

# 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.*

April 25, 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Season  
Festival of God's Creation

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. Shannon Sullivan

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 23)

The Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures.

We are refreshed beside still waters.

**We have been given everything we have.**

**God supplies us everything we need.**

When we walk through the shadowy valleys, God is with us.

We are comforted and reassured.

**God leads us in the right paths.**

**Our cups are filled to overflowing.**

God welcomes us to the table where love is expressed.

We are invited to partake of the truth God offers.

**We have received plenty that we might share.**

**We are called to be God's helpers in the world.**

Opening Prayer

**Surprising and persistent God, you never give up on us. You seek us, call us, beckon us. You shine in every star, glow in every sunset, sing in every water-fall, always trying to get our attention. You surround us with friends who care, families who love us in spite of our difficulties and the church that carries us in prayer. When we turn toward your amazing grace, we discover forgiveness, healing and hope. You give us a song to sing and a story to tell. We are blessed. Amen.**

Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH #381

Earth Day Litany

Act of Praise

Psalm 23

New Testament Letter

1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Lesson

John 10:11-18

Response

The word of God for the people of God.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Time with the Children

Rev. Steve Larsen

Sermon

Jesus, Our Good Shepherd

Rev. Steve Larsen

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

"Brother James' Air"

arr. Brian Dean

David Cline, soloist

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn

"Lord, Speak to Me"

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Benediction

Organ Voluntary

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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](http://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 encourage folks to have their bibles available. We invite and welcome anyone to join us, please contact Pat Herber at [pkherber@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:christy@calvaryumc.org).

### **Church Scholarship**

Each year the church provides scholarships to students in the congregation pursuing higher education in 2021-2022. See the church website, [www.calvaryumc.org](http://www.calvaryumc.org), click the News, then Scholarship for the application and information about the scholarship process. Applications are “live” starting April 1, 2021. Applications are due to the church office by June 1, 2021.

### **The Listening Path Book Study, Wednesday evenings beginning April 14**

*The Listening Path* is a transformational journey to deeper, more profound listening and creativity. Over six weeks, readers will be given the tools to become better listeners-to their environment, the people around them, and themselves. The reward for learning to truly listen is immense. As we learn to listen, our attention is heightened and we gain healing, insight, clarity. Above all, listening creates connections and ignites a creativity that will resonate through every aspect of our lives. Join us for our online book study: Wednesday evenings, 7 p.m. on Zoom, beginning Wednesday, April 7- Wednesday, May 19. Led by Christy Mossburg. For more information, email [Christy@calvaryumc.org](mailto:Christy@calvaryumc.org)

### **COVID Vaccinations**

With limited supplies, it has not been easy to get the vaccination. It has been difficult to use the vaccine websites to secure an appointment. If you would like help getting an appointment or need transportation, please let me know by calling the church office and we will match you up with someone who can help.

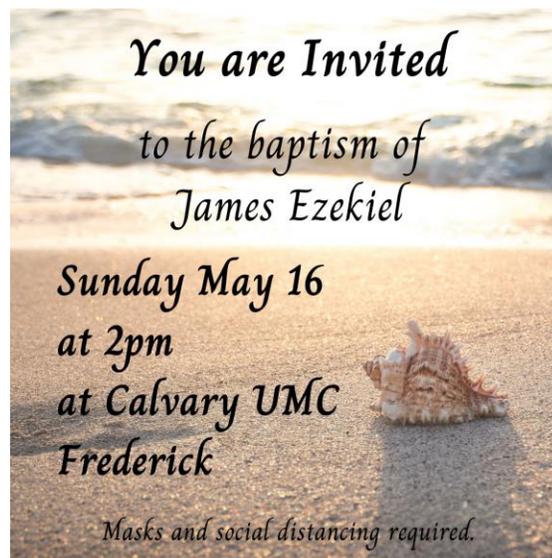
If you are someone who would like to help others in the church secure an appointment, please let us know so we can match you up with those who are having difficulties.

**Do you like to work in the garden ?** Some occasional help is needed in the Church gardens, some weeding, planting, watering and even mowing. Take your pick and your day. Please call or contact Helen Sheppard or Bob Jacobs for more information. Thank you for making our church beautiful.

## Prayer Concerns:

**Members of Calvary:** Rita Sharpe, Tom Mullineaux, Larry Johnson, Karen Shipley Leggett (daughter of Greg Shipley), Laura (Daughter of Carol and Art Fennington), Lou Finneyfrock, Anna Belle Childers, Sebastian Duthoy, Wave Starnes, Beth Richards, Shauna Main, Nancy Slovikosky, Linda Sheridan, JoAn Ehlers, Nancy Dobbs, Charles Orrison, Betty Fawley, Ann Crum, Nancy Crum, Fannie Johnson, Bob Strine, Michael Boyer, Grace Sheetenhelm, Lois Tyson (Death of her brother Lloyd)

**Friends of Calvary:** Family of Donald Washburn (Father of Hope Auth), Family of Joyce Friel, Valentin-Morales family, Mary Fraser (Friend of Terri Giambarresi), Kitty Cooley (Sister of Connie Soggins), Ellie (Friend of Gloria Orrison) Eleanor Verna (Mother of Colleen West), Georgia Riggelman, 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), Mark Dixon (Friend of Rita Sharpe), Virginia Painter Floyd (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), Jeremy Winn and Becky Woodward (Niece and Nephew of Rita Sharpe), Randy and Linda Miller, Clark Davis (Friends of Rita Sharpe), Marion Woodward (Brother in-law to Rita Sharpe), James Wentzel (Friend of Rita Sharpe)



You are all invited to Zekie's baptism! Because his grandmother is a pastor as well as his mom, we are having a short second worship service on Sunday, May 16 at 2pm to celebrate the grace of God that has surrounded Zekie from birth and will his whole life long and to welcome him into the family of faith. There will be an online way to participate as well as in-person. You all have so welcomed Zekie already, even with the challenges of the pandemic, we wanted to make it official.