

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.

March 17, 2024

5th Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

setting by Cindy Berry
Dr. Adela Peeva, pianist

*Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome, announcements

*Call to Worship (read responsively)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**

The Lord makes a new covenant with us
and writes the law upon our hearts.

**The Lord is our God,
and we are God’s people.**

Let us seek the Lord

and treasure God’s word in our hearts.

*Hymn

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

UMH #295

Prayer of Confession (said together)

We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are.

We are not the people we like others to think we are.

**We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves,
what lies in the depths of our souls.**

But we cannot hide our true selves from you.

You know us as we are and yet you love us.

Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge.

Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake.

Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power.

**Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt
into the freedom and energy of forgiven people.**

And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept, we ask you to break their bondage and set them free; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

(The United Methodist Book of Worship, #480)

Silent Prayer

Words of Forgiveness and Pardon

May Almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts, cleansing us from all our sins, and restoring us to the light of the knowledge of God's glory, in the face of Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.

Anthem

“Once Upon a Tree” words and music by Pepper Choplin
Sanctuary Choir, Joyce Summers, pianist

*Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-7

Cindy Mills

*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

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

UMH# 297

Sermon

Jesus as THE WAY
Who Do You Say That I Am?

Rev. Steve Larsen

Time for Reflection and Commitment

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Offertory

”Deep River with Shall We Gather at the River”

setting by Lloyd Larsen

Karen Dobbs and Julia Lancione, soloists, Joyce Summers, pianist

Our giving to God and the church is one more way we worship God.

There are several ways to give. In addition to putting our offering in the offering plates, checks can 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/ or by using the QR code on the back of this bulletin. You can make a one-time gift or set up ongoing electronic payments. ACH payments can also be set up using the form on the church website or in the information stand in the narthex. Please use this time to register your attendance here today in the red folders found in the pews.

*Doxology

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

UMH #126

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

“O God Beyond All Praising”

by Gustav Holst
setting by Lloyd Larsen

*Going Forth to Serve

Worship Series: **Who Do You Say That I Am?**

Throughout the season of Lent, we will be considering different ways that Jesus Christ is viewed and encountered. Using *Freeing Jesus*, by Diane Butler Bass (New York: Harper One: 2021), scripture and other resources we will look at several ways to rediscover the fullness of Jesus for our lives today.

Ushers: Richard Delauter, Fran Haller, Judy Wilson, Paul Muehl, Dave Mills

Acolyte: Savannah Muehl

Coffee Time Hosts: Margie Wilde

The altar flowers are in loving memory of Nancy Crum, by Linda, Paul, and Savannah Muehl.

****Attention-** The Nursery will temporarily be meeting in the Education Building from 10 – 11 a.m. during the worship service.

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

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 not an adult present in the Chapel, please walk over to the Activity Room in the Education Building where the Nursery will be held temporarily.

Week of March 17 ~March 24

Today, Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:00 a.m. Mission Trip Info. Meeting
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
3:00 p.m. Calvary Concert Series
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, March 18

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

6:00 p.m. Lenten Study

Next Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Children's Ministry

Please join us for our Family Easter Celebration!

Where: Parish Hall and Memorial Park

When: **1 – 3 p.m. Saturday, March 30!**

Games ~ Crafts ~ Snacks ~ Easter Egg Hunt

A Visit from Ms. Bunny!

Donations of Easter candies and small toys for our Easter Egg Hunt will be collected from February 25 – March 24.

Please use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48405082-calvarys>





Calvary is going to see **DANIEL! Live On Stage!**

in Lancaster PA at Sight and Sound Theater

3 p.m. Saturday, August 10, 2024

Note the time change to the afternoon show!

(We will be having lunch before the show in Lancaster).

We were able to reserve a few extra seats, so if you are interested in joining us, please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org.

(Adults \$89, Children 12 and under \$39) - *Payment will be due at a later date.*

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



Mark your calendars for this summer's **SCUBA VBS!**

June 17 – June 20, 2024

Registration begins April 1. Please let Amy Stone know if you will be able to volunteer!

Mission/Outreach

Mission Central Trip March 25

Join us for a day of service at Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA. We generally assemble care/hygiene packs to be sent to areas in need around the globe. No experience is needed!

We will leave the Common Market parking lot on 7th Street at 11:30 in the church bus.

Our work hours will be 1 – 3 p.m., and we will return to Frederick at approximately 4:30. Pack a lunch if you wish to eat on the ride up. Hope you can join us!! Contact Beth Stitely to sign up.

autumn.purple@hotmail.com or 301-730-8282.

We are planning a mission trip to the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky **from July 7 – July 13**. An informational meeting will be held at **11 a.m. TODAY, Sunday, March 17** in the Library. If you are interested, please see Helen Sheppard.

Save The Dates for our annual Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) Calvary UMC sponsored bed builds. This year with additional funds from the Charles and Lucille Main Memorial Fund, Calvary is sponsoring two bed builds in May. We will provide all the funds and manpower to build 20 beds on **Thursday, May 9**, and we will be contributing additional funds for the community build of 40 beds on **Saturday May 18**. More information will be coming soon on how you can help as we partner with Frederick's Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapter to provide beds to local children.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee wishes to announce that the church is now looking for someone to serve as Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary is responsible for handling, recording, and reporting financial contributions and other sources of income received by the church in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by the Finance Ministry. This involves counting weekly offerings, and making deposits to the bank, and providing quarterly contribution statements to all donors. This is a paid part-time position.

For more information about the position including hours, a position description and compensation package, contact the chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, Beth Strakonsky beth.strakonsky@gmail.com or myself at RevSteve@calvaryumc.org or call the church office at 301-848-8216. If you have any suggestions about persons who might be interested, we would love to hear them.



Calvary Community Concert Series Presents:

3 – 5 p.m. Sunday, March 17- Duo Beaux Arts

Known for its sensational performances, Duo Beaux Arts (international concert pianists Catherine Lan & Tao Lin) is in high demand on international stages. Having performed in Spain, Estonia, Finland, Canada, Switzerland, France, Hungary, and the Netherlands, Duo Beaux Arts will present a program titled “Contrast” demonstrating the full spectrum of the expressiveness for both piano solo and piano duet repertoires, ranging from the majesty of Bach’s music to the lyricism of Chopin’s compositions, and the virtuosity of Mendelssohn’s works.



Voice Workshop with Mrs. Laura Stuart, Head of Vocal Studies at the National Cathedral in Washington DC

7:30 -9:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, in the Choral Room on the second floor

Do you want to learn how to sing and praise God boldly? This voice workshop is designed for beginners as well as advanced singers and enthusiasts. You will have a great opportunity to learn from an outstanding voice teacher how to support your singing with generous, free airflow, access your entire range with maximum resonance, and release tension so you can sing without discomfort.

Please let Adela know if you are interested to attend at: adela@calvaryumc.org



Prayer Concerns:

Recent Passing: Nancy Crum, Betty Brewer

Members of Calvary: Ann Crum, Scott Officer, Charlotte Pasquerette, Marilyn Moyers, Basil Eavey, Peggy Griffiee, Todd Main, Dick Alsmeyer, Ramona Yanike, Rita Sharpe, Nancy Dobbs, Judy Allen, Lois Pacheco, Joyce Dixon, Eleanor Bowersox, Susan Howe, Reed Keirn

Friends of Calvary: Abby Leach (Friend of the Family Circle Class), John and Dottie Stenner, Donnie Green (former member), Sarah Jenkins (Sister of Mary Crum), 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), Scott Berry, Joey Nichols (Friends of Paul Nelson), Erik Karl (Son of Cathy Karl), Janet Stone (Mother of Jeff Stone), Hope Patterson and Cathy Short (Sisters of Charlotte Pasquerette), 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, Hannah Addair, 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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