

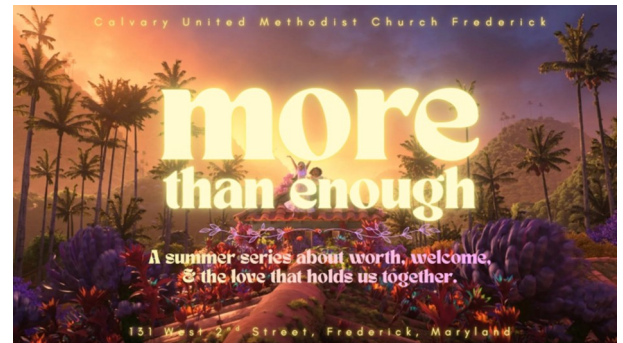


More Than Enough: A Summer for Everyone

Recently, someone I care about trusted me with something honest... how long the days can get when you live alone, and how easy it is to feel like the world has quietly moved on without you. Upon reflection, I am certain that person is not the only one carrying it. Loneliness does not check your age or count how many chairs are at your table. It finds the single and those in the crowd alike, and summer, for all its sunshine, can be one of the lonelier stretches of the year.

I have been thinking about that conversation, and about all of us, as we get ready for what comes next.

We have one more week on the road with Abraham and Sarah, one last stop in "Are We There Yet?" Then, on July 12, we have a special Sunday as Karen Gebhart brings the message. And in the heart of summer, beginning Sunday, July 19, we begin a new series called "More Than Enough," inspired by a film that our little ones are most familiar with and would like to share with all of the rest of us. You may have a hunch which one. We are keeping the name a happy secret in print, but it will be obvious the moment the lights go down.



Now, do not let the fact that it is animated fool you. Yes, the children adore it, and our VBS crowd will be thrilled. But this is not just a kids' movie. It is a story for every single one of us. It is about the weight of always being the strong one, about wondering whether we are enough when we are not the best at anything, about the parts of our families and ourselves we would rather not discuss, and about who gets left off the guest list and how we make more room. And the music, well, the music is spectacular.

These are the questions of the gospel, handed to us with so much warmth that a child of six and a person of seventy can sit with them side by side and each find themselves in the story. That is the gift I want all of us to unwrap this summer. You do not need anyone else in the room to do it. All you need is the willingness to ask one honest question and then sit with the answer.

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Questions like: Which character felt the most like me? Who, in this church or this town, might feel left off the list, and what could I do about it? Which brings me to the best part. On Thursday, July 23 at 6 p.m., we are hosting Community Movie Night here at the church. Not a family night, a community night, which means there is a seat with your name on it whether you arrive with a car full of grandkids or walk in on your own. We will watch the film together, the popcorn is on us, and there is no better cure for a long, quiet evening than a room full of people laughing in the dark. And best of all: it's indoors, and the air conditioning will be running. During a Frederick July, that alone is good news.

So here is my one request. Bring someone. Invite a friend, a neighbor, the person down the pew you have always meant to know better, or the one you suspect might otherwise spend that evening alone. And if you can't make it, track down the film (I'll tell you the title) and host your own night, then come to worship ready to find yourself in the story.

Grace is not rationed in this house. There is more than enough. Enough room, enough love, enough belonging for every last one of us, no matter our age, no matter who is or is not waiting at home.

There is a place at this table for you. Come and take it.

Dr. Hutton

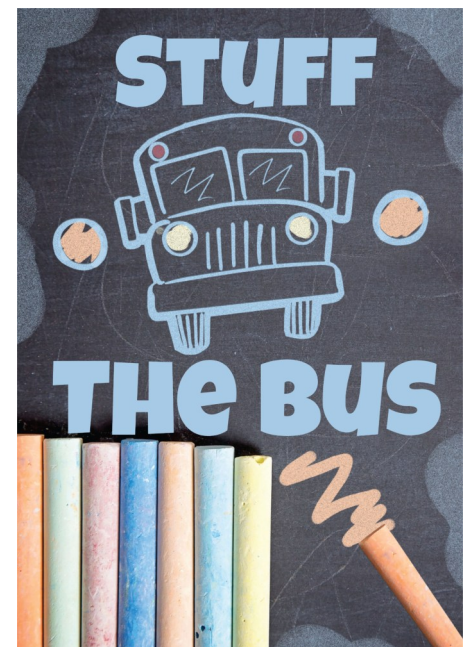
July Love Offering

Once again, Calvary is partnering with the annual United Way **Stuff the Bus** campaign by collecting new, unused school supplies throughout the month of July for children in need.

Your donations will help ensure students in Frederick County have the tools they need to succeed in the classroom. Look for the yellow collection bins in the Parish Hall to drop off your donations.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support as we make a meaningful impact in our community.

For questions, please contact Beth Stitely at autumn.purple@hotmail.com.



May Love Offering raised \$1,363.00 for Volunteers in Mission



American
Red Cross

Give
MORE LIFE

Blood Drive

Calvary United Methodist Church Frederick

Parish Hall
131 W Second St.
Frederick, MD 21701

Wednesday, July 15, 2026
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Summer is a great time to become a donor for the Red Cross, our Parish Hall is super cooled for the occasion, snacks, and drinks are provided.

Scan the QR Code to make your appointment.

Interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Pam Pittman at pamandj@comcast.net help is always welcome.

Impressions from the 2026 UMC Baltimore Washington Conference

Ray and I were honored to represent Calvary at the 242nd BWC-UMC Annual Conference May 27-29. This was the 2nd year we were your Lay Conference Attendees. The theme this year was “Rooted in Christ, Called to Love Boldly.” This is the first segment of a 3-part series, with 2027 being to “Serve Joyfully” and 2028 being to “Lead Courageously.” To Love Boldly is based on Apostle Paul’s letter to Ephesians 3:16-19 – “I pray that, according to the riches of God’s glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through the Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” This message was prevalent throughout the Conference, whether in Bishop Latrelle Easterling’s rousing sermon the first day, Bishop Gregory Palmer’s morning Bible study messages, the various workshops, or the plenary sessions.

The Laity workshop began with Bishop Easterling sharing her vision for the laity of UMC. She said “We don’t have anything called volunteers in this denomination. We are leaders, we are skilled servant workers. We are disciples committed to living out the Gospel message in this time.” One of the topics we then discussed was what is evangelism. The speaker quoted author Martha Grace Reese who said, “ Anything that you do to help another person move closer to a relationship with God, or into a Christian community is evangelism.” This call to action struck me as one we should all embrace.

The plenary sessions included amendments to conference rules and the adoption of resolutions related to fossil fuel divestment and encouraging congregations and conference leaders to reflect on their baptismal vows as a guide for faithful discipleship and public witness.

Many of the various groups of the BWC gave reports on the progress for each area. I was especially impressed by the youth reports, including highlighting the upcoming January 2027 IGNITE Youth Conference in Ocean City MD. The energy and faith they shared was contagious. The other part of the conference that was so inspiring was the Baltimore-Washington Worship Team music. They brought such energy to familiar hymns it was impossible to not feel the music in your soul.

I appreciated the time that was spent in presentations on how far the apportionment mission shares go to reach communities and individuals through countless programs and services. It was comforting to know our funds are used to the service of God in so many ways we alone would not be able to accomplish.

If you would like to learn more about the many details of the Conference, go to the BWC-UMC website
Conference link: <https://www.bwcumc.org/events/2026-annual-conference/>

Now my ask of you – the Conference is a wonderful learning experience and a chance to meet other UMC laity from around the Baltimore-Washington area. Worship is invigorating, music is divine, and the time you spend over those three days will fill you with continued belief in our faith – Rooted in Christ and Loving Boldly. I am seeking someone who would like to join me next year as an alternate delegate. If you are interested just let me know. Those of you who have attended in the past can attest it is 3 days worthy of your time.

Blessings,

Karen Gebhart

Certified Lay Servant and Lay Conference Attendee



More Questions: What Is a Certified Lay Servant?

At the end of May we celebrated Karen Gebhart, who recently completed her coursework as a Certified Lay Servant. A few of you have asked, in the best possible way, "That's wonderful, but what exactly is it?" Great question. Here's the short version.

A Certified Lay Servant is a layperson, not clergy, who has felt a nudge to serve more deeply and has said yes to some training to do it well. In the UMC, lay servants serve their church through three simple words, leading, caring, and communicating. That can look like leading a study or a prayer group, helping lead worship or even preaching, teaching the Scriptures, assisting with Communion, or coming alongside people in hard seasons. In other words, much of the good work many of you are already quietly doing.

If the term sounds a little unfamiliar, that is because it has changed over the years. Churches our size once had several of these servants on the rolls, though they have gone by different names, including Lay Speaker. Today the United Methodist Church recognizes two lay certifications, the Certified Lay Servant (CLS), and a further step for those called to expanded leadership, the Certified Lay Minister (CLM). Both exist for the same reason, to empower and equip the laity, all of us, for deeper ministry.

Becoming one is more accessible than you might think. The path runs through a Basic course and an Advanced course offered through our conference, along with the support of your pastor and church. You can find training dates on the [Baltimore-Washington Conference website at bwcumc.org](http://www.bwcumc.org).

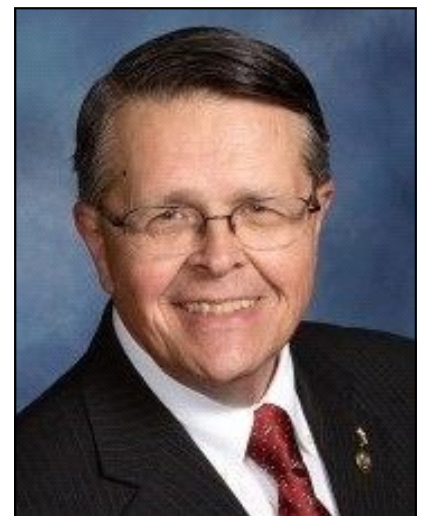
And if even a small part of you is curious, please reach out to Karen Gebhart. She would love to tell you about her own journey and help you take a first step. You might be surprised where God is nudging you next.

Celebrating a New Book from One of Our Own

We're delighted to share that Calvary's own Rev. Dr. Raymond T. Moreland has published a new book, **Jesus: The Unheroic Hero of God's Kingdom**.

It's a thoughtful read for pastors, laity, and anyone seeking a fresh perspective on Jesus and his kingdom. Available now on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Jesus-Unheroic-Hero-Gods-Kingdom/dp/1556055668>

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Moreland on this wonderful accomplishment.





Greetings from Calvary Weekday School

We hope you are enjoying your summer. We would like to welcome the newest members to our staff. Ariel Usher, whose two sons attended our school, will replace Angela Mayer in the Media position. She will also teach World Languages replacing our current Spanish Program. We are very excited about introducing this program to our school that will offer learning experiences that reach a greater global community and represent the diversity of the families that attend Calvary Weekday School.

Katie Martin, whose daughter currently attends our school, will fill the Music position. Katie brings a wealth of knowledge and background in the arts and is so excited to share her joy of music with our students. We are thrilled to have both Katie and Ariel become a part of our staff and know they will help our program continue to grow.

As some of you may know, Calvary is an MSDE Accredited School. In order to maintain this standard, we have started the re-accreditation process. I recently met with the staff to look at areas of improvement and set goals for this upcoming school year. This process will continue until the fall/winter of 2027 when MSDE will assess our program and hopefully renew our Accreditation Certification.

Enjoy the sunshine and more to come as we kick off the new school year!

Patty Lockard, Director

Sharing Your Gifts: A Call to First Responders, Medical, and Safety-Trained Members

Part of being a community of welcome, affirmation, and love for all is making sure this is a place where people feel cared for and safe. So, working alongside our Trustees and Ushers, Calvary is taking some proactive steps around safety and security, and we are starting close to home, by getting to know the gifts and training already present in our congregation.

If you are a first responder, serve in law enforcement, work as a medical professional, or have training in safety, security, or emergency response, we would love to hear from you. We are building a list of people we can call on, and your experience could be a real blessing to this church family.

We want to be clear about the spirit of this. There are no current threats or concerns. This is simply about being prepared and being good stewards of the gifts God has placed among us, so that we are ready to care for one another well.

Scott Moyer has graciously agreed to serve as our point of contact for safety and security. If you would like to be added to the list, or if you have questions, please reach out to Scott at smoyer6105@gmail.com.



On behalf of the food bank, I would like to thank the congregation for the consistent donations to help those in need in our community.

A special thank you to our Mission Possible Kids for the recent birthday cake gift bags! A wonderful addition to our weekly drop off.

Summer is upon us, and this usually means the food bank donations are at a low point across the county.

Many families are planning summer vacations, but please remember the food bank never goes on vacation!

For anyone who would like to contribute to the food bank through donations, please feel free to stop by the wheelbarrow outside the Parish Hall and pick up a food bank shopping list for the summer months.

Foods:

Cereal

Canned Meats

Canned Fruits

Individual Fruit Cups

Canned Vegetables

Condiments

Pasta & Sauce

Capri Sun or Similar Juice Pouches

Granola Bars

Toiletry Items:

Full Size Shampoo

Body Wash

Bar Soap

Deodorant

Toothpaste



Summer Youth

July 15 - S'mores/Mission Trip Paper work turn-in night

July 18 beginning at 8 p.m. ~ Pack the van for Mission Trip

July 19-25, Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement

August 12 - Mission Central Trip

Please contact Youth Director Jenn Duthoy at missjenn@calvaryumc.org for more information.



Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness ...

It is to these inalienable rights to which all men, created equal, are endowed by their Creator. So declared the framers of the Declaration of Independence, approved by the colonial Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The authors, led by Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, and John Adams, essentially deists by faith, were



challenged, according to historian Walter Isaacson (*The Greatest Sentence Ever Written*, 2025), to frame the rights of a new nation in terms of reason and the concept of community through social contract as argued by 17th and 18th century Enlightenment political philosophers rather than on the basis of institutional dogma of religion.

While freedom of speech and religion were enshrined a few years later in the First Amendment to our new nation's Constitution, it would be another 100-150 years before slavery and voting rights to other than white our Congress would rectify men. That notwithstanding, the concept of "inalienable rights endowed by our Creator" in *all people* remains a source of contention through various states' rights laws, actions by our judicial system, and human prejudice...

With the divisiveness experienced in our nation on this 250th anniversary of our nation's founding, Isaacson exhorts us to discover once again the sense of common ground we share as human beings, regardless of our diversity otherwise. Was this not what Jesus sought to teach us, and still does, by inviting us as he did his First Century disciples to become part of God's Kingdom within which the common grounds of community was God's love to be shared one with each other? In addition, was it not *life* (Jn 14:6), *liberty* (Lk 4:18), and *the pursuit of happiness through God's blessings* (Mt 5:3-12) that we would experience were we to follow Jesus in this pursuit? For Jesus, who knew the ancient Scriptures well, also sought to form a human society not grounded on the dogma of religious or secular dominating institutions of his day, but rather on the transformation of his disciples' lives to advance on earth the "kin-dom" of God. In addition, to such is the challenge of the Christian church in society today!

Paul D. Nelson, Church & Society Ministry

Calvary's RAINFOREST FALLS Vacation Bible School,

June 22-25, was a huge success! We had 104 children registered, and there were 45 adult and 19 youth volunteers helping out throughout the week.

So many generous people supplied snacks, craft materials, decorations and prayers in order to make this the most amazing VBS ever! On Thursday

evening, June 25, Calvary hosted a VBS Celebration for families, featuring a hot dog dinner, songs, skits and fun – many new families attended! Church events like this 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!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated before or during the event – we simply couldn't do it without your support! Plans are already in motion for NEXT year's VBS!

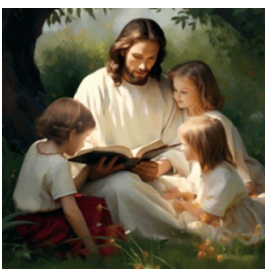
Calvary's Children's Sunday School is taking a break for the summer from June 28 – August 30.

Please join us on Sunday, September 6 for our Carnival Kick-Off. Plan to bring a friend!



Photos by

John Mitchell



Children's Church will continue through the summer! Children's Church is for children ages 5 – 3rd grade and takes place in our beautiful Chapel during the Worship Service immediately following the *Time With the Children*.

Children's Church is a mini-service where children can take part in the service on a smaller scale. Join us!

1, Joan Glock, Ethan Simpson, Carter Vinar
2, Isaac Benson, Adryana Slovikosky, Lindy Witmer
3, Suzanne Duvall, Michael Rust, Linda Schmeltz
4, Virginia Edmonston, Katie Lopez, Blake Rosen, Rylee Rossman
5, Margaret Selby, Marilyn Moyers
6, Madi Davies, Luci Palmer, 8, Abel O'Toole
9, Joann Crum, Bob Mason, Caitlin Perry, Julie Schwarzenberg
10, Linda Bennett, Gwyn Sewell, II, Marley Crum



12, Angie Anderson, Cynthia Yeager, 13, Ronda Dudley, Page Fox, Betty Rollins, Mara Smith
14, Christopher Howard, Mary Pfister,
15, Maverick Johnikin, Ellori Sue Webster, Caitlyn Wilson,, Molly Rhoades, 16, Olivia Kluttz
17, Mary Boyer, Anne Gray, Amy Heller, Allison Rossman, Candace Whiting
18, Carol DeLaski, Sara Duarte, Celeste Greaves, 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, Thomas Mullineaux
25, Mike Hahn, Jack Heller, Rebecca Rohrback
26, Jack Almeida, Malachi O'Toole, Pam Pittman, 27, Ben Davies, William Selby, Brianne Paugh
28, Misty-Autumn Hurley, Keith Krause, 29, James Colburn, Judy Tran, Alice Zalatoris
31, Ricky Munday, Carol Officer, Allyson Sewell, Daniel Shankle

July Anniversaries

Jeff & Amy Stone July 1 Carl & Linda Reed July 11
Eric & Angie Anderson July 5 Andrew & Amanda Radcliffe July 14
Scott & Linda English July 6 Andrew & Carol Keirn July 15
Isam & Katie Ballenger July 7 Sam & Kate Mills July 16
Lori & Christian Leber July 8 Bruce & Cyndie Seamans July 18
Ralph & Michele Lopez July 9 Christopher & Erica Miller July 18



July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office hrs. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6 p.m. Men's Bible Study	2 Office hrs. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	3 Independence Day Church Office Closed	4 Happy 4th of July
5 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	6 Summer Office Hours 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday - Thursday	7 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	8 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6 p.m. Men's Bible Study	9 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	10 Church Office Closed on Fridays for the Summer	11 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
12 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	13 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6:30 p.m. SHP Pot Lock Dinner	14 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	15 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Calvary Blood Drive 6 p.m. Men's Bible Study	16 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	17 Office Closed	18
19 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. New Members Class Youth Mission Trip to Henderson	20 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	21 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	22 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6 p.m. Men's Bible Study	23 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 6 p.m. Community Movie Night	24 Office Closed	25 Youth Mission Trip Return from Henderson
26 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship	27 9 a.m.-1p.m.	28 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	29 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	30 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	31 Office Closed	

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Save the Date!

Children’s Sunday School

Carnival Kick-Off

Sunday, September 6, 2026

9:00 – 9:45 am