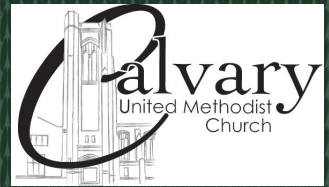




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The Messenger

Calvary UMC Lights up the Holidays

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By Susan Baguette

If the walls could talk about the hundreds of hands that have chopped, mashed, and kneaded ingredients to make cheeseballs for Calvary United Methodist Church's Holiday Bazaar in the past, they would be chattering right now. This Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., they would describe both varieties of the 250 cheeseballs sold at the event last year. This year they hope to make and sell even more.

Through the banging of tables being set up, wrestling stringing lights and signs posted in the hallways for the event, some of Calvary's members waxed nostalgic about the events of years past that have made this church thrive for 253 years.

On the March

Anne Mossburg doesn't remember the march on Sunday, Sept. 14, 1930, from the old Methodist Church on East Church Street to the new building at 131 West Second Street. She was an infant, and her parents, Agnes and Grover, carried her. Today she is ninety-four and has been an active member of Calvary all her life. There is one other living member who made that march – Barbara Burke. She is 104. In September 1930, she skipped along with her Sunday School class. All traffic was stopped on the way to the new church on Second and Bentz, across the street from Memorial Grounds.

Flat cars on a locomotive lumbered along to Frederick carrying the hand-hewn Plymouth granite stone bricks from Massachusetts, numbered to be laid together like a gigantic jigsaw puzzle. Completed in 1930 during the heart of the Great Depression, members of the new church began fund-raising immediately to pay off their new mortgage. After pledges and selling the old church building, the congregation still had to raise \$110,000. (In today's money that's \$1,898,120)] Frequent dinners were open to the public serving turkey and ham with all the trimmings. Fixed by ladies of the parish, each dinner cost 75 cents. They were so popular that crowds dined in the Parish Hall and stage as well as the second-floor balcony. United Methodist Men also served pancakes and sausage breakfasts. After many fund-raisers, Calvary paid off its mortgage. It took 11 years.

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Treats and Treasures

Now, as you wander through the church during the **Holiday Bazaar this Nov. 11**, you will appreciate both floors of the spacious church interior. The assortment of vendors will be selling items such as handmade crocheted and knitted creations, dog treats, jewelry, and mushroom tea and coffee. (*Yes! Mushroom tea and coffee!*) Items for the silent auction will be lined up along the balcony and include a complete, stunning Lenox set of Christmas dinnerware and a trio of framed paintings of familiar, local scenes by Frederick's own David Yontz, who frequently exhibited at Antietam Gallery in Sharpsburg. Crafts for children will keep them occupied and delighted. Overlooking the Parish Hall from the balcony will be a scrumptious luncheon served up with live music onstage, next to holiday decorations, wreaths, and ornaments to purchase. More vendors line the halls and rooms with a surprising array of gifts that say *take me home*.

Immersed in the Community

On September 18, 1862, the ravages of the Civil War came to the church's door in Frederick as the original Methodist Church building became a hospital after the battle of Antietam. As many as 50 wagons came rumbling in from Sharpsburg, filled with the wounded. During the Civil War, military law required Methodist churches to favor the North. In 1864 President Abraham Lincoln wrote that “. . . the Methodist Church sends more soldiers to the field, more nurses to the hospitals, and more prayers given than any.”

Calvary has learned that there are many diverse ways to be immersed in the community. There was a small Calvary orchestra in 1958. The brass section decided to serenade Frederick with Christmas carols played in the 90-foot tower in the front of the church. When the day arrived, the musicians were puzzled about how to get themselves and their instruments up the narrow ladder to the top of the tower. They decided to tie a rope around the instruments and haul them up, one at a time, then climb up themselves. It was cold up there. The abilities of the musicians were somewhat hampered, but they decided to give it a try again the following year. Once again, they hauled their instruments and themselves up to the top of the tower and tried to play. It was so cold that none of the brass instruments functioned. The trombone wouldn't slide and none of the trumpet valves and keys worked. From then on, the orchestra decided this was not a practical way of giving back to the community.

On Nov, 11 this year the proceeds from Calvary's Holiday Bazaar are already earmarked for charities exclusively within Frederick County. The flurry of activity is whipping up the energy of young and old alike in hopes of making successful sales. Singing angels made from old hymnals have been a favorite holiday purchase. An impressive array of handmade clothes for 18-inch dolls will capture imaginations. Gift jars filled with sweets, treats, condiments, and jams will light up holiday tables.

The Holiday Bazaar at Calvary UMC on November 11 will be full of excitement. Spirits of years past will be shining everywhere as the holidays work their magic.

November Worship Schedule

Nov. 5 ALL SAINTS Sunday

We begin the month with a service of remembrance and the promise of the resurrection on There will be Holy Communion and the reading of the names of those members, loved ones, and friends who have died in the last year. Scripture lessons: Revelation 7:9-17 and 1 John 3:1-3

Stewardship Worship Series: Moving Out of “Scare City”

The sense that there is not enough drives greed and fear. We worry that we will not have enough of those things that make life rewarding and secure. We begin to live in “Scare City.” The Good News is that this is an illusion. Jesus promised us life in abundance. This series will encourage us to move out of a sense of scarcity to the vast, open habitats of God’s grace.

Nov. 12

Title: Around Every Corner

Isaiah 41:10 and Philippians 4: 6-7

Time with the Children: Angela Mayer

This week we discover what trust in the presence of God can do to shift our fear to curiosity and assurance that we are never alone.

Nov. 19

Title: The Other Side of the Tracks

Acts 15 :8-9

This week we will discover the abundance that comes when we draw the circle wide.

Nov. 26

Title: Altars Everywhere

1 Timothy 6: 18-19

The irony in Moving Out of Scare City is that we don’t have to pack up and go anywhere. We can find that God provides for us and that we can practice a radical generosity that transforms the places where we are.



Calvary United Methodist Church

Holiday
bazaar



Saturday, November 11

9:00am to 3:00pm

**Handmade Crafts * Vendors * Gift Baskets
Silent Auction * White Elephant Room
Live Music * Luncheon * Kids Crafts
* and Calvary's famous cheeseballs ***

*131 West 2nd Street * Frederick, MD*

Proceeds to Benefit Frederick County Charities

Greetings from the Calvary Weekday School!

We made it to the final round of "Best of the Best" again this year. We should find out the final results mid- November. Regardless of the outcome, I think we have the best staff, students, and families!

Last month we had over 30 people attend our Parent Volunteer Workshop. We were also excited to host it in our newly renovated library and music room. Families were thrilled to see it and are very eager to help at our school. This month our Coffee Chat will provide information about our Kindergarten Program for the 2024-2025 school year. It will be held on Monday, November 13th at 9:30 in the library. Please pass this information along to anyone you know who may be interested.

We added Brewer's Alley to our list of fundraisers so please add December 5th to your calendar for lunch or dinner. This partnership came about with the Brown family, whose son attends our school. In September, we raised \$186.00 from Chick-fil-a and \$400.00 from our t-shirt and sweatshirt sales. Ms. Musser, our kindergarten assistant, created a new logo and it was a big hit with our families. Thanks to Ms. Musser for her extra time and creativity.

The Calvary Weekday School would like to extend Thanksgiving Blessings to you and your family-

Patty Lockard, Director



Children's Ministry News



Children's Sunday School is for children in **Preschool – 5th Grade**. We meet every Sunday at 9:00 am in the Activities Room of the Education Building for Bible Learning, songs, games, crafts and more! Visitors are always welcome! Register at www.calvaryumc.org .



Children's Church meets in the Chapel during the 10:00 worship service for children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Children's Worship Bulletins are provided, and children are encouraged to play or color quietly while listening to the service in the "Big Church". If you would like to sign up to volunteer as an adult leader for Children's Church, please use this link:

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

If no adult leader is available for Children's Church, children are welcome to continue down the hall to the Nursery. Children's Worship bags are also available in the Narthex to be used during the service and returned.



Veggie Tale Movie Night will be held on **Friday, November 10** from **6:00 – 7:00 pm** in the Activities Room of the Education Building. Join us for pizza, a movie, discussion, a craft and more! Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket if you'd like! Please register by contacting AmyStone@calvaryumc.org.

Mission Possible Kids is for kids in Kindergarten through 5th Grade who want to help others and make a difference in the world! This month, **MPK** will meet on **Sunday, November 19** from **5:30 – 7:00 pm** in the Activities Room of the Education Building. Join us! Please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org for more information and to order a Mission Possible Kids t-shirt.



Calvary will be participating in **Frederick's Kris Kringle Procession** on **Friday, December 8**. Line-up begins at **5:30 pm** on South Carroll Street between East Patrick and East All Saints Street and ending at Calvary where we will enjoy cookies and hot cocoa in the Parish Hall! We will need **children and adults** to help us sing Christmas carols and to complete our mini Nativity Scene float, complete with Mary, Joseph, the angels and stable animals! Walking musicians are welcome and encouraged as well!



Calvary's Annual Children's Christmas Pageant

will take place on **Sunday, December 10** at **9:00 am** in the Parish Hall!

Dress Rehearsal is on **Saturday, December 9** from **10:00 am – Noon**.

Pageant parts will be given out in Sunday School on November 5 – please make sure to let Ms. Amy know if your child will be able to participate!

Youth Ministry Schedule

November 5 No Youth Sunday School

5:30 p.m. candy making

November 11 Holiday Bazaar- Need volunteers

November 12 4:30 p.m. Youth Council meeting

5:30 p.m. Planning for Christmas service project, Youth Sunday, and Mission Trip

November 19 5:30 p.m. Game night

November 26

Happy Thanksgiving– No Youth Group

December 17 5:30 p.m. Christmas Party



War and Peace ...

Three little words used by Leo Tolstoy for the title of his classic novel, though framed in the early 19th century years when the Napoleonic wars spread from Europe to Russia, that tells the story of human history. The forces of good and evil, and of human love and hatred, the grist of so much of the world's greatest literature, are likewise the story of God's enduring love and our human failure to respond accordingly. As I write this column, the news media is almost totally focused on another outbreak of war between Israel and the Islamic terrorist group Hamas that resides in Gaza among the Palestinian people. At the same time, Ukraine continues to fight for its freedom from Russian aggression. And there remain constant threats if not actual fighting in other parts of the world.

In "*Making Sense of the Bible in Today's World*," the book from which the Herbers and I are teaching in our respective Sunday morning study groups this fall, the author Adam Hamilton has a chapter titled "The Old Testament in Fifteen Minutes" in which he describes the nature and origins of the major books of that body of scripture. In other words, he describes the forests, not the trees, from the Mosaic writings of Jewish Law to those of God's prophets, earthly kings, and other sources. In addition to being a history of the ancient Hebrew nation, it is a history of war and peace, of God's aspirations and love framed in the context of human folly and failures over a period of approximately 2,000 years.

As a boy growing up in the Episcopal church during World War II, I remember our pastor one Sunday lamenting that there likely will always be wars, a notion of which I had little understanding at the time. Sadly, I now realize, it is the story of human history, including even the Christian church. And it is our story today. Yes, even within the United Methodist Church where wars of words have been waged and divisive actions taken over issues of what it means to love our neighbors as ourselves, however different from us they may be. We are called by Jesus to be his church in the society about us, to share with all the good news of God's love for all peoples, and to show that love in service to others as thanksgiving for God's grace and blessings in our lives.

As we observe the Thanksgiving holiday this year, let us pray together the words of the popular ballad, "let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me!"

Paul Nelson, Church & Society Ministries



CALVARY COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES 2023-2024 SEASON

The Borowsky Trio – November 5, 2023

Hailed by the international press as “American Virtuosi,” siblings Frances (cello), Emmanuel (violin), and Elizabeth Borowsky (piano) have won their way into the hearts of audiences throughout North America, Central America, Europe, Asia, and The Middle East. The trio has delighted listeners of all ages with their commanding interpretations of standard repertoire and their dazzling original compositions. This program is titled “America’s Music” and will feature 19 and 20 century composers and pieces such as Romance for Violin and Piano, Op. 23 by Amy Beach, spirituals by Undine Smith Moore, and Miniatures by William Grant Still.

<http://www.BorowskyTrio.com>



Our fantastic Handbell Choir is now consisting of 12 members!!! We are thrilled to be able to use all bells that we have and to be able to play 5 octaves musical selections.

Not pictured: Amanda Calabrese

Photo by John Mitchell

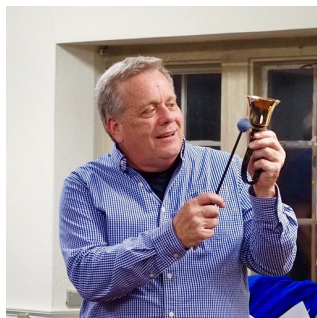


On Tuesday, October 10th, the Handbell folks had an amazing workshop with **Larry and Debbie Henning**, the outstandingly gifted Westminster Ringers music directors. In their customary unassuming manner they taught us healthy ringing techniques and we admired them for their wondrous spirit and resourcefulness in making God's pleasing bells music.

Photos by John Mitchell



Left– Larry and Debbie Henning
Center– Larry Henning
Right– Jennie, Lainey and Brad Davy





WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

J Ray Frank Memorial
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 22, 2023

FREDERICK, MARYLAND



The J. Ray Frank Memorial CROP Walk took place on Sunday, October 22. Calvary had 31 people walk 3 miles around Baker Park to raise funds for hunger.



October's Veggie Tale Movie Night with Miss Amy



“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:16

This is a meaningful verse at this season at Calvary. At this time of the year we address the financial support to God’s kingdom through the work of your church. As we are reminded by the author of Hebrews to “not forget” in doing good – this is also true for the church. We are doing what is good and acceptable with the tithes and gifts of our fellow members in Christ.

The Mission of Calvary is to make disciples for Jesus Christ. We as a church body do that through proclaiming the Word of God through Sunday Worship and studies that are open to all whom the Spirit of God draws. The church impacts the lives of others by doing good works through its many missions and ministries. What we do, small or large, is done because you have responded to the Spirit that calls you to join the great kingdom.

The mission ministry to Henderson Kentucky of youth and adults show the world how we, the church, is responding to God’s call to help others. Funds given by our members and the Mission Fund (the blue pew envelope) were sent to UMCOR disaster relief for Maui, Hawaii and Florida hurricanes. We have supported the establishment of Faith House in Frederick (homelessness) and Hope House (shelter from domestic violence). Church facilities are used by a women’s support group to overcome addiction, a pre-school to prepare children for kindergarten and elementary school and personal skill development through the Frederick Toast Masters.

The church is used for weddings, funerals and birthday celebrations; all of which furthers faith development in our lives and the lives of others. These are good works and a form of sharing the Spirit of God.

When we do good works, as individuals and as the church, we are making a sacrifice by giving of ourselves and giving of what we have. We must give up something by being generous. Your generosity is based upon your personal relationship with God and the level thanks you have for your blessings. The reward is that God is pleased.

Attention all bakers... a favorite Calvary event is just around the corner..

BAKE A BATCH cookie event for Jenn Esler. Jenn is a Calvary member and served as the Nursery Director before being diagnosed with a brain tumor years ago. Following surgery, she had extensive rehabilitation to improve her quality of life. Proceeds from Bake A Batch serve to help Jenn in her rehab and to remind her that she is not forgotten by her Calvary family.

All cookie donations can be dropped off in the kitchen or church office on Friday, Dec. 8th or Saturday, Dec. 9th by 9:00 AM.

Cookie trays will be available for purchase Sunday, Dec. 10th.

Baking Cookies is a great activity to do with your children or grandchildren and for a great cause. All home-made cookies whether family favorites or holiday classics are welcomed. So get those mixers moving!!! Any questions please contact Julie Schwarzenberg 240-626-7666

Pipe Organ Installation - Revised Schedule

The best laid plans.....the Pipe Organ Building Committee is sorry to report that the reed pipes are not going to be ready in time for the November installation. The company, located in Ohio, is one of 3 reed pipe makers in the U.S., and per Zimmer, is the best one. The Ohio company is short-staffed and while some of our work is done, what remains won't be finished in the time for the November install.

Revised schedule:

Monday, Nov. 6 through Friday Nov. 10: The parking lot will be unavailable from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. on Nov. 6. Zimmer will bring all completed windchests and install these in the chambers, along with the cabling and any other preliminary work they can do. They may install the windchests and pipes on the transept walls; this is not definite and may be dependent on how the chamber work goes.

Please note: The casework that will be on the chancel walls in January requires crossbeam support and that is the first thing that Zimmer will install as the wood supports run across the entire chamber floors to the back wall. We will have a temporary visual change during the Christmas season as the wood supports will extend from the six archways in the Chancel and it is likely that the decorative wood screens that sit in the arches will not be able to be put back in place. However, doing this work now expedites the remaining work in January.

Early December: Zimmer will return for a short 2-day trip and install the blower in the basement. Tentative dates are Dec. 4 and 5.

January and early February 2024:

Jan 8-12, and 15-19: remaining windchests, pipes, console, and chancel casework installed.

Jan 22-26 and Jan 29-Feb 2, and possibly Feb. 4-8: voicing and tuning

We will be able to hold our Sunday service each week in the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary will not be available for any other use during the weeks of Jan. 8 - 19. Should a funeral occur after this, Zimmer can be flexible if they need to stop working for a couple hours.

Please pray for good weather in January and early February! Weather is a factor that could change things again.

Let us know if you have any questions.

The Pipe Organ Building Committee

Joyce and Rob Summers, Chairs

Rev. Steve Larsen

Sandy and Brett Chaney

Brad Davy

Bob Jacobs

Becky and John Kile

Linda Muehl

Dr. Adela Peeva

Fred Schumacher



October

Mission Sunday



Mission Sunday Re-cap

Thank you for all the workers that chipped in help package food on Mission Sunday, October 8. In less than 3 hours, we packaged 10,000 meals that can be used wherever there is a hunger need. We will be hearing just where the food goes in the coming months. We had well over 75 folks involved in mearng, sealing bags, packing boxes and moving bags that morning. Thanks also for the many notes of love and encouragement that were written for children and the Blessings in the Backpack program. We plan to hold another Mission Sunday even again next October.



**We're
thankful
for you!**



Pastor's Appreciation

Lt.-Rt.

Rev. Dr. R. Moreland,

Rev. Vicky Starnes, and Rev. Dr. Steve Larsen





- 1, Alexandra Klutz, Anna Marshall, Rick Miller
- 2, Ezra Belgrave, Brian McKann, Oliver Miller, Abigail Ritterbusch
- 3, Christy Quigley, Larry Van Sant, 4, Chaz Jones
- 5, Robert Bennett, Jenn Duthoy, Laura Miller, Alan Newcomer, Anna Stroh, 6, Thelma Fischer
- 7, Michael Reilly, 8, John Bolyard, Sharon Cole, Greg Gray, 9, Dean Calcagni, 10, Mark Mayer
- 11, Jessica Chaney, Andrew Farmer, Riley MacDonald, Ezra Ritterbusch, 12, Caroline Auth,
- 13, Regina Hall, Elizabeth Krause, Lucy Vinar, 14, Mary Crum, Teddy Miller
- 15, Cooper Gaeta, Amy Leigh, Nancy Slovikosky, 17, Faye Cannon, Sally Meyers, David Shickel
- 18, Margery French, Tara Shoemaker, 19, Christina Kim, Adelynn Wilde
- 20, Catherine Duvall, Edith Edmonston, 21, Sutton Hayes, 23, Charlotte Richey, Connie Scoggins
- 24, Carl Reed, 25, Marietta Anderson, Levi Brown, Angela Burke, 26, Elizabeth Wyatt
- 27, Susan Baggette, Monica Campolongo, Jennifer Esler, Ivy Tang
- 28, Claire Moked, Margie Wilde
- 29, Bob Manthey
- 30, Sylvie Duthoy, Mary Ann Fogle, Michael Leftwich, Didi Willard



Richard and Judy Delauter	Nov. 2	Jeremy and Susan Leftwich	Nov. 21
Eytan and Martha Moked	Nov. 3	Bert and Virginia Edmonston	Nov. 27
Charlie and Amy Jones	Nov. 5	Brian and Peggy Krompasick	Nov. 29
Greg and Liz Selby	Nov. 5		
Cleon and Diane Stull	Nov. 9		
Stephen and Laura Miller	Nov. 12		
Robin and Bonnie Duggan	Nov. 16		
Kyle and Becky Bostian	Nov. 18		
Chris and Amy Vinar	Nov. 18		





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
			6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	5:30 p.m. The Birthing Group		12:30 p.m. WRS
Wheelbarrow 5 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Peal Bell 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Prayer Shawl 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir 3 p.m. Concert 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	6 7 p.m. SPRC Organ Parts Deliver 11/6-11/8	7 10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study 1:30 p.m. UWF Ex. Comm. 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	8 6 p.m. Making Cheeseballs 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	9 Holiday Bazaar Set-Up	10 Holiday Bazaar Set-Up 6 p.m. Veggie Tale Movie	11 Holiday Bazaar 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
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26 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	27 7 p.m. Church Council	28 10 a.m. Pastors' Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	29 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	30		

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Join in decorating the church for the holiday season. Saturday, Nov. 25 beginning at 9 a.m.