



Calvary United Methodist Church
131 West Second Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701

LOVE HOPE JESUS

WHAT WAS THE MESSAGE
OF JESUS—REALLY?

September 14, 2025
10:00 A.M. worship

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CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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

“This Is the Day”

UMH #657

WELCOME

Karen Gebhart, Worship Leader

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Andante tranquillo from “Sonata II”

Felix Mendelssohn

Brenda Weiser

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus went up on the mountain and began to teach His disciples.

People: His words turned the world upside down and our hearts inside out.

Leader: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers.

People: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven, their hunger will be satisfied, their tears will turn to joy.

All: Come, let us hear again the words of life, and follow the One who is our Teacher and Lord.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH #400

FAMILY TIME

Children's Church is for children ages 4 - 5th Grade and meets in the Chapel immediately following Family Time in the service.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of blessing, all that we have comes from Your generous hand. In Christ, You have shown us the way of humility, mercy, and peace. Receive these gifts and consecrate them for Your kingdom's work, that the poor may be lifted up, the broken mended, and the hungry filled. In the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Gabriel’s Oboe” from *The Mission*

Ennio Morrison
arr. by Mark McGurty

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord of the mountain and the valley, we thank You for speaking to us through the words of Jesus, words that bless the humble, comfort the grieving, lift the meek, and call us to righteousness. You have taught us how to pray, how to forgive, and how to live with generous hearts. For these teachings and for the Spirit who enables us to follow them, we give You thanks. Let the truth we have heard today take root in our hearts and bear fruit in our lives. May we live as salt for the earth and light for the world, so that others may see our good works and give glory to You, our Father in heaven.

PRAYER HYMN

“Spirit Song”

UMH #347

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.

ANTHEM

“I Rejoice”
Sanctuary Choir

Don Besig and Nancy Price

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12; Matthew 6:9-13

Janie Hahn

MESSAGE

“The World’s Most Important Sermon” Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Or the Fruits of This Creation”

UMH #97

CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso e vivace from “Sonata II” Felix Mendelssohn

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

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

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

Coffee Host: Beth Strakonsky

Acolyte: Josephine Lozinski

The altar flowers are in celebration of Dave and Cindy Mills’s wedding anniversary.

Follow us on Facebook or watch a worship service livestreamed at

<https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryUMCFrederick>

Want to receive our weekly e-news? You can get a “between Sundays”, announcement of upcoming events, prayer concerns and other great information each Tuesday. Just send an email request to office@calvaryumc.org or

sign up at <https://calvaryumc.org/newsletter/> or the scan the QR code



To give online visit our website at www.calvaryumc.org/give

Announcements:

A tremendous thank you to the congregation for its support of our Bake Sale to benefit the UMCOR Hurricane Helene recovery efforts in Ashe County, NC, and our team who will be traveling there October 12 - 18. Folks baked and donated such delicious bake goods that we have plenty to share Sunday, and I am putting a few away in the freezer for our team to enjoy on our trip in October. The generous donations received totaled \$812.00!

If you missed the opportunity to donate or just avoided the sweets table but would like to make a Love Gift, please make your check payable to CUMC and write Western NC Mission Trip in the memo line.

New Members Class - Sunday, September 14

Those interested in joining Calvary UMC or learning more about following Christ are invited to a class at 11:15 a.m. in the John Wesley Room, led by Rev. Dr. Hutton. The session will cover the church’s history, purpose, and growing in faith.

Giving Statements are available in the Parish Hall to pick up. Any that are not picked up will be mailed out in the coming week.

Reminder: Reconciling Ministry Listening Session

At Calvary UMC Frederick, we believe that living into God's love means asking: *Who is missing from our table? Who have we excluded? What does the gospel require of us in response?*

This September, the Reconciling Ministry Team invites you to a **Listening Session** as we prayerfully consider our congregation's next faithful step in adopting a Reconciling Statement that affirms the sacred worth of all people.

We are grateful that **Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton** will join us at each gathering to listen, offer pastoral support, and walk with us in this sacred conversation. Whether you feel ready to move forward or are still discerning, your voice and presence are valued.

Proposed Statement:

"We celebrate God's gift of diversity... We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation... As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."

Upcoming Session:

- **Tuesday, September 16 at 10 a.m.**

If your Sunday School or Bible Study group would like a session during your regular time, please let us know—we are happy to arrange it.

Questions? Contact:

✉ Vicky Starnes – revvicky@aol.com

✉ Paul Nelson – Paul.D.Nelson@outlook.com

Children's Ministry

Become An Acolyte!

If interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact Stefanie Harris (jujubee820@yahoo.com)



Our first **Veggie Tale Movie Night** of the new school year is happening from **6 – 7:15 p.m. Friday, September 26** in the Activities Room! We will have pizza and snacks, a lively discussion, watch a movie, do a craft, color a picture and so much more! Please feel free to **bring a blanket** and **pillow** and **wear your pajamas!** 😊

Bring a friend to join us!

Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48352788-veggie>



BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Who will feed the kids this weekend?



Packing Event

September 21, 2025

11 am (after the service)

Parish Hall

ABOUT THE EVENT

Calvary's Youth are hosting this event to provide the congregation a service opportunity. Blessings in a Backpack provides weekend meals for school aged children in need. We will be packing 500 bags during the event.



DONATIONS:

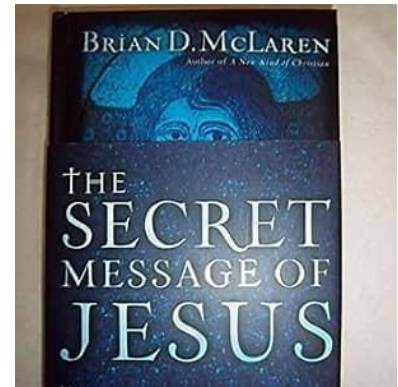
Please consider bringing one of the following food items needed for future packing events.

- Meat sticks (i.e., Jack Links, Slim Jim)
- Chef Boyardee (or generic brand) ready-to-eat pasta bowls (pop-top lids required)
- Fruit pouches or cups

NOW IN OUR LIBRARY - WHAT IF?

When Brian McLaren offered a unique vision of Jesus and Christianity, he ignited a fire-storm of both praise and condemnation. What if the church has misunderstood or distorted Jesus' message within these 2,000 years?

Look hard.
Think deeply.
Search long.



Even if some of your conventional beliefs are challenged.



Blood Drive

Calvary UMC Frederick Parish Hall
131 W. Second Street
Frederick, MD 21701

Wednesday, September 24, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CalvaryUMCFrederick to schedule an appointment, or scan the QR Code provided

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.

If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Come give blood September 22 – October 19 for a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email! See rcblood.org/fall



Calling All Elves!

Santa's workshop needs you! The Holiday Bazaar is **Saturday, November 15**. We need elves now to help us create items to fill our tables. *Workshop hours: Mondays 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.* Proceeds from the bazaar support Frederick charities. Questions? Call Head Elf Becky Isaacs: (301) 639-5377 or mikbecki@comcast.com

CALVARY'S LIBRARY

THANKS TO THE INTEREST AND GENEROSITY OF MANY CALVARY MEMBERS, WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE A RETURN TO HAVING A LIBRARY-NOW HOUSED IN THE FOYER OF THE JOHN WESLEY ROOM! YOU CAN'T MISS THE LIBRARY SIGN IN FRONT OF THE WESLEY ROOM. CURRENTLY THERE ARE 300+ FICTION AND NON-FICTION VOLUMES YOU CAN CHECK OUT AND ENJOY FOR A FOUR-WEEK PERIOD OF TIME. YOU CAN BROWSE THE COLLECTION EITHER BY 29 TOPICS FROM ACCOMPLISHING CHALLENGES TO WOMEN OF THE BIBLE-OR-ALPHABETICALLY BY BOOK TITLE. YOU CAN PLACE A RETURN OR DONATE A BOOK, PLACE ON THE CART IN THE HALL.

QUESTIONS: EMAIL SUSAN BAGGETTE AT SBAGGETTE@COMCAST.NET

WHY READ? 10 GOOD REASONS.

#1 READING IS FOOD FOR THE BRAIN. IT MAKES YOU SMARTER.



This Week at Calvary September 7 ~September 14, 2025

Today, Sunday, September 14

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Joyful Voices Choir
11:15 a.m. New Members Class
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, September 15

5:00 p.m. Mission/Outreach Meeting
6:00 p.m. SPRC
7:00 p.m. SHP Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 17

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

Sunday, September 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:15 a.m. Joyful Voices Choir
5:30 p.m. Youth Group



Friday, October 3
Ages 4 – 5th Grade
6:00 – 8:00 pm

In Calvary's Parish Hall

Please sign up here!

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

Bring a bagged dinner! 🍱
Wear your pajamas! 🧥
Bring a pillow and blanket! 🛏️



Calvary Community Concert Series Returns October 5, 2025

Ars Gratia Populi

A vocal ensemble founded in 2023 by All-Ireland Champion Kevin Elam, the group explores the interactions between art music and folk music in an a cappella setting. The name, Ars Gratia Populi, translated as “art for art’s sake,” represents their view that art derives its meaning not from itself but from the positive reaction it can create in the human mind and soul.

Doors open at 2:30 p.m.

Concerts begin at 3:00 p.m.



Calling all knitters, crocheters, and yarn enthusiasts! Join our vibrant community for a monthly gathering where love and stitches unite to create comforting prayer shawls and foster meaningful connections. Consider joining us on **October 5** at 11:15 in the John Wesley Room, to

enrich our prayer shawl collection and connect with compassionate Calvary members while expanding our heartwarming ministry. We meet regularly on the 1st Sunday of the month following worship service. For more information, contact Jennie Davy: Jennieleee81@msn.com or 301-524-5842 (text of voice)



We are planning a trip to the Strawbridge Shrine in New Windsor on **Wednesday October 8**, leaving church at 9:30 a.m. and returning at 2 p.m. Strawbridge is known as the Home of American Methodism. The Shrine and museum is the home of Robert and Elizabeth Strawbridge.

Our tour includes the history of how the church spread into America, as well as the first Sunday school and first house of worship. The visitors center has displays, artifacts, and video presentations. Join us to see where the seeds of Methodism were planted and circuit riders spread The Word. After the tour, we will stop for lunch before returning to church. Contact Helen Sheppard at brucehelenshep@msn.com to reserve your seat on the church bus.

Prayer Concerns:

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

Friends of Calvary: The Moldenda Family (Stephen Harris sister's family), Joe Birch (Friend of Paul Nelson), 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 (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)



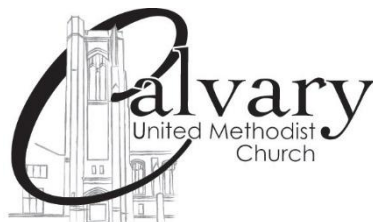
September Love Offering – Volunteer in Mission Team

This month's Love Offering supports our Volunteer in Mission (VIM) Team as they prepare to travel to Ashe County, North Carolina in October. The team will be serving the community there, helping with rebuilding efforts after last year's devastating floods.

You are invited to give toward this special offering by placing your gift in the offering plate and noting **"VIM"** in the memo line. You may also give directly online using the QR code below—again, please mark **"VIM"** in the memo line.

Thank you for helping us send this team forth with your prayers and support!





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