

**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 26, 2023

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Stewardship Series: Moving out of SCARE-CITY



*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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Dr. Adela Peeva, organist

\*Passing the Peace

Welcome, announcements

Rev. Steve Larsen

\*Call to Worship (read responsively)

Come! Let us give thanks to God!

**We give thanks for the gift of warm bread, the smell of dinner cooking in the oven, and the joy of gathering around a table together.**

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**We give thanks for all the times God has made a way out of no way, providing for us in body and spirit just when we need it.**

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**We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and care, supporting one another in the ebbs and flows of daily life.**

Let us come into God's presence with grateful praise!

**Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.**

\*Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

UMH #64

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**We talk about how little we have and do not recognize the abundance we have when we share. We allow resources and gifts to be wasted in our neighborhoods instead of valuing and preserving the smallest fragments the world so often casts aside. We rush about life attempting to do everything on our own instead of being grateful for all the ways we love and support one another. We grumble about all that is going wrong instead of approaching you with gratitude and trust that you will provide. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to live as your grateful people.**

*Silent prayers of confession*

Receive this good news: God's love never fails! The same Christ who commanded his disciples to gather leftover bread and fish so that nothing would be lost has not overlooked or forgotten you.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

First Lesson

1 Timothy 6: 18-19

Rick Miller

Anthem

“Simple Gifts” Shaker Tune  
arranged by Mark Schweizer after Pachelbel's Canon  
Sanctuary Choir, Joyce Summers, pianist

\*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

Rick Miller

\*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

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH #451

## 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.*

## Prayer for ourselves and the world

## 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

“Thanks Be to Thee”

by Handel

## \*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

“Now Thank We All Our God”

UMH #102

*We invite those who have a birthday in November to come forward for a blessing during the singing of the hymn.*

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude

“Sing Alleluia Forth”

by Chester Nordman

\*Going Forth to Serve

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The call to worship and prayer of confession today were written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, *Discipleship Ministries*, May 2023.

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. 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 habitats of God's abounding grace.

### **Church wide Christmas Tree**

Each year Parish Hall has a Family Tree to the left of the stage. As we have grown and changed through the years, we realize we are "missing" some families on our tree. We encourage all Calvary families to bring in an ornament to help decorate the tree. The ornament can be handmade or store bought. It is a reflection of your family no matter how each particular family looks. Please be sure to add your family name to the ornament. It will be packed away during de-greening and stored and then displayed for years to come. See Beth Strakonsky or Julie Schwarzenberg if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing your family on our tree.

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

**Acolyte:** William Harris

**Coffee Time Host:** David Cline

**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**



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



Poinsettia Order are due by December 3! Complete an order form or give the church office a call with your order. Red or White poinsettias are available at \$15 per plant.

Calling carolers of all ages! Calvary is taking part in *Downtown Frederick's Kris Kringle Procession* on **Friday, December 8**. Lineup begins at **5:30 p.m.** on South Carroll Street and ending at Calvary where we will



enjoy cookies and hot cocoa in the Parish Hall. Children will wear simple costumes, and adults and youth are encouraged to walk with us and sing Christmas carols! We would also love to have a few walking musicians in our group. Help is also needed in the Parish Hall to set up refreshments beginning at 6 p.m. Please contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) for more information.



Please join us in the Parish Hall for *Calvary's Annual Children's Pageant* at **9 a.m. Sunday, December 10**. Dress Rehearsal is **10 a.m. – noon Saturday, December 9**. Please contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) for more information!

**Bake-A-Batch**- attention all bakers, a favorite Calvary event is just around the corner. All cookie donations can be dropped off in the kitchen or church office on **Friday, December 8** or by **9 a.m. Saturday, December 9**. Cookie trays will be available for purchase on Sunday, December 10 after worship services. Please contact Julie Schwarzenberg at 240-626-7666 with any questions. Remember, all proceeds from Bake-A-Batch serve to help Jenn Esler in her rehab and to remind her she is not forgotten by her Calvary family.

### **Mission/Outreach**

We are most grateful to the church community for your ongoing support of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP). So far in 2023, we have provided the funding and labor for the building of 20 beds. With our weekly delivery team, we have assembled and delivered over 200 new beds to local children.

Next year, we will support Bed Builds on the evening of May 9th as well as Saturday, May 18th thanks to funds donated in memory of John Slovikosky as well as funds in memory of Charles and Lucille Main awarded through the Community Foundation. Plan to join us as we honor the memory of these dear servants and continue our work so No Kid Sleeps on the Floor In Our Town!

### **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 can 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 Women in Faith and reference "Angel Tree."

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

### Pipe Organ Installation

- **Early December:** Zimmer will install the blower in the basement. Tentative dates are **December 4 – 5.**

Calvary UMC will be holding a **Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 6** 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 our 7 p.m. or 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Services**

All are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir in singing the famous "O Holy Night" during our Christmas Eve Worship. The choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; the rehearsals are optional but will be helpful. To learn more and take part, please contact Dr. Adela Peeva at [adela@calvaryumc.org](mailto:adela@calvaryumc.org). Thank you!

### Dates to Remember:

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 Service
- 9 p.m.: Candlelight and Communion Service

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

### **Calvary Calendar for November 26~December 3**

#### **Today, 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

#### **Monday, November 27**

7:00 p.m. Church Council

#### **Tuesday, November 28**

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

#### **Wednesday, November 29**

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

#### **Saturday, December 2**

9:30 a.m. Washington Ringers Society  
2:00 p.m. Advent Tea- Sponsored by  
United Women in Faith

#### **Next Sunday, December 3**

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 Griffiee, 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, Raymond Crum

**Friends of Calvary:** Donnie Green (former member), Sarah Jenkins (Sister of Mary Crum), 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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