

the Messenger



April 2023

From Triumphal Entry, to the Cross, the Empty Tomb and Life as Easter People

Worship this month captures the story of Jesus teaching and ministry. We remember his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the last supper with his disciples, his arrest, trial, and crucifixion and then the surprise of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. But the story doesn't end there. We continue to find Christ calling us into deeper trust and faithful action in the weeks and lifetime that follows.

Sunday, April 2 **Palm/Passion Sunday.** Holy Communion

Title: Look for the Unexpected.

Matthew 21: 1-11

Children's Choir, Sanctuary Choir and Joyful Noise Ringers



Thursday, April 6 **Maundy (Holy) Thursday Worship.**

7:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion

Title: Love Looks for Us

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sanctuary Choir

Friday, April 7 **Good Friday**

7:00 PM Service of Tenebrae (or Darkness)

The reading of the Passion of Jesus Christ from the Gospel of John.

Joyful Noise Ringers, Lainey Davy, soloist, William Davy - handbell solo

Sunday, April 9 **Easter Sunday**

Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Title: Love Wins

John 20:1-18

Joyful Noise Ringers, Sanctuary Choir, Andy Jones, trumpet



April 16 2nd Sunday of Easter
Worship returns to one service at 10:00 AM
1 Peter 1:3-9 and John 20:19-31
Title: Behind Closed Doors

April 23 3rd Sunday of Easter
Psalm 116:12-19 and Luke 24:13-35
Title: On the Road Again

April 30 4th Sunday of Easter
Psalm 23 and John 10:1-10

Scholarship for Calvary students

Calvary United Methodist Church offers scholarships to students pursuing higher education. Applicants must show desire to engage in some sort of Christian service during their study program. Only students who are actively involved in church activities and hold a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or higher will be considered. More information and applications will be available online at the church website the first week of April. www.calvaryumc.org.

Want to know more about what's happening?

Sign up to receive our weekly email from the church. It contains pictures, pastor pondering, announcements and volunteer opportunities. Just send an email to office@calvaryumc.org and we will include you on the list.

Meet the Calvary Sanctuary Choir Members

Brad Davy – Baritone My Choir Journey

Jennie and I came to Calvary in 1994 and quickly realized that this would be our church home. We had moved to Frederick in 1991 but were attending church at Damascus United Methodist Church where I grew up. I was an active church member, and at the time I was the chairperson for the Council of Ministries, but I realized I needed something more local. When my term expired in 1994, we began searching locally. When we walked through the Bentz Street doors, Ray Frank immediately grabbed us, and we quickly learned about the nursery and Sunday School. We joined the Parenting Class, a group of similar-aged parents, and soon thereafter joined Calvary UMC.



But my musical journey started much earlier. Music is in my genes. My mother was a piano teacher, and gifted singer. She sang Soprano at Damascus and frequently perform at weddings. In third grade, I began learning to play the piano, quickly learning the keyboard and reading music, but much to the chagrin of my teachers, not exercising the discipline of practice I needed to develop my talents. The next year I began learning instrumental music. My grandfather had played saxophone as a younger man, and I wanted to follow in his footsteps. He recommended learning clarinet first, so that's the path I took. My father purchased a used clarinet from a neighbor and I practiced fitfully for the next two years although I learned quickly. One day in fifth grade, I was repeatedly "squeaking" and I slammed the clarinet on my bed, breaking it. My sympathetic grandfather decided it was probably a good time to switch to the saxophone, and he gave me his 1920s Buescher C Melody Saxophone. He had paid to have all the keypads replaced, but didn't have the original mouthpiece. He purchased an alto sax mouthpiece that fit the instrument, and it was ready to go.

For those familiar with instrumental music, you know that the Clarinet is a B-Flat instrument, meaning that it is tuned one whole step off from concert instruments (flutes, violins, pianos, etc.). The C Melody Sax, however, was tuned to the Concert C pitch. You'd think that would make it easier, but in sixth grade, what I soon discovered is that NOBODY was writing instrumental parts for a C Melody Sax. So I was reading the B-Flat Clarinet music, and transposing it in my head while playing the sax. Not an easy feat for an 11 year old. Think about trying to translate a book moving all the letters one position. For example, reading "the" and having to write "uif."

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In Junior High, I joined the band, and the school loaned me a Tenor Sax, and I finally had parts specifically written, so no more sight transposing. I auditioned and made it into the Damascus High School Marching Band as a Freshman, and throughout high school, I spent many hours in the Band room. Marching Band, Concert Band, Stage Band, and was even in a rock band for a while. My Freshman year at Penn State, I auditioned for the Penn State Blue Band, but I didn't make it for several reasons that I won't bother boring you with. As a member of the Navy ROTC unit, however, we did have a small band. It wasn't great, but I realized in my sophomore year, we were perfectly instrumented for all the old Big Band music. I got my hands on the music we had played in the high school stage band, and suddenly people were complementing the NROTC Unit Band and we were having lots of fun.

After college my music went on hold, serving in the Navy, starting a family, etc. My music was primarily singing along with the radio in the car, and whistling on my way to and from work. I had no formal vocal experience, although Walt Edmonds at Damascus had been trying to get me to join the Choir there. When we joined Calvary we met Donna Coakley, Corky Jarvis, and Nancy Wilson in our Parenting Sunday School Class, all of whom were active in the Cathedral Choir. They had heard me singing in the congregation, and as all Methodists are supposed to (at least according to Garrison Keeler), I was singing the Bass part on the hymns. They didn't ask me to join the choir. They told me I was joining the choir – no other choice.

I have been singing in the choir for almost 30 years, and have enjoyed it immensely. Singing for me has become a way to give thanks and praise, and contribute meaningfully to our worship experience far more than I ever might have if I just stayed in the pew. In retrospect, I realize that in my education, my career, and my music, there have been many points where a will other than my own gently guided me to put me where I needed to be to do God's work. That guidance often took the form of other people giving me opportunities and having the desire to pursue those opportunities. God the potter used other hands to shape me into what I believe he needed me to be.

My choir experience led me to learn to play guitar, and now with Agape, I enjoy our opportunities to liven up the worship service. All three of our children have developed incredible vocal capabilities, and I hope my choir participation helped, at least in part, to keep them involved with the Church. Several years ago, Jennie joined the handbell choir, and I followed her there. And now I'm learning to ring the Peal Bells. Music has kept me connected to the Church, and to God. I can no longer imagine a Church without inspiring music. My whole family still sings along with the radio in the car, and Jennie knows when I get home because I'm probably whistling the last song I heard as I'm opening the front door!

So, if you're in the congregation, and you find yourself singing harmony, or perhaps your neighbors in the pew are complementing your voice, maybe the hand of God is trying to give you a gentle nudge.



Hands to help the Church. Each mowing season the men of the church have mowed the church grounds. This is an opportunity for you to contribute with your time and hands. It takes only about an hour and a half of your time. We have the mower and gas on site. The timing is on Thursday thru Saturday of the week. Please contact Bob Jacobs 301-662-1464 or 240-405-7232, or bobjacobs@calvaryumc.org to get on the schedule.

CALVARY

COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

2022-2023 SEASON

April 16, 2023 , 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Lorenzo Cominoli and Danny Webber, guitar Duo

Lorenzo Cominoli, Italian jazz guitarist, teacher, and composer, and Danny Webber, jazz, classical, rock guitarist, and teacher, come together to present refined and melodic guitar music that explores many diverse musical traditions. Their program will include original compositions and arrangements that draw from contemporary jazz, folk/pop, and classical influences.



April 30, 2023, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Westminster Ringers Handbell Choir

The Westminster Ringers, since 1997, is an auditioned group of handbell players under the direction of Larry Henning. The group performs using 85 Malmark handbells (spanning seven octaves) and seven octaves of Malmark Choirchimes, two octaves of Malmark Cymbells and assorted percussion instruments, making for one of the largest collections of bell and chime instruments in the Mid-Atlantic area. They are designated a Community/Professional Group by the Handbell Musicians of America, a classification held by less than one percent of the member choirs and ensembles on Handbell Musicians of America's roster. The program will include secular favorites and some familiar sacred songs.



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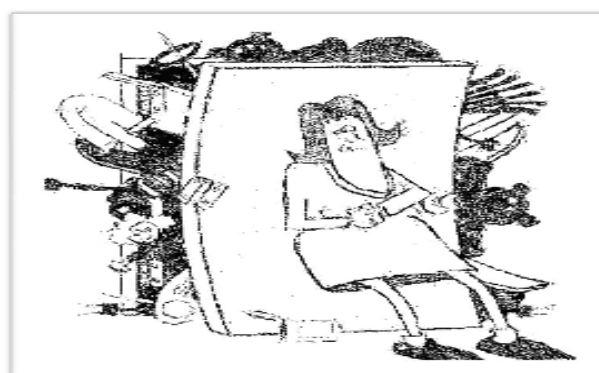
**Calvary's
Yard Sale**

Starting May 1st

**unclutter your house
and bring your treasures
to the stage in the Fellowship Hall.**

Save the Yard Sale date:

Saturday, June 10 7:00am-1:00pm



Handbells

Calvary Handbell Choir Workshop

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 29, 2023

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

This is a great opportunity for everybody who is willing to learn new or enhance acquired handbell playing skills and techniques!

A **Handbell Playing Workshop on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** will provide an opportunity for all interested ringers, beginners or advanced, to get together for some fun activities, learn new skills, or fine-tune the skills you already have, and play some great music.

The workshop, led by **Dr. Paul Sticha**, is designed to provide something for ringers at all experience levels. Dr. Paul Sticha has directed the handbell choirs at Peace Lutheran Church, Alexandria, VA, for over 30 years. During that time, he has worked with children, youth, and adult choirs, as well as quartets and solo handbell ringers. He has composed and arranged anthems for his choirs and has published several of his works with Theodore Presser, Augsburg Fortress, and GIA Publications.



Please email Adela at adela@calvaryumc.org or call at (301) 662-1464, ext. 117, if you are interested and plan to attend. Lunch will be provided.

All Welcome!

Greetings from Calvary Weekday School



We had another successful Chick-fil-A fundraiser in March. Thanks again for supporting our school. Our last fundraiser will be at Café Bueno on May 10th, located at 255 E 4th Street in downtown Frederick. This is an extra special fundraiser since the owners' daughter (and all her siblings!) attend our school. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful community partnership. Don't forget to mark your calendars!

During April and May, the students will be decorating large laundry bags to support Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This organization builds beds for children in the community. These bags will be used to deliver the bedding for the children. We are asking families to donate twin- sized sheets, blankets, and standard sized pillows if you would like to be a part of this project. All items can be dropped off at the school Monday- Friday from 8am - 1pm.

We are proud to announce we were republished as a MD Excels Level 5 School. This is the highest level of achievement and is another example of our outstanding program.

All classes are full and we continue to build a waiting list for the next school year.

Enjoy this peaceful season!

Patty Lockard

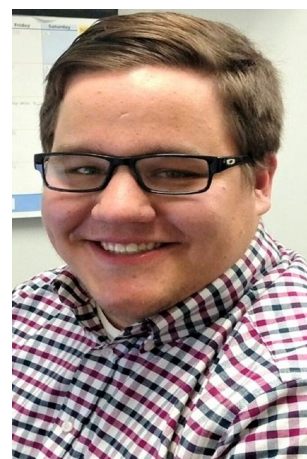
In its third year – the **Bryan Louis Chaney Memorial Golf Tournament** will be held Friday, May 19, 2023 at Glade Valley Golf Course, Walkersville, MD. Brett & Sandy Chaney have formed a charitable organization in memory of their son Bryan who passed in August of 2020 due to complications from Sleep 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. Secondly in memory of Bryan's kind and giving heart – to assist others in need.

More information available at:

<https://www.bryanlouischaneymemorialfund.com>,

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



Following Jesus: a call to service

As we conclude our Lenten journey of reflection and self-denial with Holy week, following Jesus to the cross, our spirits are solemn, yet hopeful for God's enduring great love through the joyful Resurrection experience. If we truly believe in our hearts what we celebrate by our lips on Easter Sunday in gratitude for that love, we are called by Jesus to action ... action through the sacrificial service to others in need. For Jesus reminded his disciples that he had not come among them to be served, but to serve (Mathew 20:28 and Mark 10: 45).

Jesus had a special affinity to the poor and otherwise marginalized people of his time. That condition for so much of humanity, sadly, has not changed. We are reminded each year that 30-40% of our Frederick county residents are struggling economically, even among many who may be working multiple jobs. Many non-profit organizations in our community work daily to address these issues, but need the financial support and volunteers from others in the community. Calvary is among the faith groups that participate in those endeavors through volunteer service, financial support, and contributions of food and other necessities of life, the planning for which at Calvary is conducted by our Mission and Community Outreach Ministry Team, chaired by Pat and Dave Herber.

The most recent example, organized by our youth under guidance of Jenn Duthoy, was a Parish Hall filled with children, youth, and adults following our morning worship on March 12, filling a total of 500 backpacks with nutritious snacks for children and youth in our community who might otherwise not have much food when not in school on weekends. This was a collaborative effort between Calvary and the organization "Blessings in a Backpack." It didn't take long. The fellowship was joyful! And the outcome was a grateful service to others in need.

On Thursday, May 4, following weeks of publicity in the weekly email letters and Sunday bulletins, Calvary will sponsor another opportunity for our congregation to participate once again in assembling frames for beds to be provided to children without such. This is done in collaboration with the national organization "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" (SHP), the locale for such activity being a converted cow barn on Buckeyestown Pike near the Adamstown Road intersection. No prior skills are required; and if you are unable to volunteer as a participant, you might consider making a financial contribution if possible with a check to Calvary UMC, noting "SHP" on the memo line. If you have questions, please contact Pat Herber at pkherber@gmail.com.

Then, in mid-July, Calvary is planning a 1-week mission trip once again to Henderson, KY that this year will consist of two parallel groups, one for adults and the other for our youth. Financial contributions are welcome in support of that ministry as well by noting "VIM" (Volunteers in Mission) on the check memo line. More details of that will be forthcoming; but if you have questions, Helen Sheppard may be contacted for the adult mission at brucehelenshep@msn.com and Jenn Duthoy for the youth mission at calvaryyouth@calvaryumc.org. Thank you, Calvary, for your generous spirit in service of others in need!

Paul Nelson, Church & Society Ministries

Calling Out Volunteers for the Henderson Settlement Project Mission Trip, July 16-July 22

Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/41250070>

Stewardship

Why is it so hard to give? Why do we want to keep as much as we can, to hold onto what we “own” or think is ours to keep? As people of God and followers of Christ, we know that God calls to us to be generous. We live a faith life that is to be of a generous nature. Both the Old Testament and, in particular, the New Testament are resolute in this. When we are generous with what we have we not only help others, we are creating wellbeing in ourselves. There are studies that show this and people who are involved in church ministries give testimony to this.

When we are generous, the act of giving creates an experience that leaves both the giver and the receiver of that gift different than each of them were before. This sounds foolish if you hold to the “zero sum” philosophy of life. That says, if one gives it is a loss and the other’s gain. Who really wants to lose?

But this is not true – both gain! The recipient gains something that is of value or positive as an increase in or to self. The giving person develops an internal goodness and self-esteem, a spiritual feeling of good. Cannot this be termed as God’s blessing? When we give of ourselves there is a return that is greater than the “loss”.

When we give, it is a choice, not only is material value offered but something of spiritual value is given – we call it love and compassion. This also has a lasting effect in that the act of giving inspires both, giver and receiver, to embrace the goodness created and to form habits of giving. Often the recipient wants to give something to another. The result is an increase of acts of giving that are increased in number and in amounts.

We are affected when we share the experience of sharing and take the opportunity of contributing to the offering during Sunday worship. We see others doing good, responding to God and giving to others in need. We are brothers and sisters in Christ at that moment.

What we have in our hand, pocket, purse or bank account is given to us by some means from God. It is not because of our own doing – no matter how much we think it is by our own hard work. It is from God who is not limited by our personal cash flow or lack of it. It is we who are limiting ourselves when we keep all we can.

When we are generous we gain. Try it and see how you feel afterwards. Listen to how God speaks to you after your response to the call of generosity.

All youth from 6th to 12th grades are invited to Youth Sunday School at 9 am and Sunday evening Youth Group at 5:30 pm for dinner, fellowship, service projects, and fun.

April Youth Calendar:

April 2 Easter Egg Stuffing

April 9 Happy Easter, no Youth Group

April 16 Youth Sunday Prep

April 23 No Youth Sunday School, Youth Sunday Prep

April 30 Youth Sunday Full Practice



7 Youth are currently signed up for our Henderson Mission Trip this summer on July 16-22. We are in need of adult volunteers to accompany us and help teach our Youth home repair skills. Please email Miss Jenn at calvaryyouth@calvaryumc.org if you are interested.

Children's Ministry News

Children's Sunday School for Preschool through 5th grade meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the Activities Room of the Education Building for songs, Bible stories, crafts and fun! *Youth Sunday School* for Middle and High School students meets just down the hall. Please join us! ☐

Please join us on **Saturday, April 8 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm** in the Parish Hall for an Easter Celebration!



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| Games! | Easter Egg Hunt! |
| Snacks! | Crafts! |
| Coloring! | A Visit from Ms. Bunny! |

Donations of candy, stickers and other small items are being collected through April 2. Please sign up in Parish Hall or contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org to help us plan for snacks and crafts.

Our next **Veggie Tale Movie Night** will happen on **Friday, April 21** from **6:00 – 7:30** in the Activities Room of the Education Building featuring *The Penniless Princess*! We will watch a movie, have a discussion, do a veggie craft, puzzles and more! Feel free to bring a snack, a blanket and wear your pajamas! Contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org for more information and to register!



The next meeting of the new **Calvary Mission Possible Kids** will take place on **Sunday, April 23 from 6:00 – 7:15** in the Activities Room of the Education Building. Our goal is to take on missions to help others, and to be God's Light in the World. Mission Possible Kids is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. In April, we will be helping Calvary's Mission Team with *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*. During the month of April, we will be collecting donations of bedding to inventory and sort:

Please send in brand new:

- Twin sheets
- Twin blankets
- Twin sized comforters
- Standard sized pillows
- Standard sized pillow cases



To register, and to order a Mission Possible Kids t-shirt, please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org.

Volunteers are desperately needed for this year's **STELLAR VBS – Monday, June 19 - Thursday, June 22!** There are so many exciting ways to help out! Please sign up in Parish Hall or contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org for more information or to volunteer. Information meetings will be coming up in May.

It's going to be **OUT OF THIS WORLD!** Registration for participants begins on April 3 at www.calvaryumc.org.





The Calvary Mission Team is sponsoring a bed build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) again this year. SHP is an all-volunteer organization that builds and delivers beds, complete with mattresses, sheets, blankets, and pillows, free of charge, to needy children who do not have a bed. Now we need to provide the "person power" to get these built. We need folks to help pick up lumber, pre-cut lumber, build beds and set up, serve and clean up from the ice cream social (Yes, we have ice cream!).

Please signup online with the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0445aba822aafd0-sleep#/>

We will be working at SHP's barn at 2553 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown on Thursday evening, May 4. Children age 8 or older are welcome with an adult. No previous experience or special skills are required. Bring a folding chair or blanket so you have a comfortable spot to rest after we build, and stay and enjoy a time of fellowship and ice cream.



There will be an informational and planning meeting held Sunday, April 2nd after the service in the John Wesley Room. This will include a PowerPoint presentation that describes the Henderson Settlement project and some details about our plans for a trip this summer, July 16-22. If you are interested in joining the mission team or learning how you can support this mission activity, please join us.

April Birthdays

1, Owen Duthoy, Leslie Hutzell, Abigail Shankle
2, Rachael Bostian, Nancy Dobbs, Rodney Hamilton, Henry Maubert **3**, Jeremy Leftwich
5, Aaron Burall, Scott Pearce **6**, Becky Bostian, Jeff Dragan, Eryn Keyser
7, Adam Heller, Patty Keyser, Melissa Rust, Logan Sparks, Nicole Thompson
8, Leo Daugherty, Melissa Gaeta, **9**, Allison Engler, Rev. Steve Larsen, Marilyn Marshall, Patricia Sterling, Nance Strine, **10**, Fran Haller, Nancy Huffman
11, Katie Glock, Amy McGreevy, Douglas McKinnon, Magda Morales, Norie Shipley
12, Todd Main, Shirley Sibernagel, **13**, Kaleb Bordner, Lori Leber, Martha Long
14, Olivia Bernier, Becky Isaacs, Justin Leggett, Katherine Ruth Marshall
15, Mandy Mossburg, **17**, Nathan Benson, Gina Calcagni, Rachel Johnes, Charlotte Pasquerette, **18**, Jacob Leggett, Parker Leggett, Stephanie Whitmarsh
19, Angela Muehl Metz, **21**, Juanita Pard
22, Jacob Mayer, Benjamin Moked, Cristian Rojas, Judy Shickel
23, Shannon Kraham, **24**, Ryley Harper, Gabriel Heineman, Rachel Reading
25, Suzanne Nusbaum, Jason Ramsburg, Bonnie Strine **26**, Ken Dunnington
27, Elaina Souders, **28**, Michele Lopez, Trisha Stouter
29, Harry Cole, Richard Delauter, Elinor Eiker, Joshua Reading, **30**, Xavier Gaeta

April Anniversaries

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| Amy and Bill Lyon | April 6 |
| Martin and Melissa Rowley | April 6 |
| Robert and Linda Bennett | April 8 |
| Brett and Sandy Chaney | April 8 |
| Andy and Cheryl Radcliffe | April 19 |
| Daniel Heineman and Julia Lancione | April 24 |
| Ben and Marliyn Marshall | April 24 |
| Mark and Angela Mayer | April 28 |



April 2023

April 2 Palm/Passion

9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Henderson
Mission Trip Meeting
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

April 3

7 p.m. Lay Leadership

April 4

10 a.m. Bible Study
1:30 p.m. UWF Ex. Com.
6 p.m. AGAPE
6:30 p.m. Handbell
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

April 6

12 p.m. Holy Thursday
5:30 p.m. Birthing Group
7 p.m. Holy Thursday

April 7

7 p.m. Good Friday

April 8

1 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

April 9 Easter Sunday

9 a.m. Easter Service
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Easter Service

April 10

Church Office Closed

April 11

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

April 12

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

April 16

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

April 18

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

April 19

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

April 21

6:00 p.m. Veggie Tale Movie

April 22

10 a.m. Washington Ringers
1 p.m. Regina Reid Memorial

April 23

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

April 25

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

April 26

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

April 29

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Hand Bell Workshop

April 30

9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
3:00 p.m. Concert
5:30 p.m. Youth Group



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Thank you to those who have signed up to help with **Children's Church** during the 10:00 am Sunday morning worship service. Everyone can help; please find out more and sign up at:

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