

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.

May 4, 2025

Laity Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prelude

“Devotion”

by Chester Nordman
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)

Beth Strakonsky

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

The hour is here when believers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

May those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

Our hearts are glad in God,

because we trust in God's holy name.

Give thanks to Him and bless his name!

* Opening Hymn

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

UMH #419

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church, we have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love.

We have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29:11-15

Margie Wilde

*Gospel Reading Luke 2:41-52

Margie Wilde

*Response

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Time With the Children

Dave Herber

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

"Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated"

UMH #399

Morning Message

David Cline, Lay Leader

"Where am I Supposed to Be?"

Time for Reflection and Commitment

Morning Prayer

Beth Strakonsky

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

"Across the Lands"

Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Sanctuary Choir, Joyce Summers, 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!

*The Great Thanksgiving

(led by Rev. Stephen Ricketts, retired elder)

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.

...and so, with you people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Acolytes Needed: Please contact Stefanie Harris at juiubee820@yahoo.com to sign up.

Calvary United Methodist Church Scholarship forms are now available at www.calvaryumc.org then click the News drop down list, then Scholarships. There are two applications available, online or printable. All forms must be submitted by **May 18, 2025**.



Calvary's Reconciling Team Announces:

In response to some of the questions from your surveys (thank you so much for giving us over 100 responses!) we are excited to offer two showings of the movie, '1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture.' This documentary follows the story of researchers who trace the origins of when the word *homosexual* appeared in the Bible for the first time – 1946. The movie is very interesting and tells the story of the research and biblical study and human story behind this history.

We are offering two showings – one during the day and one in the evening, with childcare provided both times:

- **6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Friday, May 9** in Parish Hall, drinks and dinner provided (This event will be in conjunction with a Veggie Tales Evening sponsored by Amy Stone in the Educational Building). Dinner begins promptly at 6 p.m. and movie at 6:10.

If you would like to watch the movie and cannot make either showing, it is available for rent or purchase on Amazon Prime.

This event is sponsored by Calvary's Reconciling Team: Paul Nelson, Jim Hamilton, Norma Hamilton, Marcia Rose Fuoss, Laura Hunter, Jay Pittman, Wanda Bulkowski-Larsen, Jenn Duthoy, Vicky Starnes and Amy Stone. Questions? Contact Jay Pittman at Jaypittman840@gmail.com.



Veggie Tale Movie Night is happening!

6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Friday, May 9

Pizza! Movie! Discussion! Crafts! Ages 3-5th Grade

Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket and pillow!

Please join us for an extended 2 –hour Veggie Tales Double Feature!

At the same time, adults are encouraged to attend the scheduled viewing of the documentary, *1946- The Mistranslation that Shifted a Culture* happening at the same time, from 6 pm-8 pm in the Parish Hall.

Dinner will be provided. Adults, please sign up by emailing Cathy Baker at cathybaker@calvaryumc.org

Please register your children for Veggie Tales here:


<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48352788-veggie>

Mission Central Volunteer Opportunity

Our next trip to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA will be on Monday, May 19. We will leave from the Common Market parking lot at 927 W. 7th Street at 11:15 a.m. and travel together in the church bus. Our work hours will be 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and we will return to Frederick by approximately 4:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch or snacks for the drive if you wish. This is a great opportunity to help “connect God’s resources with human need” and the best part is you’ll have fun, and no experience is necessary! Please contact Beth Stitely for more info and/or to sign up. Autumn.purple@hotmail.com or call 301-730-8282.

It's Almost Yard Sale Time!

After I glanced in the mirror this morning I decided my garage needed a facelift.



We want

On Sundays after church . . .

Drop off your DONATIONS
May 1st – June 1st

Clothing★Household Items★Tools★Office Supplies★Kitchenware★Jewelry★Baby Items
Toys★Christmas Decorations★Board Games
Books★DVDs★CDs★Video Games★Bicycles
Vinyl Records★Antiques★Plants★Baked Goods
Camping, Lawn and Garden Equipment

Calvary's Yard Sale
June 7 ♦ 7:00am to 1:00pm

FOR

No electronics or exercise machines.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

1. Bring your usable treasures you no longer want to the stage from May 1-June 4.
2. Pot your extra plants & bring them to the hallway outside the Parish Hall Thursday, June 5
3. or Friday, June 6.
4. For the Bake Sale: bake and bag your items in small portions [4-6 cookies, 1-2 muffins, etc.].
5. Leave them in the kitchen by Friday, June 6. No custard or items needing refrigeration.
6. Sign up to sort & organize items the week before the sale. We work from 8:30-12:00. Most help is needed early in the week. Come to work whatever portion of the morning that fits your schedule.
7. Sign up to work on Saturday, June 7. Indicate the hours you can help.
8. Sign up to help with clean up.
9. Sign up to bring your truck or SUV to make a trip to Goodwill with unsold items on Saturday afternoon, June 7.

COME SATURDAY, JUNE 7 TO SHOP!

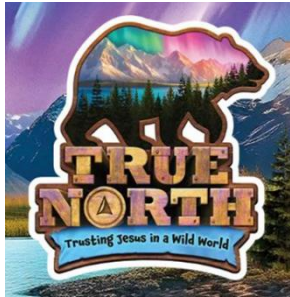
Calvary UMC SHP Bed Build

For the fourth year, Calvary UMC will be sponsoring a bed build for Frederick Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), our local non-profit that provides beds with all new bedding for any child ages 3-17 who needs a bed. The build will be held from **5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12** at the build barn in Adamstown. The barn is located at 2553 Buckeystown Pike, Adamstown, MD 21710. Look for the flags at the farm entrance.

This is a wonderful evening of service and fellowship as we work together to assemble parts for 20 beds and then stay to enjoy a time of fellowship and ICE CREAM! Consider bringing your grandchildren or inviting others to join you. We are inviting all ages this year and just ask that any children under 10 be accompanied by an adult (one adult for each child). We now have a much safer solid concrete floor (no more remnants of the uneven flooring of the old milk barn). We hope the June date will have warmer weather and less conflict with school/sport activities. Or consider just riding out to see the activities and enjoy some ice cream (served around 7 pm). Please bring your own chairs as we will be sitting near the barn.

To sign up for the event or if you have any questions, please contact Dave or Pat Herber (pkherber@gmail.com). If you are viewing this notice in an electronic version, you may also register on the SHP Golden Volunteer system using the link below. Also, if you would like to make a financial donation to support this build, please make your check payable to CUMC and designate SHP Bed Build on the memo line. Hope to see many of you on June 12!

<https://volunteer.shpbeds.org/timeslots/jOcfUEe8ff>



Monday, June 23 - Thursday, June 26

9:00 am - Noon, Ages 3 Years Old - 5th Graders

Online Registration is now open at

<https://calvaryfrederick.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/115/responses/new>

or visit www.calvaryumc.org.

Volunteers, please plan to attend ONE of the important Information Meetings being held in the Conference Room.

Tuesday, May 27 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm*

Wednesday, May 28, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 8, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm*

*Please note the 2 date changes to accommodate schedules!

It's not too late to volunteer! Please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org for more information!

Snack donations are also needed - please look for sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall. Thank you for helping to make our VBS an amazing week of sharing God's love with our youngest church members and guests!



The Garden Committee will be planting flowers on Bentz Street on Saturday, May 10. We will start at 9 a.m. Bring gloves and a spade, muffins and coffee will be provided. All are welcome to help.

On Sunday, May 25th, Fred will be giving his walking tour through Memorial Park, during the Sunday School hour (9AM). Will review Memorial Day, Memorial Park and the monuments in the park. Please meet by the Ten Commandments. On Monday, Memorial Day, will be giving this same tour at 10:30 AM.

Henderson Settlement Diaper Drive: The Youth Group would like to take LOTS of diapers to Henderson on their mission trip. Diapers of ALL sizes are needed- infant to adult sizes and wipes. Please put them in the basket in the foyer of the cradle in the Parish Hall. The little ones and their parents will be very thankful.

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Today, May 4, 2025

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Children's Choir

11:15 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

3:00 p.m. Concert Series

5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 5

7:00 p.m. SPRC

Tuesday, May 6

10:00 a.m. Pastors Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Handbells

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday, May 7

8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Calvary Blood Drive

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

Friday, May 9

6:00 p.m. Viewing of '1946

6:00 p.m. Veggie Tale Movie Night

Saturday, May 10

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Next Sunday, May 11

Mother's Day

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary:

Ginger Ward, 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:

Family of Teri Bulkowski (Sister of Wanda Bulkowski-Larsen), Charles LeMaster (Father of Didi Willard), Thomas Crone (Brother-in-Law to Patsy Eavey), Chris Cubby (Friend of Paul Nelson), 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), Ruth Spring (Friend of Stephanie Felton), Dom Norris (Friend of Drew Irving), Jan Nefflen (Friend of Peggy Rhoderick), 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), Kitty Cooley (Sister of Connie Scoggins), Gil Crippen, Jim Clark, Ida Durden, and Janella Walls, Louise Brieto (Family Members and Friends of Rita Sharpe)



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