



the Messenger

✝ May 2023

Give the Gift of Life on Wednesday, May 10th. Calvary UMC is hosting our annual **Spring Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Wednesday, May 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.** in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Just a little over 15 years ago, Eric Anderson took over as the coordinator for the American Red Cross Blood drive at Calvary United Methodist Church. Since February 2008, Eric has coordinated what has become the largest site for blood donation in Frederick County, with five drives each year and almost 5,000 units donated. On May 10, he will be coordinating/hosting his 75th drive. He will be stepping aside to take on other responsibilities. His goal during this drive is to hit the goal of 100 units.

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 critically low, and you can help make a huge difference by signing up for a lifesaving donation. Even if you can't give at this time, you can always invite a friend to donate!

To sign up and help Calvary and Eric reach this goal, call or text Eric before the event at 240.506.5759, or connect via email at Eric.Anderson@FrederickHabitat.org. OR, you can contact me, Calvary's **new** Blood Drive Coordinator and an American Red Cross Board member, at revsteve@calvaryumc.org. Eric and I will continue to work together to keep Calvary's seasonal blood drives the #1 drives in Frederick County!

Grace and peace,

Rev. Steve Larsen

American Red Cross

This Spring, renew hope.
Donate blood. Each donation
can help save up to three lives.

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Worship in May

- May 07 5th Sunday of Easter
Youth Sunday. NO Holy Communion.
The youth of the church will lead us in worship.
- May 14 6th Sunday of Easter. Mother's Day
Holy Communion. (since we will not have it on May 7)
John 14:1-14
Legacy of the Living Lord
- May 21 7th Sunday of Easter
Receiving new members
Mission Moment: Sleep in Heavenly Peace
John 17:1-11
Who Me? Yes, You!
- May 28 PENTECOST
Acts 2:1-8 and 12-21
1 Corinthians 12:12-13
We've Got Spirit, How About YOU?

Interested in Joining the Congregation?

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 mornings at **9 AM on May 7 and 14**. We will meet in the John Wesley Room, which is 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.

Sundays, May 7 and 14 at 9:00 AM

New members will be received on Sunday, May 21 at the 10:00 AM Worship Service

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! **Promotion Sunday** for children in Preschool - 5th Grade will take place in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, June 18 at 9:00 am**. Sunday School will take a break for the summer, but will kick off again on September 10.



Our final **Veggie Tale Movie Night** of the school year will happen on **Friday, May 19** from **6:00 – 7:30** in the Activities Room of the Education Building featuring *The Little House That Stood!* 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!

Calvary Mission Possible Kids ages 8 or older (with an adult) are encouraged to help our Missions Team on Thursday, May 4 at the Bed Building Event at 2553 Buckeystown Pike in Adamstown.

Sign up here: [Bed Building Event Sign Up](#)



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 [Children's Church Sign Up](#). **Children's Church will continue throughout the summer!**



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. Please join us in the Library for one of our VBS Information Meetings on **Sunday, May 7 at 11:00 am**, or on **Wednesday, May 24 at 6:00 pm**.

It's going to be **OUT OF THIS WORLD!** Registration for participants ages 4 through 5th grade is now open at calvaryumc.org.



Calvary Scholarship Applications are now available. Applications can be found on our website at www.calvaryumc.org in the "News" drop down list. **Please submit applications by June 2, 2023.**

“You must not mistreat or oppress foreigners ...” (Exod 22:21)

In this post-Easter season, we reflect on the powerful message of the Resurrection of Jesus and its meaning for our lives as Christians. The concepts of a new transformed life, God’s love conquering evil, and the symbolic escape from forms of slavery, as our Jewish neighbors celebrated in the Passover, a time at which the trial, death, and resurrection of Jesus took place. Little is mentioned in our Scriptures, however, about the horrible conditions of life faced by the Israelites under oppressive Roman rule, even at the time at which Jesus entered Jerusalem to the cries of “Hosanna” (Savior or Save Us) from the crowds of common people gathered along the roadside.

One of the historical themes of the Bible is that of the migration of people from one geographic and cultural location to another, often to escape intolerable conditions of life or at least to seek a better life, and at other times forced by conquering nation states. So common was such migration in the ancient days that Moses, guided by God, spoke to his followers as written in the Book of Exodus (above), repeating that message in Leviticus 19:33-34: *“Do not take advantage of foreigners who live among you; treat them like native born and love them as you love yourself, for you were once foreigners yourself.”* It is from such Old Testament text, also repeated in Deuteronomy 10:19, and their equivalent regarding love for other Israelites as noted in Leviticus 19:18, that Jesus proclaimed the second part of the Great Commandment (Mathew 22:34-40), namely, *to love our neighbor*. In addition, when asked by a temple scribe, ‘who is our neighbor,’ it was not by accident that Jesus told the parable in which a Samaritan, an otherwise shunned if not despised neighbor by many Israelites of that day, was the good neighbor! In Ephesians 2:19 and 1 Peter 1:1, the Apostles Paul and Peter pick up on this theme, noting those to whom we may refer as strangers or foreigners (or in today’s political language of some, aliens) as also being among all of God’s chosen people.

I raise this issue because the story of refugees is one of the great social issues of justice and mercy facing our world today. It is the story of those leaving countries of origin for safety from warfare or other forms of violence, or to escape various conditions of discrimination or persecution, or forced at other times by natural disasters, but in most every instance to seek a new and better life for their family. This is an issue common to the history of our nation, often referred to as “the land of immigrants,” an attribute in which we take pride. Yet, paradoxically, we are a nation with a history of xenophobia documented by Erica Lee, professor of history at the University of Minnesota, in her book *America for Americans* (2019).

At the global level, The United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (UMCOR) in partnership with Church World Service (CWS) continues to address issues of refugee populations, their care and their placement in new lands. In thinking about these issues within our own local, regional, and national community, I ask myself the following questions. I wonder, for example, what Jesus, with his arms outstretched on the cross, pleading one last time for us to love our neighbor, might say to us about the huddling masses of people seeking asylum on the boundaries of our nation? Where is our Christian faith of new life in Christ at such times that we argue politically but not morally about immigrants in our communities? Where is our sense of justice and mercy for all of God’s children as called for in the *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church*? As Christians and American citizens, are we not called to reflect on these and related questions and to act accordingly, bearing in mind that when Jesus spoke of love, He referred to action, not simply an emotion.

Paul D, Nelson, Church & Society Ministries



May 4th SHP Bed Build 5 p.m.

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.

May 7 Bake Sale

This is your opportunity to bring your favorite home baked item (s) for a Bake Sale to support the Henderson Mission Trip. Be sure to drop off your baked goods in the Parish Hall on Saturday May 6th between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., or before service Sunday, May 7th. And, if you do not bake, then be sure to stop by the Parish Hall, Sunday May 7th before or after service and purchase some delicacies for yourself or your family.



Henderson Settlement Trip– July 16-22

If you are interested in joining the mission team or learning how you can support this mission activity, please contact Helen Sheppard at:

brucehelenshep@msn.com



Julia Lancione – Soprano “My Choir Journey”

Singing is in my genes. My mother grew up singing and traveled the country for a time with a Catholic singing group called “The King’s Minstrels.” My dad likes to reminisce about holding me as a baby in a recording studio while my mom sang. Her father, my grandfather, was also a singer and sang on the Baltimore radio in the 1940s. My mom saw talent in me from a young age. She tells me that she realized I could carry a tune at age four— so, she put me in dance class. I’ve been performing ever since.

As a kid, growing up in Baltimore, I did musicals in school or community theatres. For as long as I can remember, I’ve wanted to be in Broadway. I attended a performing arts high school where I did even more musicals, sang in choirs, and took private voice lessons. I had amazing teachers who encouraged me to try out for All County and All State Chorus, which I participated in all four years of high school. After graduation, I attended The American Musical & Dramatic Academy in NYC for their two-year conservatory program. I loved living in the city, but at 18, fresh out of high school, I found that an intense program with little performing opportunities just wasn’t for me. I transferred my sophomore year to Shenandoah Conservatory in Winchester, VA where I majored in Musical Theatre. I sang in choirs, took all sorts of drama, music theory, and dance classes. I performed in musicals and plays, and even met my husband, Dan. Transferring was the right choice and I believe a higher power led me to make it.

After graduating with a BFA in Musical Theatre, I booked the Broadway National Tour of “Cats”. I got paid to travel all over the US and even to Santiago, Chile and Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paul, Brazil. When that ended, I worked for regional theatres including Olney Theatre Center and Toby’s Dinner Theatre in Columbia, MD. Several years later, I booked another Broadway National Tour, this time the musical version of “The Addams Family.” Again, I got paid to travel and perform all over the US and Asia. We played Singapore, Hong Kong, Macau, Guangzhou (China), and on a break I took a trip to Beijing with friends where I got to walk The Great Wall! I never imagined that I’d get to see so many cultures and people. I believe travel really does change your world view. I will always be grateful for the wonderful opportunities I’ve had.

I was raised Catholic. I did my First Communion, Penance, and Confirmation, but never felt a connection to the church. Those things were just something you did because you were Catholic. Your parents did them and their parents did them and so on. I never believed that the only way to speak to God was through a Priest, that a Priest had to be male, or that praying the rosary would absolve me of my sins. As an adult I explored different denominations. I sang in a contemporary Christian group at a non-denominational church in college, but realized it was too modern for me. Dan was raised Presbyterian and upon moving to Frederick, we started attending services at Frederick Presbyterian. This wasn’t a great fit either. We couldn’t find our place. It wasn’t until we were looking for a place to baptize our son, Gabriel, that we came to Calvary. We immediately felt welcomed even though we had never attended service here. We started coming weekly, put Gabriel in Sunday school, and eventually decided to become members. So here we are! Did ya hear the one about the Catholic and the Presbyterian who ended up in a Methodist church?

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Dan encouraged me to inquire about singing. I was reluctant at first because there wasn't a choir then because of Covid and I hadn't really sung since before I had our son. The choir started back up and I joined. I've enjoyed meeting the other members and Adela is truly a gift! I love coming to rehearsal each week and learning new music with other singers who have a passion for glorifying God through song. I'm grateful to get to sing challenging classical works by Mozart and Handel, which I haven't done since college,

In conclusion, Dan and I like it here. I hope that Gabriel pursues his musical talents as well. He is constantly drumming and really does have rhythm. We got him a drum set for his birthday and are slowly going deaf. But seriously, we love that Gabriel is being raised in a church that welcomes all people, has a great youth program, and is focused on fellowship and missions. Did God lead us here to find our place? I think so.

Great Hymns and Songs of Faith
by Charles Wesley



Join Calvary's Music Director and Organist, Dr. Adela Peeva, at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 3rd in the Ladies Parlor as the United Women of Faith [UWF] host a special presentation based on hymns written by the great hymn writer and "poet of Methodism," Charles Wesley. Featured will be singing of hymns to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the story behind the music.

Experience the joy of praising God in song!
Wednesday, May 3, 7 p.m., in the Ladies Parlor



Greetings from Calvary Weekday School!

We made it! Wow! We are getting ready for the end of the school year. We had class pictures and kindergarten graduation pictures taken at the end of last month. All graduations/celebrations will take place the week of May 22nd-26th.

This month the classes are excited to work with the Frederick County 4-H Embryology Program called "School House Chicks." The children will observe and learn about the life-cycle of chickens. We can't wait for them to hatch!

Thanks to Fred Schumacher, we will also have a visit from Monica Schmitt, a beekeeper, to learn about the importance of bees. We are very fortunate to be able to provide such wonderful experiences to go along with our science curriculum.

Just a reminder that our final fundraiser will be held at Café Bueno located in downtown Frederick on May 10th from 11 am to 9 pm. We hope you can join us!

We continue to collect pillows, twin sized sheets, and snuggly blankets for Sleep in Heavenly Peace if anyone would like to make a donation.

Happy Spring!

Patty Lockard, Director

**After I glanced in the mirror
this morning I decided my
garage needed a facelift.**



On Sundays after church . . .

**Drop off your DONATIONS on the
STAGE in the FELLOWSHIP HALL
May 1st – June 4th**

**WE
WANT**

**Clothing★Household Items★Office
Supplies★Kitchenware★Jewelry★Baby Items
Toys★Christmas Decorations★Board Games
Books★DVDs★CDs★Video Games★Bicycles
Vinyl Records★Antiques★Plants★Baked Goods
Camping, Lawn and Garden Equipment**

FOR

**Calvary's Yard Sale
June 10 ♦ 7:00am to 1:00pm**

Stewardship

It is hard to change something you have been doing a long time. It is hard to quit – smoking, biting your nails, going on a diet. Anything that has become a habit, some good, some bad but both are hard to break or change. When we do it all at once, it is called “going cold turkey” and we are not too successful in making the change long lasting.

Jesus knew this to be truth of human nature when he spoke of “storing up” treasure in Matthew 6: 10-24. I know this is a different view of this parable. But look at it from the pack side. The treasure Jesus was referring to was that of heaven as opposed to treasure on earth, material goods. As important as this is, the act of “storing UP” is also important. We do not do it once and done, we do it every day and every moment.

We learned in our youth that gratification for something was often delayed, Large and expensive things took time and a steady effort to achieve. Think of higher education, new home, retirement or car. There is always a loan from the bank to achieve an item in the now. But to have full ownership you still have to work and pay for it. In each phase we go step-by-step with small acts of achievements toward the bigger from the lesser.

So it is with our living into an eternal life. Jesus spoke of doing good and being righteous, not once but doing good daily and often. Look at the encounter of Jesus tells of the Rich Ruler (Matt 19: 16-25). The Rich Ruler asks “what good thing must I do to get eternal life” (v. 6). This man was looking for a quick fix to his question (or problem) and Jesus answered him by keeping God’s commandments. God’s commandments must be kept without any concept of once and done. It is a habit that is kept at an internalized level. In the end the Rich Ruler needed to change a wrong habit of self to a righteous habit of caring for others. While portrayed as a single act of change, in reality it is a change of life.

Coming to worship service on Sunday morning is not the single act of righteousness required. Acting and feeling like you are attending worship every day and every moment, do good whenever the opportunity occurs is what is required.

HELP WANTED! WE NEED YOU!

Are you bored? Lonely? Need exercise? Want to make new friends? Just want to help?

Calvary’s Yard Sale is calling you!

TWO GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES:

Come join a group of friendly, fun-loving, talkative folks to help sort and organize yard sale items. No previous experience necessary. Be there Monday, June 5 through Friday, June 9 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (or any part thereof). *Added bonus—workers get to shop early!*

After 1:00 pm on the day of the sale we need an army of volunteers with trucks, vans, and SUVs to help repack boxes and take them to Salvation Army, Wonder Books, and places of other gently-used items.

Questions- Mary Crum 301 695-9109

A little note from the Reading's to Calvary

Almost 28 years ago we arrived in Frederick on what we thought would be a three-year military tour of duty and ended up staying for 28. Our family was raised in Frederick and Calvary United Methodist Church as an integral part of our time there.

When we started looking for a church in Frederick, we attended several services, but Calvary stood out. We loved the historical architecture of the church and the way the services were conducted and for me a bonus was that the church had a softball team (one of my pre-requisites I told Penny since I was a big softball player). We found out quickly that Calvary had much to offer and over the years got involved in some of the programs, Family Life, Sunday School, Children's Church, the Nursery, Communion Steward, Usher and bus driver (and for many years the softball team). The greatest strength Calvary has and always will have is its members. They made the experience with Calvary memorable and helped formulate and strengthen our faith throughout the years we had with Calvary. No matter what my week had been like, I always came away refreshed both mentally and spiritually after spending the morning with my many friends in fellowship on a Sunday morning. We were blessed to have found Calvary and will hold Calvary and its members in our hearts and thoughts forever. We will visit whenever we are back down that way to visit with our son and his wife. Please extend our best wishes to the congregation for a wonderful and blessed Easter and that if any of them are ever up our way in Western PA they are always welcomed.

Mitch and Penny Reading

Thank you all for the Christmas, Birthday and Easter cards, that have been sent to me. I miss you all so very much. It is wonderful to be remembered by you all on these special occasions.

Nancy Huffman

Dear Calvary Church,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of **\$2500.00** made

On 2/16/2023. Your gift has been designated to the Beyond Shelter Campaign.



We welcomed our first families into the new Emergency Family Shelter in early April 2022. Your support will help us ensure that our families succeed. What does success look like? Families will leave our program with the tools needed to secure housing, employment, and remain self-sufficient. *Our goal: keep families together and return them to permanent housing.*

If you have any questions about your gift please contact me at mkul@rcehn.org or 443-536-3573.

Thank you for choosing to support the new Emergency Family Shelter with your gift.

Meg Kula, Director of Philanthropy

May Birthdays

1, Christopher Graham, **2**, James Bear, Laura Cosby, Jennifer Long, Bill Rigglesman, Lindsey Shankle
3, Zachary Mossburg, **4**, Judith Allen, Helen Alsmeyer, Sarah Hubbard, Alexander Sparks, Amy Vinar
5, Isaac Brown, Mary Matsler, **6**, Mide Adeoye, Don Cline, Joshua Patterson, Mary Beth Pearce, Suzanne Rosen, Caroline Strakonsky, Dean Stull
7, Pamela Beachley, Cara Dragan, Charles Jones, Kaitlyn Quigley, Stephanie Sharpe
9, Eric Anderson, Tracey Carter, Kyle Shipley, Bryce Warehime, Camden Warehime
10, Josie Cottone, McGarity Harper, Alice Linton, Ryan Masser
11, Cameron Johnikin, Kelly Kim, Steven Zalatoris, **12**, Rebecca Crum, Lennis Tugman
13, Melissa Rowley, **14**, Matthew Kraham, Amy Lyon, **15**, Sharon Brown, Allison Hamilton, William Pure
19, Sydney Crum, **20**, Cathee Calvert, David Cline, Sheila Howard, Evelyn Payne, Sam Shoemaker
21, Hilary Martz, **22**, Traci Davies, Mike Isaacs, **23**, Meredith Miller, Melissa Ritterbusch
24, Natalie Cook, **28**, Dennis Ahr, Jessica Little, **30**, Allison MacDonald,
31, Stephen Harris, Doris Keeney, Emma Kinsey, Martha Moked, Jane Sowers

May Anniversaries

Fred and Lynn Schumacher	May 1	David and Janet Fish	May 12
Scott and Leisa Moyer	May 3	David and Paulette Shockey-Petrucci	May 17
Greg and Carol Shipley	May 5	Douglas and Kim Selby	May 22
Tom and Billie Stokes	May 5	Brad and Jennie Davy	May 26
Adam and Christina Heller	May 10	Robert and Joyce Summers	May 28
Bobbie and Emily Jarvis	May 10	David and Judy Shickel	May 29
Didi and Randy Willard	May 11	Pat and Maria O'Toole	May 30



May 2023

May 1

7 p.m. SPRC

May 2

10 a.m. Bible Study

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

6 p.m. AGAPE

6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Handbell

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

May 3

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

7 p.m. UWF Night with Adela

May 4

4 p.m. SHP Bed Build

5:30 p.m. The Birthing Group

May 7 Wheelbarrow

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

May 8

7 p.m. Trustee's

May 9

10 a.m. Bible Study

6 p.m. AGAPE

6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Handbell

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

May 10

Calvary Blood Drive

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

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

May 13

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

10 a.m.

Washington Ringers Society

May 14– Mother's Day

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

May 15

7 p.m. Finance Committee

May 16

10 a.m. Bible Study

1 p.m. WDS Steering Comm.

1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle

6 p.m. AGAPE

6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Handbell

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

May 17

6:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

May 21

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

May 22

7 p.m. Church Council

May 23

10 a.m. Bible Study

6 p.m. AGAPE

6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Handbell

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

May 24

2 p.m. Miriam's Circle

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

May 28– Pentecost

9 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

May 30

10 a.m. Bible Study

6 p.m. AGAPE

6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Handbell

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

May 31

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

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