

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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.*

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

Online Worship

Those who dream...SOW JOY

Opening Music

You are invited to light a candle during the time of worship. Please greet one another in the comments online.

Welcome, announcements

Rev. Shannon Sullivan

Call to Worship

The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes,

We can see a better world.

When we close our eyes,

We can dream a better dream.

But when we open our eyes,

We begin the work of faith.

The power of worship is the same. When we enter take time to be with God,

We can see a better world.

When we join with others to give thanks and praise to God,

We dream a better dream.

So come. Dream your dream. Find hope. Then we can begin the work of faith.

Let it be so.

Advent Wreath Candlelighting: Joy

The Mayer Family

Prayer

Creator God,

Scripture is flooded with dream-like images:

the lion lying down with the lamb,

justice rolling like a mighty river, swords being beaten into plowshares,

the prisoner being set free, good news to the oppressed,

the whole world rejoicing.

To our human ears, there are times when these words can sound like nothing more than a far-off dream—downplaying prophecy to fantasy.

However, what we know is that to dream is to hope,

and to hope is to imagine,

and to imagine is to wonder,

and to wonder is to believe,
and to believe is to live and breathe for your promised day.
So give us the strength to listen as we dream, O God.
For deep down, we know your words are the very thing we need.

Amen.

Hymn

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

W&S #3052

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible Isaiah 61:1-4 and 8-11

Gospel Lesson

John 1:6-8 and 19-28

Response

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Time with the Children

Sermon

Those who dream...sow joy

Rev. Steve Larsen

Our sermon series this Advent is Sanctified Art series: Those Who Dream. “This theme is for the dreamers in all of us— those who dream of a deeper connection with God and those who dream of a better world. It is for those who dream of comfort and for those who have given up on their dreams. It is for those whose dreams have been crushed and for those who show us that dreams take time. Join us this Advent as we dream alongside prophets and angels, Mary and the Magi. Join us as we seek and sow God’s dreams for our world.”

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Offering

Although we are not able to put our contributions in the offering plate, there are other ways that we can give. Checks can be sent to the church office at 131 West 2nd St, Frederick, MD 21701. Online payments can be made easily and securely by going to the church website and clicking on the “Donate” button to find several options.

Offertory/Anthem

“Those Who Dream Change Everything”
written and sung by *The Many*

Doxology

Prayer Over the Offering

Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads. Ye Mighty Gates”

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Benediction

Organ Voluntary

Our call to worship and prayer of confession this morning are by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

The online worship service premieres on both Facebook and YouTube each Sunday at 9:00 am. The services can be viewed at any time. You can find links at www.calvaryumc.org or search for “Calvary United Methodist Church, Frederick” in either YouTube.com or Facebook.com.

In need of a pastoral call, a prayer, or just someone to talk to? Call one of your pastors! Rev. Steve Larsen at 301-848-8216 or Rev Shannon Sullivan at 410-937-8835.

Looking for other ways to connect with your Calvary family?

Join our Facebook group where you can share prayer concerns and connect with church members and friends. Join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/212630313297563/>.

Telephone one another. If you need a directory, let us know or click on “MyCalvary” on our website: www.calvaryumc.org.

Our Women's Ministry Gratitude Group on Facebook is another place you can join us. We share daily gratitude and joys, daily prayer requests, and share inspirational messages. All are welcome. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/783900735353923/>

The Asbury Class is meeting through Zoom Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Here are the details, shared by class leader Pat Herber: We leave the first 15 min (10:00-10:15 a.m.) for folks to join and chat (and overcome any technical difficulties). Then we have a check in where we invite everyone to share a bit and then Dave leads a scripture based discussion. We encourage folks to have their bibles available. We invite and welcome anyone to join us, please contact Pat Herber at pkherber@gmail.com for log in information.

We have a lot of members and friends of Calvary that could use an extra dose of Christmas cheer this year. We want to set a challenge for each of you - how many heartfelt, meaningful Christmas cards can you send this year to people on our list? Our list includes members of the Grateful Hearts class, elderly members, and others who may be lonely and depressed during this holiday season.

Our collective goal - 2020 cards sent from Calvary members.

How to participate:

1. Email Christy Mossburg at Christy@calvaryumc.org for the link to the list of names and addresses.
2. If you have children, let them make the cards. Kid's cards are the most appreciated piece of mail that most adults ever receive, whether it's from their own family or not. There's nothing quite like seeing a hand-drawn picture and heartfelt words from our youngest members.
3. Store-bought cards are perfectly fine and encouraged - just be sure you put a personal note in it to the church member.
4. Make sure that in addition to your name you put in the card that you are a member of their Calvary Church family.
5. Before you mail the cards, take a picture of the cards/stack of cards you send out. Tag Calvary United Methodist Church and use #CalvaryChristmasCardChallenge.
6. If you want to, you can add something small into the envelopes, like a bookmark, candy cane, or magnet. Just remember that you may need to pay extra postage if your envelope is heavy.
7. Once you've completed the challenge, email Christy Mossburg and share how many cards that you sent for the Calvary Christmas Card Challenge so we can add it to our grand total.

If you want to share on social media here's a message you can use: I'm doing the Calvary Christmas Card Challenge - I will be sending xxx of cards to our members that most need a smile during the holidays. You can join me! #CalvaryChristmasCardChallenge

Go make someone smile today!



Our Children's Sunday School program happens every Sunday morning with a short Zoom Story Time led by Rev. Shannon Sullivan and our Children's Sunday School leaders. If you are not already part of this group, email Christy Mossburg for details at christy@calvaryumc.org.

Prayer Concerns:

Recent Passing: Flora Seidel (Mother of Pat Staggs), Pete Allen, Hayleigh Gibson (Niece of Maryjane McClement), Thom Zufull (Brother of Nancy Strine), Tom Van Pelt (Father of Becky Bostian and Beth Waskey), Nancy Molesworth

Members of Calvary: Anna Belle Childers, Josie Manger, Paulette Shockey-Petrucci, Mike Issacs, Beth Richards, Mitch Reading, Peggy Griffiee, Shauna Main, Nancy Slovikosky, Dottie Mitchell, Linda Sheridan, Eleanor Pickard, JoAn Ehlers, Nancy Dobbs, Charles Orrison, Jill Benton, Leslie Bell, Betty Fawley, Ann Crum, Buck Isaacs, Nancy Crum, Fannie Johnson, Bob Strine, Michael Boyer, Verner Sundell, Norie Shipley, Joyce Dixon, Wave Starnes, Larry Johnson, Sebastian Duthoy, Grace Heller, Jack Heller, The Fennington Family, David Pard, Joe and Pat Staggs

Friends of Calvary: Bob Imler (Brother of Trisha Paugh), Georgia Riggelman, Family of Scott Irwin, Martha Major (Friend of Rita Sharpe), Suzanna Simpson and Adam Shake (Sister and Brother-in-law to Christy Mossburg), Stacey Gadbois (Friend of the Moked Family), John and Lynn Mills (Friends of Charles Geisbert), Linda Horinie Henke (Niece of Charles Geisbert) Bob Judak (Husband of Terri Hudack), Pamela Pomblin (Daughter of Grace Sheetenhelm), Sanvana Drone (Great granddaughter of Grace Sheetenhelm), Mark Farnham (Brother-in-law to Mark and Allison MacDonald), Doug Millette (Uncle of Mark and Allison MacDonald), Lillian Mingola (Mother of Maria Calcagni), Ed Kinsey, Jr (Father of Ed Kinsey), Anastasia Spadacino (Mother of Anastasia Slovikosky), Wendy Koch (Niece of Bruce and Helen Sheppard), Alice Woodward (Sister of Rita Sharpe), Eli Yanike (Great-grandson of Ramona Yanike), Gay Ann Mazac (Niece of Steve and JoAn Ehlers), Harriett Lakel (Sister of Anne Mossburg)

The Hannah Circle invites you join us in providing Christmas gift cards for those families we serve through the Religious Coalition and the Salvation Army. With the pandemic, families need help more than ever, but we also want to keep givers safe. This year we are asking for gift cards to grocery stores and stores like Target and Wal-Mart.

All gift cards need to be returned to the tree no later than **Sunday Dec. 13th**. If you wish to contribute but do not have time to grab a gift card, checks or cash donations will be gratefully accepted. The Hannah Circle will be glad to do your shopping for you! Please make checks out to Calvary United Methodist Women and reference "Angel Tree". There is a place in the narthex for your donations, but you can also mail them or leave them in the church office.