

**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.*

February 9, 2025

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
Bible Sunday

Prelude

“I Would Be True”

by Bruce Carleton  
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)

Something awakened us this morning.

Perhaps it was the day's dawning, the smell of brewing coffee, the sounds of the alarm on the bedside table or a newspaper thudding at the door.

**And now we gather with awakened spirits to worship the Lord of life and the Creator of this day.**

Something moved us this morning.

We left behind our beds where we so recently spent the night, we left behind the bathroom mirror, the closet and the kitchen table. We left our homes for here.

**And now we gather in this place to worship the Christ who moves among us. We come to follow the Spirit which leads us into deeds of love, acts of compassion and care.**

May we have a faith that weaves together our waking and sleeping, our work and our leisure, our homes, places of work and this place of prayer and praise.

**Let us worship the Lord.**

\*Hymn

“Where He Leads Me”

UMH #338

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Almighty God, you are our companion on every road.**

**You are the stillness in each breath and the joy in every song. You are the hope in every risk taken and the calm in each evening's rest. You are the delight in every child's smile and the prayer in every deep sigh. Gracious God, you are always with us and to you we sing our praise again and again. Amen.**

Anthem "Drink From The Well Of Life"  
Words and music by Matthew Armstrong  
Sanctuary Choir, Joyce Summers, pianist

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 5:1-11 Beth Strakonsky

\*Response  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Bible Sunday Presentation Amy Stone  
Laurali Gough Grady Heikkinen  
Nico Heikkinen Elizabeth Kluttz  
Briella Lozinski Charlotte Miller  
Camden Stitely Cora Vinar  
Amelia Whitmarsh

Time With the Children  
*Following the Time with the Children, all children in K-5th 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.*

Dedication of the Pew Bibles Rev. Stephen Ricketts

\*Hymn "Wonderful Words of Life" UMH #600

Sermon They Left Everything and Followed 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 (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 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/). 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 "Meditation" by Jules Massenet

\*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 "We Walk by Faith" TFWS #2196

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude "Marche Royale" by Jean-Baptiste Lully

\*Going Forth

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**Ushers:** Rick Miller, Andy Radcliffe, Paul Muehl, Dave Mills

**Coffee Host:** Margie Wilde

**Acolyte:** Mikey Mills

The altar flowers are in memory of my husband Bob Keeney's passing February 5<sup>th</sup> and in memory of my father Robert Slaughter, Sr. birthday, with love from Doris Keeney and family.

**Ushers Needed!** Please contact Dave Mills at [dacmills78@gmail.com](mailto:dacmills78@gmail.com) if you are interested in becoming an usher.

**Children's Sunday School for Preschool 3-Year-Olds through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **\*\*Sing-Along Hymn singing on February 16**

Everyone from the congregation is invited to join the Sanctuary and the Children's choir in singing hymn #2141 from TFWS hymnal "There's a Song" during the anthem time on Sunday, February 16. The rehearsal will be in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. just prior to the Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. Participation in the rehearsal is optional but helpful. Please consider joining us in singing the God's glorifying hymn.



**Love Bags** have been assembled by Calvary's **Mission Possible Kids**, and are ready to be picked up and delivered by Calvary Church members! Please look for the **Love Bags** in the hallway of the main church building, and if you are able, pick up a few and deliver them to the recipient named on the label sometime during the month of February.

Thank you for brightening someone's day by delivering a bag filled with love from Calvary.



**It's a Night Out for Parents!**

**6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Friday, February 21**

*Movie! Crafts! Puzzles! Popcorn!*

Wear your pajamas and bring your sleeping bag for a comfy cozy evening or fun!

Bring your own dinner to eat when you get there! Contact [AmyStone@calvaryumc.org](mailto:AmyStone@calvaryumc.org) for more information. Please register at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-51455585-parents>

### **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.



## ALL ARE INVITED TO THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Calvary will celebrate the World Day of Prayer at **2 p.m. Friday, March 7**, in the Chapel. The sponsoring country of Calvary's service this year is the Cook Islands. Their theme, **'I made you wonderful,'** coming from Psalms 139:14, invites us all to know God made each one of us with Care and Love. When we receive and understand this profound truth everything in our lives changes. Join us for a moving service sponsored by the Executive Committee of the United Women in Faith. Members of 28 churches in Frederick County have also been invited to attend. Give a warm welcome to old and new friends during a reception in the Parish Hall after the service.

***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 **Monday, 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](http://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](http://www.frederickschoolofreligion.org)

### **Ash Wednesday**

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5 with Ash Wednesday. We will have worship services that will include the imposition of ashes will be offer at noon in Chapel as well as at 7 PM in Sanctuary

### **Lenten Study to start March 12**

We are pleased to announce our speaker and theme for our Lenten Study this year, starting on March 12. The Rev. Dr. William ("Gilen") Thompson-Uberuaga, is an author, retired priest of the Episcopal Church and an emeritus professor of theology at Duquesne University (Pittsburgh). He will lead us through a study of the Lord's Prayer. Each session will include a light supper shared in the Fellowship Hall.



### **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](http://www.BrianGanz.net).

## **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](http://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.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

#### **Members of Calvary:**

Isam Ballenger, Carol Fennington, Josephine Lozinski, Anne Mossburg, Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Rev. Ken Humbert, Mike Isaacs, Jackie Grimes, Helen Alysmeyer, Nancy Huffman, Gracie Heller, Jack Heller, Lois Pacheco, Rita Sharpe, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffiee, Nancy Dobbs, Judy Allen, John Stenner

#### **Friends of Calvary:**

Agnes Dobson (Mother of Grace Dobson), 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), 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)

**February 9, 2025 ~ February 16, 2025**

Today, Sunday, February 9

9:00 a.m. Bible Unwrapping Ceremony  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School Teacher Meeting  
11:15 a.m. Children's Choir  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, February 10

7:00 p.m. SHP Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 11

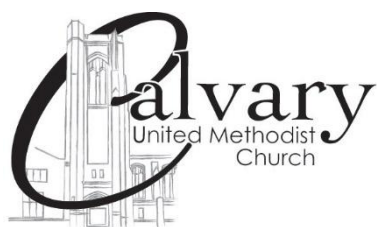
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise  
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday, February 12

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

Next Sunday, February 16

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



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