

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.

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 a.m. Worship

Prelude

“God Is Love”

by Roger Wilson
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)

Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

We gather to worship, as is our custom.

We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

We gather to worship, as is our custom.

We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God’s love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

We gather to worship, as is our custom.

Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH #77

Opening Prayer (unison)

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit, and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sing- Along Anthem TFWS #2235-b “We Are Marching”

traditional South African

All are welcome to join the Sanctuary Choir and Children’s choir in singing this hymn
Joyce Summers, pianist

*Gospel Lesson Luke 4:14-21

Didi Willard

*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 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

UMH #584

Sermon

As Was His Custom

Rev. Steve Larsen

Time for Reflection and Commitment

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

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/. 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

“Strength in the Stillness”

by Matt Schinske

*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

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

UMH #708

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

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

“Song of Triumph”

by John M. Rasley

*Going Forth

The Call to Worship in our service today was written by *Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024*. The Opening Prayer is written by Ruth C. Duck, reprinted by permission of the publisher from *Touch Holiness*, ed. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi. Copyright © 1990 by The Pilgrim Press.

Emergency Response to Fires

Contributions can be made for relief and recover efforts following the wildfires in California. The United Methodist committee on Relief is already at work providing emergency assistance. Calvary UMC will be collecting funds to help with this work. You can give to this online through the church website (www.calvaryumc.org/give) or by check made out to the church, please indicate that you wish your contribution to go to “UMCOR” or “Fire Relief.”

Ushers: Terre Rhoderick, Drew Irving, Bret Slovikosky, Paul Muehl, Dave Mills

Coffee Host: David Cline

Acolyte:

Ushers Needed please contact Dave Mills at dacmills78@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming an usher.

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 from **9:00 - 9:45 a.m. every Sunday**. For more information, please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org or sign up using this link: <https://calvaryfrederick.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/113/responses/new>

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- 5th, and meets in the chapel following the **Time with the Children**. Children's Church is now incorporating many elements of our traditional service so that children are interactively engaging in worship, just on a smaller scale.



Mission Possible Kids next meeting will be **5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, January 26** in the Activities Room of the Education Building to assemble LOVE BAGS! Join us! Please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org for more information and to order a Mission Possible Kids t-shirt.

Bible Sunday



February 9

Sunday, February 9 is Bible Sunday- the special day when 3rd grade students (and older students who have not yet received their Bible) will be presented with their very own Bibles from Calvary!

9:00 a.m. Bible Unwrapping Ceremony in the Chapel followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

10:00 a.m. Blessings Over the New Bibles with Pastor Steve during the Worship Service.

Pajama Drive for Heartly House

Heartly House cares for children and adults who are survivors of domestic violence. Some escape to safety with very little resources, and comfort on their first night is important. Response to Calvary's **Valentine Drive for NEW pajamas** has been so generous! We need to gather more children's and men's sleepwear through the month of February to complete our donations.

Suggestions are:

- infant sizes 6 to 18 months
- children's sizes 2T to 8
- youth/teen sizes 10-16 or S to XL
- Pajama pants are also a great gift

The container in the Parish Hall on the stage is holding all donations. Please package your selections in clear plastic bags to help their distribution.



Calvary UMC Winter Blood Drive

8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Please sign up with Pastor Steve Larsen at revsteve@Calvaryumc.org or call the church office at 301-662-1465.

Donors and volunteers NEEDED!

The Frederick School of Religion will be offering six classes covering a broad range of topics. WHEN: Monday and Tuesday afternoons and Monday and Tuesday evenings, for six weeks starting **March 3, 2025**. (Brochures are available on the Calvary bulletin board)

WHERE: Beth Shalom, 1011 N. Market St., Frederick, MD 21701.

For more information and registration forms, you may visit our website www.frederickschoolofreligion.org or call 240-651-1865 or 240-490-5657. All 6-week long courses are eligible for up to 1.2 Continuing Education Units. For more information and registration forms, you may call 240-651-1865 or 240-490-5657 or visit our website at www.frederickschoolofreligion.org



Returning to Calvary!

Sunday, February 16, 2025 – Brian Ganz, pianist

Brian Ganz, who returns for another “All-Chopin” program as he continues his quest to perform every work of music by the great composer. This concert is an interactive and highly energetic performance where Mr. Ganz brings Chopin’s music to life with emotional power and warmth. To learn more about Brian, visit his website at www.BrianGanz.net.



Calvary UMC Community Concert Series presents:

***Anna Lapwood, organist* ~ 4 p.m. Sunday, April 13, 2025**

From the United Kingdom, international sensation and star Anna Lapwood will present a mix of classical and contemporary organ favorites. Known for her passion to bring organ music to the masses with the goal of making it relevant and fun, Anna will delight and entertain as she engages all the colors and sounds of Calvary UMC’s new Zimmer pipe organ. Anna is an associate at the Royal Albert Hall (London) and is director of music at Pembroke College (Cambridge).

THIS WILL BE A TICKETED EVENT DUE TO ANNA’S POPULARITY AND WE EXPECT TO FILL ALL SEATS IN THE SANCTUARY AND BALCONY. Sign-up sheet now available at the Welcome Center in the Parish Hall.

Calvary congregant members may request complimentary tickets during the month of January only by using the sign-up sheet found at the Welcome Desk in the Parish Hall (through January 26), by emailing Joyce Summers at jsummers@calvaryumc.org or by leaving a voice mail at 301.606.8007. Please include the name(s) of each person in your email or voice mail. These complimentary tickets are intended for Calvary congregant members only; please do not request tickets for others who are not members. On February 1, 2025, tickets will go on sale to the general public via a ticketing website. There will not be tickets available at the door on April 13.



I Don't Have Time to Read. Yes, you do!

Calvary's Mobile Library has all the right stuff by:

Max Lucado, Richard Paul Evans, Barbara Kingsolver, Adam Hamilton and others.

And . . . You Can Help Us Expand. If you have an interesting title you would like to *donate* to Calvary's Mobile Library, leave it in the container in the Parish Hall near the book cart. We're looking for *exciting subjects in good condition* to add to our collection. Some suggestions:

Christian Fiction in All Genres

Devotional Literature

End of Life Circumstances

Enduring Illness

History of Christianity

Inspirational Biographies

John Wesley

People of the Bible

Prayer, Faith, and Healing

Proactive Christianity

Social Action

Spiritual Growth

Teachings of Jesus

Justice and Ethics



It is that time of year! When the City of Frederick post the emergency snow plan in effect, Calvary Church will be closed. If the Frederick County Public Schools close for inclement weather, Calvary Church will be closed. Please check our website at www.calvaryumc.org or call the church office at 301-662-1464, both of these outlets will have the most updated information in case of inclement weather.

January 26, 2025~February 2, 2025

Today, Sunday, January 26

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

Wednesday, January 29
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, February 1
1:00 p.m. Ron Dudley Memorial Service

Monday, January 27

7:00 p.m. Church Council

Next Sunday, February 2

Tuesday, January 28

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

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

Prayer Concerns:

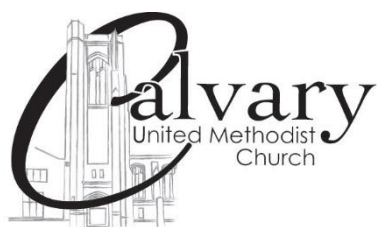
Recent Passing: Ramona Yanike, Kern Thorton

Members of Calvary:

Anne Mossburg, Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Rev. Ken Humbert, Mike Isaacs, Jackie Grimes, Helen Alysmeier, Nancy Huffman, Gracie Heller, Lois Pacheco, Rita Sharpe, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffiee, Nancy Dobbs, Judy Allen, John Stenner, Paul Metcalf

Friends of Calvary:

Mary Ann Gearinger (Mother of Beth Stitley), Jan Bates (Aunt to Leisa Moyer), Isla (Granddaughter to Friends of Pat and Dave Herber), Ruth Spring (Friend of Stephanie Felton), Dom Norris (Friend of Drew Irving), 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 (Sister 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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