

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

131 West Second Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701

301-662-1464 • www.calvaryumc.org

Calvary United Methodist Church seeks and invites all to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and our world.

May 5, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude "O Lord, We Praise You" setting by Benjamin Culli
Dr. Adela Peeva, organist

*Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome, announcements

Rev. Steve Larsen

*Call to Worship (read responsively)

We gather together,

Empowered by the Risen Christ,

To worship and encounter the Holy One.

We trust that the infinite love of God

Will move us beyond our places of doubt and fear

And into a world where our witness points to the Good News.

*Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

UMH #103

Prayer of the Day

Come, Holy Spirit, come. We rejoice that you are constantly yearning to be in a deeper relationship with us. May those who come with doubts, encounter you in profound ways. May those who come with faithful confidence, encounter you in profound ways. And may we all be empowered to bear witness to the light of the world. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20

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

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH #140

Sermon

Be A Witness

Rev. Steve Larsen

*Affirmation of Faith

UMH #883

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone; we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of Intercession

We Bring our Gifts to God

Offertory

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

words and music by James. K. Manley

Sanctuary Choir, Joyce Summers, pianist

In addition to placing your contributions in the offering plates, 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.

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

The Invitation

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The congregation is invited to come forward to will receive a piece of bread from a server. The bread is to be dipped in the communion cup and then eaten. There will be two stations up front for receiving. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

For those who require gluten free bread, there are containers for the bread and cup marked "GLUTEN FREE" on a table at the end of the middle aisle. There are also containers of bread and juice that have been prepared ahead of time for those who do not wish to receive the bread and cup in the usual way.

Prayer After Receiving

*Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH #133

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "Prelude" in C Major by J. S. Bach BWV 553

*Going Forth to Serve

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.

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

Acolyte: Savannah Muehl

Coffee Time: Paul Nelson

***Attention**—The Nursery will temporarily meet in the Education Building from 10 to 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*.



Mission Possible Kids is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade who want to help others and make a difference in the world! Our next meeting is:

Today, Sunday, May 5, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48584528-mission>



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:

- 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 22
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Sunday, June 2
- 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Monday, June 3

**Can you donate a snack for VBS? Please look for Snack Sign Up Sheets in the Parish Hall. Snack donations are needed by Sunday, June 9. Thank you!

Exploring Church Membership

Persons wishing to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ or interested in becoming a member of Calvary United Methodist Church are invited to take part in an Exploring Membership class at Sunday morning at **9 a.m. Sunday, May 12** in the Parish Hall. Pastor Steve Larsen will lead the class to consider the history and purpose of the church and look at what it means to have a vital and growing faith today. For more information, contact Pastor Steve Larsen at the church at 301-662-1464 or RevSteve@calvaryumc.org.

Mission/Outreach Ministry

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip

An adult group is being formed to go to the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky, from July 7 to July 11. If you are interested in joining the group, please see Helen Sheppard or email her at brucehelenshep@msn.com

May 9th CUMC Bed Build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

This year Calvary will use the funds from a grant established by **Charles and Lucille Main** to support our involvement with Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build. We will have activities for ages 8 to 98 (yes, we plan to have some seated activities this year too but you must bring your own chair).

If you plan to help, you need to sign up and complete the indemnification form online:

- To help **between 3 and 5 pm on Thursday, May 9th.** <https://x.gldn.io/e/nqcSK1jCEIb>
- To help **beginning at 5 pm on Thursday, May 9th:** <https://x.gldn.io/e/nqcSK1jCEIb>

All activities that evening will be held at the SHP Build Barn, 2553 Buckeystown Pike Adamstown Maryland 21710.

CUMC Bed Build Saturday May 18th: CUMC is also providing the funding to support the community bed build on Saturday, May 18th. As a build sponsor, we have some volunteers spots set aside for us that day. To sign up, use this link: <https://x.gldn.io/e/iPCWHg6ccJb>

Any questions or need help, please contact Dave or Pat Herber.

Calvary United Methodist Church Scholarship forms are now available at www.calvaryumc.org click the News drop-down list, then Scholarships. There are two applications available: online or printable. All forms must be submitted by **May 9, 2024**.

DIAPER DRIVE The Mission teams going to the Henderson Settlement in July and want to deliver diapers. ALL sizes are needed. Infant to night time 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.

Week of May 5, 2024~ May 12, 2024

Today, Sunday, May 5

Yard Sale Collection Begins

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
- 3:00 p.m. Concert
- 5:30 p.m. Mission Possible Kids
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group



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

FOR

Monday, May 6

- 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee

Tuesday, May 7

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 1:30 p.m. UWF Ex. Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday, May 8

- 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Calvary Blood Drive
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Thursday, May 9 ~ Scholarship Forms DUE!

- Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build
- 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Set Up
- 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Build

Saturday, May 11

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. WRS

Next Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Exploring Church Membership
- 10:00 a.m. Worship



Wesleyan Hymn Festival

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing!
Sunday, May 19, 2024
5:00 p.m.

Calvary United Methodist Church
131 West 2nd Street
Downtown Frederick
Free and Open to the Public

This collaborative hymn festival will feature Massed Choir and Massed Bell Choir with singers and ringers from numerous Frederick Downtown Churches. All hymns will be accompanied by the newly installed Calvary UMC Pipe Organ

A Free Will Offering will be collected for Literacy Council of Frederick County

Prayer Concerns:

Recent Passing: Basil Eavey, Todd Main

Members of Calvary: Bobbie Parsons, Janie Hahn, Rev. Glenn Griffith, Joyce Van Sant, Ann Crum, Charlotte Pasquerette, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffiee, Dick Alsmeyer, Ramona Yanike, Rita Sharpe, Nancy Dobbs, Judy Allen, Lois Pacheco, Joyce Dixon, Eleanor Bowersox, Susan Howe, Reed Keirn

Friends of Calvary: Drew Wilson, Marie Slovikosky (Sister-in-law of Nancy Slovikosky), Erik Karl, 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)



131 West Second Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
301-662-1464 or office@calvaryumc.org

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Steve Larsen, Lead Pastor
revsteve@calvaryumc.org or 301-848-8216

Rev. Ken Humbert, Visitation Pastor
revkenh@starpower.net

Dr. Adela Peeva, Director of Music Ministries
adela@calvaryumc.org

Jenn Duthoy, Director of Youth Ministries
calvaryyouth@calvaryumc.org

Amy Stone, Director of Children's Ministry
AmyStone@calvaryumc.org

Cathy Baker, Office Manager
cathybaker@calvaryumc.org

Bob Jacobs, Financial Secretary
bobjacobs@calvaryumc.org

Paul Metcalf, Custodian
paulmetcalf@calvaryumc.org

Joyce Summers, pianist

Calvary Weekday School

133 West Second Street, Frederick MD 21701
301-662-6783 ~ www.calvaryweekdayschool.com

Patricia Lockard, Director
director@calvaryweekdayschool.com

Olivia Watkins, Administrative Assistant
calvaryweekdayschool@calvaryweekdayschool.com



Use this code to give online,
or visit our website at www.calvaryumc.org/give