



Messenger 2024

Worship this month

We continue with the Lenten Worship Series: **Who Do You Say That I Am?**

There are various ways that Jesus Christ is viewed and encountered. Using *Freeing Jesus*, by Diane Butler Bass (2021), scripture and other resources we will look at several of these ways of rediscovering the fullness of Jesus for our lives today. We started the series by looking at Jesus as FRIEND and as TEACHER.

March 3 3rd Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion.

Jesus as SAVIOR

Ephesians 2:1-10 and John 3:14-21

March 10 4th Sunday in Lent.

Jesus as GUIDING PRESENCE

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 and John 2:13-22

March 17 5th Sunday in Lent

Jesus as WAY

John 14:1-7

March 24 Palm/Passion Sunday

Jesus as SUFFERING SERVANT

Mark 11:1-11

John 12:20-33, Hebrews 5:7-10 and Mark 15:33-39

March 28 Maundy (Holy) Thursday- 7:00 PM

Jesus as NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Mark 14:17-26 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26





Exploring Membership Class

Persons wishing to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ or interested in becoming a member of Calvary United Methodist Church are invited to take part in an Exploring Membership class on Sunday morning at 9 AM on **March 3 and 10**. We will meet in the Parish Hall. Pastor Steve Larsen will lead the class to consider the history and purpose of the church and what it means to have a vital and growing faith.

Lenten Study

We are meeting each Wednesday evening to consider the events and significance of what we know as Holy Week. As we look at the history and literature of the Passion accounts, we can find ways to understand our own lives through the stories, trials and choices of Jesus.

In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

March 6--Teachings: Risking Challenge

March 13--The First Dinner: Risking Rejection

March 20--The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends

Light supper at 6 pm, study at 6:45 pm, dismissal by 7:45 pm

Thank You Notes

This is a thank-you to members and clergy of Calvary Church for the kind condolence messages and cards received by me upon the recent passing of my sister, Cindy Schmeltz

- Nancy Strine

To Calvary Friends, My day was brightened by a visit from Pastor Ken with a bag full of "Goodies" it made my day. I am almost blind and have trouble writing, but wanted to thank those who prepared the Love Bag. I reside at Carroll Lutheran Village and have lived here for 25 years. I have treasured memories of my Calvary years.

Hope you all are well.

Fondly, Bette Heinrich

World Day of Prayer



Friday, March 1, 2024

2:00 p.m. Chapel

Calvary United Methodist Church

131 West 2nd Street

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Calvary will celebrate the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel. The sponsoring country of Calvary's service this year is Zimbabwe. Its theme come from John 5:2-9, as Jesus said to the man who had been an invalid for 38 years: "Rise! Take your mat and walk." We have given an ecumenical invitation to over 28 churches in Frederick County. Please join us for a moving service sponsored by the United Women of Faith's Executive Committee. All are invited!

An Interview with Mr. Aaron Pannebaker, Vice-president of Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders

-By Dr. Adela Peeva

It is amazing to see the building of our new organ at Calvary! The extraordinary craftsmanship and the pipe casework, the solid build of the technically complicated organ's console, the boldness of the transept pipes, all these features transpire such a powerful impression. Building a new pipe organ is a historical event for Calvary and to understand a bit more about the scope of this significant project, I have decided to ask the "Organ Masters" to share their experiences building our organ. In this newsletter, I interviewed Mr. Aaron Pannebaker, the Vice-president of the company. (Pictured Right)



Adela Peeva: Aaron, please share your experiences building Calvary's Organ so far? What were the most exciting and the most challenging elements for you?

Aaron Pannebaker: The most exciting part (and most challenging) was assembling all the casework at the church until we were finally able to stand back and see it right where it was supposed to always belong. It was a challenging to make many of the carved elements of the case to look like proper representations of the elements from the reredos in the sanctuary. Much time and effort went in making everything coming together!

Adela Peeva: Ever Organ is a unique instrument. What makes Calvary's organ a very special one we should be proud of?

Aaron Pannebaker: Calvary's instrument will always hold a special place for me, due to the amount of intricate woodwork that was part of it. It is a vision, and a sound in which the church should always be proud of! The team at Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders are extremely proud of what we have done and will never forget this project.

Adela Peeva: Aaron, you are the vice-president of the company. What is most exciting for you when working with such an amazing team of organ builders?

Aaron Pannebaker: The most amazing thing about working with my team is seeing the work ethic and care that goes into every piece of the organ, big or small. The craftsmanship that is a part of every part of the new instrument is inspiring, and the guys at Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders are to thank for that.

Adela Peeva: Did you participate in making the console of Calvary's organ? It looks amazing. Please, tell us about the making process.

Aaron Pannebaker: I very much participated in the making of Calvary's new organ console, as well as other wooden parts of the instrument. The console was designed around the idea of the reredos and took a few stylistic pieces from it so that the new console looks as though it has always been a part of the church. Since it is a four manual and larger than some consoles we build, we first built a mockup console in the shop which Adela had the opportunity to sit and critique. We were able to take some of her suggestions and change a few things before the official build started. We built the new console to be within AGO standards, and the final result is simply stunning!

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Adela Peeva: Your Dad is a fabulous organist. What did he teach you about this majestic instrument?

Aaron Pannebaker: My father, Dr. Jeffrey Pannebaker has been playing the organ his entire life, first taking a job at a local church when he was very young. I never knew that he was teaching me, but in reality he was exposing me to organ music and many pipe organs over the course of my life before I went off to college. I always love to hear them played, and now have a great appreciation for how they are built!



We gather together as Christians to worship the God who created us. We reach one another as we hear, remember and speak the words of the Gospel. We remind ourselves of our imperfections and failures encountered daily in following Paul's admonition of being Christ like.

How do we reach those non-Christians, the un-churched or even our brothers and sisters in Christ who do not worship with us regularly?

It happens when we do our best in living the faithful life of a practicing disciple. The key word is "practicing". We all know someone who says they are a Christian but there is something lacking in their daily actions.

Christians who are unselfish and benevolent become a unique verification to non-Christians that Jesus Christ is indeed the Son of God. The story of Dorcas (Acts 9: 32-43) supports this principle.

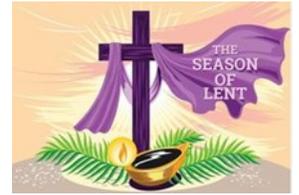
Dorcas is described as a disciple ... "who was always doing good and helping the poor." When she died in Joppa, her fellow Christians went to Lydda (a nearby town) to seek out Peter to come and see what he could do. Upon his arrival: "All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them." Peter did bring her back to life and presented her to "the believers and the widows."

Dorcas' unselfish service and care of others; "believers" and unbelievers ("widows"), as well as the two disciples seeking the aid of Peter, is a testament that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the one we must follow. He gave Peter the power to restore life.

Those things we do in God's name when following the example of Christ are the light in our faith life that God speaks of as – a light unto the world. The non-Christian can see that it is something that they can gain if they become like us in the image of Christ.

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!



The **Church Nursery** will be meeting in first classroom on the middle floor of the **Education Building** during the worship service while repairs are being made to the Nursery in the main church building. Please follow the signs or ask one of the ushers to guide you. Thank you!



Veggie Tale Movie Night

Friday, March 15 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 and pillow if you'd like! Please register by contacting AmyStone@calvaryumc.org, or sign up in Sunday School.

Mission Possible Kids is for kids in Kindergarten through 5th Grade who want to help others and make a difference in the world! Mission Possible Kids will not meet in March, but we will be helping Calvary's Youth on **Sunday, March 3** from **11:00 - Noon** in the Parish Hall to help fill Blessings in a Backpack! Please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org for more information and to order a Mission Possible



Children's Church meets in the Chapel during the 10:00 worship service for children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade, immediately following the *Time With The Children* during the service. 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 walk over to the Education Building to the temporary Nursery location in the first classroom on the middle floor. Children's Worship bags are also available in the Narthex to be used during the service and returned.



Please join us for our **Family Easter Celebration!**

Where: Parish Hall and Memorial Park

When: Saturday, March 30

1:00 – 3:00 pm!

Games ~ Crafts ~ Snacks ~ Easter Egg Hunt

A Visit from Ms. Bunny!

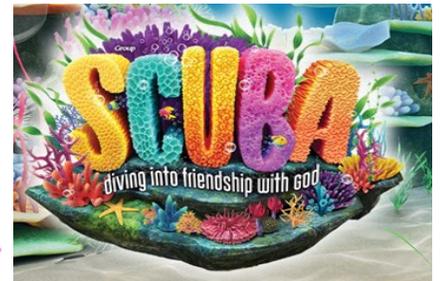
Donations of Easter candies and small toys for our Easter Egg Hunt will be collected from February 25 – March 24.

Mark your calendars for this summer's **SCUBA VBS!**

June 17 – June 20, 2024

Online registration begins April 1 at www.calvaryumc.org .

If you are available to volunteer for this fun and amazing ministry, please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org.



Calvary is going to see **DANIEL! Live On Stage!**

in Lancaster PA at Sight and Sound Theater

August 10, 2024 at 3:00 pm

There are still some tickets available—please let Amy Stone know ASAP if you and your family would like to join us!

Tickets: Adults \$89, Children 12 and under \$39

Payment will be due at a later date.

<https://www.sight-sound.com/shows/lancaster/daniel/2024>



Next Calvary Community Concert:

March 17 ,2024, 3 p.m.

Duo Beaux Arts will present a program titled “Contrast” demonstrating the full spectrum of the expressiveness for both piano solo and piano duet.



Greetings from Calvary Weekday School!

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Last month our 3-year-old classes went on a field trip to Urbana Heart and Soul. The students completed an art project with their family. The families and students loved it! It is a great place for all ages to visit and participate in art classes or camps.

The kindergarten classes celebrated the 100th day of school. They decorated t-shirts with 100 items at home and then wore them to school. They were so creative! Mrs. Knauss and Ms. Musser planned many activities for the students to do. My favorite one was when they drew pictures of themselves when they were 100 years old. Super cute!

All the classes celebrated Valentine's Day with Donuts and Grown-ups. The school provides munchkins from Dunkin Donuts and it was a great opportunity for the students to show families what they are doing in school and another way to build community within the school. Besides, who doesn't like donuts!

Thanks to Fred Schumacher we received free student meal tickets from Texas Roadhouse that we added to the student's Valentine's bags. Many thanks to him for always supporting our school.

More next month,

Patty Lockard, Director

Pancake Dinner

March 5, 2024 5:30-7:00 pm

Calvary UMC Parish Hall

All proceeds to benefit the Youth
Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement



Sponsored by Calvary's Youth

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Packing Event March 3, 2024

Directly following the Service

Collecting food items on the stage

February 19-March 3

All ages and skills welcome

Faith in action at Calvary

As we continue our Lenten journey, reflecting prayerfully about how we might increasingly put our faith into action in the year ahead, it is likely that we want to make a difference in helping those in need or otherwise marginalized. Jesus' earthly ministry seemed especially focused on those who were marginalized in society, and reminded us, as Mathew recorded (25:40), that when we serve the least of these, we are serving Him. The gospel accounts of the myriad ways in which Jesus ministered to those in need, including recipients of injustice, describe not only Jesus' actions, but more importantly the outcomes for the lives of those to whom He ministered. It may well have been their recollection of those dramatic outcomes that prompted the memories of Jesus' actions among the gospel writers decades later.

In January I summarized the many ministries of mission and outreach in which Calvary was involved last year, for each of which an assessment of outcomes would be impressive. At this time, I want to focus on one of those ministries, one in which Calvary has been engaged for more than four decades, namely, Frederick's Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs. Calvary was among the faith congregations that in 1981 helped organize the Coalition to address the problem of homelessness in Frederick County and remains today among the larger contributing congregations in support of that ministry.

In his 2023 annual report, the Coalition's Executive Director, Nick Brown, reports that 343 individuals were housed for an average of 7 days at the Alan P. Linton, Jr. Emergency Shelter for adults, while 39 families with average size of 3 were housed for an average of 75 days in the Coalition's Emergency Family Shelter. Calvary members may recall that for a number of years our church provided shelter for such families for two-week periods twice a year. Our financial support also helped provide what is now a full-time shelter for families on Hayward Road. In addition to safe shelters, the Coalition offered case management services that assist people gain employment and manage their income; and, provided emergency financial assistance for utilities (120 households), rent (950 households), and certain medical and dental care.

Most important, those who carry out and support the Coalition's mission offer the love of God's grace and a ray of hope for those among whom despair had been more common. It was by faith that Calvary members with a few others some decades ago helped begin a modest effort to address their homeless neighbors' needs, faith, that like the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32), nourished by God's prevailing spirit, has a major impact in the Frederick community today.

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministries



MARCH

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1, William Grove, Rev. Ken Humbert, Fern Kenney, Mary Sue Krause, Mason Leber

2, Finley Melhorn, **3**, Blake Rust, Taylor Selby

March 3 Anniversary- Gary and Paula Coffman

4, Rebecca Ackiln, Taylor MacDonald, Franklin McKnight, **5**, Daniel Brown, Jeff Rosen, **6**, Emily Harris

7, Casper Cline, Doug Manger, Shannon Rust, **8**, Lou Finneyfrock

9, Anna Bidinger, Tom Burall, Mari Beth Schmersahl, **10**, Ethan Mueller, Emily Sewell, Franklin Tang

March 11 Anniversary- Jeff and Brandy Adam

12, Angela Meadows-Milum, Dr. Raymond Moreland, Gregory Pfister, Patrick Stalnaker

March 12 Anniversaries- Gerald and Sandra Palmer, Robert and Cynthia Wilson

15, Patrick Stalnaker, Matthew Cline, Steve Loss

16, Reed Keirn, Lauren Reilly, Abigail Waskey, **17**, Raymond Crum

18, Zachary Heller, **19**, Seth Kraham, **20**, June Proudfoot, Aiden Rankin

22, Jeffrey Ramsburg, Stephanie Schmersahi, David Paugh, Samuel Kraham

March 22 Anniversary- Gary and Sharon Brown

23, Carroll Doggett (101), Thomas Kellam

March 24 Anniversary- Shane Wickline and Monica Campolongo

24, Catherine Chapman, Patrick Chapman, Constance Mason, Bradley Stone

March 25 Anniversary- Bill and Beth Waskey

25, Marjorie Johnson, Bobbie Parson, **26**, Gail Colby, Cassie Kraham, Paul Muehl, **27**, Jennifer Kinsey

29, Linda English, Paige Willard

March 30 Anniversary- Edward and Angela Milum

31, Molly Anderson, Lorraine Davis, Aubrey Greaves, Sharon Green, William Harris, Carrie Pure



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 1	Saturday 2
	A	R	C	H	World Day of Prayer 2 p.m.	
Wheelbarrow Sunday 3 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Blessings in Backpacks 11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	4 7 p.m. SPRC	5 10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study 1:30 p.m. UWF Ex. 6 p.m. Youth Pancake Dinner 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	6 6 p.m. Lenten Study	7 5:30 p.m. The Birthing Group	8	9 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
10 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	11 7 p.m. Trustees	12 10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	13 6 p.m. Lenten Study	14	15 6 p.m. Veggie Tale Movie Night	16
17 9 a.m. Sunday School 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	18 7 p.m. Finance	19 10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	20 6 p.m. Lenten Study	21	22	23
Palm/Passion Sunday 24 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	25 7 p.m. Church Council	26 10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	27 2 p.m. Miriam's Circle 6 :30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	28 7 p.m. Holy Thursday	29 Good Friday	30 9:30 a.m. WRS 1 p.m. Family Easter Event
Easter Sunday 31 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship						

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