

**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.*

November 19, 2023

Annual Stewardship Campaign

10:00 a.m. Worship



*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds. (Philippians 4:6-7)*

Prelude

“God Is So Good and Jesus Loves Me!”

Setting by Valerie W. Stephenson

Joyful Noise Ringers

\*Passing the Peace

Welcome, announcements

Rev. Steve Larsen

\*Call to Worship (read responsively)

Ever-present God, forever seeking us and always teaching us:

**Open our minds to the truth of your care.**

Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.

**Open our lips to share stories of faith.**

Open our hands to create beauty, to do justice and to show kindness.

**Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit.**

Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

\*Hymn

“O Worship the King”

UMH # 73

Prayer for the Day

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Reception of New Members

Beth Stitely  
Joe and Amy Cerrito  
Laura and Robert Hunter

Kristin Wise  
Emma Cerrito

*The pastor will ask those wishing to become members of the church:*

Do you wish to be a disciple and follower of Jesus Christ?

**WE DO.**

Will you make this your church family? Will you allow the people of this church to love and care for you, and will you to do the same for them, as together we serve God with our prayers, presence, gifts, witness and service?

**WE WILL.**

*The pastor will ask the people of the congregation:*

These persons have professed their faith in Jesus Christ and their desire to be a part of your church family. Will you welcome them, love them, encourage them and be their church family?

**WE WILL**

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our witness, and our service that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

First Lesson	Acts 15 :8-9	Beth Strakonsky
Anthem	“Song of Joy” Joyful Noise Ringers	by Anna Laura Page
*Gospel Lesson	Luke 6:27-38	Beth Strakonsky

\*Response

The word of God for the people of God.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Time With the Children

Amy Stone

*Following the Time with the Children, all children in K-3<sup>rd</sup> 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

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

UMH #629

Sermon

The Other Side of the Track

Rev. Steve Larsen

Time for Reflection and Commitment

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 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/). (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

“He Put A New Song In My Heart”

Words and Music by Michael Barrett

Sanctuary Choir, Joyce Summers, pianist

\*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 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” UMH #133

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude “Chorus of Praise” by Scheldrup Oberg

\*Going Forth to Serve

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### **2023-2024 Stewardship Campaign**

The theme for our stewardship campaign this year is “**Moving Out of Scare City**” and comes from Worship Design Studio.

We are often surrounded by messages encouraging feelings of scarcity. We worry we will not have enough. We fear we will come up short. And so, we begin to hold onto what we have for fear we will run out. We begin to live in "Scare City" where feelings of being overwhelmed and swallowed up can lurk around every corner.

The Good News is this is an illusion. God’s grace is characterized by abundance, plenty, and sufficiency. This series will have us "Moving out of Scare City" and traveling to the vast, open regions of God's abundant and abounding grace.

**Ushers:** Richard Delauter, Paul Nelson, Fran Haller, Paul Muehl, Drew Irving, Dave Mills

**Acolyte:** Mickey Mills

**Coffee Time Host:** Beth Strakonsky

**The flowers on the pulpit** are to celebrate the birthdays of all the women in my family, Margie, Ernestine, Kristina, Adelynn, Marilyn and Ayda. – By Margie Wilde

***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](mailto: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](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org)

### **Announcements**

***Mission Possible Kids*** is for kids in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade who want to help others and make a difference in the world! This month, MPK will meet **from 5:30 – 7 p.m. Today, Sunday, November 19** in the Activities Room of the Education Building. Join us! Please contact Miss Amy at [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) for more information and to order a MPK t-shirt.

## Mission/Outreach

**Mission Sunday Update:** We have been notified by Rise Against Hunger that the 10,000 meals we packaged on Oct 8th have been shipped to Somalia! Despite recovery from a 2011 famine, recurring drought conditions have resulted in large crop failures and reduced availability of water for people and livestock, creating threats to food security. The Global Hunger Index, which assesses food insecurity based on indicators that measure undernourishment and undernutrition, categorizes Somalia as having an alarming level of hunger. Thank you for your help as we supported this effort with our mission funds and of course with your help packing 10,000 meals!

**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 p.m. – 3 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](mailto: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.

### **Homeless for the Holidays**



As we did last year, Calvary is again collecting personal hygiene items for homeless youth (boys *and* girls) during the holiday months of November and December. This project is coordinated with SHIP (Student Homelessness Initiative Partnerships), a not-for-profit organization that partners with the Frederick County public schools and other organizations to assist, mentor, and encourage youth without a permanent home in our neighborhoods. A holiday wrapped box marked SHIP is in the Parish Hall (near coat rack) for collection of items donated, please give generously as you are able to help our community youth in need.



### **The Angel tree is back!**

The Hannah Circle invites you to join us in providing Christmas gifts for children from the Religious Coalition. The Christmas tree will be in the Parish Hall after the Holiday Bazaar concludes. The tree is covered with ornaments, and each ornament contains toys from their Christmas wish list, clothing needs of the children, and grocery store gift cards for their Christmas dinner. Participation is easy and instructions are included on the back of each ornament. Remember to sign out the ornaments you select in the white ring binder. All gifts need to be returned to the tree no later than Sunday, December 3.

If you choose to purchase a clothing item, it is very helpful if you include a gift receipt in the package. This helps to make exchanges easier for the family in case they need a different size.

We are also collecting gift cards (Target, Walmart, Kohls, Grocery Stores) and cash donations for those who are uncomfortable shopping. There is a red box near the tree for these donations. Please make checks out to Calvary United Methodist Women and reference “Angel Tree.”

If you have further questions or need information, please contact Sheila Howard at 301-676-4382.

## Pipe Organ Installation - Revised Schedule

- **Early December:** Zimmer will install the blower in the basement. Tentative dates are **December 4 – 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**.



**Ladies,**

**Please join us at Calvary's Advent Tea, sponsored by the United Women in Faith from 2 – 4 p.m. Saturday December 2, in the Parish Hall**

Celebrate the Season of Christ's Coming

Refreshments \* Singing Carols \* Program \* Fellowship

Calvary UMC will be holding a **Blood Drive on Dec. 6, 8:30 to 7:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. We are looking for blood donors. You can call or text me at 301-848-8216 or send a note to [RevSteve@calvaryumc.org](mailto:RevSteve@calvaryumc.org) to set up an appointment or you can schedule your own donation at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=CalvaryUMCFrederick>. For several years now, Calvary Church has been holding the largest blood drive in Frederick County and has provided lifesaving blood to thousands of people. Just an hour of your time can make a big difference in the lives of others.

We also need volunteers to welcome and register donors and to provide refreshments at the canteen. Let Pastor Steve know if you are interested and he can let you know how.

**Join the Sanctuary Choir on Sunday, December 24, 7pm or 9 pm Christmas Eve Services.** You're invited to join the Sanctuary Choir in singing the famous "O Holy Night" during our Christmas Eve Worship. Rehearsals on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in December are optional but helpful. To learn more and participate, please contact Dr. Adela Peeva at [adela@calvaryumc.org](mailto:adela@calvaryumc.org). Thank you!

### **Dates to Remember:**

Saturday, November 25, 9:00 a.m., **Hanging the Greens**

Saturday, December 2, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., **Women of Faith Advent Tea**

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 17, 10:00 a.m. Advent Worship with musical offerings by all of Calvary's music ensembles: Children's and Sanctuary Choirs, Joyful Noise Ringers, Agape Ensemble & solo singers.

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

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

Tuesday, December 26, 4 – 9 p.m. – Tour of Churches

### **Calvary Calendar for November 19~November 26**

#### **Today, Sunday, November 19**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages  
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  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group  
5:30 p.m. Mission Possible Kids

#### **Monday, November 20**

7:00 p.m. Finance

#### **Tuesday, November 21**

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Handbells  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

#### **Wednesday, November 22**

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

#### **Thursday, November 23**

Happy Thanksgiving!

#### **Friday, November 24**

Church Office Closed

#### **Saturday, November 25**

9:00 a.m. Hanging the Greens

#### **Next Sunday, November 26**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages  
9:45 a.m. Peal Bell  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

### **Prayer Concerns:**

**Recent Passing:** Judy Lyons (Mother-in-law to Amy Lyons)

**Members of Calvary:** Mary Caruthers, Jackie Grimes, Basil Eavey, Peggy Griffie, Todd Main, 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, Reed Keirn

**Friends of Calvary:** Irene Shafer (Friend of Betsy Bryant), Cheryl Christine (Chris) Irving (Wife of Drew Irving), Patty Lockard (Weekday School Director), 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), 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



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