



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

LOVE HOPE JESUS

WHAT WAS THE MESSAGE
OF JESUS—REALLY?

September 21, 2025
10:00 A.M. worship

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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

“Jesus Loves Me”

UMH #191

WELCOME

Beth Strakonsky, Worship Leader

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

“Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend”
 (“Lord, Jesus Christ, be present now”)

J.S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The sower went out to sow, scattering seed on every kind of ground.

People: The Word of God is scattered here today — may it find good soil in us.

Leader: God’s truth takes root in the willing heart and grows into life abundant.

People: Lord, plant Your Word deep within us, and let it bear fruit in our living.

All: Come, let us worship the Sower of the seed, the Giver of life, the Lord of the harvest.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

UMH #694

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

Generous God, You have sown in us the seeds of faith, hope, and love. May these offerings be seeds of compassion, justice, and mercy sown into the world You love. By the power of Your Spirit, let our giving bear fruit that will last, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Largo”

Antonio Vivaldi

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sower of truth and life, we thank You for planting Your Word in our hearts today. We praise You for the parables of Jesus, which open our minds, stir our imaginations, and invite us into the mysteries of Your kingdom. We thank You for the seeds of faith sown long ago that still bear fruit in us today, and for the new seeds planted this morning that will grow in Your time. Strengthen us to be good soil — eager to receive Your Word, patient to nurture it, and bold to share it — so that our lives may yield a harvest of compassion, justice, and joy.

PRAYER HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH #451

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

“Lord, Here Am I”
Sanctuary Choir

John Ness Beck

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9, 31-33

David Cline

MESSAGE

“He Spoke to Them in Parables”

Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Christ for the World We Sing”

UMH #568

CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Postlude”

William Matthias

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

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

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

Coffee Host: Didi Willard

Acolyte: Josephine Lozinski

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:

Children's Ministry

Become An Acolyte!

In 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>



6 – 8 p.m. Friday, October 3
Ages 4 – 5th Grade

In Calvary's Parish Hall

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

Please sign up here!

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



Trunk or Treat & Chili Cook-Off! 🎃

Saturday, October 25

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Certificates will be awarded for the **best trunks**, the most **delicious chili**, and the **spookiest dessert**! Bring a canned food item to "VOTE" for your favorite trunk!

Sign Up online or in the Parish Hall!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-51449030-trunk>

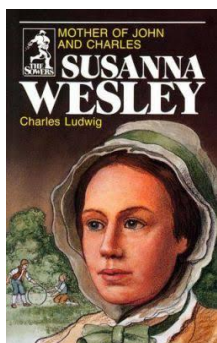
Be sure to indicate in your Sign Up:

- How many people will be attending?
- Will your family be decorating a vehicle trunk?
- Will you be bringing your family's best Chili recipe?
- Will you be bringing a Spooky Dessert to share?



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



NOW IN OUR LIBRARY

Story of a Supermom

The wife of preacher Samuel Wesley, Susanna was the 25th child born to Samuel Annesley and Mary White. Susanna and Samuel had 19 children. Ten survived and she taught them all at home. While Samuel was away, she started a Bible study at home, for her children that became so popular more than 200 people attended it.

Why Read? 10 Good Reasons

#2 Reading Makes you a better communicator.



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



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!



Mission and Outreach



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

Mission Sunday - October 5

Rise Against Hunger

The Rise Against Hunger Packing Event will take place on **Sunday, October 5**, at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Again this year, we will pack food for 10,000 meals to be distributed around the world targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity. Hunger can affect health, education, and economies of any area, with particular impact on children. Almost half of all childhood deaths worldwide occur in children experiencing malnutrition. Your help will be needed to measure, weigh, and box the food packets. A light lunch will be served along with samples of the food we are packing. Plan on putting on a hairnet with the rest of us to join in this rewarding event!

Calvary's Youth Hosts~ The J Ray Memorial Walk for WASH, Sunday October 12 beginning at 2 p.m. Donate or join us for a 5K Walk around downtown Frederick to raise funds for the UMC Global Ministries water, sanitation, and hygiene program- WASH Look for the flyers in the Parish Hall to donate.

Mission Central Trip has been planned for Wednesday, November 12. The group will depart the Common Market parking lot at 10:30 a.m., if interested, please sign up at the Welcome Center.



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: Jennielee81@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.

This Week at Calvary September 21 ~ September 28

Sunday, September 21

- 9 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10 a.m. – Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. – Backpack Packing event – Parish Hall

Monday, September 22

- 7 p.m. – Trustees Meeting – Library

Tuesday, September 23

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

Wednesday, September 24

- 8:30 a.m. – Blood Drive – Parish Hall
- 2 p.m. – Miriam's Circle
- 6 p.m. – Men's Bible Study – Library

Friday, September 26

- 6 p.m. Veggie Tale Movie Night – Activities Room

Sunday, September 28

- 9 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10 a.m. – Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. – Joyful Voices Choir – Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. – Youth Group

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)

SAVE THE DATE!

CALVARY UMC

Holiday BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9 AM TO 3 PM

SANTA'S FIRST STOP!

*Handmade Crafts - Vendors - Bake Sale
Silent Auction - White Elephant Room
Live Music - North Pole - Kids Crafts
Calvary's Famous Cheesballs*

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LUNCHEON SERVED FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM





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