

Calvary United Methodist Church



prayers, presence, gifts, service & witness

Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24th

- 4:00 p.m.** Children's Service
- 6:00 p.m.** Traditional Service with Youth Choir
- 8:00 p.m.** Praise Christmas Service
- 10:00 p.m.** Traditional Service with Adult Choir

One Service on Sunday, Dec. 30th

On Sunday, December 30th, there will only be a single service at 10:00 a.m.

We will resume our three regular scheduled services at 8:00 a.m., 9:20 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on January 6th.

December 2018



It's Time to Order Poinsettias: Donate flowers in memory of someone or to express your love and appreciation. Each plant is \$10 and you may take your poinsettias home after all services are over on Christmas Eve. Pick up an order form outside the Sanctuary on the table today! Orders due Sunday, December 2.

Santa Parade Cancelled: If you donated something for the Santa Parade, you can pick it up from Kathy Barna's office. Anything not picked up by 12/12 will be kept for next year or donated to Mt. Airy Net and God's Kitchen.

Caroling December 9th: We will travel to Lorien Retirement home to carol to the residents on Sunday, December 9th from 6 until 8 pm. This event is open to all! If we get a big crowd, we'll carol though Wildwood as well.



Join the Choir this Christmas: It's not too late to join us as we are still rehearsing for Christmas. Join us for just for the holiday season or stay for next year as well. Contact Joseph Choi at Joseph@calvary-mtairy.org for more information.

Christmas Eve Service Volunteers: Please consider participating in one of our four Christmas Eve Services! We need lots of ushers, scripture readers and volunteers for other roles. You can sign up online at our calvary-mtairy.org website and clicking on Christmas Eve Services Sign Up on the resources tab. If you have any questions about what each role entails, we are happy to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact Rich Cole at 301-829-3557.

Christmas Eve Orchestra : Calling on all Calvary Church instrumentalists of all ages and stages (brass, wind, and strings) to help us fill the sanctuary once again with Christmas Carols as pre-service music prior to the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. A practice session will be held in the choir room at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 23. The warm-up begins at 3:00 p.m. sharp on Christmas Eve (Monday, December 24), followed by the performance (ending before 4:00 pm). Please contact Doug Tonkay (tonkays@comcast.net or 301-829-9049) or Joseph Choi if you can join in or have questions.

Christmas Bread Bakers Needed! We will need many small loaves of breads to greet our visitors on Christmas Eve. Please contact Kim Murphy if you are able to bake some small loaves and wrap them in festive paper. (They can be baked and wrapped in the little disposable tins) Please deliver the loaves the weekend before Christmas Eve (Dec. 22, 23) and place on the cart near the communication desk. Please make a note on the bread package if nuts were used in the recipe. Thanks so much.
(murphyfamily86@comcast.net or 301-502-3787)

Cookies for Christmas - Volunteers Needed: Help us spread some Christmas joy through the baking and delivery of cookies to Calvary members 80+ years wise that live in Mt Airy. **We have 46 wonderful people that are anticipating a visit and a plate of cookies.** Please sign up to bake and deliver cookies (no nuts please!). Cookies should be packed in an airtight container. Spread some Christmas cheer by delivering the cookies before **Friday, December 21, 2018**. Please indicate how many deliveries you are willing to make. Everyone receiving cookies lives in Mt Airy. Once you have signed up, Kathy Barna will get in touch with you to give you the name(s) and address(es) so that you can deliver the cookies. This is a great activity to do with the family! You can sign up on the following link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ADAB2CA5F58-christmas>) or go to Calvary's website and click on "Christmas Cookies & Delivery Sign Up" under the Resources tab.

Missions' Team Announces.....The Calvary Christmas Giving Drive starts Today!

Calvary will be supporting vulnerable adults in Frederick County as well as children & families at the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore. Please prayerfully consider joining this effort of sharing Christ's love.

Snack and Hygiene Boxes

Care Kits (Hygiene or Snack) for elderly, disabled, and vulnerable adults:

Boxes are available on the table just outside of the office with lists of suggested items to fill for either a snack or hygiene box. Please fill and return to Calvary by **Sunday, December 16, 2018**. Place completed boxes behind the Calvary Connection.

Ronald McDonald House

Consider spreading some cheer to these children and families by purchasing a gift card to restaurants, stores, or even a gas card. Place the gift card inside a Christmas card with a note and drop it off in the church office in the basket labeled Ronald McDonald House. Please return these by **December 16, 2018**. If you purchase these gift cards from Calvary's scrip table, it not only spreads cheer to these families but it will also help Calvary's finances!



Youth Group

Sunday School - December 9th and 16th
Middle and High School Youth

December 2nd - Lesson Night
Let's keep the meaning in Christmas

December 9th - Caroling at Lorien
Eat before you come and dress warm

December 16th - Christmas Movie Night

No Youth - December 23rd or 30th

January 6th - Christmas party and white elephant exchange at Ms. Jenn's house.
Wear your ugly sweater, bring a side dish to share, and a \$10 gift for the white elephant exchange.

Sign Up for the Calvary UMYF
ROCK
Ocean City Retreat 2019

ROCK Ocean City Retreat -

February 8 - 10th:

Spend a weekend listening to great speakers, going to breakout sessions, and hanging out with your

youth group friends in Ocean City. Permission slips are on the web on the Youth Page under the Ministries tab as well as the youth board upstairs.

CHOOSE JOY SHIRTS : Thank you for supporting our youth mission fundraiser, your support will help us serve families in need in the Berkley Springs area.



Children's Sunday School

FILL THE UNIT

JANUARY 13 TO FEBRUARY 10

**We have changed the format of our
Sunday school!**



Effective January 13, 2019, we will offer a combined 3 year-old and 4 year-old preschool class headed up by Ms Shelley. Preschool students will go directly to the classroom at 9:20 a.m.

For children Kindergarten through 5th grade, we will continue our rotation model format with two stations each Sunday instead of four. That also means that volunteering to serve in this area will now only require a two-Sunday commitment instead of four. As a volunteer for our upcoming unit January 13 to February 10, you would choose to be either a leader or helper in Art, Cooking, Games or Science on 1/13 and 1/20 OR 1/27 and 2/10. Contact Vicki Kretschmer at vicki@calvary-mtairy.org OR go online using Sign Up Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0448a8ab2fa02-elementary>. Opportunities for future units are available as well.

Let's get this unit filled before Christmas!

Needed: a Volunteer to Coordinate our Church Nursery:

Duties include supporting our regular nursery workers, creating a pool of qualified substitutes, and helping SPRC ensure we are meeting Safe Sanctuary requirements in the nursery. If interested, please contact Lisa D'Amato at 240-672-1144 or damato.lisa@yahoo.com

Unit 4: THE GOOD SAMARITAN

January 13 to February 10

No Sunday school for K-5 th on February 3

Preschool classes will be in session on this date.

During our Unit 4, elementary children will be learning the story of the Good Samaritan.

BIBLE VERSE: Luke 10:27

BIBLE STORY REFERENCE: Luke 10:25-37

MAIN IDEA: Children will have the opportunity to:

Explore the story of the Good Samaritan

Experience being a good neighbor

Answer for themselves the question:

"Who is my neighbor?"

Station	Room	1/13	1/20	1/27	2/10
ART	206	K-2	3-5	—	—
GAMES	Auditorium	3-5	K-2	—	—
COOKING	Basement	—	—	K-2	3-5
SCIENCE	205	—	—	3-5	K-2

BUDDY DAY - December 9th

Bring your friends to Sunday school! Friends and their families will be welcomed to Calvary for worship and Sunday school.

MOVIE NIGHT - Saturday, January 12th

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the movie begins at 6:30 p.m. More information coming soon, but mark your calendar now!

COMING IN FEBRUARY, 2019

Sports and Game Night for all ages! Stay tuned.

Calvary Scrip Corner: The holidays are coming! Are you ready? If you are not aware, Calvary sells gift cards every Sunday between services to offset church debts. We purchase them at a discount and sell them at face value. The discount ranges from 1.5%-16% depending on the retailer.

Remember those small gifts for teachers, mail carriers, etc. and if your office distributes gift cards at holiday gatherings. We carry an inventory of area grocery, gas, home improvement, restaurant, and retail stores. We also can order a large variety from our vendor. You will need to order cards by December 9th to guarantee delivery in time for Christmas. A list of participating retailers is available at the Scrip table in the narthex.

If you prefer high tech, you can set up purchasing e-scrip cards that benefit Calvary from your smart phone. You can even purchase them for airline tickets! Please contact Dave Meadows at dnmeadows@aol.com for more information on e-scrip and Marianne Erickson at ericksonm@rcn.com for physical cards.

Also keep in mind that using our gift cards for your regular grocery shopping benefits Calvary with \$4-\$5 for every \$100 you spend! Thank you for your support. Scrip makes good cents for Calvary!

The Longest Night Service: Please join us on **Sunday, December 16th at 4 p.m.** in the sanctuary. This is a time when we acknowledge the grief, loneliness and anxiety that can accompany this season and remind one another of the hope we have in Jesus Christ—God who came to be with us in the midst of the messiness of life. The service is supported by the Stephen Ministry teams from Calvary and St. Paul's Episcopal churches. Please consider inviting others you know who might be struggling this holiday season. All are welcome.



MORE in DECEMBER!

12/12 @7pm - A Caroling Experience! Come one and ALL to our worship celebration in the downstairs lobby where we will learn about the scripture, carols and do a child-friendly festive activity!

12/19 @7pm - Let's do MORE than just read the scripture. Let's dig into the word with our senses!

12/22 from 11-1pm Mt. Airy Laundromat Outreach - Please join us to spread JOY! Let's help others by providing quarters for their laundry and maybe sing a carol or two!!

Isaiah 9:6-7

*⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness from that time
on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

2018 CHRISTMAS CANTATA SUNDAY

The Glory of Christmas

Celebrating Christ's Birth by Lloyd Larson

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018
9:20 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

Questions? Contact Joseph Choi, Music Director
joseph@calvary-mtairy.org

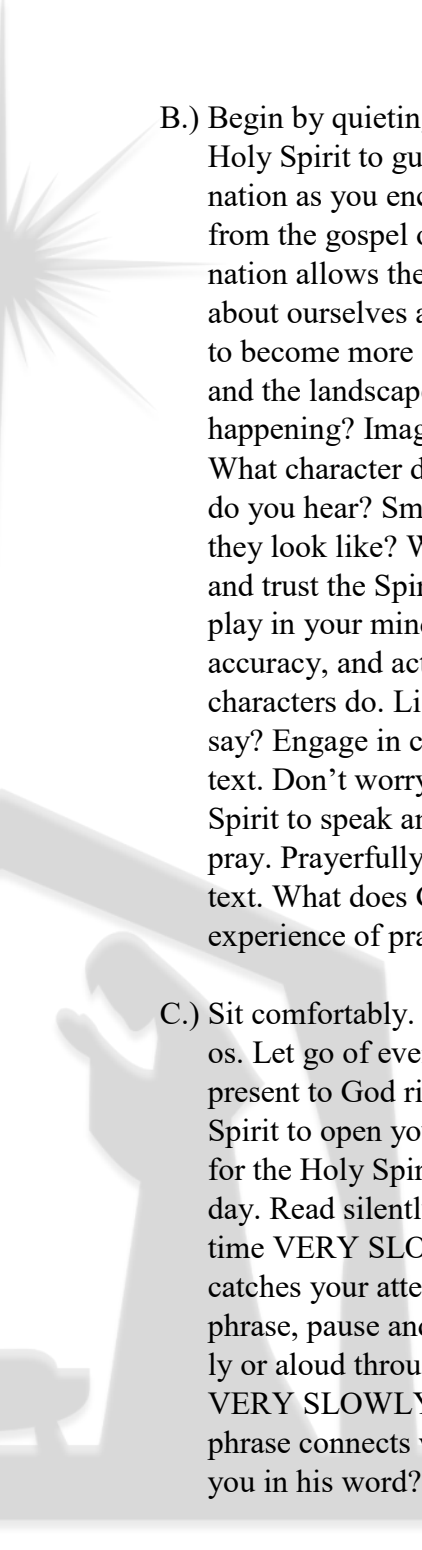
Advent – A Time to Be Still

(Reflections on God's Greatest Story)

December 2	Luke 1: 1-4	December 14	Luke 1:46-56
December 3	Luke 1:4-7	December 15	Luke 1:46-56
December 4	Luke 1: 7-10	December 16	Luke 1:57-60
December 5	Luke 1:11-13	December 17	Luke 1:61-64
December 6	Luke 1:14-17	December 18	Luke 1:65-66
December 7	Luke 1:18-22	December 19	Luke 1:67-80
December 8	Luke 1:23-25	December 20	Luke 1:67-80
December 9	Luke 1:26-28	December 21	Luke 2: 1-5
December 10	Luke 1:29-33	December 22	Luke 2: 6-7
December 11	Luke 1:34-38	December 23	Luke 2: 8-12
December 12	Luke 1:39-41	December 24	Luke 2: 13-20
December 13	Luke 1:42-45	December 25	Luke 2:1-20

Every day, pick one of the following to really delve into the scripture. This is a great way to go a little further on your journey.

- A.) Begin by quieting yourself in God's presence. Read through the scripture and journal anything and everything that the Holy Spirit brings to your mind. Lookup words or phrases that you are unsure of. What might today's reading be revealing to you about this season? You? Your family?



B.) Begin by quieting yourself in God's presence. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide and direct your attention and imagination as you encounter the story of the birth of Jesus from the gospel of Luke. Praying scripture with imagination allows the Spirit to guide us into places of insight about ourselves and God. Slowly read the daily scripture to become more familiar with the plot, the characters, and the landscape. Begin to imagine the scene. What's happening? Imagine yourself in the scene. Who are you? What character do you portray? What do you see? What do you hear? Smell? Feel? Who else is there? What do they look like? What's the mood of the scene? Invite and trust the Spirit to guide you as you watch the movie play in your mind. Let go of any desire for historical accuracy, and actively enter the text. Watch what the characters do. Listen to what they say. What do you say? Engage in conversation with the characters in the text. Don't worry about making things up. Trust the Spirit to speak and reveal God's truth to you as you pray. Prayerfully reflect on what you experienced in the text. What does God want you to know? How does this experience of prayer draw you closer to Jesus?

C.) Sit comfortably. Release noise and distractions and chaos. Let go of everything that keeps you from being fully present to God right in this moment. Invite the Holy Spirit to open your ears to hear the Living Word. Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal something anew to you today. Read silently or aloud through the scripture the first time **VERY SLOWLY**. Look for a word or a phrase that catches your attention. When you see that word or phrase, pause and just sit with it for a while. Read silently or aloud through the same scripture a second time **VERY SLOWLY**. Listen now for how that word or phrase connects with your life. What is God saying to you in his word?

ALTAR FLOWERS & HUNGER CANDLE: To order flowers (\$30 per arrangement) or to light the Hunger Candle (\$10) in honor or in memory of a loved one, sign up on the Calvary website (choose Order Altar Flowers or Light the Hunger Candle under “resources”) or call the Church Office.

If you know of someone in the congregation who is in the hospital, someone who has died, or a new baby who has been born, please let us know! Contact Kathy Barna at Kathy@calvary-mtairy.org or call Carmen at 301-829-0358

Have something to publish in the Sunday & Beyond?

If you would like to have something relating to the ministries of Calvary put into next month’s Sunday and Beyond, please provide the information to Sara Robins by the Monday prior to the first Sunday of the month by emailing sara@calvary-mtairy.org. This means that anything you want included in January should be emailed to Sara by December 31st.



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