

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?



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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 you're visiting us for the first time, thank you for joining us! We'd love to get to know you better – please stop by our Welcome Tables to learn more about who we are. 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 let one of our greeters know – we're happy to help!

FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children into our worship services – including infants and toddlers. If you'd find it helpful, there's a Family Area located in the rear left of the sanctuary, equipped with rocking chairs and toys to help keep little ones comfortable.

RESTROOMS & ACCESSIBILITY

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 through the right side of the sanctuary and heading toward 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

IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

John Stavish and Kerry Wetmore, friends
of Callie Buzard

Nancy Richards

Jeffrey Marsico, who recently passed
away, cousin of David Rizzo

Star Lawrance, friend of Bing's sister

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker

Nathaniel Crum, friend of Judy Melvin

Jeanne Dithomas

Susan Gilliland

Martha Helmreich

Judy Melvin

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: Did you hear the whisper of God calling us to worship?
People: God, help us listen as you call.
Leader: Do you sense the beautiful people God is creating us to become?
People: God, help us to see your image within.
Leader: Are we ready to listen, learn, and grow?
People: God, open our hearts and minds to your loving and challenging guidance.

HYMN OF PRAISE †★ "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" — #160 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †★

Creator God, you have crafted us in your image and created us for greatness, as we share your love, justice, and compassion. Help us to live into this creation.
Strengthen us, as we seek to answer your call. When we go astray, guide us back to your ways. When we fall apart, put us back together again. When we shrink in fear, lift our heads, that we may see your love and grace welcoming us home. 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 139:1-6, 13-18 NRSV

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- 13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.
- 17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- 18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

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

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM Renewal Choir

GOSPEL LESSON †★ Luke 14:25-33 NRSV

- 25 Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them,
- 26 “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.
- 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.
- 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?
- 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,
- 30 saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’
- 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?
- 32 If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.
- 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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 “Are you ready for some football?” — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

HYMN OF PREPARATION ★ "Come, Share the Lord" — #2269 TFWS

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ★

INVITATION ★

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON ★

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ★

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God now and forever.

People: Amen.

Leader: And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

People: 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.

Please come forward to receive the gift of Holy Communion. All are welcome at Christ's table. The bread is gluten-free, so that all may share from one loaf.

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 †★ "And Are We Yet Alive" — #553 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

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

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
SEP 7

COMMUNION

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

12:15 PM | Location TBD

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Following Worship (Monthly) | Location TBD

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
SEP 9

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 the Chapel)

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) — MANCHESTER

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

THURS
SEP 11

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

WOMEN'S PICNIC

6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

SUN
SEP 14

"UNCLOBBED" – BIBLE STUDY LED BY TIM NAPIERLSKI

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

CHOIR REHEARSAL

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall



READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

JOIN US FOR

KICK OFF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 7



CALVARY IS KICKING OFF THE FALL SEASON WITH A FRESH NEW FORMAT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL & A NEW FALL SERMON SERIES!



WEEK 1 • SEPTEMBER 7

Sermon: Are you ready for some football?



WEEK 2 • SEPTEMBER 14

Sermon: Hail Mary!



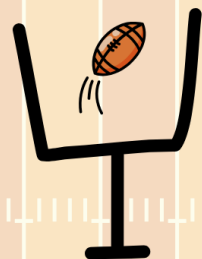
WEEK 3 • SEPTEMBER 21

Sermon: Know your position!



WEEK 4 • SEPTEMBER 28

Sermon: The Joy of the Game
Charge Conference Sunday & Pregame Tailgate Party!!!



Rummage Sale

COME
TREASURE-
HUNTING &
SUPPORT
CALVARY!

RAIN OR SHINE

SAT, SEP 27
8AM - 2PM

CALVARY UMC LAWN

DONATIONS

DROP OFF ITEMS
SEPT. 22-27, 5-7 PM

FOOD

BREAKFAST
SANDWICHES &
CHICKEN
LUNCHES

RESERVE A SPOT

\$10 PER SPACE
\$10 PER TABLE



Food sales benefit the Revive & Renew Capital Campaign

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH — SERVING DAILY BREAD

Thursday, September 11 (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: September 27, 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.

“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.

WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN AGAIN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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.



EVENTS

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, October 24 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Chapel

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.

WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.

WOMEN'S PICNIC



THURSDAY
11
SEPTEMBER

FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:00 PM



We'll eat at 6:30 PM—bring a favorite dish to share! Plates, silverware, and drinks are provided. Mark your calendar and join us as we reconnect after the summer.



FOOD – FELLOWSHIP – FUN



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 go on sale October 1, 2025 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 the 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING — AUGUST 28, 2025

Each month, we share a summary of the Church Council minutes to keep the congregation informed. For questions or more details, contact co-presidents Jan Meyers and Ken Elliott.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- **Nominations:** minimal changes; new class needed for 2026–27.

FINANCE & CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- **July 2025 financial statement:** Income steady compared to 2024; three items noted:
 - o Event/space usage revenue **down**
 - o Conroy Endowment **up**
 - o Interest income **significantly up** with new money market account
- **Capital Campaign (funds as of report):**
 - o Individuals: **\$39,840.55**
 - o Organizational gifts/grants: **\$5,000**
 - o Fundraisers/endowment allocations: **\$83,975.91**
 - o **Total available:** \$128,816.41 | **Expenses to date:** \$81,788.47

TRUSTEES / FACILITIES

- **Construction (Phase 1):** framing & HVAC completed; some permit issues pending.
- **AED devices:** current unit serviced; motion passed to **lease 2 units**
- **Maintenance updates:** foundation leak fixed, new dehumidifiers installed, attic cleared (historic records found).

COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

- **Team formed** (social media, bulletins, marketing).
- Ads purchased in **QBurgh** & **City Paper** (for Bobby Jo Valentine concert & general promotion).
- New materials created: Messiah promo, updated brochures (“rack cards”), QR code magnets.
- **Community initiatives:** Calvary piloting GBU North Side Neighborhood Initiative (“Hearts & Paws,” Blessings of Animals, support for Daily Bread meals).

ARCHIVES & HISTORY

- Meeting Sept 7 to finalize docent guide, recruit/train docents for Victorian Christmas Tour, and manage newly uncovered historical records.

STRATEGIC PLAN

- Draft distributed (focus: congregational growth, partnerships, Annual Conference connections).
- Committees to review and provide input by next council meeting.

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- **Children & Families:** Sunday School resumes in Sept; Bible presentations & confirmation class planned; youth “Bible Football Game” to encourage attendance.
- **Food & Fellowship:** more volunteers required.
- **United Women of Faith:** annual picnic planned; leadership for Daily Bread has change.
- **Allegheny Historic Preservation Society:** slow progress on pew cushion project but under budget; AHPS donated **\$5,000** to Capital Campaign.
- **Tiffany Concert Series:** 2026 concerts scheduled.
- **Worship/Outreach:** fall sermon series has football theme; limited outreach opportunities tied to Steelers games; “Revive & Renew” mailing set.
- **Lay School:** Pittsburgh District event upcoming, participation encouraged.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- Appreciation expressed to **Mrs. Bradley** for Daily Bread leadership.
- Appreciation expressed to **Mrs. Bilyak**, retiring from AHPS board, for years of service.

UNCLOBBED

FILM & STUDY

Discover What Scripture Really Says About LGBTQIA+ People.

This fall, Calvary launches its new LGBTQIA+ ministry led by Tim Napieralski with a powerful two-part experience, beginning with a screening of *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture*, a documentary exploring how a 1946 Bible mistranslation fueled anti-gay theology. Following the film, we'll dive into *UnClobber* by Colby Martin, reexamining key passages often used to exclude LGBTQIA+ people and fostering conversation, compassion, and welcome for all God's children. All are welcome!



SUNDAYS • 10 AM

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

"UNCLOBBERED" – NEW FALL BIBLE STUDY & LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY LAUNCH

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS



WOMEN'S PICNIC

Thursday, September 11 | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Come between 6:00–6:30 PM – we'll begin eating at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share – pasta, meat, salad, dessert, or whatever you like best! Plates, silverware, and drinks will be provided. Please mark your calendar and join us as we reconnect after the summer. We look forward to being together again!

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, September 27 | 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Lawn

Join us for Calvary's community rummage sale – RAIN OR SHINE!

- **Donations:** Items may be dropped off at the church September 22–27, from 5–7 PM. (Call the church office if you need a different time.)
- **Reserve a Spot:** Want to sell your own items? Spots are \$10 each. Tables are available for an additional \$10.
- **Food:** Enjoy breakfast sandwiches in the morning and chicken lunches at midday. All food proceeds benefit the Revive & Renew Capital Campaign.

Mark your calendars and come treasure-hunting while supporting Calvary!

HEARTS & PAWS: NORTH SIDE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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

Join Calvary UMC, the Humane Animal Rescue and the GBU North Side 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!

SILENT READING & PUZZLE NIGHT

Monday, October 28 | 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!



EVENTS

STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, September 7 | 12:15 PM | Church Office

COMMUNION

Sunday, September 7 (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, September 7 (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, September 18 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

There will not be a meeting in December.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

**Sunday, September 28 (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.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 28 | Following Worship | Chapel

Join us for a post-game celebration! The Steelers play at 9 AM in Ireland, and we'll celebrate a festive finale to our Fall Football Series, featuring food, fellowship, and fun. The event will conclude with our Charge Conference, where we'll discuss the year ahead for Calvary – everyone is invited to join the conversation!

🐾 **Hearts & Paws** 🐾

Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday, October 5
12:30 - 1:30 PM on the Lawn**

Celebrate Pets & Community!

Join Calvary UMC and Humane Animal Rescue for a joyful day with a Blessing of the Animals, pet-friendly activities, photo ops, and ways to support local animal welfare.

All are welcome – bring a pet, explore adoption, or simply connect with neighbors!

**We invite you to bring
dog or cat treats to
support Humane
Animal Rescue!**



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