

2024 Messenger

CALVARY COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

presented by the Music and Arts Ministry
of Calvary United Methodist Church

**Sunday, April 28, 2024
at 3:00 p.m.**

doors open at 2:15

*A full-house for this concert is expected. Seating capacity of 225 for the general public,
first-come, first-served. Overflow seating (non-visual) in Chapel.*

Calvary United Methodist Church
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Nathan Laube, organist
*Special Inaugural Concert
Celebrating Calvary UMC's
New Pipe Organ*

American organist Nathan Laube is one of the world's elite organ performers and pedagogues. He is Associate Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester New York and International Consultant in Organ Studies at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire in the United Kingdom. His extensive international recital career takes him continually to major concert venues and festivals around the world. Don't miss Mr. Laube's solo concert, inaugurating Calvary UMC's new 4-manual, 46-rank pipe organ built by Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders, Op. 167.



Visit www.calvaryumc.org/concerts for information on this and more upcoming events:

May 5, 2024
Francesca Hurst, pianist

Concert dates are firm at the time of posting and rarely change, but changes or cancellations by the artist/group and/or inclement weather may happen due to circumstances beyond our control. Changes will be posted at www.calvaryumc.org/concerts.

Worship in April

Worship this month takes on a variety of forms and voices as the youth lead us on April 14 and a retired pastor from within the congregation preaches on April 21. The last weekend of the month will be a celebration of our new organ with the focus on congregational singing, special music and the dedication of the new instrument.

April 7 2nd Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion

1 John 1:1-2:2 and John 20:19-31

Apr 14 3rd Sunday of Easter

YOUTH SUNDAY

Apr 21 4th Sunday of Easter



The Rev. Glenn Griffiths, retired United Methodist Elder, Western North Carolina Annual Conference who worships with regularly and is a member of our Sanctuary Choir.

Apr 28 5th Sunday of Easter

When In Our Music God is Glorified

Organ Dedication Weekend

**Does your closet
look like this?**

We can help!

BIG **CaVary's
Yard Sale**

Starting May 1st

unclutter your house
and bring your treasures

to the stage in the Parish Hall.

Save the Yard Sale date:

Saturday, June 8 ♦ 7:00am–1:00pm

No electronics or exercise machines.



General Conference 2024

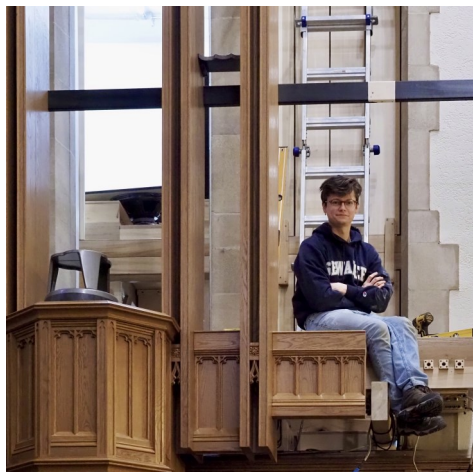
The United Methodist Church will hold its denomination wide meeting, known as the General Conference, April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, NC. This will be the first regular meeting of the General Conference since 2016 and the first time the General Conference has met since the special session held in 2019. This is the one body that speaks for the UMC as a whole, setting mission priorities, church structure, and budgets for the church around the world. This is a particularly important session with three major matters on the table:

1. **Regionalism.** The creation of four regional bodies within the denomination that would allow the church the flexibility to shape church decision-making and practices more in line with the cultural and geographical contexts that differ from region to region. The issues that matter in Africa will be different from those in Europe, the United States, and the Philippines. These are four geographical regions roughly equal in size in the UMC. The current structure already allows greater flexibility in the UMC outside the US. This would be creating a similar way for the UMC in the US to have some flexibility and distinctiveness that fits within its own context.
2. **The Removal of Restrictive Language.** The current language in the United Methodist Book of Discipline regarding homosexuality has driven the disaffiliation movement within the church. Removing this language can give local congregations, annual conferences and jurisdictional conferences more latitude for speaking about these issues and finding constructive ways to find agreement.
3. **Financial adjustments/cuts.** The United Methodist Church is shrinking in terms of membership and financial contributions. This means that drastic cuts are needed in the funds that support bishops, boards and agencies and the major projects that the denomination has supported, including Africa University. This contraction has been taking place for some time but was greatly accelerates with the COVID pandemic.

For more information about the General Conference and the matters it will be addressing, a good resource can be found at the website <https://foundryumc.org/future> put together by Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, DC. You can also find information about the General Conference and all sorts of other information about the United Methodist Church at www.umc.org.

Responses by members of Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders to interview questions from Dr. Adela Peeva, Calvary's Music Director

Hopefully, those of you who read the responses by Mr. Aaron Pannebaker, vice-president of the Cornel Zimmer Organ Company in our March newsletter, found them interesting and informative. To learn even more about the building of Calvary's new Pipe Organ from other members of the Organ building team, here are the responses from Mr. Will Burton Edwards and Mr. Jacob W. Hill (Jake) to my questions:



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

Will Burton - Edwards: Personally, I am responsible for repairing the old pipework and building the racks that supports them on the wind chests. Calvary's pipe organ posed some unique challenges in terms of spacing. The previous instrument was clearly quite large, and the additions required some engineering discipline to fit and still leave room for a tuner to access everything in the chambers.

(Pictured Left: Will Burton—photo by John Mitchell)

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

Will Burton- Edwards: The casework! Your church is beautiful and full of interesting little details mimicked in the case. Most of the detail mimics the hand-carved reredos, but elements of the rear of the sanctuary also tie-in. Aaron, Cornel and Jeff did most of the woodwork while Jake and I stained it. You should feel especially proud though of the expressive range of this instrument. With the shades closed, the strings are barely audible and the 16' tuba can pierce through the thong of full congregational singing.

Adela Peeva: Jake, you are an organ technician and also an organist. You work at Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders in addition to your role as a principal organist at First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. What do you think makes Calvary's Pipe Organ a masterpiece?

Jacob W. Hill: The casework for Calvary's organ is undoubtedly striking! There are many ways to classify objects or things as a masterpiece, but visual beauty is easy for everyone to interpret and appreciate, not just musicians. That alone give the organ a characteristic that not every organ has which helps to set it apart from others, thus elevating it to a "masterpiece" level.

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(Pictured Right: Jacob "Jake" W. Hill—photo by John Mitchell)

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Adela Peeva: Please tell us how your technical knowledge of and experience in organ building contribute to your organ performance?

Jacob W. Hill: I think this question is more applicable in the reverse- my training as an organist helps to inform my work with the organ company. Understanding organ literature from all the major periods in music history is helpful for knowing just what an organ needs to have to be successful. Larger organs are always easier to design, tonally, than the smaller ones where you can't have one of everything. In especially those instances it is good to know the must-have stops as opposed to the nice-to-have stops.

Adela Peeva: What would your dream organ would look like?

Jacob W. Hill: I'm not one to easily identify a singular "dream organ". I find great significance in authenticity, especially as it relates to architecture and instruments throughout history. I guess my dream organ would refer to many organs- all richly preserved from their initial installation, unaltered so that you can experience the thrill of the organ how the builder intended it originally.

Voice Workshop with Mrs. Laura Stuart, Head of Vocal Studies at the National Cathedral in Washington DC



7:30 -9:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, in the Choral Room on the second floor

Do you want to learn how to sing and praise God boldly? This voice workshop is designed for beginners as well as advanced singers and enthusiasts. You will have a great opportunity to learn from an outstanding voice teacher how to support your singing with generous, free airflow, access your entire range with maximum resonance, and release tension so you can sing without discomfort.

Please let Adela know if you are interested to attend at: adela@calvaryumc.org

SPRING INTO ACTION FOR THE FOOD BANK!

Support for our area food bank have been steady over the last few weeks. Thank you to all who have consistently kept our wheelbarrow full each week. The following list are items the food bank is currently requesting. Feel free to stop by the wheelbarrow and pick up a "to go" list to take with you the next time you run your shopping errands.

Pasta	Rice	Pasta Sauce
Instant Potatoes	Peanut Butter	Canned Meat
Mac n Cheese	Hygiene Products	Canned Vegetables

Thank you! - Julie

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 last classroom on the basement floor of the **Education Building** during the worship service (10:00 am – 11:00 am) 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!



Our next Veggie Tale Movie Night is happening on **Friday, April 19 6 p.m. – 7 pm.**, in the Activities Room of the Education Building. Join us for pizza and pillow if you'd like! Please sign up here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48352788-veggie>

Mission Possible Kids is for kids in Kindergarten through 5th Grade who want to help others and make a difference in the world!



Sunday, April 28

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Activities Room of the Education Building

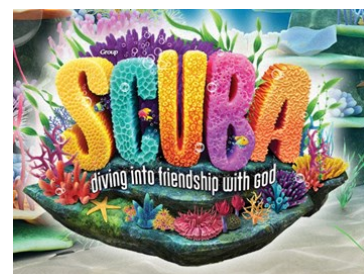
Sign up in Sunday School or by using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48584528-mission>

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 rewarding ministry, please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org



Volunteers should plan to attend **one of** our VBS Volunteer Meetings which are offered on:

Wednesday, May 22, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Sunday, June 2, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Monday, June 3, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Sunday, June 9, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Stewardship Notes:

The rising sun can be seen from only one set of windows at my house. So to witness and enjoy God's wonder, I have to be at the right place and at the right time. These two facts cause me to focus and be intentional in the moment that leads to a time of that is inspired worship.

First about the sun rise, it is so spectacular most mornings that there are few words to describe it. It is worship of God's greatness and a joyous prayer given in deep humility. Only God can create such wonder. If that is not in itself an intense moment in worship, it engenders faithfulness in response to God's promises fulfilled. It inspires me to think about how I can return to God what has been given to me and spend the day in continued worship by doing the will of God by doing good to others.

Back to the sun rise. The colors that God paints across the horizon are uncommon, pink, red, orange and yellows. Common is not the word after God finished his daily painting in pastel – each is rare and will never be duplicated. Each is a pearl found in a field. This is on a cloud free, clear day.

Some mornings are not cloudless. Some days there are clouds that cover some of the rising sun. This is a metaphor for our lives. Clouds can allude to ills and woes as depicted in Scripture. Our lives are lived in this world of bedevilment. But, behind the clouds there is God's promise of the sun.

I have noticed that most days with clouds accompanying the sun rise are even more spectacular. The colors are more vibrant pastels. The colors may include a darker blue, purple, reds and oranges. I have seen a green hue on an occasion. These remind me of God's presence in our darkest times. In the face of cloud ridden days, God is still with us and his presence is felt more.

On cloudy days I begin the day with a greater attitude of reflecting God's goodness in my life. These days are special, the sun rise is rarer and more spectacular in the presence of God. Even on cloudy days you experience the presence of your creator. So, your day may be cloudy, it may be cloudy for someone else. Be the person who parts the clouds for another as God parts the clouds for you.

“Changing lives now and for eternity” ...

... a mission statement on the website of the Frederick Rescue Mission ... seems especially timely as we enter this post-Easter period of our faith tradition. An inspiring feature of the Rescue Mission’s monthly newsletter is the testimony of one among the many whose lives have been changed through the organization’s ministry in the community. As I read them, I am reminded of how powerful the earliest testimonials to the Risen Christ were among Jesus’ initial followers and others, as referred to by Luke in the first paragraphs of his gospel and the Book of Acts. Moreover, just as the multiple reappearances in body of the resurrected Jesus, and eventually the Holy Spirit, gave impetus for the witness of His earliest followers, those who serve as staff and volunteers at the Rescue Mission also give witness to their life changing faith as well

Located on West South Street, around the corner from the Religious Coalition, the Rescue Mission now in its 60th year has a number of ministries complementary to the Coalition’s focus on homelessness and affordable housing needs in Frederick County. It provides breakfast and lunch for those in need 365 days a year. It also houses a live-in full life recovery program for men suffering from life debilitating addiction, as it also sponsors a safe life changing residential program for abused women, with and without children, through the Faith House ministry. Also sponsored by the Rescue Mission are a food pantry, a clothing distribution center, a learning center, spiritual outreach groups, and a summer camp program. Each of these ministries operates through a staff coordinator and volunteers.

A few months ago, I posted a notice in the newsletter for small groups of Calvary folks (perhaps 6-12 in number) to contact me if their group might wish to sign up as a group for volunteering service at the Rescue Mission. That invitation remains. But there are other ways in which each of us as individuals can also help the Rescue Mission meet its mission goals, financial or otherwise. I would invite you to go to the Mission’s website for information and guidance in that regard. Let us continue to be a witness to the Risen Christ through our active ministries of justice and mercy as Jesus taught and modeled, even as He humbly went to the cross.

Paul Nelson, Church & Society Ministries

Green Team

The Green Team is open to anyone from the church interested in reducing harmful impacts we have on the climate and the environment. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at 7 pm in the John Wesley Room to discuss things we can do as a congregation and as individuals.

Greetings from Calvary Weekday School!

We had a very successful underwear drive for the homeless students in Frederick. Thank you to members of the church who donated gift cards. We collected over 300 pairs of underwear!

This month we will once again work with the Frederick County 4-H Embryology Program. We will have two incubators with eggs and after 21 days and lots of observations and anticipation, hopefully some baby chicks. We are very fortunate to have this opportunity at our school to support our science curriculum.

During the months of April and May we will be collecting bars of soap to support the SHIP organization in creating health/hygiene kits. If you wish to participate, bars of soap can be dropped off at the school Monday- Friday between 9-1, or at the church.

Our final fundraiser for this year will be at Café Bueno on May 8 for lunch and dinner. Take-out orders are eligible too. Just mention Calvary Weekday School at the checkout.



Enjoy this peaceful season!

Patty Lockard

Sleep in Heavenly Peace CUMC Sponsored Bed Builds - SAVE THE DATE May 9th

April 9th: A link to the Sign Up Genius will come out in the weekly email from the church (Tuesday). And it will be in the bulletin on April 13th. Anyone 8 years old (w/an adult) and older can help. You will sign up for the time/tasks that you want to help. I suspect we will once again fill all the openings. SO...if May 9th isn't a good night for you or you don't get signed up to help that evening, there will be some openings for the May 18th Saturday build. A separate Sign Up Genius for you to sign up for that Saturday May 18th event will be available.

On May 9th:

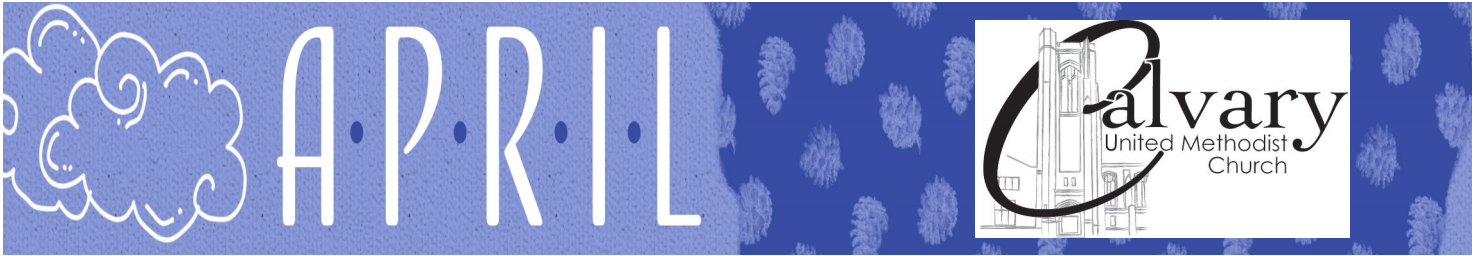
2:30 pm is the first shift to help pick up lumber from Lowes. (8-10 people)

3 pm to set up, cut lumber and make slat bundles. (15 people)

5 pm to build beds. (50 people). We can take turns with tasks here, especially the sanding station.

by 6:30 We should be finished and be ready to enjoy ice cream and s'mores on the fire. Bring your own lawn chair.

If you would like to just come by and see what we're doing and enjoy some ice cream from Rocky Point Creamery, plan to be at the barn by 6 pm. The build barn address is 2553 Buckeystown Pike Adamstown Maryland 21710. Bring your own lawn chair.



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

1, Owen Duthoy, Patricia Reynolds, Abigail Shankle

2, Rachael Bostian, Nancy Dobbs, Henry Maubert, 3, Jeremy Leftwich

5, Aaron Burall, Scott Pearce, 6, Becky Bostian, Jeff Dragan, Eryn Keyser

April 6 Anniversaries: Amy and Bill Lyon, Martin and Melissa Rowley

7, Adam Heller, Patty Keyser, Melissa Rust, Logan Sparks, Nicole Thompson

8, Leo Daugherty, Melissa Gaeta, Vesselin Palazov

April 8 Anniversaries: Robert and Linda Bennett, Brett and Sandy Chaney

9, Rev. Steve Larsen, Marilyn Marshall, Patricia Sterling, Nancy Strine

10, Fran Haller, Nancy Huffman, Leslie Hutzell

11, Emma Cerrito, Katie Glock, Amy McGreevy, Douglas McKinnon, Magda Morales, Norie Shipley

12, Todd Main, 13, Kaleb Bordner, Lori Leber, Martha Long

14, Olivia Bernier, Becky Isaacs, Katherine Ruth Marshall, 15, Mandy Mossburg

17, Nathan Benson, Gina Calcagni, Rachel Jones, Charlotte Pasquerette, James Shoemaker

18, Stephanie Whitmarsh, 19, Angela Muehl

April 19 Anniversary: Andy and Cheryl Radcliffe

21, Ruth Ann Burgener, Juanita Pard

22, Jacob Mayer, Benjamin Moked, Cristian Rojas, Judy Shickel

23, Shannon Kraham, Abigail Slovikosky, Gabrielle Slovikosky

24, Ryley Harper, Gabriel Lancione, Rachel Reading

April 24 Anniversary: Ben and Marilyn Marshall

25, Suzanne Nusbaum, Jason Ramsburg, Bonnie Strine

26, Rev. Ken Dunnington, Garth Phoebus, 27, Jessica Jarvis, Elaina Souders


28, Michele Lopez, Valerie Proudfoot, Trisha Stouter

April 28 Anniversary: Mark and Angela Mayer

29, Rev. Harry C. Cole, Richard Delauter, Elinor Eiker, Joshua Reading

30, Xavier Gaeta



Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
	Church Office Closed 7 p.m. SHP Reception	10 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. UWF Ex. Committee 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Voice Workshop	6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	5:30 p.m. The Birthing Group		
Wheelbarrow Sunday 7 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Prayer Shawl 5:30 p.m. Youth Sunday	8 7 p.m. SHP Team Meeting	9 10 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	10 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	11	12	13 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
14 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	15 5 p.m. Mission Team Meeting	16 10 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	17 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m. Green Team Meeting	18	19 6 p.m. Veggie Tale Movie Night	20
21 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Prayer Shawl 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	22	23 10 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	24 2 p.m. Miriam's Circle 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	25	26	27 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Master Organ Class 9:30 a.m. WRS
Youth Sunday 28 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir 3 p.m. Organ Dedication Concert 5:30 p.m. Mission Kids	29	30 10 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir				

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Proceeds from the Yard Sale
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