

OCTOBER Messenger 2024

There is a lot at stake these days. Divisiveness and fear are being stirred up to create ratings and popular support. We are bombarded with messages that divide us and undermine our trust. How does our faith in Christ equip us to survive, and even thrive spiritually, in this moment? This seems to be the perfect time to talk about “doing unto others” in ways that foster kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love.

We don’t have all the “answers” that can make us feel in control of our situations. But what we DO have are the teachings of Jesus—also someone who lived in turbulent times—to help us know what matters most. He invited us to focus on what a world would be like if we treated others in incredibly generous ways. Caring for one another, even those with different views, is at the core of our faith.

We are called to gather around the Light of Christ and remember how Jesus called together friends and foes and offered the grace and love of God to all people.

I know this can be a scary proposition, but what if the church could model coming together to care for one another in the midst of what feels like so much hate and distrust? The word “revolution” originated from a word defined as “finding a course around a central point.” What if we could have a “revolution of kindness” with Christ as the center? If we can’t do it here and now, where and when “for God’s sake” will we?

The Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City and Marcia McFee of the Worship Design Studio have provided resources for churches to hold a campaign for kindness in the weeks just before the national election. This involves a worship series called “Do Unto Other.”

Through a series of worship services and social media posts between now and the election, we can encourage one another to “do to others as you would have them do to you” (Luke 6:31) for the wellbeing of our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

-Pastor Steve



October Worship Schedule

Worship Series: Do Unto Others

As we near the end of an election season that has been marked by division and animosity, we can keep our focus on what God in Christ has called us to do. Christ calls us to cultivate kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love for one another and for the good of all the world, no matter what.

October 6 World Communion Sunday
Beyond Red and Blue: Kindness
Luke 6: 31-36

We begin this series considering the implications of spending so much of our time feeling estranged from, and resentful toward others. And we begin to dream of finding ways in which to exchange kindness rather than anger, hate or disdain.

October 13, Mission Sunday
The Polarization Within: Compassion
Isaiah 11: 6-9



Food packaging in the parish hall. “Mission Moments” shared in the worship service. Compassion grows when we are able to know ourselves and one another on a deeper level and relate to one another out of a common understanding.

October 20, 2024
Listen More, Speak Less: Humility
Ephesians 4: 1-6

This week we remember to look first at our neighbor as a person, not a position or a party. Beginning conversations this way may help us to recognize each other rather than needing to win an argument.

October 27
Living Together on Uncommon Ground: Respect
1 Corinthians 12: 1-26

The word “respect” comes from a Latin word which means “the act of looking at one often, to consider, to observe.” We are called to respect by tending to one another—regarding each other, considering each other—early and often.

Saturday, October 26 4:00—5:30 p.m. TRUNK or TREAT!!!

Crafts! Games! Snacks! Treats!

Mark your calendars now and join us for a fun evening for everyone!

Please visit: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-51449030-trunk)

51449030-trunk or sign up in the Parish Hall to let us know how many will be coming and if your family plans to decorate a trunk! **Candy donations** are also greatly appreciated—look for the drop off box in the Parish Hall.



November 3 All Saints Sunday, Holy Communion

The More Excellent Way: LOVE

1 Corinthians 13,

Matthew 22:34-40

Loving our neighbors—including relatives, coworkers, acquaintances, strangers—as ourselves is no simple task. We need the love of God to show us mercy and strength to love as God loves. Our world depends on all of us working for a better world filled with more kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love.



Mission Sunday- October 13

On Sunday morning, we will have a hands-on mission project in the Parish Hall running in two shifts. 9 AM – to 10 AM and 11 AM to noon. The Parish Hall will be transformed into a Mission Site and we will package 10,000 meals with our partner, “Rise Against Hunger.”

You don’t have to go faraway or give up a week of your time to offer your hands and heart to God through serving others.

We are making this easy for everyone. There is a job suited for everyone. It requires hands to measure and package different food items. No heavy lifting required. This is also a great opportunity to get to know others at the church.

There will be a worship service at 10 AM that morning in the sanctuary. We will stop the work in the parish hall so everyone can participate in the worship service. The worship service will include several “Mission Moments” that will present some of the other mission and outreach work that we are doing, both locally and abroad.

Church Conference Saturday, October 19

The Church Conference is the annual meeting where the church reviews its ministries and celebrates its connection with the larger United Methodist Church. This year we will be holding the conference at Brook Hill United Methodist Church at 9:45 AM. Brook Hill UMC is located at 8946 Indiana Springs, Road, Frederick. Agenda items include: election of new persons in leadership roles, report of the pastor, approval of the compensation package for the pastor and action on those members who have become inactive. _The Church Conference meeting is open for all members of Calvary Church, but especially the voting is members of the Church Council.



Bachtoberfest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH AT 5PM

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

31 EAST CHURCH STREET

DOWNTOWN FREDERICK

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

This collaborative concert will feature the choirs of numerous Downtown Frederick churches, the Frederick Children's Chorus, and Frederick Flute Choir.

A free will offering will be collected for Beyond Shelter Frederick

For more information, please visit twinspires.org/lineartsseries

Blessings in a Backpack Success!

Calvary's Youth hosted the fall Blessings in a Backpack packing event on Sunday, September 15, 2024. This event afforded the congregation the opportunity to serve children in need in the Frederick community. 525 bags of food were packed for children to take home from school so they have food to eat over the weekend. A big thanks goes out to the many volunteers! We look forward to our next Blessings in a Backpack event this spring.

A Special Sunday of Music



Dr. Brenda Portman, award-winning organist and composer, will be our guest at Calvary UMC on **Sunday, October 6**, for the worship service and the kick-off of the 2024-2025 Community Concert Series at 3 p.m.

At the morning worship service, Calvary's Sanctuary Choir will be performing "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy," a choral anthem composed by Dr. Portman. She will also be playing the last hymn and performing the postlude.

Renowned for her technique, musicianship, and flawless performance ability, her afternoon concert will include an original composition titled "Fanfare, Chorale, and Exultation." Other works include "Sonata No. 4 in E minor" by Bach, "Petit Triptyque" by Rachel Laurin, and a collection of spiritual music including "Steal Away" and "Every Time I Feel the Spirit."

Dr. Portman serves as the resident organist at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she is also the executive director of the church's distinguished Organ Concert Series. She is the organ instructor at Xavier University in Cincinnati and also teaches organ and piano privately.

In addition to a long list of awards for organ performance and composing, Dr. Portman is frequently commissioned for solo organ, organ-plus-instrument, and choral works. She also adjudicates organ competitions, presents workshops on contemporary organ repertoire, and enjoys educating youth about how pipe organs work. Her complete biography will be published in the afternoon concert program.

Please plan to attend and enjoy this special day of music!

Children's Ministry News



Please join us for Children's Sunday School for 3 year olds through 5th graders! Children's Sunday School meets every Sunday in the Activities Room of the Education Building for Bible Learning, songs, games, crafts and more! We enjoy a whole group lesson and then move into age-level groups for special activities. Visitors are always welcome! Register at www.calvaryumc.org.



Our newly renovated Nursery is open and ready for our littlest Calvary members to enjoy! Donations of new toys and books are gratefully appreciated!

In addition, we welcome the artwork of our talented Calvary members to help decorate our Gallery Wall where the old mural once was. We welcome pieces or art depicting families, Bible stories, positive sayings, and anything that would be appropriate for the Nursery. We hope to display artwork from families and individuals, adults and children too! Please bring your framed or hard-backed canvas artwork to the New Nursery to be put on display!

For more information, please contact Cathleen at cathleenrgough968@gmail.com

It's a Night Out for Parents!

Go out to dinner or get some shopping done while the kids have fun at church.

When: Friday, October 11 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Where: In the Parish Hall

Who: Preschoolers - 5th Graders

What to Bring: Your own bagged dinner! Blanket and Pillow!

What We'll Do: Crafts! Coloring! Puzzles! Movie on the Big Screen!



Please register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-51455585-parents> **or contact** AmyStone@calvaryumc.org **for more information.**

Mission Possible Kids is for 5-year-olds through 5th Graders who want to help others and make a difference in the world! This month, MPK will participate with Calvary's Youth and other members of Calvary's congregation in the **J. Ray Frank Memorial Walk for Wash** on **Sunday, Oct. 20 at 2:00 p.m.** Please look for more information about how to register for this important event.

Thank you to the Calvary congregation for your continued support of the Frederick Food Bank. Week after week we collect your donated items from the wheelbarrow and deliver to the All Saints Street or former Trinity school drop off locations. Although the requests vary month to month, there is always a need for our continued support of this community outreach. The downtown location serves up to 30 people a day with grocery items. I have been told they often turn people away. The former Trinity school location has only been in operation for a year, but is steadily growing in numbers served. This location is best for those who must drive due to the better parking availability. Donated items are shared between the 2 locations.

It is that time of the year for us to repeat our "fall into giving" to the food bank campaign.

For the next few months, the food bank is in need of the following items:

Fruit Cups	Rice
Granola Bars	Canned soup
Applesauce Cups	Canned Vegetables
Jelly	Canned Meats
Peanut Butter	Cereal
Tuna	Pasta
Nutra Grain Bars	Oatmeal Packets

Hygiene Products:

Body wash	Shampoo
Toothpaste	Deodorant



Next time you walk past the wheelbarrow in the Narthex, feel free to pick up a "shopping list" of the food bank requests. If you would like to support the food bank outreach but would rather not do the shopping, monetary donations are also welcomed.

***Special thank you to the Untied Women of Faith for allocating a portion of their yard sale proceeds to the food bank. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated to help stock the shelves at the food bank.

We thank you for your support!

~Roy and Julie

Celebrating the Women of our Church

Every woman of our church shares a common thread – we are all one in Christ. Whether you are a mother, daughter, grandmother, aunt, sister, in-law, friend, spouse, single, senior or youth – we are all part of a bigger family of women who are united in faith. As members of Calvary, we are also members of this great sisterhood of United Methodist women who support women and children around the world. Previously known as the United Methodist Women, the United Women in Faith's purpose is to know God, and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

So, what does it mean to be a United Woman in Faith (UWFaith) and am I a member?

Being a UWFaith is simple – by being a member of our church you are a UWFaith member. Here are some examples of what the women of our church do to demonstrate being united in service and faith. They join Circles for fellowship and to organize plans for church events. They are members of Bible Study, Sunday School or social groups who meet each week to learn and study, or when a specific a project or event needs their support. They teach Sunday School to youth and lead or help with Vacation Bible School. They lead the youth as they evolve from children to adulthood. They reach out to our young adults to ensure they remain connected to our church family. They connect with those who cannot attend church or are in personal need of support. They take care of the various areas of the church to ensure it is always ready for use or prepared for events. They provide food and support for events. They produce amazing fundraising events throughout the year including the annual Yard Sale, the Holiday Bazaar, the Angel Tree, and so many other ways that contribute to the church's mission work. They join in mission trips near and far away to help the less fortunate. They contribute to many mission projects from financial donations to bringing in materials for food and hygiene drives for the community. They participate in church services through providing music, being lay readers, assisting with communion, and ushering. And this is just the start. There is simply no end to the many ways our women are serving our church. So, are you a United Woman in Faith here at Calvary? If you answered yes to any of these or simply come to church to provide spiritual support and fellowship, **the answer is YES!**

For more information about the National United Women in Faith Organization, an offshoot of UMC, go to www.uwfaith.org Calvary UWFaith is part of the Baltimore Washington Conference and the Frederick District.

If you have any questions about United Women in Faith or the special Celebrating Women event October 19th, ask Karen Gebhart or email her at kgebhart1@gmail.com

Blessings to all,
Karen



United
Women
in Faith

Greetings from the Calvary Weekday School!

Fall is in the air! Thanks to all who joined us for our first fundraiser at Chick-fil-A. Mark your calendar for the following fundraisers throughout the rest of the year. Brewer's Alley December 3 and Café Bueno January 29 & May 7. We are hoping to use the funds raised this year to replace some of the classroom student chairs and next summer we will need to wax the floors which is an added cost. Last month, students and staff had individual pictures taken by Irvin Simon which also serves as a fundraiser for our school. Every little bit counts!

The fire department will visit all classes the week of October 7-11. We will continue our partnership with Frederick SLP located in downtown Frederick. Frederick SPL will provide speech screenings, evaluations and articulation services for our students. We will host an informational meeting on October 7th. We will also host Amy Stone that day to provide families information about activities at the church. We are looking forward to her visit.

Our second Coffee Chat will be October 14 for all new and returning Parent Volunteers. We are so fortunate to have so much support for our school.

Classes are off to the pumpkin patch at the end of the month!

Patty Lockard, Director



**All Women
Of Your
Church Are
Invited!**

Saturday
Oct 19, 2024
2:00pm

Frederick Calvary United Methodist Church
131 W Second St. (Corner of Bentz & 2nd), Frederick MD

**Celebration
of Women in Faith**
faith, Service and Unity

AND AFTERNOON TEA

Please RSVP by Oct 7 the Number Attending to
kgebhart1@gmail.com

I wrote last month of an initiative this forthcoming church year at Calvary through which we will work towards a renewed commitment to Christian hospitality by welcoming all who seek God's love, regardless of how different they may seem otherwise to us as strangers. Some may have felt disenfranchised by former UMC policies and others simply felt for one reason or another that they did not "fit in" with our congregation. Did not Jesus suggest (Mt 25:40) that when we welcome the stranger, especially someone different from us, that we meet Him as well? Oh, we might say, I already know Jesus! That may be true; but maybe on one such occasion we might have the experience captured by the late theologian Marcus Borg in the title of his 1995 book *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time!*

It was such an experience about which Pastor Charles Sheldon preached in a small church in Topeka, KS, 100 years before Borg's book, in the early years of the social gospel movement in America. What began as a sermon series was transformed into one of the best selling books of all time, *In His Steps*, the spiritual journey of a small town congregation that could very well have been similar in its day to what Calvary UMC Frederick is today. In demographic language, it was likely a rather homogeneous upper middle class congregation. For most members, family and material life was good, a few quite wealthy. Some were leaders in the community, and others held an array of normal jobs. Most grew up in a church culture where following Jesus had been taught, preached, prayed and sung for as long as they could remember. Going to church on Sunday was an expected ritual; and, as in children's literature, "they lived happily ever after"

Until one Sunday morning! Upon which occasion, following routine morning prayer, creedal recitation, and scripture reading, then a well-prepared sermon that likely was more gratifying than challenging to their ears, and the beautiful music from the choir with a most talented soloist, a disheveled young man dressed in tattered clothing worn from street living rose from the back and came forth before the congregation. He had lost his job, his family, and his way in life, but had heard the music from outside and came in to listen. The lyrics he heard had been about following Jesus. And, though he apologized for his intrusion and did not expect any special treatment, he wondered aloud what church-going people successful in life, as this congregation certainly seemed to be, understood that to mean.

In short, the shock of this seeming intrusion prompted the pastor to challenge his congregation to follow in the steps of Jesus for one year by asking before each major decision they had to make at home or work or anywhere that year, "What would Jesus do?" And then to follow in His steps! Sheldon's book tells of the truly transformative spiritual experiences through which the congregation journeyed that year and the impact it had upon the entire community. It was indeed as though they had met Jesus again for the first time, and it had all been prompted by listening to and getting to know a stranger.

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministries

Outreach and Mission Opportunity

The Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership of Frederick County (SHIP) needs our help! Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 9-11 AM (location in Frederick forthcoming) to wrap collection boxes with holiday paper to prepare for the upcoming "Homeless for the Holidays" campaign. This is an easy and fun way to get involved with Calvary's partnership with SHIP that provides critical resources and services to hundreds of Frederick County youth experiencing homelessness.

Please contact Beth Stitley to sign up or get more details: 301-730-8282 autumn.purple@hotmail.com

Calvary United Methodist Church's

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 16

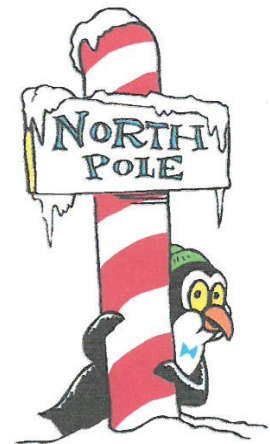
9:00am to 3:00pm

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



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		1 10 am Pastor's Bible Study 1:30 pm UM Faith Ex. Committee 6:30 pm Joyful Noise 7:30 pm Sanctuary	2 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study	3	4	5
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- 1, Cynthia Burke, Thomas Littleton, Carole Proudfoot, Terre Rhoderick
 2, Erica Shipley, Bethany Webster
 3, Julian Pearce, Patricia Pettingall
 4, Bob Cannon, Ann Crum, Gloria Orrison
 5, Allison Chapman, Carol Fennington, Megan Reily, Carol Stockhausen
 6, Isam Ballenger, 7, Stuart Austin, Timothy Caudill, Laken Daugherty, Kay Hirsch-Jacobs
 9, Jennifer Aud, David Colby, 10, Ellen Ahr, Gracie Heller, Jean Oxley, 11, Jacob Leftwich
 12, Brady Adam, Reagan Kinsey, Ginger Ward, 13, Larry Johnson, Charlotte Miller
 14, Gracie Mayer, Christopher Miller, Nance Wilson, 15, Sarah Austin, Ian Vega
 16, Andrew Keirn, Elizabeth Putman, Lucas Putman, Adell Remsberg, Deni Remsberg
 17, Kayleigh Adam, Tom Stokes, 18, Andrew Crum, Georgia Riggelman
 19, Kevin Davies, Jonah Miller, 20, Courtney Keirn, Melinda Keirn
 21, Betsy Bryant, Taylor Fox, Vivian Lukasiak, Carla Martz, Ryan Mills, Adela Peeva
 22, Thomas Mills, Edward Milum, 23, Lynn Schumacher, Christopher Summers,
 24, Nancy McLaughlin, Kitty Robinson, 25, Joan Cooley,
 28, Angela Mayer, Samantha Shipley, 29, Marla Rowley, Barbara Stone
 30, Christine Bowersox, Rachel Gray, Paul Van Sant



October Anniversaries

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| Oct. 1 Rob and Audra Chewning | Oct. 18 Stephen and Stefanie Harris |
| Oct. 9 Brian and Rebecca Forsythe | Oct. 20 Paul and Cyd Maubert |
| Oct. 16 John and Jennifer Esler | Oct. 28 Bob and Kay Jacobs |
| Oct. 17 Art and Carol Fennington | Oct. 31 Mike and Melissa Gaeta |
| Oct. 17 Paul and Christy Quigley | |

Outreach and Mission Opportunity—Mission Central

Calvary will once again make a trip to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA on Thursday, Nov 7 to offer our hands and hearts in service. We will leave from the parking lot of the Common Market on 7th Street at 11:15 AM and return at approximately 4:30 PM. No experience is necessary, and you will even be chauffeured in the church bus! Please consider joining us to support Mission Central “Connecting God’s resources with human need by Mission Outreach, Mission Education, and Disaster Relief thru humanitarian work locally, nationally and around the world.” Contact Beth Stitely to sign up or if you have questions. 301-730-8282 autumn.purple@hotmail.com

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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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