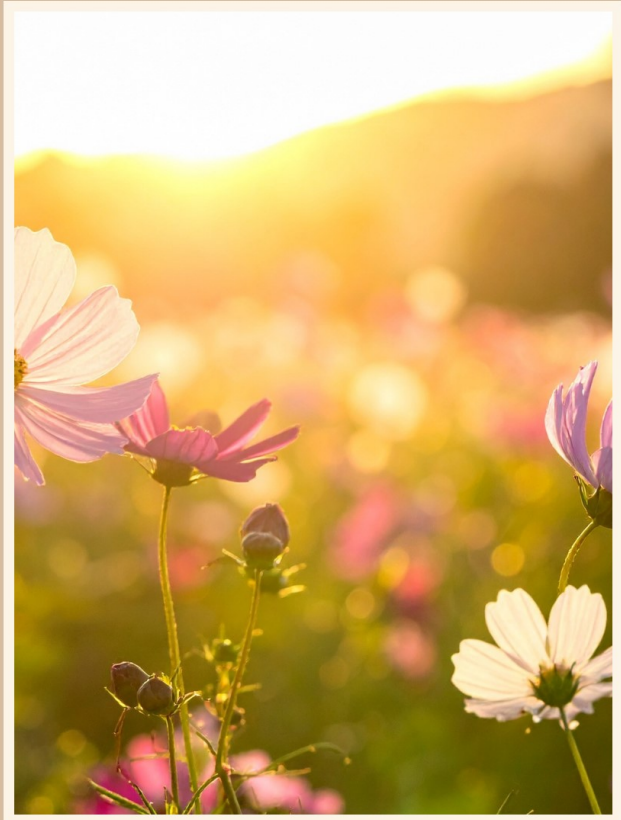


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# THE CROSS ROAD

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

2 Corinthians 13:9



**Calvary United Methodist Church**

Monthly Newsletter





# WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

This newsletter keeps you informed and connected with everything happening at Calvary. Each issue includes:

- A complete monthly calendar insert
- Upcoming events & special services
- Ministry highlights & leadership updates
- Important church announcements
- Fellowship opportunities
- Community outreach news
- Building & project updates
- Ways to serve & get involved

We hope this newsletter helps you stay informed, engaged and inspired by all that is happening at Calvary.

## YOU ARE GOD'S BELOVED. YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

**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.**



**WANT TO SEE MORE OF CALVARY?**

**Scan** here or visit **CalvaryPgh.com** for a closer look!

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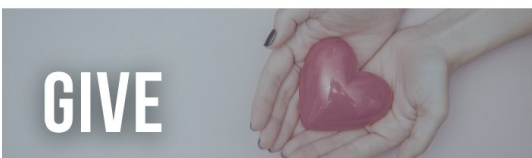
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Gathering as a community to reflect give thanks and grow together.

# CELEBRATE: WORSHIPPING GOD TOGETHER

## Celebrate With Us

### SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

Join us each week to celebrate God's presence with joyful music, inspiring messages, prayer and community. Come as you are and experience a spirit-filled, uplifting hour of hope and connection.

#### CELEBRATE IN PERSON – SUNDAYS AT 11 AM

**Come to Calvary!** We have several lots available to you most Sundays. When there is a Pittsburgh Steelers football game, there is still plenty of parking for you to use. Scan the Come to Calvary QR code below or visit [calvarypgh.com/worship-in-person](http://calvarypgh.com/worship-in-person) for additional information about parking.

#### WATCH ONLINE

Celebrate God's presence from the comfort of your home with uplifting moments, inspiring messages and meaningful fellowship. If you miss a Sunday, explore our archives and watch anytime that's convenient. Stay connected and be part of our community as we celebrate together in real time. Simply scan the Watch Online QR code below or visit [calvarypgh.com/watch-online](http://calvarypgh.com/watch-online) to join live or access our archives, Facebook or YouTube.

#### COMMUNION

**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 share.

Watch  
Online



Worship  
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Archives



Come to  
Calvary



# Sundays at Calvary

## SUNDAY MORNING CAFE

Weekly–Sundays | 10:00–11:00 AM | Chapel

Main Contact: Mike Schnitgen ([info@calvarypgh.com](mailto:info@calvarypgh.com))

Please help yourself to coffee, tea and light snacks at our kitchenette area in the chapel.

## CHOIR REHEARSAL

Weekly–Sundays | 10:00–10:45 AM | Choir Loft

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

Everyone is welcome to join. No experience, auditions or music reading skills required. Just bring your love of singing and be part of a supportive, uplifting group.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Weekly–Sundays | 10:00–10:45 AM | Fellowship Hall (K–6) & Christian Ed Office (7–12)

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

## ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

Weekly–Sundays | 10:00–10:45 AM | Chapel

Current Bible Study: Exploring Spiritual Gifts

Main Contact: Linda McDonald ([adultministry@calvarypgh.com](mailto:adultministry@calvarypgh.com))

Each of us has gifts from God—sometimes we recognize them easily, and sometimes we keep them hidden. Have you ever taken time to discover the gifts God has given you? Everyone is invited to take a Spiritual Gifts survey—even if you are not part of the class. Paper copies are available on the resource table in the chapel, or you may complete it online by visiting: [umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en](http://umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en). After completing the survey, please share your results with Rev. Beth. When we understand one another's gifts, we are better equipped to serve and work together.

## A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Weekly–Sundays | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

**FELLOWSHIP WILL BE ON BREAK DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE–AUGUST**

Main Contact: Mike Schnitgen ([info@calvarypgh.com](mailto:info@calvarypgh.com))

Sharing food after worship at Calvary builds fellowship and connections, and volunteers are needed to support this ministry. Monthly teams assist with preparation, serving and cleanup, and those interested can contact Food Ministry Coordinator Mike Schnitgen.

## COMMUNITY LUNCH

Monthly–Last Sunday of Each Month–May 31 | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

Main Contact: Mike Schnitgen ([info@calvarypgh.com](mailto:info@calvarypgh.com))

This is an expansion on our normally scheduled fellowship time following worship. Please join us in the fellowship hall located downstairs.

Growing together through faith, friendship and mutual support.

# CONNECT: FAITH & FELLOWSHIP



## Special Events & Meetings

### CHURCH MEETINGS

#### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Monthly–Thursday, May 21 (3rd Thursday of Each Month) | 6:30–8:00 PM | Chapel

### CONGREGATION EVENTS

#### “HEY, NEIGHBORS!” COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 26 | 9:00–10:30 AM | Calvary UMC

Start your Sunday with a free, welcoming breakfast and friendly conversation with neighbors and visitors alike. As NFL Draft Week wraps up, Calvary United Methodist Church invites the community in Pittsburgh to gather, share a meal and celebrate connection, gratitude and hope together during the excitement of the NFL Draft.

#### COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 3 | During Worship | Calvary UMC

#### AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES – HYMN SING

Sunday, May 3 | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Website: [ahps-pgh.org](http://ahps-pgh.org)

Tickets: \$10 General Admission

Join us for a family-friendly gathering where you can submit your favorite hymns, then sing the most popular selections together. Enjoy beloved songs and the joy of singing side by side in a beautiful, historic setting.

#### MOTHER’S DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 10 | During Worship | Calvary UMC

#### CELEBRATING PROGRESS: PHASE 1 & NEW PEW CUSHIONS DEDICATION

Sunday, May 17 | 12:15 PM | Calvary UMC

Main Contact: Rev. Beth L. Nelson (412-398-7894 or [revbeth@calvarypgh.com](mailto:revbeth@calvarypgh.com))

Phase 1 of our building improvements is complete, featuring a renovated first-floor bathroom and kitchenette. In addition, AHPS has led the replacement of our pew cushions. Join us as we celebrate our community and the progress we’ve made together.

## **HONORING BRIAN BURNS: 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AND MUSIC**

**Sunday, May 31 | During Worship & Luncheon Following Worship | Calvary UMC**

**Main Contact:** Karen Ferguson ([kferguson@calvarypgh.com](mailto:kferguson@calvarypgh.com))

**RSVP for Luncheon by Sunday, May 17** to Karen Ferguson ([kferguson@calvarypgh.com](mailto:kferguson@calvarypgh.com))

Join us as we celebrate Brian Burns' 25 years of faithful service at Calvary UMC. A catered luncheon by Fabled Table will follow worship as we give thanks for his leadership in music, historic preservation and congregational life, along with his enduring commitment to hospitality, inclusion and community engagement on Pittsburgh's Northside.

During his tenure, Brian has restored Calvary's historic sanctuary and chapel organs, revitalized the church bell and carillon and helped guide major building improvements that preserve Calvary as a landmark for future generations. He founded and directed the Messiah Sing Along, which has grown into a beloved regional tradition with national recognition, and he has supported more than 1,000 weddings, countless funerals and countless moments of worship, celebration and outreach. Through music, stewardship and compassionate presence, Brian's leadership has helped shape Calvary into a deeply welcoming and inclusive community rooted in beauty, service and connection to the wider Pittsburgh region.

## **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**Sunday, June 7 | During Worship | Calvary UMC**

## **PRIDE SUNDAY**

**Sunday, June 4 | During Worship | Calvary UMC**

## **FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, June 21 | During Worship | Calvary UMC**

## **CELEBRATE THE SUMMER SOLSTICE AT CALVARY**

**Sunday, June 21 | 4:00-8:00 PM | Calvary UMC**

**Main Contact:** David Grinnell ([info@calvarypgh.com](mailto:info@calvarypgh.com))

Celebrate the Summer Solstice at Calvary United Methodist Church as we honor the turning points of the sun and the balance of light and shadow. The International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice recognizes these moments when light and darkness meet in rhythm, inviting us to pause, reflect and realign with nature's cycles while celebrating harmony, renewal, celestial beauty and the luminous artistry of our historic Tiffany Windows. You'd be hard-pressed to find a time when a multi-story Tiffany stained-glass window doesn't look stunning. But when you add the summer solstice—when the Earth's tilt toward the sun is at its maximum and we experience the longest day of the year—the experience becomes even more extraordinary.

## **JOHN WESLEY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, June 28 | During Worship | Calvary UMC**

## FOURTH OF JULY OPEN HOUSE AT CALVARY

**Saturday, July 4 | Time TBD | Calvary UMC**

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

Join us for a Fourth of July Open House at Calvary as we welcome neighbors and those heading downtown to stop in and cool off. We'll be offering water and popcorn, along with guided tours of the church. **We are also seeking someone to coordinate this event**—please contact Rev. Beth Nelson if you're interested in helping lead this effort. Come enjoy a moment of hospitality and help us extend a warm welcome to the community.

## CELEBRATION OF THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF OUR COUNTRY

**Sunday, July 5 | During Worship | Calvary UMC**

## HEARTS & PAWS – BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Saturday, October 3 | TBA | Calvary UMC**

**Main Contact:** Karen Ferguson ([kferguson@calvarypgh.com](mailto:kferguson@calvarypgh.com))

Join Calvary United Methodist Church, GBU Life's North Side Neighborhood and the Humane Society for Hearts & Paws—a joyful community celebration of the animals we love and the neighbors we cherish! This special event features a Blessing of the Animals, pet-friendly swag, kid-friendly activities and meaningful ways to support local animal welfare. Whether you have a beloved companion, are thinking about adoption, or simply love animals, all are welcome! **New this year—a Pet Vaccination Clinic!** Help keep our furry friends healthy and happy while enjoying the festivities—a purrrrrfect addition to the celebration. More details about this exciting addition will be shared soon. It's a time for compassion, connection and celebration—with wagging tails, open hearts and joyful spirits.

## STAY TUNED

### CELEBRATION FOR ALEATA WEIS' RETIREMENT

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

We are excited to announce a special celebration honoring Aleata Weis as she retires! Aleata's long devotion, dedication and faithful service to Calvary have touched countless lives, and it's time to celebrate her ministry and legacy in a meaningful way. The celebration is tentatively planned for late April. More details on the exact date, time and ways to get involved to come very soon.

# Family Ministry

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children to join us in worship—including our littlest ones! If it would be helpful, there's a Family Area at the back left of the sanctuary, complete with rocking chairs and toys to keep little ones comfortable and engaged.

## EVENTS

### FAMILY GAME DAY

**Sunday, April 26 | 1:00–3:00 PM | Chapel**

Join us at Calvary for a Family Board Game Day filled with fun and fellowship for all ages. Bring your favorite games or enjoy one provided as we spend time together laughing, playing and building community.

### KICKOFF TO SUMMER COOKOUT

**Sunday, May 17 | 5:00–7:00 PM | Outdoors & Fellowship Hall**

Join us at Calvary for a Kickoff to Summer Cookout as we gather for food, fellowship and fun to celebrate the start of summer together. We plan to be outside, weather depending.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Monday, June 29 through Thursday, July 2 | Time TBA | Calvary UMC**

A fun, faith-filled week where kids learn about God through music, crafts, games and Bible stories.

### DAILY BREAD PICNIC

**Sunday, July 12 | Time TBA | Daily Bread, 901 Allegheny Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15233**

All are welcome to help serve up this picnic-style lunch at Daily Bread.

## WEEKLY

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sundays | 10:00–10:45 AM | Fellowship Hall (K–6th) & Christian Ed Office (7th–12th)**

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

Our Sunday School is divided into K–3rd, 4th–6th and 7th–12th grades for age-appropriate learning, using Cokesbury's *FaithWeaver NOW* series.

## EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE!

### 14TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT

**Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14 | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC**

**Main Contact:** Karen Ferguson ([musicministry@calvarypgh.com](mailto:musicministry@calvarypgh.com))

Hallelujah! Tiffany meets Handel! You're invited to lift your voice and celebrate the season with this joyful holiday tradition featuring *Messiah* by George Frideric Handel. Experience the beauty of this beloved, family-friendly and interactive concert surrounded by candlelight and Calvary's stunning Tiffany stained glass. Enjoy professional soloists; the Festival Choir and Chamber Orchestra conducted by Brian Burns; performances on the historic 1895 Farrand & Votey organ; a sing-along experience with eight choruses; children's activity packs; and a festive reception with cookies and fellowship in the Victorian Chapel.

More than a concert, this cherished tradition celebrates community and outreach. Guests are invited to bring toilet paper, paper towels or tote bags to support the Northside Common Ministries Food Pantry, and complimentary tickets are shared with neighborhood schools, churches and community organizations.

## WEEKLY

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

**Weekly–Sundays | 10:00–10:45 AM | Choir Loft**

**Weekly–Tuesdays | 6:00–7:00 PM | Choir Loft**

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

All singers are welcome—no matter your experience or ability to read music! Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or just love to sing, we'd love to have you as part of our supportive and uplifting group. No audition is required—just bring your love for music and a desire to be part of something special.

### HAND BELL REHEARSAL

**Weekly–Tuesdays | 7:00–8:00 PM | Music Office**

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

No audition or music-reading skills required! Whether you're a beginner or have prior experience, we welcome all who want to be part of this joyful and unique musical ministry.

# Queer Ministry

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING SOON: QUEER COMMUNITY DINNER GROUP AT CALVARY

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

We're excited to explore the launch of a new dinner group for the queer community at Calvary. This will be a welcoming space to share a meal, build friendships and deepen connection.

We're still shaping the details but the vision is a monthly gathering that may include home cooked meals in rotating homes or meetups at a variety of restaurants around Pittsburgh.

If this sounds like something you'd like to be part of please reach out to Tim if you are interested. Stay tuned for more information as plans come together. We look forward to sharing more details soon.

## EVENTS

### CAN WE "DRAG" YOU TO CHURCH?

**Friday, May 22 | Spaghetti Dinner 5:00-7:00 PM & Pageant 7:00 PM-? | Calvary UMC**

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

**Tickets:** \$20 Dinner Only, \$15 Pageant Only, \$30 Dinner & Pageant Both

**Purchase Tickets:** <https://bit.ly/4vY64fN>

**FREE:** Ages 10 years & under

**Interested in performing?** Contact Tim Napieralski to get involved.

Get ready for a night of fun, flair and fabulousness! Calvary is thrilled to present "Can We DRAG You to Church?" – a fabulous fundraiser featuring a spaghetti dinner, silent auction and an unforgettable all-ages professional drag show. **You can join us for the dinner, the pageant or both!** The evening stars Guest MC and performer Pittsburgh's Comedy and Broadway Queen **Dixie Surewood** and Pittsburgh Drag Queen and Miss Gay Pennsylvania United States at Large 2025 **Leia Way LeStat** (so far!), along with special performances by Calvary members and friends. This Calvary and **family-friendly** event celebrates, supports and uplifts the Trans and Drag Queen communities, with lively performances scored by a panel of celebrity judges and culminating in the crowning of **Miss or Mr. Calvary 2026!!**

### PITTSBURGH PRIDE

**Saturday, June 6 (Pride Events/Booth) & Sunday, June 7 (Parade) | TBA | Downtown**

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

Calvary United Methodist Church is partnering with First Church and inviting other congregations from the United Methodist Church to join us in this year's Pride Parade. We will have a float with marchers, Calvary T-shirts and swag to share at our booth. We will also be singing simple praise music on the float and will have one rehearsal prior to the parade. If you are interested in singing on the float, please contact Brian Burns at 724-388-3246 or [bsburns77@aol.com](mailto:bsburns77@aol.com).

# CAN SOMEONE WHO IDENTIFIES AS QUEER...



## BE A CHRISTIAN?

**Absolutely.** Your queerness does not disqualify you from faith. The love of Christ is for everyone—and so is Calvary UMC. You are loved. You are valued. You belong.

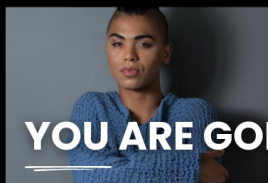


## BELONG IN THE CHURCH?

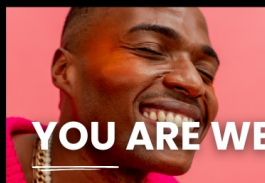
**Yes. Fully. Joyfully. Without exceptions.** At Calvary UMC, we believe Scripture teaches **All Means All**. That means you—no matter your sexual orientation, gender identity or expression or relationship status—are welcomed, affirmed and invited into the full life, ministry and mission of our church.

## FIND YOUR PEOPLE

Connect through our **Queer Events**, where community, faith, and joy come together. Scan the QR code or visit **calvarypgh.com** to explore events, ministries and ways to get involved. Contact the church office to join our Queer Events list.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED FOR DAILY BREAD

**Main Contact:** Judy Flaherty ([calvaryuwf@calvarypgh.com](mailto:calvaryuwf@calvarypgh.com))

Daily Bread needs **25 dozen cookies each month** to support their ministry. If you enjoy baking, this is a simple and meaningful way to help! Please label your container and place your cookies in the freezer in the downstairs kitchen. Thank you for sharing a little extra sweetness with our community!

### ANNUAL PLANT SALE

**Main Contact:** Linda Ehrlich ([laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com))

Our Annual Plant Sale has wrapped up—thank you for your support of the Calvary United Women in Faith and the charities they serve! If you placed an order, please remember that **plant pickup will take place Thursday, May 21 and Friday, May 22 between 1:00-6:00pm**. We can't wait for you to bring home your beautiful plants and help bloom generosity!

## EVENTS

### SERVING DAILY BREAD

**Thursday, May 14 (2nd Thursday of Each Month) | 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212**

**Main Contact:** Judy Flaherty ([calvaryuwf@calvarypgh.com](mailto:calvaryuwf@calvarypgh.com))

Calvary United Women in Faith coordinates the meal preparation for Daily Bread, a ministry that offers meals three times a week to those who are unhoused or underemployed. They provide products, gloves, hand warmers, toothpaste and reusable bags. Thank you for sharing nourishment, warmth and care with our neighbors!

### ANNUAL PICNIC

**Thursday, June 11 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

**Main Contact:** Judy Flaherty ([calvaryuwf@calvarypgh.com](mailto:calvaryuwf@calvarypgh.com))

Join the United Women in Faith for our annual picnic held in the Fellowship Hall at Calvary. This is a joyful time to gather, share a meal and enjoy one another's company in community. Drinks will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share so we can enjoy a wonderful variety together.

# FAMILY CORNER

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### KICKOFF TO SUMMER COOKOUT

Sun, May 17  
5-7 pm



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fun and fellowship.



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Sundays  
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Our Sunday School is  
divided into K-3rd, 4th-  
6th and 7th-12th grades.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOOD COLLECTIONS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

**Main Contact:** Patty Bogdewic ([missionministry@calvarypgh.com](mailto:missionministry@calvarypgh.com))

We are still collecting shelf-stable donations for food banks and community ministries. Please drop off any of the below items in the donation bin in the Calvary chapel.

#### ITEMS NEEDED

- Pop-top canned goods
- Cooking oil
- Sugar
- Flour
- Spices
- Tea
- Coffee
- Dish detergent
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothpaste
- Reusable bags

Thank you for sharing nourishment and care with our neighbors.

## SMALL GROUPS & EVENTS

### SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

**Weekly–Mondays | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

**Main Contact:** Terri Howell ([missionministry@calvarypgh.com](mailto:missionministry@calvarypgh.com))

Our Sleeping Bag Ministry gathers each week to create sleeping bags from recycled materials for local homeless shelters. The bags are made from donated blankets, sheets, pillowcases, curtains, coverlets, tablecloths and neckties and are filled with essential personal care items. There is plenty to do and no sewing experience is required!

#### ITEMS NEEDED

To continue this important outreach, we are collecting:

- Blankets, sheets, pillowcases, curtains, coverlets, tablecloths and neckties
- Small bottles of shampoo and conditioner
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Deodorant and soap
- Hats and gloves
- New men's socks

Donations may be placed in the bin in the chapel marked "Sleeping Bag Ministry" or downstairs by the old safe. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors in need!

## OPEN SANCTUARY

Weekly—Thursdays | 6:00–8:00 PM | Sanctuary

Main Contact: Rev. Beth L. Nelson (412-398-7894 or [revbeth@calvarypgh.com](mailto:revbeth@calvarypgh.com))

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” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, May 31 (Last Sunday of Each Month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

Our children are collecting “change”—because when we all contribute a little, it adds up to make a big difference! These gifts help buy food for Daily Bread.

## NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, June 6 | 9:00–10:30 AM

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

Main Contact: Linda Ehrlich ([missionministry@calvarypgh.com](mailto:missionministry@calvarypgh.com))

RSVP: Sign-up sheet in chapel

All participants have found the experience meaningful and fulfilling, and we’re excited to welcome new volunteers. We need six volunteers for each scheduled date.

# Change Matters!

On the last Sunday of every month, our children will collect a special **“Change” Offering** during worship. When we bring our change together, we can make a big difference!

All gifts will support the **Calvary United Women in Faith** in purchasing food for the **Daily Bread** ministry. With rising food costs and more people in need, your generosity makes an even greater impact.

So gather up your loose change—and remember, paper money and checks work too!



# Weekly Small Groups

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

**Sundays | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

Sharing strength and experience to help one another stay sober.

## **GA (GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS)**

**Mondays (2nd Monday Every Other Month) | 6:30 PM | Chapel**

**2026 Meetings:** June 8, August 10, October 12, December 14

A supportive place to find hope and freedom from gambling.

## **EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel**

**Main Contact:** Calvary UMC Church Office ([info@calvarypgh.com](mailto:info@calvarypgh.com))

Using chairs and light equipment, participants enjoy a 50-minute workout focused on movement and core strength in a fun judgment free environment. Classes are free and open to everyone. Bring a friend or neighbor and join in the fun.

## **NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) – MANCHESTER**

**Tuesdays | 7:00-8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

A welcoming community offering guidance toward a clean, healthy life.

## **IRON CITY SQUARES – LGBTQIA+ SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

**Wednesdays | 7:00-9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall**

**Main Contact:** Blaine Knupp (724-464-4324)

Enjoy modern square dancing—no partner or special clothes needed!

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – DISCOVERING THE GIFT OF GRACE**

**Thursdays | 10:00-11:30 AM | Parlor**

**Main Contact:** Kathy Wagner ([adultministry@calvarypgh.com](mailto:adultministry@calvarypgh.com))

Women's Bible Study is excited to begin a new study titled *Grace... More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine* by Max Lucado. Together, we will explore the powerful message of God's grace using the study guide located in the back of the book as a foundation for meaningful discussion and reflection. Books will be available for purchase for \$5. All women are welcome to join us as we grow in faith, fellowship and a deeper understanding of God's amazing grace.

## **LEARN TO KNIT & PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

**Thursdays | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM | Chapel**

**THIS GROUP WILL BE SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY WHILE RHONDA IS ON MEDICAL LEAVE**

**Main Contact:** Calvary UMC Church Office ([info@calvarypgh.com](mailto:info@calvarypgh.com))

Help Calvary grow as a closely knit community! Join a relaxed, welcoming space to learn knitting. Supplies provided and all ages welcome. Sessions meet weekly for about an hour. Bring your own knitting, crochet, needlework or hand-sewing project for fellowship and creativity. You're invited to create a prayer shawl with patterns and support provided.

Giving time, care and resources to strengthen our community and beyond.

# GIVE: GENEROUS HEARTS



## Capital Campaign

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ON THE HORIZON: EXCITING FUNDRAISERS IN THE WORKS

We're thrilled to share that two exciting fundraisers are in the works to support our Three-Phase Revive & Renew Capital Campaign!

#### A NIGHT OF FOOD & MUSIC

Join us at Fabled Table for an unforgettable evening of delicious food and live musical entertainment. Savor great flavors, enjoy wonderful company and let the music lift your spirits—all while supporting our mission to Revive & Renew!

#### TRIVIA NIGHT

Gather your friends and test your knowledge at our Trivia Night, also at Fabled Table! Laughter, friendly competition and prizes await!

These events are more than just a night out—they're a chance to celebrate, connect and invest in the future of Calvary. Stay tuned for dates, tickets and more details—your next favorite evening is coming soon, all for a meaningful cause!

### EVENTS

#### CELEBRATING PROGRESS: PHASE 1 & NEW PEW CUSHIONS DEDICATION

**Sunday, May 17 | 12:15 PM | Calvary UMC**

Phase 1 of our building improvements is complete, featuring a renovated first-floor bathroom and kitchenette. In addition, AHPS has led the replacement of our pew cushions, which we expect to be fully installed by Easter. Join us as we celebrate our community and the progress we've made together.

# GIVE

Support Calvary's ministries  
& outreach programs.

Scan or visit [calvarypgh.com/give](https://calvarypgh.com/give).

Thank you for making a difference!



A welcoming community grounded in love service and shared purpose.

# ABOUT: WHO WE ARE

## Church Communication Updates

### UPDATES TO CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS & WEBSITE

Calvary is currently in the process of transitioning to new @calvarypgh.com email addresses as part of broader improvements to our communication systems and church website. These updates are intended to help us share information more clearly and keep our ministries better connected.



During this transition, staff and ministry leaders will temporarily continue using both the new Calvary email addresses and existing email addresses to ensure that no messages are missed while everything is finalized.

In addition, the congregation may notice ongoing updates to the Calvary website in the coming weeks and months. We are working to streamline the site by linking it more closely with the church calendar and other communication tools. This will allow event information to stay current and consistent across platforms.

### WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

- You may receive emails from either a familiar address or a new Calvary email address
- All communication channels remain fully active
- No action is required from the congregation at this time



### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

#### PHISHING EMAILS & SUSPICIOUS TEXTS

Please continue to be mindful of unexpected or suspicious messages, especially those that:

- Ask for money, gift cards or personal information
- Create a sense of urgency or pressure to act quickly
- Contain unfamiliar links or attachments

These messages may not only come from Rev. Beth Nelson. There have been reports of emails and text messages appearing to come from multiple members of our Calvary family. If anything feels unusual or uncertain, it is always okay to pause and verify by contacting the church office directly before responding. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Calvary's Communications Director Karen Ferguson.

## CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Website:** [calvarypgh.com](http://calvarypgh.com)

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday:** 9:00 AM–Noon; **Tuesday:** 9:00 AM–3:00 PM; **Thursday:** 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

## PASTOR

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

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

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

# *Light at Its Peak: Summer Solstice at Calvary*

**JUNE 21, 4-8PM**

**CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Step inside Calvary United Methodist Church for a special Summer Solstice Open House celebrating light, artistry and renewal. Explore the historic sanctuary and experience the breathtaking Tiffany Windows as sunlight reaches its peak and reveals their extraordinary color and detail.

Throughout your visit, enjoy guided opportunities to view the windows and learn more about their design, craftsmanship and unique interaction with natural light. You'll also have time to take in the beauty of the space at your own pace.

Before you leave, stop by the Chapel Café for a Taste of Pittsburgh and enjoy light refreshments in a welcoming, relaxed setting.

All are welcome.



YOU ARE INVITED

HONORING

*Mr. Brian Burns*

A Special Service Celebrating 25 Years of Music, Ministry and Community

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026, 11 AM**

**CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

971 Beech Avenue, North Side, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

The service will be during morning worship with a catered luncheon by Fabled Table to follow in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

**Please RSVP for the luncheon by Sunday, May 17**

**QUESTIONS OR TO RSVP**

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