

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.



March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" setting by Frederick Charles Marker
Dr. Adela Peeva, pianist

*Passing the Peace
The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome, announcements

*Call to Worship (read responsively) Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me bless God's holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul
and forget not all God's benefits.**

Who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases;
**who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Let us worship the Lord our God!

*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (said together)

Almighty and merciful God,

we know that when we offend another, we offend you.

We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of hate to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes.

We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters when they failed to live up to our expectations.

Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us, the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you.

Fan the embers of that love until it roars again in flames of love, peace, and reconciliation.

Forgive us our sins and help us to forgive those who have sinned against us.

Lead us into new life through your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all. Amen.

Silence

Words of Assurance and Pardon

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Anthem

“A Lenten Meditation”

text by Thomas B. Pollock, music by Douglas E. Wagner

Sanctuary Choir, William Davy, soloist, Joyce Summers, pianist

*Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-10 p. 59-60

David Cline

*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-5th grade are invited to Children's Church in the Chapel. Parents are asked to walk their children to the narthex/lobby, where they will find the children's church leader.

*Hymn

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

UMH #474

Sermon

Lost & Found

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 quickly 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 for today by signing in the red folders located in the pews.

Offertory "Cantabile" by David Lasky

*Doxology UMH #298, st. 4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine.
that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" UMH #301
(Those who had a birthday in March are invited to come forward during the hymn to receive a blessing.)

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "Lord God, We Praise You" (The Old Hundred) by Pachelbel

*Going Forth

Lenten Worship Series



Throughout this season of Lent, we will be looking at several familiar stories found in the Gospel of Luke that point to two or more things that Jesus holds together in creative tension. What may seem to be opposites can turn out to be where we find God is most present.

The theme, artwork, and many prayers for our worship services in the season of Lent are adapted from | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

The Prayer of Confession is from *The United Methodist Book of Worship* (1992) #481

Help Wanted

The church is seeking someone to serve as a host for the Blood Drives we hold five times a year in collaboration with the American Red Cross. To learn more, contact Pastor Steve (revsteve@calvaryumc.org) or Eric Anderson (eric.anderson@frederickhabitat.org)

Ushers: Richard Delauter, Judy Wilson, Linda Watson-Higgins, Paul Muehl, Dave Mills

Coffee Host: Paul Nelson

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

As we begin this Lenten season, we are reminded that Lent is a time of reflection, sacrifice, and service. It is a season when we look inward to grow spiritually and outward to live out our faith in meaningful ways.

Every Member in Ministry Survey is a simple but powerful way for each of us to discern how we can serve within our church community. Just as Jesus humbled Himself to serve others, we are called to use our time and talents to uplift those around us. Whether it's through hospitality, missions, teaching, or outreach, there is a place for everyone to give back.

You will find the survey – and our Ministry Guide – in the pews, Narthex, and Welcome Center. Please return your surveys at your earliest convenience.

2025 Lenten Recital Series

Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Calvary UMC will once again present 30-minute organ recitals during the season of Lent. The recitals will feature Calvary UMC's new Cornel Zimmer Pipe Organ, Opus 167. The recitals will provide a time for meditation and reflection, featuring a remarkable repertoire of beautiful sacred and secular selections.

April 2 John Widmann, Organist & Kareem Abdelmoneim, Tenor

Children's Sunday School Lenten Mission Project

From March 9 – April 20, The Children's Sunday School Classes will be collecting the items below to benefit the Emergency Shelter at Heartly House in Frederick. Please look for the donation box in the Activities Room of the Education Building.



Heartly House, Inc.
ITEMS NEEDED
For Our Emergency Shelter

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS	HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Deodorant● Body wash● Lotion● Toothpaste● Shampoo and Conditioner● Natural hair products● Children's and baby shampoo● Bottled hand soaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Laundry detergent pods● Paper towels● Toilet paper● Clorox wipes● Trash bags● Dish soap



Please join us for a Family Easter Celebration!

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 2025

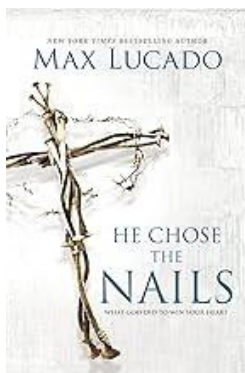
Calvary UMC Parish Hall

Please register at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48405082-calvarys>

Contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org for more information.

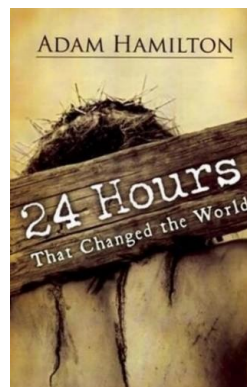
Donations of small candies, stickers, and prizes are being collected to stuff in Easter Eggs from March 9 – April 6! Thank you!



Prepare for Easter

Walk with Jesus
every step of the way

New in our Mobile Library:
24 Hours That Changed the World by Adam Hamilton
and *He Chose the Nails* by
Max Lucado





Save the Date! 2 p.m. Saturday, May 31 – Pastor Steve's Retirement tribute and reception. The reception committee for Pastor Steve's Retirement Celebration is requesting "covered dishes" to complement what we are providing. Look for a sign-up sheet at the information desk starting Sunday, March 30. Your dish must be plated and ready to serve. If you would rather write a check to help cover expenses, please put it on the collection plate and include 'retirement celebration' on the memo line.

Prayer Concerns:

Recent Passing: Vivian Clipp

Members of Calvary:

Isam Ballenger, Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Mike Isaacs, Jackie Grimes, Helen Alysmeier, Nancy Huffman, Gracie Heller, Jack Heller, Lois Pacheco, Rita Sharpe, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffiee, Nancy Dobbs, John Stenner

Friends of Calvary:

Lillian Schwarzenberg (Mother of Roy Schwarzenberg), Carol Burnette (Sister of Judy Johnson), Wendi Cyford (Friend of Angie and Eric Anderson), Marcy (Friend of Julie Schwarzenberg), Agnes Dobson (Mother of Grace Dobson), Jan Bates (Aunt to Leisa Moyer), Ruth Spring (Friend of Stephanie Felton), Dom Norris (Friend of Drew Irving), Jan Nefflen (Friend of Peggy Rhoderick), Family of 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), 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)

March 30, 2025~April 6,2025

Today, Sunday, March 30

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

Tuesday, April 1

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

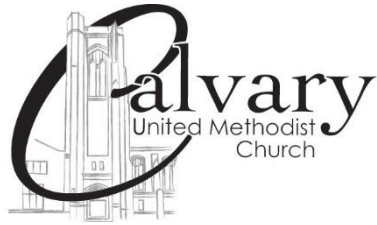
Wednesday, April 2

- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Recital
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Study

Next Sunday, April 6

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 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





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