

Calvary United Methodist Church

FOR GOOD

*Impacting Lives Through
Christ-like Love*

Worship Sundays 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages 9:00 a.m.

131 West 2nd Street, Frederick, Maryland

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

“Change My Heart, O God”

TFWS #2152

WELCOME

Beth Strakonsky, Worship Leader

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

“Fugue on ALAIN”

Maurice Duruflé
Stephen Kalnoske, organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The three simple rules that John Wesley teaches us are to do good, do no harm, and stay in love with God.

People: We strive to incorporate these teachings into our lives, as they reflect the image of Christ.

Leader: But, as we learn from the stories of Jesus, sometimes walking the path of goodness is not always the easiest or most popular journey.

People: We ask God for the courage to stray from the crowd in order to carry out our acts of love and mercy.

Leader: Come, and join together in worship as we seek to become more like Jesus.

People: Fill our hearts, Lord, and grant us the ability to discern between what is faithful and what is popular.

*OPENING HYMN

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UMH #454

MINISTRY INVITATION & CELEBRATIONS

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

Gracious God, as we present these gifts before you, we give thanks for the faithfulness you have instilled in each one of us. May the generosity of this congregation reflect fondly upon the community which we were built to serve. Allow us to continue to give with open hearts, using our gifts of service and love to do your work and will here on this earth. Amen.

Offertory

“O Divine Redeemer”

by Charles Gounod

Polly Baldrige, soprano

***DOXOLOGY**

“A Lenten Doxology” (insert)

UNISON PRAYER

Lord, we confess that we have not always taken the faithful path in life. There are times when we have resisted the route of righteousness and been tempted by the popular choice. We have followed the masses and enabled them to do harm to others. In our lives, help us to understand which decisions are faithful and just, and distinguish those from the ones that are simply “popular.” Guide us on the path which you would have us walk and allow us to share your love and kindness with the people around us. In your name, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER HYMN

“The Gift of Love”

UMH #408

*Leader: Lord, in your mercy...***People: Hear our prayer.****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“Offertory”
Sanctuary Choir

by John Ness Beck

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11; Matthew 6:1-4

David Cline

MESSAGE

Being “Popular” vs. Being Faithful Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING***CLOSING HYMN**

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

UMH #438

CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**POSTLUDE**“Improvisation on DUKE STREET”
Composer, Stephen Kalnoske**Congregation stands, in body, heart or spirit.*

***WIFI PASSWORD: 131Guest**

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

Coffee Host: Helen Sheppard

Acolyte: Charlotte Miller

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LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION – CALLING ALL SMART PHONE USERS!

If you can operate a Smartphone you can operate the Calvary Live Stream Equipment, and we would like you to join our team! The goal is to have enough team members to facilitate a three- or four-month rotation making sure Calvary’s message is broadcast on Facebook and YouTube. If you would like to join the team or see how it works, please talk with Rob Summers or Dr. Hutton. We will be glad to show you how to get started!

March Love Offering — UMCOR

In March, our Love Offering supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church. UMCOR responds to disasters, conflicts, and humanitarian crises around the world, offering relief, recovery, and hope to communities facing some of their most difficult moments.



Why This Offering Matters:

One of the things that makes UMCOR unique is its commitment to stewardship and transparency. Gifts to this Love Offering cover UMCOR’s administrative costs, so when disasters strike, 100% of disaster-specific donations go directly to the communities affected.

Calvary’s Connection to UMCOR:

Through Volunteers in Mission, Calvary members have served in disaster response and recovery. This month, members will also travel to Mission Central, a key UMCOR partner that supplies relief kits used around the world. UMCOR’s ministry is work we are already part of.

How Your Gift Helps:

Your Love Offering ensures UMCOR is ready to respond quickly and compassionately when the next crisis comes. Thank you for supporting United Methodist Committee on Relief and living out your faith through generous service.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES & STUDY

Please use the QR Code to sign up for the Lenten Dinner. Include in the comment if you need childcare. Meals will be served at 6 p.m. Study will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



3 p.m. Today, Sunday, March 15, with seating beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Peter DuBois, concert organist



This concert is dedicated in loving memory of Frank and Bobbie Parsons, long-time members of Calvary UMC and Mr. DuBois' in-laws. Mr. DuBois is director of music/organist emeritus at Third Presbyterian Church in Rochester, NY. He has performed throughout the U.S. and abroad, including St. Paul's Cathedral in London, the Cathedral Notre Dame de Paris, and more. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Mr. DuBois perform on Calvary UMC's magnificent Zimmer organ.

Homemade Easter Eggs Are Coming! 🐣🥚

The Lydia Group, who brings you the Holiday Bazaar and those unforgettable cheeseballs, is excited to introduce a *brand-new* fundraiser: **Homemade Easter eggs**, made using the recipe of the beloved late John Slovikosky.

Choose from buttercream, peanut butter, chocolate cream, or coconut. Each egg is \$3 and individually made with love.

Pre-orders are encouraged (order forms available at the Welcome Center in the Parish Hall) and are **due by Sunday, March 22**. A limited number of eggs will also be available for purchase on Sunday, March 29, while supplies last.

Do not miss this sweet way to celebrate Easter and support the work of the Lydia Group! Any questions? Contact Beth Strakonsky at beth.strakonsky@gmail.com or 301-471-1822.



Mission Possible Kids!

5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 22

Grades K – 5th Grade

In the Activities Room of the Education Building



Join us to shine God's light in the world and to make a difference! We work hard but we have fun! Please contact AmyStone@calvaryumc.org for more information and to order a Mission Possible Kids t-shirt, or register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ACAD2FABFBC61-48584528-mission> or scan the QR Code.

New Members Class - Sunday, March 22

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

The Frederick School of Religion is offering seven classes covering a broad range of topics.

All 6-week long courses are eligible for up to 1.2 Continuing Education Units. For more information and registration forms, you may call 240-651-1865 or 240-490-5657 or visit our website at www.frederickschoolofreligion.org.



Games! Crafts! Snacks!

Easter Egg Hunt! And a Visit from Ms. Bunny! 🐰
2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4
In the Parish Hall and Memorial Park
FOR ALL AGES!

Please sign up here!



Donations of small *candies, stickers* and *toys* for Easter Egg stuffing will be collected through Sunday, March 29! Thank you! 🐰

This Week at Calvary March 15~ March 22

Sunday, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School – Education Bldg.
 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Ladies AA Meeting- Activities Room
 7 p.m. Finance- Conference Room

Tuesday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School – Education Bldg.
 10 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
 1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle Meeting- Conference Room
 6 p.m. Education Committee Meeting- Zoom
 6:30 p.m. Handbells- Bell Room
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- Choir Room

Wednesday, March 18

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School- Education Bldg.
 6 p.m. Lenten Dinner – Parish Hall
 6:45 p.m. Lenten Study – Parish Hall

Thursday, March 19

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School – Education Bldg.

Friday, March 20

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School – Education Bldg.

Saturday, March 21

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast- Parish Hall

Sunday, March 22

9 a.m. Sunday School
 10 a.m. Worship- Sanctuary
 11:15 a.m. Joyful Voice Choir- Choir Room
 11:15 a.m. New Members Class- Memorial Room
 5:30 p.m. Youth Group



Calvary has developed a partnership with the Frederick County chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), an all-volunteer organization that builds and delivers beds—free of charge—to children in need who do not have a bed of their own. Their motto says it all: *“No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!”*

This partnership creates meaningful, hands-on opportunities for our congregation to serve right here in our community. We are excited to sponsor our **5th Annual Bed Build on Thursday evening, June 18**—save the date! More details will be shared soon.

In addition, our delivery team, led by Dave and Pat Herber, takes a group of five volunteers on bed deliveries three to four times each month. They would love you to join them and see firsthand the impact of this ministry.

Interested in learning more? Contact Pat Herber at Missions@calvaryumc.org or sign up to deliver beds with us. Come be part of ensuring that no child in our town sleeps on the floor. at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0445ABA822AAFD0-47828190-shpcumc#/>.

Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: Judy Johnson, Nancy Slovikosky, Becky Acklin, Lois Tyson, Lois Pacheco, Charlie Geisbert, Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Helen Alysmeier, Nancy Huffman, Jack and Gracie Heller, Rita Sharpe, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffiee, Nancy Dobbs, Susan Howe, Betsy MacMullen, Marietta Anderson, Betty Rollins, Nathan Robinson

Friends of Calvary: Avelyn Morris (Paul Nelson great granddaughter), Charles and Keitha LeMaster (Parents of Didi Willard), Bill Duvall (Father of Melissa Wastler), The Ingram Family, Jenna W. and Family, Natalie Springirth and Family, Sarah G., Steven S., Amanda P. and Family, (Family and Friends of Shannon Ingram), Krista, Angie Miller (Mother of David Petrucci), Leanne and Albert Hutton, Paul and Gwen Landers (Friends of Stephanie Felton), Patrick Henry and Joe Birch (Friend of Paul Nelson), Charlotte Woodward (Friend of Betsy Bryant), 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), 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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Calvary, a community of welcome, affirmation, & love for all.

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March Serving Schedule / April Serving Schedule

	March 15	March 22	March 29	April 5	April 12
Worship Leader	Beth Strakonsky	Rick Miller	David Cline	David Cline	Karen Gebhart
Lay Reader	David Cline	Rick Miller	Stephen Ricketts	Didi Willard	David Cline
Acolyte	Charlotte Miller	Taryn Huggins	Savannah Muehl		
Coffee Host	Helen Sheppard	David Cline	Paul Nelson	Margie Wilde	Leisa Moyer
Media					
Communion					