

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



JUN

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2024

You are God's beloved. *You* are welcome here.



WELCOME TO CALVARY



OUR WELCOME STATEMENT

Calvary United Methodist Church believes that all means all. We open our hearts, our minds, and our doors to all our neighbors. We gladly invite into our shared life all persons who seek a community of support where they can grow in God's grace. Regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, relationship status, or background — **you are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

If you are a first time guest, thank you for visiting Calvary! We would invite you to check out our Welcome Tables for more information about who we are. We would also ask you to fill out a GET CONNECTED card in the back of the pews so we can get to know you better. If you are in need of a large print bible or hymnal, please see any greeter for help.

FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children into our worship services, including infants and toddlers. If you would like to use it, we have a Family Area in the rear left of the Sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys.

LOCATION OF BATHROOMS

From the front exits of the sanctuary outside the right doorway, an accessible restroom and baby changing table are available on this level. From the front exits of the sanctuary outside the left side, restrooms are located down the stairs. An elevator is located thru the sanctuary outside the right and to the back.

PRAYER CONCERNS



**Do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**

Philippians 4:6

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Joan Mialki
Chris (friend of Mike Schnitgen)
Liz, Juan, and Lucy Martinez (death of Liz's
father)
Adel Fougnes
Janice Duckworth (sister of Judy Melvin)
Tom Paulin
Cary Knight
Martha Helmreich
Janet and Tom (friends of David Grinnell)
Colleen (daughter of Terri Jagielski)
Mayernik daughters & grandfather

ONGOING CONCERNS

Sara Belohavek
Paul Brucker
Mary Ewalt
Rev. Tom Funk
Judy Melvin
Dan Souza
Tom Smith
Marcia Webb (dear friend of Mark
Snyder)

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

If you have a prayer request or a joy that you would like to be lifted up, you can either fill out the PRAYER REQUEST card in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office directly at 412-231-2007.

You can also complete the new "Prayer Request" form on the Calvary website at calvarypgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php. The information on this form goes directly to the clergy of Calvary UMC. We treat these concerns in a private and confidential manner (unless otherwise directed), respecting the privacy of individuals as the requestor directs us.

If you would like a card or email sent from the church to let people know we are praying for them, please give us an address or email.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP †* Liturgist — Zay Burns-Elliott

Leader: God scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love, and waits...

People: So much of it lands on flat pathways or rocky roads and won't take root...

Leader: God scatters the seeds of healing and hope, and waits...

People: Shallowness and fear claim the seeds and they cannot live.

Leader: God scatters the seeds of redemption and peace, and waits...

People: These are the places of deep growth where the seed will cast down strong roots.

Leader: Welcome this day to a seed-scattering station!

People: May our hearts be the rich soil in which God's love takes root.

OPENING HYMN †* "This is my Father's World" — #144 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †*

Lord, you know us so well. We thank you for your presence in our lives, even when we don't recognize it. This day we have gathered, coming from a week of unexpected happenings and events which have surprised us. Make us ready to become stronger witnesses for your love as we receive your word and find our spirits and lives healed. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

SONG OF PRAISE †* "Surely the Presence of the Lord" — #328 UMH (Two Times)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Celebrating Fathers and Sons" — Linda McDonald

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 20 NRSV

- 1 The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- 2 May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion.
- 3 May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. Selah
- 4 May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans.
- 5 May we shout for joy over your victory and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.
- 6 Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.
- 7 Some take pride in chariots and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.
- 8 They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.

9 Give victory to the king, O Lord; answer us when we call.

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER * "Hymn of Promise" — #707 UMH
You are welcome to come forward for personal prayer at the altar rail.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER * #895 UMH

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON †* Mark 4:26-34 NRSV

- 26 He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground
- 27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.
- 28 The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.
- 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."
- 30 He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?
- 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth,
- 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."
- 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it;
- 34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "I do not know!" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

DOXOLOGY †* "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" — #94 UMH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERING PRAYER †

CLOSING HYMN †* "You Are the Seed" — #583 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

*† Please stand as you are able | * Words on screen | Bold text is unison.*



LET'S GO CAMPING

JUNE 17-19 & 21
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
5:45 - 8:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Scan the QR code to complete a registration form, or contact the church office directly at either calvarypgh@gmail.com or 412.231.2007.



MORE INFO

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Brittany 412-715-4947



THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
JUN 16

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
JUN 17

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

5:45 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

TUES
JUN 18

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

5:45 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

WED
JUN 19

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

5:45 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

THURS
JUN 20

EXERCISE FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:00 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

SUMMER SOLSTICE OPEN HOUSE & ART SHOW

4:00 – 8:00 PM | Calvary UMC

FRI
JUN 21

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

5:45 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

SUN
JUN 23

CALVARY SUNDAY MORNING CAFE

10:00 – 11:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO NEED TOOTHPASTE

NCM would like Calvary to continue to collect toothpaste. There is a collection bin in the chapel. Cloth grocery bags also continue to be collected. Thank you!

EVENTS

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, July 7 (1st Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

Our children collect "change" because when there is lots of change together, we can make a difference. These gifts are used to help Women United in Faith purchase food for Daily Bread.

DAILY BREAD – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

Thursday, July 11 (2nd Thursday of each month) | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

The United Women in Faith (UWF) organizes the meal being prepared for the Daily Bread which serves meals three times a week to those without a home or who are under-employed. See Joan Bradley if you would like to get involved.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, July 13 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM | Northview Heights

All participants have found it to be a rewarding experience, and we would love to have some new volunteers as well. Six volunteers are needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel, and a written description of the work. Please feel free to contact Stacey Chervon (stc38@pitt.edu) or Linda Ehrlich (laehrlich927@aol.com) for any questions.

WEEKLY

OPEN SANCTUARY

Thursdays | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Sanctuary

The sanctuary will be open for prayer or silence or meditation every Thursday evening. Feel free to pass through as our special guest, or return on Sunday to make us your home.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC AND TALENTS NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER

In lieu of choir for the summer we would like to have some kind of special art each week. Pick-up choir will be once a month as announced. But, we could also use special music, or maybe some special poem or reading. Please feel free to share this with your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Reach out to Music Director Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) with questions or if you would like to participate.

CHANGE MATTERS!

There will be a special "change" offering the first Sunday of every month. During worship, our children will collect "change" because when there is lots of change together, we can make a difference. These gifts will be used to help the Women United in Faith to purchase food for Daily Bread. Food costs have increased and the number of people needing food has also increased. So gather up that loose change and help support this ministry. Paper money and checks work too.

Change matters!





ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER SOLSTICE OPEN HOUSE & ART SHOW

Volunteers are needed to assist as greeters, hosts for the refreshments, and assisting with the artists at the Summer Solstice Open House and Art Show on Thursday, June 20. The open house and art show theme this year is "Tiffany: The Artist and Innovator". Guided tours will be provided in the sanctuary. Volunteers to help our artists set-up and guided through the chapel gallery area are needed from noon until 8:00 PM. Greeters and hosts are need between 3:45 until 8:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is in the chapel or you can email David Grinnell (grinnell@pitt.edu). Your help is greatly appreciated!

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OPEN HOUSE

AHPS is looking for donations for the refreshment table at the June 20th Open House. Any food that is bite size is acceptable - brownies, cookies, mini-muffins, vegetables, snacks of all descriptions. A sign-up sheet is in the chapel. All items must be delivered to the chapel by noon on June 20th. If you need help, please contact Fred (412-889-9990 / giraffelapin1862@aol.com). Our thanks in advance!

EVENTS

SUMMER SOLSTICE OPEN HOUSE & ART SHOW

Thursday, June 20 | 4:00 – 8:00 PM | Calvary UMC

It's an exciting time to visit Calvary and see Tiffany's Resurrection, Ascension, and Apocalypse windows in their full glory when the Sun is at its highest position in the sky; guided tours will be provided in the sanctuary. The open house and art show's theme this year is "Tiffany: The Artist and Innovator." This is a joint event hosted by Calvary UMC and the Allegheny Historic Preservation Society (AHPS).

GET CONNECTED



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD/FELLOWSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The times we gather for food at Calvary are very important to making CONNECTIONS and continuing the fellowship after the worship service. We talk, laugh, share, and nourish one another in body and spirit. To sustain these connections, we are asking for volunteers and sponsors for our food/fellowship times. Volunteers can sign up to help with food preparation, or service and clean-up. Sponsors can sign up by donating \$50 for food served in the chapel and \$100 for the monthly community luncheon. You are welcome to partner with someone else to sponsor. There are two sign-up sheets in the chapel along with envelopes for donations. Please give donation envelopes to Mike Schnitgen with date of sponsorship and names of donors. Please consider what you can do to help, and thanks very much.

NAME TAGS

Calvary has purchased magnetic name tags for members, attenders, and visitors to help us better connect with one another by helping us learn each other's names (and remind us when we forget.) Please email Lay Leader Kenny Elliott (kenelliott76@gmail.com) for a name tag.

EVENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 27 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

This meeting has been changed due to the Summer Solstice being scheduled on June 20.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, June 30 (Last Sunday of each month) | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

This is an expansion on our normally scheduled fellowship time following morning worship. Please join us in the fellowship hall located downstairs following morning worship.

COMMUNION

Sunday, July 7 (1st Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

All are invited to the table of our Lord. You do not need to be a member of Calvary or any church to participate. The bread that we share is gluten free so that all may partake.

WEEKLY

CALVARY SUNDAY MORNING CAFE

Sundays | 10:00 – 11:00 AM | Chapel

Please join us for coffee and sweet treats Sunday mornings beginning at 10 AM. We have several groups meeting you might want to check out over coffee and your favorite muffin, cinnamon roll, or donut.

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Sundays | Following Worship | Chapel

Please join us around the tables in the chapel behind the sanctuary following morning worship for refreshments.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



PEW CUSHION PROJECT – THE FABRIC IS ON ITS WAY!!!

The fabric and shipping have been paid for and the material is enroute to Calvary. Once it clears customs, it will be sent to Pittsburgh via FedEx. The fabric will be stored at a climate-controlled warehouse until the Amish can use it. The storage facility's fees will be paid for by AHPS.

NEW AHPS CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE COMING!

AHPS will be introducing a Christmas Card featuring our chancel decorated for Christmas at the Summer Solstice on June 20th. Each card will be 5"x7" in high-gloss color with a matte interior. The cards will be unfolded in order to permit persons with copiers a way to personalize their Christmas message. The packages will include 16 cards and envelopes for a cost of \$20. Credit cards will be accepted as well as checks, and they will be available throughout the fall. Helpers to count and sell the cards will be needed. All proceeds will benefit the restoration work at Calvary!

HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

If you have an announcement that you would like to be placed in the bulletin, website, Facebook, etc., please email Karen Ferguson (karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com). Announcements for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. Please include the following information: (1) title/subject of announcement, (2) content, (3) how long it should be advertised, and (4) where you want it to be publicized.



A Time for Fellowship

PLEASE JOIN US AROUND THE TABLES
IN THE CHAPEL BEHIND THE
SANCTUARY FOLLOWING MORNING
WORSHIP FOR REFRESHMENTS.

SEE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE 'GET
CONNECTED' SECTION ON HOW YOU
CAN GET INVOLVED IN OUR
FELLOWSHIP TIME AT CALVARY!

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

Sundays | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

AA meetings are designed to help you on your road to recovery — designed to help you get sober and remain sober.

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) - MANCHESTER

Tuesdays | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Every addict in the world has the chance to experience their message, and find the opportunity for a new way of life.

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 AM | Chapel

The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich (laehrich927@aol.com).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | 10:00 – 11:00 AM | Parlor

Looking for deeper relationships with some of the women of Calvary? Come and join us this summer as we fellowship around God's Word, praying for a world wounded by sin, our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ and praising and thanking our Savior, Jesus Christ, for his grace and mercy. The coffee pot is always on along with a goodie or two. Feel free to just drop in and join our group on any Thursday you're free. Our Beth Moore study, "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit," will continue in September. Email Kathy Wagner (kbwagner47@gmail.com) with questions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



WORSHIP LEADER ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 (FATHER'S DAY)

Welcome Team: Margee Bilyak, Joanie Mialki, Fred Ruddock, Scott Stegman

Acolytes: James Bova Mickens, Zay Burns-Elliott

Liturgist: Zay Burns-Elliott

Children's Message: Linda McDonald

Slide Projectionist: Emma Hrcsina

Name Tag Steward: Kenny Elliott

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Welcome Team: Patty Bogdewic, Linda McDonald, Fred Ruddock, Jane Skerl

Acolytes: James Bova Mickens, Zay Burns-Elliott

Liturgist: Megan Bova

Children's Message: Megan Bova

Slide Projectionist: Emma Hrcsina

Name Tag Steward: Kenny Elliott

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Welcome Team: Megan McDonald, Jo Ellen Parker, Fred Ruddock, Scott Stegman

Acolytes: James Bova-Mickens

Liturgist: Jan Meyers

Children's Message: Patty Bogdewic

Slide Projectionist: Linda McDonald

Name Tag Steward: Kenny Elliott

SUNDAY, JULY 7

Welcome Team: Margee Bilyak, Patty Bogdewic, Fred Ruddock, Carl Traud

Acolytes: James Bova Mickens, Zay Burns-Elliott

Liturgist: Jo Ellen Parker

Children's Message: Brian Burns

Communion Servers: TBD

Slide Projectionist: Linda McDonald

Name Tag Steward: Kenny Elliott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways you can lead the congregation in accessible, sacred, experiential and transformational worship on Sunday mornings. We each can have a part in making Calvary the place where everyone has an opportunity to be present, feel loved and valued, and experience God and our community with all of our senses. There are many ways that you can participate, including serving as the lay liturgist, a member of the Welcome Team, Name Tag Steward (new), presenting the Children's Message, managing the slides, serving Communion, helping with the Fellowship time after the service. If you have interest in being involved in

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