

the Messenger

Monthly Newsletter of the Calvary-Centennial Cooperative Parish

April 2016



What Would Love Do?

Each year, as we move through the Easter season, there always comes a time when I am simply overwhelmed as I ponder Jesus' extravagant love for us as he submitted himself to the cross. Sometimes it happens on Maundy Thursday, sometimes on Good Friday or on Easter morning but it always happens and I am grateful for the reminder.

The truth is that my theology, or everything I know or understand about God, comes down to one profoundly simple word: Love. When I consider the nature and character of God, I start with the concept of Divine Love and launch out from there into questions about creation, humanity, sin, salvation, the Trinity and much more. I submit that everything in life becomes more comprehensible and more purposeful when we finally begin to understand that love is the foundational essence of the holiness God.

That does not mean that I think I have all the answers to all of life's questions. Rather, it means I have learned that when I am able to live in the image of Divine Love, then life becomes joy filled, peace full, and purpose driven. Even in those times when I lose my way, or when issues are not clear, or life is a struggle I have discovered that finding my way back to wholeness and light is a matter of asking the Love question. The question can be asked in many forms but essentially it always comes down to "What would Love do?" or "What is the most loving thing I can do in this situation?"

That is why I love the Easter season, (yes, we are still in the Easter season) because like Christmas it is a time when Divine Love is most vividly on display. In the Easter season we are reminded that:

- Though we have not loved God with our whole heart, he loved us still.
- Though we have rebelled against God's love, he loved us still.
- Though we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, he loved us still.
- Though we have not done God's will, still Jesus prayed, not my will but Thine be done.

Like us, Jesus was tempted, and as he faced his time of trial he wondered if there was not some other way to accomplish Love's task. He was in effect, faced with the question, "What would love do?" Then he acted in love, committing himself to the will of the Father, giving himself up in selfless action, laying down his life that we might have eternal life. He loved us! He loves us still. It all comes down to a profoundly simple word: Love!

And so we sing; "Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Pastor David

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Ministry Updates

Spring Blessings from the Evangelism Committee!

We continue to work on new ideas and update old ones to achieve our goal to bring new faces into Calvary and keep them coming back. We welcome everyone's suggestions and help towards our goal.

Our current projects include:

- An Easter Banner on Bentz St. and a sign on Second St. were put up to encourage our neighbors to worship with us during Holy Week and to advertise our new website.
- In the month of March we mailed a post card highlighting Calvary's many beauties: music, stained glass, and friendly grace filled people to 137 new Frederick residents inviting them to worship with us.
- We are excited about having several visitors in the last month! All of them have been contacted through a Pastors letter, Evangelism Committee member's note and in some cases a phone call. We continue to work on organizing this system to function efficiently.
- The new Calvary website is up and running with lots of positive feedback thanks to all the hardworking website committee members.

If you would like to join us to help us with our goals, talk with any Pastor or Committee member.

Communications Committee:

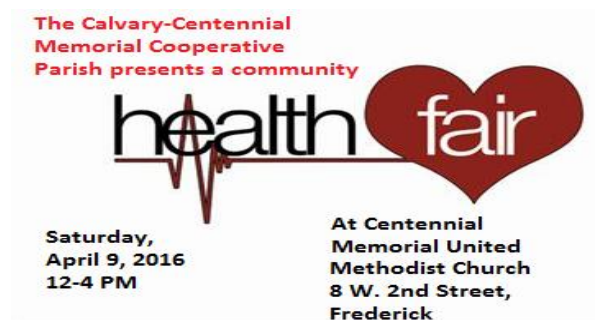
We are moving forward. Early in March, we went "live" with our new mobile friendly webpage. Big thanks go to Christy Mossburg and Amy for all their efforts in creating these new webpages. Our team has also made presentations to both the Church Council and the Trustees. This resulted in the funding we needed for larger technology upgrade for the Calvary.

We are now tackling the next phase which is an upgrade of the Church Management software. We expect this will enable better internal and external communication regarding events and volunteer opportunities. After we have this built, our team will tackle integrating it back with our webpage. Stay tuned as our team will hold a number of training and communication sessions as we continue to rollout the new system components to introduce these new capabilities to the congregation.

Outreach

Come to Centennial between noon and 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 9th for our community health fair. This new initiative will start small, with hopes of growing in years to come. The health fair will be geared toward providing free screenings and other resources for our neighbors, both those stably housed and those without a permanent residence.

If you are interested in helping at the health fair, or if you have a service you could provide, please contact Deacon Julie: revwilson@calvaryumc.org or 301-662-1464



THANKS! The Outreach Committee would like to thank Calvary members for your March donations of: A package of cups, a package of spoons, peanut butter crackers, 6 cups of soup, 3 pairs of socks, several personal hygiene items including soap, deodorant, shampoo and feminine hygiene products and 4 tarps and 4 T-shirts.

With summer around the corner, now is a great time to donate tents, tarps, and other camping items.

Calvary Music and Arts

The Music and Arts Committee held a very successful art exhibit in late February/early March, with the theme of "Hope" displayed by numerous talented Calvary members. Stay tuned for more from this growing part of the Music and Arts ministry at Calvary.

Caeli Smith, violinist and violist, presented an outstanding concert in Calvary's Community Concert Series on March 13. The next concert is scheduled for May 1, 2016, featuring The National Philharmonic Clarinet and String Quintet. Did you know that Mozart and Brahms wrote music for clarinet and strings? Musicians from The National Philharmonic at Strathmore will present two major works by these composers.

The 2016-17 Community Concert Season is almost ready to be announced. More to come in the next Calvary UMC Newsletter!

Education and Family Life Ministry



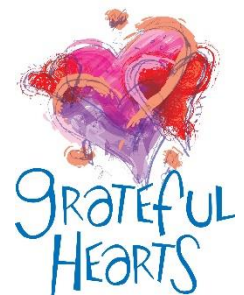
VBS Registration is open! Please register your child online at <http://calvaryumc.org/event/814197-2016-03-16-vbs-surf-shack-registration/>

Join us this summer for **"SURF SHACK" Vacation Bible School** as we *Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love!* VBS will be held from Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1.

This year's mission project will be for Group Work camps, specifically for our youth group. Our youth group will use the money raised to purchase food and other necessities for the families they are helping during their mission trip this summer.

Please contact Christy Mossburg (cmossburgvp@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

The **Grateful Hearts class** is still in need of drivers on Sunday mornings. One driver is needed to report to the church at 8:00 AM to pick up the members of the Grateful Hearts class and another driver is needed at 12:00 PM to take our friends home. We are working to schedule a training class on how to drive the church bus in the coming weeks so that more church members can sign up for this very important ministry. Please contact Dianna Snow if you are willing to become a driver for the Grateful Hearts class. Dianna Snow diannasnow@fcchagerstown.org



Have you ever wanted to *try your hand* at puppeteering?

Well, now you can! Calvary children's church needs you!

Training is provided. We want everyone to have a chance at this exciting and fun ministry! This will be on a rotating basis, so no one will be responsible for a performance every Sunday (unless you want to be)! PLEASE contact angelamayer@calvaryumc.org for more information! ALL AGES WELCOME AND WANTED!

Family Life's next event is on Saturday, April 9th is the State Dinner Challenge where church members are challenged to form teams for their home state or any state to compete against other teams in cooking the best food. We especially need church members to come out and sample foods from the regions and vote for the group with the best food. It's a wonderful time for fellowship and fun. If you are interested in forming a team or plan to attend please contact Allison MacDonald at allimac@gmail.com.

CHURCH PICNIC!

We will be having our annual Church Picnic on Saturday, August 20th in Mullinix Park off Bentz Street within walking distance of the church. We will have games for adults, children, corn hole competitions, gaga ball and much more. Family Life will supply the chicken and we ask that members bring sides to accompany the meal. You will also need to bring lawn or camp chairs for your seating pleasure as well as canopy tents to ward off the sun. Please stay tuned for more details. We have many exciting events planned for the Fall including Calvary's Got Talent an opportunity for everyone young and old to showcase their hidden or not so hidden talents.



UNITED MARRIAGE COURSE- Please sign up by APRIL 10th!

Please consider signing up for United Marriage offered at Calvary on Sundays, Starting May 1st, through June 19th from 3:00 - 5:30.

This course is **not** for struggling marriages, but for strong marriages to grow even stronger in spirituality and in love, and to enhance and celebrate relationships.

\$99 investment on a priceless return. Register at www.marriagefrederick.org

The Pre-session on April 24th is for those already signed up to prepare for the course

Scholarships!

Calvary United Methodist Church offers \$500.00 scholarships to its members who are pursuing higher education. Priority will be given to those who are actively serving and attending church. Application forms will be available in the Wesley Room beginning on March 20, 2016.

I AM TO OLD FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!!!

Part 1

If you are over 21 or even 18 you probably think like I do. I am definitely too old to go to Sunday School. I attended when I was child in elementary school and as a high school student. My mother was a Sunday School teacher and I taught classes in Vacation Bible School when I was still at home and before I got married. What else could I learn? I know all the Bible stories.

I moved to Frederick in the late 1980's and I started to look for a church. I knew I was going to live in Middletown and I worked in downtown Frederick and at first lived in an apartment complex before my daughters came to Frederick. So I decided to visit churches in the area but the two I visited did not feel right or make me feel like my home church. I worked on 2nd Street, but being new, I did not realize I was just up the street from Calvary until a walk one day. So I thought well I'll give it a try. As I walked into the church, I felt I was back in Columbus, Ohio as the church had the exact sanctuary that I had come from windows and all.

I sat way in the back so I would not have to talk to anyone or have any one notice me; unfortunately not far enough as a nice older couple sat behind me. After church service was over they introduced themselves as Mel and Marion Bell and they asked me to attend the Couples Bible Class with them. Here I am single and didn't really want to mix with a bunch of old married couples but I did not want to offend them so I told them I was just visiting.

The next Sunday I decided to sit on the other side of the aisle and sat behind Don Linton. I knew of Don because his firm interviewed me for a position for one of his clients. So I felt that this was safe place to sit. But guess who sat behind me? Mel and Marion again! What was I going to do? They again invited me and since this was 2nd Sunday and I was truly thinking of becoming a member I thought, " I am trapped". Again I begged off as I said I would be moving to Middletown and would probably attend there. Just a bit of little white lie in church.

To be continued next month.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“I the Lord do not change. So you O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.” Malachi 3:6

The Israelite remnant has returned from exile in Babylon, released, freed and called to rebuild the temple, city, and society. God looked upon them with favor at their early endeavors, their intentions were good – but it is easier to slide downhill than to work uphill. We are all too human.

They lost their God vision. The reconstruction of the temple was less an imperative than their own desires, there were more immediate things – things that were not God centered. But for the grace of God, for the grandeur of his character and his steadfastness, God did not destroy them for their apostasy and failures. “Return to me, and I will return to you”, God told them. Malachi 3:7

Apostasy, turning from God covers a lot of sins. They had abandoned the task of rebuilding the temple, but they were building fine homes for themselves – perhaps using the materials dedicated to the temple.

God’s word through his prophet, Malachi, was that they were robbing him. They were steeped in their pride, their arrogance, and their detachment from God. In abject denial, they asked how they were robbing God. They were giving the demanded sacrifices. They believed they never left God because they always were observing the old laws. How should they return to God – is it not God who has left them. Is it not God who has withheld his blessing? Do we do the same – you know the answer? They were giving God offerings short of the tithe and less than their first fruits. It is a log in our own eye as we try to remove the splinter in another’s. We are them, they are us!

God asks for the whole tithe so that the storehouse may have food for all in need. Their sacrificial offerings sustained the priests, poor, widows and orphans. God does not need your tithe and offering for himself, he wants your offerings to sustain the poor. He wants your humble and contrite heart, obedience to his command, and your desire to please him by providing to his world ministry. The tithe and first fruits gives us the opportunity to give graciously and extravagantly. By doing this, God demonstrates to the convicted world how he works through his disciples. God promises he will return to us when we return to him in obedience. This is how we return to God, by being obedient.

Tithing is a discipline we practice in our faith, as we do in prayer (time with him), giving of ourselves through volunteering to his work, giving ourselves through personal relationships with others, being in relationship with God more than an hour on Sunday morning. If you accept the command and wrap yourself around the idea of a God sized commitment in your life, you will be blessed as his child. It is not hard to become a tithing Christian. It only takes a little planning and maybe a great deal of commitment. God will accept small steps. What he wants is the first step and then another. Think of that first step as your first fruit.



We took 157 items from the wheel barrow for March 2016 to the Food Bank. Way to Go!



Calvary will volunteer at the soup kitchen on April 23rd. Please check the parish hall bulletin board to sign up to help! This is a great opportunity to volunteer and make a difference!



This month a new whiteboard in the kitchen was dedicated to Frank Parsons. The beautiful wooden structure, made by Lou Finneyrock, bears a plaque that reads:

*"In Memory of Frank Parsons...
lest we forget"*



Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 18th

1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Parish Hall at Calvary UMC

Each unit of blood we collect can help save up to 3 people - why not consider giving, or inviting a friend to donate?

To sign up, call or text Eric Anderson before the event at 240.506.5759, or connect via email at eanderson@asbury.org.

8th Annual Lori Shipley Memorial Golf Tournament

Join us for our 8th Annual Lori Shipley Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, June 6th, 2016! We are returning to the same venue this year, PB Dye Golf Course in Ijamsville, MD. For more information on this great charity event, where all proceeds go to Boys & Girls Club of Frederick County.

Go to www.bgcfc.org or call Amy Full @ 301-600-1875

<http://www.bgcfc.org/golf-tournament.html> to Register or become a sponsor

Go Light Your World™ - Gospel album recorded by Dr. Ray Moreland is still available. All donations (\$10.00) will continue to go to the Frederick Rescue Mission. The album has raised over \$2,000 for the Mission since last November. If you would like a copy of the album, which includes arrangements of songs originally recorded by Elvis Presley and songs like "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Amazing Grace" and 17 other songs, please email Dr. Moreland at agape12@comcast.net or call 301-694-8405 and the album will be brought to Calvary or sent to you. Cash is acceptable or you may write a check payable to the "Frederick Rescue Mission". Thank you.

United Methodist Men

Calvary's United Methodist Men's fellowship consists of Christian men who witness to their faith in God by gathering for mutual support, spiritual nurture, informative programs, and service projects which benefit Calvary Church and the community beyond.

Typically, the winter months are a little slower. However, we have had several great get togethers with the Men's breakfast, which are held the 2nd Saturday of every month. In February, Ray Moreland gave a great devotional on comedy in the Bible. Then, in March, Kent Willets delivered a fantastic message: "I never met a pizza I didn't like". We've had great meals and even greater fellowship. Turnout is growing but we always welcome even more in the way of attendance. Stay tuned for upcoming information on our next men's breakfast.

Spring is here and we are gearing up for our spring activities. It's all very exciting!

This season will be very active! Our initiatives are many and include:

- The annual church-yard clean-up. The dates for this will be **May 14th**
- Mother's Day chocolates and Flower sale. **The weekend of May 7th and 8th.**
- Twice yearly "Calvary Raises the Steaks" dinner. **We are still developing a date for this event.**

Of course, many men at Calvary will continue with their regular activities. For example, Eric Anderson will move forward breaking records with our Red Cross blood drives, Ray McKinnon is busy planning our next mission trip, and Bruce Sheppard continues helping with the Lord's Laundry and in many other areas. As always, if you would like to get involved in any of these projects, please feel free to contact me.

In Christ,

Chuck Kinsley

United Methodist Women

I think we can all agree there is nothing quite as comforting as the site of spring blossoms. Our earth that had lain in a state of dormancy now awakes and burst forward providing us with that visual sign of life in hues of pinks, purples, reds and yellows. For months the tree, bulb or plant rested, fueling up for the time when the earth welcomed them forward with the assurance that winter was past and the guarantee that warm weather was here!

We can be like that too as people. We sometimes need a time to sit back and reflect, recharge and renew our mind body and soul. Once we have done that, it's time to respond.

How we respond can be a beautiful sight too. As we see the needs of those that are hurting, helpless and hungry we know it's not only our privilege to care but our responsibility to participate in acts of compassion. We have an opportunity to hear the *response* of our brave and bold sister *Gwen Gibson*, as she left her safe life in Appleton Wisconsin to commit to live over the next three years in Senegal with her husband Bill. She will share her projects as a representative to that community and the wonders of being the hands and feet of Jesus.

The UMW invites you to welcome our guest on April 10th. We will host an all church potluck and follow it with our guest speaking to us. This will take place after the second service. Please make every effort to show Gwen your support.

Any questions about the UMW or the events please contact- Andrea Willetts 920-850-0958

UMW Meetings Schedule for April

April 5th Executive meeting -2:00 church library

Board of childcare Cookie Collection- Drop off at Church by Sunday the 24th

Circle meetings:

Miriam- April 27th 7:00 pm- Hostess Cheryl Gray-2215 Lamp Post Lane Frederick, MD 301-663-7974

Mary-Martha- April 14th RSVP to Pat Staggs 301-865-4827 SERRV field trip

Wesleyan- April 19th 1:30 Field Trip to Glade Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center 56 W Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD



UMW Sewing Day April 23rd- 10 am-1 pm

All are welcome to come and sew. Bring a sewing machine, gently used/new pillowcases or donate fabric, (1 yard or more minimums) ribbon, single fold bias tape.

We will be working on our service project of Pillowcase dresses for our VIM to take with them to Puerto Rico. It's a great way to work together, learn more about one another and be a part of mission project. Any questions contact: Helen Sheppard-301-898-3464

UMW Sponsor- Gwen Gibson

April 10th 12:00 Potluck Lunch after second Service

Guest Speaker to follow

Please come and hear all about the mission that Gwen and her husband Bill were a part of in Dakar Senegal.



The UMW Yard Sale is Coming!

Please start setting items aside that you would like to donate to the Annual UMW Yard Sale. The stage will be open for receiving donations next month on Sunday, May 15. The date of the Yard Sale is Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4. United Methodist Women use all the funds raised from this sale to promote local, national and global mission work. Thank you for supporting this amazing event with your donations and by coming to shop at the sale.



A sincere thank you to everyone for all the calls, cards, and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery.
~ Bruce Sheppard

A giant "thank you" to the Youth who helped stuff Easter Eggs. Hundreds of eggs were filled with candy, and we appreciate their sweet work!

The 1st Calvary UMC / St. Patrick's day meal was a big success!

A super big thank you to Andrea Willetts, whose hard work and vision helped to bring this effort together. She and I planned this for months. We wanted to show solidarity between the Calvary UMW AND UMM. When we work together, great things can happen. We would be a good model for Washington to follow.

This time, the VIM was the beneficiary. There will be a donation to the Missions groups of over \$600 in profit for our efforts.

Additional thanks are due to Bob Jacobs, Larry Johnson and his wife, Alice Ehlers Zalatoris, and others who were all willing to pitch in and help at crunch time.

Next up, the 4th annual flower sale!

With Appreciation, Chuck Kinsey

Camp Open House

West River Center and Camp Manidokan will both be holding an Open House so you can check out their camping sites for Summer Camp. Are you interested in coming to summer camp? Come to our open house for a tour of the facilities, meet the staff and ask any questions!

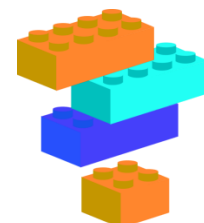
West River Center, 5100 Chalk Point Road, West River, MD 20778 – April 24, 2016, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Camp Manidokan, 1600 Harpers Ferry Road, Knoxville, MD 21758 - April 24, 2016, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.



THE NAME OF THE GAME IS CREATIVITY!

**PRIME TIMERS
SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016
5:00pm IN PARISH HALL**

Fried chicken, drinks and place settings provided.
Please bring a salad, side or dessert to share.



RECLAIM YOUR CALM!

**BRING YOUR INNER CHILD & COLOR YOUR WAY TO CHILL – SUPPLIES PROVIDED. Or....
DESIGN YOUR DREAM HOME WITH LEGOS.
BUILD THE FANTASTIC STRUCTURE ONLY YOU CAN IMAGINE!!
SUPPLIES PROVIDED – ONLY YOU ARE NEEDED!**

Creativity has a calming effect on mood and energy levels and restores sleep!

**CO-Sponsors: Katie & Isam Ballenger, Ginger & Joe Ward
Please RSVP to 301-644-4282 OR email to gingerward@comcast.net**

Beginner-Intermediate Dance Lessons

No partner required

**Six lessons, Wednesday from 7 to 9 pm
(April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, and 11, 2016)**

**Calvary United Methodist Church, 131 West 2nd St at Bentz St
(Join us in the Education Center, Lower level – access via Bentz Street)**

Enjoy dancing to Foxtrot, Waltz, Swing, Cha-Cha and Freestyle

6 week session per person is \$120, or \$240 per couple.

Two2Dance, LLC owner and instructor Jim Colborn brings decades of dance experience to the floor, having been a teacher with Arthur Murray's Dance Studio in St. Louis, Missouri and Fred Astaire's Dance Studio in Buffalo, New York. His background includes the dance competition circuit in the Midwest and New York City, professional training in Jazz and Modern dance and being a choreographer. As an accomplished musician and vocalist, his love of music and dance is evident in his method of instruction whether you are a beginner or a more experienced dancer wanting to polish moves. Jim offers private lessons for engaged couples, their wedding parties and families to prepare for the big day and to groups who need to prepare for travel, cruises or galas.

**To register contact: Jim Colborn, Two2Dance, LLC
A Ballroom DanceSport Company**

Two2Dance4Fun@Gmail.com

240-422-6333

Cash, check and credit cards accepted

Calvary – A House of True Corporate Worship

Corporate Worship, simply put, is the action of a group of people coming together to praise God with one united heart and voice. Different than the private devotion we need and express as we personally interact with God, corporate worship uses the entire church body (body of Christ) together as one to speak, pray and sing our glory to God. This is the primary function of our beautiful Sanctuary.

Acoustics are a crucial aspect of the corporate worship experience. Ideally, all the sounds we make are reflected and projected, without interference, throughout the worship space. When sounds are muffled by sound absorbing materials (soft or porous materials that absorb sound waves) they are softer and weaker than intended, creating a dull exchange. This diminishes overall sound production, isolates individuals, and inhibits participation.

Unlike a theater or a music hall, where the audience is a spectator and the desire is to only hear and see what is going on up front, corporate worship involves all of us, especially the congregation, as lead players in our acts of praise and prayer - not just spectators. Thus, the church nave (where the congregation is) needs to be constructed of sound reflecting materials that project the sound waves outward to their fullest extent – and Calvary was indeed made of such materials. We are blessed!

Through the years, additions such as pew cushions and carpeting that cover the sound reflecting surfaces closest to the congregation have diminished the sound throughout the room. Improvements to the chancel area and ceiling have helped to liven the acoustics. Short of removing the pew cushions, the most important thing we can do is to remove the aisle carpeting, which will allow more of the congregation's sound to be reflected and heard. The more the sanctuary can act in total – all parts working together – to reflect and enjoy the full measure of our praise, the more we become an instrument of true corporate worship. This reflects our understanding of worshiping together, not alone, with each other and with those new to Calvary.

Pastor Terry K. Boggs, in an article from "Meeting House Essays – Acoustics for Liturgy" sums it up beautifully: "Clearly if worship is a public event, if God demands hospitality toward the stranger, if all are actors in the liturgy, then the acoustics of the environment can shape a sense of belonging and community by providing authentic sound that is alive and real as the people present are alive and real. As we create these places of worship, our highest priority is that we take seriously this vision."

One additional benefit of returning the aisles to their original tile surface will be the ease of handicapped/ wheelchair access throughout the sanctuary.

The aisle rugs have recently been identified by the Trustees to be replaced due to wear and "buckling". I have met with the Trustees and they have agreed that the rugs will be removed, but not replaced at this time, to give us the opportunity to enhance the acoustics. The Trustee's timeline for rug removal will be late spring.

Faithfully,

Joche

Centennial Corner

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN APRIL 2016

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SATURDAY EVENING 5:15 PM
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNING 10:30 AM

The Season of EASTERTIDE

Saturday, April 2
Sunday, April 3

Second Weekend of Easter
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Scripture Lesson – John 20:19-31
Morning Message “Belief Beyond Doubt”

Saturday, April 9
Sunday, April 10

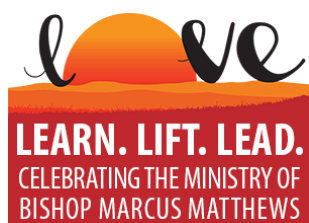
Third Weekend of Easter
Native American Awareness Sunday
Scripture Lesson – John 21:1-19
Morning Message – “In Love ...Tend My Sheep”

Saturday, April 16
Sunday, April 17

Fourth Weekend of Easter
Scripture Lesson – John 14:1-14
Morning Message - “How to Know the Way”

Saturday, April 23
Sunday, April 24

Fifth Weekend of Easter
Creation Care Emphasis
Scripture Lesson – Revelation 21:1-6 and Hosea 4:1-3
Morning Message - “Our Summons to Act”



Bishop's Farewell Gathering – Western Region
April 10, 2016 | 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

United Methodists across the conference will have the opportunity to honor Bishop Marcus Matthews as he plans to retire in September. The reception will be held at [Middletown UMC](#), 7108 Fern Ct, Middletown, MD 21769

Indoor Flea Market

Saturday, April 30
from 8-12 pm
Sunday, May 1 from 12-4 pm



Proceeds will benefit our Imagine No Malaria funds and other ongoing ministries. Contributions may be brought by April 29 and placed in the far left corner of our Great Room. No clothes but other gently used treasures welcome. Let's get those closets, garages and attics cleared out and recycled to someone else's!

For information: Call our church phone: 301-663-5273 or www.centennialumc-org

Calvary Youth



¹¹ For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.

¹² The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Spring has arrived, and we have many things going on! In March, we had the pancake supper, YUMMY! The senior high went to Impact and re-ignited their passion for the Lord. We served dinner at Second Street and Hope, and we continued to sell stocks for our Summer mission trip. God is Good!!!



Behold the Pink Wave!!!!

COMING TO A FRONT LAWN NEAR YOU! If you look out your door one morning, and find it filled with pink flamingos, don't worry! It means you have been hit by the pink wave! We will come and remove them at no cost to you, **OR** you could hit your friends and keep the wave moving! \$20 will allow you to surprise someone with these delightful friends and keep this fundraiser moving. Look for our pink friends around April 15! Contact Katy Mossburg

with questions! 301-662-1464

Other exciting April Events:

April 3 Youth Group

April 8-10: Our 1st annual spring retreat at Skycoft (no youth April 10)

April 17: Youth Group

April 20: Second Street and Hope Dinner

April 24: Youth Sunday, Youth Group

Calvary Weekday School

We are thrilled to have Angela Mayer as our new "storyteller" connecting CWS with the Church as she visits each month to share in the Word of God in a very interactive way. We are also fortunate to have Heather O'Neil as our media specialist, meeting the literacy and language needs of our children. She also teaches Spanish to all of our classes. The rich curriculum, balanced so nicely by our dedicated staff makes CWS a wonderful place to learn and grow! We completed our second in a series of Parent Workshops and we will keep you posted so that you might join in with us. We are planning some special lessons for Earth Day on Monday April 18th. We also will be sharing space at the Children's Festival at Baker Park on Saturday, April 30th, with the Calvary UMC. Bring the family for some fun crafts and lots of free activities.

During the month of April CWS will be offering business discount gift cards from nineteen local businesses. The profits from this sale will benefit our Dr. Earl Beck Scholarship Fund to assist families who might incur financial difficulties during the year. If you are interested in purchasing and supporting this wonderful cause, please contact the school. Thank you!

CWS will be hosting a CPR/First Aid class on Tuesday, May 17th @ 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm facilitated by Health First. Our staff, along with some members of CUMC are participating. If anyone is interested in joining with us, please call the school office at 301-662-6783 for more information or to register. (The cost is between \$55 - \$60, depending on how many sign-up.)

If you know of any families who are looking for preschool – Kindergarten we have a limited number of openings and welcome your referrals. We can be reached by phone, or email:

www.calvaryweekdayschool.com.

Happy Spring! Louise Walmsley, Director

Calvary Worship Helpers

April

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Greeters

April 3	Kern Thornton	Jack and Gracie Heller
April 10	Cindy and David Mills	Janet Wiles
April 17	Rita Sharpe	Helen and Stuart Austin
April 24	Carl and Linda Reed	Jennifer and Daniel Long

Acolytes

April 3	Paige Willard	Laura Cosby
April 10	Sylvie Duthoy	Julia Hartman
April 17	Kaitlyn Quigley	Grateful Hearts Class
April 24	Youth	Youth

Lay Readers

April 3	Didi Willard	Stephanie Slovikosky
April 10	Beth Strakonsky	Zan Fleming
April 17	Cindy Mills	Sylvia Simpson
April 24	James Mackley	Sylvia Simpson

Coffee Hosts/Tea Hosts

April 3	Judy and Lou Finneyfrock	Katherine Hembree
April 10	Helen Sheppard & Jackie Grimes	Sue Krause
April 17	Kelly Ramsburg	Katherine Hembree
April 24	Beth and Bill Waskey	Stephanie Slovikosky



Birthday Blessings

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Owen Duthoy, Jacob Eavey, Benjamin Moked **2** Rachael Bostian, Nancy Dobbs, Rodney Hamilton, Henry Maubert **3** Bob Byers, Dal Hardy, Jeremy Leftwich **5** Aaron Burall, Scott Pearce, Brady Tyler **6** Becky Bostian, Jeff Dragan, Eryn Keyser **7** Amber Baughman, Adam Heller, Sarah Jenkins, Patty Keyser, JoAnn Leigh, Nicole Mentzer, Melissa Rust **8** Melissa Gaeta, Brandon Howes, Dennis Remsberg, Gabriel Washburn **9** Allison Engler, Chrissy Irving, Marilyn Marshall, Patricia Sterling, Nancy Strine **10** Nancy Huffman **11** Matthew Bowling, Katie Glock, Douglas McKinnon, Magda Morales, Daniel Nazari, Norie Shipley **12** Eva Gearhart, Todd Main **13** Kaleb Bordner, Martha Long, Erich Muehl, Heath Wilson, **14** Rebecca Isaacs, Justin Leggett, Ginny Metcalf **15** Gary Miller, Mandy Mossburg **16** Amy Shifflett **17** Nathan Benson, Gina Calcagni, Rachel Jones, Charlotte Pasquerette, James Shoemaker, Kenneth Troxell **18** Lena Dietz, Jacob Leggett, Parker Leggett, Erich Muehl, Beth Reilly **19** Jacob Campbell, Benjamin Carlisle, Amanda Haddaway, Angela Muehl **20** Grace McKeever, Richard Zimmerman **21** Ruth Ann Burgener, Pamela Rotberg **22** Robert Eversz, Jacob Mayer, Dick Miller, Cristian Rojas **23** Shannon Kraham, Gabrielle Slovikosky, Abigail Slovikosky **24** Ryley Harper, Rachel

Reading, Ronald Shipley **25** Camden Grossnickle, Suzanne Nusbaum, Jason Ramsburg, Bonnie Strine **26** Ken Dunnington, Garth Phoebus **27** Jessica Jarvis **28** Michele Lopez, Valerie Proudfoot, Trisha Stouter **29** Harry Cole, Mary Crum, Elinor C. Eiker, Joshua Reading, Peggy Sanders **30** Madeline Augustine, Xavier Gaeta, Sharon Govotsos, Caroline Meyer, Mary Monti

Anniversaries

Bob and Linda Bennett	April 8 th	28 years
Brett and Sandy Chaney	April 8 th	27 years
Andrew and Cheryl Radcliffe	April 19 th	36 years
Mark and Angela Mayer	April 28 th	20 years

April 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2 10a- Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:15p Centennial Service
3 4 p - Financial Peace 5:15p- Companions in Christ 5:45p - Youth Group	4 7p- SPRC	5 9:30a- Joyce Dixon's Bible Study 12 p- Staff Meeting 2 p- UMW Executive 7p-2 nd Street & Hope Board Meeting	6 7p- Men's Bible Study 7p- Celebrate Recovery (Centennial)	7 6:30p-Kitchen Cmte 7:15p Family Life	8 Youth to Skycroft 6:30p-Children's Movie Night	9 Youth at Skycroft 7:30a- UMM Breakfast Meeting 12p-Heath Fair- Centennial 5:15 p Centennial Service 5p - State Dinner
10 12p- UMW Potluck and speaker 4 p - Financial PU 5:15p- Companions in Christ	11 6:45 p- Worship	12 12 p- Staff Meeting	13 7p- Men's Bible Study 7p Mom's Bible Study	14 1p- Mary Martha Circle	15	16 5:15 p Centennial Service
17 4 p - Financial Peace 4:30p- Youth Mission Parent Meeting 5:15p- Companions in Christ 5:45p - Youth Group	18 7pm- Education 7pm - Outreach	19 9:30a- Joyce Dixon's Bible Study 12 p- Staff Meeting 1:30p-Wesleyan Circle	20 7p- Men's Bible Study 7p- Celebrate Recovery (Centennial)	21	22	23 10a- UMW Sewing 4:30p-Soup Kitchen 5p- Primetimers 5:15 p- Centennial Service
24 Youth Sunday 12p-Marriage Preview 4 p - Financial PU 5:15p- Companions in Christ 5:45p - Youth Group	25	26 12 p- Staff Meeting	27 7p- Men's Bible Study 7p- Celebrate Recovery 7p- Miriam Circle 7p- Mom's Fellow.	28	29 Happy Birthday Harry Cole!	30 8a- Children's Festival 5:15 p Centennial Service
Sunday Worship	8:30 am- Worship 9:45 am- Sunday School 11:00 am- Worship	Choir Schedules	Sunday: 12:30pm- Bells for Jesus Genesis Choir 1:00pm- Sunshine Choir 4:45pm- Voices of Praise	Tuesday: 7pm- Joyful Noise 7:30pm- Gospel Choir	Thursday: 6:30pm- Guitar Ensemble 7:15pm- Cathedral Choir	
Regular Classes	SUNDAY: Companions in Christ 5:15 pm in the Parlor 4:00 p.m. Financial Peace University	Classes	Tuesday: 9:30 am-Communion 10:00 am- Pastor's Bible Study 6:30pm-Fan the Flame /Centennial Campus	Wednesday 7pm.- Men's Bible Study 7pm- Disciple I 7pm- Disciple IV	CENTENNIAL CAMPUS Thursday 6:30 pm- Pastor Helen's Bible Study Friday 5:30 pm- Men's Bible Study Saturday 2:30 pm- Pastor Leo's Bible Study	

Calvary's Community Concert Series

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



The National Philharmonic Clarinet & String

Ensemble

**Sunday, May 1, 2016
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!**



Did you know that Mozart and Brahms wrote music for clarinet and strings? Among the most experienced artists of The National Philharmonic at Strathmore, these five musicians will perform two major works by the above composers. Cheryl Hill, principal clarinetist, will be joined by Olga Yanovich and Jean Provine on violin, Judy Silverman on viola, and Kerry Van Lannen, cello.

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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