



*From Pastor Steve*

I found attending the annual session of the Baltimore Washington Conference to be an uplifting experience. I found many other clergy and laypeople that make up the 594 congregation of the United Methodist Churches in our conference to be hopeful about the future. The challenges we face are real. Many of the resources and ways that got us to where we are today may not be sufficient to move us forward into tomorrow. But time again in the Bible we see examples of God doing a new thing and inviting people to step out in new ways. And when they do, God provides them guidance and strength.



In a world where there is so much division and acrimony, those who follow Jesus Christ can practice a more excellent way, the way of love.

I want to always proclaim a gospel of grace. Grace was at the heart of John Wesley's understanding and practice of faith. That means that all persons are created in the image of God, beloved and worthy. When we look at one another, we are to see each other in this way. That means we have to let go of labels and categories that say that some people are worthy less than others. Jesus said "love your neighbor as yourself" and "Love one another as I have loved you." There isn't room for exceptions or qualifications.

The sign out front of the church now reads "Everyone is welcome here." We offer an open table for all to receive communion. I'd like us to do our best to make everyone experience a warm welcome when they step inside the church.

I shared with many of you after the worship service on Sunday, June 2 that I plan that explore what this means in our life together. The Church Council met the following evening and agreed to support this. During the summer, a team will come together to consider what it would mean for us to become a reconciling congregation. This will involve lots of prayer, reflection, conversation and careful listening across the whole congregation. The process will allow us to consider just who we are and how we want to be known to our neighbors. I hope you will take part in it. I want this to be a transparent and open process that we can all support.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Steve



# JULY

## Worship Schedule

### Worship Series: Peter, a Flawed Yet Faithful Disciple

Peter is the most memorable of the disciples. He was the first to recognize Jesus as the Messiah and yet he also denied Jesus in a critical moment. Peter offers us a clear model of discipleship that allows us to shine even though we have moments when we misunderstand or come up short. This series will let us look at some key moments in Peter's relationship with Jesus.

#### July Sunday Schedule

**9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School**

**10:00 a.m. Worship**

July 07     Holy Communion  
              The Call of Simon  
              Luke 5:1-11  
              Special Music: Savannah Muehl, soloist

July 14    Baptism- Mabel Douglas  
              Willing to Step Out of the Boat  
              Matthew 14:22-34  
              Special Music: Karen Gebhart, organist

July 21     Bedrock or Stumbling Block?  
              Matthew 16:13-23  
              Special Music: Karen Gebhart, organist

July 28     Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ray Moreland



#### **Date to Remember in July 2024**

*July 1 SPRC 7 p.m.*

*July 4 Holiday Church Office Closed*

*July 7– July 13 Henderson Trip*

*July 8 Trustees 7 p.m.*

*July 8 SHP Team Meeting 7 p.m.*

*July 10– Calvary's Blood Drive 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.*

*July 13 WRS 9:30 a.m.*

*July 14 Exploring New Members Class 9 a.m.*

*July 15 Finance 7 p.m.*



# AUGUST

## Worship Schedule

- August 4 Holy Communion  
Rev. Vicky Starnes, Guest Preacher  
Worship Leader: Rick Miller  
Special Music: Julia Lancione, soloist
- Aug 11 From Cowardice to Courage  
John 21:4-18  
Ann Thompson –Organist  
Special Music: Dr. Ray Moreland, soloist
- Aug. 18 Giving Thanks for Everything  
Ephesians 5:15-20 and John 6:51-58  
Ann Thompson –Organist  
Ephesians 5:15-20 and John 6:51-58  
Special Music: Jennie and Brad Davy, Handbell Duet
- Aug. 25 Just Read It!  
Ephesians 6:10-20 and John 6:56-69  
Special Music: Handbell Chamber ensemble:  
Helen Shepherd, Laura Hunter, Karen Gebhart, Jennie and Brad Davy

### **August Sunday Schedule**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Adult Sunday School**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Worship**



### **Dates to Remember in August 2024**

*Aug. 6 UWF Ex. Committee 1:30 p.m.*

*Aug. 11 Exploring New Members  
Class 9 a.m. (Sunday)*

*Aug. 12 SHP Team Meeting 7 p.m.*

One of the many wonderful things at Calvary is the Grateful Hearts class. What a tremendous ministry! For those who are not familiar with the name, the Grateful Hearts class is a Sunday school class for adults with developmental disabilities. They meet in the library/conference room. They always enjoy the Coffee/Donut Hour in the Parish Hall and sit in the front on the left during worship services.



We use the Calvary bus to pick them up each Sunday and drop them off back at their homes after the donut time.

We need your help! After the summer break from all Sunday School classes, we will have only one bus driver starting in September.

Please consider being a bus driver.

Here are some of the “but’s” and the answers to them:

- BUT - I don't know how to drive the bus.

Answer - One of us will ride with you and coach you until you are comfortable. It's actually fun to drive the bus.

- BUT - Some Sundays I would not be available to drive.

Answer - You need only commit to as little as one Sunday per month. The schedule is always flexible should you need to swap Sundays on short notice.

The one driver that we do have needs some additional driver[s] for the Sundays that he is not available. We do not want to have to cancel a Grateful Hearts class on a Sunday because we have no driver.

We are their church home. They look forward to coming to our beautiful building and watching the pageantry, listening to the music from our newly refurbished organ, our wonderful choir and the sermons and scripture readings. They do listen and take it all in-

most of them are very responsive in class, but all of them are happy to be there!!

We very much want this outreach mission to continue, as it has done for the last 34 years!

Consider that for a moment...34 years of commitment from our Calvary church members! That's an incredible job well done!!

Please, look into your hearts, pray over it, talk about it and say "Yes! I can do this!"

Please email or call us to talk about this further with you.

Peace and love,

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## Literacy Council, Frederick County

### THANK YOU LETTER for the offering donation from the Wesleyan Hymn Fest

We are sincerely grateful for the generous contribution to help our mission, Literacy lifts Lives. Because of you and others like you, the support of our community and commitment to our mission means the world to all of us, and most especially our students. Thank you for the special offering donation from the Wesleyan Hymn Fest. Our appreciation goes to the seven participating churches; Frederick Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, Calvary United Methodist Church, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Grace United Church of Christ, and Centennial United Methodist Church, which collaborated to perform and raise funds to support this critical work. The "gift of literacy" enables our adult learners to accomplish so much. As they acquire improved reading or English language skills, they get better jobs, become more confident parents, and participate more fully in the life of the Frederick County community. Because of you, we are providing services to people who absolutely need our help. Our Workplace English Classes for hotel hospitality staff meet weekly and continue their learning of hotel industry protocols, vocabulary and everyday life skills. Our Parent Literacy Program coordinates weekly tutoring of parents referred to our programs through our collaboration with the Judy Center and five Frederick County elementary schools. We continue to distribute children's books to our families, and are enjoying success with our "Books for Your Birthday" project, which launched in 2021, and offers a small bundle of donated children's books for our adult learners' children to help encourage families to read together. Our staff and volunteers are supporting multiple Community Classes in person and through distance learning platforms, while tutors from our Tutoring Program meet weekly with their students in person and online to support their learning. It is only through your generosity that we can expand our programs. Thank you again for opening your heart to our community.



Sincerely,

Laurie Fisher,

Executive Director Date of Gift



On June 9, Dr. Peeva introduced our pipe organ to the young singers from the children's choir. All children were curious to know how the organ works. The children were fascinated to touch a key, draw a stop, and make a sound with organ. They explored different sounds by pressing keys on all four manuals as well as playing the pedal with their feet. It was an exciting step in the process of learning about the king of all instruments.



Photos by Laura Miller



### ***Learn to play violin!***

#### ***Youth Violin Program at Calvary United Methodist Church***

A New Program is being offered to students aged 5 to 12 that wish to learn to play and perform violin or viola, develop an appreciation for music, and perform for events. The group classes will be taught by experienced violinist/teacher Stephen Arnold of the Frederick Symphony. Classes will begin in July and be held in Calvary's Library, twice a week, on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. and Sundays from 11:15 a.m.-noon.

Tuition is \$180.00 per month and instruments and music are both available.

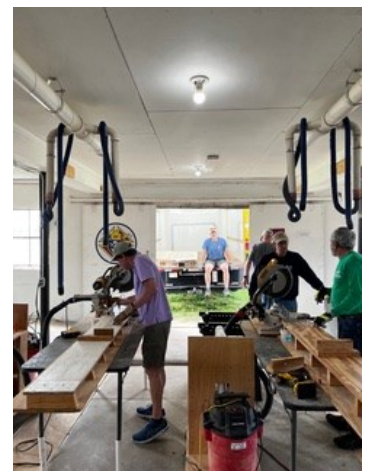
Contact Stephen Arnold at (540) 323-0560 or email [vamusicmakers@gmail.com](mailto:vamusicmakers@gmail.com) for more information and to register. Classes will be small, so register as soon as possible



## **SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE**

During May, Calvary sponsored two bed build events, May 9th and May 18th, resulting in over 50 beds being built. On May 9th, we had 45 volunteers and station mentors (CUMC folks with previous experience) and we built 20 beds. Our CUMC delivery team has already given all 20 to local children, complete with new bedding. Since our members became involved over three years ago, many CUMC members have helped the local Frederick County Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) ensure that No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town. Your donations (both financial and donations of bedspreads/quilts, pillows, twin sheets, mattress protectors), your labor building beds, hauling beds, mattresses, and recycling, delivering beds and helping pick up, sort and prepare bedding bundles as well as providing storage space in the garage and in the Education building has been an incredible benefit to SHP. This was our third year sponsoring a build and this year we funded the 20 bed May 9th build as well as most of the May 18th build with the help of the Charles and Lucille Main Grant awarded for this purpose through the Community Foundation. The May 18th build was a community build allowing volunteers including a group of girl scouts and several of our CUMC young adults to come out and build.

A huge thank you to the entire congregation for your ongoing support to SHP.





## Soles of Love - New Children's Shoe Donations Needed by 7/21

CUMC is proud to support the wonderful work done through the Soles of Love non-profit event and the leadership of Julie Gaver. This year the goal is to collect over 6,000 pairs of new shoes for school-age children in need in the Frederick County area.

In addition to giving new shoes, also consider writing short notes of encouragement that will be tucked into every pair of shoes given to a child. Let's exceed expectations with our congregation's generous gift of new children's shoes. Drop off shoes and notes in the bin on the stage in the Parish Hall until July 21.

Thank you to everyone who supports this important Mission Outreach project!

### School Supply Drive- United Way

Over the last two summers, we collected school supplies for children heading back to school. Many students in Frederick County Public Schools start the school year without the supplies they need to succeed. We can help to get them what they need to get started.

We are looking for

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| #2 pencils      | index dividers | black pens               |
| colored pencils | crayons        | composition notebooks    |
| markers         | pencil boxes   | wide-rule notebook paper |



The United Way has provided us with bins we have placed in the narthex and parish hall. The drive ends on July 30 with big yellow school buses coming by the church and other local businesses in the community helping out with this drive.



### Blood Drive, July 10 (American Red Cross)

Summer Blood Drive, Wednesday, July 10, 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM. You can make a critical different in the lives of three other people by giving a bit of yourself and your time. Appointments are available throughout the day and evening. You can schedule an appointment through Pastor Steve or use this code.



## **Standing the watch ...a renewed opportunity for ministry at Calvary**

At the conclusion of the memorial service observing the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, held on the hallowed grounds above Omaha Beach of Normandy, a Navy chaplain read *The Watch*, citing the naval tradition of “standing the watch” at sea and ashore. To the century-old WW II veterans seated behind her, she poignantly concluded to the effect: “You stood the watch; you are relieved of the watch; now we stand the watch.” From one generation to the next, responsibility, integrity, sacrifice, and service are core values of “standing the watch.”

Though his disciples could not stay awake on the eve of Jesus’ arrest in Gethsemane. as he had commanded when he said “stay here and keep watch with me” (Mk 14:34), was he not asking them once again to stand the watch for him in his parting comments following the resurrection (Mt 28:18-20)? Had he not symbolically implied the same earlier in his command that to be his disciple one must take up their cross to follow him (Mk 8:34)?

And just as the rationale and procedures for standing the watch in naval tradition are provided as guidance to those in military service with such responsibility, was there not such rationale and guidance given by Jesus to us as it was to his earliest followers if we are to stand the watch as his disciples? Jesus, of course, gave us the Great Commandment, to love God and our neighbor (Mk 12:29-31). Jesus’ myriad teachings about how that is to be done might be summarized by the prophet Micah’s proclamation to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Mic 6:8). This is what I understand to be the focus of the church’s relation to the society in which it serves as the hands, feet, heart, and voice of Jesus: responsibility for *justice and mercy ministries.... humbly serving God.*

Following the pandemic at Calvary we combined the planning for these two equally important ministry emphases into one *Missions and Outreach Ministry Team*. With about a dozen members under the superb leadership of Pat and Dave Herber, that team has greatly expanded the opportunities for Calvary’s congregation, adults and youth alike, to be informed about and participate in mercy ministries within our local, national, and global societal context.

Less systematic attention, however, has been given to issues of justice in our society or world, many of which are the root cause of the needs for mercy. If we are to take up our cross to follow Jesus and stand the watch for him, we are called to promote justice in our society just as we are to help others with acts of mercy. This is our time to “stand the watch” for Jesus! Beginning in September this year, with the help of a small steering team, we are revitalizing a social and environmental justice ministry at Calvary one that will complement, not compete with, our Missions and Outreach Ministries Team.

**If you are interested in knowing more about this renewed opportunity for ministry, especially if you would like to volunteer to be on the planning team for its implementation, please contact me by phone at 240-578-0887 or by email at [paul.d.nelson@outlook.com](mailto:paul.d.nelson@outlook.com).** Thank you and blessings!

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministries



## Greeting from Calvary Weekday School

We hope you are all enjoying your summer

We will welcome new staff to the Calvary Weekday team in the fall. Amanda Stanczyk will replace Karen Binniker as an assistant in the three -year -old program. Amanda's daughter graduated from kindergarten last year and her son will be in the four year old program.

Karen Binniker will move to the four-year-old program as the head teacher. She is replacing Renee Gillenwater who welcomed a new addition to her family in June. Renee will certainly be missed but will continue to be a part of our school since her son Liam will be in the four-year-old program.

Emma Jaramillo will replace Anissa Arroyo who taught our Spanish program. Emma's daughter also graduated last year from the four-year-old program.

We will miss all our former teachers and appreciate their hard work and dedication to our school. We also welcome our new staff and are really excited to welcome new ideas and experiences.

Olivia and I will continue working throughout the summer months updating handbooks, revising school schedules, ordering and putting away supplies, scheduling field trips, planning fundraisers and organizing all the materials in the school.

Enjoy the rest of your summer-

Patty Lockard, Director



### Exploring Membership

Are you interested in learning more about the people and the things we are doing as a congregation? Are you curious about the history of the church or how to grow in your faith? If so, please plan to join with Pastor Steve Larsen for the Exploring Membership class. He will be offering these on two different Sundays this summer, **July 14** and **August 11** meeting at 9:00 Am before the worship service. During the session, you will get to learn more about the congregation, membership and the pathways of discipleship we promote. Please feel free to join in on either Sunday.



- 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, Marilyn Moyers, Margaret Selby, 6, Madi Davies, Luci Palmer
- 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, Maverick Johnikin, Molly Rhoades, Ellori Sue Webster, Caitlyn Wilson, 16, Olivia Kluttz
- 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, 28, Keith Krause, 29, James Colborn, Judy Tran, Alice Zalatoris
- 31, Ricky Munday, Carol Officer, Allyson Sewell, Daniel Shankle

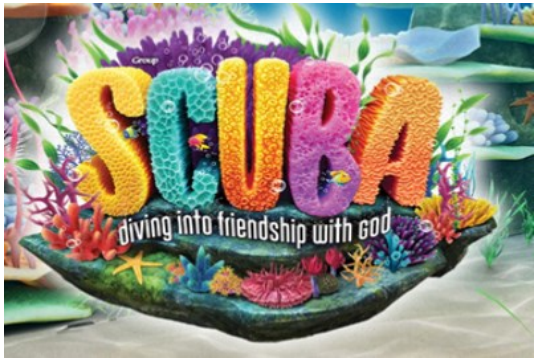


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| Jeff and Amy Stone          | July 1  |
| Eric and Angie Anderson     | July 5  |
| Scott and Linda English     | July 6  |
| Isam and Katie Ballenger    | July 7  |
| Christian and Lori Leber    | July 8  |
| Jeffrey and Alice Zalatoris | July 8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

- 1, Julie Lancione, Charlotte Miller, Mary Ritterbusch, Robert Summers
- 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	Ed and Judith Ahlstrom	Aug 12
Dr. Ray and Sandy Moreland	Aug 3	Rev. Harry and Sharon Cole	Aug 12
Jim and Sandy Sengstack	Aug 4	Mitch and Penny Reading	Aug 14
Ryan and Bethany Webster	Aug 4	David and Amanda Calabrese	Aug 16
Doug and Josie Manger	Aug 5	Rev. Steve and Wanda Bulkowski Larsen	Aug 16
Chad and Melissa Ritterbuch	Aug 5	David and Amy Carter	Aug 20
Shannon and Stephanie Whitmarsh	Aug 5	Mike Pickett and Judy Tran	Aug 23
Larry and Judy Johnson	Aug 8	Jeff and Cara Dragan	Aug 25
Heath and Julie Wilson	Aug 8	Jim and Norma Hamilton	Aug 25
Mike and Janie Hahn	Aug 9	Dan and Dianna Plotner	Aug 25
Jack and Jane Tritt	Aug 11	Chuck and Susan Engler	Aug 30
		Steve and Mary Ann Mood	Aug 30



VBS Fun!! June 17-20

All photos by John Mitchell



## Children's Ministry News

**Calvary's SCUBA Vacation Bible School, June 17 – 20, was a huge success!**



We had 73 children registered, and there were 55 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 20, Calvary hosted a VBS Celebration for families, featuring a hot dog dinner, songs,

skits and fun – around 100 people attended! 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!

I would like to extend a personal heartfelt thank you for all of the support that was shown for VBS this year! We had so many dedicated volunteers who came early and stayed late, who helped to set up and take down, and who were there for every need that arose.

The Thursday Evening Family Celebration ran so smoothly because of the help of so many who shopped for and prepared the dinner– Fran Haller, Helen Sheppard, Judy Shickel, Karen Gebhart and others!

Becky Isaacs' snack creations throughout the week were beautiful and delicious, and her organization was flawless! We had so many snack donations from our amazing congregation!

Our Station Leaders and Crew Leaders worked tirelessly each day to make sure the kids had a fabulous week. I feel enormously blessed to be a part of this wonderful community of faith, and to belong to this Calvary Family. Thank you all so much for an awesome week!

Amy Stone 😊❤️🙏

**ATTENTION:**

Calvary's Children's Sunday School is taking a break for the summer from  
June 23 – Sept. 1.

Please join us on Sunday, September 8 for our Carnival Kick-Off.

Plan to bring a friend!

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 renovations 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!



**Children's Church** will continue through the summer! **Children's Church** is for children ages 5 – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and takes place in our beautiful **Chapel** during the Worship Service immediately following the *Time With the Children*. If you would like to be the adult volunteer for Children's Church this summer, please sign up here!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949acad2fabfbc61-childrens#/>



We are taking a church trip to see the live onstage performance of

**DANIEL**

at *Sight and Sound Theater* in Lancaster PA!

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

**August 10, 2024 at 3:00 pm**

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

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