



From the Pastor Steve

On October 13, we celebrated Mission Sunday with worship and hands on work. During the worship service we got to hear about several of the organizations that we partner with as a congregation. We got to hear a bit about several of these programs that morning.

Here is a bit more about other outreach and mission projects:

Rise Against Hunger

In just a few hours we managed to package meals that would feed over 10,000 people. We work with Rise Against Hunger, an organization that works in countries around the world to alleviate hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity. We at Calvary UMC are just one of many churches and organizations that packaged the shelf-stable meals that can be shipped wherever there is a need. Rise Against Hunger also provides school feeding programs to support nutrition, education and health for children and families facing hunger and work with local leaders to implement sustainable agriculture and income-generating projects that support long-term solutions to food security.



City of Frederick Food Bank

In the Bentz Street hallway, just outside the Parish Hall is the food wheelbarrow. Items left in the wheelbarrow are taken to the Food Bank Program on 14 E All Saints St. provides a three- to five-day supply of food to individuals and families who are facing an economic crisis and cannot afford to buy their groceries.

The Foodbank serves between 600 to 800 households each month ranging from very low-income families to moderate-income families who are facing a financial crisis and need food assistance. Julie and Roy Schwarzenberg coordinate this work.

Blood Drive, The American Red Cross

We host 5 blood drives each year. So far in 2024 we have successfully collected 193 units. Each unit of blood helps up to 3 people. Calvary provides the space for the blood drive, many donors and several volunteers at each drive to greet, register and assist with the donation process. Our next drives will be: December 4, 2024, February 5 and May 7.



November Worship Schedule

November 3 *All Saints Sunday, Holy Communion*

The More Excellent Way: LOVE

1 Corinthians 13, Matthew 22:34-40

During the service, we will lift up names of those members and loved ones who died in the last year.

November 10 *Guest Preacher: Rev. Helen Smith (Retired)*

Until her retirement in 2016, Rev. Smith was the pastor of Centennial Memorial United Methodist Church and are shared in the work of the Cooperative Parish between that congregation and Calvary UMC.

November 17 *Stewardship Series: Uncommon Generosity*

When Little is turned into Abundance

John 6: 5-14

November 24 *Stewardship Series: Uncommon Generosity*

Take Hold of the Abundant Life

2 Corinthians 8:7 and 9:11 and 1 Timothy 6: 17-19

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event ***Sunday, October 13, 2024***





Calvary Community Concert Series continues on **Sunday, November 3** with the *Salon Trio*. Featuring clarinetist Robert DiLutis, saxophonist Noah Getz, and pianist Mary-Victoria Voutsas. Their program, “Influential Voices,” explores the often neglected chamber music of Black composers who helped forge a path for future generations of musicians. The program will include works by William Grant Still, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, and Yusef Lateef.

Concert doors open at 2:30 p.m., concert begins at 3 p.m.



During the Worship Service on October 6, the Sanctuary Choir had the privilege to sing “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”, a song written by Dr. Brenda Portman. The singers were truly excited that Dr. Portman was also present to accompany us on the piano during the service.

We also had the wonderful opportunity to learn firsthand from the composer how to most meaningfully perform the song.

~Photos by John Mitchell



The Holiday Bazaar Elves Are Still Busy at Work!

- White Elephant Room. We need intriguing items you just don't have room for. Or grown out of. Or no longer need. Whatever the reason, someone will find they are just perfect. Bring your items to the edge of the stage in the Parish Hall. Questions? Call *White Elephant Elf Helen Sheppard* (301) 898-3464.
- Silent Auction. Friends, neighbors, and teachers are some perfect beneficiaries of the special treasures at the Silent Auction. BUT, first we need the treasures to auction off! Beautiful items in the past have included paintings, a nutcracker collection, mugs with scenes from Van Gogh's paintings, and more. If you have a stellar item to donate to our Silent Auction, please contact *Silent Auction Elf Laura Hunter* (301) 268-4564.
- Jams and Jellies. Please consider donating some of your extra special homemade jams and jellies. Our bazaar has been known for its blue ribbon condiments, the little gifts you give to the most special people to say *I love you*. Bring your jams and jellies to the edge of the stage in the Parish Hall and put a note on them for *Head Elf Becky Isaacs* (301) 639-5377.
- Bake Sale Goodies. Last – but never least – are the delicacies we offer at our Bake Sale Table. The Calvary elves are the best at baking! Please bring your baked items portioned for sale to the parish kitchen on Friday, November 15 from 12:00-4:00. No refrigerated items, please. Mark your delicious creation if it's gluten free or contains any nuts. For more information call or text *Bake Sale Elf Becky Kile* (301) 401-7368.

The Return of "Social Nite"

On **Saturday evening, Nov 2nd at 6 pm**, we are hosting an adult "Social Nite" event in the Parish Hall. Hopefully this will be the first of many more gatherings. At the church in the past, Social Nites, Prime Timers and XYZs were all groups of adults that gathered regularly for fellowship and fun. We would like to restart the tradition with a game night and potluck style dinner. The categories for the potluck include chili, healthy appetizers and decadent desserts.

Please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0445ABA822AAFD0-51721244-cumc> or sign up in the Parish Hall to let us know you'll be coming and what dish you'll bring to share. In addition to dinner and games, we'll set aside time to discuss plans for future gatherings.

Following the format of the Social Nites group, we'll be looking for hosts to plan each of our future events.

Questions: contact Dave or Pat Herber

Calvary United Methodist Church's

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 16

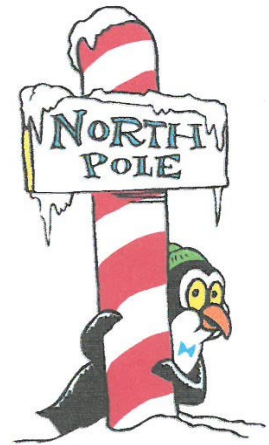
9:00am to 3:00pm

Handmade Crafts • Vendors
Gifts • Wreaths • Holiday Decorations
Silent Auction • Luncheon • Live Music
White Elephant Room
and Calvary's famous Cheeseballs!

Come out and do some
early holiday shopping!

- and -

Visit **Santa** at the
North Pole
and create
Kool Kidz Krafts!



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Proceeds will Benefit Frederick County Charities

What would Jesus have me do?

In last month's article, in the context of welcoming the stranger in Christian hospitality, I referred to the classic publication of more than a century ago, *In His Steps*, a story about a pastor who challenged his congregation to ask the question "*what would Jesus do?*" in their daily lives when faced with a challenging decision. As the story goes, this question was prompted by a stranger who visited the congregation one Sunday, the outcome of which was a transformation of that congregation and its community, in the spirit of Jesus' admonition to the Pharisee Nicodemus, that "unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God" (Jn 3:3).

In his writings about *The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus*, Peter Gomes, former pastor at Harvard University's Memorial Church and professor at the university, turned the question "what would Jesus do?" into one even more consequential for us, namely, "what would Jesus have me do?" The reason being that Jesus lived in times different in so many ways from our times ... and yet, in so many ways alike our times ... that if we profess to be His disciples, He would expect us to be guided in our times by His teaching and example.

As I write this article our brothers and sisters in the southeastern states are faced with recovery from the devastating effects of two successive major hurricanes. Wars continue in our world, and in a few weeks our country faces a national election that could determine who we are as a nation far beyond the next four years. And, later in November, we will observe Thanksgiving, a holiday on which, when possible, we gather with family or friends to give thanks for God's blessings in our lives ...but what about those to whom Jesus referred as "the least of these" (Mt 25:40)? How mindful at such times are we of them, even in our midst, the lonely and ignored, the homeless and the poor, the sick and the worried?

We live in times when greed, dishonesty, injustice, prejudice, poverty, and the impact of warfare and natural disasters on human lives are prevalent, more publicized and visible than ever due to global technology and communications. Sadly, however, the same conditions of life were extant in the memories and presence of those who lived at the time of Jesus, some 2,000 years ago! In that context Jesus preached the Kingdom of God as His central thesis, a construct that was as political as it was apolitical, as materialistic as it was spiritualistic, and as existential as it was theoretical.

As Jesus taught us to pray, as we do together each Sunday, "*thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,*" let us each silently add in prayer, faced with the major issues of our time, "*what would Jesus have me do?*" ... even within the modest means of which I am capable ... to hasten the arrival of God's Kingdom here on earth, be it on a global, national, regional, community, or neighborhood basis ... and perhaps right here at Calvary United Methodist Church as we seek to serve and reach out in hospitality to any and all of those in our Frederick community who seek God's love in a church home.

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministries



Greetings from the Calvary Weekday School!

We are enjoying this fall weather!

Last month we had a visit from the fire department. The children learned about how fire fighters help the community, how to be prepared at home and school, stop, drop and roll, see all the different equipment, and of course their favorite part, going inside the fire truck and ambulance.

We would like to thank Amy Stone for holding a Coffee Chat at our school. She shared all the wonderful things happening at the church for children and families. We hope families will take part in many of these wonderful events.

We trained 10 new volunteers at our Parent Volunteer Training, including some grandparents and other family members. We updated our families who already received the training, which brings us to about 40 volunteers. I think that is pretty amazing with an enrollment of 82 students recognizing that some families have more than one child at our school!

This month our Coffee Chat will provide information about our Kindergarten Program for the 2025-2026 school year. It will be held on Monday, November 11th at 9:30 in the library. Please pass this information along to anyone you know who may be interested. If you are planning to attend please RSVP to Olivia at calvaryweekdayschool@calvaryweekdayschool.com.

We raised over \$200 from our Chick-fil-A fundraiser and almost \$300 from our t-shirt sales. We are off to great start! Our next fundraiser will be December 3rd at Brewer's Alley during lunch and dinner. Perfect atmosphere to kick off the holiday season.

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

Patty Lockard, Director



Calling all knitters, crocheters, and yarn enthusiasts! Join our vibrant community for a monthly gathering where love and stitches unite to create comforting prayer shawls and foster meaningful connections. Consider joining us on November 3 at 11:15 in the John Wesley Room, to enrich our prayer shawl collection and connect with compassionate Calvary members while expanding our heartwarming ministry. We meet regularly on the 1st Sunday of the month following the service. For more information, contact Jennie Davy: Jennieleee81@msn.com or 301-524-5842 (text of voice)

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.



Veggie Tale Movie Night will be held on **Friday, November 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 if you'd like! Please register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48352788-veggie> or by contacting AmyStone@calvaryumc.org.



Kids Crafts and A Visit With Santa! At Calvary's Holiday Bazaar!

Join us in the Memorial Room
for Kids' Crafts, snacks and a visit with Santa!

ALL AGES are WELCOME!

**Saturday, November 16
9:00 am - 3:00 pm**



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 24 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the Activities Room of the Education Building. Join us! Please register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48584528-mission> or contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org for more information and to order a Mission Possible Kids t-shirt! J

Christmas Pageant Weekend! Friday, December 13 – Sunday, December 15

Calvary will be participating in **Frederick's Kris Kringle Procession** on **Friday, December 13**. 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!

Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal is on **Saturday, December 14 from 10:00 am – Noon**.

Calvary's Annual Children's Christmas Pageant will take place on **Sunday, December 15 at 9:00 am** in the Parish Hall!

Please let us know if your family will be participating in any or all of these exciting events at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-52220851-christmas>

Pageant parts will be given out in Sunday School on **November 3**

please make sure to let Ms. Amy know if your child will be able to participate!



NOVEMBER

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

November Anniversaries

Richard and Judy Delauter	Nov. 2	Fred and Nance Wilson	Nov. 20
Eytan and Martha Moked	Nov. 3	Jeremy and Susan Leftwich	Nov. 21
Charles and Amy Jones	Nov. 5	Bert and Virginia Edmonston	Nov. 27
Greg and Liz Selby	Nov. 5	Brian and Peggy Krompasick	Nov. 29
Cleon and Diane Stull	Nov. 9		
Stephen and Laura Miller	Nov. 12		
Robin and Bonnie Duggan	Nov. 15		
Kyle and Becky Bostian	Nov. 18		
Chris and Amy Vinar	Nov. 18		





N·O·V·E·M·B·E·R

5:30Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 6 p.m. CUMC Social Nites
Wheelbarrow Sunday 3 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir 11:15 a.m. Prayer Vigil 3 p.m. Concert 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	4 5 p.m. Mission/ Outreach 7 p.m. SPRC	5 10 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. UWF Ex. 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	6 6 p.m. Making Cheese Balls 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	7 11:15 a.m. Mission Cen- tral Trip	8	9 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9:30 a.m. WRS
10 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir 11:15 a.m. Reconciling 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	11 7 p.m. SHP Team Meeting	12 10 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	13 5:30 p.m. Making Chees Balls 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	14	15 6 p.m. Veggie Tale Movie Night	16 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Holiday Bazaar
17 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir 11:15 a.m. Sunday School Teacher Meeting 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	18 7 p.m. Finance	19 10 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	20 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m. Education Committee Meeting	21	22	23
24 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir 3 p.m. SHP Reception 5:30 p.m. Mission Kids Possible/ Youth Group	25 7 p.m. Church Council	26 10 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	27 2 p.m. Miriam Circle 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	28 Thanksgiving	29 Church Office Closed	30 Greening of the Church 9 a.m.

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for the transformation of our community and our world.*

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