

# CALVARY CROSS ROADS

September 5, 2019

**Worship This Sunday: September 8, 2019**  
**Sermon Series: Back to School, Back to Basics**  
**Sermon Title: Backpacks**

**Sarah Andrews Schlieckert, Pastor**



*Philippians 4:4-9*  
*Matthew 11:28-30*

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## PRAYERS of our church

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| Marion Schreiber | Martha Anderson  |
| Gordan Christmas | Choice Bradbury  |
| Linda Muller     | Eddie Blandford  |
| Peyton Greer     | Bobby Vermillion |
| Celeste Flock    | April Corrice    |
| Bob Bushman      | Sam Barlev       |
| Joe Fitzpatrick  | Rich Jackman     |
| Marlene Phillips |                  |

*To have names added to the prayer list, and/or have them sent out to our email prayer chain, contact Pastor Sarah ([pastor@calvumc.org](mailto:pastor@calvumc.org)) or Kathie Auth ([calvumc@calvumc.org](mailto:calvumc@calvumc.org))*

### Mark Your Calendar

*September 6 - Our Place Waldorf Friday Night Community Meal*

*September 7 - UMM Meeting*

*September 8 - NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN, Worship Service - Communion, Backpack Blessing, Lay Leadership Committee Meeting, SPRC Meeting*

*September 9 - Friendship Club Meeting, Church Council Meeting*

*September 10 - Food Pantry, AA Meeting*

*September 11 - 12-Step Program*

*September 13 - Our Place Waldorf Friday Night Community Meal*

*September 14 - UMW - Game Day, Christ Foundation Youth Group*

*September 15 - Sunday School, Worship Service - Bible Sunday*



**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES (FOR ALL AGES)  
BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 8TH**

**Children and Youth Sunday School Classes:**

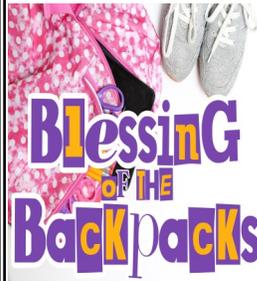
We are excited to share with you that we will continue to grow and expand our ministries with children and youth: one class for preschoolers through first grader, led by Janet Ferrell and Rachel Christmas, and another class for second grade through fifth grade, led by Lisa, April and Ashleigh Brown. In addition, we will be offering a youth Sunday School class, led by Chris Schlieckert, (we are still looking for a second adult to assist).

**Adult Sunday School 1 Bible Study:**

The Adult Sunday School 1 class, led by Amy Doner, will begin a new Study. *The Lamb of God: Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.* Join the class and gain a fresh perspective on the story of Israel's deliverance and journey, a broader understanding of Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture, and much more, when you join us on this incredible journey to see Jesus in the Old Testament!

**Adult Sunday School 2 Bible Study:**

The Adult Sunday School 2 class, led by Pastor Sarah, will begin a new Study. In *Knowing Our Faith* Justo González introduces the Christian faith in direct, contemporary language that does not assume prior knowledge. While recognizing the existence of various denominations and theological positions, González focuses on the core faith of the Christian church through the centuries. Join the class and learn the basic beliefs shared by all Christians and consider how our beliefs shape our lives. Each week we will cover two of the book's ten chapters.



During the Children's Sermon this Sunday we will have a **Blessing of the Backpacks** for children and youth as they head into a new school year. Young people are invited to bring backpacks or other school items to be blessed.

Teachers and school staff are also invited to bring their bags or school items to receive a blessing as well as we pray for our educators!

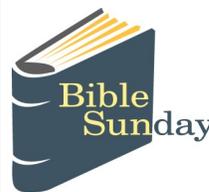
**United Methodist Men:** The UMM will meet **Saturday, September 7th** at 8:00 a.m. *(breakfast will be served)* All men of the church are invited to attend. For more information, speak to Nicholas Doner.

**Lay Leadership Meeting:** There will be a Lay Leadership Meeting, **September 8th** immediately following Worship Service.

**SPRC Meeting:** The SPRC Committee will meet **September 8th** immediately following Worship Service.

**Church Council Meeting:** The Church Council will meet **Monday, September 9th** at 7:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Women:** The UMW are inviting all ladies of the church to attend the special **UMW Game Day, Saturday, September 14th** 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There will be cards and dominoes or you can bring your favorite board game. There will be a potluck lunch - please bring your favorite dish to share! For more information, speak to Stacy Feldman.



We will be celebrating **Bible Sunday** as part of our Worship Service on **September 15th**. We will be presenting new Bibles to third graders. If you know of a young person connected to our congregation and who it would be appropriate to gift a Bible to, please contact Pastor Sarah so we can add them to our list.

**Special Music:** The 4th Quarter volunteer sign-up sheet has been posted on the choir room door. If you would like to share your special talents with the congregation, please add your name to the sign-up sheet.

## CUMC UPCOMING EVENTS

### Friendship Club



### Taco Bar

The Friendship Club Ladies are cooking again. After Worship Service on **September 22nd**, they will be preparing and serving their very popular Taco Bar! A freewill offering will be collected. Proceeds will go to help support CUMC's missions to feed the hungry.

## UMM YARD SALE

One of the most anticipated events of the year, the UMM Yard Sale will be held **Saturday, September 28th**, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (rain date October 5th). The United Methodist Men are accepting reservations (\$10 per space, \$10 per table rental). **The UMM will NOT have a table at this yard sale**, so if you have items that you wish to get rid of please talk to Robert Boettcher regarding reserving a space or a space and table. All proceeds from the yard sale will go towards missions and projects of the UMM.



The UMW are looking for talented individuals for the Annual Talent Show and Auction **Saturday, October 12th, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** If you would like to participate in the talent show, please speak to Stacy Feldman. Or, if you are artistic and you would like to create an amazing handmade piece or if you would like to donate something for the auction - specialty gift baskets, restaurant or other gift cards, jewelry, or you have another auction item idea - please speak to Betty Lyon.

## UMW's Annual Fall Retreat

**Calling all Ladies**, Calvary UMW will be having a weekend retreat at West River Retreat Center, near Annapolis **October 25th - 27th**. We will be studying the Bible, enjoying fellowship, food and fun! We have two options for you to attend:

1. The cost for the weekend is \$110 per person. It covers the cost of the cabin and 5 meals.
2. The cost to attend Saturday only is a \$5 daily fee and \$36.50 for 3 meals (Breakfast \$10.50, Lunch \$12 and Dinner \$14)

We are asking for a \$25 non-refundable deposit.

*If you are interested please contact  
Stacy Feldman at 301-807-1861 or  
jfeld0928@md.metrocast.net.*



The UMW will be sponsoring a Chili Cook-off on **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** immediately following Worship Service.

Watch your bulletin and newsletter for details about entering your chili in the competition and for details on the tasting of the chili to determine the winner.



We have received the information from Samaritan's Purse regarding the 2019 Operation Christmas Child shoebox donations. If you are interested in heading up the "Shoebox" program this year, please contact Pastor Sarah or the church office for details.

# Pastor Sarah's Reflection

This week marks the beginning of a new school year for most students, teachers, school staff and administrators in our area.

The signs were all around us. School supply aisles at local stores have been humming along since, well, June, and Labor Day weekend brought one last, somewhat panicked shopping trip for last-minute items. One of the grocery stores near our home has an aisle helping labelled "packed lunch" and that aisle was certainly hopping on Monday, as families used their Labor Day holiday to ready their children for the first day of school. Teachers have been back at school for a week or so, with many local school system cheerfully posting photos of in-service training showing these wonderful women and men just before the onslaught that this week has fallen upon them.

Now that the new school year has begun, there will be other signs, other items of note. Students will participate not only in the fire drills many of us experienced as children, but they will also take part in active shooter drills—a terrifying and embarrassing testament to our willingness to foist terror upon our children because we cannot be bothered to set aside our own politics and indignation (mostly with each other) to find meaningful solutions to the gun violence epidemic plaguing our country and threatening our children.

Teachers will be underpaid for some of the most important work done in our society—that of teaching and training our young people—and we will all too often think it cute or gracious that they spend out of that meager income to outfit their classrooms. Students will be assessed by their teachers, who will find that most students lost some of their previous year's learning over the summer, and so teachers will generally be re-teaching the end of the previous year since many children did not have the opportunity to continue their learning over the summer as parents struggled just to keep their kids safe and entertained while balancing their work with the childcare demands of the summer.

I'm exhausted, and honestly, a bit discouraged just thinking about it.

But...our children and our nation is resilient.

Our children will settle in, dig in, and learn SO MUCH this year. Our teachers will pour themselves into their work and their love and support will guide children to grow to be the men and women God created them to be—people who will lead us and our nation to new heights. Change and healthier ways of being community may not come from our leaders (or perhaps it will) but grassroots leaders and groups in our neighborhoods and community will find their own voice and tools for creating positive change so that all people have safety and opportunity. If we are fortunate (and faithful) our church and other faith communities will lead the way. This is, after all, the work of helping create the beloved community Jesus calls us to.

This school year is starting with the mix of excitement, anxiety, energy and uncertainty which each new school year offers. Whether our own households are directly impacted by the start of the school year, we are all drawn into this rhythm of life which presents, perhaps more at this time of year than at the turning of the calendar in January, a chance to start anew. To face our fears, failings and anxieties with the confidence of those who know and believe God's words, "For I know the plans I have for you, to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

May this year, for each of us, be a season when we are struck but God's awesome faithfulness, and a time in which we are drawn into God's future and held firmly in God's hope.

Grace and Peace.

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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](http://www.calvumc.org)

**Submit information to be included in the newsletter or suggestions to:**  
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## Did You Know...

1. Did you know that Americans use around 4 million plastic bottles a year!
2. Did you know, each year, Americans throw away 25 trillion Styrofoam cups.
3. Did you know that you can recycle bags by reusing them when you shop or bring your own cloth bags when shopping.
4. Did you know if you lined up the amount of plastic bottles thrown away every year it would circle the earth 4 times!
5. Did you know that the average American uses 17 trees a year in paper and other wood products.
6. Did you know that we throw away enough wood and paper each year to heat 50,000 homes for 20 years!



**Thank you for supporting our recycling program.**

**Please remember, no trash or Styrofoam in the church recycling bin - plastic bottles and aluminum cans only**

**CUMC GREEN TEAM**