Spring Ministry Guide

March - May 2024 (Lent & Easter included)







Lenten Worship

Lent is a 40-day time of preparation for celebrating our Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Lent is a church season beginning on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14, 2024), not counting Sundays and ending on Holy Saturday. Lent is a time for people to begin or renew spiritual disciplines. This can include daily prayer, fasting (giving up a specific food or technology), daily scripture study, daily confessing our need to change our ways and caring for others. Prayerfully, let's ask God for the strength to grow our faith this Lenten season.

REMAINING WEEKS OF LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

Sharing Our God Stories

This Lenten season (six Sundays before Easter), our worship theme is Sharing Our God Stories. Simply said, a God story is when we share about God's presence and power in our lives. Through the power of the Holy Spirit this Lent 2024, we're learning how to strengthen and enhance our God stories through word, action and deed.



Remaining Sundays in Lent, 10:00 AM (In-Person & Online via YouTube)

Mar 3 The Call of the Prophets

Mar 10 Jesus: Presence and CompassionMar 17 The Church - Bold and Bodacious

- HOLY WEEK -



Palm / Passion Sunday Messiah, G. F. Handel Sunday, March 24 | 10:00 AM

This service embodies the sharp contrasts of Holy Week. In the beginning with joy, we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with all waving palm branches. The Calvary Choir, with soloists and orchestra, will lead in worship singing less familiar parts of George Frederick Handel's masterpiece *Messiah*. Together, we will meditate the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ through scripture from the prophet Isaiah, King David, and the Gospels of John and Matthew. As the service ends, we enter the passion and cross of our Lord in silence.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28th

*For planning purposes, RSVP to church office (410) 268-1776 or use Sign-up Genius link in the eNews by March 18, 2024, to attend Seder & Meal. Limited to 75 participants.



Every year, Jewish families re-enact their Passover deliverance of God in the Seder. While celebrating Seder with his disciples, Jesus instituted The Lord's Supper. Tonight, Calvary is blessed to share in this same experience.

5:30 pm	Seder	Fellowship Hall	led by Ross Heisman, who is Jewish
6:15 pm	Meal	Fellowship Hall	Matzoh Ball Soup, Chicken Marbella,
			potatoes, green beans, Passover
			dessert (prepared by Patti Heisman)
7:00 pm	Service	Sanctuary	The Lord's Supper, Scripture &
			Stripping of the Altar. Service ends in
			silence.



Good Friday Friday, March 29th

12 Noon - Stations of the Cross at Manresa

Manresa, 85 Manresa Dr., Annapolis

7:00 PM - Taize' Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary.

A candlelight service guided by Taize' music with scripture readings, after each of which a candle is extinguished. The service ends in darkness and silence.

- EASTER SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION -

6:30 AM - Sunrise Service at Eastport Yacht Club

Celebrate the Risen Lord as the sun rises over the waters of the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay. Bring a blanket and folding lawn chair. *Address: 317 First St., Annapolis, MD* * Free parking on site.



10:00 AM - Worship in Calvary Sanctuary

(In-Person & Online)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! Rejoice as our Lord Jesus Christ has resurrected from death and given us hope! Join us in celebrating His resurrection with the beautiful music of George Frederick Handel in his masterpiece *Messiah*. We will meditate upon the words of the Apostle Paul, King David, and end this glorious celebration with Handel's famous and joyful Hallelujah. For the first time in the entire work, the sound of the trumpet joins, pointing our gaze to Heaven.



Spring Church Activities

We are excited to offer special activities and opportunities for missions, outreach, and community fellowship. Contact information is provided in the description of each event.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Walk with us through the Stations of the Cross overlooking the beautiful Severn River on Good Friday. Perfect for all ages.

When: Friday, March 29th at noon

Location: Manresa, 85 Manresa Dr., Annapolis **Contact:** Julie Taylor, community@calumc.org





HYMN FESTIVAL

For Everyone Born: Songs of Justice and Joy is a hymn festival sponsored by the Annapolis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Come join us as we celebrate congregational singing with a mix of hymns old and new. Singers from eight area church choirs will combine forces to form the Festival Choir, under the direction of Daniel Aune.

When: Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 PM

Location: Sanctuary

Contact: Betsy Lord, betsy.lord@icloud.com

EASTER EGG HUNT

Families will meet for a light kid-friendly breakfast Easter morning, an Easter activity, and then an egg hunt before heading upstairs for worship at 10:00 AM.

When: Sunday, March 31 at 8:45 AM

Where: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Melissa Flaherty, melissapflaherty@icloud.com







SPRING RETREAT

The Calvary Spring Retreat, *Embracing Resurrection*, will be led by Pastor Rick Gray at the West River Center with lunch provided.

Cost is free. Sign-up by scanning the QR code to the left.

When: Saturday, April 6, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: West River Center, 5100 Chalk Point Rd., West River, MD

Contact: Wes Motter, wmotter58@gmail.com or

Marty Phillips, amartinphillips@gmail.com

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

The United Methodist Men are hosting Rise Against Hunger once again! This is a wonderful way to help prepare 20,000 meals for people in impoverished countries. Great for all ages!



When: Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 AM

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Bill Lovelace, wlove81162@aol.com

MEMORIAL WEEKEND POTLUCK



Join us for a cookout and potluck for fun and fellowship in Calvary's backyard! Stay after worship and enjoy a fun and relaxing event.

All ages welcome!

When: Sunday, May 26, after worship Where: Fellowship Hall and outside

Contact: Julie Taylor, community@calumc.org

WESLEYAN YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT

The Wesleyan Youth Choir, a choir of students in grades 7-12 from the First United Methodist Church in Athens, GA will share a program consisting of traditional, contemporary, and multi-cultural selections. Calvary will be the first stop on their East Coast Choir Tour, and then on to Baltimore, MD, Raleigh, NC, and Surfside Beach, SC. The choir is under the direction of Janis Maxwell and accompanied by Raina Wood.

When: Monday, May 27, at 5:00 PM

Where: Sanctuary

Contact: Gaby Garzon, musicdirector@calumc.org



Christian Education

We are excited to offer the opportunities for study below. Also, continue to read the Thursday eNews and bulletin as new opportunities will be added. Please contact Nancy Mills, Director of Discipleship at discipleship@calumc.org with any questions.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

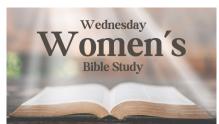
Join in the Lenten Bible study on Monday evenings with Pastor Linda and Wednesday mornings with Nancy Mills as they work through the study *Sharing Your God Story*. This 7-week study leads through daily devotions designed to help share our God stories.



When: Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Parlor (Mar 4, 11, 18, & 25th)

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in Room 114 (Mar 6, 13, 20, & 27th)

Contact: Pastor Linda Motter, <u>pastor@calumc.org</u>



Women's Fellowship Bible Study

This group uses various studies and curriculum exploring and sharing our faith with one another. Next study starting April 3rd.

When: Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM

Location: Room 114

Contact: Nancy Mills, discipleship@calumc.org

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Sunday Morning Bible study, led by Cathy West, is working through books by Andy Stanley, Adam Hamilton, seasonal studies, and more. It's a great time to gather with others from Calvary!

When: Every Sunday

Times: 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Room 121

Contact: Cathy West, fc_west@comcast.com

MEN'S TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

This group meets Tuesdays at 9:30 AM in the library using a variety of studies to explore their faith.

When: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM

Location: Library

Contact: Al Keyser at alan.keyser@verizon.net or

Nancy Mills, discipleship@calumc.org





MEN'S WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

This group meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM. The group uses devotional resources while discussing topics of interest.

When: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM

Location: Parlor

Contact: Nancy Mills, discipleship@calumc.org

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation teaches youth what it means to follow Jesus. Beginning April 7th, youth in 6th grade through high school will meet on Sundays following worship from 11:30 - 1:00 with snacks provided. The class will meet for 6 weeks and will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May



When: Sundays, starting April 7, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Youth Room (217/219)

19th during the worship service.

Contact: Dr. Joe Gryder, youthdirector@calumc.org, Pastor Linda, pastor@calumc.org, or

Nancy Mills, discipleship@calumc.org

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (4yr-5th grade)

Children's Sunday School is offered on Sundays (children stay in worship on Communion Sundays) following the Children's Message during the service. The children learn bible stories through music and videos, puppets and music as well as learning the Lord's Prayer in ASL.



When: Every Sunday, during 10AM worship only, except first Sunday

of the month for Holy Communion

Location: Rooms 214/216

Contact: Nancy Mills, discipleship@calumc.org or

Kathryn Longabaugh, katlee99@gmail.com



MIDDLE & HIGH SMALL GROUP GATHERING (6th - 12th grade)

Youth Sunday School is offered on Sundays (youth stay in worship on Communion Sundays) following the Children's Message during the service. This is a special class where students can talk about how to be responsible with their social media accounts, study the history of the bible, make prayer beads, and get to know one another.

When: Every Sunday, during worship except first Sunday

of the month for Holy Communion

Location: Room 217/219

Contact: Nancy Mills, discipleship@calumc.org

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH (SNY)

(GRADE 6TH-12TH)

Sunday Night Youth, (SNY), offers fellowship with the Lord, a short lesson about living a Christian life, and periodic mission opportunities. Reach out to Youth Director, Dr. Joe Gryder, to be included in weekly youth emails which provide updated information, scheduling, and opportunities.



When: Sundays, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Location: Youth Room (217/219)

Contact: Dr. Joe Gryder, youthdirector@calumc.org



Church Life & Ministries

Calvary is actively seeking God and serving in our community. Below you will find opportunities for missions, outreach, and congregational care that we would love for you to join. Contact information is provided in the description of each event.



ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY

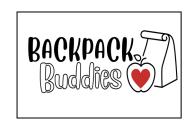
Deliver and/or arrange flowers for church members in need of encouragement. We use the flowers from Sunday's Altar flowers.

When: Sundays or Mondays once a month

Contact: Tracy Leahy, <u>tracyleahy1@gmail.com</u> or Julie Taylor, community@calumc.org

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Calvary has the privilege of serving our neighbors by filling backpacks for 30 elementary-age children each week containing food for their weekend. Give an hour of your week to help with one or more of the following: shop, pack, and deliver the backpacks each Thursday.



Time: Flexible

Location: Calvary Library

Contact: Barbara Jedrey, jeds13@aol.com



CALVARY BAG LUNCH MINISTRY

The Bag Lunch Ministry team makes 100 bag lunches for the homeless and underserved of Annapolis every week. The lunches are handed out daily by We Care and Friends, an organization based at the Stanton Center, that offers long and short-term counseling as well as other services to those in our community who need it the most.

Time: Every Sunday after 10 AM worship

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Wes Motter, wmotter58@gmail.com

CALVARY CARES

Love to cook, bake, or order out? Join our team who makes (or orders) and delivers meals or baked goods to our church family when they go through a difficult time such as illness, death of a loved one, or bringing home a new baby.



Time: As needed

Contact: Julie Taylor, community@calumc.org



CALVARY CENTER SCHOOL

Calvary Center School preschool program for three-year-old and four-yearold students offers flexible schedules with extended care options. Their degreed teaching staff provides developmentally appropriate learning opportunities designed to stimulate and encourage growth of the whole child. Calvary Center For more information, go to www.calumc.org/ccs-about.

Contact: Claire Zarrilli, calvarycenter@calumc.org

CALVARY CREATIONS CARD MINISTRY

Come have fun with a fun group of crafters as they create greeting cards to send to our church folks to wish them speedy health recovery or who may need just a friendly hello. No experience needed!

Time: 3rd Wednesday of each month

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Room 119

Contact: Joyce Conley, joyceconley2010@gmail.com





CEREAL DRIVE

Each week those in need have the opportunity to shop for food at the Light House Shelter's Food Pantry. There is always a need for more cereal. Add cereal to your grocery list and drop off at Calvary. And/or help deliver the cereal from Calvary to the Light House Shelter.

Time: Flexible: weekly/biweekly/monthly

Contact: Julie Taylor, community@calumc.org

COOKIE FACTORY

The Calvary Cookie Factory is a mission to send comfort and God's love to the Midshipmen of the US Naval Academy and serves as a fundraiser for youth missions. Multi-generational participants from the congregation help to make 800-1000 dozen cookies on certain Saturdays during the academic year for delivery to the Naval Academy. Helpers of all ability levels (over age 7) are needed to turn the church into a factory! Reach out to Joe if interested in baking for Cookie Factory.



Baking Dates: September - May

Time: Typical arrival 6:30 AM – 10:00 AM **Location:** Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

Contact: Dr. Joe Gryder, <u>calvarycookiefactory@gmail.com</u>



DINNER FOR 8

Dinner for 8 is a fun way to get to know other members or active attenders by taking turns gathering for a meal in each others' homes. Singles, couples, or families, all are welcome. Please let Judy know if you want to join in, be put on the substitute list, or would simply like to know more information.

Contact: Judy Roblyer, 410-757-6226.

DRIVING MINISTRY

Care for your church family by helping to drive those who can not drive themselves to and from church. We will connect you to a member who lives close to you.

When: As needed. Flexible.

Contact: Julie Taylor, community@calumc.org





GARDEN GROUP

Do you like gardening and working with your hands to bring beauty to a space? Join the Garden Group once or twice a month, as we garden and maintain the Memorial Garden with weeding, pruning, planting, raking, and general clean up. It only takes an hour or two to make the garden look its best. The specific work days will vary depending on the weather.

When: As needed once/twice a month

Contact: Beth Hutcheson, <u>brhutcheson5@comcast.net</u>

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Have you experienced a loss in your life-either recently or in the past? Come and join the Grief Support Group and be supported by a group of caring people to walk with you during your grief journey.

When: 1st Tuesday of the month

Time: 7:00 PM

Contact: Bill Thompson, bcthompson@verizon.net or

Suzanne Drury, suzanne41.sd@gmail.com





MISSIONS TEAM

Team This group leads local, national, and international efforts to shine a light in this world. Want to make a difference?

When: 2nd Thursday, every other month

Contact: Julie Taylor, community@calumc.org

NURSERY MINISTRY

Beginning March 3 with two adults, the nursery will be open to children birth to 4 years of age. The lead nursery worker is a CPR and First-Aid Certified adult who will compassionately care for your child(ren) while you are in worship. The nursery uses a pager system to contact you if a need arises.



Time: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (during worship times) **Location:** Nursery, second floor by choir room **Contact:** Nancy Mills, <u>discipleship@calumc.org</u>



PRAYER WARRIORS POWER OF PRAYER GROUP

Prayer is the very foundation of the Church. God wants to hear from us and we want to hear from Him. Join us for one hour twice a month, as we pray together for the Church, our church family, individuals, nations, and for the discernment of God's will.

Dates: 1st & 3rd Wednesday every month at 10:00 AM

Location: Library

Contact: Julie Taylor, community@calumc.org

PRAYER WARRIORS

Join our email team who receives Calvary's prayer requests and then prays over them all week. These prayers are confidential and remain with each Prayer Warrior.

Times: weekly Friday email

Contact: Julie Taylor, community@calumc.org



REFUGEE & IMMIGRANT OUTREACH

This group currently supports a refugee family of four from Afghanistan and a young victim of human trafficking. We are preparing to support another refugee family in 2024. Other future outreach will be determined by rising regional needs.

Contact: Julie Taylor, community@calumc.org

STANTON CENTER HOMEWORK CLUB

Looking for ways to use your gifts? Come help our local children (age Pre-K - grade 5) by reading to them, helping them with their homework, and just spending some time with them. All training and materials provided. Excellent opportunity for anyone ages middle school through age 100 to share God's love.

When: Any weekday from 3:00 - 4:00 PM Location: Stanton Community Center





STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you interested in helping individuals in the congregation or community who are experiencing difficult times? If so, Stephen Ministry may be the place for you. Stephen Ministers are well-trained laypeople who provide high-quality emotional and spiritual support to people who are hurting; they care for people on a one-on-one, confidential basis with a wide range of needs, such as grief, divorce, unemployment, hospitalization, and many other life difficulties.



Contact: Al Keyser (410) 757-9348 or Pastor Linda Motter, pastor@calumc.org



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

Calvary's UWF invites all women of the church to join this group dedicated to improving the lives of women and children here in Annapolis and around the world. Come join us and become involved in putting love into action.

When: Third Tuesday of each month, 5:30 PM

Location: Parlor

Contact: Laurel Scott, tchngmom@verizon.net

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

All men of Calvary Church are members of the UMM and are invited to join us. We gather monthly for dinner followed by fellowship, guest speakers, and song. As Methodist Men we seek to share our spiritual journey with one another, coming together to encourage one another in faith.



When: Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 PM

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Bill Lovelace, wlove81162@aol.com or

Tom Scott, tjscott22@verizon.net



Yoga

Have you thought about beginning or continuing to take care of you and your body lately? Calvary offers a gentle yoga class for all levels of abilities. Come out and try a class and join in this restorative practice as we become good stewards of the bodies that God has given us.

Contact: Liza Smith, <u>ejbrownsmith@gmail.com</u> or Nancy Mills, discipleship@calumc.org



Music & Worship

Calvary United Methodist Church has a long-standing history of music and worship. Calvary offers diverse and energetic musical arts with opportunities for everyone.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

This choir is for K through 5th graders (ages 4 -11). Learn to love music and make new friends. No experience necessary. All children's choir singers will sing at Christmas and occasional Sunday services throughout the year. Register online at CALUMC.org, or in-person.



Rehearsal Day: Sundays (September - May)

Time: 11:15 AM - Noon Location: Room 221

Choir Director: Melissa Flaherty, melissapflaherty@icloud.com



CALVARY CHOIR

The Calvary Choir leads 10:00 AM Sunday worship, sharing a diverse repertoire of sacred choral music. The ensemble presents masterworks for special celebrations twice a year. The Calvary Choir is non-auditioned and open to anyone. New members are always welcome!

Rehearsal Day: Wednesdays (September - June)

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:45 PM

Location: Choir Room (Room 203)

Contact: Gaby Garzon, musicdirector@calumc.org

CALVARY PRAISE BAND

The Praise Band includes singers and instrumentalists who lead praise and worship music once a month for 10:00 AM Sunday worship. Vocalists and drum, bass, guitar and keyboard players who enjoy contemporary worship music are welcome to participate.

Rehearsal Day: Thursdays Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Sanctuary

Interim Director: Gaby Garzon, musicdirector@calumc.org





CALVARY RINGERS

Calvary Ringers handbell choir ministers to our congregation through handbell and hand chime music. Our handbell choir plays a variety of music in worship and participates in special events at the church and in the local community. This ensemble offers music once a month during 10:00 AM Sunday worship services. Newcomers are always welcome! We'll teach you how to ring!

Rehearsal Day: Tuesdays Time: 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM Location: Room 217

Director: David Rainey, raineybuilds@aol.com

ACOLYTES

The word "acolyte" is taken from an ancient Greek word that meant "companion," "attendant," or "helper." Acolytes assist the Pastor in worship and primarily serve as candle lighters, crucifers, and torch bearers bringing the "Light of Christ" into the worship service. This ministry is open to all 4th graders through adults.

Contact: Pastor Linda, pastor@calumc.org

LITURGISTS

Every Sunday a liturgist assists the Pastor in leading worship. He/she leads congregational participation in the Call to Worship, prayer, and reads Scripture. Training is provided and all readings and prayers are supplied to the liturgist by email.

Contact: Lynn McReynolds, lynn@mcreynoldselek.com

AUDIO-VISUAL MEDIA MINISTRY

The A/V Media Ministry team works behind the scenes to make things happen each week! We seek volunteers to assist with operating the video camera, running worship slides, moderating the livestream, photography, etc. No experience is necessary. Training provided. Newcomers are always welcome!



Contact: Malcolm McFadden, <u>malcolmyates34@gmail.com</u> or Cathy Humphrey, <u>cathyannhumphrey@gmail.com</u>



ALTAR GUILD

The Calvary Altar Guild Ministry serves visitors and the congregation by preparing the altar for worship. The Altar Guild cares for the altar, vestments, vessels, altar linens, and candles of the parish. Additionally, the Altar guild prepares elements for Holy Communion services (1st Sunday of the month). Altar Guild collaborates with Flower Guild and Worship Team to decorate the sanctuary for special services.

Contact: Elaine Irwin, emi569@aol.com

FLOWER GUILD

The ministry of the Flower Guild is to enhance our weekly worship services through the beauty of flowers and creative expressions in the sanctuary. Flowers are donated by people like you and placed on the altar by the altar guild volunteers. During special services of the church year (Christmas & Easter), custom arrangements are created for the sanctuary.

Contact: Anna Pereira, anna prem@yahoo.com

USHERS & GREETERS

Our ushers and greeters are a team of dedicated and hospitable people who welcome everyone who enters the doors of Calvary and the Sanctuary. Their responsibilities include greeting members and guests, guiding and directing them to available seating, providing the bulletins outlining the service, accommodating those with hearing or visual difficulties, ushering people for Communion, collecting offering, and sustaining a meaningful atmosphere for sacred worship.



Contact: Al Kohler, bikeral@gmail.com or Tom Scott, jscott22@verizon.net



PEW TENDERS

The pew tenders ensure that our pews are refreshed and restocked each week with necessary items. Flexible and easy!

Contact: Carolyn Taylor, erquiet1@gmail.com





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Connect with our staff!

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Gaby Garzon, Director of Music

Dave Rainey, Handbell Director

Betsy Lord, Music Associate & Interim Organist

Melissa Flaherty, Dir of Children/Family Ministries

& Children's Choir

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Julie Taylor, Community Outreach &

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