

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.

May 26, 2024

Memorial Day Weekend

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

"Tranquilly"

by C. Hubert H. Parry
Dr. Adela Peeva, organist

Welcome, announcements

*Call to Worship (read responsively)

From different towns and cities,

We gather to worship our Creator.

From different streets and addresses,

We gather to worship our Redeemer.

From different homes, and condos, and apartments,

We gather to worship our Sustainer. Let us worship as one body in Christ!

*Hymn

"I Love Thy Kingdom Lord"

UMH #540

Opening Prayer (unison)

Lord, the world tells us to think more highly of ourselves than we ought.

The world assures us that we must be divided over our differences. As we worship and praise, call us into a relationship with you that changes how we relate to others. Unite us as one body, made up of many members.

Encourage us to celebrate the different gifts we each bring. Empower us to show the world all that is acceptable and perfect in your sight. We boldly ask all of this in the beautiful name of Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:1-5

Rick Miller

Anthem

"As the Wind Song"

text by Shirley Elena Murray, music by Swee Hong Lim
Sanctuary Choir, Joyce Summers, pianist

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:1-9

Rick Miller

*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 in the Chapel. Parents are asked to walk their children to narthex/lobby where they will find the children's church leader.

*Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

UMH #452

Sermon

Rev. Steve Larsen

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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 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"

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 "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593
We invite those who have a birthday in May to come forward for blessing during the singing of the hymn.

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "March" by Jeremiah Clark

*Going Forth

New worship series begins today: **To Be (or Not to Be) the Church**

Church is not a place you go, it's something you are and something you do. Encounters with Jesus change people, not just for a moment, but by transforming us into something new. But we are not new by ourselves! We become new as part of a community, the church, held together and sent out by the Holy Spirit to introduce more people to the transformative Jesus! To be the church is to do God's mission in the world.

Greeter: Laura Hunter

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

Acolyte: William Harris

Coffee Time: David Cline

***Attention**—The Nursery will temporarily meet 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*.

Invitation to Conversation

Several questions have been raised to me following recent decisions made by the United Methodist Church General Conference meeting that concluded on May 3. People both inside and outside the church have asked me:

- What was decided?
- What will be the impact on Calvary UMC?
- Are we still *United* Methodists?
- And what does this church now have to say about same sex marriages and how open and affirming we are as a congregation to LGBT persons.

Members and friends are invited stick around a bit in the sanctuary after the worship service next Sunday, June 2, for a brief presentation and questions/answers time led by Pastor Steve Larsen.



Mark your calendars for this summer's SCUBA VBS!

June 17 – June 20, 2024

Register at www.calvaryumc.org

If you are available to volunteer for this fun and rewarding ministry, please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org

Volunteers should plan to attend one of our VBS Volunteer Meetings which are offered on:

- 11 a.m. – noon, Sunday, June 2
- 6 p.m. – 7 p.m., Monday, June 3

GREETERS: We are looking for smiling faces to greet people when they come through our doors on Sunday mornings to welcome the congregation. There are two places, one at the wooden Narthex doors on Bentz Street and the other is at the Bentz Street double glass doors outside of the Parish Hall from 9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Please use the link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4FAAA72FA75-49534701-greeters#/>

If you have any questions, please contact Fran Haller, United Women in Faith, fehaller@outlook.com or 301-785-5058.

DIAPER DRIVE The Mission teams going to the Henderson Settlement in July and want to deliver diapers. ALL sizes are needed, from infant to nighttime pull-ups and wipes. Please see the basket in the foyer and the cradle in Parish Hall. The Mission teams and Henderson Settlement, thank you!

After I glanced in the mirror this morning I decided my garage needed a facelift.



We want

FOR

On Sundays after church . . .

Drop off your DONATIONS
May 1st – June 2nd

Clothing★Household Items★Tools★Office
 Supplies★Kitchenware★Jewelry★Baby Items
 Toys★Christmas Decorations★Board Games
 Books★DVDs★CDs★Video Games★Bicycles
 Vinyl Records★Antiques★Plants★Baked Goods
 Camping, Lawn and Garden Equipment

Calvary's Yard Sale
June 8 ♦ 7:00am to 1:00pm

No electronics or exercise machines.

Yard Sale Corner

**** No Drop Offs on Monday, May 27 (church is closed)**

****No Drop Offs on the mornings of May 28 or May 31 (Weekday School Activities)**

Attention Bakers- Have the fun of baking without any weight gain! Bake cookies, muffins, even cakes and pies, and bring them to the church already bagged in portions on Friday, June 7 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Your delicious treats will encourage shoppers during the Yard Sale on June 8 to renew their strength and go back to shop more!

Attention Gardeners – Are your plants multiplying indiscriminately? Pot up your extras and bring them to the church on Friday, June 7 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Someone at the Yard Sale on June 8 will be thrilled to take them home.



Yard Sale Countdown to June 8

Help Wanted! We Need You!

Come join a group of friendly, fun-loving folks to help sort and organize sale items Monday, June 3 through Friday, June 6 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sign up in the Welcome Center for a time that's convenient for you.

And here's a bonus- *helpers get to shop early!*

An Army of volunteers with trucks, vans, and SUV's to help repack boxes and take them to the Salvation Army, Wonder Books, and other places of exceptional, gently-used items.

Questions: Call Mary Crum 301-695-9109 or Helen Sheppard 301-606-5301

Week of May 26 ~ June 2, 2024

Today, Sunday, May 26

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 28

6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Ringers

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday, May 29

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

Next Sunday, June 2

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. VBS Training Meeting

11:00 a.m. Q and A Session

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, June 3

7:00 p.m. Church Council

Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: Stephanie Felton, Beth Stitley, Eric Anderson, Paul Metcalf, Bobbie Parsons, Janie Hahn, Rev. Glenn Griffith, Joyce Van Sant, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffie, Dick Alsmeyer, Ramona Yanike, Rita Sharpe, Nancy Dobbs, Judy Allen, Lois Pacheco, Joyce Dixon, Eleanor Bowersox, Susan Howe, Reed Keirn

Friends of Calvary: Jerry Black (Son-in-law of Betsy Bryant), Drew Wilson, Marie Slovikosky (Sister-in-law of Nancy Slovikosky), Sarah Jenkins (Sister of Mary Crum), Cheryl Christine (Chris) Irving (Wife of Drew Irving), 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), 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), Alice and Becky Woodward (Family of Rita Sharpe), Virginia Painter Floyd, Jill and Tracy Sizemore, Gil Crippen, Jim Clark, Ida Durden, and Janella Walls, Louise Brieto (Family Members and Friends of Rita Sharpe)

YARD SALE



SATURDAY, JUNE 8

7:00AM – 1:00PM

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131 West 2nd Street in Frederick

[Corner of 2nd and Bentz Streets]

RAIN OR SHINE ♥ BAKE SALE

INDOORS

Proceeds from the Yard Sale
will benefit local Frederick County charities.



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