

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

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THAT MATTER

May 3, 2026

10 a.m. Worship Service

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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

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH #77

WELCOME

David Cline, Worship Leader

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

John Zundel, arr. Valerie K. Stephenson

Joyful Noise Handbells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

People: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

People: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

People: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

People: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God!

*OPENING HYMN

“Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring”

UMH #644

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

Way-Making God, your offer to us is not just to believe in heaven, but to live the kingdom life here and now. Through Jesus, you show us the way, the truth, and the life—calling us to deeper trust, wider welcome, and greater works of grace. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life, choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment. Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling places visible in our community, in our compassion, in our courage. We give, because we've heard your voice. In Christ's name. Amen.

Offertory

“What Will We Promise...What Will We Give?”

By Don Besig
Sanctuary Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

UNISON PRAYER

Ever gracious, Way-Making God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit. You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking, but with the milk of your truth, you have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ. You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come. Meet us here, we pray, that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing and that your Spirit will fill us with courage.

PRAYER HYMN

“Come and See”

TFWS #2127

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.

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-14

Stephen Ricketts

MESSAGE

“You Know the Way”

Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and so, with you people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...and so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Come to the Table of Grace”

W&S #3168

THE SACRAMENTS AND RITES OF THE CHURCH
EUCCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION OR THE LORD'S SUPPER)

Come to the Table of Grace 3168

Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____ Come to the
ta - ble of grace. _____ This is God's ta - ble; it's not yours or
mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____

2. Come to the table of peace...
3. Come to the table of love...
4. Come to the table of joy...

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TABLE OF GRACE
77.107

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

***CLOSING HYMN**

“When We All Get to Heaven”

UMH #701

CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Pomposo”

Josef Rheinberger

Brenda Weiser, organist

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

***WIFI PASSWORD: 131Guest**

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

Coffee Host: Helen Sheppard

Acolyte:

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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE



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FLOWER PLANTING ON BENTZ STREET

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.**

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!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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 are now open 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.

Sunday June 14 & July 19
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
LUNCH PROVIDED

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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MISSIONS & OUTREACH



This May, our Love Offering supports our work as Volunteers in Mission (VIM). VIM teams work with UMCOR during the long-term recovery phase following disasters, such as hurricanes and tornadoes. Calvary members have a long history of serving both domestically and internationally in these disaster response and recovery efforts.

Why This Matters: Volunteers ‘put Christian Love in Action’ by rebuilding homes, repairing churches, and assisting with disaster response.

Calvary's service and plans for 2026: A VIM team will be returning to Ashe County, NC to help with rebuilding after extensive damage caused by Hurricane Helene in the fall of 2024. Our VIM team served this community in the fall of 2025, and we have chosen to return and continue helping rebuild this community.

How Your Gift Helps: Your donation will help with the expense of project materials/supplies and some of the living expenses incurred by the volunteers.

Bake Sale on May 17 to support our VIM Team in Ashe County, NC in October 2026.



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.



Upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive

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



THE CALVARY UNITED METHODIST MEN
ARE COLLECTING NECKTIES FOR GRADUATING SENIORS
AT FREDERICK HIGH SCHOOL. DONATIONS MAY BE
BROUGHT TO THE PARISH HALL BY MAY 6—PLEASE
DRAPE THEM ON A COAT HANGER TO HELP PREVENT
WRINKLES.

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRIES

AmyStone@calvaryumc.org

VBS DECORATING - We would Love to borrow any ARTIFICIAL trees, ferns or other greenery you may have at home to help transform our church into a rainforest for VBS! Please bring your silk Ficus trees (NOT Christmas trees please) or other plants to the Parish Hall from June 14-June 21, and please label them with your name so that we can return them to you after VBS! ~ Thank You!



RAINFOREST FALLS VBS!
June 22 – June 25, 2026
Monday - Thursday
9 a.m. - Noon
Ages 3 – 5th Grade

Register Here →



VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING & 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



Veggie Tale Movie Night!

Friday, May 15, 2026

6 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Ages Preschool 3's through 5th Grade

Activities Room of the Education Building

Join us for pizza, a movie, discussion, a craft and more! Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket if you'd like! Please register by scanning the QR Code above.



Mission Possible Kids!

Sunday, May 24, 2026

5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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! TO REGISTER scan the QR Code above.

MAY SERVING SCHEDULE

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24
Worship Leader	David Cline	Karen Gebhart	Beth Strakonsky	Rick Miller
Lay Reader	Stephen Ricketts	Beth Strakonsky	Margie Wilde	Laura Hunter
Acolyte			Charlotte Miller	Savannah Muehl
Coffee Host	Helen Sheppard	Margie Wilde	Beth Strakonsky	

This Week at Calvary May 3 ~ May 10

Sunday, May 3- Yard Sale Collection

9 a.m. Sunday School
 10 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
 11:15 a.m. Joyful Voices- Choir Room
 11:15 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry- JW Room
 5:30 p.m. Youth Group
 7 p.m. SPRING 2026 – Lay Led Study

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School – Education Bldg.
 1:30 p.m. UMF Ex. Com.- Conference Room
 6:30 p.m. Handbells- Bell Room
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- Choir Room

Wednesday, May 6

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

Thursday, May 7

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

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

7:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast
 9 a.m. Planting Flowers

Sunday, May 10- Mother’s Day

9 a.m. Sunday School
 10 a.m. Worship- Sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. Trustees- JW Room

Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: 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 Griffec, Nancy Dobbs, Betsy MacMullen, Marietta Anderson, Betty Rollins, Nathan Robinson, David Fish

Friends of Calvary: Aberum Mills (Grandson of Cindy and Dave Mills), Mary Herber (Mother of Dave Herber), Katherine Walters (Mother of Melissa Wastler), Texanna Stup (Bonnie Johnson's Aunt), 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), 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, Charlotte Woodward (Friend of Betsy Bryant), 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)