

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.



October 6, 2024

World Communion Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

WE GATHER

Prelude

“And Again I Say, Rejoice!” music by Dr. Brenda Portman
Tune: Marion by Arthur Henry Messiter Dr. Adela Peeva, organist

Welcome, announcements

Opening Words

Prayer for the Day (unison)

God of Mercy, we ask you to come mighty close, for we are a divided world, and we are not sure of our footing in this moment. Steady us and provoke us to “do unto others” in ways that build up your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center That Holds, and in the power of the Spirit That Transforms. Amen.

Readers Across the Divide

*Hymn

“Maker, in Whom We Live”

UMH #88

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 6: 31-36

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-3rd grade are invited to Children's Church 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

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

UMH #121

Sermon

Beyond Red and Blue: Kindness
Worship Series: Do Unto Others

Rev. Steve Larsen

Time for Reflection and Commitment

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation

Prayer of Confession (read responsively)

For all the ways we judge each other—
with expectations, beliefs, judgments, and our own fear...

God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

For all the ways we squander right relationship—
choosing being “right” over “relationship”...

God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

For all the ways we abuse our freedom—
engaging hateful speech towards those not on “our” side...

God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

For all the ways we deny equality and the belovedness of all—
deeming some “in” and others “out...”

God, in your mercy, forgive and transform.

Silence

Words of Assurance

Jesus said, "I have come to set the prisoner free." No matter what binds you this day, freedom is yours through new life in Christ. In the name of him who came to loose the chains, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, set free.
Glory to God! Amen!**

We Offer Our Gifts and Tithes

Our giving is a joyful and prayerful response to God's gifts to us.

*Checks may 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

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
text based on Micah 6:8, Frederick W. Faber, alt
Music by Brenda Portman
Sanctuary Choir, Dr. Brenda Portman, 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!**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*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.

It is right, and a good and holy thing
to give our praise to you this day,
Liberator of all Humankind.
You unleashed your creative power,
and a world blossomed.
You bestowed upon every living thing
life and breath, color and movement.

No matter how many battles we wage
within and between ourselves and against you,
your promise, vision, and gifts of peace and abundance continue.

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.

Holy are you and blessed is your son, Jesus.

To those who were imprisoned by status, law, illness, poverty,
gender, age, and disease, he said,

“Your faith has set you free. You are a child of God.”

He invited disciples, friends, and strangers alike to his tables.

He proclaimed God’s grace to all with whom he broke bread.

He proclaimed God’s love to all with whom he shared the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holly and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again

Holy Spirit, transform this meal and transform this body
so that we might be free to love without condition,
invite without hesitation, go without reservation,
and proclaim your Kindness to all the world!

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.

Breaking the Bread

Sharing at the Lord's Table

Words After Receiving

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

UMH #438

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

“Finale Julbilante”

music by Dr. Brenda Portman
Dr. Brenda Portman, organist



We are pleased to welcome the extraordinarily talented, award-winning composer and organist Dr. Brenda Portman from Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Portman will accompany the choir on the piano and play the organ for the last hymn and the postlude (Please be seated after the benediction for the postlude). All music selections in this morning's service, including the prelude, the choir anthem, and the postlude are her compositions. At 3 p.m. today, Dr.

Portman will present a full concert on our new Zimmer pipe organ. All are welcome!

Ushers: Rick Miller, Andy Radcliffe, Drew Irving, Paul Muehl, Dave Mills

Coffee Host: Paul Nelson

Acolyte: Charlotte Miller

The altar flowers are in loving memory of Martha, by Paul Nelson.

Worship Series: Do Unto Others



As we near the end of an election season marked by division and animosity, we can keep our focus on what God in Christ has called us to do. Christ calls us to cultivate kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love for one another and for the good of all the world, no matter what. The theme and many worship elements, including the time with the children, come from Worship Design Studio (©www.worshipdesignstudio.com/kindness).

Have a need? Your pastors are happy to meet with you and offer prayer. If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please let the church know. The hospital no longer shares patient information with local clergy. Email Pastor Steve at revsteve@calvaryumc.org or 301-662-1464.

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 Sunday- Next Week, October 13



Next Sunday, we will have a hands-on mission project in the Parish Hall running in two shifts. **9 a.m. – to 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. – noon.** Parish Hall will be transformed into a Mission Site and we will package 10,000 meals with our partner, “Rise Against Hunger.” Please plan to come at 9 AM or stay after the worship service to take part. And it’s a perfect day to wear the Calvary UMC “Heart and Hands in Service” t-shirt, hat or apron!

We are making this easy, and there is a job suited for everyone – and no heavy lifting required! This is also a great opportunity to get to know others at the church.

There will be a worship service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, and the service will include several “Mission Moments” highlighting some of the mission and outreach projects we support, both locally and abroad.

Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership (SHIP)

The SHIP of Frederick County needs our help! Please join us from **9 -11 a.m. Saturday, October 26** (Mt. St. Mary's Frederick Campus, 5350 Spectrum Dr., Ste. A, Frederick, MD 21703) to wrap collection boxes with holiday paper to prepare for the upcoming “Homeless for the Holidays” campaign. This is an easy and fun way to get involved with Calvary's partnership with SHIP to provide critical resources and services to hundreds of Frederick County youth experiencing homelessness. Please contact Beth Stitely to sign up or get more details. 301-730-8282 autumn.purple@hotmail.com

Mission Central

Calvary will once again make a trip to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA on Thursday, November 7 to offer our hands and hearts in service. We will leave from the parking lot of the Common Market on 7th Street at 11:15 a.m. and return at approximately 4:30 p.m. No experience is necessary, and you will even be chauffeured in the church bus! Please consider joining us to support Mission Central "Connecting God's resources with human need by Mission Outreach, Mission Education, and Disaster Relief thru humanitarian work locally, nationally and around the world." Contact Beth Stitely to sign up or if you have questions, 301-730-8282 or autumn.purple@hotmail.com

Church Conference Saturday, October 19

The Church Conference is the annual meeting where the church reviews its ministries and celebrates its connection with the larger United Methodist Church. This year we will be holding the conference at Brook Hill United Methodist Church at 9:45 a.m. Brook Hill UMC is located at 8946 Indiana Springs, Road, Frederick. The Church Conference meeting is open for all members of Calvary Church, but especially the members of the Church Council.

Save the date:

5 p.m. Sunday, October 27 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Downtown Frederick: 31 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701:

Bachtober Festival

Free and Open to the Public

Our Sanctuary Choir will participate in this wonderful celebration of music featuring choirs of numerous Downtown Frederick Churches, The Frederick Children's Chorus, and Frederick Flute Choir. Free Will Offering will be collected for Beyond Shelter Frederick. All are invited and welcome to attend!

Week of October 6~October 13

Sunday, October 6

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir
11:15 a.m. Reconciling Team
3:00 p.m. Concert
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, October 7

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

Wednesday, October 9

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out Set Up

Friday, October 11

6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out

Saturday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 13

Mission Sunday

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

Children's/ Youth Ministry



Children's Sunday School for **Preschool 3-Year-Olds** through **5th Graders**. 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 or sign up using this link:

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



It's a Night Out for Parents! Go out to dinner or get some shopping done while the kids have a fun at church.

6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Friday, October 11, in the Parish Hall. Preschoolers through 5th grade are welcome. Bring your own bagged dinner, blanket, and pillow.

Crafts ~ Coloring ~ Puzzles ~ Movie on the Big Screen

Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFVC61-51455585-parents> or contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org for more information.



Trunk or Treat

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Saturday, October 26

Crafts! Games! Snacks! Treats!

This year's event will feature a **Chili Cook-off** and a **Spooky Dessert** table! Please sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Fran Haller (fehaller@outlook.com) if you would like to bring a crockpot of chili or a spooky dessert! Fabulous prizes will be awarded! 🎃

In addition, please bring a non-perishable food item to "vote" for your favorite decorated trunk - the trunk with the largest amount of food collected wins!

Please visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-51449030-trunk> or sign up in the Parish Hall to let us know how many will be coming and if your family plans to decorate a trunk! Candy donations are also greatly appreciated-look for the drop off box in the Parish Hall.

Update: Blessings in a Backpack Event

Calvary's Youth hosted the fall Blessings in a Backpack packing event on Sunday, September 15, 2024. This event afforded the congregation the opportunity to serve children in need in the Frederick community. 525 bags of food were packed for children to take home from school so they have food to eat over the weekend. A big thanks goes out to the many volunteers! We look forward to our next Blessings in a Backpack event this spring.



Sign up by October 13 at the
Welcome Center in the Parish Hall.

Holiday Bazaar

Cheeseball makers: Save the dates! We will have two sessions: 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 6 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 13. All are welcome to join us, and it is a great form of fellowship. No skill necessary 😊 We will teach you! Contact Beth Strakonsky if you have any questions: beth.strakonsky@gmail.com or 301.471.1822

And as you probably guessed by now, the famous **CUMC Cheeseballs** are back for the Holidays! Please submit your order by **Sunday October 27** to make sure you don't miss out! Order forms are available at the Welcome Center. Please place your order form in the basket when completed. Cheeseballs may be **picked up** on Sunday **November 10**. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Beth Strakonsky: beth.strakonsky@gmail.com or 301.471.1822



Calvary's Holiday Bazaar

November 16 9am-3pm

Creative decorations, beautiful gifts, vendors with surprises, the White Elephant Room of treasures, live music, tasty lunches, our famous cheeseballs, and . . .

Head for the North Pole!

**Santa, his elves, and Mrs. Claus
will greet kids with projects, prizes, and treats.**

All are invited!

Proceeds will be donated to Frederick charities.



CUMC Social Nites Gathering- Potluck and Games

On Saturday evening, November 2 at 6 p.m., we are hosting an adult "Social Nite" event in the Parish Hall. Hopefully this will be the first of many more gatherings. At the church in the past, Social Nites, Prime Timers and XYZs were all groups of adults that gathered regularly for fellowship and fun. We would like to restart the tradition with a game night and potluck style dinner. The categories for the potluck include, chili, healthy appetizers and decadent desserts. Please visit: <https://www.singupgenius.com/go/10C0445ABA822AAFD0-51721244-cumc> or sign up in the Parish Hall to let us know you'll be coming and what dish you'll bring to share. In addition to dinner and games, we'll set aside time to discuss plans for future gatherings. Following the format of the Social Nites group, we'll be looking for hosts to plan each of our future events. Questions: Contact Dave or Pat Herber

Prayer Concerns:

Recent Passing: Miriam Thompson Blake (Mother of Melissa Rust)

Members of Calvary:

Jack Tritt, Jackie Grimes, Mary Crum, Amy Cerrito, Helen Alysmeier, Nancy Huffman, Gracie Heller, Joyce Dixon, Lois Pacheco, Bobbie Parsons, Rita Sharpe, Rev. Glenn Griffith, Joyce Van Sant, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffee, Ramona Yanike, Nancy Dobbs, Judy Allen, John Stenner

Friends of Calvary:

Dom Norris (Friend of Drew Irving), Rev. Stephen Rickets, Waldo Blake (Father of Melissa Rust), 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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