



Friday's "Dig Into the Bible" session at Calvary Church

Weekly Preview

March 13, 2017

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

The Social Principles: The Nurturing Community

The second session of the Wednesday Lenten series explores The Nurturing Community. The Social Principles discuss that: *"The community provides the potential for nurturing human beings into the fullness of their humanity. We believe we have a responsibility to innovate, sponsor, and evaluate new forms of community that will encourage development of the fullest potential in individuals. Primary for us is the gospel understanding that all persons are important—because they are human beings created by God and loved through and by Jesus Christ and not because they have merited significance."*

- Culture and Identity

"We believe that our primary identity is as children of God. With that identity comes societal and cultural constructions that have both positive and negative impacts on humanity and the Church. Each of us has multiple identities of equal value that intersect to form our complete self. We affirm that no identity or culture has more legitimacy than any other. We call the Church to challenge any hierarchy of cultures or identities. Through relationships within and among cultures we are called to and have the responsibility for learning from each other, showing mutual respect for our differences and similarities as we experience the diversity of perspectives and viewpoints."

- The Family

"We believe the family to be the basic human community through which persons are nurtured and sustained in mutual love, responsibility, respect, and fidelity..."

- Women and Men

"We affirm with Scripture the common humanity of male and female, both having equal worth in the eyes of God. We reject the erroneous notion that one gender is superior to another, that one gender must strive against another, and that members of one gender may receive love, power, and esteem only at the expense of another."

- Human Sexuality

"We affirm that sexuality is God's good gift to all persons. We call everyone to responsible stewardship of this sacred gift."

Additional topics of the Nurturing community include:

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| 1. Marriage | 6. Sexual Harassment | 10. Faithful Care for Dying Persons |
| 2. Divorce | 7. Abortion | 11. Suicide |
| 3. Single Persons | 8. Ministry to Those Who Have Experienced an Abortion | 12. Sexual Assault |
| 4. Family Violence and Abuse | 9. Adoption | 13. Pornography |
| 5. Sexual Abuse | | 14. Bullying |



You can read further about the Social Principles: Nurturing Community at:
<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/the-nurturing-community>.

The 2017 Lenten Series will be held the next 4 Wednesday evenings, beginning with a community meal at 6:00 p.m., followed by devotion, scriptures, prayers and songs. The study will begin at 7:00 p.m.

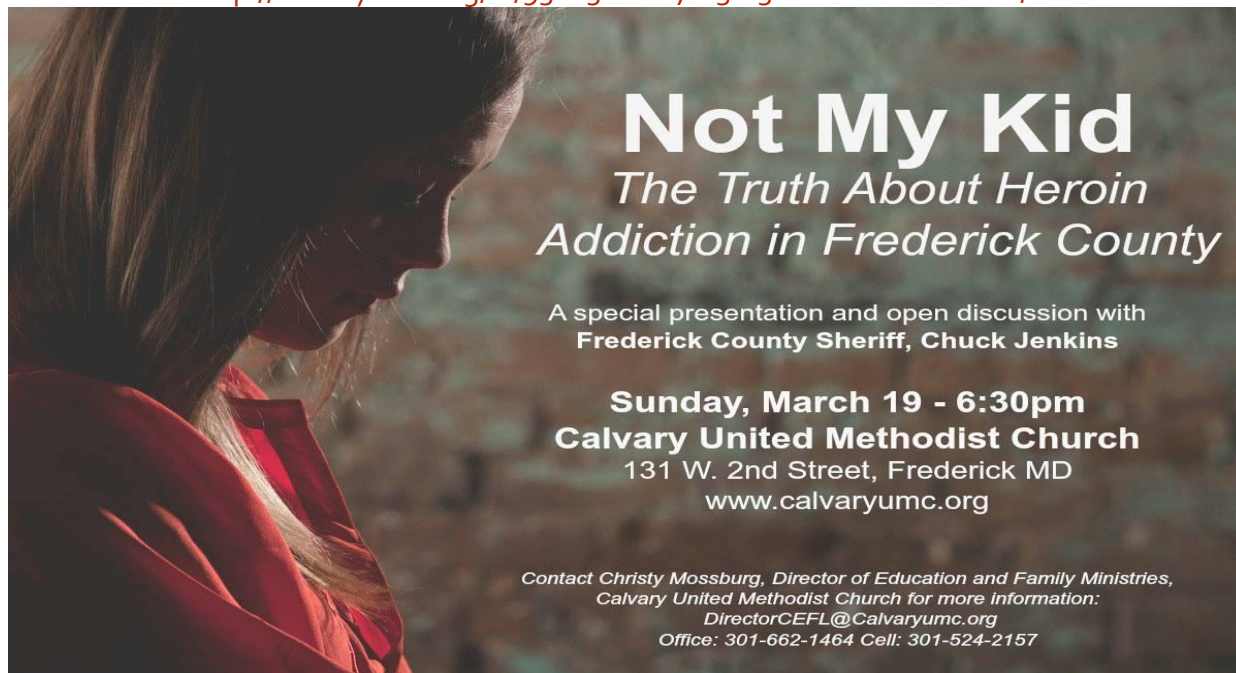
Activities for children will be provided. We hope you will join us.

Sponsored by the Church and Society Team

Sunday School Newsletter: **March 12**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS TIME! Summer is right around the corner! Now is a great time to reserve your space in Calvary's Vacation Bible School. <http://calvaryumc.org/.../930038-2017-03-03-vacation-bible-s.../>



Not My Kid
The Truth About Heroin
Addiction in Frederick County

A special presentation and open discussion with
Frederick County Sheriff, Chuck Jenkins

Sunday, March 19 - 6:30pm
Calvary United Methodist Church
 131 W. 2nd Street, Frederick MD
www.calvaryumc.org

Contact Christy Mossburg, Director of Education and Family Ministries,
 Calvary United Methodist Church for more information:
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Vision Team Named Calvary Church has begun a process for discerning our future together. A Vision Team has been assembled to go through a six-month fast-track process of study, discussion and prayer around who God is calling us to be in this time and place. The Vision Team members are: Kent Willetts, Bonnie Strine, Pat Herber, Dean Calcagni, Zan Fleming, Pat Staggs, Angela Mayer and Steve Larsen. The team will prepare a written report that will describe a preferred future for the congregation and specific steps that will help us get there. There will be various opportunities for groups and individuals to have input into the process in the coming months.

Pastoral Care Help We are pleased to have Rev Linda Wareheim helping out with hospital visitation on occasional weekends. With the pastor's currently being a bit short-handed, Linda has agreed to cover some weekends. Don't be surprised if she might show up to offer a prayer in the hospital. She is quite good at this, having served as a pastor for many years.

Easter Flowers: Time to order your Easter lilies, daffodils or tulips. Click [HERE](#) for the form. [Or to pay on line, click here.](#)

Gardening Committee Needs Your Help! We take care of the front of the church year round! We need help sprucing up the flower beds: weeding, watering, planting thru the fall. If you are interested, contact Tom Mullineaux at (410) 775-7610.

Wesleyan Circle will meet on March 21 at 1:30 p.m. at Glade Valley Nursing Center. Please note this is a change in location.

Cookie Collection: The UMW will be donating cookies to the Board of Child Care in Falling Waters, WV. We hope you will consider making a batch for the children. Please leave the cookies in the church kitchen on or before Sunday, April 2nd and mark the container "Board of Child Care" Non-returnable containers are preferred. Thanks for your donation!

Opportunities to GROW:

Pastor's Bible Study Led by Pastor Steve on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Library. They are studying the Book of Nehemiah. All are welcome!

Joyce Dixon's Bible Study This bible study meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. They are studying the Overview of the New Testament. All are welcome to attend.

Calvary United Methodist Church Presents.... **2017** **Lenten Recital Series**

Free and open to the public
Thursdays from 12:00 Noon to 12:30 p.m.

These 30-minute recitals offer a time for reflection, personal meditation, and relaxation while enjoying beautiful music from a variety of musical genres. The recitals feature Calvary's 38 rank Moller pipe organ, Steinway Concert D piano and a vast repertoire of sacred and secular works, including pieces familiar to many.

- March 2** **Daniel Miller**, *Organist*
First Baptist Church, Winchester VA
Benjamin Curtis, *baritone*
- March 9** **Brenda J. Weiser**, *Director of Music & Organist*
Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frederick MD
Linda Coe, *soprano* **John Weiser**, *baritone*
- March 16** **Miriam Meglan**, *Organist*
Frederick, Maryland
- March 23** **Dr. Lawrence P. Schreiber**, *Minister of Music and Organist*
First Baptist Church, Washington DC
- March 30** **Dr. Elizabeth Krouse**, *Organist*
Trinity United Methodist Church, Frederick MD
- April 6** **Joche Wilmot**, *Director of Music Ministries & Organist*
Calvary United Methodist Church, Frederick MD
Polly Edmonds Baldridge, *soprano; Director of Music and Arts*
Damascus United Methodist Church, Damascus MD

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For recital and concert information visit www.calvaryumc.org/concerts.

When the Church Speaks **What does it mean and what can we do?** **A Look at our Social Principles**

Join us each week for dinner at 6 pm followed by an interactive program for adults and a service learning opportunity for children from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday evenings during Lent.

March 15: The Nurturing Community with Norma Hamilton

March 22: The Social Community with Jim Hamilton

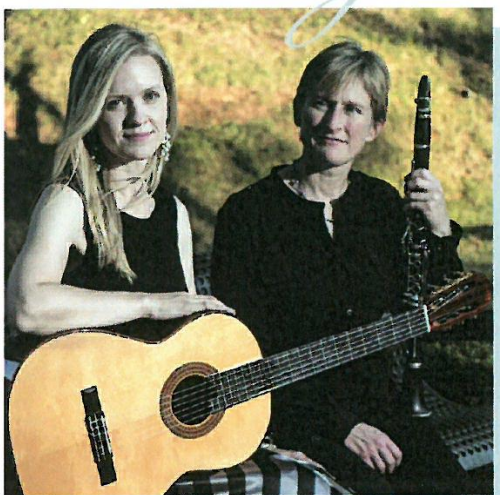
March 29: The Economic community with Rev. Eliezer Valentin-Castanon from Trinity UMC

April 5: The Political and World Communities w/ Rev. Dr. Clayton Childers from the General Board of Church and Society.

Calvary's Community Concert Series

presented by the Music and Arts Ministry
of Calvary United Methodist Church

Belle Triste *Guitar & Clarinet*



Candice Mowbray, classical guitarist
and Anita Thomas, clarinetist

Sunday, March 19, 2017

3:00 p.m.

doors open at 2:30

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

This concert is free and open to the public!

This dynamic duo will perform classical music influenced by jazz and other world styles. Ms. Mowbray will perform beautiful solo works by French and Argentinean composers.

Together, Ms. Mowbray and Ms. Thomas will perform arrangements of works by Piazzolla and Khachaturian.

Don't miss this unique performance!

Concert dates are firm at the time of posting and rarely change, but changes or cancellations by the artist/group and/or inclement weather may happen due to circumstances beyond our control. Changes will be posted at www.calvaryumc.org/concerts.



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Visit www.calvaryumc.org/concerts for information on these upcoming events:

May 7, 2017 - Shaun Tirrell and Eric Himy, pianists, duets on two concert grand pianos