

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.

October 29, 2023

The Lord's Day

10:00 a.m. Worship

Prelude

“O, How I Love Jesus”

text by Frederick Whittfield, music: traditional American melody

Children's Choir, Joyce Summers, pianist

*Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome, announcements

Rev. Steve Larsen

*Call to Worship (read responsively)

Abundance everywhere!

God's creation overflows with wonder.

A delicate spider's web sparkling with morning dew;

Cool, fresh air on a fall afternoon;

A crisp apple and the smell of pumpkin pie;

A warm sweater and a tender embrace.

God's love and grace is lavish, abundant and ever-present.

It is found in sense of God's presence in the quiet moments of prayer and deep joy in the midst of a song.

God's blessings,

Generous and abundant,

Causes us to sing.

*Hymn

“How Can We Name a Love”

UMH #111

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy God, draw us close. Teach us and lead us forever and everywhere to be alive and on fire with songs of gratitude, words of witness, prayers of compassion, deeds of justice, acts of kindness. Holy God, draw us close and fill us with your Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Beth Strakonsky

Anthem

“Loving Shepherd” from Cantata #208

by J. S. Bach

Sanctuary Choir, Joyce Summers, pianist

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:34-40

Beth Strakonsky

*Response

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Time With the Children

Following the Time with the Children, all children in K-3rd grade are invited to Children's Church either in the Chapel or in the Nursery for the remainder of the worship service. Parents are asked to walk their children to narthex/lobby where they will find the children's church leader.

*Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH #384

Sermon

All About Love

Rev. Steve Larsen

Time for Reflection and Commitment

Joys and Concerns

Please share birthdays, anniversaries, and moments of joy as well as prayer concerns that are weighing on your heart. If you don't feel comfortable sharing these out loud, feel free to write a note in the red attendance pad.

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

We Offer Our Gifts and Tithes

Our giving is a joyful and prayerful response to God's gifts to us.

Checks can also 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 www.Calvaryumc.org/give/. (See QR code on the back of this bulletin) You can make a one-time gift or set up ongoing electronic payments. Please use this time to register your attendance here today in the red folders found in the pews.

Offertory

“O Perfect Love” Hymntune: “O Perfect Love”
setting by Hal H. Hopson

*Doxology

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

“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”

TFWS #2140

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

“Postlude in G”

by Stephen Otis

*Going Forth

Ushers: Judy Wilson, Andy Radcliffe, Fran Haller, Terre Rhoderick, Paul Muehl, Dave Mills

Acolyte: Emily Harris

Coffee Time Host: Helen Sheppard and Jackie Grimes

The altar flowers are in memory of our son Bryan, on what would have been his 29th birthday, Thursday, November 2. By Bret and Sandy Chaney.

Starting up a “Green Team”

Last month, I talked about the value of caring for creation and the ways in which we can make positive changes to help the environment thrive. I am inviting folks to come together for further conversation and come up with practical things we can do as a congregation and as individuals. The first conversation will be held on **Thursday, November 2 at 6 pm** in the church library. If you would like to learn more or get involved, please plan to join us.

If you are interested in becoming a **flower donor**, please get in touch with the church office or sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d4faaa72fa75-altar3#/> there are many openings.

Acolytes Needed: Dates have been added to the sign up list, please use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4aa9a82aa4ff2-acolyte/18827003#/> if you have any question please contact Stefanie Harris at jujubee820@yahoo.com

Children's Church is for children in grades K-3, and takes place in our chapel during the worship service, immediately following the *Time with the Children*. If you would like to volunteer as a Children's Church Adult please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949acad2fabfbc61-childrens>

If there is no adult in the chapel to lead Children's Church, children are welcome to continue down the hall to the Nursery. For more information, please contact Amy Stone at AmyStone@calvaryumc.org



Children's Sunday School takes place at **9 a.m. every Sunday** in the Education Building for Preschool – Grade 5. Join us for Bible learning, games, crafts, songs and so much more! Register now at www.calvaryumc.org or contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org for more information.



Veggie Tale Movie Night will be held from **6 - 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 10** in the Activities Room of the Education Building. Join us for pizza, a movie, discussion, a craft and more! Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket if you'd like! Please register by contacting AmyStone@calvaryumc.org.

The Bachtober Festival will take place at **5 p.m. TODAY, Sunday, October 29**, at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 31 East Church Street in downtown Frederick. This community event is open to choirs at Frederick. Anthems and Chorales sung by many singers will be performed accompanied by strings, organ and harpsichord. **Our Sanctuary Choir** will participate in this all J. S. Bach program. You are invited and welcome to attend to hear this glorious tribute honoring Bach.

Peal Bells Ringers needed!

We need more volunteers to ring our peal bells at **9:45 am on Sundays**, just 15 minutes before worship. If you are interested, please contact Adela (email to adela@calvaryumc.org or call (301) 662-1464 ext. 117) or just drop by the Peal Bells room that is adjacent to the Bell Room on the second floor. Thank you!

Bazaar News for October

We need your help at the Holiday Bazaar on **Saturday, November 11!** There are several areas of the bazaar where volunteers are needed – in the kitchen, bake sale tables, white elephant room, and many others. Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center – please sign up for those you are interested in! Thank you!

Looking for something to do with your hands? Beth Strakonsky can put them to good use for the making of the cheeseballs. Please contact her at 301-471-1822 or beth.strakonsky@gmail.com to sign up. Cheeseballs will be made in the church kitchen at **6 p.m. Wednesday, November 8.**

Calling all bakers! Becky Kile is asking for donations for the bake sale. All varieties of sweets, treats, cookies, brownies, cakes, pies, or your signature dessert, are welcome! If you have questions or wish to take part, please talk to Becky at church or contact her at 410-775-2783 or kilefarm41@gmail.com.

Are you looking for a place for your gently used items that you are no longer using? Look no further! The bazaar White Elephant Room is accepting donations **now through November 9**. Items may be placed on the stage in Parish Hall.

If you have any treasures that you would like to donate for the Silent Auction Table, we would love to have them. Please let Fran Haller know when you will be bringing them in so she can arrange to have them put in a place other than the stage or just give them to her on **Sundays through November 9**. If you have any questions, please contact Fran, 301-785-5058, fehaller@outlook.com.

Mission/Outreach

J Ray Frank Memorial CROP Hunger Walk

Last Sunday, October 22, 31 youth and adults took part in the registration and walking three miles through downtown Frederick in support of the CROP Hunger Walk. CROP Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. After a CROP Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. This year the walk was held in memory of long time CUMC member and CROP Walk advocate J Ray Frank. Members of his family joined the walk and shared a special t-shirt designed in his memory. Jenn Duthoy, CUMC's CROP Walk organizer, announced \$3,929.95 was raised, which will provide many with much needed nourishment. Thank you to all the donors who provided financial support, the volunteers who helped organize, and the walkers who enjoyed a perfect fall day walking and carrying signs showing the Frederick community our support for this important program.

Mission Opportunity!! Come join the fun while serving at Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA on **Monday, November 20**. We will leave Frederick at 11:15 a.m. and return around 4:30 p.m. Work hours are 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. packing care kits for those in need. ALL are welcome to join us. Please contact Beth Stitely at 301-730-8282 or email at Autumn.purple@hotmail.com with any questions or to sign up.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed delivery team has available openings; please use <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0445aba822aafd0-shpcumc2#/> to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Herber at 301-401-0522.

Remembering the Saints

We will be celebrating **All Saints Sunday on November 5**. As part of the worship service that day, we will be lift up the persons from our congregation who died in the past twelve months along with loved ones and friends of members. If you would like to have a someone you know remembered in that service, please provide the church with the person's name, date of birth and death, the way in which you are connected to this person and, if possible, a digital photo. Please send to Cathy Baker at office@calvaryumc.org or bring to the church office.

The Prayer Shawl ministry group will meet today **Sunday, November 5** following the church service in the John Wesley room. All are welcome to join us and learn what we are busy doing! If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, we have friendly folks who can teach you. Come sit, knit and pray with us!

Pipe Organ Installation - Revised Schedule

The Pipe Organ Building Committee is sorry to report that the reed pipes for our new pipe organ are not going to be ready in time for the November installation. Please see the Calvary weekly e-news this Tuesday for complete details.

The revised schedule is:

- **Monday, November 6 - NO parking in back lot from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.** Zimmer will be unloading windchests and other materials. They will be working in the pipe chambers in the Sanctuary through Friday, November 10. The Sanctuary is not available on these days.
- **Early December:** Zimmer will return for a short 2-day trip and install the blower in the basement. Tentative dates are **December 4** and **December 5**.
- **January 8-12 and January 15-19:** Remaining windchests, pipes, console, and chancel casework installed.
- **January 22-26 and January 29** – February 8: voicing and tuning

We will be able to hold our Sunday service each week in the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary will not be available for any other use during the week between **January 8 – February 8**.

Thank you,
The Pipe Organ Building Committee

Dates to Remember:

Friday, December 8, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: *Celebrate Frederick's* **Kris Kringle Procession**

Saturday, December 9, 10 a.m. – Noon: **Pageant Dress Rehearsal** in the Parish Hall

Saturday, December 9: **Bake a Batch** Tray Assembly in the Education Building Activity Room

Sunday, December 10, 9 a.m.-9:45 a.m., **Annual Children's Christmas Pageant** in Parish Hall

Sunday, December 24, 10:00 a.m. Advent Worship

- 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service
- 7:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion
- 9:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion

Tuesday, December 26, 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – Tour of Churches

Calvary Calendar for October 22~October 29

Today, Sunday, October 29

Cheeseball Pick Up

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages
- 9:00 a.m. Exploring Members Class
- 9:45 a.m. Peal Bell
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
- 5:00 p.m. "Bachtoberfest" at ELC
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, October 31

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 1

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

Thursday, November 2

- 5:30 p.m. The Birthing Group

Saturday, November 4

- 12:30 p.m. Washington Ringers Society

Next Sunday, November 5

All Saints Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages
- 9:00 a.m. Exploring Members Class
- 9:45 a.m. Peal Bell
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
- 3:00 p.m. Concert Series
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Prayer Concerns:

Recent Passing: Carroll "Gene" Selby, Elfriede Bell, Charlotte Elliott, Barbara Burke

Members of Calvary: Basil Eavey, Betsy MacMullen, Peggy Griffie, Todd Main, Joan Cooley, Dick Alsmeyer, Ramona Yanike, Betty Brewer, Rita Sharpe, Nancy Dobbs, Nancy Crum, Fannie Johnson, Judy Allen, Lois Pacheco, Kitty and Nathan Robinson, Joyce Dixon, Eleanor Bowersox, Susan Howe

Friends of Calvary: Irene Shafer (Friend of Betsy Bryant), Cheryl Christine (Chris) Irving, Patty Lockard (Weekday School Director), Camille Kime (Friend of Linda English), Steve Twiss (Brother of Margie Wilde), Allan Huffman (Son of Nancy Huffman), Brian Jones (Friend of the Linda & Scott English), Joey Nichols (Friend of Paul Nelson), Erik Karl (Son of Cathy Karl), Janet Stone (Mother of Jeff Stone), Hope Patterson and Cathy Short (Sisters of Charlotte Pasquette), Ken Kessel (Brother of Susan Baggette), Audrey Cash (Friend of Helen Sheppard), Kitty and Jack Cooley (Sister and brother-in-law 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), Alice, Marion and Becky Woodward, family members of Rita Sharpe, Virginia Painter Floyd, Jill Sizemore, Anne Hovis, Gil Crippen, Rhonda Wills, Ann Kushick, Jim Clark, June Tucker and family, friends of Rita Sharpe, Family of Steven Francisco (Son of Jody and Laura Francisco, former members)



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