

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



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2025

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 this is your first time with us, welcome! We're so glad you're here. We'd love to get to know you better, so please stop by the Welcome Tables to learn more about our church family. You'll also find a Get Connected card in the back of the pews – feel free to fill one out so we can stay in touch. If you need a large-print Bible or hymnal, just ask one of our friendly greeters – we're happy to help.

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.

LOCATION OF BATHROOMS

From the front exits of the sanctuary: (1) to the right, you'll find an accessible restroom and a baby changing table on the same level, (2) to the left, restrooms are located down the stairs, and (3) an elevator is available by exiting the right side of the sanctuary and heading toward the back of the building.

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

IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Fiona McGrath and family in the passing of her brother

John Stavish and Kerry Wetmore, friends of Callie Buzard

Bobby Buckner, friend of Brian B.

Susan D. friend of Terry J.

Rachel Merkel, daughter of Rev. David Eichelberger

Rev. Deborah Ackley-Killian

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker

Jeanne Dithomas

Susan Gilliland

Martha Helmreich

Sheila Molyneaux

Marcia Webb, friend of Mark S.

Venus W.

Joyce Zimmerman, sister of Yvonne Hudson

SHARING PRAYER REQUESTS & JOYS

If you have a prayer request or a joy to share, you have a few options:

- Fill out a Prayer Request card located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate.
- Contact the church office directly at 412-231-2007.
- Submit a request online at calvarypgh.com/contact.

We treat all prayer concerns confidentially, unless you indicate otherwise.

Prayer concerns remain on our list for four weeks. Each week, the oldest requests are removed as others move up.

If you'd like us to send a card or email to let someone know we're praying for them, please include their mailing address or email.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP †★

Leader: We come together as one, united in our shared commitment to Jesus Christ.
People: We come to worship and praise the God who calls us here.
Leader: Let’s open our hearts to one another, just as Christ has opened his heart to us.
People: With hearts joined together, may we be open to God’s Spirit who still moves among us and challenges us to be disciples today.

HYMN OF PRAISE †★ "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" – #154 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †★ "An Invitation to Christ" – #466 UMH

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.
Come, my Life, and revive me from death.
Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.
Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins,
Kindling my heart with the flame of thy love.
Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there.
For thou alone art my King and my Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †★ "O God Beyond All Praising" – #2009 TFWS

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you, and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

PSALTER LESSON ★ Psalm 133 NRSV

- 1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

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 ★. "Precious Lord, Take my Hand" – #474 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

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 ★ Hebrews 3:12-13 NRSV
12 Take care, brothers and sisters, that none of you may have an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.
13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 ★ Colossians 3:12-17 NRSV
12 Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.
13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.
16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.
17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
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 “Making a Great Church”
Rev. Paul Ritchey, Pittsburgh District Superintendent

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES & “CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

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 †★ "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" – #671 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

† Please stand as you are able / ★ Words on screen / Bold text is unison.

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!





HEARTS & PAWS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 • 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Calvary Lawn (Beech Avenue)



CELEBRATE PETS & COMMUNITY!

PHOTO OPS

**SUPPORT LOCAL
ANIMAL WELFARE**

**ACTIVITIES
FOR KIDS!**

REFRESHMENTS



In Partnership
With

GBU  **Life**[®]



**HUMANE
ANIMAL
RESCUE**
of Pittsburgh

**Bring a pet, explore adoption,
or simply connect with neighbors!**

**Support Humane
Animal Rescue — bring
dog or cat treats!**



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THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
SEP 28

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Following Worship | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
SEP 29

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

6:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
SEP 30

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Music Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) – MANCHESTER

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

WED
OCT 1

UNCLOBBED – BIBLE STUDY LED BY TIM NAPIERALSKI

7:00 PM (Weekly) | Parsonage

THURS
OCT 2

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:30 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – SERVING DAILY BREAD

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Monthly) | Trinity Lutheran Church

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

SUN
OCT 5

OPENING GATHERING

9:45 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

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10:00 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

SUNDAY SCHOOL – K-3RD, 4TH-6TH

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Presbytery

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 7TH-12TH

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Christian Education Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

CHOIR REHEARSAL

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

COMMUNION

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Following Worship (Monthly) | Parlor

HEARTS & PAWS: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

12:30 – 1:30 PM | Lawn (Beech Avenue)

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

JOIN A FELLOWSHIP TEAM!



We are looking for teams of 2-3 people to help prepare easy, delicious meals for our fellowship time.



No culinary experience? No problem! We are also looking for people to help with clean-up.



It's a great opportunity to serve and connect with others in a meaningful way.

**INTERESTED? See Mike Schnitgen
or contact the church office directly.**



MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Daily Bread needs cookies! Please bring your baked goods and place them in the freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Questions? Contact Judy Flaherty (412-913-8250 / jakflahe1908@gmail.com).

TOOTHPASTE & BAG COLLECTION CONTINUES

Northside Common Ministries has asked Calvary to continue collecting toothpaste - donations can be placed in the collection bin in the chapel. We're also still collecting cloth grocery bags.

EVENTS

"CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, September 28 (Last Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

Our children are collecting "change" - because when we all give a little, it adds up to make a big difference! These gifts help purchase food for Daily Bread.

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – SERVING DAILY BREAD

NOTICE: FOR OCTOBER ONLY, THE DATE IS MOVED UP ONE WEEK TO OCT 2

Thursday, October 2 (2nd Thursday of each month) | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Calvary United Women in Faith organizes the meal preparation for Daily Bread, a ministry that provides meals three times a week to those who are unhoused or underemployed.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturdays: November 1, November 29 | 9:00 - 10:30 AM

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

There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel, and a written description of the work. Contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com with any questions.

WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

Mondays | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

This group makes sleeping bags from recycled materials, filled with personal care items, and delivers them to local homeless shelters. No sewing experience is required! We especially need sheets, curtains, coverlets, and tablecloths. Contact Terri Howell (412-482-2211 / trr_howell@yahoo.com) for further details.

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.

Come and join other book lovers for an evening of...
reading our own book!!!



SILENT BOOKS & PUZZLES

Wednesday, October 29
Monday, November 24



6:30-8:30 PM



Calvary UMC Parsonage

939 Beech Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

6:30-7:00 PM

Light refreshments & Introductions

7:00-8:15 PM

Silent Reading Time in a quiet setting. Jigsaw
Puzzle Building will take place in a separate area
of the home, so as not to disturb readers.

8:15-8:30 PM

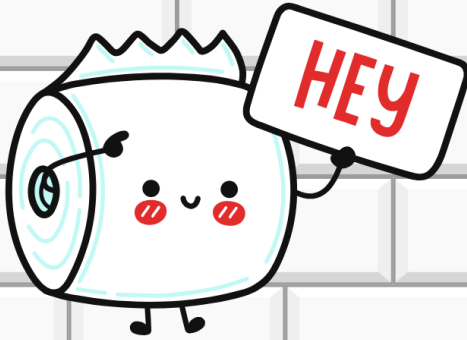
Wrap-up



Fee - \$10

Purchase tickets in advance at CalvaryPgh.com
All Proceeds Benefit Calvary's Capital Campaign





Don't like the
condition of our
restrooms?

Please help us to fully renovate
all of our restrooms by donating
to our CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

Neither do we...
We have a plan!

REVIVE & RENEW A THREE-PHASE JOURNEY



- 1 This year, in 2025, we will complete the restroom installation and entryway project.
- 2 Complete the exterior restoration, including repointing, roofing, and final window repairs.
- 3 Updates to the fellowship hall, basement restrooms, and kitchen.

LEARN MORE AT
CALVARYPGH.COM



GET CONNECTED



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVE, SHARE, AND CONNECT THROUGH FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Food and fellowship at Calvary are a special way to connect, laugh, and share after worship. We're forming friendly teams to help prepare, serve, and clean up one Sunday a month, and sponsorships are also available (\$50 after service or \$100 for the monthly luncheon). If you'd like to volunteer or sponsor a Sunday, please connect with Mike Schnitgen, our Food Ministry Coordinator.

EVENTS

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 28 | Following Worship | Chapel

Join us as we discuss the year ahead for Calvary – everyone is invited to join the conversation!

COMMUNION

Sunday, October 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.

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Sunday, October 5 (1st Sunday of each month) | Following Worship | Parlor

We will gather in the parlor after enjoying some snacks. If you're interested, please inform Rev. Beth or Kenny, our Lay Leader. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 16 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

There will not be a meeting in December.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

**Sunday, October 26 (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 | Fellowship Hall

Please join us around the tables in the fellowship hall following morning worship for refreshments and fellowship. Please use the stairs on the Beech Avenue side or the elevator in the back of the chapel.



EVENTS

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, October 24 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Take a well-deserved break while we care for your little ones! Calvary is offering a night of free babysitting and dinner for children, giving parents a chance to relax and recharge. Kids will enjoy an evening of food, games, and activities.

PARENTS' DAY OUT

Sunday, December 21 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a daytime outing while we care for your little ones! Calvary is offering free babysitting and lunch for children, giving parents a chance to relax, finish last-minute Christmas shopping, or wrap presents. Kids will enjoy food, games, and a Santa Shop to pick out gifts for family and friends.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 16 | 6:00 – 8:30 PM | Chapel

Bring the whole family for a cozy night at Calvary's Family Movie Night! Snuggle up in your favorite pajamas and enjoy a fun-filled evening together. We'll provide classic movie snacks—think popcorn, candy, and drinks—while we watch a family-friendly movie. It's the perfect way to relax and connect with your church community.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 7 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a worry-free evening while we look after your little ones! Calvary is hosting a free night of childcare and dinner for kids—giving parents time to unwind and recharge. Children will have a blast with a fun-filled evening of food, games, and activities.

WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL—K-3RD, 4TH-6TH,

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Presbytery

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL—7TH-12TH

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Christian Education Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

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

SPECIAL EVENTS



HEARTS & PAWS: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 5 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM | Lawn

Join Calvary UMC, the Humane Animal Rescue and the GBU Northside Neighborhood for a community event celebrating the animals we love and the neighbors we cherish! Enjoy a Blessing of the Animals, pet-friendly activities, a photo area, and opportunities to support local animal welfare. All are welcome – whether you bring a pet, are considering adoption, or just want to connect with neighbors!

ALL SAINTS' DAY – REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, October 26 | During Worship | Sanctuary

On Sunday, October 26, 2025, Calvary will honor those who have passed away since November 1, 2024. If you would like a loved one remembered, please complete the All Saints' Day Remembrance Form (insert) and submit it to the church office or place it in the offering plate by Sunday, October 19. Let us come together to celebrate the lives of those we hold dear and remember the light they brought into our lives.

SILENT READING & PUZZLE NIGHTS

TWO DATES: Wednesday, October 29 & Monday, November 24

6:30 – 8:30 PM | Parsonage

Looking for a cozy night out? Bring the book you're reading and join other book lovers for an evening of quiet reading, conversation, and puzzles! Enjoy light refreshments and introductions, then settle into peaceful silent reading. A separate space will be available for jigsaw puzzle-building, and we'll wrap up the night with more refreshments. Cost is \$10 per person, with all proceeds supporting Calvary's Capital Campaign.

SPA DAY: SEE YOURSELF. BE YOURSELF. LOVE YOURSELF.

Date TBD | Time TBD | Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation

A day of self-care, affirmation, and joy for our LGBTQIA+ community. All are welcome! Whether you're exploring your gender, in transition, or simply want a safe space to be yourself, Spa Day will offer:

- Gender-affirming haircuts from stylists who understand and celebrate you
- Makeup lessons tailored to your unique expression
- Nail care to help you feel polished and confident

This is more than a spa day – it's a chance to be seen and supported just as you are. Come experience care, connection, and celebration in a loving, inclusive space. Stay tuned for details!

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

UNCLOBBED - OUR NEW FALL BIBLE STUDY

Sundays | 10:00 - 10:45 AM | Parsonage

Wednesdays | 7:00 PM | Parsonage

This fall, Calvary launches its new LGBTQIA+ ministry led by Tim Napieralski with a powerful two-part experience. We'll begin with a screening of *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture*, a groundbreaking documentary uncovering how a 1946 Bible mistranslation fueled anti-gay theology. Featuring newly discovered Yale archives, insights from scholars, and personal stories, the film challenges long-held assumptions and invites fresh understanding. Following the screening, we'll dive into *UnClobber* by Colby Martin. This thought-provoking study reexamines the six so-called "Clobber Passages" often used to exclude LGBTQIA+ people, revealing what Scripture truly says—and doesn't say—about homosexuality. Through open conversation, biblical exploration, and Martin's personal journey, we'll move from bad theology toward deeper faith, compassion, and welcome for all God's children. All are welcome!

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

Sundays | 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.

GA (GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS)

Mondays (2nd Monday every other month) | 6:30 PM | Chapel

Next Meeting: October 13

Through shared experiences, participants work toward recovery in a confidential and non-judgmental space.

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | 10:00 - 11:30 AM | Parsonage

Join us for our new study: *Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus* by Lois Tverberg. This engaging book brings the Bible to life by exploring the cultural context of Jesus' teachings. Together, we'll discover practical ways to live as His disciples and deepen our faith as we draw closer to God. Books are available. ALL women are welcome as we gather in community around God's Word at the parsonage during construction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SHOWER REV. DEBORAH ACKLEY-KILLIAN WITH CARDS & PRAYERS

This past summer, Rev. Deborah Ackley-Killian, former Pittsburgh District Superintendent and current Butler-Franklin Districts Superintendent, was diagnosed with cancer. We want to surround Deborah and her daughter, Grace, with encouragement, love, and prayer. Here's how you can help:

CARD SHOWER

Send Deborah a card or note of encouragement to lift her spirits:

Deborah Ackley-Killian
830 Sunset Circle
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

PRAYER CHAIN

Join us in covering Deborah and Grace with prayers! Share your prayer(s) using this Google Form located at: <http://bit.ly/4nfDP7m>

All prayers will be printed on paper strips and made into prayer chains, which will hang in Deborah's home so she and Grace are literally surrounded by our prayers. Please invite others to participate—there can never be too many prayers!

DEADLINE FOR PRAYERS: October 8, 2025

Thank you for helping cover Deborah and Grace in love, hope, and prayer!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW RACK CARDS!

We're excited to share our brand-new rack cards—created to show the heart of Calvary! Pick up our four new cards—Welcome, Christian Ministry, LGBTQIA+ Ministry, and Weddings—with a fifth coming soon for the Columbarium. You'll find them in the literature stand at the Allegheny entrance. These fresh, eye-catching cards are part of our effort to make Calvary more welcoming, more engaging, and easier to share with friends. Grab a few and spread the word!



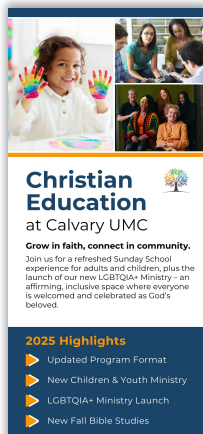
Welcome
to Calvary UMC

At Calvary United Methodist Church, we believe that all means all.

We open our hearts, our minds and our doors to all our neighbors, welcoming everyone who seeks a community of support to 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.**

Come As You Are
Sundays - 11:00 AM - In Person & Online

- Children & Youth Ministry
- Adult Christian Education
- LGBTQIA+ Ministry
- Community & Outreach



Christian Education
at Calvary UMC

Grow in faith, connect in community.
Join us for a refreshed Sunday School experience for adults and children, plus the launch of our new LGBTQIA+ Ministry—an affirming, inclusive space where everyone is welcomed and celebrated as God's beloved.

2025 Highlights

- Updated Program Format
- New Children & Youth Ministry
- LGBTQIA+ Ministry Launch
- New Fall Bible Studies



LGBTQIA+ Ministry
at Calvary UMC

Where all are embraced as God's beloved.
Inclusive spaces for fellowship, learning, and support, celebrating every person and story. A vibrant ministry reflecting God's love, championing justice and helping all thrive.

You Are God's Beloved

- A Loving, Affirming, Supportive Community for All
- Inclusive Events that Celebrate & Support You
- Calvary is a Reconciling Ministries Church

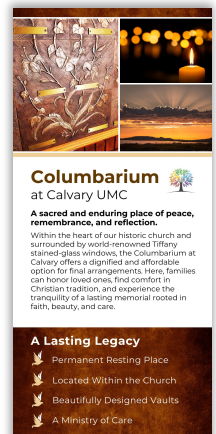


Weddings
at Calvary UMC

Celebrate your love at Calvary United Methodist Church.
Your wedding day is one of life's most cherished moments—let the setting be just as unforgettable. Calvary offers a historic, breathtaking venue in the heart of Pittsburgh, where your ceremony can be as personal, meaningful and beautiful as your love story.

A Venue to Cherish

- A Historic & Inspiring Venue
- Inclusive & Welcoming
- Personalized Support
- Begin Your Journey Today!



Columbarium
at Calvary UMC

A sacred and enduring place of peace, remembrance, and reflection.
Within the heart of our historic church and surrounded by world-renowned Tiffany stained-glass windows, the Columbarium at Calvary offers a dignified and affordable option for final arrangements. Here, families can honor loved ones, find comfort in Christian tradition, and experience the tranquility of a lasting memorial rooted in faith, beauty, and care.

A Lasting Legacy

- Permanent Resting Place
- Located Within the Church
- Beautifully Designed Vaults
- A Ministry of Care

MUSIC MINISTRY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR SINGERS!

13TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT

Sing with us this holiday season! Join Calvary's Festival Choir for our 13th annual Messiah concert and be part of a joyful, welcoming community! Experience Handel's timeless masterpiece by candlelight and Calvary's stunning Tiffany stained glass. Sing alongside professional soloists and our orchestra, and lead the audience in eight festive sing-along choruses. No auditions needed, and singers of all voice parts and experience levels are welcome. **Rehearsals begin Tuesday, October 7, from 7:30–9:00 pm.** Celebrate the season, connect with fellow music lovers, and share your voice!

EVENTS

13TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT

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

Tickets: \$20 General Admission, \$15 Students/Seniors, Free for children 10 years & under

Celebrate the season with Handel's inspiring Messiah surrounded by the glow of candlelight and Calvary's magnificent Tiffany stained-glass masterpieces. Now in its 13th year, this beloved Calvary tradition is a family-friendly, interactive concert that draws audiences from across the region. Tickets on sale now at **CalvaryPgh.com**.

WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Sanctuary

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 PM (6:00 – 7:30 PM from October–December) | Sanctuary

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. Contact Brian Burns at **bsburns77@aol.com** for more details.

MESSIAH CHOIR REHEARSAL

Tuesdays (Beginning October 7) | 7:30 – 9:00 PM | Sanctuary

No auditions are needed, and singers of all voice parts and experience levels are welcome. Celebrate the season, connect with fellow music lovers, and share your voice! Contact Karen Ferguson at **karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com** for more details.

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Tuesdays (Jan – May, Sep) | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

Thursdays (Oct– Dec) | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

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. Come ring with us and share your love for music! Contact Brian Burns at **bsburns77@aol.com** for more details.



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