



Weekly Preview

March 20, 2017

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

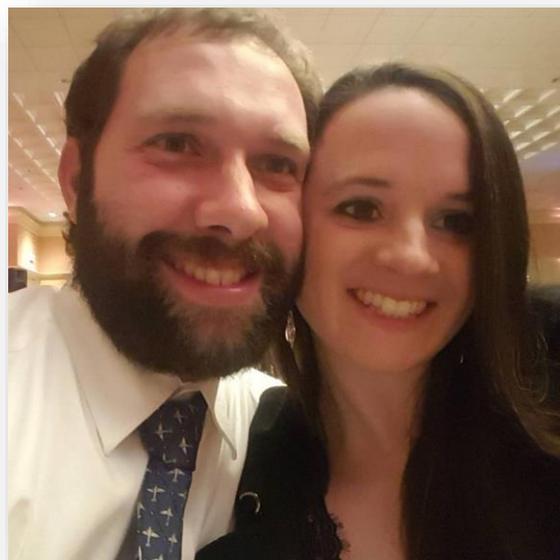
Exciting News!

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling has appointed Shannon Sullivan as the new associate pastor of our congregation. Pastor Sullivan will begin her new responsibilities on July 1st of this year. As a United Methodist Church, we are a part of an appointment system. Our congregation's staff parish relations committee has shared with the district superintendent our congregation's needs and the needed skills in a pastor. We have also met with Pastor Sullivan to get to know her and to ask her questions.

Shannon Sullivan is a life-long United Methodist and second generation clergywoman. She has served Presbury United Methodist Church in Edgewood, Maryland, for four years. There she has expanded the church's programming with children and youth and strengthened the church's mission participation through partnerships with local shelters and schools as well as organizations like Habitat for Humanity and Appalachia Service Project. Her passions are mission work, creative worship, and helping the church get out of the building and into the community in new ways.

Shannon is supported in her ministry by her husband Aaron Harrington, who is an aerospace engineer and whose passion is flying. He is a flight instructor at a local airport and is building an airplane in their garage. They currently live with Shannon's youngest sister Suzanne, two dogs, two cats, three chickens, and a guinea pig. They have two nephews Cooper and Weston.

We look forward to welcoming Shannon and Aaron in July.



Not able to attend church last Sunday? No worries. Click here to listen to the sermon: [SERMON March 19](#)

Sunday, March 26

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sermon title: Mud In Your Eye
Rev. Wilson preaching

John 9:1-41

Check out our other sermons on our website: [CLICK HERE](#)

GROW

Current Bible Studies

Calvary Campus

Pastor's Bible Study- Tuesday at 10:00 in the Library
Joyce Dixon's Bible Study – 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Covenant Bible Study – Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

Centennial Campus

Deacon Julie's Bible Study Saturday's at 2:30 p.m.

LEAD

Weekly:

Puppeteering [CLICK HERE](#)
Acolyte Coordinator office@calvaryumc.org
Acolyte (NEW) [CLICK HERE](#)
Lay Reader [CLICK HERE](#)
Usher office@calvaryumc.org
Greeter office@calvaryumc.org
Office Volunteer amyaguilar@calvaryumc.org
Nursery Volunteer cindywilson@calvaryumc.org
2nd Adult at Children's Church [CLICK HERE](#)
2nd Adult at VOP [CLICK HERE](#)
Children's Sermon [CLICK HERE](#)

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 20

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Tuesday, March 21

9:30 a.m. Joyce Dixon's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle
7:00 p.m. Joyful Noise
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir

Wednesday, March 22

5:00 p.m. Community Meal at Centennial
6:00 p.m. Dinner/Lenten Study
7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle

Thursday, March 23

12:00 p.m. Lenten Recital Series
6:30 p.m. Guitar Ensemble
7:15 p.m. Cathedral Choir

Friday, March 24

Saturday, March 25

5:15 pm. Service at Centennial

Next Sunday, March 26

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Bells for Jesus
1:00 p.m. Sonshine Choir
4:30 p.m. Voices of Praise
5:30 p.m. Youth Group

SERVE

Outreach Opportunities

- 2nd Street and Hope (1X per month on Wednesday) [CLICK HERE](#)
- Calvary at the Soup Kitchen (6 x per year)
Rescue Mission Meal (1st Monday of Month)
- **Wheelbarrow Sunday**: 1st Sunday of the month bring your canned food items
- **The Lord's Laundry** [CLICK HERE to email](#)

Contact the Church Office at office@calvaryumc.org or 301-662-1464 to learn more about these great opportunities at church and in the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



When the Church Speaks The Social Principles: The Social Community

The 2017 Lenten Series will be held the next 3 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.

The third session of the Wednesday Lenten series explores The Social Community. The Social Principles discuss that: *"The rights and privileges a society bestows upon or withholds from those who comprise it indicate the relative esteem in which that society holds particular persons and groups of persons. We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God. We therefore work toward societies in which each person's value is recognized, maintained, and strengthened. We support the basic rights of all persons to equal access to housing, education, communication, employment, medical care, legal redress for grievances, and physical protection. We deplore acts of hate or violence against groups or persons based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation. Our respect for the inherent dignity of all persons leads us to call for the recognition, protection, and implementation of the principles of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights so that communities and individuals may claim and enjoy their universal, indivisible, and inalienable rights."* For more information and to read the full article, [CLICK HERE](#)

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.../>

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.

Lenten Candle Lighting

The practice of lighting candles is an important tradition in many congregations. It a practice that can be traced back in the Old Testament times where an oil lamp is lighted to "keep a flame burning perpetually" (Exodus 27:19-20) and as a "lamp stand in the Tent of Meeting...set up before the Lord as He has commanded Moses" (Exodus 40:24-25). In the New Testament, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12) Jesus Christ is the light that shines for us in the midst this world of darkness.

When we hold worship services, a light is brought in and the candles on the altar are lighted. A highlight of the Christmas eve services is the candlelight held up by each person and the chancel area at Calvary Church includes two orange lights that are always on as a reminder of the perpetual light of Christ in our lives.

We are starting a new practice here at Calvary this Lent. We have a votive candle stand set up in the side wing of the sanctuary on the pulpit side. Candles can be lighted by anyone who desires. The candle we light can be a prayer in which we reflect upon the salvation that the Lord has worked for us. It can be a way in which we remember someone and offer prayers to God on the person's behalf. The lighting of a candle becomes a more tangible way of expressing our prayers to God. Candles can be lighted on Sunday mornings or at other times when the church is open.

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.

Lenten Recital Series

Thursdays from 12:00 Noon to 12:30 p.m.

Free and Open to the public

These 30-minute recitals offer a time for reflection, personal meditation, and relaxation while enjoying beautiful music from a variety of musical genres.



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 and Organist
Polly Edmonds Baldrige, soprano, Director of Music and Arts
Damascus United Methodist Church, Damascus, MD

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE



Easter Celebration, April 15, 1:00-3:00

Children of all ages are invited!

Storytime, Easter egg hunt, visit with Ms. Bunny, and more!

Candy donations for the plastic eggs are needed and can be left in the donation bin on the stage. We are collecting small individually wrapped candy that young children can eat.

If you would like to bring a snack to share, please sign up at the [snack sign-up link](#)