



Weekly Preview

May 8, 2017

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

What does it mean to be a follower of Christ?

What does it mean "to become disciples of Jesus Christ"? A *disciple* is a follower or student of a teacher, leader, or philosopher. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to be someone who sets out on the path to become more and more like Jesus, especially when it comes to how we relate to God and one another.

The church plays a big role in discipleship. We learn about Jesus Christ and what it means to follow him in community with other disciples. We see how others love and so we practice loving in the same way. We receive encouragement from the faithful who are a little further down the path of discipleship than we are and so we strive to live a more faithful and obedient life. We are inspired by the example of those who have lived each day with trust and the blessed assurance that comes from God and so we follow that example.

As I have considered this matter, I have come to see that there are five main pathways that have often proved helpful and fruitful. Follow any one of these paths and you will find yourself growing closer and closer to God. Better still is making use of all of them together. The five paths I have in mind are:

Worship and prayer	Serving God and others
Generosity	Learning and study
Sharing faith with others	

The idea is that we grow and mature and develop over time. Our spiritual life is not to be static or stagnant. We should not expect our spiritual life to always be the same. Instead we are always involved in becoming more and more like Christ so that who we were yesterday is not the same as who we are today and who we will become will be different, in some ways, than who we are today. That's what John Wesley called, "Going on the perfection."

Over the next few weeks, I be writing more about how we as a church can help people grow in their walk with Christ through each of these pathways. In this way, we might be working on accomplishing our mission "to seek and invite all to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of our community and our world."

See you in church,

Pastor Steve

Not able to attend church last Sunday? No worries. Click here to listen to the sermon: [Sermon, May 7](#)

Sunday, May 14 : Life 2.0

Sermon: How Naomi recovered from losing her husband and sons.

Scripture: Ruth 4:11-15a

Sermon Series- Life 2.0

Just as a computer can start to bog down and lose speed, so can our lives. Little by little, we pick up bad self-care habits and allow the tyranny of the urgent to crowd our spiritual time. When that happens, we need an opportunity to reboot and start fresh. The Bible is full of stories of individuals who take a fresh look at their lives and make fresh starts. Their stories can inspire us to see new chapters open up in our own lives.

May 21 John 21:15-19

How Peter recovered after denying Jesus publicly.

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:

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2nd Adult at Children's Church [CLICK HERE](#)

2nd Adult at VOP [CLICK HERE](#)

Children's Sermon [CLICK HERE](#)

The Week Ahead

Monday, May 8

6:30 p.m. Trustee's Meeting

Tuesday, May 9

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Joyful Noise

7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir

Wednesday, May 10

10:00 a.m. Covenant Bible Study

1:00 p.m. **Red Cross Blood Drive**

5:00 p.m. Community Meal at Centennial

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Thursday, May 11

6:30 p.m. Guitar Ensemble

Kitchen Committee

7:15 p.m. Cathedral Choir

Friday, May 12

6:30 p.m. Children's Movie Night

Saturday May 13

7:30 a.m. United Methodist Men Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Vision Planning Team

5:15 pm. Service at Centennial

5:30 p.m. Silent Auction

6:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner

Next Sunday, May 14

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages/New Member Inquiry Class

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:30 p.m. Bells for Jesus

Genesis Choir

1:00 p.m. Sonshine Choir

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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

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.../>



The American Red Cross is holding a Blood Drive at Calvary UMC on Wednesday, May 10th from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall.

This is a free gift that takes 1-2 hours of your time, can help save up to 3 people, and also helps replenish an extremely low blood supply! If you are 16 or older and in good health, you're likely eligible to donate. 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.

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 at the Welcome Center starting today. [CLICK HERE](#) to get the application.

The Annual UMW Yard Sale is Coming!

Donations can be brought to the Parish Hall stage starting Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day). Thank you for setting aside items to donate including household items, jewelry, lamps, clothing for children, women and men, toys, books and holiday decorations. We **CANNOT** accept computers, old phones, televisions, or similar items.

Mark your calendars for the sale dates: Friday, June 9 (7:30am - 12:00pm) and Saturday, June 10 (8:00am - 12:00pm), and invite friends, family and neighbors to come shop. Thank you for supporting local, national, and global missions. Please contact Alice Zalatoris for any questions: 301-682-8828.

Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

It's that time of year again... time to start planning our Annual Spaghetti Dinner and silent auction. The dinner will be held on **May 13th** from 6 pm-8 pm.

Come at 5:30 to peruse the silent auction table! Tickets are \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child, with a family maximum of \$30.00.

Donations for the Silent auction are welcome and appreciated. Please Contact Katy Mossburg regarding information about the auction. 301-662-1464 or katymossburg@calvaryumc.org. Thank you and many blessings!

ALAN P. LINTON, JR., EMERGENCY SHELTER is in need of volunteers and snacks, specifically cheese crackers. If you would like to donate cheese crackers, please leave them in the box on the stage marked SHELTER. To volunteer, contact the Religious Coalition at 301-631-2670.

Calvary New Member/Inquirer Class Persons wishing to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ or considering becoming a member of Calvary United Methodist Church are invited to take part in an Inquirer's Class and orientation offered on Sunday morning on May 14 during the Sunday School hour 9:45 to 10:45 am. Pastor Steve Larsen will lead the class which will meet near the stage in the Parish Hall. We will consider the history and purpose of the church and look at what it means to have a vital and growing faith today. To register for the class or for more information, contact Pastor Steve at the church at (301) 662-1464 or RevSteve@calvaryumc.org.

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.