

CALVARY CROSS ROADS

September 26, 2019

Worship This Sunday: September 29, 2019
Sermon Series: Back to School, Back to Basics
Sermon Title: Homework

Rev. Sarah Schlieckert, Pastor



Genesis 3:8-12, 22-24
Matthew 4:1-11

...it is written, "Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."

Matthew 4:10



PRAYERS
of our church

Marion Schreiber	Martha Anderson
Gordan Christmas	Linda Muller
Eddie Blandford	Tracy Steward
Peyton Greer	Bobby Vermillion
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Mark Your Calendar

September 27 - Our Place Waldorf Friday Night Community Meal (CUMC Serving Dinner)

September 28 - UMM FALL YARD SALE

September 29 - Sunday School, Worship Service - NOISY SUNDAY

September 30 - Friendship Club - dominoes

October 1 - AA Meeting

October 2 - 12-Step Program

October 4 - Our Place Waldorf Friday Night Community Meal

October 5 - UMM Breakfast Meeting

October 6 - Sunday School, Worship Service - Pastor Appreciation Sunday

CUMC message board and
upcoming events



Saturday, September 28

Don't miss the big event! The UMM yard sale is this **Saturday, September 28th, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** (rain date October 5th). There are over 20 vendors signed up to participate, the men will be grilling hot dogs and there will be fun activities for the children.

All proceeds from the yard sale will go towards missions and projects of the UMM.

This Sunday, September 29th is Noisy Sunday. The children will be coming through the pews collecting coins, quiet money, checks - whatever you wish to give.

The Friendship Club will use the money collected for their feeding the community missions and projects.



*Pastor Appreciation Day
Sunday, October 6th*

Join us after **Worship Service on October 6th** to celebrate **Pastor Appreciation Sunday**- there will be **cake and punch!**

2019 CUMC Church (Charge) Conference will be held **Monday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m.** Our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, will be presiding. All members of the Church are encouraged to attend.

There will be an **SPRC Meeting, Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m.**

UMW
TALENT SHOW



LIVE AND SILENT
AUCTION

cards, and one of the most popular items - monthly home cooked dinners and desserts!

And much more!

Invite your family, friends and neighbors and support the UMW. All money will go to support their community feeding missions and projects.

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
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The UMW Chili Cook-off on **Sunday, November 10th** immediately following **Worship Service.** Watch your newsletter for details about entering your chili in the competition and for details on the tasting of the chili to determine the winner.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend.

A freewill offering will be collected.

All monies will go to support the Calvary ministries to feed those in need in our community.

Pastor Sarah's Reflection



This week marks the official start of autumn.

In Maryland, of course, early autumn is officially celebrated by leaving the house in a sweater but return home way too warm, toggling your HVAC back and forth between off, AC and heat, and allergy season's last hurrah.

Autumn is also a time when even the most cynical among us seem drawn to wax poetic about the turning of seasons. A popular (though unattributed) quote circulating in this season online reads, "The trees are about to show you just how beautiful letting go can be."

This idea of letting go isn't unique to autumn, nor indeed is it a casual saying. Most faith traditions have teachings around the idea of letting go—some do so to the extreme. From Buddhism to Hinduism and Christianity to Islam, humans have long found sacred power in seeking to be unbound by worldly desires, suffering and even connections.

As Christians, we follow in a faith tradition which has been home to mystics and hermits, priests and prophets—all of whom have tried to balance the divine, other-worldliness of reality and God with the tangible, touchable, messy realities of living in relationship with each other and the natural world. Though some Christians have argued that faithful Christianity requires withdrawing from the world, the vast majority of Christians across the ages have sought and embodied a life that stays firmly connected to the world within the solid conviction that this world is less-than-real, and that presence with God is the ultimate reality.

One of my favorite reflections on this point comes in C.S. Lewis' novel *the Great Divorce*. In this book, his reply to William Blake's *Marriage of Heaven and Hell*, Lewis pours forth a vision of heaven (marked, as you might imagine the author of *The Chronicles of Narnia* would, by God as a lion) that has no space for the less-than objects of human devotion. Indeed, in Lewis' telling, the greatest hurdle that his characters face to fully entering into God's kingdom are *good things* (romantic love, parental care, etc.) become ugly in their excess. In the most tangible sense, Lewis portrays God's kingdom not as less than real (in the way we think of ethereal angels and floating clouds in heaven) but as more real than we could possibly imagine (Lewis' characters find walking on the grass in God's kingdom to be like stepping on needles, a sensation they are assured will pass as they become acclimated to God's divine realm).

Letting go is not about an indiscriminate disconnection from the world or those people important to us. Indeed, Christianity has consistently affirmed the importance of living in community and connection as disciples of Jesus Christ.

No, when trees let go of their leaves, they are doing so to another end. Their release which turns our trees all manner of rich shades as the season change gives way to the rest of winter and the return of buds, flowers and new leaves in the spring. It is a letting go *so that* new life may come.

This is what we mean, as Christians then at least, when we say we are called to let go. We are called to let go of those things (relationships, behaviors, idols and possessions) that hold us back from new life, those things which hold us captive and have us convinced they are worthy of our devotion. Autumn then is a season when we would do well to remember that we are called to let go, or at least hold more loosely, everything in our life but our relationship with God. It is a season to reflect on what we might need to let go so that God can continue to draw us into new life. And in that, in that release and new life, there is great beauty indeed.

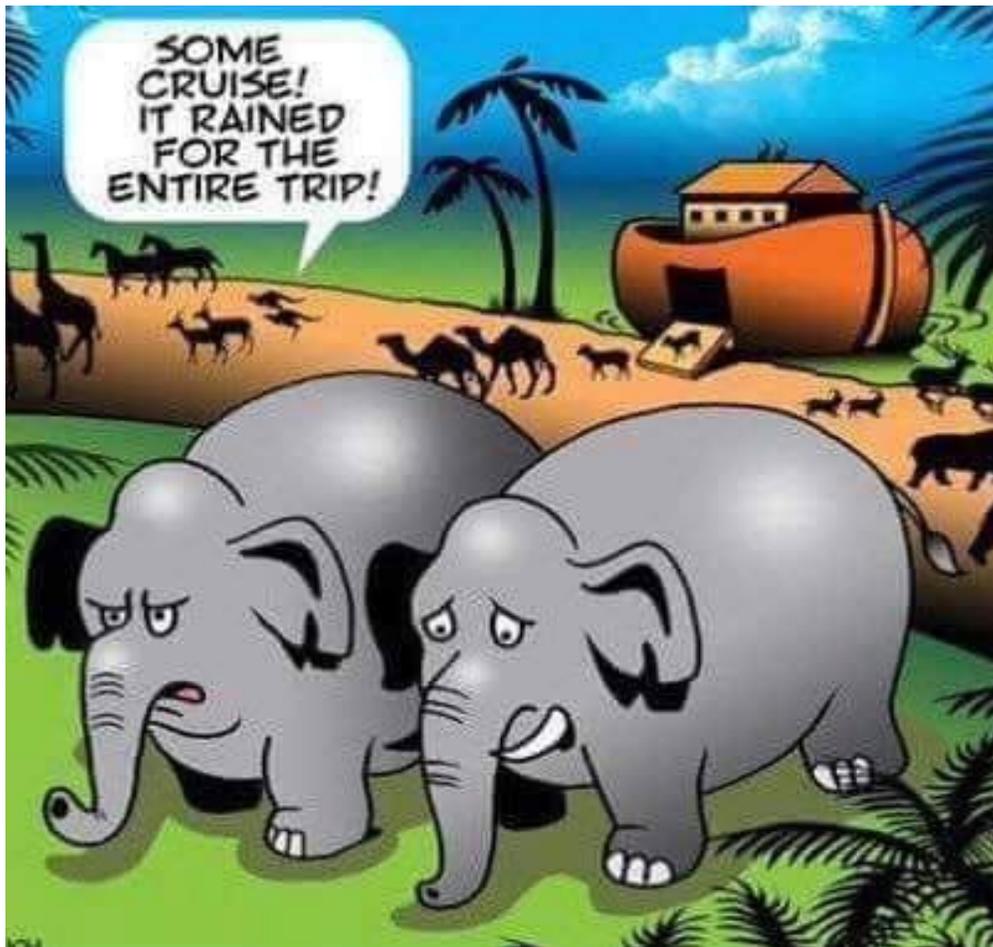
Grace and Peace.

Pastor Sarah

Can you find 16 books of the Bible hidden in this Paragraph?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now. There really are sixteen names of books in this story.

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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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If you have an October birthday and you are not on our list, please send your birthday to the church office (calvumc@calvumc.org) so we can include you in our Happy Birthday wishes!



Share your Favorite Fall Recipe

Now that Fall is here - at least the calendar tells us it is Fall - our thoughts about cooking start turning to soups and stews, apple pies, dusting off the crockpots and maybe pumpkin spice!

We're always looking for a new idea, so we thought it would be fun to share some of our favorite Fall recipes - if you would like to share, please send your favorite recipe to Kathie Auth at calvumc@calvumc.org and we'll print them for everyone to try.



Answers to Hidden Books of the Bible

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