



Centennial Memorial's Beautiful Sanctuary photo by John Mitchell

Weekly Preview

October 24 ,2016

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

One Pastor's Take on Halloween

It is thought that Halloween started out as a pagan, Celtic holiday. The Celts of Ireland celebrated October 31 as the official end of summer. This pagan holiday got tied to a Christian holy day (All Saints' Day – November 1). All Saint's Day (or, All Hallow's Day) is November 1. It is a day to remember those good souls who died in the faith. Halloween (a contraction of "All Hallows' Eve") is the evening before All Saint's Day.

Some of our Christian brothers and sisters have forgotten this bit of history. They've forgotten that the original intent of the day's traditions was to scare away evil spirits. They think that, because children (and adults!) dress up like witches and ghosts and demons, the holiday is really paying homage to witchcraft and sorcery and Satan.

I don't think anybody is seriously trying to honor Satan and evil by dressing up and going to a party or door-to-door to get some candy. Just as God isn't honored by empty worship, neither is Satan supported by impish appearances. I think Halloween is harmless. I don't think Satan gains many disciples through costume parties and trick-or-treat.

Put your fears behind you this Halloween. Carve a jack o' lantern, wear a mask, bob for apples. Give out some candy and have some yourself. Then take time on November 1 to recall some of the believers and saints that have enlarged our faith across the years. They are all around us if we but stop to look.

See you in church.

Rev Steve



Sermon

Not able to attend church last Sunday? No worries. Click here to listen to the sermon: [SERMON October 23](#)

Stewardship Campaign- The ABC's of Stewardship

Stewardship is about all that we do with all we have been given. We can take that broad definition and break it down into the basic components, the A, B, C's.

October 30 Stewardship Campaign- 2 of 4
Blessings: The Resources of a Successful Steward

[1 Chronicles 29:10-16](#)

November 6 All Saints Sunday. Holy Communion.

Stewardship Campaign- 3 of 4

Consecration: The Requirement of a Successful Steward

[Mark 10:13-31](#)

November 13 Stewardship Campaign- 4 of 4

Donation: The Reward of a Successful Steward

[Luke 6:20-38](#)

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.

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](#)

The Week Ahead

Monday, October 24

Tuesday, October 25

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Crafting
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Joyful Noise
7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir

Wednesday, October 26

9:30 a.m. Covenant Bible Study Class
5:00 p.m. Community Meal at Centennial
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Crafting
7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle
Mom's Fellowship

Thursday, October 27

6:30 p.m. Guitar Ensemble
7:15 p.m. Cathedral Choir

Friday, October 28

Saturday, October 29

4:00 p.m. Community Meal at Centennial
4:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat
5:15 p.m. Contemporary Service at Centennial

Next Sunday, October 30

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 a.m. Worship at Centennial
11:00 a.m. Worship at Calvary
11:00 a.m. Sunday School Teacher Meeting
12:30 p.m. Bells for Jesus
Genesis Choir
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 in the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Salvation Army Christmas stockings are available in Parish Hall. Please stop by and pick one up to fill for a needy child. Stockings are labeled age and gender specific, and a list of suggestions is provided to help make it a little easier. Please remember that all items put in the stock should be new and left unwrapped. Please avoid any chocolate candy, however wrapped candy is allowed. Most importantly, please make sure all stocking items are inside the stocking. Please seal the stocking (ribbon, staples) so that those precious gifts won't fall out! Questions? Please see/call Dave or Ellen Adams. 301-788-0543, or eadams854@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed: We are seeking volunteers to host "Tea Time" immediately after the 11:00 AM service. This is a brief social time where members can chat with one another and greet visitors. If you think you might like to host one Sunday each month, or just occasionally as needed, please contact Sue Krause for more information at ksofbtown@aol.com, or 301-874-2860.

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT KIDS FOR CHRIST: Kids for Christ is on hiatus until January. Please contact Christ Mossburg at DirectorCEFL@calvaryumc.org if you have any questions. We'll see you in January!

Ham Sandwich Sale: The Friendly Circle Class will take orders for Country Ham Sandwiches, \$4.00 each, Sunday, October 30th in the Parish Hall. Please pay when ordering. Checks are accepted payable to Calvary United Methodist Church. Pick up is scheduled for Sunday, November 6th in the Parish Hall during coffee hour and following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Visit the United Methodist Building in DC: Join members of the Church and Society team for a day of learning about our United Methodist Social Principles and the work of the General Board of Church and Society, Saturday, October 29th. Registration is available online <http://bit.ly/2bgq73K>. We will be taking the church van, along with others from Frederick County. If you would like to join us, meet at MIDDLETOWN UMC at 8:15 am on the 29th.

Calvary's Annual Holiday Bazaar. November 19th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We are nearly finished crafting. It's now time to turn our thoughts to donations and those who can help us on the day of the bazaar.

On the Welcome Center desk, in the church hall, are **sign-up sheets** for helping on the day of the bazaar. We need many hands at many stations (White Elephant room, Cheese ball sales, Coffee Sales, Gift Basket Sales, Wreath Sales, Country Crafts Sales, Silent Auction Table, Bake Goods Table, Muffins and Coffee table, Children's Advent Crafts table, etc.). This year we are also placing a sign-up sheet for baked goods at the same location as worker sign-ups. Everyone loves to take home a homemade baked good. Please consider donating a baked good.

- The first Sunday in November, we can begin accepting donations for the White Elephant room. Please leave all items on the front edge of the stage in the church hall. All leftover items from this room will be donated to Goodwill at the end of the bazaar day.
- We are also looking for items for our Silent Auction table. Last year we raised over \$500 from the Silent Auction items alone. Please consider donating special items for this eagerly anticipated part of the bazaar.

Last, but not least, please broadcast the date and time of the bazaar to your family and friends. We have a wonderful luncheon of homemade items and live music all morning. It's a great opportunity to get those Christmas gifts marked off your list AND spend some time with your family, friends, and neighbors. As we always say:

Come to shop Come to relax Come to ring in the season!

We are counting on your help. *The Bazaar Committee*

World Community Day, sponsored by Church Women United

Friday, November 4 at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 5463 Jefferson Pike, Frederick, MD
10 a.m. registration; 10:30 a.m. program "Sharing Gifts at the Table" with speaker, Kathy Schey, Faith House Program Director. 12:15 p.m. Lunch ((\$5)
Please RSVP to Betsy Bryant at 301-662-1032 by October 28th

Opportunities to GROW:

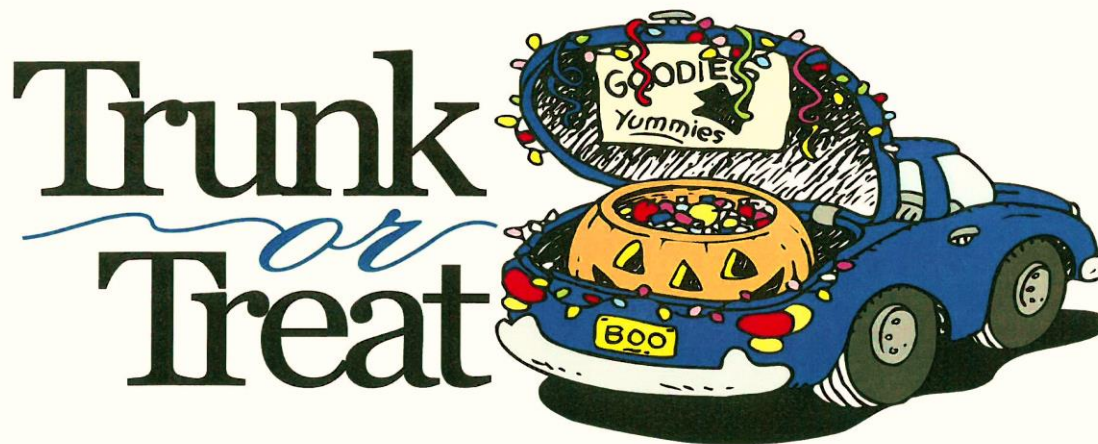
Pastor's Bible Study Led by Pastor Steve on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Library. They are studying 2 Corinthians. All are welcome!

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.

Join Family Life on **Saturday, October 29th** for **Trunk or Treat** from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Calvary United Methodist Church Parking Lot.

Prizes for Best Trunk Decoration, Sauce, Creepy Cuisine and Pumpkin Decorating.

The **Fun House** will be in the Education Building 4:30 PM to 5:15 PM and reopen during the Trunk or Treat rounds. You are encouraged to bring a canned good to be donated to the Frederick County Food Bank!! www.calvaryumc.org



SIGN UP NOW TO PARTICIPATE: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20foc4eafa72fa4fa7-trunk1>



The ABC's of Christian Stewardship

We are currently in the middle of our annual Stewardship campaign. By now, you should have received a pledge card in the mail.

If it is easier for you, you may complete one on-line by clicking [HERE](#).

If you have not received a pledge card, you may click [HERE](#) to print one or contact the church office and we would be happy to mail one to you. 301-662-1464 or office@calvaryumc.org