

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

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## GATHERING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH #140

## WELCOME

Rick Miller, Worship Leader

## PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

“A Prayer for Peace”

Lani Smith

Bonnie Johnson, organist

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: We have walked through the wilderness of Lent — through honesty, compassion, friendship, and integrity.*

**People: And through it all, God has been faithful.**

*Leader: Now we stand at the threshold of Holy Week. Palm branches are coming. A table is being set. A cross is being raised.*

**People: We are not yet at Easter. But we can feel it coming.**

*Leader: Into our waiting, Jesus speaks a word that refuses to stay in the future: "I am the resurrection and the life."*

**People: Not I was. Not I will be. I am, here, now, even in this.**

*Leader: Let us worship the God who stands at the entrance of every tomb and calls life forward.*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus. We are listening.**

## \*OPENING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

UMH #529

## MINISTRY INVITATION & CELEBRATIONS

### FAMILY TIME

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Generous God, We return to you what was always yours, not because you need it, but because we need to remember who we belong to. You are the one who stands at the entrance of every tomb and calls life forward. You are the one who receives our grief and gives back resurrection. You are the one who takes what feels small and buried, a handful of loaves, a widow's coin, an offering passed down these aisles and makes it more than enough. Receive these gifts as an act of faith. Use them in ways we cannot yet see. And may the giving of them remind us that we do not hold our lives too tightly, because the One who holds us has already conquered the worst thing we could lose. In the name of the risen Christ. Amen.*

**Offertory**

“Gentle Spirit”

Donald F. Calendar

**\*DOXOLOGY**

“A Lenten Doxology” (insert)

**UNISON PRAYER**

Living God, we confess that we have lived as though the tomb were still sealed, held down by fear, by grief, by the weight of what we cannot change. Forgive us for the times we have forgotten whose we are. Forgive us for the times we have let despair have the final word. Today we choose to believe, not because believing is easy, but because you are faithful, and your faithfulness does not change with our circumstances. You are resurrection and the life. You swallow up death in victory. You are already at work in the places we have given up on. So meet us here, in this moment, exactly as we are. Take what is buried in us and call it forward. Take what is fearful in us and make it brave. Take what is broken in us and make it whole. We are yours. For good.

**PRAYER HYMN**

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

UMH #707

**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**

“O Lord, Lead Me to the Mountain”  
by Berta Poorman and Sonja Poorman  
Sanctuary Choir

**SCRIPTURE**

John 11:17-27; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Rick Miller

**MESSAGE**

“Defying Gravity: Embracing Resurrection Hope”

Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“We Walk by Faith”

TFWS #2196

**CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

**POSTLUDE**

“Epilogue”

Franklin Ritter

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

## **\*WIFI PASSWORD: 131Guest**

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

**Coffee Host:** David Cline

**Acolyte:** Taryn Huggins

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Jensen Nicholas Axline on March 18. Jensen is the grandson of Beth and Todd Stitely, and son of Rachel and Joel Exline.

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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.



### **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.



## 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](mailto:beth.strakonsky@gmail.com) or 301-471-1822.



### Mission Possible Kids!

5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 22

Grades K – 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



### 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 22~29

### Sunday, March 22

9 a.m. Sunday School  
 10 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary  
 11:15 a.m. Joyful Voices- Choir Room  
 11:15 a.m. New Members Class- Memorial Room  
 5:30 p.m. Mission Possible Kids- Activities Room  
 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

### Wednesday, March 25

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School- Education Bldg.  
 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Edna Snyder Services- Mt. Olivet  
 2 p.m. Miriam’s Circle Meeting  
 6 p.m. Lenten Dinner – Parish Hall  
 6:45 p.m. Lenten Study – Parish Hall

### Thursday, March 26

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

### Monday, March 23

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. Admin Council- Conference Room

### Friday, March 27

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

### Tuesday, March 24

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School – Education Bldg.  
 10 a.m. Pastor’s Bible Study  
 6:30 p.m. Handbells- Bell Room  
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- Choir Room

### Sunday, March 29 ~ Palm Sunday

9 a.m. Sunday School  
 10 a.m. Worship- Sanctuary  
 11:15 a.m. Joyful Voice Choir- Choir 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](mailto: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#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0445ABA822AAFD0-47828190-shpcumc#/)

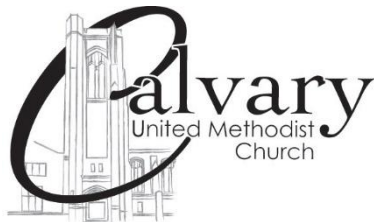
## Prayer Concerns:

**Recent Passing:** Edna Snyder, Lillian Schwarzenberg (Mother of Roy Schwarzenberg)

*Edna Snyder's services will be held on Wednesday, March 25 with visitation between 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.; service will begin at 11 a.m. at the Mount Olivet Cemetery's Mausoleum, Frederick.*

**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), 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**

	<b>March 22</b>	<b>March 29</b>	<b>April 5</b>	<b>April 12</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Rick Miller	David Cline	David Cline	Karen Gebhart
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Rick Miller	Stephen Ricketts	Didi Willard	David Cline
<b>Acolyte</b>	Taryn Huggins	Savannah Muehl		
<b>Coffee Host</b>	David Cline	Paul Nelson	Margie Wilde	Leisa Moyer
<b>Media</b>				
<b>Communion</b>				