

**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.*

July 21, 2024

The Lord's Day

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

“Pie Jesu”

by Gabriel Faure  
Dr. Adela Peeva, organist

Welcome, announcements

\*Call to Worship (read responsively)

based on Ephesians 2:11-22

In Christ, you who were once far off  
have been brought near by the blood of Christ,

**For Christ is our peace.**

He has broken down the dividing wall between us.

In Christ we are no longer strangers;

**Together we are members of the household of God,**

built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

**Let us worship the Lord our God.**

\*Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

UMH #145

Opening Prayer (unison)

**God of all wisdom and insight, as we are gathered in your presence, make known to us the mystery of your will and accomplish in us your purposes, that with clean hands and pure hearts we may live for the praise of Christ's glory. Amen.**

Sacrament of Baptism

based on UMH # 39

Oliver Ashton Duarte, child of Ash and Sara Duarte

*The baptismal questions to the parents*

*The baptismal questions to the congregation*

Do you, as Christ's body the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround this child with a community of love and  
forgiveness, that she may grow in service to others. We will pray for  
him that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to  
life.**

*Thanksgiving Over the Water*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Eternal God:

When nothing existed but chaos,  
you swept across the dark waters  
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah

you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,  
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan  
to the land which you promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

**Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,  
nurtured in the water of a womb.

He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.

He called his disciples

to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection  
and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare the Lord's works to the nations,  
God's glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,

to bless this gift of water and he who receives it,

To wash away his sin, and clothe him in righteousness  
through his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ,  
he may share in in Christ's final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal God,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit**

**lives and reigns forever.**

**Amen.**

*Baptism with Laying on of Hands*

*Commendation and Welcome*

Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our witness and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Special Music

“Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome”

by Dottie Rambo and David Huntsinger

William Davy, soloist, Dr. Adela Peeva, pianist

\*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:13-26

Karen Gebhart

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

\*Hymn

“We Gather Together”

UMH #131

Sermon

Bedrock or Stumbling Block?

Rev. Steve Larsen

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.*

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 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

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Words by Catherine Hankey, Music by William G. Fischer  
William Davy, soloist and Dr. Adela Peeva, pianist

\*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

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UMH #454

*Those who had birthdays in either June or July are invited to come forward during the singing of the hymn to receive a blessing.*

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude

March from “Scipio”

by Handel

\*Going Forth

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

**Acolyte:** William Harris

**Coffee Time:** Margie Wilde

**Greeter at the Wooden Door:** Amy Stone

**\*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](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*.

**Calvary Gardeners:** Looking for volunteers to water and weed the flower beds on Bentz Street, just once a week. Questions, please contact Helen Sheppard at [brucehelenshep@msn.com](mailto:brucehelenshep@msn.com)  
Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4FAAA72FA75-49881158-calvary#/>

### **Exploring Membership**

Are you interested in learning more about the people and the things we are doing as a congregation? Are you curious about the history of the church or how to grow in your faith? If so, please plan to join with Pastor Steve Larsen for the Exploring Membership class. He will be offering the class at **9 a.m. Sunday, August 11** before the worship service. During the session, you will get to learn more about the congregation, membership, and the pathways of discipleship we promote. Please feel free to join!

### **Would You Like to Help Select Bedding for Kiddos Receiving New SHP Beds?**

Did you know that Calvary UMC stores all the Frederick County bedding donations received for Sleep In Heavenly Peace (SHP)? We use a room on the lower level of the Education Building. To see these donations is a beautiful testament to the generosity and skills (many handmade items) of our community.

Pat Herber is looking for a few folks who would be willing to help prepare “bedding bundles.” Each bundle includes a quilt/bedspread, sheets, and a throw blanket the delivery teams put on the bed when it is assembled. The plan is to make a number of bundles in advance. We deliver about 50 beds each month. If you are interested in learning more, contact Pat, [pkherber@gmail.com](mailto:pkherber@gmail.com).

## School Supply Drive-United Way

Over the last two summers, we collected school supplies for children heading back to school. Many students in Frederick County Public Schools start the school year without the supplies they need to succeed. We can help to get them what they need to get started.

We are looking for:

#2 pencils	index dividers	black pens
colored pencils	crayons	composition notebooks
markers	pencil boxes	wide-rule notebook paper



The United Way has provided us with bins we have placed in the narthex and parish hall. The drive ends **Tuesday, July 30** with big yellow school buses coming by the church and other local businesses in the community helping with this drive.

### *Learn to play violin!*

#### *Youth Violin Program at Calvary United Methodist Church*

A New Program is being offered to students ages 5 – 12 who wish to learn to play and perform violin or viola, develop an appreciation for music, and perform for events. The group classes will be taught by experienced violinist/teacher Stephen Arnold of the Frederick Symphony. Classes will begin in July and be held in Calvary's Library, twice a week, on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. and Sundays from 11:15 a.m.-noon.

Tuition is \$180.00 per month and instruments and music are both available.

Contact Stephen Arnold at 540-323-0560 or email [vamusicmakers@gmail.com](mailto:vamusicmakers@gmail.com) for more information and to register. Classes will be small, so register as soon as possible.

### Week of July 21~July 28

#### **Sunday, July 21**

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

#### **Wednesday, July 24**

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

#### **Sunday, July 28**

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

### Memorial Room Rehab

After years of diligent sorting of boxes and boxes of historic materials by Fred Schumacher followed by cleaning and organizing by Melissa Rust, and Karen & Ray Gebhart the Memorial Room on the 2nd floor is ready for use.

Many treasures, memorabilia and artifacts were discovered. They have been carefully placed in the showcases. Historic wall art and church building items were hung on the walls or placed in areas for full view.

Once the books, ledgers and binders were sorted, those of most historic value dating back to the 1800's were placed in clear bags for preservation and set on the bookshelves. Memorabilia documents from the very first church were placed in a drawer in the bookcase for safe keeping.

The conference table comfortably seats 12. An area with historic pulpit chairs has space for chairs to be moved around for a more intimate group meeting. A second smaller bookcase contains several Bibles and reference books for group discussions.

Our Memorial Room is now ready for groups to meet or gather. And perhaps it is also a quiet pace for solemn reflection while taking in our church history.

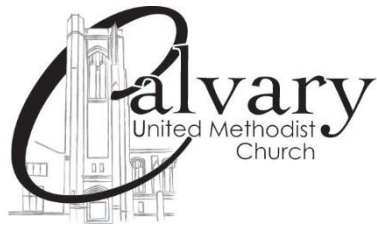
Welcome back to your Memorial Room!

### **Prayer Concerns:**

**Recent Passing:** Eleanor Bowersox

**Members of Calvary:** Gracie Heller, Peter Duthoy, Stewart Austin, Joyce Dixon, Lois Pacheco, Eric Anderson, Paul Metcalf, Bobbie Parsons, Janie Hahn, Rev. Glenn Griffith, Joyce Van Sant, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffiee, Dick Alsmeyer, Ramona Yanike, Nancy Dobbs, Judy Allen, John Stenner

**Friends of Calvary:** Eileen Morrow (Cousin of Karen Gebhart), Angela Gorens (Friend of Stephanie Felton), 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), Allan Huffman (Son of Nancy Huffman), Brian Jones (Friend of the Linda & Scott English), Scott Berry, 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)



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## **Calvary Weekday School**

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