



From the Pastor

I am grateful for the kind words that many of you have shared with me and my wife upon the announce of our retirement. In the time between now and July 1, I will be savoring the relationships I have here and appreciating the faith and witness that this congregation offers. It is an honor and source of great joy to be your pastor. As I stand in the pulpit or at the communion table, as I visit in a home or at a hospital bedside, as I teach in a classroom or sit in a meeting, I will be taking it all in. If you see me with a smile on my face or a tear in the corner of my eye, it's a sign that I am busy counting my blessings.

In a United Methodist congregation, pastors are not selected or hired by the local church. Instead, the bishop sends or “appoints” a clergyperson to serve as the pastor. This means that the church will not have to wait or go through a long process of discernment or call in order to receive a new pastor. Our district superintendent has meet with the Staff Parish Relations Committee to discuss the needs of the congregation and prepare a profile that will be used by the Bishop to select someone to serve as the next pastor. The church can expect that someone will be named in the coming weeks or months and then a process can be started for the transition.

A fuller description of this process can be found by [clicking here](#) or by going to this website: www.bwcumc.org/news/2025-appointments.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Steve

Every Member in Ministry (EMIM)

The Every Member in Ministry (EMIM) Survey is a tool to help members learn about the committees, events, organizations, etc available at Calvary UMC. With the transition of members through the years, we often forget that not everyone knows what is available, how to become involved, or who to ask questions. We hope this survey will help guide all of us through thoughtful reflection as to how we can commit our time and talents to helping others **The survey will be available during the Lenten season.** Keep your eyes and ears open for more information. Any questions? Contact Beth Strakonsky; beth.strakonsky@gmail.com

Worship Schedule



March 2 Transfiguration Sunday ~ Holy Communion
Astounded at the Greatness
Exodus 34:29-35 and Luke 9:28-36

Lenten Worship Series: Everything [in] Between

We will be looking at several familiar stories found in the Gospel of Luke that point two or more things that Jesus holds together in creative tension. What may seem to be opposites can turn out to be where we find God is most present. This Lent, we are trusting that God shows up in apparent tension, in that and that and everywhere in between.

March 5 ASH WEDNESDAY
Noon, chapel and 7 pm Sanctuary
Intention & Action
Luke 9:51-62 (Jesus sets out for Jerusalem)



March 9 THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Stranger & Neighbor
Luke 10:25-37 (Parable of the Good Samaritan)

March 16 THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Faith & Works
Luke 10:38-42 (Mary & Martha host Jesus)

March 23 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Baptism: Ned Calabrese
Rest & Growth
Luke 13:6-9 (Parable of the fig tree)

March 30 THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Lost & Found
Luke 15:1-7 (Parable of the Lost Sheep)

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation is the name we used for when a baptized Christian becomes a professing member of the local congregation and The *United Methodist Church*. Confirmation classes provide the opportunity for young people to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. We will be offering confirmation classes to students in 6th through 9th grades starting Sunday, March 9. The classes will be offered on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School time, 9:00 to 9:45 AM. Pastor Steve and Jenn Duthoy will be teaching the classes.

Shrove **Tuesday** **Pancake Dinner** March 4, 2025 6-7:30 pm



Calvary UMC Parish Hall 131 W 2nd St Frederick
All proceeds go towards Calvary Youth's Mission
Trip to Henderson Kentucky.

LENTEN STUDY

2025 Lenten Study

“Your Kingdom Come” and “Your Kin-dom Come”: How Might the Lord’s Prayer Help Us Live More Fully in our Global World?

What are the challenges of living in a “global” world? What does “global” mean, anyway? And how might the Lord’s Prayer be a kind of guide and help for us as we make our way in this complex kind of world? This will be the central theme of our five sessions of Lenten study, guided by The Reverend Dr. William (“Gilen”) Thompson-Uberuaga, and his recent book, *Your Kin-dom Come: The Lord’s Prayer in a Global Age*. A donation of \$5.00 for the Kindle edition, or \$15.00 for the paperback, is requested. But donation or no, all will be able to have the book.



The Rev. Dr. William (“Gilen”) Thompson-Uberuaga is a native of Boise, Idaho, and a priest of the Episcopal Church. “Fr. Gilen,” as he is known in the Church, regularly assists in the Diocese of Maryland, when requested. He is now retired, and is an emeritus professor of theology, Duquesne University (Pittsburgh). His career was as a theology professor. He has authored numerous articles and books, most recently, besides the *Your Kin-dom Come*, he has written *Jesus and the Gospel Movement*. His specialties are Christology and spirituality. Please visit his author page (William Thompson-Uberuaga) at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/William-Thompson-Uberuaga). He loves playing golf and the Basque accordion, especially with his musician wife, Patricia K. Thompson, who is herself a theologian specializing in health care and hospice.

There will be a meal offered each Wednesday at 6:00 PM. This is a great time for fellowship and sharing with others. Each program will involve a presentation to the whole group as well as table discussion and individual reflection.

Format: 6:00 p.m. Gathering, blessing, meal, fellowship time (optional)
6:45 p.m. Program
7:45 p.m. Going Forth

Five Session: Wednesdays, March 12-April 9, 2025

Wednesday, March 12– week 1

Discussing intersections between living in “a global world” and possible connections with the Lord’s Prayer. The ‘energy’ of the Lord’s Prayer. What does “global” mean to each of us, and how do we experience it? Always positively? Have we experienced something that can be called “global” in the Lord’s Prayer? Or at least something that might help us live more fully in a global world?

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LENTEN STUDY

Wednesday, March 19 ~ week 2

Have we ever considered why the Lord's Prayer is "constructed" the way it is? Is there only one "form" of it? What difference might the form make anyway?

Wednesday, March 26 ~ week 3

Some surprises in the Prayer's first half, for you and for the author. "First half"? Are there really two "halves" anyway? If so, why might that be?

Wednesday, April 2 ~ week 4

Surprises in the Prayer's Second Half, the We petitions, for you and for the author. "Bread," "Sins" or "Debts"? And the debate about God "leaving us into temptation."

Wednesday, April 9 ~ week 5

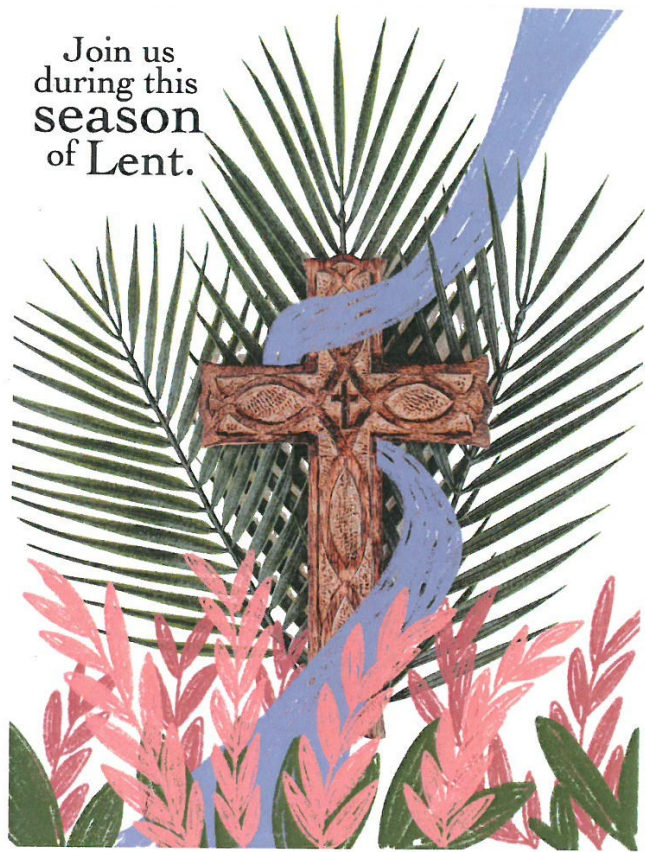
Writing/Painting/Dramatizing, in personal and liturgical prayer, etc., your own form? Some examples by Ernest Hemingway and Margaret Atwood. Go thou and do likewise...what are the ways?



ALL ARE INVITED TO THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Calvary will celebrate the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 7, at 2:00pm in the Chapel. The sponsoring country of this year's service is the Cook Islands. Their theme, **I made you wonderful**, coming from Psalms 139:14, invites us all to know that God made each one of us with Care and Love. And when we receive and understand this profound truth, everything in our lives changes. Join us for a moving service sponsored by the Executive Committee of the United Women in Faith, then afterward for a reception in the Parish Hall.

Join us
during this
season
of Lent.

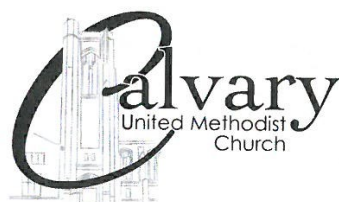


**Calvary United Methodist
Church**
2025 Lenten Recital Series
Wednesdays from
5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

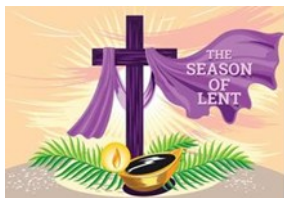
Calvary UMC will once again present 30-minute organ recitals during the season of Lent. The recitals will feature Calvary UMC's new Cornel Zimmer Pipe Organ, Opus 167. The recitals will offer a time for meditation and reflection while enjoying a remarkable repertoire of beautiful sacred and secular selections.

March 12	Dr. Wayne Wold, Organist
March 19	Ann Thompson, Organist
March 26	John Widmann, Organist
April 2	John Widmann, Organist & Kareem Abdelmoneim, Tenor

**All recitals are FREE and open to the public. A Free-Will donation is always appreciated.*



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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!



Veggie Tale Movie Night is happening on **Friday, March 14** 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 and pillow if you'd like! Please register by contacting AmyStone@calvaryumc.org, or sign up in Sunday School.

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 next meeting will be on Sunday, March 23 from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Activities Room.

Please sign up at:

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

Please join us for our **Family Easter Celebration!**

Where: Parish Hall and Memorial Park

When: Saturday, April 19

2:00 – 3:30 pm!

Games! Crafts! Snacks! Easter Egg Hunt! A Visit from Ms. Bunny!

Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48405082-calvarys>

Donations of Easter candies and small toys and stickers for our Easter Egg Hunt will be collected from March 9 through April 12! Look for a collection box in Parish Hall. Thank you!





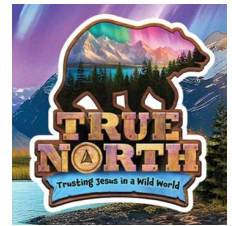
A new format to Children's Church has recently started and the kids are super excited about it! They actually even helped plan how they wanted "their" Sunday service to be. We are structuring our time together to follow the format of traditional worship. We will focus on learning the Lord's Prayer and the Doxology, as well as reading scripture and collecting offering. Each week, there is also time for a short lesson/sermon related to the scriptures in worship that week. Seeing the excitement in the kids as they pick their role for the weekly service is proof that God is working within them. Be prepared Calvary...Children's Church has acolytes, ushers, lay readers, music leaders, and even Pastors, in the making. The children are truly a Blessing to our church family and I am honored to work with them. ~Beth Stitely

Children's Church is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade and takes place in the Chapel during the 10:00 service immediately following the *Time With the Children*.

Mark your calendars for this summer's **TRUE NORTH VBS!**

June 23 –June 26, 2025

Online registration begins April 1 at calvaryumc.org.



If you are available to **volunteer** for this fun and amazing ministry, please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org.



Greetings from Calvary Weekday School!

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Last month our staff attended the Best of the Best Event to accept our award for the Best of the Best Preschool 2024. This is the third time we received this award. It was an honor to be there with my staff. Maybe you saw us in the paper?!

Thanks to everyone who joined us at Café Bueno for our fundraiser. It was packed for lunch and dinner. It was so fun to see so many families mingling and enjoying time together. Mark your calendars for May 7th to attend our next event at Café Bueno. We are planning to use these funds, along with funds from our Brewer's Alley fundraiser, to update our curriculum in the preschool classrooms. This is a huge expense and we have almost reached our goal so many, many thanks for always supporting our school.

The four year olds, along with any new kindergartners to our school this year, participated in Hearing and Vision screenings provided by the Frederick County Health Department. Maryland State Law mandates this screening to help identify potential issues that could affect a child's growth, development, and learning.

More next month-
Patty Lockard, Director



Celebrating diversity in the spirit of unity

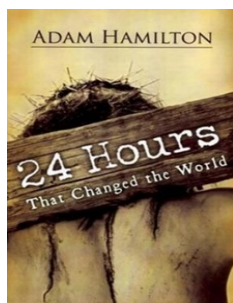
In our belief of Divine origins of the universe, it should not be surprising that humans and their cultures, as other forms of creation in geophysical, vegetation, and animal form, are to be celebrated in their diversity. Scripture reminds us in Genesis 1-2 of diversity as a theme of God's creation, yet through the Spirit God brings order out of chaos. Consistent with this theme, sharing the word of God's love with people of diverse cultural and regional heritage, the Apostle Paul proclaimed that through Christ Jesus God's Spirit brings unity out of diversity (Gal 3:28). Paul repeats this theme in his reference to diverse spiritual gifts unified within one body, the church (1 Cor 12).

Despite political rhetoric to the contrary from some in any era of our nation's history, at least as many have proclaimed that the diversity of heritage among our population is one of our nation's greatest strengths. From the welcoming poem inscribed on the Statue of Liberty to the aspirational words of our Declaration of Independence and Constitution, there is implicit if not overt celebration of such diversity with liberty and equal justice under the law for all. As such, our nation's motto remains *e pluribus unum*, "out of many, one,"

Despite our nation's many strengths, however, these ideals have been more aspirational than realized for many. Subject to God's call for reconciliation over the years, our nation and the Christian church have sought to address injustices experienced by women, immigrants in general, people of color including our Native Americans, and those of different faith traditions. As our congregation has been recently informed, another reconciliation initiative is underway at Calvary, this one focused on our brothers and sisters of the LGBTQIA+ community,

With the removal of hurtful language related to this community from policies set forth in the United Methodist Church (UMC) *Book of Discipline* last year, a Reconciliation Ministry team of our church will be reaching out to enlist your help in moving Calvary towards recognition as a UMC Reconciling Congregation for the LGBTQIA+ community. As we do so, though we may be of diverse understandings and opinions, let us follow the teachings and example of Jesus, in unity of God's Spirit among us, loving God and our neighbor.

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministry



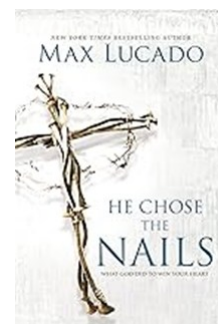
Prepare for Easter

Walk with Jesus every step of the way

New in our Mobile Library:

He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado and

24 Hours That Changed the World by Adam Hamilton





March 1 William Grove, Rev. Ken Humbert, Mary Sue Krause,
Mason Leber, Fred Wilson
2, Finley Melhorn, 3, Blake Rust, Taylor Selby

- 4, Rebecca Acklin, Taylor MacDonald, Franklin McKnight, Luke Riegel
5, Daniel Brown, Jeff Rosen, 6, Emily Harris, 7, Casper Cline, Doug Manger, Shannon Rust
8, Lou Finneyfrock 9, Anna Bidinger, Tom Burall, Mari Beth Schmersahl
10, Ethan Mueller, Emily Sewell, Lori Summers, Franklin Tang
12, Dr. Ray Moreland, Amelia Mueller, Gregory Pfister, Patrick Stalnaker
15, Matthew Cline, Steve Loss, Grace Riegel
16, Reed Keirn, Nancy Manthey, Lauren Reilly, Abigail Waskey, 18, Zachary Heller
19, Seth Kraham, 20, June Proudfoot, Aiden Rankin, 22, Samuel Kahan, David Paugh, Jeff Ramsburg
23, Thomas Kellam, 24, Catharine Chapman, Patrick Chapman, Constance Mason, Bradley Stone
25, Marjorie Johnson, 26, Gail Colby, Cassie Krahm, Paul Muehl, 27, Jennifer Kinsey
28, Linda English, 29, Paige Willard
31, Molly Anderson, Lorraine Davis, Aubrey Greaves, Sharon Green, William Harris, Carrie Pure

March Anniversaries

<i>Gary and Paula Coffman</i>	<i>March 3</i>	<i>Jeff and Brandy Adam</i>	<i>March 11</i>
<i>Cynthia and Robert Wilson</i>	<i>March 12</i>	<i>Gary and Sharon Brown</i>	<i>March 22</i>
<i>Shane and Monica Wickline</i>	<i>March 24</i>	<i>Bill and Beth Waskey</i>	<i>March 25</i>

March 9, 2025—Brass of Peace ~ Sylvia Alimena, conductor



Calvary UMC’s 2024-2025 Community Concert Series presents Brass of Peace. An auditioned ensemble, it features 15 gifted high-school musicians who participate in a 36-week intensive training program preparing them for the competitive field of music. Through weekly sessions by conductor Sylvia Alimena, former second hornist of the National Symphony for 29 years, these students build individual and ensemble skills along with confidence in performing. Their program will include Bach, Brahms, and Mendelssohn to Mahler and Copland.



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2 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children Choir 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	3 5 p.m. Mission and Outreach 7 p.m. SPRC	4 10 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. UMFaith 5 p.m. Shrove Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary	5 Ash Wednesday 12 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Service	6	7 2 p.m. World Day Of Prayer Service	8 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children's 3 p.m. Concert 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	10 7 p.m. SHP Team 7 p.m. Trustees	11 10 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	12 5:30 p.m. Lenten Recital 6 p.m. Lenten Study	13	14 6 p.m. Veggie Tale Movie Night	15 9 :30 a.m. WRS
16 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	17 7 p.m. Finance Committee	18 10 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle 6 p.m. Education	19 5:30 p.m. Lenten Recital 6 p.m. Lenten Study	20	21	22
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for the transformation of our community and our world.*

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