

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WORDS

FOR THE BEGINNING

— YOU ARE A BLESSING —

DEC

1ST

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Susan and Tammy in the death of Susan's father

Barbara Wood and The Family of Daniel Radelet (friend and family of Marirose Radelet)

Carol M. (friend of Venus)

Hannah Hardy (daughter of Linda Ehrlich)

Suzanne (friend of David Grinnell)

Narda Funk and Family

Chris Sweeney

Chad Bogdewic

The Robert's Family

Gina (friend of Judy Melvin)

Kaia Bachman and family

Venus Whisenhunt

Ed Warren

Marlene Burkhart

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)

Sam (niece of Bing and Mary Ewalt)

Jennifer Ruchlin (friend of Judy Melvin)

Georgeann (friend of Anne Christianson)

Mayernik daughters & grandfather

Joyce & Ray Zimmerman (sister of Yvonne Hudson)

Donna Reinard (sister of Yvonne Hudson)

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 "Advent Meditation" — David Lasky

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP †*

Leader: In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again? Where do we start?

People: Let us begin with the good news! Let us begin by trusting that we are a blessing, loved by a gracious God. Let us begin with music and singing! Let us begin with warmth and welcome. Let us begin with hope.

Leader: Yes, let us begin with hope.

People: Today we light the candle of hope to shine a light in a worn and weary world. May this be our foundation. May this be our fresh start. May this be our new beginning.

Leader: May hope flow forth from here. Amen!

OPENING HYMN †* "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" — #203 UMH

UNISON PRAYER †*

Affirming God, how often do you speak to us, and how often do we miss it? How often do you whisper blessings over us that we refuse to hear? Open our hearts. Create space in us to not only hear these words, but to believe the good news tucked between them. We are hungry for your wisdom, so speak to us now. With hope and curiosity, we listen. With hope and curiosity, we dare to begin again. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

SONG OF PRAISE †* "Christ, Be Our Light"

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! shine in your church gathered today.

WORDS OF THE PROPHET * Isaiah 43:1-7 NRSV

1 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

- 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
- 4 Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.
- 5 Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;
- 6 I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE The Candle of Hope

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

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.

ANTHEM Renewal Choir

GOSPEL LESSON †* Luke 1:26-38 NRSV

- 26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,
- 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.
- 28 And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.”
- 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
- 30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
- 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.
- 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.
- 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”
- 34 Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

- 35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.
- 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.
- 37 For nothing will be impossible with God."
- 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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 "You are a Blessing" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

HYMN OF PREPARATION * "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee" — #623 UMH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *

Nourishing God, sometimes we tell ourselves that too much has taken place to begin again. We think the world is too far gone. We think we have made too many mistakes. We tell ourselves that we couldn't possibly begin again. But then we come to this Table and we get a glimpse of your kingdom. We come to this Table and all are welcomed, all are seen, all are fed. And just like that, we have hope. Just like that, we begin again. Thank you for the gift of this fresh start. Thank you for planting hope deep in our bones. Thank you for meeting us in ordinary bread and juice to remind us that it's never too late to build your kingdom here. We are grateful. We are so grateful. Amen.

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY "Song of the Seraphim" — Clarence Kohlmann

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 †

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH †*

We believe in a blessing God who calls us Beloved. We believe that this blessing showed up in the life of Mary, and was also bestowed upon the hemorrhaging woman, the poor in spirit, the children, the crowds, the Jews, the Gentiles, the faithful and the doubting. So in faith, we trust that God’s blessing, like ripples on the water, forever reaches toward us. And with wild hope, we believe that because of this blessing, we are covered in love. We are more than enough. Thanks be to God! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN †* "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" — #196 UMH

BENEDICTION †*

As you leave this place, may you have the wisdom to lean on one other. May you have the courage to hold onto hope, the compassion to do the good that is yours to do, and the confidence to trust that God sees you as a blessing. For in a world full of dead ends, Advent invites us to begin again. So start here. Start now. Start with love and begin again. In the name of Christ, our new beginning, go in peace.

POSTLUDE † "Veni, Emmanuel" — George Lachenauer

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.*

Christmas DINNER

Inviting all women to gather and celebrate the start of the holidays with a night of food, fun and fellowship hosted by the Calvary United Women in Faith. Join the festivities by bringing a wrapped item that you want to regift for the “Regift Exchange” game.

- DATE** Wednesday, December 11, 2024
- LOCATION** Fabled Table, (no stairs) 1400 Buena Vista St, Pgh, PA 15212
- TIME** 6:00 – 8:30 PM
- COST** \$30 per person, payable by check (make out to CUMW) or cash
- PARKING** Limited, but there is a parking lot a block away. Several handicap spots available on site.
- RSVP** By Sunday, December 1 to Kim Butler at 412-638-7773 or kimabutler4@gmail.com (inform her of dietary restrictions)

IT’S GOING TO BE A FUN NIGHT!

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
DEC 1

COMMUNION

During Worship | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

OLIVE WOOD FOR CHRISTMAS

Following Worship | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
DEC 3

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

THURS
DEC 5

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

SUN
DEC 8

BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. CHAD BODGEWIC

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

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FAMILY CORNER

WINTER SCHEDULE

PARENTS DAY OUT

Saturday, December 21

11:00 AM - 2:00 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.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 10

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Movie and movie snacks will be provided.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 8

6:00 - 9:00 PM

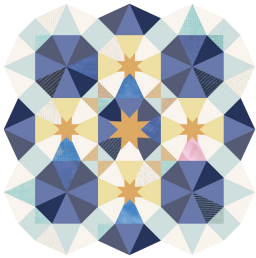
FREE
babysitting
and dinner.

MORE INFO

MEGAN 412-715-4946
BRITTANY 412-715-4947



ADVENT MESSAGE SERIES



FOR THE BEGINNING

ADVENT REMINDERS FOR NEW SEASONS

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.

ABOUT THE BRANDING AND LOGO

We were inspired by the visual concept of quilting because this series feels like a blanket wrapped around you, providing warmth and comfort as you begin again. Like a quilt formed by scraps of old fabrics and meaningful family items, this worship series stitches together the ancient scriptures and reminders we need to hear again and again.

In the logo, the main icon is inspired by a design called a "kaleidoscope" quilt. It is formed by basic shapes: triangles, squares, and circles. The simple shapes are similar to the weekly reminders in this series—they are basic lessons we teach to children but they remain essential building blocks of our lives as adults. Kaleidoscope quilts are formed by symmetrical designs that often create star patterns. The five stars at the center of the quilt become like an Advent wreath encircling a central candle. In the design, circles are emphasized, as the Advent season will be filled with endings and beginnings, which roots us in the cycles of time.

In the typography, "Words" is stitched together as if part of the quilt. We wanted to emphasize that the words and reminders in this series are what we want to hold close. Like a quilt, the words provide protection and warmth. They stitch us to the history of generations. They tell our stories.

— Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman (graphic designer), A Sanctified Art



CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JOIN US SUNDAYS AS WE CELEBRATE ADVENT

10:00 AM — Sunday School

11:00 AM — Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

4:00 PM — Child Friendly with Carols

7:00 PM — Music | 7:30 PM — Service

You are invited to discover a more meaningful holiday season by celebrating Advent and Christmas at Calvary.

Let the words of beloved carols and scriptures set the foundation. Stirring choral and organ music will set the scene. The peaceful illumination of Advent builds to an unforgettable Christmas Eve Candlelight Service as both young and old remember the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at each service. Our communion table is open to everyone.

Refreshments to follow each service in the chapel.

GET CONNECTED



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 Schmitgen 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

COMMUNION

Sunday, December 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.

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Sunday, December 15 | 10:00 AM | Location TBD

There will be a new member gathering at on Sunday, December 15. If you are interested, please come to the church office or contact Rev. Beth Nelson.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, December 22 | During Worship | Sanctuary

New Members will be received during morning worship.

PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, December 22 | Following Fellowship Time | Parsonage

his Advent season, Rev. Beth L. Nelson will be opening up the doors of the parsonage and welcoming everyone to an Open House following worship.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, December 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.

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

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 | 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.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS BLESSING BAGS TO SENIORS

Your help is needed to brighten the life of a senior! Calvary is providing Christmas Blessing Bags to Seniors in The Upper Rooms Apartments. This building is located at 2334 Perrysville Avenue, so they are our neighbors. They have a Christmas Party each year and the greater community provides small gifts for each resident. We are looking for donations of individual packets of hot chocolate, small packages of cookies and crackers, candy canes, little packs of tissues, and other treats that seniors might enjoy. There will be a basket in the chapel to gather these items. They will be packed on Thursday, December 5 by the South Hills Impact Club. There are 25 women, 13 men, and 12 staff, so 50 total bags. Thank you!

KIDCELERATE TOY DRIVE & BRICK DRIVE

Please see the Brick Drive and Toy Drive information in this week's bulletin and think about how you can contribute to this outreach. Tags for the Toy Drive are located on the bulletin board in the chapel. Contact Rev. Beth Nelson with any questions or for further information.

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

OLIVE WOOD FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 1 | Following Worship | Chapel

Tina Whitehead will once again be with us next Sunday with a selection of Palestinian Craft items. Following worship, Tina will be in the chapel to share items, handmade by Palestinians in the West Bank. Plan to browse, looking for that perfect Christmas gift for a friend or yourself.

DAILY BREAD – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

Thursday, December 12 (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 underemployed. 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.

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

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

Our children collect "change" because when there is lots of change together, we can make a difference. These gifts are used to help purchase food for Daily Bread.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, February 1, Saturday, March 8, Saturday, April 26 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Northview Heights, 533 Mount Pleasant Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

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.

WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

THIS GROUP IS CURRENTLY ON BREAK AND WILL RECONVENE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025.

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.

We are currently looking for blankets, sheets, pillow cases, and neckties as well as gathering personal items like small bottles of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, etc, and new men's socks. If you can help, please put your items in the bin in the chapel marked for the Sleeping Bag ministry or leave them downstairs by the old safe.

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.

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!





kidcelerate BRICK DRIVE



Help Kidcelerate's Learning Hub start their own "Brick Club" by donating your gently used bricks of any size (aka LEGO® bricks)!

Brick Collection Locations

Calvary United Methodist Church

971 Beech Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15233
Monday - Thursday 10:00AM - 2:00PM;
Sundays 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Christ United Methodist Church

44 Highland Rd. Bethel Park, PA 15102
Door 2, Tues. - Thurs. 9:30AM - 3:30PM

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

1965 Ferguson Rd. Allison Park, PA 15101
Monday - Thursday AM 8:30AM - 4:00PM;
Sundays 8:00AM - 12:00PM

Or call/email to make other arrangements:

(412) 231-4900 ext. 105 | thehub@kidcelerate.org

SMALL GROUPS



EVENTS

CHRISTMAS DINNER INVITATION

Wednesday, December 11 | 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Fabled Table Banquet Center (no stairs), 1400 Buena Vista Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Cost: \$30, Payable by check to: CUMW or cash

RSVP: By Sunday, December 1 to Kim Butler (412-638-7773 / kimabutler4@gmail.com)

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WEEKLY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 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. This prayer and study time is open to all women. If you are interested and have questions, please email Kathy Wagner (kbwagner47@gmail.com).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



EVENTS

OLD ALLEGHENY VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

Friday, December 6 | 5:00 – 8:00 PM | Calvary
Saturday, December 7 | 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Calvary

WHAT IS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to help in kitchen, sell food, help with sales tables, handing out postcards for tours, setup and cleanup. We also need people to bake cookies prior to the House Tours. We also need people to bake cookies prior to the House Tour.

WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Please see or contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) or Linda Ehrlich (laehrlich927@aol.com) if you are able to assist in any way. Time slots are only two hours. There is also a sign-up sheet in the chapel at the announcement table.

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

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

WHAT IS NEEDED: The following is needed for EACH concert: 6 - Box Office, 4 - Parking Attendants, 6 - Ushers. We also need people to bake cookies prior to the concerts.

WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com) if you are able to help. There is also a sign-up sheet in the chapel at the announcement table.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24 | Services at 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM | Calvary

WHAT IS NEEDED: At least 8 volunteers for each service to make sure everyone who comes to Calvary feels welcomed, loved, and experiences God's love. We will need help with the welcome team to pass out bulletins and candles, assist at the accessible entrance, door openers, setting up the luminaria, floating around church to answer questions, point out bathrooms, collecting the offering, lighting the candles during Silent Night, and helping however we need. We also need people to bake cookies prior to the services.

WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Please reach out to Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 / kenelliott76@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COOKIE MAKERS NEEDED

We will need cookies for the House Tours, Messiah Concerts, and Christmas Eve... **That's A LOT of cookies!** A sign-up sheet is posted at the announcement table in the chapel. You can also contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com).



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NOV 4TH - DEC 8, 2024

SIGN UP ONLINE OR IN-PERSON TO PROVIDE A GIFT!

Gift Drop Off Locations:

Calvary United Methodist Church

971 Beech Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15233
Monday - Friday 10:00AM - 2:00PM;
Sundays 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Christ United Methodist Church

44 Highland Rd. Bethel Park, PA 15102
Door 2, Tues. - Thurs. 9:30AM - 3:30PM

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

1965 Ferguson Rd. Allison Park, PA 15101
Monday - Thursday 8:30AM - 4:00PM
Sundays 8:00AM - 12:00PM

Or call/email to make other arrangements:

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Gifts Should Be:

- \$20.00 - \$25.00
- Unwrapped (the school will wrap them!)
- Able to fit in a backpack, or easily carried
- No religious items
- No weapons of any kind (including nerf/water guns, etc.)



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