

# CALVARY CROSS ROADS

January 27, 2020

**Join us on Sundays**

**Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m. - Worship Services at 10:00 a.m.**

**Rev. Sarah Schlieckert, Pastor**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



Marion Schreiber	Martha Anderson
Gordan Christmas	Eddie Blanford
Sara Wilson	Mark Turner & Family
Bob Bushman	Russ Greatwood
Flordeliza Azurin	Peyton Greer
John Martin	Patsy Andrews
Allen Bender	Bobbie Smallwood
Rebecca & Robby Bushman	
Tommy & Connie Stomell	

*To have names added to the prayer chain contact  
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**UNITED METHODIST MEN**

The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast this **Saturday, February 1st** at Cracker Barrel.

**SPRC MEETING**

The SPRC will meet **Sunday, February 2nd** immediately following worship service.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

The Church Council will meet **Monday, February 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. All members of the church are encouraged to attend.

**NELLIE SHELOR AWARD**

The 2019 Nellie Shelor Award will be presented during the worship service on **Sunday, February 9th**.

# Campership Sunday 2020



**Sunday, February 23rd is "Campership" Sunday.** Chris Schlieckert will have a video and information on how we as a congregation may help with scholarships to send our children and youth to camp again this year.

Summer camp registration is now open for two of the UMC camps in our area: Camp Manidokan located in Western Maryland, near Harpers Ferry, WV and West River UM Center near Annapolis.

You can pickup a brochure in the church office, or for more detailed information or to register visit their website: [BWCCAMPSANDRETREATS.COM](http://BWCCAMPSANDRETREATS.COM) or call them at 800-922-6795, or you can speak to our own (in-house) Camp Director, Chris Schlieckert.



## SHROVE TUESDAY *Pancake Supper*

The Friendship Club and the United Methodist Men will co-sponsor the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper this year. Pancakes and sausage will be served **Tuesday, February 25th, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.** you won't want to miss this special event.

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and is a traditional time for pancakes. The tradition is to rid the house of fats and sweets before the fasting season of Lent. FYI, the word "shrove" in Shrove Tuesday means to confess one's sins in preparation for the spiritual emphasis of Lent and is a historic part of the practice of the day.



This year the Waldorf United Methodist Churches Ash Wednesday Services will be held **Wednesday, February 26th** at Zion Wesley UMC, 11500 Berry Road, Waldorf at 7:00 p.m.

# Pastor Sarah's Reflection

This past fall, we began some intentional conversations around our short and long-term future as a congregation. As I shared with you at the time, these discussions were necessitated by a critical financial pressure which was, it was clear, decades in the making. While our attendance has steadily decreased for over twenty years, our operating expenses have remained notably the same. It became clear this trend could no longer continued.

Therefore, with both congregational and Church Council discussions, the Council took action to reduce expenses in the short term, appeal to the congregation for increased giving, and assess and communicate with the District Superintendent about Calvary's pastoral needs moving forward. One month into the new year, these discussions and decisions have us stable for the moment, as we now need to turn our eyes ahead to where God is calling us.

For the first half of 2020, staffing cuts as well as intentionality around holding all other expense as low as possible, as well as pausing apportionment payments has bought us enough time to get to the end of this appointment year. In December, the SPRC and Church Council decided to request a pastoral appointment at 50% of our current compensation, which we understand to be equivalent to a half-time pastor. It is our hope and expectation that such an arrangement, with its financial savings, will provide a more solid financial foundation from which the congregation can assess plans for the future, while also providing for essential pastoral duties. I believe a half-time pastor is an appropriate amount, as well, for the size of congregation we are and have been for a number of years.

These decisions have already been made. We await word from the District Superintendent and Bishop about Calvary's pastoral appointment beginning July 1, but that need will be provided for.

In the meantime, we will be stepping back into our conversations about the future of our congregation. About what our vision for this church is, what we are willing to do, and what it means to us to be church.

I will be meeting with several of our groups in the next couple of months, and we will also be having these discussions at Church Council. Watch for more information in the coming weeks, as well, about additional small group discussions, a church-wide study of the book *Legacy Churches*, and other elements of our discussions.

In an article on the website for the Lewis Center for Church Leadership at Wesley Seminary, Susan Beaumont offers some probing questions which we might consider as we reflect and discern:

What do we wish to conserve?

What do we want more of?

What keeps us going?

What guides us when we don't know?

What question, if asked and answered, would make a difference in this situation?

What can we do together what none of us could do alone?

How do we steward what is arising?

Given what has happened, what is possible next?

I invite you to continue to be in prayer, to engage in earnest and honest conversation both in our formal meetings as well as your conversations with each other, and to seek to be guided by the Holy Spirit as together we discern where and how God is calling us to be the body of Christ in the months and years ahead.

Grace and Peace.  
Pastor Sarah

# FEBRUARY 2020 - CUMC CALENDAR

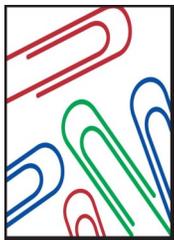
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:30 CPR Class 3-7pm OPW setup and meal	12pm Friendship Club Meeting	6:30pm AA Meeting	7pm 12-Step Program		3-7pm OPW setup and meal	9am UMM Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
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*We seek to be a faithful congregation sharing Jesus Christ's love by feeding our neighbors physically, emotionally and spiritually.*



## Office Hours

Tuesday's 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We're on the Web...  
[www.calvumc.org](http://www.calvumc.org)

**Submit information to be included in the newsletter or suggestions to:**  
[calvumc@calvumc.org](mailto:calvumc@calvumc.org)

## CUMC WINTER WEATHER POLICY

As we continue into the winter months, we wanted to remind you of our winter weather policy at Calvary UMC.

During the week, Calvary UMC follows the delay, closure and early dismissal policies of Charles County Public Schools. These decisions are binding on all church events. For example:

- If CCPS has a two hour delay, our office and building will not open until 11 a.m.
- If CCPS is closed, all events for that day are cancelled.
- If CCPS has an early dismissal, all remaining afternoon and evening activities at Calvary are cancelled.

In addition, a particular event may be cancelled by its leader, so if you have something scheduled at church and schools are open but weather is concerning, please look for word from your group leader.

If winter weather strikes on the weekend, we will use as many methods as possible to update you, including Facebook, email and updating the church voicemail. We will seek to make any decision about Sunday events by 7 am that day. If it seems reasonable to make the call the night before, we will do so.

In all cases, please make your own cautious and responsible decision about whether to travel to church. Conditions where you live could be markedly different than at church, so please always use your own best judgment, even if events are continuing as schedule at church.

Finally, if you have any questions about this policy, or ever have a question about a particular event, please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Sarah ([pastor@calvumc.org](mailto:pastor@calvumc.org) or 240-315-6965).



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