

**CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

131 West Second Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701

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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 7, 2024

Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

“At the Name of Jesus”

tune: Zundel, setting by Douglas E. Wagner

Dr. Adela Peeva, organist

\*Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Welcome, announcements

\*Call to Worship (read responsively)

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

For darkness shall cover the earth,

**And thick darkness the peoples;**

but the Lord will arise upon you,

**And God’s glory will appear over you.**

Nations shall come to your light,

**And kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

\*Hymn

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

UMH #173

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity. For there is weakness in us, as well as strength.**

**At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.**

**O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.**

## Silent Prayer

## Words of Assurance

God is never further away than your breath. When you breathe in, think of the Spirit who gives life. When you breathe out, think of the Spirit who draws you out into the world. You are God's own son or daughter, no longer slave to the law, but an heir of God's Realm. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

**Amen.**

Anthem "Rise up, Shepherd, and Follow" (There's a Star in the East)  
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 3:1-12 Margie Wilde

## 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-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church in the Chapel 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 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" UMH #626

Sermon Rev. Steve Larsen

## Response

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition UMH #607

## Pastoral Prayer

## 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 "Meditation" by Jules Massenet, arr. by Hal H. Hopson

**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

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude

“March Royale”

by Jean-Baptist Lully

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**Ushers:** Dave Mills, Terre Rhoderick, Bret Slovikosky, Fran Haller, Paul Muehl

**Acolyte:** Anna Mills

**Coffee Time Hosts:** Paul Nelson

**\*\*Attention** The Nursery Room on the first floor will be closed until further notice. Please check with Cathleen Gough or Amy Stone for details of where the nursery care will be held in the building.

**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 questions 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)

### **Weather related closures**

It’s that time of year again when weather may require us to change our schedule. In the event of inclement weather that requires the closing of the church building, the church will post closing updates on the church website ([www.calvaryumc.org](http://www.calvaryumc.org)) or by calling the church for a recorded message (301-662-1464). In the event that Frederick County Public Schools are closed, the church and school buildings will also be closed.

**2024 Wish List:** Do you have an artificial Christmas tree you no longer need? Or maybe you plan to replace your tree and your old tree needs a home. We are in need of trees to replace those that have fallen in disrepair. Just drop off your tree by the stage in Parish Hall. Thank you in advance for helping keep our church beautiful for Christmas next year.

**Revised Organ Installation Schedule:** Our organ builder, Zimmer, is waiting for the final set of reed pipes to be completed this month, so they have moved their return date to Monday, January 29. They expect completion of the organ by the end of February or early March. The good news is that we will have the new organ for Easter!

Please note:

- the parking lot will not be available the afternoon and evening of January 29.
- the Sanctuary will not be available for use during this period except Sundays from **February 4 thru March 1.**
- we expect to be using the Sanctuary every Sunday for our worship service during this period.

*Thank you for your support of this historic project!*

## **Calvary United Women in Faith (UWFaith)**

We held our first UWFaith Executive Committee meeting of the new year on January 2nd. New President Karen Gebhart presided and a lot of work was accomplished to set our course for our 2024 mission program. Our special guest was Angela Fossett, the UWFaith Baltimore/Washington Conference Frederick District President. She shared her thoughts from the national organization and aided us in formulating direction for our many areas of mission work. We look forward to our first upcoming program - our World Day of Prayer event March 1st in our Chapel here at Calvary. Stay tuned for more details. One of our goals for this year is to encourage more women of our congregation to become involved in one of our Circles as active members of Calvary's UWFaith. At the conclusion of our meeting, a surprise announcement and unanimous vote took place recognizing past President Jane Sowers as Calvary UWFaith "President Emeritus". This is an honor bestowed on Jane showing respect for her distinguished career with UWFaith and granting her lifetime membership in Calvary's UWFaith group.



## **Week of January 7 ~ January 14, 2024**

### **Today, Sunday, January 7**

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

### **Monday, January 8**

- 12:00 p.m. Bazaar Luncheon
- 5:00 p.m. Mission/Outreach Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Trustee

### **Tuesday, January 9**

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

### **Wednesday, January 10**

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

### **Saturday, January 13**

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

### **Next Sunday, January 14**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Peal Bell
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
- 3:00 p.m. Concert
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group



## **Calvary Community Concert Series Sunday, January 14, 2024, 3:00 p.m.**

Romantic, Impressionist, and Jazz Music for Harp and Piano

Award-winning international musicians, Dr. Iraida Poberezhnaya, harpist, and Dr. Ildar Khannanov, pianist, will delight you with music from the romantic, romantic-contemporary, impressionist, and jazz eras. Don't miss *Introduction and Allegro* by Ravel, Tchaikovsky's *Nata Waltz*, *Americans in Paris with Rhapsody in Blue* by Gershwin, and more.



Donations for our **Love Bags** will be collected throughout the month of January, and will be assembled by Calvary's Children in Sunday School and during Mission Possible Kids.

We will be collecting:

*small candies and mints*

*small stuffed animals*

*tissues/wet wipes*

*small notepads*

*small hand lotions*

*small \$ store gifts*

*crossword/activity books*

*pens/pencils*

*tissues/wet wipes*

*cheery decorations*

Help will be needed to deliver love bags to 90 or more recipients during February!

### **Children's Ministry**



**Veggie Tale Movie Night** is happening on **Friday, January 19** from **6 p.m. – 7 p.m.** 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 would like! Please register by contacting [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org).

### **Bible Sunday**



**Sunday, January 28** is **Bible Sunday** – the special day when 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will receive their very own Bible from Calvary!

**January 28, 2024**

9 a.m. – Bible Unwrapping Ceremony in the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall

10 a.m. – Blessing Over the New Bibles with Pastor Steve during the Worship Service

If your child is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, you should receive an email from Amy Stone with more details about *Bible Sunday*. If your child is older than 3<sup>rd</sup> grade but has not yet received their own Bible from Calvary, they are also included! Please contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) to let me know!



**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!

**MPK** will meet from **5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Sunday, January 28** in the Activities Room of the Education Building to put together Love Bags and help with other tasks. Join us! Please contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) for more information and to order a Mission Possible Kids t-shirt.



We are hoping to take a church group to see the live onstage performance of

**DANIEL** at *Sight and Sound Theater* in Lancaster PA!

11 a.m. Saturday, August 10, 2024 (leaving Frederick at 7:45 a.m.)

Tickets are already selling out fast – *please let Amy Stone know by January 15* if you and your family would like to join us! (Adults \$89, Children 12 and under \$39)

<https://www.sight-sound.com/shows/lancaster/daniel/2024>

### **Prayer Concerns:**

**Recent Passing:** Shirley Lakel

**Members of Calvary:** Marilyn Moyers, Josie Cottone, 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, Raymond Crum

**Friends of Calvary:** John and Dottie Stenner, 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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## **Calvary Weekday School**

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