

Calvary United Methodist Church
131 West 2nd Street, Frederick, Maryland

more than enough

August 30, 2026
10:00 a.m. Worship

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CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

131 West Second Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701

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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

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

UMH #694

WELCOME

Beth Strakonsky, Worship Leader

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

“Air” from *Water Music*

George Fridric Handel

Brenda Weiser, organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus says, "You are the light of the world."

People: God's light shines through ordinary people.

Leader: We are called to reflect God's love.

People: We are sent to shine with God's grace.

Leader: Not for our own glory...

People: But so the world may see God's goodness.

Leader: The miracle is not found in perfection.

People: The miracle is found in lives transformed by love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who is the Light of the World.

People: May God's light shine through us today and every day.

*OPENING HYMN

“Leave It There”

TFWS #2138

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

Radiant God, You have filled our lives with blessings beyond measure and called us to share that light with the world. Receive these gifts and use them to bring hope where there is despair, peace where there is conflict, healing where there is pain, and love wherever hearts are searching for belonging. May all we offer today become a beacon of Your grace in our community, so that others may come to know the joy of Your kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

“Go Light Your World”

Words and music by Chris Rice

Meg Winter, soloist; Joyce Summers, pianist

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #94

UNISON PRAYER

God of Light, As this journey comes to its close, remind us that You are still writing our story. When we leave this place, send us into the world with courage. When fear whispers that we are not enough, remind us that Your grace has always been enough. When we are tempted to compare ourselves with others, teach us instead to celebrate the gifts You have given each of us. When we grow weary in serving, renew us with Your Spirit. Transform our hearts until kindness becomes our first response. Transform our homes until they become places of welcome. Transform our church until every person who enters knows they are loved. Transform our community until justice and mercy embrace one another. May the light of Christ shine so brightly through our lives that others are drawn not to us, but to You.

May our words speak hope.

May our hands offer compassion.

May our lives bear witness to the miracle of grace.

For we are Your people, called, gifted, forgiven, and sent into the world to love as Christ has loved us

PRAYER HYMN

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

TFWS #2193

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

Matthew 5:14-16 and Romans 12:1-2

David Cline

MESSAGE

“Watch the Miracle Burn”

Rev. Dr. Beth Hutton

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Marching to Zion”

UMH #733

CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Maestoso” from *Water Music*
George Frideric Handel

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

*WIFI PASSWORD: 131Guest

Ushers: Dave Mills, Bill Pasquerette, Mark MacDonald, Paul Muehl

Coffee Host: Paul Nelson

Acolyte: Charlotte Miller

In celebration of our 25th wedding anniversary, by Karen and Ray Gebhart.

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Services are livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube weekly

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE



Want to receive our weekly e-news? You can get a “Between Sundays,” announcements of upcoming events, prayer concerns, and other great information each Tuesday. Just send an email request to office@calvaryumc.org, sign up at <https://calvaryumc.org/newsletter/>, or scan the QR code to the left.

Stay Connected & Support Calvary through Online Giving

Scan the QR code to give online or to update your contact information in our Calvary database. Keeping your information current helps us stay connected as a church family — and your gifts help us shine Christ’s light in our community. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity! www.calvaryumc.org/give



We Need You for the Bazaar! ~ 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, November 14

It takes the whole church to make the Bazaar a success! We need crafters and vendors, cheeseball makers, Silent Auction and White Elephant donations, baked goods for the Bake Table, day-of volunteers, and a clean-up crew.

Crafting begins at **9:30 a.m. Monday, September 14 in the Craft Room**. You do not have to be a crafter to join us—there’s plenty of gluing, cutting, organizing, and other jobs that don’t require artistry. Just bring your smile and laughter!

Please mark the **Bazaar date** on your calendar and watch for future announcements about ways you can help. We need you! Have a great rest of the summer! ☀️ Becky Isaacs, Chairperson
301-639-5377

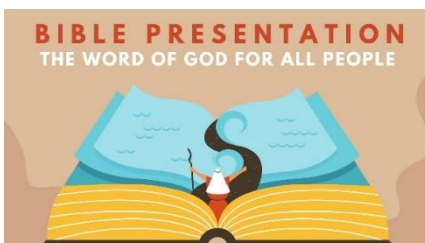
CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRIES

AmyStone@calvaryumc.org



SCAN ME

Use the above QR Code to register for the 2026-2027 Children's Sunday School Session.



Bible Dedication Sunday will take place during our worship service on **Sunday, September 20**. Third grade students will receive their Bibles during our 10:00 service, and our Bible Dedication Ceremony will take place during Children's Church. Please let us know if you have a third grader in your life so that we can order their personalized Bible!



Youth GROUP



**KICKOFF
SEPTEMBER
13TH AT
5:30 PM
PARISH
HALL**

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

7:30 pm pick up

JOIN US!

*All Youth grades 6-12
are welcome*

DINNER, GAMES, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

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MISSIONS & OUTREACH



Together We Give



The Food Bank Program, operated by the Department of Housing and Human Services (HHS), provides a three- to five-day supply of nutritious food to individuals and families experiencing economic hardship.

Each month, the Food Bank serves approximately 600 to 800 households. Participants include very low- to moderate-income individuals and families facing financial challenges who rely on the program for regular food assistance.



August Love Offering



office@calvaryumc.org/301-662-1464

For anyone who would like to contribute to the food bank through donations, please feel free to stop by the wheelbarrow outside the Parish Hall and pick up a food bank shopping list for the summer months.

Foods:

Cereal
Canned Meats
Canned Fruits
Individual Fruit Cups
Canned Vegetables
Condiments
Pasta & Sauce

Toiletry Items:

Full-Size Shampoo
Body Wash
Bar Soap
Deodorant
Toothpaste



Un-Burdened: Frederick County United in Relief
*"I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36*

Medical debt should not be a life sentence for getting sick. Yet thousands of our neighbors right here in Frederick County are trapped under healthcare bills they cannot afford to pay.

This fall, Calvary is joining five other Frederick faith communities, Grace United Church of Christ, All Saints Episcopal Church, Evangelical and Reformed United Church of Christ, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick, and St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church, in a shared effort called Un-Burdened: Frederick County United in Relief.

Together, working with the national nonprofit Undue Medical Debt, our goal is to raise \$103,172 by October 31 to wipe out \$15 million in accumulated medical debt, freeing more than 14,000 of our neighbors from bills they cannot pay. Because Undue purchases debt in bulk at steep discounts, every dollar given relieves about \$100 in medical debt. Gifts are 100% tax deductible, and recipients face no cost, no tax consequences, and no strings attached.

This is something every single person in our congregation can be part of. With six churches giving together, even \$10 or \$20 adds up to real relief for a real family. Whatever you're able to give, large or small, becomes part of something much bigger than any one of us could do alone. This is Gospel work, mercy made practical, a tangible way of caring for our neighbor.

If you'd like to learn more, contact Dr. Hutton.

To give now, use this QR Code:



Join Us at In the Streets, September 12!



On **Saturday, September 12**, Calvary will have a booth at Frederick's beloved In the Streets Festival, and we would love for you to be part of it. You will find us in the Kids Block, alongside our Weekday School, sharing the wonderful things happening right here on the Calvary campus.

No experience required. No script to memorize. Just bring a friendly smile and a willingness to share what Calvary means to you. That is exactly the kind of witness that opens doors.

We are looking for volunteers to take a shift at the booth. If you love this community and enjoy a good conversation, this one is for you. Please use the QR Code to sign up today!





Back to the Table: Second Sunday Fellowship Launches September 13

Calvary is launching a new monthly tradition, and we are kicking it off with a potluck. On the second Sunday of each month, starting September 13, everyone is invited to gather in the Parish Hall immediately following worship for Second Sunday Fellowship. Our September theme is Back to the Table. Bring a favorite dish that takes you back to school days, a comfort food, a family recipe, something that tastes like fall. Main, side, salad, or dessert, all of it welcome. Can't bring a dish? Come anyway. There will be plenty, and your presence is the point.



RSVP HERE: https://calvaryfrederick.ccbchurch.com/event_detail.php?event_id=1401
Or scan this QR code (to the left). Kitchen ovens will be available for warming, the refrigerator is open for drop-off before Sunday School, and beverages and paper products are provided.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with setup and cleanup each month. SIGN UP TO HELP HERE <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4FAAA72FA75-64952547-potluck#/> - or the QR Code, if you would like to please contact the office at Office@calvaryumc.org to sign up.



Clear the calendar and come to the table. We will see you September 13.

This Week at Calvary August 30 ~ September 6

Sunday, August 30

9 a.m. Summer Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 2

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School Hours
9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Office Hours
6 p.m. Men's Bible Study – Baker Center

Monday, August 31

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School Hours
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Office Hours
3 p.m. Tai Chi w/Nanette- Activities Room Education Bldg.
6 p.m.-9 p.m. Ladies AA Meeting- Activities Room

Thursday, September 3

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School Hours
9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Office Hours

Friday, September 4– Church Office Closed

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School Hours

Tuesday, September 1

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Weekday School Hours
1:30 p.m. UMFaith Ex. Committee- Conference Room
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Office Hours

Sunday, September 6

9 a.m. Children's Sunday School Kick-Off Carnival
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship- Sanctuary



Introducing the Calvary Connection App!

We are excited to launch **Calvary Connection**, our new church app designed to help our church family stay connected. With the app, you can connect with fellow members, stay up to date on church events, give online, access important announcements, and so much more.



Download the **Calvary Connection** app on your phone today and discover an easy way to stay engaged with everything happening at Calvary! The QR Code below is our launch page, click Google Play or Apple; this will lead you directly to the App install button.



Sept. 10, 2026
6 p.m. ~Parish Hall
Frederick Health:
What's the Diagnosis
and Prognosis?

Learn what's happening at the hospital and what's in store for the future.

Join Robin Rose, Vice President
& Chief Development Officer
&

Kate Burke, Senior Development
Specialist
from Frederick Health
Development as they discuss life-
changing new initiatives,
highlighting how your local
healthcare is evolving to serve
you better

Social Justice Ministry at Calvary: A new start

Following worship on **Sunday, September 20, at 11:15 in the Conference Room** (former library), there will be a **meeting to launch Calvary's Social Justice Ministry** for the year ahead.

If you are not sure what this ministry entails, but are curious, **please come! If you have** an interest in this aspect of ministry, but have not been previously involved with it at Calvary, **please come! If you have** been involved previously in any aspect of this ministry at Calvary, and continue to be interested in being involved, **please come!** So, grab a donut and cup of coffee or tea and **please join us!**

Til then, Blessings in Christ Jesus! Paul Nelson

Prayer Concerns:

Members of Calvary: Anne Mossburg, George Jenkins, Carol Fennington, Tom Woodall, Don Linton, Isam Ballenger, Nathan Robinson, Betsy MacMullan, Marietta Anderson, Becky Acklin, Lois Tyson, Lois Pacheco, Charlie Giesbert, Patricia Pettingall, Helen Alysmeier, Gracie Heller, Jack Heller, Rita Sharpe, Ann Crum, Marilyn Moyers, Peggy Griffiee, Nancy Dobbs, Jim Dobbs, John Stenner, Betty Rollins, David Fish, Claire Moked

Friends of Calvary: Mary Garst (Friend of Kitty and Nathan Robinson, and Rita Sharpe), Michael Seek (Brother of Amanda Lozinski), The George Family (Friends of Leisa and Scott Moyer), Kristen (Daughter of Becky and Mike Isaac), Charlie James (Friend of Terry Fisher), Kathy Best (Sister in law of Wenona Best), Amelia Irving (Daughter of Drew Irving), Bob Morgan (Friend of Paulette Shockey-Petrucchi), Peggy Cline (Mother of David Cline), Alan Tetrault (Friend of Joe and Amy Cerrito), Aberum Mills (Grandson of Cindy and Dave Mills), Katherine Walters (Mother of Melissa Wastler), Texanna Stup (Bonnie Johnson's Aunt), Libby Henley (Friend of Charlie Geisbert), Kathy Irving (Sister in Law to Drew Irving), Avelyn Morris (Paul Nelson great granddaughter), Charles LeMaster (Father 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), Charlotte Woodward (Friend of Betsy Bryant), Wendi Cyford (Friend of Angie and Eric Anderson), Agnes Dobson (Mother of Grace Dobson), Dom Norris (Friend of Drew Irving), 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), Kitty Cooley (Sister of Connie Scoggins), Gil Crippen, Jim Clark, Ida Durden, and Janella Walls, Louise Brieto (Family Members and Friends of Rita Sharpe), Tammy and Alexia Wertz

AUGUST SERVING SCHEDULE

	Aug 30	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20
Worship Leader	Beth Strakonsky	Karen Gebhart	David Cline	Rick Miller
Lay Reader	David Cline	Cindy Mills	Didi Willard	David Cline
Acolyte	Charlotte Miller			
Coffee Host	Paul Nelson	David Cline	Paul Nelson	Leisa Moyer



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