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For years, there has been tension and disagreement on the issue of full inclusion of LGBTQ persons among United Methodists across the theological spectrum and talk of a potential church split over the issue of homosexuality.

To help us break this stalemate, by a vote of 428-405, the 2016 General Conference authorized the Council of Bishops to form a commission to discern a path forward regarding same-gender weddings and full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in ministry; to respect diverse theological and Scriptural understandings; and to foster and preserve unity.

As your pastors, we would like you to be informed, and for you to have as much of the same information as we have. We invite you to attend one of the informational sessions. We will view the presentation offered from our Annual Conference that explains the plans. The next opportunity to attend one of the sessions will be on September 16 from 5-6:30 PM or October 9 from 7-8:30 PM in the Parlor.

The presentation is also on the home page of our website [www.calumc.org](http://www.calumc.org) for you to view at home if you are unable to attend these sessions.

Governing policies of the UMC are determined by General Conference, a global conference of United Methodist leaders, elected by annual conferences, held every four years. Clergy and laity are equally represented; bishops have voice but not a vote.

The Commission on a Way Forward was created as a representative body (32 people, 9 nations, all jurisdictions, 9 states, men and women, straight and gay, laity, elders, deacons, bishops, multigenerational) for this purpose. Over the course of 18 months, they developed and discussed three possible plans: The Traditionalist Plan, the One Church Plan, and the Connectional Conference Plan. In May of 2018, the Commission presented its report to the Council of Bishops, who in turn voted overwhelmingly to present their recommendation of the One Church Plan to a special gathering of the General Conference February 23-25, 2019 in St. Louis.

We invite you to pray for the future of the UMC. The challenge is to pray daily for two minutes from 2:23-2:25pm (the dates of Conference are 2/23-2/25). The full 93 page document that the Commission on the Way Forward has published is on the home page of our church website [www.calumc.org](http://www.calumc.org)

If there is a desire to have a deeper discussion around the Commission's report, please reach out to Pastor Meredith – she has offered to facilitate this discussion.

Know that the institution of the Church has faced other large decisions and we will be and are guided by God's Spirit. We are not alone!

Grateful to serve with you,  
Pastors Meredith and Braulio

# C O M M U N I T Y Vitality



Calvary UMC supports Annapolis 10 miler.

Approximately, 3000 runners and perhaps as many spectators and volunteers saw Calvary UMC volunteers at the Annapolis 10-mile.

This is the first big event that the Vitality team has planned in our effort to get out of the church and into the community. Calvary scheduled its first big event with volunteers supporting the Annapolis 10-mile run.

We certainly accomplished the goal of being seen and appreciated. Our Pastors conducted an ecumenical service before the race began and blessed the runners. Nearly two dozen Calvary UMC volunteers handed out bagels, bananas and frozen fruit bars to runners as they finished the race. We congratulated the runners for finishing the race as we handed out the food. We all wore navy blue Calvary United Methodist Church shirts with the church name and logo embroidered in red.

Last year we staffed a water station on Rowe Boulevard at the Church. The water station involved handing water to runners as they ran by, not allowing time to exchange two words. *This year's venue allowed us to have time to interact with runners.* Most thanked us for volunteering. Some stopped to talk. One woman told us how inspired she was by what Pastor Meredith had to say during the service. Another runner referring to our volunteer efforts was heard to say, "This is what the church should be doing." A couple mentioned that they missed going to church and were very happy that they could attend the race and church at the same time. Another person said he wished his church did this. He added one reason people are not going to church anymore is because the church is not involved in the community. Two men actually asked Nelson's Gardner to pray for them. Overall, we felt it was a great kickoff event for the Church.

Our next event will be supporting the Pre-School Parents on the first day of school! Join us on September 4th. We will be handing out coffee and helping to start the school year on a positive note!



# FALL PREACHING SERIES

## Our next Sermon Series - **“Won’t you Be My Neighbor?”** September 9 – October 14

We are looking forward to studying the scriptural theme found in Mark 12:30-31 “...you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Each week, as we study scripture together in worship, there will be a partnering activity for our own growth and consideration as we live deeper into what it means to be a neighbor in our church, in our actual neighborhood, in our world. Each Sunday we will give you an activity for the upcoming week.

Here are some highlights:

Week of Sept 9 our theme will be “You Are Enough”. ~ Our Activity will be Prayer Walks.

September 11 at 6:30 PM and September 13 at 10:00 AM at Calvary. We encourage you to attend one of these and also practice prayer walking in your neighborhood. A handout on how to do a prayer walk will be available on September 9 and on our website.

Week of September 16 our Theme will be “You Have Enough” ~ Our Activity will be hosting a gathering in your home. Invite neighbors and friends who don’t attend our church. Make it a potluck or a cookie swap, or a soup swap or chili night...whatever works best for you and your personality. Some ideas and instructions are coming!

Week of September 23 our theme will be “You Were Created for Relationship” (part 1) ~ Our activity will be to nurture your relationship with God intentionally. Every day that week there will be opportunities to nurture your spirit in a prayerful manner. Pick one or two or three and come on out.

- 9/23 A Service of Music and Prayer at 5PM
- 9/24 Lectio Divina 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM
- 9/24 Communion 6:30 PM
- 9/25 Communion 6:30 PM
- 9/25 Praying in Color 7:00 PM
- 9/26 Communion 12:00 noon
- 9/26 Lectio Divina 6:30 PM
- 9/27 Soul Collage 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon
- 9/27 Communion 12:00 noon
- 9/27 Soul Collage 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- 9/28 Communion 12:00 noon

Week of September 30 our theme will be “You Were Created for Relationship” (part 2) Our activity will be to nurture your relationship with others. We ask you to ponder how would our homes, calendars, yards, and church look if we were in relationship with others?

Week of October 7 – Our theme will be “We are all Connected” (part 1) ~ Our activity will be to consider the inter-connectedness of our relationships.

On October 14 – We will conclude the series by celebrating some Hometown Heroes from 5:00 – 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please nominate a hometown hero and help us honor those in our community who have made and continue to make a difference.

We live in a world in which  
we need to share responsibility.  
It's easy to say "It's not my child,  
not my community, not my world,  
not my problem." Then there are  
those who see the need and respond.  
I consider those people my heroes.

*- Mister Rogers*

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FALL 2018

Summer is typically a time when life slows down a bit as we worship by the water, spend time with our families before the excitement and business of September begins. The Education Ministry team is excited with some new offerings for the fall and hope that you will take a look and see what interests you. As always, if there is a subject that you are interested in learning more about or you have a passion for teaching and sharing with the Calvary family, please do not hesitate to let me know and we can work together to make it happen.

The last Confirmation retreat will be held at Calvary September 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. We will have a banquet and rehearsal of the Confirmation Service on October 26<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow.

Mondays 10:00-11:30am Why Should We Believe the Bible Stephany Clothier

This 4 week study takes us through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, under the tutelage of Dr. Jim Somerville in four one hour sessions. “I came away from this teaching with a confidence in the scripture like I have never known before”. (Stephany Clothier) If you have struggled to believe some of the things you have read in the Bible have dampened your faith, I encourage you to come and listen to his insightful teachings.

Tuesday Night Book Club: 7:00pm All are welcome! Contact Susan at [susan@changingkeysbysusan.com](mailto:susan@changingkeysbysusan.com)

Tuesdays 7:00-8:00pm Beginning September 18<sup>th</sup> Do you like knitting or crocheting or have you ever wanted to learn? We will to fellowship with one another and discuss how this ministry can help our church and community. The possibilities include prayer shawls for our Winter Relief guests or local hospital projects. Bring your latest project or a willingness to learn. Contact Denise Clark at [djclark1221@gmail.com](mailto:djclark1221@gmail.com).

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 10:00-11:30am in Room 119: Lead by Rev. Rick Gray. Come to listen, learn and discuss various biblical and church calendar topics in this interactive group setting.

Fridays 10:00–11:30am Bad Girls of The Bible with Pam Brune This study looks at the lives of Eve, Delilah, Sapphira and Jezebel and retells these stories with humor and insight while teaching about sin and goodness.

Sunday Mornings 10:00-11:30am West's Sunday School Class This class will begin the year reading Adam Hamilton's “Unafraid”. This book teaches how people and communities can flourish as beacons of hope and serenity in an anxious age. For those struggling with fear, worry, or who wonder how families and communities can live as peacemakers, “Unafraid” offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions.

September 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm. Pastor Meredith will lead an informational meeting on an upcoming study of the book Present Over Perfect by Shauna Niequist. “Present Over Perfect is a hand reaching out, pulling you free from the constant pressure to perform faster, push harder, and produce more, all while maintaining an exhausting image of perfection. Shauna offers an honest account of what led her to begin this journey, and a compelling vision for an entirely new way to live: soaked in grace, rest, silence, simplicity, prayer, and connection with the people that matter most to us.”

September 30<sup>th</sup> during Discipleship time – 5:00- 6:30pm- Pastor Meredith will offer a discussion for parents and children of all ages to discuss communion and how the United Methodist church approaches communion for children. If you have been wondering how to have this discussion with your child/ren, please come and participate in this discussion.

In addition to the above classes, we are working on leaders and dates and times for “Lead Me Holy Spirit”, a sign language class and a beginning yoga class. Please continue to read the bulletin and check the website for additional offerings to come!

For any other questions or more information please contact Nancy Mills [education@calumc.org](mailto:education@calumc.org)

# CALVARY CENTER SCHOOL

Teachers attended the annual Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church Early Childhood Education State Conference.

This year's conference was titled, "Just Be" and featured the keynote address by Rev. Dr. Bill Brown, Senior Pastor, Wesley-Freedom UMC. He emphasized the importance of being a positive role model for children.

Following his address, teachers attended three additional sessions. One particular workshop, STEM to STEAM, explored Fred Rogers' approach to finding meaningful and engaging ways to teach children, was presented by Hedda Sharapan who began her career working with Mr. Rogers. Teachers returned to classrooms with many creative ideas and ready to start a new school year.



Calvary Center School offers a variety of special classes each day for the children to attend:

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, our Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Wilson, teaches children Spanish words during PE class.

Mrs. Strackbein, our music teacher, prepares children for the Halloween musical program that all classes will perform on stage in Fellowship Hall followed by classroom parties.



Children visit the Sanctuary on Wednesdays to sing, pray and learn about God.

## Field Trips

Children will attend the Anne Arundel County Fair and will visit Papa John's Farm to pick a Halloween pumpkin.

## Chick-fil A Night:

Wednesday, October 3, from 5 – 7 PM at the Parole location. A percentage of sales will be given to our school.

We are grateful and looking forward to the first day of school on September 4th where members of Calvary will welcome our families with coffee during drop off time.

*Calvary Center School, an approved school by the Maryland State Board of Education and licensed by The Office of Child Care, offers morning preschool classes as well as extended care options.*

Please contact Johnna Parker for more information or to schedule a tour.



# CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY



## Shipwrecked: Saved by Jesus!

Thank you to the more than 150 volunteers from our church family who served 75 children from our church and our community for a wonderful week of VBS!

Save the date for next year: July 15-19, 2019!

Discipleship: Children grades K-5<sup>th</sup> come and learn and play and eat with us! Every Sunday night from 5:00-6:30 p.m. here at Calvary.

Some special events this month during Discipleship:

- ◆ September 16: we make sandwiches and pack lunches for children in need every third Sunday of the month.
- ◆ September 23: All church Hymn Sing from 5:00-6:00 p.m.!
- ◆ September 30: A special workshop on Communion will be led by Pastor Meredith. For parents, extended family, and children.

## Second Sunday begins September 9

We will welcome Miranda Tyler and Jesse Parker

Come for More than Dinner, you know it—every second Sunday of the month in Fellowship Hall from 5:00-6:30 p.m. At this intergenerational event for ALL ages, we prepare a meal together, eat together, and in this informal atmosphere, discuss and learn and bring home a practical tool to help us grow closer to God.

## Welcome Miranda Tyler our new Director of Youth Ministries

Hi Wonderful Human Beings! My name is Miranda Tyler. I am the new Director of Youth Ministries here at Calvary. I am so excited to be a part of and get to know this community and this family.

In order to help you get to know me a little better here are some facts about me:

- ◆ I was born in Boise, Idaho
- ◆ I'm a Valentine's Day baby
- ◆ I'm a Preschool Teacher
- ◆ I worked at West River UMC Camps for 6 summers
- ◆ My favorite color is Pink (any shade) and my favorite color combo is rainbow
- ◆ I love a good mac & cheese
- ◆ I am a cat and a dog person
- ◆ I am an Orioles fan, but I don't know a lot about sports



Good things have been happening here and it is my prayer and my hope that I can continue that good work and bring a newness to this ministry!

Peace and Love,  
Miranda "Mimi" Tyler

Some Dates to Look Out for:  
September 1- First Cookie Factory of the Year  
September 9- First Gathering of SNY at 2nd Sunday

## A Message from our Pastors and Youth Leaders

It seems that everyone loves a baptism...especially a baby. We love to see the parents who have gathered their sleep deprived selves together and invited family and friends to the front of the church. We love to see if the baby will smile or coo or cry when the water is placed on his or her head.

Parents make some pretty serious promises to that child in the moment. And the church makes promises to partner with those parents and sponsors to walk alongside them, to assist in the Christian Education and upbringing of the child. As part of the baptismal service, the pastor(s) implore the congregation, "Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?" And the congregation responds: "We do." The pastor(s) continue, "Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?" And we respond, "With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life." Friends, we don't take these promises lightly. We take them fervently and on behalf of the whole Church, knowing that this promise is ours and does not belong to someone at another service or a staff member or a parent. It belongs to all of us.

We have had some great successes and celebrations of times we are doing this incredibly well at Calvary! Over 150 volunteers participated in the beautiful works of decorating, welcoming, teaching, praying for, mentoring, playing games, providing meals, and doing the behind the scenes work so that we could have an amazing Vacation Bible School. Our youngest volunteer was 6 years old and our oldest volunteer was well into his 80's? Many of our youth participated as volunteers at VBS, 15 young people attended two mission trips this summer and our youth helped in the selection of our new Director of Youth Ministries.

While this is an important and vital work of the church, research shows that it is the consistent welcoming of children and youth to the worship and ministries that will truly change their lives...that will help them know the grace, love, and salvation of Jesus as Jesus taught in Mark 10:13-16. Treating children and youth as if they belong in church – because they do – and expecting them to serve communion, read scripture, share musical gifts, act as greeters and ushers, be an active voice on Ministry Teams is our most certain calling. Recently a young person (age 8) attended a Ministry Team Meeting and offered a beautiful voice of ideas and enthusiasm to the meeting. She was met with grace and an attitude that she had something to offer. She even showed up with a notebook! Thanks be to God!

We invite you to look around...is there a child or youth that could use your encouragement? Is there a parent who brings their child(ren) to worship weekly who could use a smile, a hand, a word of welcome? Could you invite that parent or child to participate in the life of the church...knowing that when you do this you are helping them know Jesus?

We are thankful for each child of God in every stage of life here at Calvary.

Rev. Meredith Wilkins-Arnold, Lead Pastor  
Rev. Braulio Torres, Executive Pastor  
Nancy Mills, Director of Discipleship  
Julie Barkat, Director of Children and Family Ministries  
Miranda Tyler, Director of Youth Ministries



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We are back to school on September 4th! The children at Mills-Parole Elementary are grateful for this program that ensures they have food for the weekend! We continually need donations of single serving size mac & cheese, cereal, oatmeal, Vienna sausages, Compleats dinners, chicken salad, tuna fish, and non-perishable milk.



Please add us to your weekly grocery shopping! We are especially grateful to the Vacation Bible School children for the overflowing boat full of food. We were able to start stocking the shelves and preparing for the new school year. We are also collecting Back to School Supplies! It is not too late to bring to church or [Order from Amazon.com](#) or [Wal-Mart](#) and have your generous donations sent directly to the church. Even better, order through Amazon Smile and make Calvary United Methodist Church your charity of choice so a portion of your purchase will be given back to us.



Here are some of the items we received:

- 74 Mac & cheese microwave cups
- 378 Granola bars
- 40 Chef Boy-R-Dee microwave cups
- 68 Non-perishable milks
- 47 Hormel Compleat dinners

THANK YOU!!

Circle meetings resume in September! Join our Harmony Circle on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm and/or our Friendship Circle on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parlor. Be a part of our planning for the fall programs. We are women of faith, hope and love in action. Join us!

**Women's Day Apart** is Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Pastor Meredith will lead through a day of Loving Like Jesus in a Fractured World. Look for the registration flyer and pre-payment information available soon. It is sure to be a special day full of insight, fellowship, food and fun. We look forward to spending the day with you! There is still room for you on the planning committee!

Contact Barbara Jedrey [JEDES13@aol.com](mailto:JEDES13@aol.com) or at (410) 798-9221 to volunteer.

Save the Date – Our annual Brunch and Fall Boutique is Sunday, November 4th. The brunch menu is breakfast casseroles, muffins and fruit. The cost for adults is \$7.00, children ages 5-7 is \$5.00 and children under 5 are free. Brunch is available after all three services.

The Fall Boutique also opens and will be in the Parlor. Miriam Stem and the Crafty Ladies are hard at work and have many new handmade holiday crafts, jewelry, and everyone's favorite sock monkeys. Just in time for your Christmas shopping! Once again, delicious pecans both halve and whole will be on sale.



# UNITED METHODIST MEN



## What we've been up to all summer!

The *June Meeting* was held on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Slepicka and Chris McNally discussed the many aspects of the Light House Homeless Prevention Support Center.

*Vacation Bible School Dinner: July 17:* The UMM sponsored dinner for the volunteers and participants of VBS there were plenty of burgers and dogs for all.

*Ice Cream Social:* The UMM hosted a church community ice cream social with the UMM and VBS July 18<sup>th</sup>. A fun time was had by the kids, the parents and the kids at heart.

The *August Meeting* was held on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and our speaker was Newton Gentry, the founder and executive director of Recovery Awareness Foundation, Inc.

*Annual Bowie Baysox Game:* The UMM hosted the Bowie Baysox-Reading Fighting Phils game at the Prince George's Stadium on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Navy Night) There was baseball, Midshipmen, food, fireworks and fun.

*Annual Crab Feast:* The UMM sponsored a church-wide crab feast, at Quiet Waters Park on August 25<sup>th</sup>

*UMM Singers:* The UMM choral group offered their musical gifts on Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup> at the 8:45AM and 11:15AM services. If interested in joining this group of vocalists, see Betty Hepler or Bill Lovelace.

*Dinner Ministry:* Al Keyser, Tony Fowler and his daughters continue to cook burgers and dogs for the Annapolis Homeless every Tuesday night outside Fellowship Hall. *Come on by and give them a hand!!*

*Bag Lunch Program:* The UMM is supporting the Anne Arundel County Bag Lunch Program every first Sunday of the month which involves making sandwiches every Sunday at either 5PM or after the 8:45 service. Good fun and good cause. Takes about 30 minutes—less if more folks show up. See you there.

## Future Meetings & other Save-The-Date Events

*Navy Parking:* The schedule for the 2018 Navy football season:

All games start at 3:30 PM

September 8 ~ Memphis Tigers

September 15 ~ Lehigh Mountain Hawks

October 13 ~ Temple Owls

October 20 ~ Houston Cougars

November 17 ~ Tulsa Golden Hurricanes.

The Calvary parking lot will open at 9AM. UMM Parking Lot

Commandos (lead by Al Kohler) are; Bob Bold, Al Kohler, Warren

Cook, Dick Ladd, Tony Rodriguez and Ken Forrester. The revenue

brought in by this effort allows us to support all the missions and UMM events year round.



*Appalachian Service Project (ASP):* On October 4-8, the UMM will help improve housing for those living in substandard and/or unsafe homes in Guyan Valley, WV. See Betty Hepler. The cost is \$195 per person, and Mission Team can provide 1/3rd of the cost if financial help is needed.

***Men's Retreat:*** The Men of Calvary UMC are invited to Rick Gray's Men's Retreat which will be held on November 2-4 at the Manidokan Camp and Retreat Center, 1600 Harpers Ferry Rd, Knoxville, MD 21758.

*Maintenance Days at Calvary UMC:* Maintenance Breakfasts are scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>, and October 13<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 8AM. All UMM are invited. Please contact Warren Cook [sailwwcook@comcast.net](mailto:sailwwcook@comcast.net) if you plan to join the Merry Band of Handymen.

***PLEASE REMEMBER:*** All men of Calvary are UMM members. Share your name and contact info or simply come to our monthly meetings at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. We always have dinner, a speaker and child care is provided – we are a friendly group! Serve at will and when you can. Contact Dave Myers [dhmlaw607@aol.com](mailto:dhmlaw607@aol.com)  
*September Meeting* will be Tuesday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, *October Meeting* will be Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

# MISSIONS



Since 1969, the Appalachia Service Project ( ASP) has been making homes *warmer, safer, and drier* for families and providing transformational service experiences for volunteers. Last year, 16,231 volunteers served with ASP, providing critical repairs for 493 families and constructing over 60 new homes.

Each October volunteers from Calvary and other area churches join together for a 5 day adventure to go to one of the ASP year round centers. For the past several years, we have gone to the Guyan Valley Center in Brenton, WV.

This year's trip will be October 3-7 which includes 2 travel days. Volunteers travel in the church van or personal vehicles.

We work in teams of 4-7 people. Accommodations are provided in the Center dorms. If you're interested in learning more about this important mission opportunity, please contact Betty Hepler [ejhep730@gmail.com](mailto:ejhep730@gmail.com)

## Back to School Supply Drive for Mills Parole Elementary School

We are collecting back to school supplies for Mills Parole Elementary School. Pick up a list of supplies in the Narthex or see the weekly E-News. PRO-TIP: Order from Amazon or Wal-Mart & send it to the church!



## LIGHTHOUSE DINNERS

Thank you to Carolyn Taylor, Betty Hepler and Robert Kirkpatrick who helped me prepare and serve dinner at the Light House Shelter. We always have a hungry group and they enjoy our meals!

In addition to our meal, as requested, we donated 2 gallons of milk and 1.5 dozen eggs to be used for breakfasts. I also purchased 24 dinner forks to add to the supply.

We always need volunteers and the next opportunity is the September 4<sup>th</sup> dinner.

Patti Heisman  
Coordinator, CUMC Light House dinners

# LOCAL MISSIONS

**You don't have to go half way around the world to help!**

## CALVARY CUPBOARD SERVING OUR COMMUNITY EVERY WEDNESDAY

Since November, The Cupboard has served 308 families, and our volunteers have given over 200 service hours! The community knows that they have a friend in Calvary!

The Cupboard cannot serve those in need without YOUR support...so, before you leave for church to attend a meeting or service, grab a can or box of food from your cupboard...Calvary's Cupboard will accept your donation with open arms!

The Cupboard's needs are: boxed milk, cereal, canned meat, soup, canned beans, ready-to-serve meals, canned fruit, juice, pasta sauce, pasta, canned pasta, toothbrushes, toothpaste, canned vegetables, rice, instant mashed potatoes, syrup, pancake mix (just add water), mac and cheese.

Thank you for your continued support!

We always need volunteers to help serve guests on Wednesdays from 10-12:30.

For more info, please contact Teresa Baechtold at [teresabaechtold@gmail.com](mailto:teresabaechtold@gmail.com).



**PRO-TIP: Order from Amazon or Wal-Mart & send it to the church!**

## PROJECT HOPE ~ August 30, September 20 and October 18.

In 2016, Calvary began a partnership with Project Hope, which donates farm-fresh produce to anyone in need. Project Hope takes place the 3rd Thursday of the month from July to October behind the Boys and Girls Club of Annapolis.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help set up, and to sort and bag food between 12:45 -3 pm as well as between 3-6 pm when the food is distributed. Participate for as long or as short as you'd like that day. This is a great opportunity for everyone from age 4- 84 to serve! Please contact Kim Bowman at [kimbowman1@gmail.com](mailto:kimbowman1@gmail.com) or 443-604-5770 if you have any questions, or simply show up at 121 S. Villa Ave in Annapolis on 8/30, 9/20, and 10/18.



## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Calvary's Environmental Stewardship Ministry Team is looking for volunteers who are interested in caring for God's creation.

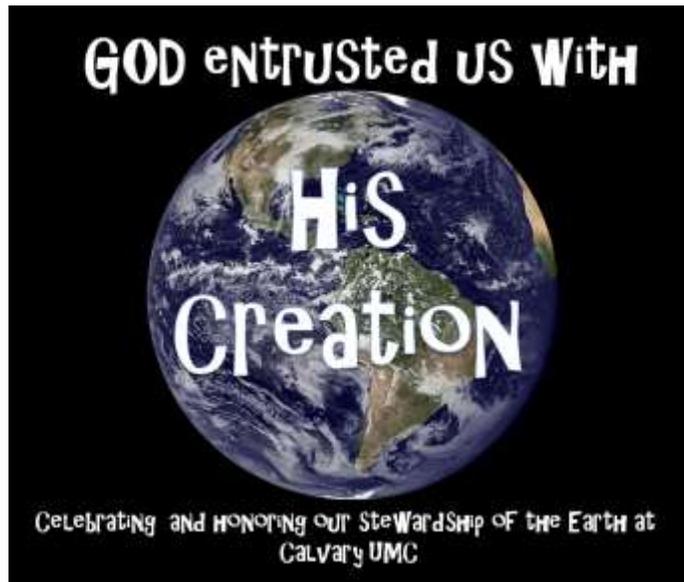
The team has identified a number of issues that can involve Calvary but needs hands and heart to implement them.

For example:

- Working with young people on existing youth and family programs
- Helping us get educated on climate change issues
- Explore some fun, water related activities, and possibly creating facilities for them at Calvary  
Kayaking, Paddle boarding, Canoeing, Fishing

The Team meets at Starbucks on Bay Ridge Avenue on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Join us!

If you are interested please come to our meetings or contact Jim Gracie, 410-303-3829, [jgracie@brightwaterinc.com](mailto:jgracie@brightwaterinc.com) if you have questions.



### A Message from Dr. Jesse Parker our New Director of Traditional Music



Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your warm welcome to Calvary. The many expressions of welcome and openness to helping me settle into my new position as the Director of Traditional Music have confirmed for me that Calvary is a vital and caring church. I am looking forward to the many blessings of being in community with you.

As we enter into a new program year I invite you consider becoming a part of the music ministry of Calvary UMC. We have many opportunities for people of all ages and musical abilities.

Please feel free to introduce yourself to me in the coming weeks and share your ideas and interests in music and the arts in worship.

Sincerely,

Jesse Parker [Musicdirector@calumc.org](mailto:Musicdirector@calumc.org)

We will welcome Jesse and Miranda at Second Sunday September 9



We learn so much about the amazing lives of people. You would be amazed at the stories, accomplishments, and much happening in our lives and in the church. We learn something new or make a new friend.

Each week we will introduce a "talking point" to a leadership role you can still talk up the events and

Make sure you get your information updated for the new church directory and make sure you are receiving the w



# Finance FAQs

What were the results of the CUMC 2017 Financial Audit?

The Finance Ministry Team received the 2017 Audit Summary July 25 from auditor, Chris Hendrickson.

The audit procedures were based on the UMC-Local Church Audit Guide.

The audit summary states that financial receipts appeared to be accurately deposited into the bank and after review of bank statements there did not appear to be any disbursements for non-traditional Church expenditures. The audit identified several areas for improvement and the Finance Ministry Team has begun implementation of many of the Auditor's recommendations.

What were the details of the gift Calvary received from the Estate of Rev. Kenan Hableter?

CUMC was honored to receive an unrestricted gift of \$45,000 in December 2017 from the estate of Rev Hableter. \$4,500 was used in 2017 for the operating budget and \$13,200 was used in 2018 for the Gifts of the Spirit program. **The remaining funds from the initial gift, \$27,300, were placed in the Memorial Fund in Rev. Hableter's name. In July, Calvary received an additional unrestricted gift of \$5,286.23 from Rev. Hableter's estate. At the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Church Council the Calvary UMC operating budget was amended to include an income line for the Vitality Ministry Team in the amount of \$5,686.23.**

What is the status of Church 2018 budget vs. expenses?

January – June 2018 Budget vs. Expenses report was distributed Thursday, July 19, to Calvary members with budget responsibilities. With 50% of the budget year completed, expenses were 52% of budget.

Contributions for operating expenses January – June were 36% of Budget. This amount is less than past contributions at the mid-year level. In 2017, contributions for the first six months were 43% of budget, 2016 44% of budget, 2015 42% of budget and 2014 43% of budget.

September is 2019 budget month. The Finance Ministry Team will be meeting with members and staff with budget responsibility to review 2018 expenses and prepare a 2019 operating budget.

Ford West—Finance Chairperson      Sandy Crosier—Finance Secretary

Patti Heisman—Chairperson of the Memorial Fund

Paula Hansborough—Treasurer

people that have been long standing members of this church (as well as non-members) when people stop into the office. Members, hardships and adversities members of our community have lived through if you talked to each other. With so much information, there is no way to get all the information out in one bulletin or on a sign. A personal touch is always best and you may

to our leadership and encourage them to start a conversation with members of the congregation. Even if you are not in a leadership position, there are many opportunities that are happening in the church.

Receive our weekly E-News in your **inbox so you are “in the know” and can share the information with each other.**

# VISION STATEMENT

**“Calvary United Methodist Church Welcomes, Nurtures  
and Serves All, as Followers of Jesus Christ”**

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Chair, Worship MT..... VACANT

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President, United Methodist Women..... *Barbara Jedrey*

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*Bishop Rev. LaTrelle Easterling, Baltimore-Washington Conference*  
*The Rev. Dr. Evan Young, Annapolis District Superintendent*

# HOMETOWN HERO AWARD

We live in a world that tends to name the dark and the horrible. We would like to partner with our community to learn the best stories of people who are doing or have done incredible work to make a difference in the Annapolis area. We know these stories exist and we want to share them.

We have developed the Hometown Hero Award so that we can name one Hometown Hero who wears a uniform (police, fire, military, scout) – whose heroism can be named during his or her time in uniform and one **Hometown Hero who is considered a “civilian”** – an everyday person whose heroism happens or happened because of his or her character.

The persons chosen as the Hometown Hero will be those who demonstrate either a single act of heroism or a continued act of heroism that builds up our community and creates deeper relationships.

**We can't wait to see who you nominate. You can tear off this page and mail/leave it in the office**

Nominations must be postmarked by September 28 and sent to:

Calvary United Methodist Church  
Hometown Hero Nomination  
301 Rowe Boulevard Annapolis, MD 21401

The awards will be presented at Calvary United Methodist Church on October 14 during our Celebration of Hometown Heroes from 5:00 to 6:30 PM.

## Nomination for Hometown Hero/ Calvary United Methodist Church

Name of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Hometown Hero \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information (phone and e-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you nominating a Hometown Hero in Uniform? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Are you nominating a Civilian Hometown Hero? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

What makes this Hometown Hero stand out as an exemplary neighbor in the Annapolis Area?

What significant event or contribution to our community has this Hometown Hero made to make a difference?

How did the efforts of this Hometown Hero result in building new relationships or improving relationships?





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### DATES TO REMEMBER

August 30	Project Hope
September 1	Cookie Factory Begins again!!
September 4	Ministry Team Meeting Night
September 9	2nd Sunday, Discipleship, SNY
September 13	Movie Night ~ I Am Not Your Negro
September 16	Discussion on The Way Forward
September 19	Council Meeting
September 20	Project Hope
September 21	Confirmation Retreat
September 23-28	See Page 3 for a list of events
September 30	Oktoberfest in West Annapolis
October 3	Eat at Chik-Fil-A to support CCS
October 6	Cookie Factory
October 9	Discussion on The Way Forward
October 13	Christian Music Jam
October 14	2nd Sunday-- Hometown Hero Awards
October 17	Church Conference
October 18	Project Hope