

CALVARY CROSS ROADS

October 16, 2019

Worship This Sunday: October 20, 2019

Sermon Series: Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Sermon Title: Cultivating Contentment

Rev. Sarah Schlieckert, Pastor



Hebrews 13:5-6

Luke 12:13-21

"Who Are We?" Study

We invite you to participate in a 6-week study as part of our annual conference's new **"Who Are We?"** study. You can see an introductory video about this study, presented by our bishop, at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znHcnJytoQ>

Each week of the study, there is a brief video reflection on that week's theme. There are then additional readings and discussion questions to consider.

There are two options to take part in this study:

1. Each Thursday in the newsletter, we will send you the link for that week's video. I hope you will at the very least, watch the video each week.
2. If you would like to dive deeper into the study, I encourage you to join our new online learning group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/whoareweonline/>) where we can share thoughts and questions related to the video, but also have further discussion around other related questions and resources. I especially invite you to participate in this group, but it is open to those outside our congregation as well.

If you would like to participate, below is the information for Week 1 and Week 2. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Sarah.

Week 1 is "Exploring the nature of God." The video can be found here (and is also linked through the Facebook group): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30nhJdRfq7k>

Week 2 is "Lessons from the Garden" The video can be found here (and is also linked through the Facebook group): <https://youtu.be/fwzLrcADaUY>

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Mark Your Calendar

October 16 - Quilters Guild, 12-Step Program

October 18 - Our Place Waldorf Friday Night Community Meal

October 19 - Christ Foundation Youth Group

October 20 - Sunday School, Worship Service, Our Place Waldorf Sunday Night Community Meal

October 21 - Friendship Club Meeting

October 22 - AA Meeting

October 23 - Quilters Guild, 12-Step Program

October 25 - Our Place Waldorf Friday Night Community Meal

October 26 - **CHURCH CLEANUP DAY**, UMW Retreat

October 27 - Sunday School, Worship Service, Our Place Waldorf Sunday Night Community Meal

CUMC message board and upcoming events

The Friendship Club Ladies would like to invite the congregation to attend their meeting on **Monday, October 21st at noon**. They will have a special guest from the new Waldorf Women's Shelter speaking to them about their "Angel Watch" program. Please join them - bring your lunch, dessert will be provided.

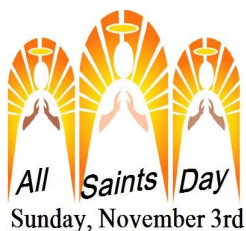


CLEAN-UP DAY: The Trustees will be here on **Saturday, October 26th at 8:00 a.m.** - please plan to come out and help. They will have a dumpster on-site so the basement and attic of the Parish House can be cleaned out. There will also be plenty of yard cleanup work of the church grounds

The **UMW FALL RETREAT** has been rescheduled as a one-day retreat at Stacy Feldman's house.. It will be held **Saturday, October 26th, 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.** If you have never attended a retreat with UMW, we have lots of fellowship, food and fun. We will be studying "*The Secret of the Seven Pillars*" from the Book of Proverbs. All women are invited to attend.

If you are interested in attending please contact

Stacy Feldman at 301-807-1861 or jfeld0928@md.metrocast.net.



In the great tradition of the church, this is the day we set aside to worship God as we remember those who have died in the faith. We will observe the occasion at our Morning Worship Service, November 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

If you have a family member who passed away since last All Saints Day, we would be honored to have you attend the service. The service will include prayers, reading the names of the honored deceased, a sermon for All Saints' and Holy Communion. As a part of the service, we will be lighting a candle as each person is named and remembered. We invite you to light a candle for your loved one. If you plan to attend the service, please contact the church office at (301) 645-5247 or calvumc@calvumc.org to let us know so we can plan accordingly.



The **UMW Chili Cook-off** will be **Sunday, November 10th** immediately following Worship Service.

If you are planning to enter your chili recipe in the competition, please notify Stacy Feldman jfeld0928@md.metrocast.net or contact the church office at

calvumc@calvumc.org. We also need plenty of tasters to determine the winner for the 2019 bragging rights .

There ill also be plenty of sides (toppings) and desserts!

All monies will go to support CUMC's missions to feed those in need in our community.



BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS

Mark your calendar. On Sunday, December 15th, we will have a Baby Shower for Jesus following worship. This will be a very special Sunday, since this is also the day we have scheduled our children's pageant. What is a Baby Shower for Jesus? Well, it's a fun way to donate baby items to families in need. We will be sending items to the Catherine Foundation as well as Lifestyles, who both help families in our area. Needed items include diapers and wipes, though we will also accept new baby items of any kind, as well as gift cards. You can start now by picking up a package of diapers or wipes with your groceries, or looking for special sales on these. Let's see how many little ones we can bless this year! The Friendship Club will be coordinating the Baby Shower party, and will provide light refreshments and maybe a couple fun games! We will have special cards available for you to fill out to give to family or friends to note gifts given in their honor to the Baby Shower.

Pastor Sarah's Reflection

This October we are journeying together through a series entitled, "Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity." Our series is based on the book by the same name written by Rev. Adam Hamilton.

I first came across Hamilton's book a number of years ago when serving in Frederick, Maryland. Chris and I were new parents, right in the throes of balancing two careers, parenthood and the regular financial pressures life brings. We had figured out some solid financial habits, but like many in that place in life, often it was all we could do to get through each day.

This was the time in my life (well, and the next couple of years as we also welcomed Mary) when I deeply resonated with a quote by *Harry Potter* author J.K. Rowling, who when speaking about balancing writing and being a single mother, said in 2001, "Everything was just very very dilapidated and always filthy which wasn't the flat's fault — it was normally my fault because people very often say to me, "How did you do it? How did you raise a baby and write a book?" and the answer is, I didn't do housework for four years! I'm not Superwoman, and living in squalor that was the answer."

Well, let's be honest—this quote still resonates with me! There is, every single day, simply SO MUCH to keep up with. And sometimes healthy habits around financial habits become, simply, just *one more thing* that I don't feel like I have time for.

The thing is, time and again experts tell us that financial anxieties are a great source not only of personal stress, but also tension in marriages, organizations, churches, communities and indeed, even nations. Money is a topic many of us we raised to avoid in social gatherings, and so instead of developing healthy and appropriate ways to talk about money, we instead learned to bury the topic, hide or mask our anxiety around anything related to money, and then when circumstances *force* the topic to be brought forth, we often fall apart in our attempts to have reasoned discussions about it.

Given the great power that money (the management of it, the lack of enough of it, an abundance of it, or the mis-use of it), clearly God cares how we earn, save, and spend our money. Retired Bishop Joe Yeakel is remembered for having often remarking to people that if they showed him their checkbook, he could tell them where their heart is. Indeed, our use, management and love of money does often reveal our true focus, even when our words might suggest otherwise.

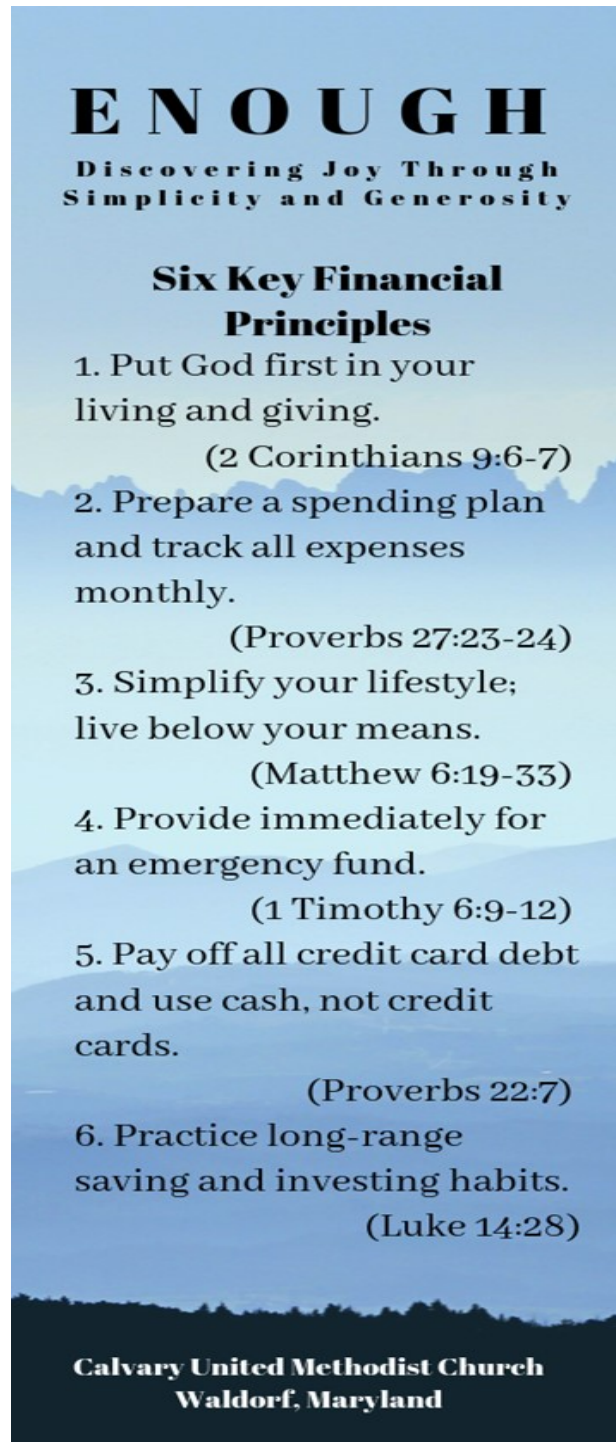
So, this month, I do want to challenge you to examine your own financial practices, decisions and goals. We will finish our series the next two weeks as we reflect together on how we can cultivate contentment in our lives and how we can move into a life of generosity. I hope you will join us Sundays at 10 am.

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In the meantime, I want to offer you the Six Key Financial Principles that Hamilton shares in his book, as a way to focus your own reflections. We have bookmarks with these principles available—just contact the church office or pick one up this Sunday!

Grace and Peace.

Pastor Sarah



The UMW Talent Show and Auction were a huge success!

Here are just a few photos from the talent show.

Pastor Sarah and Chris would certainly have been competition for Abbott & Costello with their rendition of "Who's on First". We also enjoyed the very talented singing and acrobatic act by the Schlieckert sisters, Anna & Mary.



Thanks to our very own auctioneer, Choice Bradbury, and the very creative Betty Lyon - they knew just what to say and do to get the maximum bids!



The very talented Doner Family entertained us with poetry, signing and singing (that's Thomas hiding behind mom).



Our very own and one of our favorite performers, Edsel Bradbury played his guitar and sang a solo and he also accompanied Marlene Phillips and his granddaughter Lexi.

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The UMW would like to thank everyone who helped make this event so successful.

All monies raised will go to help feed those in need in our community.





Training Tuesdays

Online workshops for pastors and local church leaders on Tuesdays starting in November from 7-8:30 p.m. (recordings available after live webinar). **VISIT: bwcumc.org/training-tuesdays**

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Nov.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: During the webinar on the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, SPRC members and their pastors will learn: 1) The timeline of SPRC's work with dead-lines; 2) SPRC's role including the appointment process, performance evaluations, and conflict transformation; and 3) Safe Sanctuaries responsibilities. Please watch the **SPRC Basics video** prior to attending the webinar (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdb3dQVHTk0>).

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Nov.

TRUSTEES: This class will assist Trustees to see their work as the "mission of good stewardship" because they provide supervision and maintenance of the local church's properties for the purpose of enabling the church to do effective ministry. Please watch the **Local Church Trustees Basics video** prior to attending the webinar (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9F7dg9X7E4>).

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Nov.

FINANCE: We will examine church finance on a multi-dimensional level. We will begin by examining steps that the local church can take to ensure a solid financial foundation (i.e. internal controls). Then we will examine opportunities for growth and Kingdom Building—all with a focus on making disciples for Christ. Please watch the **Finance Committee Basics video** prior to attending this webinar (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WLFebhk4qA>)

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Nov.

CHURCH COUNCIL: After reviewing essential functions of the church council, this webinar equips the church council chairpersons to lead effective meetings through: use of an agenda planning template; strategies for keeping the meeting on track; moving forward and prioritizing dreaming; and deciding or discussing critical matters for the continued health and growth of the church.

*To register go to: bwcumc.org/trainingtuesdays and click on the date of the class for details.
Questions? Contact the Rev. Rodney Smothers at rsmothers@bwcumc.org or call 420-309-9958.*

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*We seek to be a faithful
congregation sharing Jesus
Christ's love by feeding our
neighbors physically,
emotionally and spiritually.*



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We're on the Web...
www.calvumc.org

**Submit information to be
included in the newsletter or
suggestions to:**
calvumc@calvumc.org

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bradley	Dean	2
Rachel	Christmas	4
Thomas	Doner	19
Russell	Milheim	19
Rebecca	Morris	22
Amy	Doner	24
Jim	Quade	26
Betty	Sellner	27
Ronald	Auth	30

If your November birthday is not on our list, please contact the church office so we can include you in our Happy Birthday Wishes!



PRAYERS
of our church

Friends and Family of Joe Fitzpatrick

Marion Schreiber	Martha Anderson
Gordan Christmas	Linda Muller
Eddie Blandford	Tracy Steward
Peyton Greer	Bobby Vermillion
Celeste Flock	April Corrice
Bob Bushman	Linda Black
Flordeliza Azurin	Sara Wilson
Carson Bradbury	

*To have names added
to the prayer chain
contact Pastor Sarah
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