

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



The Master's Tools



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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

Family of Adel Fougnyes (Adel passed away)
Thomas Warnock (father of Susan Derouin)
Family of Mildred Blackburn (Mildred passed away)
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)
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. 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: God is our sun and our shield.

People: God's glory shines upon us.

Leader: God is our strength and our hope.

People: God's faithfulness guides us.

Leader: God is our hope and our salvation.

People: God's love and mercy welcome us.

OPENING HYMN †* "God of Grace and God of Glory" — #577 UMH

UNISON PRAYER †*

God of grace and glory, pour out the power of your Holy Spirit on our worship and our gathering. Strengthen and protect us with your steadfast faithfulness. Feed us with the bread of life, and guide our steps with the wisdom of your word. 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 84 NRSV

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
- 2 My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.
- 5 Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- 6 As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.
- 7 They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
- 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!
- 9 Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.
- 10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

12 O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

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 God Beyond All Praising" — #2009 TFWs
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 †* Ephesians 6:10-20 NRSV

- 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power;
- 11 put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil,
- 12 for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
- 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm.
- 14 Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness
- 15 and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace.
- 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
- 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
- 18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.
- 19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,
- 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Master's Tools" — Pastor Matt Dean

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 †* "Lift Every Voice and Sing" — #519 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.*



THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN

AUG 25

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Following Worship (Monthly) | Fellowship Hall

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES

AUG 27

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) MANCHESTER

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

THURS

AUG 29

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

SUN

SEP 1

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study is held on each Thursday in the church parlor from 10:00-11:30 AM. Our study will resume on Thursday, September 12th. We are exploring Beth Moore's study of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Galatians 5:22-23. A portion of our time is spent in prayer before delving into our study. This prayer and study time is open to all women. If you are interested and have questions, please, email Kathy Wagner (kbwagner47@gmail.com).

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).

HELP US UPDATE THE CALVARY UMC CHURCH DIRECTORY

Our goal is to distribute an updated Church Directory in January which will be given only to members and regular attenders of Calvary. It will include the following for each household (where permitted): photo, address, phone numbers, emails, and birthdays (month and day only).

Over the 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 collecting information for each household. Even if you think we already have your information, we are asking that you submit it again to ensure that we have an accurate list.

To make this process as easy as possible, we have created a Google form for each household to complete. 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!

Calvary UMC Church Directory Google Form

Scan the QR code or go to the following web page:

<https://forms.gle/pn64RUnttKHTprZp6>



SPECIAL EVENTS



MINISTRY SUNDAY AT CALVARY UMC

Sunday, September 8 | 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.

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES

THE ALLEGHENY CITY RAGTIME ORCHESTRA FEATURING COMPOSER AND JAZZ PIANIST TOM ROBERTS AND PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS

Sunday, September 15 | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC Sanctuary | Reception for Subscribers Only

Subscription Price: \$80 General / \$60 Seniors

Subscription Price If Attending September 15 Concert & Reception: \$90 General / \$70 Seniors

Single Ticket Prices: \$25 General / \$20 Seniors & Students / \$15 Groups of 10 or more

Wine, cheese, and mocktails with the musicians to follow at a historic Beech Avenue home. Visit ahps-pgh.org for tickets and further details. Please make checks payable to AHPS.

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.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 19 | 4:30 PM | First UMC, 5401 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Join us for Charge Conference with South Hills Partnership, Warren UMC, and First UMC.

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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

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.

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, September 29 (Last Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

This offering will be moving to the last Sunday of each month beginning in September.

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.

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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