onstage!”
- April 8, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Celebration
- June 19 –June 22
Vacation Bible School
“STELLAR VBS” -Shine Jesus’ Light!”