

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



"Therefore be
imitators of God,
as beloved children."

Ephesians 5:1



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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

Wendy (friend of Mark & Debbie Neuherz)

Karen Hines (mother of Patty Bogdewic)

Rev. David Eichelberger

Rev. J. Howard Cherry

Roy (fiancé of Venus)

Please hold First Presbyterian Church of
Pittsburgh in prayer. Last Friday their Minister
of Music, Sean Baran, was killed after a car
hit him while out walking in Boardman, OH.

Family of Sara Belohavek (Sara passed away)

Family of Tom Paulin (Tom passed away)

Sam (niece of Bing and Mary Ewalt)

Jennifer Ruchlin (friend of Judy Melvin)

Maria (friend of Anne Christianson)

Georgeann (friend of Anne Christianson)

Joyce & Ray Zimmerman (sister of Yvonne
Hudson)

Donna Reinard (sister of Yvonne Hudson)

Joan Mialki

Chris (friend of Mike Schnitgen)

Adel Fougnes

Cary Knight

Janet and Tom (friends of David Grinnell)

Mayernik daughters & grandfather

ONGOING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker

Colleen (daughter of Terri Jagielski)

Rev. Tom Funk

Martha Helmreich

Judy Melvin

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 calvarypg.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 †*

Leader: We have gathered from different places and different backgrounds.

People: Yet as we gather to worship we are one.

Leader: Our experiences of this past week have been monumental and everyday.

People: Yet we each need your healing grace. May this time of worship open us to the leading of your Spirit that those who are grieving might find comfort.

Leader: That those who have turned away from God, might find forgiveness.

People: That those who are waiting might find hope.

Leader: And may we all find God's steadfast love and grace.

People: Let us worship the One who gives us life!

OPENING HYMN †* "We Sing to You, O God" — #2001 TFWS

UNISON PRAYER †*

Jesus, bread of life, you give us life and nourish our spirits. As your beloved children, help us walk in your ways, each and every day. May we speak words of kindness to one another and open our hearts to share comfort and encouragement. May we offer and seek forgiveness. Most of all, may we remember that your steadfast love extends to all of your beloved children. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 130 NRSV

- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
- 2 Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
- 3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
- 5 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
- 6 my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.
- 8 It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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 * "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" — #430 UMH
You are welcome to come to the altar for personal prayer.

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.

EPISTLE LESSON * Ephesians 4:25-5:2 NRSV

- 4:25 So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another.
- 4:26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,
- 4:27 and do not make room for the devil.
- 4:28 Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.
- 4:29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.
- 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.
- 4:31 Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice.
- 4:32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.
- 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,
- 5:2 and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Imitators" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM * Susan Derouin

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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION †

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS Tammy Phillips and Susan Derouin

CLOSING HYMN †* "Morning Has Broken" — #145 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

Please join us for a time of fellowship to celebrate Susan and Tammy's wedding anniversary.

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



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!

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
AUG 11

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
AUG 13

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) MANCHESTER

7:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

THURS
AUG 15

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:00 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

6:30 – 8:00 PM (Monthly) | Chapel

SUN
AUG 18

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall



NEW FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

As you can see, the first section of pew cushions has been sent out for recovering. **In order to protect our investment, the trustees are implementing a no food or drink policy in the sanctuary.** You are invited to enjoy your refreshments in the narthex or the chapel area. Please do your part to keep our sanctuary clean and tidy for generations to come.

THE CALVARY NEWSLETTER IS COMING BACK!

It's been quite some time, but it's ready for a comeback—The Calvary Newsletter. Be on the lookout around September in your email inboxes. We will also have copies available to pickup at the Welcome Tables. If your email has changed over the last few years, please be sure to submit your updates for the church directory.

The newsletter will be distributed quarterly rather than monthly as it has in the past. If there is something that you would like to have highlighted in an upcoming issue, please contact Karen Ferguson (karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com).

We are also looking to for a clever name for the newsletter. I think we will know when we hear it so submit your suggestions by emailing either the church office (calvaryppgh@gmail.com) or Karen Ferguson with your best ideas!

HELP US UPDATE THE CALVARY UMC CHURCH DIRECTORY

Over the past few years we have collected several lists which are now most certainly outdated, and we don't want anyone to be missed. That being said, we are in the process of updating the church directory.

In order to make this process as easy as possible, we have created a Google form for you to fill out so that we have the most up-to-date information for your household. **We have also placed paper forms at the Welcome Tables for you to fill out and give to the church office if that is easier for you.** You need only to complete one form per household (all persons that live at the same address). Thank you so much for your participation in this daunting project! Please let us know if you have any questions.



Calvary UMC Church Directory Google Form — Scan the QR code or go to the following web page: <https://forms.gle/pn64RUnttKHTprZp6>

SPECIAL EVENTS



FAREWELL CELEBRATION HONORING BISHOP MOORE-KOIKOI

Sunday, August 25 | 3:00 PM Service of Recognition & 4:00 – 6:00 PM Reception
Christ UMC, 44 Highland Rd, Bethel Park, PA 15102

After eight years of ministry as our Episcopal leader, Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi is concluding her role in Western Pennsylvania and has been assigned to lead the Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey conferences. The WPA Episcopacy Committee invites you to join us in bidding Bishop Moore-Koikoi a heartfelt farewell that celebrates our common ministry together.

Everyone is invited to attend. As many of us know from personal experience, a good and heartfelt farewell that celebrates our common ministry together, extends words of reconciliation and healing, and adequately says “thank you” greatly prepares the way for the next leader. As your Episcopacy committee, we want to celebrate an excellent “farewell” to Bishop Moore-Koikoi and her husband, Rev. Raphael Koikoi, so we can be prepared to celebrate an excellent “welcome” to our next episcopal leader, Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball, and her husband, Rev. Barry Ball.



Register Now — Scan the QR code or go to the following web page: <https://wpa-reg.brtaapp.com/BishopCynthiaMooreKoikoiFarewellCelebration>

MINISTRY SUNDAY AT CALVARY UMC

Sunday, September 1 | Following Worship | Chapel

After church, during fellowship time, you will have an opportunity to hear about our ministries, ask questions, and sign up to get involved! What are your spiritual gifts? What are you excited about? Some of the ministries that you can get involved in are the following:

- Music
- Finance
- Trustees
- Children and Youth
- Missions and Outreach
- Worship Team
- Welcome Team
- Lawn & Gardens

SAVE THE DATE FOR CALVARY'S FALL FESTIVAL!

Saturday, October 26 | 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Please join us for a Fall Festival at Calvary UMC. We will have food sales as well as a “yard” sale in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in having a table to sell your gently used or homemade items, please contact the church office. If you bring your own table to display your items there is no cost. If you need to rent a table from the church, the cost is \$10. More details to come in the upcoming weeks!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMERTIME FELLOWSHIP

Since summer tends to be a time when we have more freedom with our schedules it has been suggested that our food schedule change for the summer. The plan is to have no food before church but just coffee, tea and water. We, of course will still have our fellowship time after church with ONLY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS. It is our hope that individuals from the congregation will sign up and volunteer to sponsor/provide these goodies. Mike Schnitgen is still planning to have our monthly community meal after church August 25.

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.

EVENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 15 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

There will not be meetings in either July or December.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, August 25 (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, September 1 (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

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.



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, September 1 (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, September 12 (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.

Currently, we are in desperate need of cookies as we have used up everything in the freezer.

Cookies can be brought at any time and put in the freezer in the basement.

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.

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