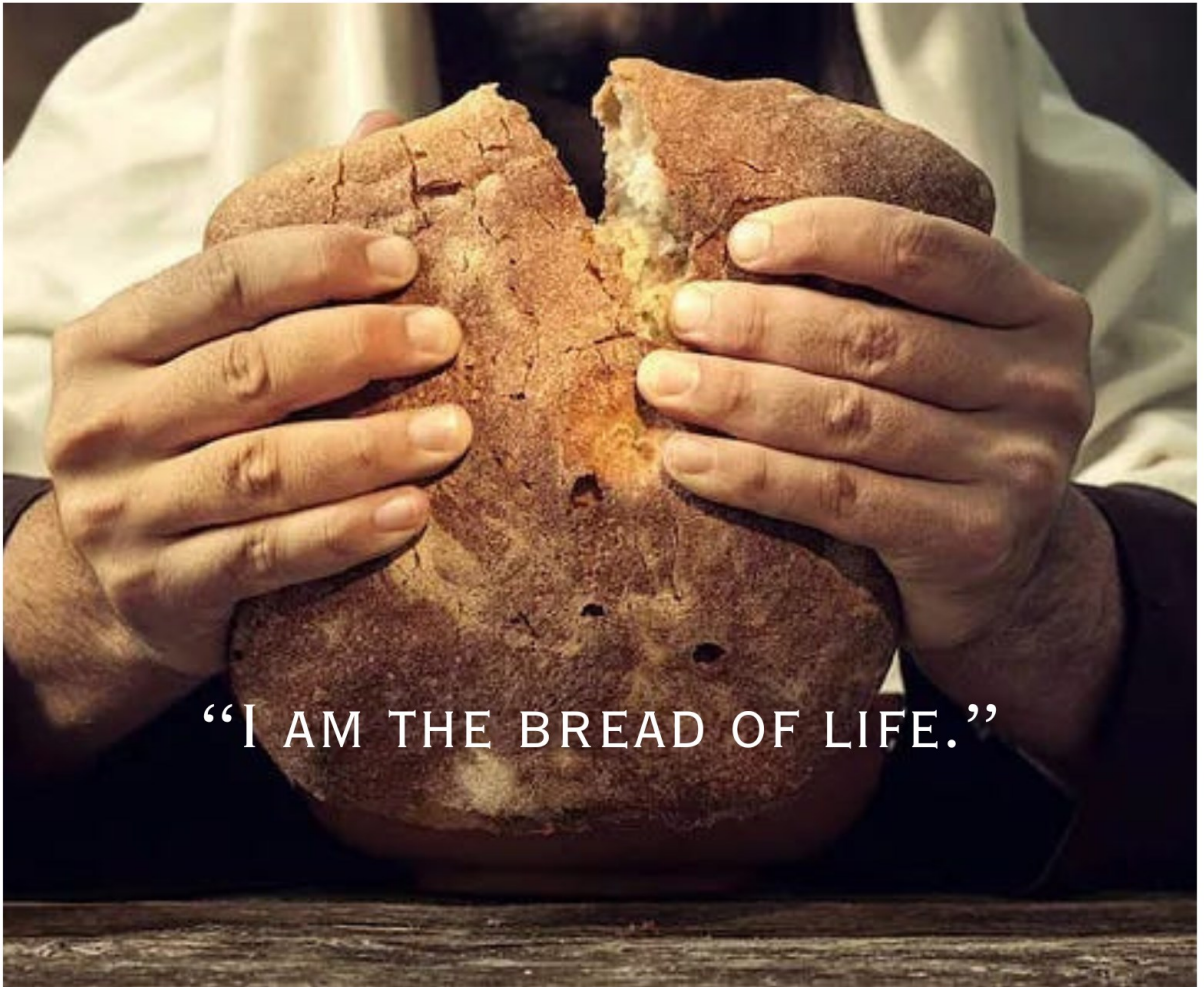


# CALVARY

United Methodist Church



“I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.”

**AUG**

**18<sup>TH</sup>**

**2024**

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



# WELCOME TO CALVARY

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## 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

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**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

Family of Mildred Blackburn (Mildred passed away last week)  
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. 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)  
Janet and Tom (friends of David Grinnell)  
Mayernik daughters & grandfather

## ONGOING CONCERNS

Joyce & Ray Zimmerman (sister of Yvonne Hudson)  
Donna Reinard (sister of Yvonne Hudson)  
Joan Mialki  
Chris (friend of Mike Schnitgen)  
Adel Fougnes  
Cary Knight  
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 [calvarypgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php](http://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

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## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP †\*

Leader: Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth,

**People: God's wisdom calls us here.**

Leader: Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance,

**People: Christ's love shows us the way.**

Leader: Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise,

**People: the Spirit's presence gathers us together.**

**OPENING HYMN †\*** . . . . . "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath" — #60 UMH

### UNISON PRAYER †\*

**Source of wisdom and understanding, your love surrounds us as we seek to live according to your ways. Fill us with your Spirit of power, and guard us from the selfish paths that blind us to your call to seek justice and mercy. Bless us with your Spirit once more, that we may follow in the footsteps of your Son and live in your holy ways. Amen.**

### COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

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

### CHILDREN'S TIME

**PSALTER LESSON \*** . . . . . Psalm 111 NRSV

- 1 Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4 He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
- 8 They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

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 \* . . . . .** "Take Time to Be Holy" — #395 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.**

**GOSPEL LESSON †\* . . . . .** John 6:51-58 NRSV

- 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."
- 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
- 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.
- 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day,
- 55 for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.
- 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.
- 57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.
- 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON . . . . .** "Beggars, Bread and the Chalice" — Rev. Chad Bogdewic

**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** †\* . . . . . "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" — #662 UMH

**BENEDICTION** †

**POSTLUDE** †

*Please join us for a time of fellowship around the tables in the chapel.*

† 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

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**SUN**  
**AUG 18**

## **A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP**

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

## **AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS**

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**TUES**  
**AUG 20**

## **NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) MANCHESTER**

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

**THURS**  
**AUG 22**

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 – 11:00 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

## **OPEN SANCTUARY**

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

**SUN**  
**AUG 25**

## **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Following Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

## **FAREWELL CELEBRATION HONORING BISHOP MOORE-KOIKOI**

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

## **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](mailto:karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com)).

We are also looking to for a clever name for the newsletter. Please submit your suggestions by emailing either the church office ([calvarypgh@gmail.com](mailto:calvarypgh@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

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## **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: (1) Music, (2) Finance, (3) Trustees, (4) Children and Youth, (5) Missions and Outreach, (6) Worship Team, (7) Welcome Team, and (8) Lawn & Gardens.

## **ZENTANGLE**

**Saturday, October 19 | 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Calvary UMC**

United Women in Faith will begin this FREE event with breakfast downstairs in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 -10:00 AM, and then we will spend the next two hours with Sue, who has been with us before, to assist in creating your new item. All are welcome - you do not need to be a member for this fun artistic event.

## **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

### 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.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday, September 19 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel**

There will not be meetings in either July or December.

## 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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