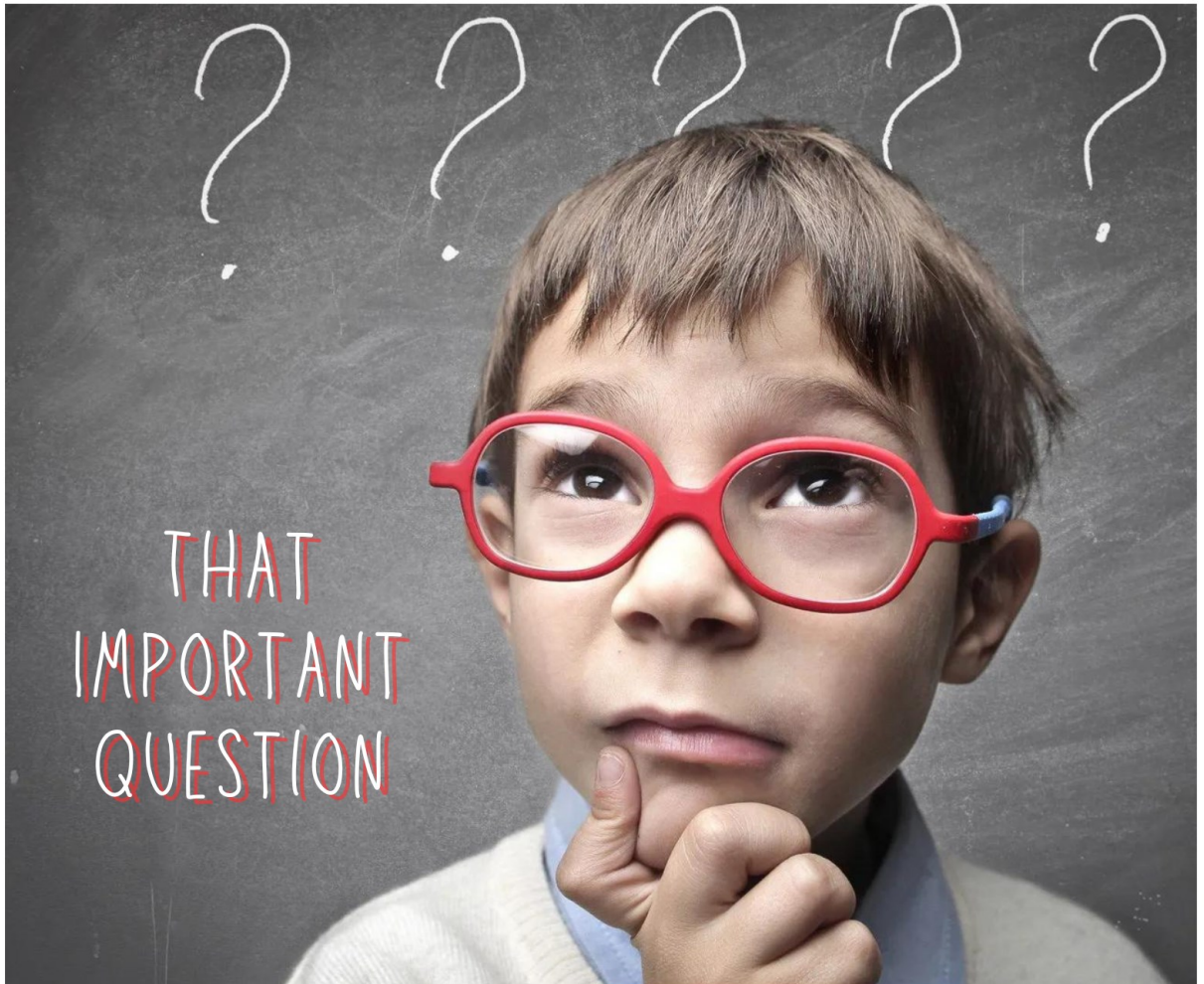


CALVARY

United Methodist Church



THAT
IMPORTANT
QUESTION

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15TH

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

Venus Whisenhunt
Family of Greg Perkins (Greg passed away, friend of Brittany Bova)
Tom - His wife Janet passed away following a long illness (friends of David Grinnell)
Ed Warren
Marlene Burkhart
Family of Adel Fougnes (Adel passed away)
Thomas Warnock (father of Susan Derouin)
Chris Siewers
Wendy (friend of Mark & Debbie Neuherz)
Karen Hines (mother of Patty Bogdewic)
Rev. David Eichelberger
Rev. J. Howard Cherry
Roy (fiancé of Venus)

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 †* Liturgist — Linda Ehrlich

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Leader: Day pours forth speech,

People: and night declares knowledge of our God.

Leader: God's wisdom is written in the stars.

People: It is seen and heard to the ends of the earth.

Leader: When we see God's teachings in the clouds,

People: or hear them in the symphonies of the birds,

Leader: our minds are enriched,

People: our eyes are enlightened,

Leader: our souls are revived,

People: and our hearts rejoice.

Leader: Then we shall bless God's name with our words,

People: and with the silence between them.

OPENING HYMN †* "For the Beauty of the Earth" — #92 UMH

UNISON PRAYER †*

O God, we long for you - for your love, for your wisdom, for your grace. We long for the words of your mouth when we cannot find our own. We long for the courage to speak and sing your blessings. We pray for the wisdom to keep silent rather than speak words of harm. Be our vision, O God, and our voice. And may our mouths proclaim your praise. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON * James 3:1-12 NRSV

- 1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment.
- 2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.
- 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.
- 4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.
- 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a such a small fire!
- 6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

- 7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,
- 8 but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison.
- 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.
- 10 From the same mouth comes a blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.
- 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?
- 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

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 8:27-38 NRSV

- 27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"
- 28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."
- 29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."
- 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.
- 31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again.
- 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.
- 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."
- 34 He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
- 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

- 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?
- 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?
- 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Linda McDonald

SERMON "That Important Question" — 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 †

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

CLOSING HYMN †* "Where He Leads Me" — #338 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.*

Calvary United Women of Faith
invite you to an art adventure:

Zentangle®

led by Sue Schneider, Certified Zentangle Teacher



Zentangle is a fun, easily-learned form of repetitive pattern drawing used to create small abstract works of art.

The meditative nature of the drawing enhances relaxation, promotes a sense of well-being, reduces stress, and sparks creativity.

Using just a few simple strokes, put together step-by-step, ANYONE can create pleasing designs and achieve a satisfying sense of accomplishment.

LOCATION: CALVARY UMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

TIME: 9:30-10:00 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
10:00 AM-NOON ART MAKING

COST: FREE (DONATIONS FOR UWF OUTREACH WELCOME)

REGISTRATION: DUE BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024

RSVP: LAEHRlich927@AOL.COM OR CALVARYPGH@GMAIL.COM
OR LEAVE A MESSAGE AT 412.231.2007

**MEN &
WOMEN
WELCOME**



SUN
SEP 15

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES

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

4:00 PM | Sanctuary | Reception for Subscribers Only

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
SEP 16

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

6:30 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
SEP 17

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

~~CHOIR REHEARSAL – CANCELED (BRIAN BURNS IS OUT OF TOWN)~~

~~6:00 – 7:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary~~

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) - MANCHESTER

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

THURS
SEP 19

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

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
SEP 22

BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. CHAD BODGEWIC

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

~~CHOIR REHEARSAL~~ – CANCELED (BRIAN BURNS IS OUT OF TOWN)

~~10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary~~

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

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8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

CHANGE MATTERS!

There is a special "change" offering the last 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 Calvary United Women 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!



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 | Sanctuary | Reception for Subscribers Only

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

Subscription Prices 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

Registration: Due by Monday, October 14

RSVP: aehrlich927@aol.com or calvarypgh@gmail.com or leave a message at 412.231.2007

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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 to this fun artistic event. Childcare available upon request. **This event is open to both men and women.**

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 | 7:30 PM | Sanctuary

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

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

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

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 26 | 9:00 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

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 envelopes to Mike Schnitgen or place in the offering plate 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, September 19 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

There will not be meetings in either July or December. Contact Church Council President David Grinnell (grinnell@pitt.edu) for additional information.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, September 29 (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, October 6 (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 and fellowship.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR SINGERS – MESSIAH

Sing a choral masterpiece surrounded by Tiffany masterpieces. All are welcome! All voice parts needed! No auditions required! Shenanigans encouraged! Rehearsals are Tuesdays beginning October 1. Scan the QR code for additional information. Ready to sing? Just show up!! There will be a seat waiting for you.



SPONSORSHIP & PROGRAM AD OPPORTUNITIES – MESSIAH

Please scan the QR code and review the sponsorship packages listed, as well as the additional opportunities we have available, and consider how you can partner with us in offering this unique musical event. When you choose to sponsor this Community Christmas Concert, you are helping continue what has become a tradition in the Pittsburgh area. We thank you in advance for your support.



EVENTS

MESSIAH – 12TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, December 14 & Sunday, December 15 | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Ticket Prices: \$20 General, \$15 Seniors & Students (Tickets go on sale beginning October 1)

Free Admission: Children 12 & under, Military, Veterans

Hallelujah! Tiffany meets Handel! Join us for Pittsburgh's holiday tradition. Since 2011, this concert has been practically a sell-out. Our interactive, family-friendly concert features professional soloists, Chamber Orchestra, and the Messiah Festival Choir.

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

Starting Date is TBD

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.



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 Sunday School classes for ages 3-10 and 11-15.

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!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



WORSHIP LEADER ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Welcome Team: Patty Bogdewic, Megan McDonald, Fred Ruddock, Carl Traud

Acolytes: James Bova-Mickens, Zay Burns-Elliott

Liturgist: Linda Ehrlich

Children's Message: Linda McDonald

Slide Projectionist: Zay Burns-Elliott

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Welcome Team: Margee Bilyak, Jo Ellen Parker, Fred Ruddock, Jane Skerl

Acolytes: James Bova-Mickens, Zay Burns-Elliott

Liturgist: Mary Emili

Children's Message: Patty Bogdewic

Slide Projectionist: Linda McDonald

Name Tag Steward: Kenny Elliott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SLIDES

We are looking for someone to take over the responsibility of the worship slides for Sunday mornings. A template would be provided for you and you would receive the Order of Worship and the lyrics to the music ahead of time. If you are familiar with Microsoft PowerPoint and are interested in learning more about this task, please contact the church office, Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com). Thank you so much!

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 worship in any of these capacities, please contact Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 / kenelliott76@gmail.com).

WORSHIP LEADER ASSIGNMENTS

Moving forward, worship leader assignments will be listed in the bulletin in this section at the top. Typically we will have two weeks listed at a time - the current Sunday and the following Sunday - but there will be exceptions. Please use this as a reference if you volunteer as a worship leader. Please contact Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 / kenelliott76@gmail.com) with questions.



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 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 the Calvary United Women in Faith (CUWF) purchase food for Daily Bread.

DAILY BREAD – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

Thursday, October 10 (2nd Thursday of each month) | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

The Calvary United Women in Faith (CUWF) 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. Contact Joan Bradley or the church office for additional information or if you would like to get involved.

WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

Mondays | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

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.

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.

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays | 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 – 10:00 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 | 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).



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 both children and adults. We will have pumpkin pancakes and other delicious items. There will also be a yard sale in either the fellowship hall or outside depending on the weather.



PARENTS DAY OUT

SAT, DEC 21
11 AM - 2 PM

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

FRI, JAN 10
7 - 9 PM

Movie and snacks will be provided.





MORE INFO
MEGAN 412-715-4946 / BRITTANY 412-715-4947

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.

MESSAGE FROM CALVARY'S HOSPITALITY PARKING TEAM

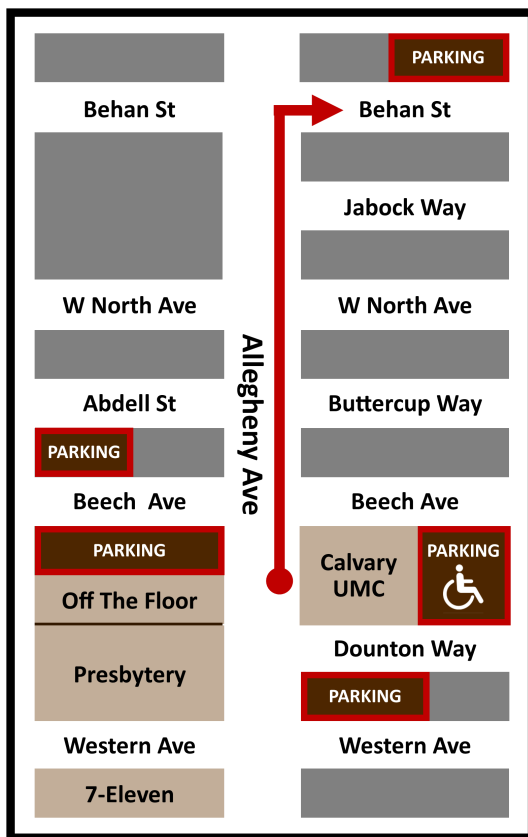
Greetings! See the map included in this bulletin for directions on where to park when the Steelers football team plays at 1:00 PM on Sundays at home. On these Sundays, we do not have access to the parking lots we normally park in; however, we are able to park in a parking lot located on Behan Street. There will also be signs set up along the route directing you where to drive to get to the Behan lot. Please be mindful that the Behan lot is five blocks away. The sidewalks between the church and the lot are not level in places. Please use caution. If walking to and from the Behan lot would be difficult, park in the parking lot behind the church. Allow us to remind our parishioners and guests not to park in the parking lot behind the church to allow persons with limited mobility to park in the lot so they can access the ramp. Thank you!

SAY "CHEESE"!!!

With the Calvary newsletter back, we are looking to have it filled to the brim with pictures from all of our events. We ask EVERYONE that attends these events to take some candid pictures of whatever you like - people preparing food, kids playing games, basically whatever you find endearing, amusing, or memorable. We want all these moments captured for our archives. Please email all pictures to the Calvary church office at CalvaryPgh@gmail.com. Thank you!!!

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. 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. **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.** You need only to complete one form per household (all persons that live at the same address).



THE CALVARY NEWSLETTER IS HERE!

We are pleased to announce that Calvary's newsletter has returned! This updated newsletter will be distributed quarterly rather than monthly as it has in the past. The newsletter will be emailed each quarter, and paper copies in booklet form will be available at the welcome tables. The newsletters will also be located on Calvary's website here: <https://calvarypgh.com/news-and-events/newsletters.php> (scan QR code). Electronic copies of the newsletter include interactive links that you will be able to click on. Anything that is underlined is a link and will take you to an article or further information on a highlighted subject. Please enjoy reading everything that is happening at Calvary!



2024 ADVENT SERIES – WORDS FOR THE BEGINNING

Advent is a season of endings and beginnings. As the calendar year comes to a close, a new church year begins. Christ's birth ushers us into new ways of living and loving; and yet, the world as we know it spins madly on.

In many ways, pregnant Mary was surrounded by endings – large and small, personal and political. But Mary proclaimed hope in a God who was and is making all things new. Christ's birth offered a beautiful new beginning for shepherds and Magi alike - all the while, King Herod tried to bring Christ's story to an end.

When we ourselves navigate seasons filled with endings and beginnings we need reminders.

We need words that can feel like steady ground, like a path for our feet to find as we step forward into the unknown. This worship series is shaped around several reminders we all need from time to time:

You are a blessing. We can't go alone. Do the good that is yours to do. Hope is worth the risk. Love knows your name. Don't forget to laugh. The road isn't straight.

BATHROOM RENOVATION COMING IN 2025 A MESSAGE FROM BRIAN BURNS, CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

After nearly 130 years of service, the restroom facilities at Calvary are ready for a long overdue makeover and expansion.

For the last 10 years or so, the idea of increasing restroom space has been kicked around and several plans were suggested, but for one reason or another, never completed. In January of 2024, Rev. Beth Nelson charged the trustees with the task of creating more restroom space, especially on the first floor. After a few discussions, the trustees engaged Ryan Croyle with Zero Commute Architecture, LLC to create a new space that creatively utilizes our unique building layout.

The basics of the new plan call for moving the existing kitchenette to the first alcove of the nursery, transforming the old kitchenette into a proper men's and ladies' room, remodeling the existing restroom into a fully accessible unit, and providing zoned air conditioning for the new space, as well as the parlor, music office, and Sunday School office.

While the engineer is in the building, we are also exploring the logistics of updating the basement restrooms, and the potential of upgrading our heating system to allow for more efficient control and comfort, as well as the possibility of air conditioning.

All of this work will be completed with several thoughts guiding the process: create a new efficiently designed space, increase energy efficiency and comfort, and choose products to blend and complement the existing space.

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You ARE WELCOME HERE.



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