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Your presence is an offering to God. Please take a moment to record your participation in worship on the welcome pad located at the end of the pew and pass to your neighbor. This is a great place to leave prayer joys, concerns or notes for the pastoral staff as they are reviewed each week in the office.

GATHERING HYMN “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” UMH #569
WELCOME Karen Gebhart, Worship Leader

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

“Diapason Voluntary” by John Bennett
Organist, Ann Thompson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, people of God, the seeds of love have been planted in you.

People: We come, ready to grow and ready to share.

Leader: God’s love overflows, like fruit on a vine, like flowers in a field.

People: We will bear God’s goodness into the world.

Leader: God calls us to celebrate diversity, to share abundantly, and to carry each other’s burdens.

All: We come to worship, to be strengthened in love, and to bear Christ’s light together.

***OPENING HYMN** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” UMH #694

FAMILY TIME

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, You have filled our lives with more than enough, enough love to share, enough grace to forgive, enough hope to carry us through the darkest times. As we bring these gifts, we pray they will overflow into ministries of compassion, teaching, healing, and justice. May they bear fruit for your kingdom, near and far. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

OFFERTORY “Prelude and Fugue” by J.O. Armand

***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!

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious and Generous God, You have poured out blessing upon blessing in our lives. We give thanks for the gift of love overflowing from your heart into ours. We thank you for the seeds of faith planted in us by those who came before, and for the opportunities to plant seeds in others. We thank you for the variety and beauty of your creation, for the different gifts you give each person, and for the way you weave them together for the good of all. As we bring our prayers, our songs, our gifts, and our lives to you, we remember that every good thing comes from your hand. We give thanks for the ability to learn, to grow, and to share, and for the privilege of bearing one another's burdens. May the love we have received never stop with us, but always flow outward, into our families, our schools, our neighborhoods, and our world. Let our gratitude take root in action, so the world may see your goodness and give you glory.

PRAYER HYMN

"Make Me a Servant"

TFWS #2176

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In My Father's House are Many Mansions"

Music by James MacDermond, words from John 14:22-24

David Cline, soloist, Joyce Summers, pianist

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:3–11

Karen Gebhart

MESSAGE

"The Bearing"

Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton

***CLOSING HYMN** “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” UMH #581

CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE “Ye Servants of God” setting by Robert Hobby

**Congregation stands, in body, heart or spirit.*

****NEW WIFI PASSWORD: 131Guest**

Ushers: Dave Mills, Bill Pasquerette, Mark MacDonald, Paul Muehl, Dave Mills, Brody Williams
Coffee Host: Paul Nelson
Acolyte: Mikey Mills

The altar flowers are in celebration of my mother, Agnes Dobson’s 91st birthday. By Grace Dobson

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Children's Sunday School is taking a break from June 29 - August 31, and we look forward to our big Carnival Kick-Off at **9 a.m. Sunday, September 7**. Bring a friend! 🏡 Remember - Children's Church will continue throughout the summer!

Become An Acolyte!

Join us for a brief meeting today, August 17, after worship in the Parish Hall- for new and returning acolytes.

Info: Stefanie Harris (jujubee820@yahoo.com)

The Beat Goes On ...

Calvary’s robust music program will continue this fall while the search for a new organist/music director is in process. Beginning in September and going through December, Brenda Weiser, a well-known area musician, will lead the Sanctuary Choir and be our organist. Calvary members Janet Fox will lead the Children’s Choir, and Will Davy will lead the Joyful Noise Handbell Choir. Rehearsal times remain the same: Joyful Noise Handbells at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Sanctuary Choir 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, and Children’s Choir 11:15 a.m. on Sundays. As always, all are welcome to join and be part of praising God through music!



Help Us Share God's Love: Grateful Hearts Ministry Needs You!

The Grateful Hearts Ministry is seeking a new lead teacher and additional volunteer support to continue this meaningful outreach to our community. For the past 40 years, Grateful Hearts provides a Sunday School class and worship experience for developmentally or physically challenged adults from the Frederick community. Each Sunday, participants are picked up from their homes, brought to church for class, worship, and fellowship—and then safely returned home.

We are currently in need of a **bus drivers and assistant teachers**. This ministry is a beautiful expression of God's inclusive love, and your presence can make a real difference in someone's faith journey. Come be part of a ministry that is filled with joy, purpose, and grateful hearts!

Sunday Schedule Overview:

7:45 a.m. – Bus departs Calvary to pick up Grateful Hearts class members

8:45 – 9 a.m. – Bus arrives at Calvary

9 a.m. – Class begins, followed by the 10 a.m. worship service and coffee fellowship


11:30 a.m. – Bus departs, returning to Calvary by 12:45 p.m.


If you are interested in teaching or assisting in any capacity, please contact: Margie Wilde, skywilde@comcast.net

Blessing of the Backpacks & Teachers – **Today, August 17**

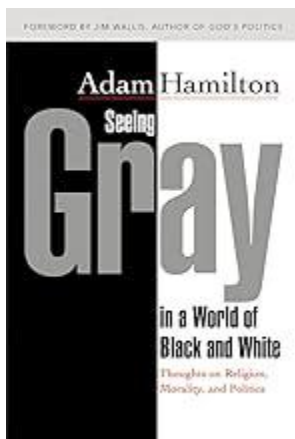
As a new school year approaches, we want to take time as a church family to lift up our students, teachers, school staff, and families in prayer.



 Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks, school bags, or supplies for a moment of blessing as we pray for a year filled with learning, growth, and joy.

 We will also honor and bless our teachers, administrators, and school staff as they begin another year of service and dedication to our children and communities.

Let's come together to start the school year wrapped in grace, encouragement, and the love of this church family!



New in Calvary's Library and a MUST READ!

*Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White:
Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics*

By Adam Hamilton

Soles of Joy

Calvary United Methodist Church is filled with members who care about those less fortunate than we are. This is reflected again and again in multiple ways, and most recently, by those who purchased and donated shoes to Soles of Joy. Thank you for your generosity. 25 pairs of shoes were collected and will result in 25 bright smiles on August 20, the first day of the 2025-26 school year. ~Paulette Shockey-P

This Week at Calvary August 17~August 24

Today, Sunday, August 17

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School

Teacher Meeting

Monday, August 18

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Wednesday, August 20

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday, August 24

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship



Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: Tom Mullineaux, Charlie Geisbert, Terry Fisher, Dave Burgener, Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Mike Isaacs, Helen Alysmeier, Nancy Huffman, Gracie Heller, Jack Heller, Lois Pacheco, Rita Sharpe, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffiee, Nancy Dobbs, John Stenner, Bob Bennett

Friends of Calvary: Judy Keys (Charlie Geisbert Caregiver), Charlotte Woodward (Friend of Betsy Bryant), 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), Wendi Cyford (Friend of Angie and Eric Anderson), Marcy (Friend of Julie Schwarzenberg), Agnes Dobson (Mother of Grace Dobson), Dom Norris (Friend of Drew Irving), Jan Nefflen (Friend of Peggy Rhoderick), Angela Gorens (Friend of Stephanie Felton), 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), 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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