

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

STEPPING INTO THE FUTURE



May 31, 2026
Graduate & Scholarship Sunday
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

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH #593

Verses: 1 & 3

Welcome

Karen Gebhart, Worship Leader

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

II. Adagio, Sonata for Organ, Op. 65, No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

Matthew Robertson, organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For everything, there is a season—

People: A time to celebrate, a time to let go, a time to grow.

Leader: Today we honor those stepping into the future—

People: With joy in our hearts, we bless our graduates of every age and stage.

Leader: We give thanks for all they have learned and all they are becoming—

People: And we trust the God who goes before them and with them.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of every season—

People: With hope for the future, gratitude for the past, and faith for the journey ahead.

*OPENING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

UMH #369

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.

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES & SCHOLARSHIP

GRADUATES

Cooper Gaeta – Thomas Johnson High School

Cat Waskey – Middletown High School

Abigail Slovikosky – Stevenson University

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Owen Duthoy
Sylvie Duthoy
Cooper Gaeta
Taylor MacDonald

Riley MacDonald
Liam McGreevy
Cat Waskey
Isabelle Wilde

PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATES

Gracious God, today we give thanks for our graduates-young and older. Those stepping up to a new grade, a new school, a new calling. We celebrate the learning they've done, the challenges they've overcome, the ways they've grown in wisdom, courage, and character. Bless their next steps, O Lord.

Give them confidence when they feel unsure.
Surround them with people who speak truth, kindness, and love.
Let them always know they are never alone—that their church stands with them, and that You go before them.

For every season of their future, may they carry faith as their foundation, Joy as their strength, and hope as their guide.
We entrust them to you, now and always.
Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of new beginnings, you are the giver of every good gift. Today, as we celebrate milestones and transitions, we bring our offerings with grateful hearts. Use these gifts to bless new ministries, growing leaders, and future dreams. Help us continue to build a church that welcomes, equips, and sends, for the sake of your kingdom and the next generation. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Adoration”
Florence Price

*DOXOLOGY

“The Family Prayer Song”

TFWS #2188

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, We thank you for the journey of learning and growing. We thank you for the people who have shaped us, teachers, mentors, friends, and family. For the strength to persevere and the courage to step forward, we give you praise. Even in seasons of uncertainty, you remain faithful. As we honor our graduates and prepare for what comes next, make us a people rooted in your Word, trusting in your promises, and ready to serve in love.

PRAYER HYMN

“Freely, Freely”

UMH #389

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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

“If You Search With All Your Heart”

By Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:11-14; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Didi Willard

MESSAGE

“Stepping Into the Future”

Dr. Rev. Beth Hutton

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Standing on the Promises”

UMH #374

CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Menuet; from Suite Gothique, Op. 25”

Léon Boëllmann

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

WIFI PASSWORD: 131Guest

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

Coffee Host: David Cline

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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE



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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.



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.

Register Here for Bed Build →



STUDENT MINISTRIES

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. Hulen 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 strength profile, you're welcome exactly as you are!

**📞 Contact Us
301-662-1464**

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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:

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

Help Feed our Rainforest VBS Adventurers!

We are looking for donations of snacks and supplies for the 100+ children and adults attending this year's Rainforest VBS. Contributions from our church family help offset costs and make this exciting week possible for everyone involved.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the Welcome Center in the Parish Hall. Please consider signing up to donate an item or two. All supplies should be brought to the church kitchen by **Sunday, June 21**. Thank you for helping make VBS a wonderful experience for our children & volunteers! Questions?? Contact Beth Strakonsky at beth.strakonsky@gmail.com or 301-471-1822.



CALVARY YOUTH GROUP
END OF YEAR



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**WATER BALLOONS
AND S'MORES NIGHT**

ALL YOUTH WELCOME
CURRENT 5th-12th graders,
families, and alumni

June 7, 5:30-7:30 pm

**Calvary UMC Parish Hall
and Church parking lot.**

Questions: calvaryyouth@calvaryumc.org



YARD SALE

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

YARD sale

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

7 AM - 1 PM

131 West 2nd Street in Frederick
[Corner of 2nd & Bentz Streets]

Clothing - Household Items -
Tools - Office Supplies - Toys -
Baby Items - Jewelry -
Kitchenware - Board Games -
Books - Antiques - DVDs - CDs -
Video Games - Vinyl Records -
Plants - Baked Goods - Bicycles -
Camping - Lawn & Garden
Equipment

Proceeds from the Yard Sale
will benefit local Frederick
County charities



No electronics, exercise machines, textbooks, encyclopedias, broken items or anything too large for two people to load in a car or truck

Yard Sale – June 6 | 7:00 AM–1:00 PM

Ways You Can Help

- Bring your gently used treasures to the stage between May 1–June 4.
- Volunteer to sort and organize items the week before the sale (8:30 AM–Noon). Extra help is especially needed early in the week—come for whatever time fits your schedule.
- Sign up to work during the sale on Saturday, June 6, in the Parish Hall. Please note the hours you are available.
- Help with clean-up beginning at 1:30 PM on June 6.
- Pot your extra plants and bring them to the hallway outside the Parish Hall on Thursday, June 4 or Friday, June 5.
- Bake goodies for the bake sale! Package items in small portions (4–6 cookies, 1–2 muffins, etc.) and leave them in the kitchen by Friday, June 5. Please avoid custard or refrigerated items.
- Volunteer your truck to help transport unsold items to Goodwill after the sale.

And of course—come shop the Yard Sale on Saturday, June 6!



Worship Celebration of Frederick Pride Festival

On Thursday, June 25, from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Grace UCC at 25 East Second Street, will host its annual community worship service during Frederick Pride week. All are Welcome!

Calvary's Frederick Pride Day Booth

On Saturday, June 27 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Calvary will sponsor a booth on Carroll Creek to greet and distribute handouts to members of our greater community celebrating Frederick Pride Day. We do this in partnership with our Trinity and Middletown UMC friends.

It is nice to have 2-3 people from our congregations to staff our table during each hour. You can help us share Calvary's reconciling ministry of love with others of our community by volunteering for an hour on the Sign-up QR Code to sign up.



You will be notified of our booth location along the Creek once we are informed of the same. Thank you for volunteering to help! If you have any questions, please contact Paul Nelson at paul.nelson@outlook.com.

Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: Donald Linton, John Stenner, Christy Mossburg, Isam Ballenger, 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 Griffie, Nancy Dobbs, Betsy MacMullen, Marietta Anderson, Betty Rollins, Nathan Robinson, David Fish

Friends of Calvary: Alan Tetrault (Friend of Amy and Joe Cerrito), Mary Ann Gearing (Mother of Beth Stitely), 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), Brian Jones (Friend of the Linda & Scott English), Janet Stone (Mother of Jeff Stone), Hope Patterson (Sister of Charlotte Pasquerette)

This Week at Calvary May 24 ~ May 31

Sunday, May 31 ~ Scholarship Awards

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

Wednesday, June 3

Yard Sale Set Up
 6 p.m. Men's Bible Study – Conference Room

Monday, June 1

Yard Sale Set up Begins

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School – Ed. Bldg.
 Kindergarten Graduation in the Sanctuary
 5 p.m. Mission/Outreach Meeting- JW Room
 6 p.m. SPRC
 7 p.m. Admin Council

Thursday, June 4

Yard Sale Set Up

Friday, June 5

Yard Sale Set Up

Saturday, June 6

YARD SALE 7 a.m.-1 p.m. – Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 2

Yard Sale Set up

10 a.m. Weekday School Kindergarten Graduation
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir- Choir Room

Sunday, June 7

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

MAY /JUNE SERVING SCHEDULE

	May 31	June 7	June 14
Worship Leader	Karen Gebhart	David Cline	Karen Gebhart
Lay Reader	Didi Willard	Beth Strakonsky	Cindy Mills
Acolyte		Laurali Gough	
Coffee Host	David Cline		Beth Strakonsky



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Calvary, a community of welcome, affirmation, & love for all.

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