



That Sinking Feeling



Sunday, August 9, 2026

Worshipping God Together

WELCOME TO CALVARY



OUR WELCOME STATEMENT

Calvary United Methodist Church believes that all means all. We open our hearts, our minds and our doors to all our neighbors. We gladly invite into our shared life all persons who seek a community of support where they can grow in God's grace. Regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, relationship status or background—**you are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.**

NEW TO CALVARY?

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

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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

RESTROOMS

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

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Daily Bread** | 11:00 AM–12:00 PM | Trinity Lutheran Church
- **Church Council Meeting** | 6:00-8:00 PM | Chapel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

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

SUNDAY CELEBRATION



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP + *

- Leader: Christ comes for us in sunshine and in the dead of night. Welcome the presence of Christ.
- People: **We welcome you, O Christ! Blessed be your name!**
- Leader: Christ reaches out to us in the stillness of peace and in the rage of the storm. Nothing overwhelms our Savior. Nothing overcomes.
- People: **Our hope and trust are in you! Blessed be your name!**

HYMN OF PRAISE + * "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" — #139 UMH

UNISON PRAYER + *

Merciful Christ, fill us with your faith and courage, that we may never be overwhelmed by great needs, but rather with your great grace, your great strength, your great compassion, your great presence, your great hope. Fulfill your greatness in us and through us for the honor and glory of your name, or the saving of lives, for the redemption of our world. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME +

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 105:1-6 NRSV

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
 - 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
 - 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
 - 4 Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.
 - 5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,
 - 6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- 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 * "Stand by Me" — #512 UMH *You are invited to come and kneel at the altar rail for personal prayer.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER * #895 UMH

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON + * Matthew 14: 22–33 NRSV

- 22 Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.
- 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,
- 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.
- 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.
- 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.
- 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”
- 28 Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”
- 29 He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.
- 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”
- 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”
- 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.
- 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “That Sinking Feeling” — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

DOXOLOGY + * “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” — #94 UMH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERING PRAYER +

CLOSING HYMN + * “Forward through the Ages” — #555 UMH

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

BENEDICTION +

POSTLUDE +

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



DAILY BREAD COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED ASAP

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

“HEY, NEIGHBORS!” SUMMER COOKOUTS

Final Wednesday—August 19 | 6:00–8:00 PM | Calvary UMC Back Parking Lot

Everyone is invited to our *“Hey, Neighbors!” Summer Cookouts!* Enjoy grilled favorites, yard games, fellowship, and—weather permitting—a cozy fire pit with roasted marshmallows and s'mores for dessert. Bring a friend and join us for four fun-filled evenings of food, laughter, and community! We're also looking for **3–4 volunteers for each cookout** to help with setup, serving, and cleanup. **Signup sheets are available in the Chapel.** Thank you for helping make these gatherings welcoming and enjoyable for everyone!

CHURCH COUNCIL — AUGUST MEETING

Thursday, August 13 | 6:00–8:00 PM | Calvary UMC Chapel

Please note: The Church Council's August meeting will be held one week earlier than usual, on Thursday, August 13, at 6:00 PM. Church Council meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month, but the August meeting has been moved up by one week. Additionally, because we have a great deal to discuss, the meeting time has been moved up to 6:00 PM. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

STEELERS SUNDAYS — 1 PM HOME GAMES

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

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

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF) RETREAT

Saturday, October 17 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM | Calvary UMC Chapel

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

PRAYER CONCERNS



IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Karen Hines. – Patty Bogdewic's mother
Sarah Woodward and baby Elsie
Rev Jorinda Bullit on the death of her brother
Janice & Roy Engelman
Tim Napieralski
Paul W. – friend of Mary Emili
Family and Friends of Charles Moore
The Onda family
Joe and Bunny Blackman
Zev Kahn
Christine Siewers
Corrine Houser
George Janocsko

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker
Bobby Buckner and his family
Jeanne Dithomas
Terri Jagielski
Martha Helmreich
Judy Melvin
Al Meyers
Sheila Molyneaux
Marcia Webb – friend of Mark Snyder
Aleata Weis
Barbara Wood – friend of Marirose
Venus W.
Joyce Zimmerman – sister of Yvonne Hudson

SHARING PRAYER REQUESTS & JOYS

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

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:00 AM – Noon

Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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