

CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday, August 23, 2026

Worshipping God Together

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.**

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.

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

- **Back to Life NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00–8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

- **Calvary Cafe** | 9:30–11:00 AM | Chapel
- **A Service of Celebration—Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC
- **“Change Matters” Special Offering** | During Worship | Calvary UMC
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY CELEBRATION



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP + *

Leader: Come, Christians, lift your voices in hymns of prayer and praise.
People: We are glad to become a chorus as joyful believers.
Leader: Come, Christians, to receive God’s word proclaimed in your hearing.
People: We claim that good image for ourselves and our neighbors.
Leader: Come, Christians, to commit yourselves to faithful living, day by day.
People: We come to share life, more fully in love with God, “Amen!”

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE + * “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies” — #173 UMH

UNISON PRAYER + *

Loving Teacher, come and make your home in our hearts this day. Dwell within us all day long and keep us from error and foolish ways. Teach us today to do no harm, to do good, and to assist us that we might stay in might be one of your signs of hope in the world you love. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME +

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PSALTER LESSON *. Psalm 73:21-28

21 When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,
22 I was stupid and ignorant; I was like a brute beast toward you.
23 Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.
24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honor.
25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.
26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
27 Indeed, those who are far from you will perish; put an end to those who are false to you.
28 But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, to tell of all your works.
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 * “Jesus, Lover Of My Soul” — #479 UMH *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 16:13-20

- 13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
- 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
- 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
- 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
- 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.
- 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.
- 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
- 20 Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “People of The Book” — Rev. Myles Bradley

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 † * Ye Servants of God” — #181 UMH

STATEMENT OF FAITH FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA † * . #883 UMH

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



DAILY BREAD COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED ASAP

Daily Bread is asking for your help! Due to a recent freezer repair at Calvary, our supply of cookies was lost. We need **at least 25 dozen cookies for each monthly meal** and welcome donations throughout the month. If you enjoy baking, please consider supporting this important ministry by providing cookies for those we serve. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Daily Bread!

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 3

Join us for Women's Bible Study on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. An exciting new study will begin on September 3rd as we explore **Paul's Epistle to the Romans**. Accompanying our study will be William Barclay's commentary, *The Letter to the Romans, Revised Edition*. Copies of this book are available for **\$5 from Linda Ehrlich**. If you would like a copy, please call or text Linda at 412-321-2503. Women are warmly invited to join us for prayer, fellowship, study, and encouragement as we grow together in faith and deepen our understanding of God's Word. For more information, please contact Kathy Wagner.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF) RETREAT Saturday, October 17 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM | Calvary UMC Chapel

Join us for a morning of fellowship, reflection, inspiration and spiritual renewal. More details will be shared as the date approaches. We look forward to spending this special time together, so be sure to save the date!

STEELERS SUNDAYS — 1 PM HOME GAMES

Please note that on the following Sundays, the Pittsburgh Steelers have 1:00 PM home games. As a result, our normal parking lots will not be available. We kindly ask everyone to use the Behan Lot for parking and reserve the accessible parking spaces in front of the church and in the back parking lot for those who need them most.

- September 13
- September 27
- October 11
- November 1
- December 20
- Saturday, December 26 / Sunday, December 27 (Date and time TBD)

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of those with accessibility needs. Your assistance helps ensure that parking remains available for parishioners who require convenient access to the church.

PRAYER CONCERNS



IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Georgia Brucker and family in the passing of her husband Paul Brucker
Geradine Knight on the passing of her sister Mariia Isaieva and family
Carol Piper
Cecilia Griffin Golden on the loss of her husband
Twin baby girls - Charlee & Cameron
Karen Hines. – Patty Bogdewic's mother
Sarah Woodward and baby Elsie
Rev Jorinda Bullit on the death of her brother
Janice and Roy Engelman
Paul W. – friend of Mary Emili
The Onda family
Joe and Bunny Blackman
Zev Kahn
Corrine Houser
George Janocsko

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Bobby Buckner and his family
Jeanne Dithomas
Terri Jagielski
Martha Helmreich
Judy Melvin
Al Meyers
Sheila Molyneaux
Tim Napieralski
Christine Siewers
Marcia Webb – friend of Mark Snyder
Aleata Weis
Barbara Wood – friend of Marirose
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.

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



CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Address: 971 Beech Ave, North Side, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Phone: 412-231-2007

Email: calvarypgh@gmail.com

Website: calvarypgh.com

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)

CHURCH STAFF

Office Administrator: Judith Melvin

Music Ministry: Brian Burns

Family Ministry & Education: Megan Bova

Communications Director: Karen Ferguson

Lay Leader: Ken Elliott

Treasurer: Georgia Brucker

Facilities Manager: Brianna Wolfe

Wedding Coordinator: Aleata Weis

Queer Ministry Coordinator: Tim Napieralski

Social Media Coordinator: Judith Melvin

Worship Tech Coordinator: Aiden Weis

Food Ministry Coordinator: Michael Schnitgen

**SUPPORT
OUR MINISTRIES**

Scan or visit
calvarypgh.com/give
to give. Thank you!

