AN EVENING WITH FREDERICK DOUGLASS



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018 7 PM All Saints Episcopal Church (at the intersection of Rt. 2 and Rt. 4 in Sunderland)

Bill Grimmette As Frederick Douglass "The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress".

Frederick Douglass spent the first 20 years of his life as a Maryland slave and the next 57 years as an American leader. So how did a young, Black boy, born a "slave-for-life" according to law, custom and expectation, defy all those odds and rise from the lowest to the highest social ranks, in a society almost totally dedicated to his failure, to become one of the most significant players to define the meaning of America in her first constitutional century? This year, 2018, Maryland is celebrating the 200th anniversary of Frederick Douglass' birth. But in truth, we are celebrating the story of someone who forged a remarkable life from Bondage to Freedom and in the process, managed to help lead the emancipation of the constitution from the tyranny of slavery.

Bill Grimmette is an Actor, Storyteller and Living History Dramatist whose performance credits include stage (King Lear, Driving Miss Daisy, Othello, and more), Movies and TV, (The Wire, Homicide, In the Heat of the Night and more). His current passion is a blend of history with a fascination for character. It is in this guise that we are inviting him to bring his dramatic portrayal of Frederick Douglass to Calvert County.

Local Partners include: Calvert County Public Schools; the NAACP, Calvert County Branch; All Saints Episcopal Church; St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Middleham and St. Peter's Episcopal Church; Concerned Black Women of Calvert County; and members of the Forgotten Children of Chains Foundation.