

This congregation is so very fortunate to have quite a few members who are 90 + years young. What a wonderful thing it is to have these folks who are rich in wisdom and experience, insight and longevity as part of this community of faith. They have shown what it is to have a faithful life that goes the distance.

Communities of faith are one of the few places were people of all different ages and backgrounds regularly come together for a shared purpose. Calvary Church is a place where you will see youth and adults, seniors and infants gathered in a common place. All of us are blessed by this mixing together.

I thought it would be great to celebrate and recognize those in the congregation who have reached ninety plus years of age. We have several of these here in our congregation.

In mid-July, I will provide a poster for each of these individuals that will be available in the parish hall each Sunday. We can use these to write greetings, best wishes, blessings and messages of love for each of these individuals. We will also provide contact information for those who wish to reach out to any these folk directly.

Helen Alsmeyer
Robert Baltzell
Betty Brewer
Mary Caruthers
Joyce Dixon
Charlotte Elliot
Jackie Grimes
Arthur Kolb
Anne Mossburg
Jean Oxley
Gene Selby
Jane Sowers
June Trout
Lois Pacheco
Barbara Burke

Dick Alsmeyer
Elfrieda Bell
Rebecca Burgee
Vivian Clipp
Basil Eavey
Mary Ann Fogel
Leslie Hutzell
Doris Kolb
Marilyn Moyers
Bobbie Parsons
Shirley Silbernagle
Peggy Strine
Lois Tyson
Janet Wiles

Pauline Baker
Eleanor Bowersox
Bruce Caruthers
James Dennis
Yvonne Eicholtz
Doris Fruth
Fannie Johnson
Shirley Lakel
Paul Nelson
Betty Rollin
Edna Mae Snyder
Kern Thornton
Betty Waltz
Romana Yanike

On Sunday, August 20 we will honor all these members and lift them up to God in our prayers that day.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Steve Larsen



July 2 Holy Communion.

Rev. Vicky Starnes, guest preacher.

Ann Thompson, organ, Special Music: Dr. Ray Moreland, baritone and Joyce Summers, pianist

July 9 Rev. Ken Humbert, preacher

Dedication of Mission Team to Henderson Settlement

Time with the Children- Angela Mayer

Ann Thompson, organ, Special Music: Karen Dobbs, soprano and Janet Fox, piano

Summer Sermon Series (4 weeks) Friends for the Journey

Four Indispensable friends you don't want to be without.

July 16 Who's Your Barnabus?

(The importance of someone who can encourage you when the going gets rough)

Acts 9:26-30

Sacrament of Baptism

Ann Thompson, organ, Special music: Susan Wagner, Cello

July 23 Who's Your Nathan?

(The importance of having someone who can keep you accountable)

2 Samuel 11:27-12:12

Miriam Meglan, organist, Special Music: Kaitlyn Quigley, soprano and Joyce Summers, piano

July 30 Calvary Worship in the PARK- Baker Band shell

Who's Your Rhoda?

That Someone who can celebrate what God is doing in your life.

Acts 12:11-17 and Special Music: Meg Winter

We will be taking church out of the building and into the community for our worship service, Sunday July 30. this will be at 10:00 a.m., our usual time. After the worship there will be an opportunity for refreshments, conversation and some lawn games. Come dressed comfortably and be ready to praise the Lord in the park!

Collection of School Supplies

Our outreach project for July is a school supply drive called Backpacks for Bright Futures/Stuff the Bus Campaign. Many students in Frederick County Public Schools stand the school year without the supplies they need to succeed. This summer we will be working once again with the United Way of Frederick County and Frederick County Public Schools to collect school supplies to help local students during the month of July. Look for the bins in the Parish Hall.

The items needs most are:

#2 pencils index dividers black pens

colored pencils crayons composition notebooks

markers pencil boxes wide-rule notebook paper





August Worship Schedule

August 6 Holy Communion

Who is Your Timothy?

(Someone you can encourage and mentor)

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Hymn Sing

August 13 In and Out of the Boat

Romans 10:11-15 and Matthew 14:22-33

Hymn Sing

Aug. 20 Senior Sunday.

A time to recognize and celebrate those who are 90 + years young.

Sermon Title: Ages and Stages revisited: Faith for the Later Half

Luke 2:22-38

Hymn Sing

Aug. 27 Ages and Stages revisited: Faith to the End

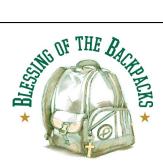
Philippians 1:21-30, 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

John 12:20-26

Hymn Sing in place of opening hymn

Blessing of the Backpacks

We will be offering prayers and blessing over the backpacks, students, teachers and staff as Frederick County Public School return to school in August. We will do this blessing in the worship service on Sunday, August 27. Please bring a backpack, lunch box, or other items for us to pray over that day.



Calvary Summer Blood Drive on July 19th





Help save a life.

Schedule your blood donation appointment today.

Calvary United Methodist Church is proud to sponsor our next blood drive with the American Red Cross on Wednesday, July 19 from 8:30 AM to 7:30 PM.

An estimated 38 percent of Americans are eligible to give blood or platelets, but of those, less than 10 percent actually donate each year. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and Calvary UMC.

We'd love to have you sign to donate on July 19th! You can do that by emailing me at RevSteve@calvaryumc.org, or call/text me at (301) 848-8216. Eric Anderson will also be helping to schedule donors. He can be reached by text or call at (240) 506-5759 or email at eric.anderson@frederickhabitat.org. Give us a time frame that works for you and we will do our best to accommodate. Free T-shirts for every donor!

Mission Plans:

July 16-22: Henderson Settlement trip

- Final plans are underway for two teams to serve at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky the week of July 16-22. The adult team consists of 7 members and the team of 8 youth will be accompanied by 2 youth leaders making a total of 17 participants.
- Dedication of the teams will occur during worship on July 9th.
- A final planning meeting and ice cream social will be held for both the youth and adults mission teams on July 10th at 7 p.m.
- Please keep these individuals in your prayers as they go to be Hearts and Hands in Service.

June 10:

Annual Church Yard Sale

Thanks to the many members of the congregation who helped to make the United Women in Faith's Yard Sale a



success. Whether you donated items, unloaded the stage, purchased treasures, supplied baked goods, dug up plants, helped with the sorting and organizing, or worked during the sale and the clean up afterwards, your efforts are sincerely appreciated. Portions of the proceeds will go to Faith House, the Religious Coalition Family Shelter, and Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

See you next year!

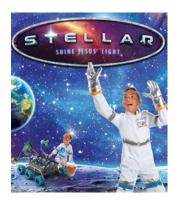
Mission Impact:

The Calvary UMC Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) Bed Delivery Team has assembled over 210 beds in local homes this past year. Calvary is doing our part by donating, building beds and making deliveries to ensure that No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town.

Weekly Mission/Outreach Projects

Food Wheelbarrow: The Food Bank is currently requesting Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Rice, Instant Potatoes, Canned Meats, Mac and Cheese, Peanut Butter and Hygiene Products. Please drop off your donation in the hall outside the Parish Hall. Collection is the 1st of every Month.

Children's Ministry News



Calvary's STELLAR Vacation Bible School, June 19 – 22, was a COSMIC success! We had 82 children registered, and there were 51 adult and youth volunteers throughout the week. So many people supplied snacks, craft materials, decorations and prayers in order to make this the most amazing VBS ever! On Thursday evening, June 22, Calvary hosted a VBS Celebration for families, featuring a hot dog dinner, songs, skits and fun. Events as big as these are only possible because of the hard work and commitment of so many in our congregation – Calvary is truly blessed to have such dedicated and hard-working members who are willing to give so much to help out! Thank you! Plans are already in motion for NEXT year's VBS!

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! Our Children's Sunday School program is taking a break for the summer, but will kick off again on September 10. We are looking for Sunday School Teachers for the Fall. This joyful ministry is full of rewards as you will work with the most delightful young members of Calvary. Lessons are already prepared, and include a video segment, songs, and handouts. If you are interested in teaching or being an assistant, even just once a month, please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org.



VBS WEEK June 2023











Tribute to John Slovikosky

Reader's Digest used to have a feature called, 'The Most Unforgettable Character I've Ever Met." For me, that character is John Slovikosky.

I met John in the fall of 2019 when I joined the Sanctuary choir. While I personally knew just a few people in the choir, I knew of many others, including John, having sat a few pews behind him in the summers. We bonded quickly in choir rehearsals, and we joked, laughed, and might have had more fun than anyone else. He often told me he had sung this anthem or that anthem before, and just needed a quick refresh to be ready. He always got a kick out of randomly picking up a copy of an anthem only to find his own notes written in pencil from many years before.

John also educated me on the history of Calvary Choirs, and many former choir members. He spoke so lovingly and glowingly of Lori Shipley, and he poignantly showed me one anthem where Lori's hand-written notes were still there. He also was quick to jump in and help when I got frustrated with the music, or the phrasing, or anything else - his smile and reassuring words always gave me more confidence in what we were doing.

As I got to know John better, we talked about many other topics - the church in general, mission projects, music, current events, our children, and grandchildren ... the list goes on and on. During one conversation, after we exchanged thoughts and ideas for several minutes, John said, "Here's the thing ..." and proceeded to offer the best insight and guidance I could have asked for, along with his wonderful and amazing wit and sense of humor. In every conversation after that one, I eagerly awaited him to say, "Here's the thing ... " because I knew I was about to hear understanding, wisdom, empathy, and another side to what we were discussing.

And his grandkids – oh my. He loved his grandkids so very much. The mention of their activities or accomplishments, or an upcoming trip with them, made his eyes light up. He was so excited this spring when he got to pick up one granddaughter from college, then take another granddaughter to Dover for a NASCAR race.

John loved life as much or more than anyone I have ever known. His smile and laugh immediately put anyone at ease, and he treated everybody like they were his best friend. I miss him terribly, but I am comforted with wonderful memories, and I will always remember – and carry with me – the many lessons he taught me.

David Cline

Calvary Weekday School

We hope you are all enjoying your summer. We also wanted to thank anyone who joined us for the Café Bueno fundraiser. The school raised \$300.00 to help purchase new teaching easels for the classrooms. Our families seem to enjoy this type of fundraiser so we are planning to do more restaurants throughout the school year. We will keep you posted on the dates!

The library renovation is underway. Angela Mayer, the media teacher and I ordered the carpet and it will be installed sometime in July. Angela is also busy updating our current books and re-cataloguing all the books in our new "Tiny Cat" login system. I really appreciate all the extra time Angela is putting in to get our library ready for the next school year.

I just wanted to thank Rita Sharp for donating so many gently used hard covered books to our library. Many children will benefit from her kindness.

Olivia and I will continue working throughout the summer months updating handbooks, revising school schedules, ordering supplies and enrolling all students. Currently we have one spot available in our kindergarten class and all the other classes are full.

Sending sunshine filled days your way-Patty Lockard, Director

Church and Society

First Principles ... Summertime Reflections

Taking a lead from Pastor Steve's recent sermon series on ages and stages of our lives and faith journeys, when I was a boy summertime meant no school, playing ball and swimming, family picnics, and maybe a vacation for a week or so away from home. At my present stage of life and reflections, however, summertime is a season bounded by Memorial Day and Labor Day, with July 4th as nearly a mid-point, national holidays on which we are reminded of the sacrifice and principles that undergird our nation's history, with all its blemishes and achievements.

Thomas Ricks, in his book First Principles (2020), speaks to such matters in writing about our nation's first four presidents. Among them Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, respectively, are regarded as the principal architects of our nation's Declaration of Independence and United States Constitution, in

which are inscribed the principles on which our democratic republic was founded. Though our nation's founders differed in their backgrounds and philosophies of government, there was a sense of civility and respect, a sense of moral character among them, such that they were able to frame the basis on which we were to govern. Today, In the wake of the vitriolic political climate in our nation, the prejudice, threats and acts of violence in our communities, and the frequent refusal of too many elected officials even to address problems related to the very foundations and future of our nation, I am concerned about our moral compass.

Jesus also had something to say about first principles as our life compass. He began his Sermon on the Mount with the edict "blessed are the poor in spirit" (Mt 5:3), interpreted by biblical scholars as an utter sense of humility before God. As Richard Rohr puts it: "It's inner emptiness with no outer need for our own reputation" (Jesus 'Alternative Plan. 2022, p. 138). For only then are we able to

love God and our neighbor, even our enemy, as Jesus also commanded. A thirst for justice, mercy and righteousness follow, as Jesus preached and the profit Micah (6:8) among others proclaimed.

So, as the fireworks are displayed and we share God's love with family, friends, and those less fortunate, as some of our youth and adults will be doing in mission to those in Appalachian Kentucky this summer, let us also pray for our country to be in search of its soul, its first principles, its moral compass.

Paul D. Nelson, Church & **Society Ministries**



Stewardship

"You are the salt of the earth.'
Matthew 5: 13. These words, from
Jesus, describe a valued quality of
his disciples. He says these words
closely following the Surmon on
the Mount. This surmon is in the
same chapter and it further lists
qualities of disciples; poor in spirit,
those who mourn, the meek, and
more. "You are the salt of the
earth" is a shift from blessings
given in the Surmon to responsibilities of a disciple.

As used by Jesus, being "salt" is a quality that holds responsibility, it is different. It is a metaphor for what is expected of Christians. I can remember the term being "salt" had a meaning of being a little rough in character, language and demeanor. In Jesus' time it did not hold such meaning and was viewed as having more beneficial qualities.

To the people of that time salt was hard to come by. So it had economic value. It was mostly from the Red Sea and contained a lot impurities. But it was a means to purify something: it was used to kill bacteria in treating wounds. It was used as a preservative of food at a

time of no refrigeration (snow from the highest mountains). It prevented spoilage and rot in food. It was used in food flavoring as we do today. Salt and being salt of the earth are good qualities.

Being a disciple of Jesus is more than listening as a student, being a disciple is a person of action and responsibility. We are to purify others in the world who are in sin by living a righteous life. We open ourselves to others to emulate us as we follow Christ. We share the word of God and Christ's teachings. We are purifying and healing in the name of Christ.

As salt of the earth we prevent the spoiling and rot of the body and soul of those not in Christ and who are without God. It is in the word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit through us that this is accomplished.

We preserve the commands of God, held in our hearts by making them known to the "poor in spirit" and "those who mourn." We are merciful to others of this world because we have been shown mercy. We are the disciples who

preserve the kingdom and its world of creation. We are love of God in action.

Do we give flavor – yes! Those of the world not in a relationship with God often lead a life of little purpose, relying upon their own means to exist in a hostile world. Studies have shown this to be the curse of life without God. Through us, God can call unbelievers to live a life in peace and joy at a higher level than they have hoped but longed for. We have a responsibility to do this as a Christian and disciple of Jesus.

Jesus has a warning for us. He asks if we lose our saltiness, "how can we be made salty again"? If the good quality is lost, we like salt, have no value to anyone and little value to God. So the question is what is your value to this world as God's kingdom? Can you be called "the salt of the earth"? Do you exemplify the disciple qualities that Jesus speaks of to you? Disciples are people in action.



On Wednesday, June 14, a group of five youth, one alum, two parent volunteers, and Youth Director, Jenn Duthoy headed to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA. The group moved furniture, palates, swept floors, mopped work areas and storage areas through out the warehouse. The group also

checked and packed 210 hygiene kits for disaster relief.

Pictured: Cat Waskey, Abigail Waskey, Cooper Gaetz, Melissa Gaeta, Owen Duthoy, Sylvie Duthoy, Sebastian Duthoy, Jenn Duthoy









In July, a group of eight youth will travel to the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY with our mission team to spend the week volunteering for the community.

August Youth Schedule:

August 2 Trip to Cunningham Falls

August 6 & 13 Collection for Blessings in a Backpack Event

(Collection boxes located in the Parish Hall)

August 11 S'mores Night

August 20 Blessings in a Backpack Event

Sunday, Sept. 10

First Sunday School & Youth Group Kickoff

JULY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 Wheelbarrow	3	4	5	6 5:30 p.m.	7	8
9 a.m.		Church office Closed	6:30 p.m.	The Birthing Group		7:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship		Closed	Men's Bible Study	Group		Men's Breakfast
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9 a.m.			6:30 p.m.			
Adult Sunday School			Men's Bible Study			
10 a.m.						
Worship						
16 Henderson	17	18	19	20	21	22
Settlement Trip Begins			8 a.m. 8 p.m.			
9 a.m.		1:30 p.m.	Calvary Blood Drive			
Adult Sunday School		Wesleyan Circle	6:30 p.m.			
10 a.m. Worship			Men's Bible Study			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9 a.m.			2 p.m. Miriam's			9:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School			Circle			WRS
10 a.m. Worship			6:30 p.m. Men's			
			Bible Study			
30	31					
9 a.m. Adult Sunday School						
Church in the Park						
10 a.m. Worship						



- 1, Ethan Simpson, Carter Vinar
- 2, Isaac Benson, Jeff Matsler, Adryana Slovikosky, Lindy Witmer
- 3, Suzanne Duvall, Michael Rust, Linda Schmeltz
- 4, Virginia Edmonston, Katie Lopez, Blake Rosen, Rylee Rossman
- 5, Christopher Blackledge, Marilyn Moyers, Margaret Selby, 6, Madi Davies,

Luci Palmer, 7, Shirley Lakel, 8, Abel O'Toole, Eduardo Valentin-Morales

- 9, Joann Crum, Bob Mason, Caitlin Perry, Julie Schwarzenberg,
- 10, Linda Bennett, Gwyn Sewell 11, Marley Crum, 12, Angie Anderson, Cynthia Yeager
- 13, Ronda Dudley, Page Fox, Betty Rollins, 14, Christopher Howard, Mary Pfister
- 15, Molly Rhoades, Ellori Sue Webster, Caitlyn Wilson
- 17, Mary Boyer, Anne Gray, Amy Heller, Allison Rossman, Candace Whiting
- 18, Carol DeLaski, Sara Dragan, Donald Linton, Emma Livingston,
- 19, Sebastian Duthoy, 20, Steve Ehlers, 21, Michael Karl, 22, Brent Paugh,
- 23, Maria O'Toole, Don Orrison, 24, Bob Abbott, Tom Mullineaux
- 25, Mike Hahn, Jack Heller, Rebecca Rohrback, 26, Jack Almeida, Malachi O'Toole
- 27, Ben Davies, Brianne Paugh, William Selby, Kelsey Sunderman, 28, Keith Krause
- 29, James Colborn, Judy Tran, Alice Zalatoris
- 31, Ricky Munday, Carol Officer, Allyson Sewell, Daniel Shankle



Jeff and Amy Stone	July 1	Eric and Angie Anderson	July 5
Scott and Linda English	July 6	Isam and Katie Ballenger	July 7
Christian and Lori Leber	July 8	Jeffrey and Alice Zalatoris	July 8
Ralph and Michele Lopez	July 9		

Carl and Linda Reed	July 11	Andrew and Amanda Radcliffe	July 14
Andrew and Carol Keirn	July 15	Sam and Kate Mills	July 16
Jonathan and Allison Sunderman	July 18	Christopher and Erica Miller	July 18

AUGUST 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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- 2, Barbara Mentzer, Gabrielle Rohrback, Jim Sengstack
- **3**, Marlene Bordner, Ruth Brown, Grant Keyser, Susan Leftwich, Noah Miller, Connor Radcliffe, Delores Shade, Palmer Thompson
- 4, Stephanie Barrows, Camden Webster, Kendel Wickline
- **5**, Cindy Naugle, **6**, Kyle Bostian, **7**, Vivian Clipp, Fred Schumacher, **8**, Cara Davy, Jennifer Richey, Hayden Rohrback, **9**, Seth Kahan, Cathy Karl, Allison Stone
- 10, Robert Bennett, Barbara Cook, Raymond Stroh,
- 11, Molly Kellam, Nancy Leftwich, Pat O'Toole, Doug Reilly, 12, Karen Leggett
- 13, Cindy Lang, Liam McGreevy, John Mitchell, Lawrence Proudfoot
- 14, Gary Brown, Zachary Davies, Kay Phillips, 15, Don Mentzer, 16, Olivia Hetrick
- 17, Patsy Eavey, Will Quigley, 18, William Metcalf, Sam Mills, 19, Laura Stouter
- 20, Stefanie Harris, 21, Zachary Engler, Darlene McKnight
- 22, Kiley Eyler, Kelli Fox, Steven Mossburg, 23, Bethany Adams, Edna Mae Snyder
- 24, Kathy Phillips, Dianna Plotner, Jen Pond, 25, Bert Edmonston, James Van Sant
- 26, Nathaneil Heller, Mark Lopez, Barbara Piper, Andy Radcliffe
- 27, Charles, Geisbert, Spencer Simpson, Mark Yeager, 28, Christina Heller
- 29, Leisa Moyer, Atticus Van Ripper, Catherine Waskey, Thomas Woodall
- 30, Helen Austin, Elfrieda Bell, Mollie Mayer, David Mills, 31, Cavan Rankin



William and Dawn Metcalf	Aug 3
Dr. Ray and Sandy Moreland	Aug 3
Jim and Sandy Sengstack	Aug 4
Ryan and Bethany Webster	Aug 4
Doug and Josie Manger	Aug 5
Chad and Melissa Ritterbuch	Aug 5
Shannon and Stephanie Whitmarsh	Aug 5
Larry and Judy Johnson	Aug 8
Heath and Julie Wilson	Aug 8
Mike and Janie Hahn	Aug 9

Jack and Jane Tritt	Aug 11			
Ed and Judith Ahlstrom	Aug 12			
Rev. Harry and Sharon Cole	Aug 12			
Mitch and Penny Reading	Aug 14			
David and Amanda Calabrese	Aug 16			
Rev. Steve and Wanda Bulkowski Larsen Aug 16				
David and Amy Carter	Aug 20			
Mike Pickett and Judy Tran	Aug 23			
Jeff and Cara Dragan	Aug 25			
Jim and Norma Hamilton	Aug 25			
Dan and Dianna Plotner	Aug 25			
Chuck and Susan Engler	Aug 30			
Steve and Mary Ann Mood	Aug 30			

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