

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.

September 4, 2022

The Lord's Day

10:00 a.m. Worship

In this time of swirling change and disruption, it might be helpful to consider just what it means to be the people of God. From a Wesleyan perspective, we have ways to answer this question that can help us see beyond all that might divide us or distract us to recognize a higher calling and receive a larger gift.

Prelude "Allemande" from Pastorale in F Major (BWV 590) J. S. Bach

Welcome, announcements

*Call to Worship for Labor Day Weekend (read responsively)

Eyes that peer into a computer screen,

Minds that search for the teachable truths,

Hands that juggle figures or transform blank canvases into colorful scenes,

Fingers that turn ink and keyboard strokes into poetry and stories,

Arms that carry a newly crafted cabinet or a stack of the day's newspapers,

Minds and bodies, laboring for the good, working for justice, hoping the work makes a difference in the divine order.

God receives our labor and fits it into the whirling universe.

Each effort offered in love is a gift to our gracious God who welcomes our work and cherishes our praise.

*Hymn "Rise Up, O Men of God" UMH #576

First Lesson Proverbs 3:29-30 and Micah 6:6-8 David Cline

Prayer of Confession (said together)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness

May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Time With the Children

Following the Time with the Children, all children in K-3rd grade are invited to join in Children's Church activities in the chapel. Parents are asked to walk their children to narthex/lobby where they will find the children's church leader and can sign in their child.

*Gospel Lesson Luke 14:25-33 David Cline

*Response

The word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

*Hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" UMH #138

Sermon The People of God... Who Do No Harm Rev. Steve Larsen

Time for Reflection and Commitment

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

"You Are My Shepherd"

Donna Coakley, Vocal Soloist and Joyce Summers, piano

Words & Music by Jonathan McElhenny Lee & Jennie Lee Riddle

Although we are not able to put our contributions in the offering plate, there are other ways that we can give. Cash or checks can be placed in the offering baskets in the lobby or sent to the church office at 131 West 2nd St, Frederick, MD 21701. Online payments can be made easily and securely by going to www.Calvaryumc.org/give/. (See QR code on the back of this bulletin)

Please use this time to register your attendance here today in the red folders found in the pews.

*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!

*The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and so, with you people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen

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

Sharing at the Lord's Table

Prayer After Receiving

*Hymn

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

UMH# 672

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

setting by
Mary McDonald

*Going Forth to Serve

Ushers: Susan Baggette, Paul Muehl, Bill Pasquerette

Altar Flowers: If you are interested in being a flower sponsor, please sign up by calling the church office or at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-altar1> to sign up for altar flowers, pulpit or communion table. Many dates are available.

Livestream and online worship: You can view the livestream version of the worship services each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at <https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryUMCFrederick>. Please leave a comment to let others know you are participating.

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. You are also encouraged to telephone one another. If you need a directory, let us know or click on “MyCalvary” on our website: www.calvaryumc.org.

The Church Nursery is open for children up to 5 years of age. 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.

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/>

Ways to Serve at Calvary

We have many volunteer spots and need more people! Whether you are more comfortable with babies or teenagers, or somewhere in between, Calvary is younger members need your help!

Our **Nursery** policies and procedures require two adults over the age of 18 be present at all times when our nursery is in use. We just need a second adult to be on our rotating schedule. Contact Cathleen Gough.

Children's Church meets in the Chapel during worship service, right after the Time with the Children. We simply sit and listen to the worship service while doing quiet activities, sometimes sharing a story from a book at the beginning, and teaching a bit, about what is happening in the “big church.” The goal of Children's Church is to prepare children to be in our larger worship setting with their families.

We need two adults each week to be with the kids. On Communion Sunday, we walk the children up to take communion. This is a rewarding ministry- and you still get to sit and listen to the sermon and the beautiful music!

We need hosts for our **Coffee and Donut time** in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings. To sign up go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-coffee1> and chose a date. Contact Margie Wilde at skywilde@comcast.net for more information.

Children's and Youth Sunday School Begins September 11

Beginning Sunday, September 1, Sunday School begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Education Building. The Youth Group for grades, 6-12, will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. To register please go to www.calvaryumc.org

New Adult Sunday School Class to Begin this Fall

If you are not already involved with one of Calvary's adult Sunday School or other Bible study classes, there will be an opportunity for you to become involved with a new small group beginning **Sunday, October 2 at 9 am** in the former library room (near restrooms on first floor). Church guidelines for wearing masks will be followed. Paul Nelson will lead the class.

The class will focus this Fall on Adam Hamilton's book *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today*. A well-known author, Hamilton is pastor of one of the largest United Methodist Churches in the United States. As commented by another Biblical scholar, Brian McLaren, "if you hope there's a better way to read, live by, and value the Bible, Hamilton has written the book that will help you" If you are interested, please contact Paul at paul.d.nelson@outlook.com.

Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: Susan Miller, Nancy Huffman, Lou Finneyfrock, Todd Main, Shauna Main, Anna Stroh, Donna Loeb, Owen Duthoy, Scott English, Bruce Caruthers, Betty Brewer, Rita Sharpe, Nancy Dobbs, Beth Richards, Nancy Slovikosky, JoAn Ehlers, Ann Crum, Nancy Crum, Fannie Johnson, Bob Strine, Judy Allen, Lois Pacheco, Kitty and Nathan Robinson, Charlotte Elliott, Leo Giambarresi, Lynn Schumacher

Friends of Calvary: Erik Karl (Son of Cathy Karl), Janet Stone (Mother of Jeff Stone), Father and Brother of Shane Wickline, Barbara Crutchley (Friend of Jan Cline), Glenda (Sister of Charlotte Pasquerette), Ken Kessel (Brother of Susan Baggette), Audrey Cash (Friend of Helen Sheppard), Vivian Warner (Mother of Jan Cline), 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), Wendy Koch (Niece of Helen Sheppard), Gay Ann Mazac (Niece of Steve and JoAn Ehlers), Alice Woodward, sister, Jeremy Winn, nephew, Louise Bricto, cousin of Rita Sharpe, Virginia Painter Floyd, Tracy Sizemore, Jamie Marable and daughter Cheryl, Anne Hovis and Bob Ray, friends of Rita Sharpe

This Week at Calvary September 4 ~ September 11

Today, Sunday, September 4

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 5- Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6

7:00 a.m. Toast Masters

1:30 p.m. UMW Ex. Committee

5:00 p.m. Henderson Planning Meeting

6:00 p.m. AGAPE

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 10

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Youth Group (Kick Off)



Use this code to learn how to give online, or visit <https://calvaryumc.org/give/>

Diaper Drive for Henderson:

Along with our helping hands, we would like to take diapers to the Henderson Settlement. All sizes are needed, including wipes. Please find the cradle and poster in the Parish Hall or main hallway. Thank you for helping a family in need.



Diaper
Drive

Men's Saturday Breakfast Is Back!

Join in fellowship with on another again, beginning Saturday, September 10, the Men's Breakfast will return. This breakfast bunch will meet the first Saturday of the each month for breakfast in the parish hall beginning at 7:30 a.m. See Bob Jacobs for more details.

Calvary Informational Meetings

We are setting up a few meetings to share information about our Church. If you are a visitor, or wish to join, come and see why we love our church. For more, please see Director of Discipleship, Jacki Stranathan or email her at discipleship@calvaryumc.org

- Sunday, September 18 at 11 a.m. in the John Wesley Room
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Pastor's Tuesday Bible Study

Rev. Larsen's Tuesday bible study will begin meeting again on Tuesday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the library.

Calvary's Community Concert Series Returns!!



September 18, 2022, 3:00 p.m. - Andrew Sords, violinist

“An Afternoon of Romantic Violin, Part II”

Following collaborations with nearly 300 orchestras on four continents, award-winning American violinist Andrew Sords has garnered accolades for his performances combining virtuosity and radiant, soulful tone. A prolific recitalist, Mr. Sords returns to the Community Concert Series after his 2018 standing-ovation performance with the second concert of romantic violin music. The program will include works by Beethoven, Brahms, Bloch, and Sarasate, accompanied by Brian Wentzel, pianist.

BIG NEWS!!! After a two-year hiatus, the Church Christmas Bazaar is BACK!!! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 12, 9:00-3:00. This means we are going to need your help. It takes us all to make this happen. We will need vendors, crafters, musicians, bakers, Cheeseball makers, folks for the White Elephant room, UMW women to make items for the gift baskets, folks to work in the kitchen, donations of Silent Auction items, and many folks to work at the different stations on the day of the bazaar. Soooooo, **CALLING ALL HANDS!!!** Crafting will begin September the 7th and continue each week on Mondays at 9:30 am until noon and Wednesday evenings at 7:00- 8:30pm. We will continue weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays until the bazaar. If you cannot make a crafting meeting, please let me know and I will provide you a project to complete at home.

Many people in the community and at church, over the last two years, have asked about the bazaar. I am so happy to announce it is back. **HOWEVER**, I need your help. Please consider how **YOU CAN HELP**. There are so many opportunities. Please call me if you have questions. 301-639- 5377. So excited to get this back on track. May God Bless You. Becky Isaacs

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is supponsoring “Bunks Across America Event” on Saturday, September 10, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the South Frederick Lowes store on Buckeystown Pike. Interested? You can sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084da5a828a1ff2-2022>

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Herber or Helen Sheppard.



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