

# CALVARY

United Methodist Church



**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – JOY**

**WORDS**

**FOR THE BEGINNING**

**— DO THE GOOD THAT —  
IS YOURS TO DO**

**DEC**

**15<sup>TH</sup>**

**2024**

*You* are God's beloved. *You* are welcome here.



# WELCOME TO CALVARY

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## 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](http://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

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**PRELUDE** . . . . . "In the Bleak Midwinter" — Arr. Franklin Eddings

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP +\*

Leader: "Teacher," the crowd asked, "What should we do?"

**People: If you have two shirts, give one away.**

Leader: Hold onto hope.

**People: Live like we belong to one another.**

Leader: Speak the truth. Look for God. Do the good that is yours to do.

**People: It's all that easy, and it's all that hard. Let us worship our present and active God.**

**OPENING HYMN +\*** . . . . . "I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" — #206 UMH

### UNISON PRAYER +\*

**Almighty God, we know that you are constantly speaking to us. Through music, scripture, nature, and relationships, you make yourself known again and again. In gratitude, we long to return the favor. In gratitude, we long to meet you halfway. So in this moment, we are quieting the noise in our heads. We are closing our eyes. We are leaning in. We are listening. We are doing the good that is ours to do. Speak to us through the chaos. Speak to us as only you can. With hope in our hearts we listen, we pray, 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.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!

shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.

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

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

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 58:9-12 NRSV

- 9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
- 10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
- 11 The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.
- 12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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 Joy

**SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS**

**HYMN OF PRAYER \* . . . . .** "In the Bleak Midwinter" — #221 UMH  
*You are welcome to come forward to the altar for prayer.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER \* . . . . .** #895 UMH  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**ANTHEM . . . . .** Renewal Choir

**HYMN \* . . . . .** "All the Earth is Waiting" — #210 UMH

**GOSPEL LESSON †\*** . . . . . Luke 3:7-16 NRSV

- 7 John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?
- 8 Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.
- 9 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
- 10 And the crowds asked him, "What, then, should we do?"
- 11 In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise."
- 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?"
- 13 He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you."
- 14 Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."
- 15 As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah,
- 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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** . . . . . "Do the Good that is Yours to do!" — Rev. Larry Homitsky

**WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE**

**CALL TO GIVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY** . . . . . "Once He Came in Blessing" — Wilbur Held

**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 †\***

Leader: John the Baptist's followers once asked him, "What shall we do?" Church, knowing the state of the world, what is your answer?

People: **In the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we say: Do not be discouraged by the weight of the world. Instead, hold fast to hope. Roll up your sleeves. Feed the hungry. Tend the garden. If you have two coats, give one away. Do the good that is yours to do. In doing so, you will see God. For this we believe: small acts of love can make a difference. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN †\* . . . . . "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" — #179 UMH**

**BENEDICTION †\***

As you leave this place, may you have the wisdom to lean on one another. 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 † . . . . . "Hark the Glad Sound" — John Leauitt**

*Please join us for a time of fellowship around the tables in the chapel.*

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

# THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

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**SUN**  
DEC 15

**A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP**

During Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

**AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS**

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**TUES**  
DEC 17

**EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES**

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

6:00 – 7:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

**NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) - MANCHESTER**

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

**THURS**  
DEC 19

**EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES**

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

**HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

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

**OPEN SANCTUARY**

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

**SUN**  
**DEC 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**

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**

During Worship | Sanctuary

**A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP**

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

**PARSONAGE OPEN HOUSE**

Following Fellowship Time | Parsonage

**AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS**

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

# A Time for Fellowship

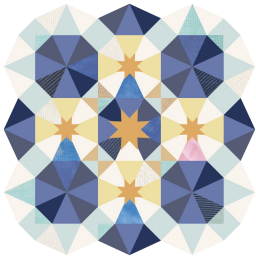
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Please join us around the tables in the chapel behind the sanctuary following morning worship for refreshments.

See announcement in the "Get Connected" section on how you can get involved in our Fellowship Time at Calvary!



# ADVENT MESSAGE SERIES



WORDS

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.



## 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

### 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.

### COMMUNION

**Sunday, January 5 (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

### 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.

### 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.



## 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

### “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.

### DAILY BREAD – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

**Thursday, January 9 (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.

### 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](mailto: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.

# 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!**





# 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](mailto:thehub@kidcelerate.org)

# SMALL GROUPS

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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](mailto: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](mailto:kbwagner47@gmail.com)).

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## EVENTS

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:bsburns77@aol.com)) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / [karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com](mailto:karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com)).

## WORSHIP LEADER ASSIGNMENTS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

**Welcome Team:** Brittany Bova, David Grinnell, Jo Ellen Parker, TBD

**Acolytes:** James Bova-Mickens, Zay Burns-Elliott

**Liturgist:** Anne Christianson

**Children's Message:** Shelley Rohrer

**Slide Projectionist:** Linda McDonald

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

**Welcome Team:** Brittany Bova, David Grinnell, Jo Ellen Parker, Dave Rizzo, Jane Skerl

**Acolytes:** James Bova-Mickens, Zay Burns-Elliott

**Liturgist:** Jan Meyers

**Children's Message:** Brittany Bova

**Slide Projectionist:** Patty Bodgewic



# 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



*You* ARE GOD'S BELOVED.  
*You* ARE WELCOME HERE.



## CONTACT US

### PASTOR

**Rev. Beth L. Nelson**

412-398-7894 | [RevBeth@CalvaryPgh.com](mailto:RevBeth@CalvaryPgh.com)

### EMERITUS CLERGY

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