

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.*

January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Online Worship

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. Steve Larsen

Call to Worship

Gather this day in silence and hope

as we wait for God's word for us.

Let our hearts and spirits be open.

God is our strength and salvation.

In worship, may we wait patiently for the Lord.

With willing hearts and spirits let us wait for the Lord.

Hymn

“Near to the Heart of God”

UMH #472

Opening Prayer

O God, you are our light and our salvation. Living in your presence, we have nothing to fear. Open our hearts to your word this day. As we hear the story of the call of the first disciples, make us ready to follow Jesus on whatever path he leads us. Cast aside our fears and doubts, and teach us to trust wholly in you.

Amen.

First Lesson Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:14-20

Response

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Time with the Children

Rev. Shannon Sullivan

Sermon

Follow Me!

Rev. Shannon Sullivan

The second sermon in a series called: Follow Me!

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

"Day By Day"

by Victor Johnson

Day by day, O dear Lord of Thee three things I pray.
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

"The Summons"

TFWS #2130

Benediction

Organ Voluntary

The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer *are from Ministry Matters*

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2240/worship-connection-january-24-2021>.



Follow Me

WORSHIP SERIES

During the first Sundays of 2021, we will be considering Jesus' invitation to follow him. He calls us to leave behind much of what we have known and accepted in order to join him in a journey that continues through every stage of our lives. The invitation is offered to us not only at the start of the life of faith. It is an offer that is extended to us again and again. The inspiration and materials for this series come from www.umcdiscipleship.org. You can find the previous sermon on the series at www.calvaryumc.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.

Disciple Fasttrack is starting up again! **Tuesdays at 7 this time starting January 26.** Join us to read through the New Testament! This is a great study for beginners and Bible reading veterans alike. In a time where we are so divided as a nation, let us get back to the basics and look at Jesus' and the early church's teaching. You can call Pastor Shannon at 410-937-8835 for a book, or pick one up at the office.

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. 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.

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.



The American Red Cross is hosting a Winter Blood Drive at Calvary UMC on Wednesday, February 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. For what amounts to 1-2 hours of your time, donors can help save up to 3 people with one donation! The COVID pandemic continues to amplify the need for adequate blood supplies, so why not give a winter

gift that can save up to 3 lives? Only a few spaces remain at our drive, and to sign up, call or text Eric Anderson before the event at 240.506.5759, or connect via email at eric.anderson3@redcross.org.

Due to the pandemic, we are taking additional precautions to help ensure donor, staff and volunteer safety. Donors should wear masks to the event, and we will work wherever possible to maintain safe social distancing, as well as follow specific cleaning protocols.

Each year the Sunday School classes, youth group, and church members collect items and make up goodie bags for members of the church who need a little extra love for Valentine's Day. This year we are asking people to adopt someone to offer them a Love Bag.



If only one person or family is making a love bag for one other person, what that look like?

We want it to be flexible. Normally our love bag has crossword puzzle books, lotion, chapsticks, notepad and pens, sometimes a small stuffed animal and various snacks (though not too sweet since some folks can't have a lot of sugar). Maybe you want to continue that. Or maybe you want to offer a gift of a prayer cross or a gift box you find at a local store. Just think of something small, done with love. Loving our neighbor is an important part of living out our faith, and it is also a way we can be the hands and feet of Christ for another.

If you or your family would like to adopt a Love Bag recipient, contact Christy Mossburg at Christy@Calvaryumc.org to be matched up with one of our congregation members. So far 25 members have been "adopted" and we have 63 remaining to be matched.

*****Gift bags will need to be delivered to the recipients on or just before February 14.***

Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: Karen Shipley Leggett (daughter of Greg Shipley), Laura (Daughter of Carol and Art Fennington), Lou Finneyfrock, Anna Belle Childers, Sebastian Duthoy, Wave Starnes, Mike Issacs, Beth Richards, Peggy Griffie, Shauna Main, Nancy Slovikosky, Dottie Mitchell, Linda Sheridan, Eleanor Pickard, JoAn Ehlers, Nancy Dobbs, Janet Dobbs, Charles Orrison, Leslie Bell, Betty Fawley, Ann Crum, Buck Isaacs, Nancy Crum, Fannie Johnson, Bob Strine, Michael Boyer, Verner Sundell, Grace and Jack Heller, David Pard

Friends of Calvary: Eleanor Verna (Mother of Colleen West), Sonja Sharpe and family (Niece of Rita Sharpe), Georgia Riggleman, Gail Crum (Friend of Rita Sharpe), Suzanne Simpson and Adam Shake (Sister and brother-in-law to Christy Mossburg), John and Lynn Mills (Friends of Charles Geisbert) Linda Horinie Henke (Niece of Charles Geisbert) Bob Hudak (Husband of Terri Hudack), Mary Zalatoris (Mother of Jeff Zalatoris), Pamela Pomblin (Daughter of Grace Sheetenhelm) , Sanvana Drone (Great granddaughter of Grace Sheetenhelm), 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), Martha Major (Friend 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)