



Sleep In Heavenly Peace

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is an all-volunteer organization that builds and delivers beds, complete with mattresses, sheets, blankets, and pillows, free of charge, to needy children. The motto is: “No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!” The national organization recently celebrated its 10-year anniversary. Over the past 6 years, the Frederick County chapter has built and delivered nearly 2,000 beds. And yes, the need is still out there in our community.

Calvary Church has partnered with this organization several very significant ways:

- We have contributed financially. It cost \$250 for the lumber, mattress, pillow, sheets and bedspread for each bed.
- We provide a room in the Education Building to store bedding donated for the entire chapter and space in the garage for beds that are ready to be delivered.
- Our Mission Possible Kids have been breaking down lots (and lots) of cardboard, sorting donated bedding and making thank you notes.
- Our church has a weekly delivery team led by Dave and Pat Herber. We have delivered on over 70 evenings totaling over 370 beds since June 2022.
- We have provided many volunteers to build the beds. For the third year, Calvary is sponsoring a special evening bed build of 20 beds. The event takes place at a barn near Buckeystown. This year our sponsored bed build will be on May 9th from 5 to 7 pm to complete 20 beds. There are jobs for all skill levels. We will end the evening with some time for fellowship and ice cream donated by Rocky Point Creamery. We encourage anyone who wants to just check out what we’re doing to stop a bit after 6 pm for some ice cream. Bring your lawn chair to enjoy the farm and nice weather. The address is 2553 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown Maryland 21710.

This year Calvary has received a grant to support Calvary’s involvement with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. With the addition of these funds, we are able to sponsor both the evening build on May 9 and underwrite the cost of another set of beds on May 18th. We welcome your help with the build on May 18th also. That build will be open to volunteers from the community.

To learn more about the work or how to be involved, speak with Pat and Dave Herber, at

pkherber@gmail.com.

~Pastor Steve



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May Worship Schedule

Worship Series: To Be (or Not to Be) the Church

Church is not a place you go, it's something you are and something you do. Encounters with Jesus change people, not just for a moment, but by transforming us into something new. But we are not new by ourselves! We become new as part of a community, the church, held together and sent out by the Holy Spirit to introduce more people to the transformative Jesus! To be the church is to do God's mission in the world.

May 5 Holy Communion

Week 1: Be A Witness #ToInfinityAndBeyond

Matthew 28:16-20

The gospel is a message to be shared. We are called and given authority to be witnesses beyond the walls of the church.

May 12 *Mother's Day*

Week 2: Be A Disciple #notjustachurchgoer

Luke 9: 23-25

Discipleship involves commitment, giving of our whole selves and lives, not just Sunday morning.

May 19 *Pentecost*

Baptism: Maverick Krew Johnikin

Week 3: The Church of the Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 (focus verses: 17-21)

The gift of the Spirit allows us to be the church.

May 26 Memorial Day Weekend

Week 4: Be Transformational

Romans 12:1-2

Changed people change the world

American Red Cross

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

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS



Give the Gift of Life on Wednesday, May 8th

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

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 you can call or text me at 301-848-8216 at revsteve@calvaryumc.org. You can also sign up directly using the link here: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=CalvaryUMCFrederick>

-Rev. Steve Larsen



Music

Notes

Pictured Below:

Chambersburg PA American Guild of Organists(AGO) Chapter organ crawl participants during their visit at Calvary on Saturday, April 13.



Pictured Above:

The Sanctuary choir singers with Laura Stuart – the head of the vocal department at the National Cathedral during the vocal workshop on Tuesday, April 2.



Calvary Community Concert Series:

May 5, 2024 –
Francesca Hurst,
pianist

Recognized for her “quicksilver passagework” and “tender lyricism” (The Washington Post), yet not afraid to shout, swing her foot onto the piano or don fingerless gloves if the music demands it, Francesca divides her playing evenly between classical and contemporary music. At ease with a wide repertoire ranging from J.S. Bach to Caroline Shaw, and with a passion for performing the music of living women composers, she makes sense of the music regardless of style and period. Francesca was recently named to the Virginia Commission for the Arts’ Performing Artists Touring Roster.

Wesleyan Hymn Festival

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing!
Sunday, May 19, 2024
5:00 p.m.

Calvary United Methodist Church
131 West 2nd Street
Downtown Frederick
Free and Open to the Public

This collaborative hymn festival will feature Massed Choir and Massed Bell Choir with singers and ringers from numerous Frederick Downtown Churches. All hymns will be accompanied by the newly installed Calvary UMC Pipe Organ

A Free Will Offering will be collected for Literacy Council of Frederick County

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!

Children's Sunday School will have our **PROMOTION SUNDAY Celebration** on **June 16** at **9:00 am** in the **Sanctuary** followed by cake in the Parish Hall! Everyone is welcome! *Children's Sunday School will take a break over the summer and resume on Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024.*

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 last Veggie Tale Movie Night of the school year is happening on

Friday, May 17

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 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! Our last meeting for this school year will be:



Sunday, May 5

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>

In addition, Mission Possible Kids (ages 8 and over) are also encouraged to attend Calvary's Bed Build in Adamstown on Thursday, May 9!

We are taking a church trip to see the live onstage performance of **DANIEL**, August 10, 2024 at 3 p.m. at *Sight and Sound Theater* in Lancaster PA! Tickets are still available, please contact Amy Stone ASAP if you and your family would like to join us! Adults \$79, Children 12 and under \$42 <https://www.sight-sound.com/shows/lancaster/daniel/2024>

Payment will be due by **May 26**.

We will be having lunch at Dienner's Country Restaurant before the show!

Eastertide reflections on the passion of Jesus

During this 40-day post-Easter period prior to Pentecost, we reflect on the meaning for our lives of Jesus' resurrection following his death on the Roman cross. Such reflection was certainly experienced among those who were his earliest followers, however varied they may have been in their understanding of his identity and earthly mission in the context of the ancient Hebrew understanding of the Messiah and the "end of times," as well as their cyclical history of domination and freedom from one empire or another for centuries. The Apostle Paul in his letters to the early church as well as the four gospel writers each attended significantly in different ways to the resurrection of Jesus, often considered today as the defining event of the Christian faith.

Much as Professor Amy Jill Levine discussed in our Lenten study book *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, Professors Marcus Borg and John Crosson in their book *The Last Week* discuss the religious, political, and personal risks Jesus faced in the final days of his journey to the cross. Borg and Crosson also discuss two understandings of the word "passion." In Christian theological contexts the word is most often thought of in terms of the sacrificial suffering Jesus endured for the sake of humankind; but, as Borg and Crosson point out, the word "passion" in everyday English also connotes extreme devotion to something or someone. In the context of his earthly ministry, they identify that passion of Jesus as the *Kingdom of God*.

Jesus' concept of that Kingdom was not of this world (John 18:36) as ancient Israelites may have hoped, Temple authorities may have questioned, or as the Roman governors may have feared. Rather, it was to be a spiritual and earthly quality of the human heart of which God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah (31:31-33). The Kingdom of which Jesus spoke is only possible when we love God with all our heart, soul, and mind; and love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet, it is not enough for Jesus that we know this in our mind and feel it in our heart; rather, he challenges us even today to carry out that love in our actions (Mk 12: 28-34). It is such we seek praying for God's kingdom here on earth in the Lord's Prayer.

Through Jesus' parables and other teachings, his focus was largely on this earthly life and how we live it, a life of justice and mercy, of sharing God's grace and love with others of all backgrounds, especially those marginalized in society. It was this theme of God's Kingdom that inspired more than a century ago the classic social justice and mercy treatise by the Rev. Walter Rauschenbush, *Christianity and the Social Crisis in the 21st Century*, and the initial publication of what today are the United Methodist *Social Principles*.

Where do we stand in each of our own understandings of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and its meaning for our lives? What does the Kingdom of God mean to us? Might Jesus say to us: "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' but do not do as I say?" (Lk 6:46)

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministries

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



No electronics or exercise machines.

On Sundays after church . . .

Drop off your DONATIONS
May 1st – June 2nd

Clothing★Household Items★Tools★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

Calvary's Yard Sale
June 8 ♦7:00am to 1:00pm

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VBS NEWS

Mark your calendars for this summer's **SCUBA VBS!** June 17 – June 20, 2024

[Register For VBS Here!](#) Or at www.calvaryumc.org

We are still in need of volunteers to lead and assist in Preschool Crews and in the Nursery. If you are available to volunteer for this fun and rewarding ministry, please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org. J

Volunteers should plan to attend **one** of our VBS *Volunteer Meetings* which are offered on
Wednesday, May 22 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Sunday, June 2 from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Monday, June 3 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm



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 Pre-K graduations/celebrations will take place the week of May 20th - 24th with Kindergarten Graduation on May 31st.

We continue to observe our eggs and can't wait for the chicks to arrive. Mission Beelieve visited all classes in April to talk about the importance of bees. This month, the four-year-old classes and kindergarten will visit Pretzel Creations for their last field trip.

Our final fundraiser will be held at Café Bueno located in downtown Frederick on May 8th from 11 am to 9 pm. We hope you can join us!

We continue to collect bars of soap to help create hygiene kits for the SHIP organization.

I can't believe May is already here!

Happy Spring!

Patty Lockard, Director

Calvary UMC Scholarship forms are now available on our website.

Go to www.calvaryumc.org, click the NEWS drop down list, then Scholarships.

There are two ways to apply, online form or printable forms are available.

All applications are due by **May 9, 2024**. The scholarships will be awarded on **Sunday, June 19, 2024** in our worship service.

Questions, please contact the church office at 301-662-1464 or email at office@calvaryumc.org



Thank you to all of my friends and family at Calvary for all of the birthday cards. It was so wonderful to hear from so many of you.

~Nancy Huffman

Mission and Outreach Ministry



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May 9th CUMC Bed Build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace

This year Calvary will use the funds from a grant established by **Charles and Lucille Main** to support our involvement with Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build. We will have activities for ages 8 to 98 (yes, we plan to have some seated activities this year too but you must bring your own chair).

If you plan to help, you need to sign up and complete the indemnification form online:

- To help **between 3 and 5 pm on Thursday, May 9th.** <https://x.gldn.io/e/nqcSK1jCEIb>
- To help **beginning at 5 pm on Thursday, May 9th:** <https://x.gldn.io/e/nqcSK1jCEIb>

All activities that evening will be held at the SHP Build Barn, 2553 Buckeystown Pike Adamstown Maryland 21710.

Any questions or need help, please contact Dave or Pat Herber.

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip

An adult group is being formed to go to the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky from July 7- July 11. If you are interested in joining the group, please see Helen Sheppard or email her at brucehelenshep@msn.com

DIAPER DRIVE: The Mission teams going to Henderson Settlement in July want to deliver diapers, needed at Henderson. ALL sizes are needed. Infant to night time pull-ups and wipes. Please see the basket in the foyer and the cradle in Parish Hall. The teams and Henderson Thank You!

Exploring Church Membership

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 9:00 am, May 5 and May 12 in the Parish Hall.

Frederick Half Marathon

Sunday May 5th is the Frederick Half Marathon, runners are scheduled to past the church between 7:20 a.m-8:20 a.m., please be aware that the marathon may delay your arrival to the church and parking around the church and park may also be impacted.

Stewardship Corner

The Ephesian church congregation was having difficulty in shedding old habits. Prior to their individual acceptance of the “way”, as preached by Paul, and joining together as a home church in Ephesus, their actions were based on self at the expense of neighbor. It was the typical zero sum game of I win you lose. This is the same trap of failure to live a Christian life we can slip into today as a false feel good habit. It sometimes is costly to join others in Christian living. By looking at Paul’s next words in Ephesians, we can see the traps that may await us.

Paul’s instructions on how to handle these potential failings speak to lying and fostering rumors, anger management of self and sub-coming to destructive temptations. An important instruction deals with Christian character when you are poor or in need. When you have little, do you allow envy and greed to be the primary emotional response – leading to destructive temptation or do you respond to Paul’s words that echo the commandment from God: Do not steal! Stealing can be gaining an unfair advantage over another. Remember the Pharisees were accused of stealing the homes of widows.

In Ephesians 4: 28; Paul says “Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer...” Theft springs from want. There is something you crave that is a must have because of _____ (you fill it in). It is a failure of self-control or will to do what you know is right and but do what is wrong.

Paul’s remedy is to work, refocus from stealing (an unproductive act) to a productive action. He continues: “doing something useful with their own hands...” In today’s society our labor is exchanged for identified value to replace what is gained by stealing. The Christian value of “work” to enhance one’s circumstances, by self-gratifying means. Hard work produces personal satisfaction without guilt and recrimination. Hard work raises your status as a contributor to society.

The result of working with your own hands is not singular. It gives each a feeling of a healthy self – mentally and physical being. There are a multitude of studies that support this state of being. Paul gives us a Christian perspective. Hard work gives us the ability to share something with other in need. This is the Christian value of generosity, based on hard work. The more you have earned the more you have to give for the greater good.

Youth Ministry May Schedule

May 5	Hiking
May 12	Mother’s Day - No Youth Group, hug your Mom
May 19	Games and S’mores
May 26	Memorial Day Weekend, No Youth Group
June 2	End of year picnic and water balloons. 5th Graders are invited!

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

1, Rebecca Burgee, Christopher Graham, Patricia Grove, Beth Stitely, Peggy Strine

May 1 Anniversary ~ Fred and Lynn Schumacher

2, James Bear, Laura Cosby, Jennifer Long, Bill Riggleman, Lindsey Shanke

May 3 Anniversary ~ Scott and Leisa Moyer

3, Zachary Mossburg, **4**, Judith Allen, Helen Alsmeyer, Sarah Hubbard, Alexander Sparks, Amy Vinar

May 5 Anniversary ~ Greg and Carol Shipley ~ Tom and Billie Stokes

5, Isaac Brown, Amy Cerrito, Fern Kenney, Mary Matsler

6, Don Cline, Joshua Patterson, Mary Beth Pearce, Suzanne Rosen, Caroline Strakonsky, Diane Stull

7, Pamela Beachley, Cara Dragan, Charles Jones, Kaitlyn Quigley, Stephanie Sharpe

9, Eric Anderson, Tracey Carter, Kyle Shipley, Bruce Warehime, Camden Warehime

10, Josie Cottone, McGarity Harper, Alice Linton, Ryan Masser-Silva, Cyndie Seamans

May 10 Anniversary ~ Adam and Christina Heller

11, Cameron Johnikin, Kelly Kim, Steven Zalatoris

May 11 Anniversary ~ Randy and Didi Willard

12, Ronald Dudley, Rebecca Crum

May 12 Anniversary ~ David and Janet Fish

13, Melissa Rowley, **14**, Matthew Kraham, Amy Lyon, Sharon Brown

15, Sharon Brown, Allison Hamilton, William Pure, **16**, Robert Byers

May 17 Anniversary ~ David and Paulette Shockey-Petrucci

19, Sydney Crum, **20**, Cathee Calvert, David Cline, Sheila Howard, Evelyn Payne, Sam Shoemaker

21, Hilary Martz, **22**, Traci Davies, Mike Isaacs

May 22 Anniversary ~ Douglas and Kim Selby

23, Meredith Miller, Melissa Ritterbusch, **24**, Natalie Cook, Laura Hunter

May 24 Anniversary ~ Julia Lancione and Daniel Heineman

May 26 Anniversary ~ Brad and Jennie Davy

28, Dennis Ahr, Jessica Little

May 28 Anniversary ~ Rob and Joyce Summers

May 29 Anniversary ~ David and Judy Shickel

30, Allison MacDonald, **31**, Stephen Harris, Doris Keeney, Emma Kinsey, Martha Moked, Jane Sowers

May 30 Anniversary ~ Pat and Maria O'Toole



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
			Yard Sale Collection Begins 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study			
Frederick Half Marathon 5 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. MPK 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	6 7 p.m. SPRC	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 Blood Drive 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Calvary Blood Drive 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	9 3 p.m.-5 p.m. SHP Bed Build	10	11 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9:30 a.m. WRS
Mother's Day 12 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir	13 7 p.m. SHP Team Meeting 7 p.m. Trustees	14 10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	15 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	16	17	18
Pentecost 19 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	20 7 p.m. Finance Committee	21 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	22 2 p.m. Miriam Circle 6 p.m. VBS Training 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir	27 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	28 10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	29 B/W Conference May 29-May 31 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	30	31	

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*Calvary United Methodist Church seeks and invites all to become disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of our community and our world.*

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SATURDAY, JUNE 8
7:00AM – 1:00PM
CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
131 West 2nd Street in Frederick
[Corner of 2nd and Bentz Streets]
RAIN OR SHINE ♥ BAKE SALE
INDOORS

Proceeds from the Yard Sale
will benefit local Frederick County charities.