

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
131 WEST SECOND STREET, FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21701

Holy Humor Sunday

April 12, 2026
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

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

TFWS #2026

WELCOME

Karen Gebhart, Worship Leader

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

“Les Fifres”

Jean Francois d’Andrieu

Arranged by Richard Purvis

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: When the Lord restored our fortunes, we were like those who dream—

People: Then our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy!

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice!

People: We worship a God who turns mourning into dancing, despair into delight.

Leader: Christ is risen! Death has been defeated!

People: Let us laugh, sing, and worship with joy—because the joke’s on death, and God gets the last laugh!

***OPENING HYMN**

“My Life Is in You, Lord”

TFWS #2032

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

God of overflowing abundance, we give back to you with grateful and joyful hearts. May these gifts bring laughter to those in sorrow, hope to those in doubt, and light to all who sit in darkness. Use them and us, to spread the good news that love wins, grace prevails, and the tomb is still empty. Amen!

Offertory

“Risen for Me”

Angie Killian and Monica Scott

Joyful Voices Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

UNISON PRAYER

God of laughter and life, you surprise us again and again with grace that defies expectations. You spoke through a donkey, taught through parables that made people chuckle and scratch their heads, and rolled away the stone with divine flair. Today we embrace the joy of the resurrection, not with solemnity alone, but with smiles and silliness, with holy giggles and sacred chuckles. Fill our hearts with your Spirit, our voices with your praise, and our lives with your uncontainable joy. In the name of the Risen One who taught us to laugh at fear and dance with hope.

PRAYER HYMN

“Through it All”

UMH #507

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

“Concertato on Lord of the Dance”

Setting by Hal H. Hopson
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 126

David Cline

MESSAGE

Holy Humor Sunday

Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

***CLOSING HYMN**

“He Has Made Me Glad”

TFWS #2270

CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Tuba Tune in D Major”

Craig Sellar Lang

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

***WIFI PASSWORD: 131Guest**

Ushers: Dave Mills, Bill Pasquerette, Mark MacDonald, Paul Muehl, Linda Watson-Higgins

Coffee Host: David Cline

Acolyte: Ryan Mills

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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!

We need your green thumb to plant spring flowers for the Bentz Street flowerbeds! Please join us for planting, fun and fresh air. Refreshments will be available. The planting will begin at **9 a.m. Saturday, May 9.**



APRIL LOVE OFFERING



This April, Calvary Frederick is investing in the next generation of servant leaders! Our April Love Offering will go entirely toward supporting our Youth as they prepare for their summer mission trip to the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky.

Henderson Settlement is a Christ-centered ministry in the heart of Appalachia, dedicated to meeting people where they are with what they need, serving families through work camps, food assistance, prenatal and infant care, tutoring, and so much more. Our Youth will travel there to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action alongside this remarkable community.

Throughout April, there are several ways you can be part of this mission:

Love Offering — Your financial gifts will help cover the costs of sending our Youth to Kentucky, equipping them for a life-changing week of service.

Sleep In Heavenly Peace — Our Youth will also partner with Sleep In Heavenly Peace to deliver beds and comforters, blankets (twin size), waterproof mattress protectors, pillows, as well for the children in need while in Kentucky, ensuring that no child sleeps on the floor.

Every gift, whether financial or donate a twin sized comforter, blanket, waterproof mattress protectors or a pillow, sends our young people into the field prepared and sends a message to the communities they will serve: You are seen, you are loved, and you are not alone.



CALVARY CONCERT SERIES – 3 P.M. TODAY SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Internationally acclaimed artists Catherine Lan (piano) and Claudio Jaffé (cello) have performed in renowned venues including Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. In this engaging program, they will bring works by Bach, Beethoven, Grieg, and Foote to life with virtuosity, passion, and artistry—an experience not to be missed.

Praised for her “fluent technique” and “sensitive musicianship,” Dr. Catherine Lan has performed across Asia, Europe, and North America. Cellist

A promotional poster for Youth Sunday 2026. The background is a dramatic sky with dark blue and purple clouds, a bright light source on the horizon, and a lighthouse on a rocky cliff to the right. The text is overlaid on the image.

Youth Sunday 2026

He is the **April 19th**
lighthouse **10 am**
in our
storms

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ASPIRING CALVARY STUDENTS



Are you heading to college or continuing your education? Calvary offers scholarships to support students pursuing higher education who are actively involved in church life and committed to Christian service. A cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher is required. Applications open **April 20** and are due by **May 14**. Please use the QR code to get started.

PROFESSIONAL STRENGTHS WORKSHOP

What are you *really* good at, and how do you use it? This summer, the Aspiring League Program is offering a two-session **Professional Strengths Workshop** led by Rebecca Rothenhoefer, built around the **CliftonStrengths assessment**. You'll discover your natural talents and learn how to put them to work in your career and everyday life. Open to graduates and young adults, and a great gift for a new grad!

Calvary's Aspiring League Program
Discover What You're Made For

STRENGTHS *Workshop*

We're excited to offer a Professional Strengths Workshop designed especially for our graduates and young adults. Led by Rebecca Rothenhoefer, this workshop is centered around the CliftonStrengths assessment — a powerful tool that helps you identify your natural patterns of thinking, feeling, and behaving, and turn them into strengths you can use every day.

L Sunday June 21 & July 19
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
LUNCH PROVIDED

L Calvary UMC Frederick
PARISH HALL

➔ Register \$25
Ready to discover what you're made for? Register today, space is limited!
Discount codes are available through Dr. Hutton so cost is never a barrier.

➔ Take the Assessment
New to CliftonStrengths? Upon registration you'll be guided to purchase and complete your assessment before June 21st. Already have your results? Just bring your book and strengths profile, you're welcome exactly as you are!

Contact Us
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A RECONCILING CELEBRATION - WITH BWARM

The reconciling movement is still growing! At **10 a.m. Saturday, April 25**, Calvary UMC in Frederick will welcome BWARM (the Baltimore-Washington Area Reconciling United Methodists) to give thanks for our local churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference who voted to become reconciling in the last year—Calvary UMC of Frederick, MD and Westminster UMC of Westminster, MD. We will celebrate with a worship service and fellowship time. The worship will feature a sermon from Calvary's pastor, Rev. Beth Hutton, and some Mark Miller favorites accompanied by the Calvary choir. In this season in which we are being inundated with bad news, it is important to celebrate these milestones and experience the joy of gathered inclusive community together.

NEW MEMBERS

Is God calling you into a deeper connection with this community? We would love to welcome you into membership at Calvary UMC! New members will be received during our 10 am worship service on **Sunday, April 26**. If you've been wondering what membership in the United Methodist Church means, or if you're ready to take that next step, reach out to Dr. Hutton at bhutton@calvaryumc.org.

MISSION TRIP 2026

INFORMATION SESSION

Have you ever considered taking a week away and joining a mission team? Each year, Calvary UMC sends two teams of volunteers traveling out of the area to help rebuild communities. This is often a transformative experience for both the volunteers and those they serve. In July, our youth will travel with skilled adult leaders to serve at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky, an Appalachian community with many residents needing help.

October 18-24 volunteers in Mission (VIM) team will be returning to northwestern North Carolina to work repairing homes damaged by Hurricane Helene in September 2024.

Join us in the fellowship hall on **Tuesday evening, April 28** during the youth spaghetti dinner to learn about the areas we are traveling, the work we do and how you may become involved. You too can be the heart and hands of Christ in one of these communities.

CALVARY YOUTH PRESENT

SPAGHETTI DINNER



All proceeds go to the Youth Adult Mission Trip



April 28th 6pm-7:30 pm

Parish Hall

Calvary UMC 131 W 2nd St. Frederick

Spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, salad, and garlic bread will be served.

Questions: Reach out to Miss Jenn or email calvaryyouth@calvaryumc.org

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Calvary has partnered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), an all-volunteer organization that builds and delivers beds—free of charge—to children who don't have one. Their motto says it all: *"No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"*

Join us for our **5th Annual Bed Build on Thursday, June 18**, details coming soon! Or join our monthly delivery team (3–4 times/month) led by Dave and Pat Herber. To learn more or sign up to deliver, contact Pat at Missions@calvaryumc.org or use the QR Code available.



Effective at the end of April, Fran Haller will be stepping down from her role of stocking and maintaining the kitchen. Her responsibilities have included purchasing essential supplies such as cups, napkins, plates, coffee, tea, table coverings, condiments, and select items for Paul.

For more information about these duties, please contact Fran Haller at 301-785-5058 or fehaller@outlook.com

This Week at Calvary April 12 ~ April 19

Sunday, April 12

9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
3 p.m. Concert
5:30 p.m. Youth Group
7 p.m. Spring 2026-Lay LED Study (Online)

Monday, April 13

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School – Education Bldg.
5 p.m.- 8 p.m. SHP Dinner/Team Meeting
5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Ladies AA Meeting- Activities Room

Tuesday, April 14

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

Wednesday, April 15

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School- Education Bldg.
6 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Thursday, April 16

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School – Education Bldg.
6 p.m. SPRC- Baker Center

Friday, April 17

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

Sunday, April 19 – Youth 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
7 p.m. Spring 2026-Lay LED Study (Online)



Registration Begins April 1st for...

RAINFOREST FALLS VBS!

June 22 – June 25, 2026

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Ages 3 – 5th Grade

Please use this QR Code to register today!!

VBS Volunteer Training and Information Meetings

Will be held in the Conference Room.

Please plan to come for ONE of these meetings:

6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Monday, May 18

6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 27

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Sunday, June 7



What Could We Do Together? *Join the Hub's Spring Study — Sundays at 7 PM*

Lay leaders across the Central Frederick Hub are reading *Connecting for a Change* together — and talking honestly about what it looks like for our churches to connect, collaborate, and inspire hope in Frederick. No clergy required. Just curious people willing to learn together.

Four Sunday evenings on Google Meet through May 3, plus an in-person celebration on May 17.

📖 Grab the book (~\$15) · 🗳️ Register: forms.gle/Puyk8Pq6aFn3T4HHA · 📺 Meet link sent upon registration.

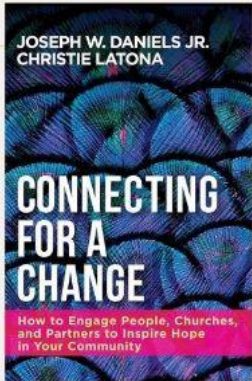
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SPRING 2026 · LAY-LED STUDY

Connecting for a Change

How to Engage People, Churches, and Partners to Inspire Hope in Your Community

by Joseph W. Daniels, Jr. & Christie Latona



FORMAT: 4 Sessions on Google Meet | DATES: Sundays April 12 – May 3 7-8 pm | OPEN TO: All Frederick UMCs

This spring, lay leaders from across the Central Frederick Hub are gathering to read and discuss a book that speaks directly to who we're called to be together. Written by two leaders in our own Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, *Connecting for a Change* offers a practical, faith-grounded vision for how churches can connect with one another and their communities to inspire real, lasting hope.

This is a lay-led study, no clergy required. Just curious, committed people from our Hub congregations willing to learn, build relationships, and discover what God might be calling us to do together in Frederick.

Our final session "Inspire Hope" will be an in person celebration and worship!


4 ONLINE SESSIONS

- April 12: Building Relationships
- April 19: Organizing People
- April 26: Utilize Assets
- May 3: Liberate Congregations

May 17: In Person at Brook Hill UMC Celebration - Inspire Hope

"The sky is the limit when pastors, church leaders, and laity begin emphasizing mission strategy in their neighborhoods and churches."

— DANIELS & LATONA, *CONNECTING FOR A CHANGE*

Register Here 

WHAT YOU'LL EXPLORE

Real Relationships Build trust across congregations	Mission Strategy Align your work with God's why	Community Assets See gifts already around you	Lay Ownership Lead without waiting for permission
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Ready to Join?
Grab a copy of the book (~\$15 at Amazon or Cokesbury) and register to receive your Google Meet link. No experience necessary — just come curious.

CENTRAL FREDERICK HUB · UMC · SPRING 2026 A collaboration of lay leaders across Frederick



Upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive

8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6 in Calvary Parish Hall

Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: Becky Acklin, Lois Tyson, Lois Pacheco, Charlie Geisbert, Jim Dobbs, Patricia Pettingall, Helen Alysmeyer, 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, David Fish

Friends of Calvary: Hannah Dore (Daughter of Jim Dore and Meg Winter), Keith Henke (Nephew of Charlie Geisbert), Kathy Irving (Sister in Law to Drew Irving), Catherine and Matt (Friends of Scott Murphy), 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, 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), Nancy Mohler, Melissa Gekas, Angela Gorens (Friends 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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April Serving Schedule

	April 12	April 19	April 26	May 3
Worship Leader	Karen Gebhart	Beth Strakonsky	Rick Miller	David Cline
Lay Reader	David Cline	Cindy Mills	Margie Wilde	Stephen Ricketts
Acolyte	Ryan Mills	Charlotte Miller		
Coffee Host	David Cline	Leisa Moyer	Paul Nelson	Helen Sheppard
Media	Rob Summers			
Communion				