

# CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A  
Bird's  
Life



**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

Worshipping God Together

# 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.**

## NEW TO CALVARY?

If you're new to Calvary, you're invited to visit the Welcome Areas to learn more about the church—pick up the monthly newsletter, and fill out a Get Connected card found in the pews. Large-print Bibles and hymnals are available upon request. Our monthly newsletter includes ministry updates, upcoming events, small group opportunities and a monthly calendar insert outlining all activities and gatherings.

## FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Children are always welcome. A Family Area is available at the back left of the sanctuary, with rocking chairs and toys for your little ones.

## RESTROOMS

From the front exits of the sanctuary, restrooms are available to the right, including an accessible restroom with a baby changing table; additional men's and women's restrooms are located at the back of the chapel to the right, and downstairs to the left, with elevator access from the right side of the sanctuary.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

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## IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Judy Flaherty  
Family and Friends of Charles Moore  
Paul Brucker  
Samantha - niece of Mary Ewalt  
Al Meyers  
Christine Siewers  
Corrine Houser  
George Janocsko  
Niko  
Judy Melvin  
Aleata Weis  
Barbara Wood – friend of Marirose

## CONTINUING CONCERNS

Bobby Buckner and his family  
Jeanne Dithomas  
Terri Jagielski  
Martha Helmreich  
Sheila Molyneaux  
Renee – friend of Mark Snyder  
Marcia Webb – friend of Mark Snyder  
Venus W.  
Joyce Zimmerman – sister of Yvonne Hudson

## SHARING PRAYER REQUESTS & JOYS

Share prayer requests or joys by filling out a pew card, calling the church office, or submitting the form online at [calvarypgh.com/contact](http://calvarypgh.com/contact).

# THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 21

- **A Service of Celebration—Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

## MONDAY, JUNE 22

- **Back to Life NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00–8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
- **Summer Solstice presented by AHPS** | 4:00–8:00 PM | Sanctuary & Chapel

## TUESDAY, JUNE 23

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel
- **NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00–8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

- **Iron City Squares** | 7:00–9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

## THURSDAY, JUNE 25

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Women's Bible Study** | 10:00–11:30 AM | Parlor

## SUNDAY, JUNE 28

- **Sunday Morning Fellowship** | 9:30–11:00 AM | Chapel
- **A Service of Celebration—Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

# SUNDAY CELEBRATION



## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP + \*

Leader: Through many dangers, toils, and snares,

**People: we have already come.**

Leader: Through days of joy and nights of fear,

**People: we've traveled this far by faith.**

Leader: Through life, through death,

**People: Christ walks with us.**

Leader: We are not alone.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: In this promise,

**People: let's worship God together.**

**OPENING HYMN + \*** . . . . . "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale" — #122 UMH

### OPENING PRAYER + \*

**Holy One, come to us now in this time of worship. Be present our lives, that you may hear our cries, and speak to our souls. Give us your strength, that we may live all the days of our lives in steadfast faith and hope. Amen.**

### WORDS OF WELCOME +

### COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**PSALTER LESSON \*** . . . . . Psalm 86:1-10 NRSV

- 1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
- 2 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;
- 3 be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.
- 8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

**HYMN OF PRAYER \* . . . . .** "His Eye is on the Sparrow" — #2146 TFWS  
*You are invited to come and kneel at the altar rail for personal 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.**

**GOSPEL LESSON + \* . . . . .** Matthew 10:24-31 NRSV  
24 "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master;  
25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!  
26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known.  
27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.  
28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.  
29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.  
30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted.  
31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.  
Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON . . . . .** "A Bird's Life?" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

**WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE**

**CALL TO GIVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**DOXOLOGY + \* . . . . .** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" — #94 UMH  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**OFFERING PRAYER †**

**CLOSING HYMN + \* . . . . .** "Faith of Our Fathers" — #710 UMH

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** † \* . . . . . #881 UMH

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** †

**POSTLUDE** †

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

**POSTLUDE TRADITION:** At Calvary, we stand and listen to the postlude, many turning toward the choir loft to watch our organist play. This tradition began after our once-silent organ was restored, renewing our gratitude for its beautiful sound and our strong music ministry. We invite you to join us in this meaningful moment.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## SUMMER SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE UPDATE

Please note that the *Sleeping Bag Ministry*, *Sunday School* and *Adult Sunday School* have concluded for the summer. We are grateful to all who participated and supported these meaningful programs throughout the year. Both ministries will resume in September. We look forward to gathering again and continuing in fellowship and service at that time. Have a safe and blessed summer!

## SUMMER FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

During the summer months of June through August, fellowship following worship will take a break. Instead, we invite everyone to gather for fellowship before worship. The Calvary Café will be open each Sunday at 9:30 AM, offering coffee, tea, and snacks—a wonderful opportunity to connect ahead of the service. Please note that there will be no lunch after church until September. We look forward to sharing this time together and hope you will join us!

## SUMMER CHOIR BREAK & SPECIAL MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Main Contact:** Brian Burns ([musicministry@Calvarypgh.com](mailto:musicministry@Calvarypgh.com))

Our choir will be on break during the months of June, July and August. During this time, Brian is looking for individuals or groups to offer special music on Sundays. If you would like to share your musical gifts, we would love to have you participate! Please see Brian if you are interested.

# EVENTS

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## **SUMMER SOLSTICE AT CALVARY**

**PRESENTED BY ALLEGHENY HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY (AHPS)**

**Monday, June 22 | 4:00-8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

**PLEASE NOTE—THIS DATE HAS CHANGED FROM SUNDAY TO MONDAY**

**Main Contact:** AHPS ([ahps-pgh.org/contact-us](http://ahps-pgh.org/contact-us))

Step inside Calvary United Methodist Church for a special Summer Solstice Open House celebrating light, artistry and renewal. Although this date falls just after the solstice, the light is expected to be just as dazzling. Explore the historic sanctuary and experience the breathtaking Tiffany windows. Enjoy guided opportunities to learn about their design, craftsmanship and unique interaction with natural light, or take time to explore at your own pace. Before you leave, stop by the Chapel Café for a Taste of Pittsburgh, enjoy light refreshments and shop for Calvary merchandise at the Calvary Shoppe.

## **VBS—HEROES OF THE BIBLE!**

**Monday, June 29 through Thursday, July 2 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Calvary UMC**

**Main Contact:** Megan Bova ([youthministry@calvarypgh.com](mailto:youthministry@calvarypgh.com))

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week at Vacation Bible School as we explore the exciting theme, *Heroes of the Bible!* Children will enjoy an engaging time of stories, music, crafts, games and learning about God's love while discovering inspiring examples of faith, courage and hope. A free dinner will be provided each night, making it a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and fellowship. We are also looking for volunteers to help make this special week possible, so please see Megan or Brittany if you would like to help. More information will be coming soon. Come be part of this joyful week, we can't wait to see you there!

## **QUEERS & FRIENDS WHO LOVE TO COOK AND EAT**

**Friday, July 10 (2nd Friday of each Month) | Time TBA**

**Rooftop of Tim Napieralski's apartment (address to follow)**

**Main Contact:** Tim Napieralski ([queerministry@calvarypgh.com](mailto:queerministry@calvarypgh.com))

The first "Queers and Friends Who Love to Cook and Eat" event will now take place on July 10, instead of the previously announced date of June 12. All are welcome—queers, friends, allies, and anyone looking for good food, great company and a welcoming space. The location will change each month. Stay tuned for more details!

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE TO CELEBRATE CHARLES MOORE**

**Sunday, July 19 | 1:00 PM | Calvary UMC**

The Calvary Church family invites you to a memorial service celebrating the life of Charles Moore, a long-time member and Chairperson of the History and Archives Ministry. Charles entered eternal rest on Saturday, June 6. We give thanks for his faithful service and the lasting impact he made on our church community.

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



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## **SOCIAL MEDIA — BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. FOLLOW US!**

**Facebook:** [Calvary United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh](#)

**YouTube:** [Calvary UMC Pittsburgh PA](#)

**Instagram:** [calvaryumc\\_pittsburgh](#)

## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday:** 9:00 AM—Noon

**Tuesday:** 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

**Thursday:** 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

## **PASTOR**

**Rev. Beth L. Nelson** (412-398-7894 / [revbeth@calvarypgh.com](mailto:revbeth@calvarypgh.com))

## **CHURCH STAFF**

**Office Administrator:** Judith Melvin

**Music Ministry:** Brian Burns

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**Treasurer:** Georgia Brucker

**Facilities Manager:** Brianna Wolfe

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