

**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.*

September 8, 2024

The Lord's Day

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

“Ave Maria”

by Bach- Gounod  
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)

Ever-present God, forever seeking us and always teaching us:

**Open our minds to the truth of your care.**

Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.

**Open our lips to share stories of faith.**

Open our hands to create beauty,  
to do justice and to show kindness.

**Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit.**

Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.

\*Hymn

“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”

UMH #163

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Surprising and persistent God, you never give up on us. You seek us, follow us, call us. We cannot escape from your yearning for us, and only when we turn to you, do we find the sweetness of life, the reason for living, an ever-flowing fountain of joy. Thank you for your amazing grace that surprises us, comforts us, and renews us. Give us hearts of gratitude to forever sing your praise. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

James 2:1-10

Rick Miller

Special Music

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” Traditional Spiritual  
Moni Gough, soloist, Dr. Adela Peeva, pianist

\*Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-7

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-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

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

UMH #509

Sermon

Crucial Questions for Every Christian  
#1 Why do people need Jesus Christ?

Rev. Steve Larsen

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 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

“But Now I See”

setting by Richard Williamson

\*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

“God Be with You till we Meet Again”

UMH #672

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude

“Celebration”

by Lani Smith

\*Going Forth

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Today we start a new worship series called “Crucial Questions for Every Christian”. We will explore four questions that can lead us to recognize the value of faith today. In thinking about these questions, we can become clearer about what God offers us and the larger world. Today the question is: Why do people need Jesus Christ?

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

**Coffee Host:** Tom and Kathy Woodall

**Acolyte:** Charlotte Miller

**\*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*.

Week of September 8 ~ September 15

**Sunday, September 8**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Kick Off
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Blessings in a Backpack Trip

**Monday, September 9**

- 7:00 p.m. SHP Team Meeting

**Tuesday, September 10**

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

**Wednesday, September 11**

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

**Thursday, September 12**

- 7:00 p.m. Lay Leadership Committee

**Sunday, September 15**

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Backpack Packing Event
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Mission Kids Possible

Children's/ Youth Ministry



Children's Sunday School for **Preschool 3-Year-Olds** through **5<sup>th</sup> Graders** begins on **Sunday, September 8** with our Kick-Off Carnival! Join us for songs, snacks, crafts and Bible learning! We meet in the Activities Room of the Education Building every Sunday morning from 9:00 - 9:45.

For more information, please contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) or sign up using this link:

<https://calvaryfrederick.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/113/responses/new>





MPK will be starting up again at **5:30 p.m. Sunday, September 15** in the Activates Room of the Education Building. MPK is for kids in grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade who want to help others and shine God's light in the world! Please contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) for more information, or use this link to sign up:

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



**Veggie Tale Movie Night is Back! 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Friday, September 20!** Join us for coloring, pizza, a movie, discussion and a craft! Bring your pillow and blanket. To sign up, please contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) or sign up

here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48352788-veggie>

### **Newcomers and Old-timers Sunday Class**

Whether you are relatively new to Calvary or have been here for years, whether you have hardly ever studied the Bible or have done so for as long as you can remember, whether you are a couple or single, *you are welcome to this class.* We meet on Sunday morning from 9-9:45 in the conference room of the Office Bldg. (entrance off the courtyard), discussion led by Paul Nelson. The general focus of this class is understanding scripture from the historical and cultural contexts in which it was written, and its relevance for us today.

**The Asbury Class** enjoys bible study and discussion using a hybrid format. Each week members can join either in person in the Memorial Room (newly cleaned and organized) or via Zoom (a link is provided). We will begin with the Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit from Cokesbury. Dave Herber leads this class ([dlherber@comcast.net](mailto:dlherber@comcast.net)).



### **Fall Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, 2024**

We face an emergency blood shortage. When the temperatures were at record levels this summer, many blood drives across the U.S. were cancelled and those donations did not take place. As a result, the American Red Cross had to limit distributions of some of the most transfused blood types to hospitals.

This is truly urgent. Blood products are being distributed faster than blood donations are coming in. Many of us are very busy, but all healthy blood donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment to give as soon as possible.

You can call Pastor Steve at 301-662-1464 or email at [RevSteve@calvaryumc.org](mailto:RevSteve@calvaryumc.org) to schedule an appointment. Volunteers are also needed to help with the blood drive that day. You can also schedule an appointment at our drive by going to [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org)



United  
Women  
in Faith

## UWFAITH Frederick District Town hall & Afternoon Tea

All Women of our Church Are Invited!



### WHEN

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, October 19

### WHERE

Calvary United Methodist Church, Frederick

- Meet and engage with women from the Fredrick District's over 90 United Methodist Churches
- Share ideas and ask BWC United Women in Faith leadership questions about mission work, increasing collaboration, and creating new fellowship opportunities to expand outreach

### CELEBRATE

Singing and enjoying special music featuring our new organ

### FELLOWSHIP

Join all attendees for social time and fellowship at an Afternoon Tea sponsored by our Calvary United Women in Faith

### RSVP BY Monday, October 7

Please sign up at the Welcome Center in the Parrish Hall so we can plan for the number attending

**QUESTIONS?** Ask Karen Gebhart or email her at [kgebhart1@gmail.com](mailto:kgebhart1@gmail.com)

## Calling All Elves !



Santa's workshop needs you!  
The Holiday Bazaar is November 16.  
We need elves now to help us create  
items to fill our tables.  
*Workshop hours: Mondays 9:30am &  
Wednesdays 6:30pm.*  
Proceeds from the bazaar support  
Frederick community charities.  
Questions? Call Head Elf Becky Isaacs:  
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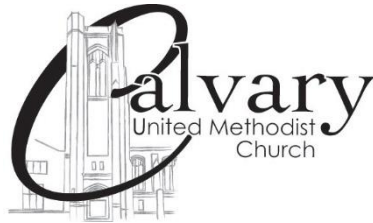
## **Prayer Concerns:**

### **Members of Calvary:**

Helen Alysmeyer, Art Fennington, Nancy Huffman, Gracie Heller, Stuart Austin, Joyce Dixon, Lois Pacheco, Eric Anderson, Bobbie Parsons, Rita Sharpe, Rev. Glenn Griffith, Joyce Van Sant, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffiee, Ramona Yanike, Nancy Dobbs, Judy Allen, John Stenner

### **Friends of Calvary:**

Jan Nefflen (Friend of Peggy Rhoderick), Kassidy Noble (Niece of Brad and Jennie Davy), Eileen Morrow (Cousin of Karen Gebhart), Angela Gorens (Friend of Stephanie Felton), Jerry Black (Son-in-law of Betsy Bryant), Drew Wilson, Marie Slovikosky Miller, and Mike Miller (Brother and 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 Cooley (Sister 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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