



Grateful to Be Growing With You

Dear Calvary Family,

As we step into the month of August, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on the grace-filled welcome you have offered to me and my family. From the kind words and warm smiles to your willingness to repeat your name (sometimes more than once!), I am deeply grateful. Starting in a new place always comes with a learning curve, but your spirit of hospitality and patience makes all the difference. Thank you for the ways you have already made this feel like home.

In these first few weeks, I have witnessed the joyful hum of ministry at work all around us. We recently celebrated a successful blood drive, a quiet yet powerful way of giving life to others in need. The youth returned from their mission trip energized, inspired, and full of stories reflecting the deep impact of service and connection. The Men's Ministry continues to be a place of encouragement and fellowship, where faith is nourished alongside pancakes and purpose. I have also had the joy of meeting with our Missions Team leads and was inspired to hear about the faithful work of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, as well as the plans underway for our Volunteers in Mission (VIM) trip to flood-ravaged North Carolina this October. These ministries reflect Calvary's deep commitment to serving others in real, tangible ways. And these are only glimpses of what God is doing through this community. I am honored to be here to witness, participate, and grow with you.

As we look toward the start of the fall ministry season, I am hopeful and expectant for what is still to come. We are working to fill several important roles that will help strengthen our ministries in the months ahead. Among them is the need for a new teacher and support team for our Grateful Hearts class, which serves developmentally and physically challenged adults from the Frederick community with compassion and care each week. We will also begin the search for a new music director to help guide and grow our worship life as we move forward together. I'm also looking forward to meeting with the Women's Ministry early this month and continuing to listen and learn from the important work our Reconciling Ministry Team has underway as we prepare for listening sessions in September. These conversations and connections will shape our next faithful steps, and I'm grateful to be a part of the discernment and energy already stirring here at Calvary.

In all of this, I have been surrounded by those who are helping me learn and lead with greater clarity each day. I want to thank the many members and staff who have helped me understand our meeting rhythms, ministry structures, and traditions with such kindness and grace. I am especially grateful to Rev. Humbert for his generous spirit, his deep knowledge of this community, and the thoughtful ways he has helped me connect with so many of you during this time of transition.

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In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he writes, *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth... For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building."* These words have been with me often in recent days. They remind me that while roles may shift and seasons may change, the work we do together is part of something far greater, something rooted in the grace of God and growing toward a harvest we may not yet fully see.

I am so grateful to be one leaf in this tree of ministry here at Calvary, upheld by the strong branches of faith, tradition, and love that have grown through the years. Together, we are a living testimony to God's faithfulness and a people being continually shaped by grace. Thank you for the joy of being on this journey with you. I look forward to all that we will learn, build, and become together.

Until Sunday, and all the days between,

Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton



Left to right: Dr. Hutton, Helen Sheppard and Karen Gebhart, Sunday July 7

AUGUST

WORSHIP

SCHEDULE

August 3

“The Residing”
Jeremiah 29:7

August 10

“The Building”
Ephesians 4:11-12

August 17

Blessing of the Backpacks & Teachers

“The Bearing”
Philippians 1:9a

August 24

“The Sustaining”
Isaiah 50:4a

August 31

“The Remembering”
Philippians 1:3

Blessing of the Backpacks & Teachers - Sunday, August 17

As a new school year approaches, we want to take time as a church family to lift up our students, teachers, school staff, and families in prayer.



Join us during worship on Sunday, August 17 for a special Blessing of the Backpacks and Teachers.

🎒 Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks, school bags, or supplies for a moment of blessing as we pray for a year filled with learning, growth, and joy.

🍏 We will also honor and bless our teachers, administrators, and school staff as they begin another year of service and dedication to our children and communities.

Let us come together to start the school year wrapped in grace, encouragement, and the love of this church family!

Whom do you follow?

This question was asked of us by guest preacher Dr. Lucy Hogan on Sunday, June 29, taking a lead from Jesus' invitation for ordinary people to follow him (Mark 1:17), an invitation to which they miraculously dropped what they were doing and followed. Dr. Hogan reminded us also of the plethora of media through which we are deluged today with information and invitations of one kind or another, leading her to inquire of us: "*Whom do you follow?*"

As United Methodists, we follow Jesus through the teachings and example of John Wesley, the 18th Century Anglican cleric who in turn followed the teachings and example of Jesus by taking the Gospel into the worlds of common people, especially the poor and those otherwise marginalized in society during the early stages of the industrial revolution in England. It was a ministry based on the idea that the Gospel is both personal and social, in some ways planting the seeds for what became approximately a century later the *social gospel movement*, in turn the seeds from which in another century would be expressed as the *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church*.

In each of these three periods in time, significant disparities in wealth and wellbeing, prejudice against immigrants, and one form or another of civil rights issues were common. In the context of such, were not each of these developments, in turn, examples of people with faith in God planting their gardens and working toward peace and prosperity for all during difficult times, based on "*a future with hope*," the theme of the Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton's initial message to us as our new pastor, citing God's encouraging word through the prophet Jeremiah (29:4-14) to the ancient Hebrews in Babylonian exile?

In next few months, in working towards a future with hope and faith in God's promises, I will share some thoughts about how we might follow Jesus and the example of John Wesley through the *Social Principles* guided by the UMC Global Ministry of Church and Society, the organization through which those principles are promulgated and put into action.

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministry

Newcomers and Old-timers Sunday Study Class

If you are relatively new to Calvary or have been a member for a number of years, but are not in another Bible study group on Sunday morning, you are invited to our *Newcomers and Old-timers Sunday Study Class*. You are likewise welcome whether you have ever been active in an adult Bible study class! Even if you have hardly ever read much of the Bible outside of worship, you are welcome. We all learn together in our faith journey!

A particular emphasis of this class is on the historical and cultural context of the scriptures, as well as their authorship and for whom and what purpose they were presumed to have been written, from the perspective of religious history and theology scholars. *The class is led by Paul Nelson and meets at 9 a.m. in the conference room of Calvary's Administration Building (Baker Center), entrance to which is off the patio behind the sanctuary across from the pre-school children's play area.*

The Fall study will focus on Jesus' foundational teaching about God's Kingdom, The Sermon on the Mount. *The first class will meet on Sunday, September 7.*

As Jesus said, "Come, follow, and see!"

Calvary family;

There is something truly sacred about walking into church and being greeted with warm smiles, familiar faces, and the loving embrace of a congregation that feels more like family. For my children and our whole family, church is not just a place we go...it is a community that shapes our hearts and strengthens our souls.

In today's fast-paced world, the gift of fellowship is more important than ever. Being surrounded by people who pray with us, lift us up, and celebrate life's joys alongside us has been a blessing beyond words. It is in the laughter after service, the shared prayers during hard times, and the sense of belonging that fills the sanctuary each week that we have come to understand the true meaning of being the body of Christ.

One of the most cherished parts of our church experience is the music ministry as well as the children's ministry. The choir brings Heaven a little closer each Sunday and at the center of it, all is our incredible choir director. Their dedication, passion, and spirit breathe life into every note. They do not just lead songs they guide hearts in worship, week after week, with humility and grace. To our family, they are not just a leader they are an inspiration, a mentor, and a true vessel of God's love.

We are so grateful for the strength of this fellowship, for the friends who have become family, and for the voices that help us worship when words fall short. This community helps shape our children's faith and fills our home with a joy that only God can provide.

Our children eagerly look forward to our Sunday mornings, not just for Sunday School with Ms. Amy and her amazing team of helpers, but also for the youth program before the service led by Ms. Jen and her amazing team of helpers! Our children love attending Children's Church and truly cherish the fellowship and sense of community they experience there.

Thank you, church family for being the light. 🎵🙏❤️

With grateful hearts,

The Lozinski's

The Beat Goes On...

Calvary's robust music program will continue this fall while the search for a new organist/music director is in process. Beginning in September and going thru December, Brenda Weiser, as well-known area musician, will lead the Sanctuary Choir and be our organist. Calvary members Janet Fox will lead the Children's Choir, and Will Davy will lead the Joyful Noise Handbell Choir. Rehearsal times remain the same: Joyful Noise Handbells at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sanctuary Choir 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, and Children's Choir 11:15 a.m. on Sundays. As always, all are welcome to join and be part of praising God through music!

Greeting from Calvary Weekday School



We have been busy scheduling field trips, updating documents, and getting families registered for the new school year. The floors have been waxed and the carpets have all been cleaned. We are organizing what is in the building and ordering supplies we need. Our IT update is underway and we already have staff in the building preparing their classrooms.

I met with the Pre-K staff to start looking at our new Frog Street Curriculum. We are all very excited about continuing to make improvements to our program. Due to our fundraising efforts and funds from the MSDE Textbook Grant, we were able to purchase a new kit for our three and four year old programs.

Olivia and I have met Rev. Dr. Hutton, we are looking forward to introducing her to our wonderful staff, and having her be a part of the Calvary Weekday School.

This month we will tidy up the playground and the new mulch will arrive mid-August. Mark your calendars for our first fundraiser at the Chick-fil-A on 2401 Monocacy Blvd., from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Monday, September 15.

I hope you and your family are enjoying some sun-filled days. More soon as we kick off the new school year!

Patty Lockard, Director

Children's Ministry News

**Calvary's Children's Sunday School is taking a break for the summer from
June 29-August 31**



**Children's Sunday School Carnival Kick-Off
Sunday, September 7, 2025 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.**





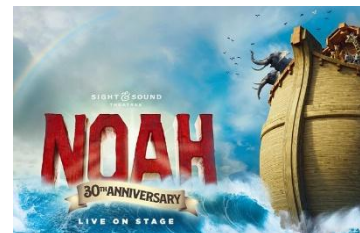
Children's Church will continue through the summer! **Children's Church** is for children ages 5 – 5th grade and takes place in our beautiful **Chapel** during the Worship Service immediately following *Family Time*. Children's Church is a mini-service where children can take part in the service on a smaller scale. Please join us!

Calvary is taking a trip to the theater!

NOAH at *Sight and Sound Theater* in *Lancaster PA*!

11 a.m. Saturday, August 9 2025

We will be having lunch at Casey Jones Restaurant following the show!



Calvary's **Children's Sunday School Teachers** will be meeting at **11 a.m. Sunday, August 17** in the John Wesley Room to plan our year. Anyone who is interested in working with Calvary's smallest members is warmly invited to join us!

Calling all agents! The first **Mission Possible Kids** meeting for the new school year will take place from **5:30 P.M. – 7 P.M. Sunday, September 7** in the Activities Room! MPK is for kids in grades K-5 who want to make a difference in the lives of others and shine God's light in the world. We work hard and we have fun! ☺ Bring a friend to join us!



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



Our first **Veggie Tale Move Night** of the new school year is happening from **6 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Friday, September 26** in the Activities Room! We will have pizza and snacks, a lively discussion, watch a movie, do a craft, color a picture and so much more! Please feel free to bring a blanket and pillow and wear your pajamas! ☺ Bring a friend to join us!

Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48352788-veggie>

For more information about Calvary's Children's Ministry,

Please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org



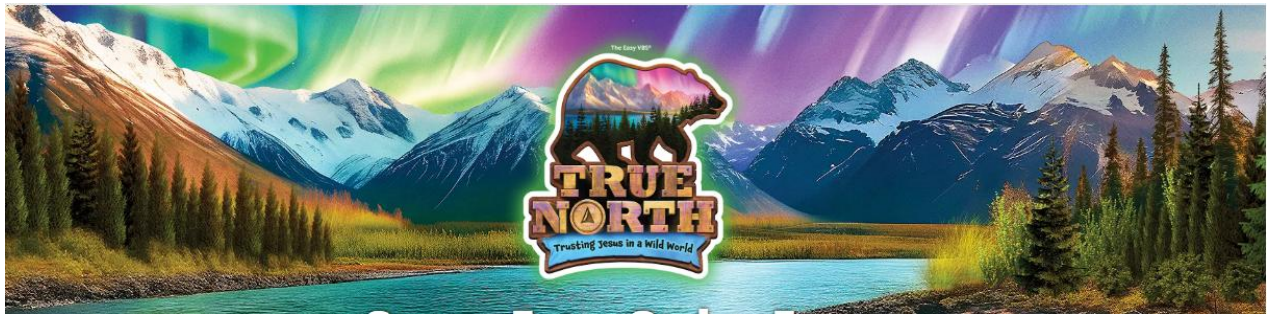
The Grateful Hearts Class will resume on Sunday, September 7. We want to thank those who have stepped up to help fill the position of classroom helpers, but our Co-Teacher position remains open. We are also in need of more bus drivers and drop off assistants!

Currently, the Grateful Hearts helpers are Vicky Starnes, Margie Wilde, Dean Calcagni, Becky Kile, Julia Todd, David Cline, Alice Linton, Helen Shepard, Melissa Rust, Judy Shickel, Cathy Karl & Mark MacDonald. If you are interested in learning more about the Grateful Hearts, please speak to one of these wonderful volunteers.

Please contact Margie Wilde at skywilde@comcast.net if you can help.

We would like to have an informational get-together at **11:15 a.m. Sunday, August 3**, in the library - snacks and drinks available.

Come and meet the other volunteers of this wonderful Calvary outreach program and join the happy group!



VBS Wrap Up: What a blast VBS was this summer!





Aug 1, Julia Lancione, Charlotte Miller, Edward Reynolds, Mary Ritterbusch, Rebecca Staley, Robert Summers, Ernest Watkins
 Aug 2, Barbara Mentzer, Gabrielle Rohrbach, Jim Sengstack
 Aug 3, Marlene Bordner, Ruth Brown, Grant Keyser, Susan Leftwich, Noah Miller, Connor Radcliffe, Delores Shade, Palmer Thompson
 Aug 4, Stephanie Barrows, Jerry Pierson, Camden Webster, Kendel Wickline
 Aug 5, Cindy Naugle, Aug 6, Kyle Bostian, Aug 7, Fred Schumacher
 Aug 8, Cara Davy, Jennifer Richey, Hayden Rohrbach
 Aug 9, Seth Kahan, Cathy Karl, Allison Stone
 Aug 10, Barbara Cook, Raymond Stroh, Robert Bennett
 Aug 11, Molly Kellam, Nancy Leftwich, Pat O'Toole, Doug Reilly
 Aug 13, Cindy Lang, Liam McGreevy, John Mitchell
 Aug 14, Gary Brown, Zachary Davies, Kay Phillips
 Aug 15, David Burgener, Don Mentzer, Aug 16, Olivia Hetrick, Aug 17, Patsy Eavey, Will Quigley
 Aug 18, William Metcalf, Sam Mills, Aug 19, Laura Stouter, Aug 20, Stefanie Harris
 Aug 22, Kiley Eyler, Kelli Fox, Steven Mossburg
 Aug 23, Edna Mae Snyder
 Aug 24, Kathy Phillips, Dianna Plotner, Mary Sanders (90)
 Aug 25, Oliver Duarte, Bert Edmonston, James Van Sant
 Aug 26, Mark Lopez, Barbara Piper, Andy Radcliffe, Nathaniel Heller, Barbara Piper
 Aug 27, Charles Geisbert, Spencer Simpson, Mark Yeager
 Aug 28, Christina Heller
 Aug 29, Leisa Moyer, Atticus Van Riper, Catherine Waskey, Thomas Woodall
 Aug 30, Mollie Mayer, Dave Mills
 Aug 31, Cavan Rankin

August Anniversaries

William and Dawn Metcalf	Aug 3	Mike and Jane Hahn	Aug 9
Dr. Ray and Sandy Moreland	Aug 3	Kevin and Patty Keyser	Aug 12
Michael and Melissa Rust	Aug 3	Mitch and Penny Reading	Aug 14
Jim and Sandy Sengstack	Aug 4	David and Amanda Calabrese	Aug 16
Ryan and Bethany Webster	Aug 4	Mike Pickett and Judy Tran	Aug 23
Doug and Josie Manger	Aug 5	Jeff and Cara Dragan	Aug 25
Chad and Melissa Ritterbusch	Aug 5	Jim and Norma Hamilton	Aug 25
Shannon and Stephanie Whitmarsh	Aug 5	Dan and Dianna Plotner	Aug 25
Larry and Judy Johnson	Aug 8	Chuck and Susan Engler	Aug 30
Health and Julie Wilson	Aug 8	Steve and Mary Ann Mood	Aug 30

August

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Prayer Shawl	4	5 1:30 p.m. UMFaith Ex. Committee	6 Mission Central Trip – Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	7	8	9 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 7:45 a.m. Sight and Sound Trip Departure
10 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	11 7 p.m. SHP Team Meeting	12	13 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	14	15 Youth Group S'more Night	16
17 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Children's Sunday School Teacher Meeting	18 7 p.m. Finance Committee	19	20 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	21	22	23
24 9 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	25	26	27 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7 p.m. Church Council	28	29	30
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