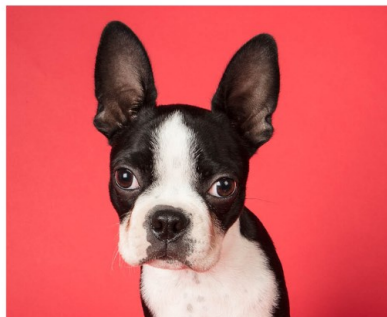
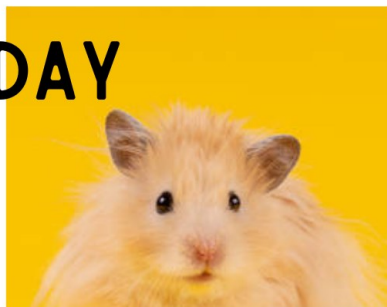


CALVARY

United Methodist Church



ANIMAL SUNDAY



OCT

13TH

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

Narda Funk and Family

Chris Sweeney

Chad Bogdewic

The Robert's Family

Gina (friend of Judy Melvin)

Patricia "Patty" Hoffman has passed. Please pray for her easy transition to Heaven, and her husband Jim who is really struggling with this.

Kaia Bachman and family

Venus Whisenhunt

Ed Warren

Marlene Burkhart

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)

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

CENTERING WORDS * Job 12: 7, 8b, 10a

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you...
and the fish of the sea will declare to you. In God's hand is the life of every living thing...

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP +* Liturgist — Linda McDonald

Leader: God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind.

People: **And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind, cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so.**

Leader: And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind". And God blessed them. God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.

OPENING HYMN +* "All Creatures of Our God and King" — #62 UMH

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

O God of land and sky, you fill creation with your creatures, and you fill our lives with love for our pets. May our lives continue to be richer because of them. May all who come in contact with our pets find delight in them and rejoice in their handiwork. May our hearts be full of gratitude for the beauty of each and every living creature. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER +

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

SONG OF PRAISE +* "Open the Eyes of My Heart" — Michael W. Smith

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
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Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
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I want to see You
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON * Job 12:7-10 NRSV

- 7 “But ask the animals, and they will teach you, the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
- 8 ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you, and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
- 9 Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?
- 10 In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

Creator God, You have made a beautiful world filled with wonder and surprises! You have gifted us with the blessing of animals, those in the wild, those on farms, and those in our own homes. You have brought into being that which we could not imagine for ourselves, life we cannot see without the aid of microscopes, animals we can only see in pictures from remote regions of this planet earth. We thank you for abundant life; for the birds we hear in the morning, for the drone of the bees when we are outside, for the vast tapestry of life which is interwoven. We thank you for the gift of our own animal companions; For the joy they bring us, For the unconditional love and forgiveness which teaches us about you; For the confidant, the listener, the stress-releaser, For the benefits they are to our health-and to our Spirit. We give you thanks. And yet, we know that we have not always been faithful caretakers of our animals; Forgive us when we have dirtied their environment, erased places of shelter, polluted the waters, killed off their food supplies or neglected to feed or tend animals in our own communities. Forgive us when we have neglected our own animal companions; when we have said we are too busy to play with them, when we have shooed them away; when we have made excuses, saying we are too tired... too busy... more important engagements have come up...so that we do not walk them, cuddle them, spend time with them. Forgive us when we have not loved them as they have loved us. Forgive us when we neglect to see all animals as part of your creation, forgive us when we neglect to acknowledge that your love beats in all hearts, and that you give breath to all creation. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE * Job 12: 7, 8b, 10a

God is love. Through Christ your sins are forgiven Take hold of this forgiveness, And live your life, knowing that you are forgiven, and deeply loved. Know that the Holy Spirit will enable you to live fully, richly, and deeply.

HYMN OF PRAYER * "God of the Sparrow God of the Whale" — #122 UMH

You are welcome to come forward to the altar for prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Order of Worship continued on following page.

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

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.

ANTHEM The Renewal Choir

GOSPEL LESSON †* Matthew 6:25-32 NRSV

- 25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?
- 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
- 27 And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?
- 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,
- 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.
- 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?
- 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’
- 32 For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Brian Burns

SERMON “Look at the Birds” — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS *

God is love. Through Christ your sins are forgiven Take hold of this forgiveness, And live your life, knowing that you are forgiven, and deeply loved. Know that the Holy Spirit will enable you to live fully, richly, and deeply.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED *

We remember our animal companions who are no longer with us physically. We give thanks for the gifts they gave us and the variety of ways they enriched and blessed our lives. We are confident that our Creator continues to care for them. Amen.

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 †* "O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth" — Words to Follow

O God, your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight,
And every living thing has worth and beauty in your sight.
So playful dolphins dance and swim; Your sheep bow down and graze.
Your songbirds share a morning hymn To offer you their praise.

You made the pets we welcome in — They're wondrous blessings, too.
With paws and whiskers, wings and fins, They offer praise to you.
O Lord, you call us to embrace These creatures in our care.
May we show kindness, love and grace To all pets everywhere.

You made the creatures on each farm; You know the things they need.
May they grow healthy, safe from harm, And safe from human greed.
Just as a shepherd loves the sheep, You know their joy, their pain.
Lord, bless the animals we keep; May all farms be humane.

Your creatures live in every land; They fill the sky and sea.
O Lord, you give us your command To love them tenderly.
We're called to have dominion here — To care for them always.
By loving creatures you hold dear, We offer you our praise.

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.*



FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 26

9:00 AM - 1:00 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.

A "yard" sale will also be held in the fellowship hall. There is a sign up sheet for those wanting a space or a table for the yard sale in the chapel area.

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
OCT 13

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

12:15 – 12:30 PM | Calvary's Front Steps (Allegheny Ave)

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
OCT 14

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

6:30 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
OCT 15

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

MESSIAH REHEARSAL

7:00 – 8:30 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) - MANCHESTER

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

WED
OCT 16

FREE TO LEARN SQUARE DANCE PARTY

6:30 – 9:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

THURS
OCT 17

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:00 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

HAND BELL REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:00 PM (Weekly) | Upstairs Music Room

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

6:30 – 8:00 PM (Monthly) | Chapel

SAT
OCT 19

CHARGE CONFERENCE

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

SUN
OCT 20

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

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

The Western PA Conference invites you to

MEET & GREET

BISHOP SANDRA STEINER BALL



OCTOBER 28, 2024 AT 6:30 PM

CORAOPOLIS UMC, 1205 RIDGE AVE, CORAPOLIS, PA 15108

During each meet and greet, there will be time for fellowship, a brief address from the bishop, and light refreshments. This is your chance to share your thoughts, ask questions, and be part of the important work we are doing together as a church.

Registration closes on **October 21**. To register, click on the QR code (<https://wpa-reg.brtaapp.com/outandabout2024>) or call 724-461-7178.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

HURRICANE RELIEF – UMCOR

Hurricanes have devastated parts of the southeastern US, bringing catastrophic wind, rain, and flooding. You can donate to the UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery. Make checks payable to Calvary or donate online at umcmision.org/advance-project/901670/.

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, October 27 (Last Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

This offering was moved 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 purchase food for Daily Bread.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, November 9 & Saturday, November 23 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM | Northview Heights

Six volunteers are needed for each date. There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel, and a written description of the work. Contact Linda Ehrlich (laehrlich927@aol.com) with any questions.

DAILY BREAD – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

Thursday, November 14 (2nd Thursday of each month) | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Avenue 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. Contact Joan Bradley or the church office for additional information.

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.



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, October 17 (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.

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.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, October 27 (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, November 3 (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.

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Parlor

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

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

Sundays | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) - MANCHESTER

Tuesdays | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 AM | Chapel

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. If you are interested or have questions, please email Kathy Wagner (kbwagner47@gmail.com).

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

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**



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

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. Purchase your tickets now by clicking on the QR code.



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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



WORSHIP LEADER ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Welcome Team: Patty Bogdewic, Kenny Elliott, Jo Ellen Parker, Fred Ruddock

Acolytes: James Bova-Mickens, Zay Burns-Elliott

Liturgist: Linda McDonald

Children's Message: Brian Burns

Slide Projectionist: Zay Burns-Elliott

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Welcome Team: Patty Bogdewic, Kenny Elliott, Fred Ruddock, Carl Traud

Acolytes: James Bova-Mickens, Zay Burns-Elliott

Liturgist: Megan McDonald

Children's Message: Megan Bova

Slide Projectionist: Zay Burns-Elliott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).

SPECIAL EVENTS



ZENTANGLE

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

Registration: Due by Monday, October 14

RSVP: laehrlich927@aol.com or calvarypgh@gmail.com or leave a message at 412.231.2007

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This event is open to both men and women.

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.

FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 26 | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Please 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. We will have food sales as well as a “yard” sale in the fellowship hall. There is a sign up sheet for those wanting a space or a table for the yard sale in the chapel area. 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.

HALLOWEEN – HANDING OUT CANDY TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS!

Thursday, October 31 | 5:00 – 7:00 PM | Calvary UMC

We will be handing out candy to the children of Allegheny West as they parade through the neighborhood in costumes.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 3 | During Worship | Calvary UMC

Please let us know if you have a loved one who passed away since last November 1st and they will be remembered during the service. **There is a form in your bulletin today.** You are welcome to lift up your family members and friends and they will be honored on this special Sunday.

NOVEMBER – A MONTH OF GRATITUDE

November at Calvary will be a month of gratitude with an emphasis on stewardship.

Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Sunday - We are grateful for a firm foundation of faith.

Sunday, November 10 – A stewardship testimony from a lay person.

Sunday, November 17 – A stewardship challenge from clergy and laity.

Sunday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Sunday and Commitment Sunday

FREE PARTY EVENT – LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE

FREE LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE PARTY

WED OCT 9TH & 16TH, 2024
6:30-9:00PM

@ Calvary United Methodist Church
971 Beech Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15233
(Use Beech Ave. Entrance to Lower Level)

Light refreshments

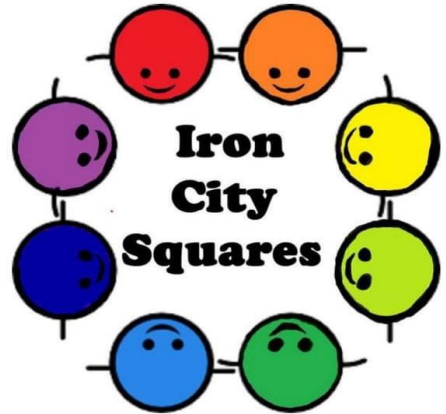
Have fun & meet new people
No partner required - Casual dress
No experience necessary

Everyone Welcome!

*Iron City Squares is Pittsburgh's only
LGBTQ+ and Allies square dance club.*



CALL (724) 464-4324
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UWF IS COLLECTING ITEMS FOR PERSONAL CARE FACILITY

The United Women in Faith (UWF) will be collecting items for use at the Ruth Smith Center which is the only National Mission Institution of UWF in our Western PA Conference. This is a personal care facility in the very northern part of the Conference. If you would be interested in helping, these are the items being collected: mouthwash, shampoo, denture cleaner tabs, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, individual sugar free snacks, hypoallergenic laundry soap (like free & clear All), regular laundry soap, and gift cards for Walmart, Amazon, Dollar Tree, and Dollar General. These items will be collected until Friday, October 18, and may be put in the marked boxes on the stairs near the piano in the chapel. Thanks so much for your help.

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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – VICTORIAN HOUSE TOUR & SHOPPE

There will be a Holiday Shoppe in Calvary's Fellowship Hall both days of the Victorian House Tour. The United Women in Faith (UWF) will have a booth at the Shoppe as one of our major fundraisers. We will, once again, be accepting donations of Christmas items that are clean and in good repair. Items will be accepted beginning now until Wednesday, November 20. Even though it is early, we hope that you will take some time to root through your stored holiday items to get them to the church by the 20th. That will give us enough time to sort and price items before Friday, December 6, and think of how good you will feel that the Santa cookie jar you never used will be purchased and packed away by someone else (Ha!). Please contact Linda Ehrlich or Kim Butler with questions. Items can be dropped off Sunday after church or during the week by contacting: Linda (412-512- 7246 / laehrlich927@aol.com) or Kim (412-638-7773 / kimabutler4@gmail.com). We would like to know when you are bringing items to church so we can plan to get them to our storage area right away.

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.

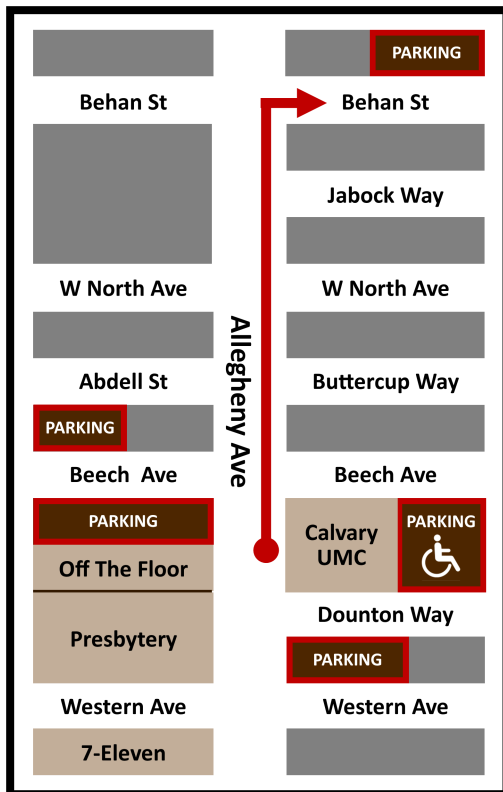
Please watch for the big plan reveal in November and ways YOU can get involved!

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!

Steeler 1:00 PM Home Games

- Sunday, November 17
- Sunday, December 8



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