

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.

September 29, 2024

The Lord's Day

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

American melody, arr. Susan E. Geschke

Joyful Noise Ringers

Welcome, announcements

*Call to Worship (read responsively)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

We will praise the Lord as long as we live;

We will sing praises to our God our whole life long.

The Lord will reign forever,

Praise the Lord!

*Hymn

“And Are We Yet Alive”

UMH #553

Prayer for the Day (unison)

Gracious God, you have opened your house to all the nations of the world, and you have opened your hands to fill us with healing and grace. Help us to open our hearts and minds to the new thing you are doing, that we may be ready to welcome all people into your holy realm, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Ezekiel 34:1-4

Beth Strakonsky

Anthem

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Text by Robert Bridges, music by Rachel Aarons

Sanctuary Choir, Joyce Summers, pianist

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 9:35-38

Beth Strakonsky

*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

“The Summons”

TFWS #2130

Sermon

Crucial Questions for Every Christian
#4 Whose Church Is It Anyway?

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 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

“Humbly I Adore Thee”

by Robert Lau

Tune: Adoro Te Devote (French Plainsong) incorporating “Canon in D” By Pachelbel

*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

“Go Forth for God”

UMH #670

We invite those who have a birthday in September to come forward for blessing during the singing of the hymn.

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

Festive Prelude “Build on the Rock” setting by Gilbert Martin

*Going Forth

Today we conclude a worship series called “Crucial Questions for Every Christian”. We have been exploring some basic questions to help us to recognize the value of faith today. So far, we have considered:

- Why do people need Jesus Christ?
- Why do people need the church?
- Why do people need THIS church?

Previous messages can be found on the church website at www.calvaryumc.org.

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

Coffee Host: Margie Wilde

Acolyte: Mikey Mills

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*.

Music/Choir

Are you interested in singing in the Calvary Adult Choir? If you or somebody you know (singers do not need to be members of Calvary) would be interested in joining the Calvary Choir, please email Dr. Adela Peeva at: adela@calvaryumc.org. Thank you in advance!

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 September 29 ~October 6

Sunday, September 29

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

Tuesday, October 1

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

Wednesday, October 2

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

Sunday, October 6

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

Mission and Outreach

Mission Sunday- October 13

On **Sunday morning, October 13**, we will have a hands-on mission project in the Parish Hall running in two shifts – **9 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. – noon**. The Parish Hall will be transformed into a Mission Site and we will package 10,000 meals with our partner, Rise Against Hunger.

You do not have to go far away or give up a week of your time to offer your hands and heart to God through serving others.

We are making this easy for all, and there is a job suited for everyone. It requires hands to measure and package different food items – no heavy lifting is 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 we will pause the work in Parish Hall so everyone can worship. The service will include several "Mission Moments" to present other mission and outreach work we are doing, 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

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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

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Food Pantry Needs

Thank you to the Calvary congregation for your continued support of the Frederick Food Bank. Week after week we collect your donated items from the wheelbarrow and deliver to the All Saints Street or former Trinity school drop off locations. Although the requests vary month to month, there is always a need for our continued support of this community outreach. The downtown location serves up to 30 people a day with grocery items. I have been told they often turn people away. The former Trinity school location has only been in operation for a year, but is steadily growing in numbers served. This location is best for those who must drive due to the better parking availability. Donated items are shared between the two locations.

***Special thank you to the Untied Women of Faith for allocating a portion of their yard sale proceeds to the food bank. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated to help stock the shelves at the food bank.

It is that time of the year for us to repeat our “fall into giving” to the food bank campaign. For the next few months, the food bank needs the following items:

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| Fruit Cups | Rice | Hygiene Products: | |
| Granola Bars | Canned soup | Body Wash | Shampoo |
| Applesauce Cups | Canned Vegetables | Toothpaste | Deodorant |
| Jelly | Canned Meats | | |
| Peanut Butter | Cereal | | |
| Tuna | Pasta | | |
| NutriGrain Bars | Oatmeal Packets | | |

Next time you walk past the wheelbarrow in the Narthex, feel free to pick up a “shopping list” of the food bank requests. If you would like to support the food bank outreach but would rather not do the shopping, monetary donations are also welcomed.

We thank you for your support! ~Roy and Julie

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.



4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Saturday, October 26

Crafts! Games! Snacks! Treats!

Mark your calendars now and join us for a fun evening for everyone!

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.



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



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.



Prayer Concerns:

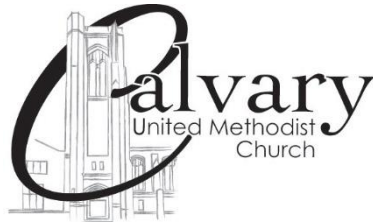
Recent Passing: Miriam Thompson Blake (Mother of Melissa Rust)

Members of Calvary:

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 Griffiee, Ramona Yanike, Nancy Dobbs, Judy Allen, John Stenner

Friends of Calvary:

Rev. Stephen Ricketts, 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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