

**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 9, 2022                      Baptism of the Lord Sunday                      10:00 AM Worship

Opening Music                      “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”                      J. S. Bach

*Those of you joining us online are invited to light a candle during the time of worship. Please greet one another in the comments.*

Welcome, announcements

Call to Worship

The Light shines in the darkness.

**And the darkness can neither extinguish it nor comprehend it.**

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**Bringing hope and revealing truth.**

The Light shines in the darkness.

**And bathed in that Light we come to worship.**

\*Hymn                      “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”                      UMH #139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigning  
bears thee on eagle’s wings, e’er in his keeping maintaining.  
God’s care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.  
Hast thou not known his sustaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder a new what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,  
Spreading the wings of grace o’er thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Before you formed us in the womb, O God, you knew us as your own. You call us by name and we bear the mark of Christ upon us. Anoint us again in this season of Epiphany. Immerse us in this grace-filled community that we might more worthily magnify your name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 3:15-17 and 21-22

Beth Strakonsky

\*Response

The word of God for the people of God.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Time With the Children

Anthem

“Down By The Riverside” Spiritual; arr. Gert Th. Walter

Agape

Dr. Ray Moreland, soloist

Carl Disque, saxophonist

Sermon

“First the Dove, Then the Thunder”

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 [www.Calvaryumc.org/give/](http://www.Calvaryumc.org/give/)*

Offertory

“Voluntary”

G. F. Handel

\*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

UMH #529

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
4. When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
5. The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, no never, no, never forsake.

\*Benediction

\*Organ Voluntary

“Fugue”

J. Dandrieu

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**The flowers on the altar** are in memory of my husband, Mark, and celebration of his birthday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. – By Margie Wilde

**Organist:** Ann Thompson

If interested in being a flower sponsor, please sign up by calling the church office or at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-altar> to sign up for altar flowers, pulpit or communion table. Many dates available.

**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/>

Sign up for our weekly e-news. Every Tuesday you will get a thought from Pastor Steve, links to upcoming events and service opportunities and a list of prayer concerns. Simply share your name and email with [office@calvaryumc.org](mailto:office@calvaryumc.org).

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).

**Covid-19 Update Virus Pandemic Policy Update (December 31, 2021)**

With the increasing numbers of persons infected with the coronavirus across Maryland and the high numbers of persons in Frederick Health Hospital, the county Board of Health has instituted a mask mandate for persons gathering indoors. Since Calvary UMC has already been following this practice, we will continue to offer an in-person worship service on Sunday mornings along with a livestream option for people to participate online.

We will be making some changes to our current policies starting January 1:

- There will be no coffee and donuts served in the parish hall after worship services.
- All groups meeting in the church are asked to wear a mask while inside regardless of the number of people.
- If someone has been infected with COVID-19 during the past seven days or been exposed to someone with an active case of COVID-19 during the previous seven days, they should not enter the church buildings. Persons should be symptom free for five days or have a recent negative covid-19 test before they enter the building.

By mid-January, the extent of the delta and omicron variants should be better known. You can find the livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryUMCFrederick>. Our goal is to maintain our in-person worship and do it safely, even as we continue our on-line worship opportunities as well.

**The Church Nursery** and Children's Sunday School is Temporarily Unavailable. Contact Christy Mossburg at [christy@calvaryumc.org](mailto:christy@calvaryumc.org) to get the updated polices and procedures for both our nursery and Sunday School program.

**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 now meeting in a hybrid format. Some folks may join from the Memorial room while others will join remotely using Zoom. We share fellowship and prayer joys and concerns at 9:00 a.m. followed by bible study/discussion each week. Join us virtually or onsite any time between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. Please contact Pat Herber at [pkherber@gmail.com](mailto:pkherber@gmail.com) for our weekly email and log on information.

Look for our **Children's Worship Bags** in the narthex, filled with activities to keep little hands busy during worship! **Please return these bags to the narthex at the end of the church service** so they are available for others to use. Each bag contains a small erasable whiteboard, a notebook, crayons, and several fidget toys, including pipe cleaners and coloring pages.

### **This Week at Calvary January 9 ~ January 16, 2022**

Today, Sunday January 9

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 10

7:00 p.m. Trustees (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 12

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Open Prayer

Thursday, January 13

12:15 p.m. Mary Martha Circle

6:00 p.m. AGAPE

Sunday, January 16

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

### **Unclobber** – a Book Study on Rethinking what the Bible says about Homosexuality

- If you feel the church has been wrong to demonize and reject the LGBTQ community, but you're still pretty confident the Bible condemns homosexuality
- If you feel drawn to a more inclusive Christian faith but are held back by what you've been taught about the Bible,
- If you have close friends or family members who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or queer and you love them with your whole heart, but your view of the Bible prevents you from fully celebrating them,
- If you're an already affirming Christian but are still struggling to articulate what you believe about the clobber passages
- If you are LGBT or Q and you grew up in a Christian home or are drawn toward faith in Christ, but you have been told and maybe believe that God sees you as less-than, or despises you, or expects you to remain celibate or try and become straight

- THEN Unclobber is for you

We hope you'll join us in a 5 week study of Colby Martin's book Unclobber, beginning on Tuesday nights, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m.-8pm, through Zoom. Led by Rev. Vicky Starnes and Paul Nelson. Questions? Contact Vicky at 302-745-2278 or [revvicky@aol.com](mailto:revvicky@aol.com). Books will be available for those who register for the class. Just call the church office or send an email to [office@calvaryumc.org](mailto:office@calvaryumc.org).

### **Sacred Rhythms: Spiritual Practices that Nourish Your Soul and Transform Your Life**

A winter Sunday morning 6-week group study beginning Sunday, January 23 2022. (Jan. 23–Feb. 27 through Zoom) Do you long for a deep, fundamental change in your life with God? Do you desire a greater intimacy with Jesus? Do you wonder how you might truly live your life as God created you to live it?

Spiritual disciplines are activities that open us to God's transforming love and the changes that only God can bring about in our lives. Developed by United Methodist pastor, Ruth Haley Barton, and picking up on the monastic tradition of creating a "rule of life" that allows for regular space for the practice of the spiritual disciplines, *Sacred Rhythms* takes you more deeply into understanding seven key disciplines along with practical ideas for weaving them into everyday life.

Each chapter includes exercises to help you begin the practices---individually and in a group context. The final chapter puts it all together in a way that will help you arrange your life for spiritual transformation. This study will be led by Calvary member Amy Kulesa. More information will be given about ordering materials in the near future. To sign up, please contact the church office.

### **Love Bag Adoption Project**

Last year our Love Bag Adoption Project was such a huge success that we decided to continue the tradition.

What are Love Bags?

These are bags put together for members of our church who need a little extra love for Valentine's Day. Instead of donating bulk items to the church for a group to assemble, 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 does that look like?**

We want it to be flexible. Normally our love bag has crossword puzzles, lotion and chapstick, notebook, pens, and sometimes a stuffed animal, in addition to various snacks (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. It does not need to be an expensive item. Something small done with love. It is a connection point, an opportunity for a little luxury for those who need a little extra love right now.

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'd like to adopt a Love Bag recipient, contact Christy Mossburg at [christy@calvaryumc.org](mailto:christy@calvaryumc.org) to be matched up to one of our congregation members. We can promise you will get as much joy out of giving this small gift of connection as your newly adopted recipient does. Gift bags must be distributed by February 14. Thank you for your support!

Here are steps for the Love Bag Adoption:

1. Email Christy Mossburg and let her know how many you would like to "adopt."
2. Prepare a bag filled with special items to make your adoptee feel loved and remembered.
3. Take a picture of the bag so we can share with the congregation the number of filled bags we were able to complete.
4. Deliver the bag to the recipient by February 14.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

**Recent Passing:** Peter Lukasiak (Father of Sandy Chaney), Dr. Ellis Larsen

**Members of Calvary:** Owen Duthoy, Scott English, Bruce Caruthers, Joann Crum, Betty Brewer, Lois Pacheco, Rita Sharpe, Georgia Riggelman, Laura (Daughter of Carol and Art Fennington), Nancy Dobbs, Anna Belle Childers, Beth Richards, Nancy Slovikosky, Linda Sheridan, JoAn Ehlers, Ann Crum, Nancy Crum, Fannie Johnson, Bob Strine, Michael Boyer, Darlene McKnight, Peggy Griffee, Judy Allen, Norie Shipley

**Friends of Calvary:** Jim Bates (Uncle to Leisa Moyer), Carol Burnett (Sister of Judy Johnson), Family of Amelia James Smith and Hagan Family (Daniel and Julia Morozerwicz infant niece) Family of Mary Ann Smith (Sister of Alice Linton), Dawn Albertini (Friend of the Andersons, Chaney's and Jones), Bethany Bajsert (Friend of Rita Sharpe), Heather (Friend of Jean Flory and Becky Kile), Rich Lamont (Friend of the Schwarzenbergs), Sis McKee (Aunt of Didi Willard), Don Kessel and Ken Kessel (Brothers of Susan Baggett), Joni Kline (Cousin of Meg Winter), Audrey Cash (Friend of Helen Sheppard), Kristy Johnson, Vivian Warner (Mother of Jan Cline), Lena Dietz (Friend of Friendly Circle Class), Mary Fraser (Friend of Terri Giambarresi), Kitty Cooley (Sister of Connie Scoggins), Ellie (Friend of Gloria Orrison), Suzanne Simpson and Adam Shake (Sister & brother-in-law to Christy Mossburg), John and Lynn Mills (Friends of Charles Geisbert) Linda Horinie Henke (Niece of Charles Geisbert), Lillian Mingola (Mother of Maria Calcagni), Ed Kinsey, Jr (Father of Ed Kinsey), Wendy Koch (Niece of Helen Sheppard), Alice Woodward (Sister of Rita Sharpe), Virginia Painter Floyd (Friend of Rita Sharpe), Gay Ann Mazac (Niece of Steve and JoAn Ehlers), Zakaria El fatihi, Tracy Sizemore, Stacey (Sharpe) Steinhouse

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