

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



**WE HAVE NEVER
SEEN ANYTHING
LIKE THIS!**



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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

Tom - His wife Janet passed away following a long illness (friends of David Grinnell)

Ed Warren

Marlene Burkhart

Family of Adel Fougnyes (Adel passed away)

Thomas Warnock (father of Susan Derouin)

Chris Siewers

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)

ONGOING CONCERNS

Sam (niece of Bing and Mary Ewalt)

Jennifer Ruchlin (friend of Judy Melvin)

Maria (friend of Anne Christianson)

Georgeann (friend of Anne Christianson)

Mayernik daughters & grandfather

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: We come to worship a God whom we have experienced as compassion.

People: We have grown to trust this God in both the joyful and hard places of life.

Leader: We come to worship and know that something is required of us, that we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

People: We come accepting both the compassion and call to a higher righteousness.

Leader: We come on this day to remember that work matters to God, workers matter to God, and wages matter to God.

People: We come to sing, pray, hear the spoken word and encounter the Living Word that we might be shaped by all that matters to our Creator God.

OPENING HYMN †* "God of the Sparrow" — #122 UMH

RESPONSIVE PRAYER †*

Leader: O God of Labor and God of Rest, we turn to you this Labor Sunday. We remember that you bring people out of slavery and call us to sabbath rest. We remember that you call those in power to compensate workers well and to give them rest.

People: Bless those whose labors bring us comfort – bless farm workers and factory workers, bless delivery drivers and bus drivers; bless sanitation crews and restaurant workers.

Leader: Bless those whose labors keep us well – bless nurses and firefighters, bless hospital custodians and therapists, bless pharmacy techs and EMTs.

People: Bless those whose labors are unseen.

Leader: Bless those for whom one job is not enough to live.

People: Bless those whose labor is care for children, elders, and people with disabilities – whether paid or unpaid.

Leader: Bless those who do their work with diligence and compassion. Bless those who do their work just to get by.

People: On this Labor Sunday, O God, draw our attention to the labors around us. Open our hearts to the workers around us. Open our minds to the power we hold: to join together, to do right by those in our employ, to speak up. Remind us that we are accountable to one another and to You. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON * James 1:17-27 NRSV

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

- 19 You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger,
- 20 for human anger does not produce God's righteousness.
- 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.
- 22 But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.
- 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;
- 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.
- 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.
- 26 If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.
- 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON †* Mark 2:1-12 NRSV

- 1 When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.
- 2 So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them.
- 3 Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.
- 4 And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay.
- 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven."
- 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts,
- 7 "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
- 8 At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts?
- 9 Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'?"
- 10 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"— he said to the paralytic -

Order of Worship continued on following page.

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

11 "I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home."

12 And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

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

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "We have never seen anything like this?" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

HYMN OF PREPARATION * "This is the Day of New Beginnings" — #383 UMH

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Creator of the harvest- We lift our voices in praise!

People: Creator of the table – In you we find our peace.

Leader: In gratitude we gather to share this meal.

People: With thanksgiving, we gather to share our love for neighbor.

Leader: As the sun sets earlier, the days become cooler, and the crops near harvest, we celebrate the plentitude of fruits available to us. We acknowledge the ways that we can use our gifts to care for our siblings in need. We extend this table through the work of our hands and the missions of this church.

People: As we celebrate this sacrament, may we remember the laborers in the fields: The harvesters of the wheat and grapes. The transporters of their yields. Those who transform wheat into bread and grapes into juice.

Leader: Bless their hands and feet as they labor at farms and gardens, in trucks and warehouses. We give thanks for the ones who prepare even this table here today. May their gifts of preparation and hospitality inspire us to extend hospitality to the strangers among us.

After laboring on the streets of Jerusalem- Doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God- Jesus clutched bread in his hands. He blessed the food, gave thanks, and heartfully expressed to his friends that this was the bread of life. "As you eat this bread, remember me."

After supper, Jesus grasped the cup filled with the gifts of the vine. In his blessing, he reminded them "whenever you drink of this cup, remember me."

Spirit of wisdom and of wonder, wind around these elements today. May they stir us from stagnation into actively loving God, our neighbors, and ourselves. May our participation at this table transform us into the people God is calling us to be.

People: With gratitude, we gather at this table. As we take a piece of bread, let us experience the love of God as seen in Jesus the Christ. As we immerse the bread into the cup, let us remember the grace that pours from God. It is with confidence we pray:

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.

Leader: Words of Thanksgiving and Sharing the gift of bread and juice... All are welcome to share in this holy meal. Please come forward at the invitation of our ushers. Our bread is gluten free that all may participate.

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 †

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

CLOSING HYMN †* "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessings" — #400 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

*† Please stand as you are able | * Words on screen | Bold text is unison.
Please join us for a time of fellowship around the tables in the chapel.*

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
SEP 1

COMMUNION

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
SEP 3

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) MANCHESTER

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

THURS
SEP 5

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

SUN
SEP 8

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

SMALL GROUPS



EVENTS

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING

Saturday, September 7 | 9:30 AM | Chapel

We hope that everyone has enjoyed a good summer, but now it is time to start planning for Fall. You are welcome to bring something to share for our light breakfast. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM as we have lots to discuss. Please invite your friends - all are welcome!

WEEKLY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays (Beginning Date TBD) | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Parlor

This group is led by Rev. Chad Bodgewic. All are welcome!

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 group uses the program "Grow Young Fitness". The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich (laehrlich927@aol.com).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays (Beginning September 12) | 10:00 – 11:00 AM | Parlor

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).



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

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

Mondays (Beginning September 9) | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

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.

OPEN SANCTUARY

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

The sleeping bags are made from recycled materials, packed with personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, hats, and gloves, and then distributed to nearby homeless shelters. There is plenty to do, and sewing experience is not necessary. Contact Terri Howell (412-482-2211 / trr_howell@yahoo.com) for additional information.

FAMILY CORNER



FALL FESTIVAL

SAT, OCT 26
9 AM - 1 PM



Join us as we celebrate the autumn season with food and fun! There will be activities for children and adults. We will have pumpkin pancakes and other delicious items. There will also be a Yard Sale in the Fellowship Hall or outside weather depending.



PARENTS DAY OUT

SAT, DEC 21
11 AM - 2 PM

We will do Christmas activities, cookie decorating, crafts, games, and dinner. This will give parents time to finish shopping and be able to wrap presents. We will also have a Christmas Shop for kids to shop for parents.

MOVIE NIGHT

FRI, JAN 10
7 - 9 PM

FREE BABYSITTING! Movie and movie snacks will be provided.



MORE INFO

Megan 412-715-4946 / Brittany 412-715-4947

MUSIC MINISTRY



WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Sanctuary

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Love singing? Thinking about joining the choir?... Well, now is the perfect time to give it a try! Auditions are not required and all voice parts are needed, so join us for singing, fellowship, and shenanigans! The choir also rehearses Sunday mornings prior to worship. Contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 or bsburns77@aol.com) for additional information.

MESSIAH FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Tuesdays (Beginning October 1) | 7:00 – 8:30 PM | Sanctuary

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Tuesdays (January – May) | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

Thursdays (September – December) | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

No audition is required and you do not have to be able to read music. Contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 or bsburns77@aol.com) for additional information.

FAMILY MINISTRY



EVENTS

PARENTS DAY OUT

Saturday, December 21 | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Chapel

There will be Christmas activities, cookie decorating, crafts, games, and lunch. This will give parents time to finish shopping and wrapping presents. We will also have a Christmas Shop for kids to shop for parents.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 10 | 7:00 – 9:00 PM | Chapel

Movie and snacks will be provided.

WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Fellowship Hall

Calvary offers two Sunday School classes — ages 3 to 10, and ages 11 to 15.

SPECIAL EVENTS



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 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.

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES

THE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF PITTSBURGH WITH THE PITTSBURGH CAMERATA

Saturday, October 19 | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC Sanctuary

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Visit ahps-pgh.org for tickets and additional information. Please make checks payable to AHPS.

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!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 HERE!

You will receive your emailed pdf copy within the next day or so. There are also printed copies on the Welcome Tables. This new robust newsletter will be distributed quarterly rather than monthly as it has in the past. You can also scan the QR code to access the newsletter.



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. 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. We have created a Google form for each household to complete (scan QR code). 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!



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!





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.

EVENTS

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.

MISSION FAIR 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.

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.

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.

WEEKLY

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Sundays | Following Worship | Chapel

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