

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



Community Knowledge

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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

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP †★

Leader: Come into God’s house. Celebrate God’s faithfulness!

People: We gather together as covenant people!

Leader: God has made a covenant through Christ Jesus—a covenant of love and mercy...

People: A covenant of forgiveness and reconciliation, a covenant of death and rebirth.

Leader: Accept God’s mercy. Let Christ’s love renew your spirit.

People: We hold fast to the hope we have in Christ Jesus.

HYMN OF PRAISE †★ "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" — #139 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †★

O True and Triumphant God, You are the protector of all who trust in you. Without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Assure us yet again that you are with us; that you will neither abandon nor forsake us. Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through all things in faith. Mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †★ "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" — #334 UMH

**There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place
And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove,
Stay right here with us filling us with your love.
And for all these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.**

PSALTER LESSON ★ Psalm 22:1-11 NRSV

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
- 2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- 4 In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
6 But I am a worm and not human, scorned by others and despised by the people.
7 All who see me mock me; they sneer at me; they shake their heads;
8 “Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom
he delights!”
9 Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s
breast.
10 On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my
God.
11 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

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 ★ “You are Mine” — #2218 TFWS
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.**

GOSPEL LESSON †★ Matthew 27:32-54 NRSV

32 As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they
compelled this man to carry his cross.
33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),
34 they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not
drink it.
35 And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by
casting lots;
36 then they sat down there and kept watch over him.
37 Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King
of the Jews.”
38 Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.
39 Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads
40 and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save

41 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were
mocking him, saying,
42 “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come
down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.
43 He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s
Son.’ ”
44 The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.
45 From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.
46 And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”
that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
47 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.”
48 At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick,
and gave it to him to drink.
49 But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”
50 Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.
51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The
earth shook, and the rocks were split.
52 The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep
were raised.
53 After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and
appeared to many.
54 Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus,
saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this
man was God’s Son!”.

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 “Community Knowledge” — Rev. Stephanie Gottschalk

HYMN ★. “Seek the Lord” — #124 UMH

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 †★ "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" — #427 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

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

COMMUNITY LUNCH

LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship. This is an expansion on our normally scheduled fellowship time.

The Fellowship Hall is located downstairs. You can use the stairs or take the elevator.



THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN

AUG 24

PARABLES ON THE PORCH: VBS REIMAGINED!

4:00 – 6:30 PM | Calvary UMC

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES

AUG 26

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

AUG 28

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:30 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

6:30 – 8:00 PM (Monthly) | Chapel

SAT

AUG 30

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

9:00 – 10:30 AM | Northview Heights, 533 Mount Pleasant Rd, Pgh, PA 15214

SUN

AUG 31

CAREGIVING MINISTRY

10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Following Worship (Monthly) | Fellowship Hall

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall



Calvary UMC presents
heart-opening, award-winning folk/pop artist

BOBBY JO VALENTINE

"Bobby Jo has both the spirit and songs that bring us back to believing. Whatever our faith, he has the humor, compassion, words, and music to help us believe again." - Dar Williams

All proceeds benefit our Revive & Renew Capital Campaign

WED, SEPTEMBER 3
7 PM

TICKETS - \$25

TICKETS - CALVARYPGH.COM



Calvary United Methodist Church
971 Beech Avenue, Northside, Pittsburgh, PA 15233



SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

"UNCLOBBER" – OUR NEW FALL BIBLE STUDY & LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY LAUNCH

Sundays (Beginning September 7) | 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: August 11

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.



JOIN US FOR



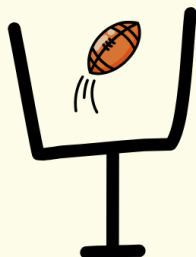
KICKOFF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 7

Calvary is kicking off the fall season with a fresh new format for Sunday School — designed for adults, children & families.

IT ALL BEGINS ON KICKOFF SUNDAY!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE MORE
WITH YOU SOON!



Rummage Sale

COME TREASURE-HUNTING
AND 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

MUSIC MINISTRY



WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL — BEGINNING TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

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

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | 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 (bsburns77@aol.com) for more details.

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL — BEGINNING TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

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 (bsburns77@aol.com) for more details.

FAMILY MINISTRY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's Christian Education meeting! We're excited about what's coming this fall. Be on the lookout for more information about upcoming classes and a new format for Sunday School. We'll be launching the new season with a Kickoff Sunday on September 7 – the Sunday after Labor Day. Stay tuned for details!.

EVENTS

PARABLES ON THE PORCH: VBS REIMAGINED!

Four Sundays – June 22, July 13, August 3, August 24 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Calvary UMC

Join us this summer for four Sunday evenings of interactive, live-action storytelling as we bring Jesus' parables to life! Enjoy creative reenactments, meaningful discussions, and community connection – all with a delicious meal. Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and experience the wisdom of Jesus in a fresh, fun way. See you on the porch!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP UPDATE FOR AUGUST

Fellowship will be on hold for the month of August due to ongoing construction. It will resume on the last Sunday of August, August 31, with our Community Luncheon. We look forward to seeing you there!

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Calling all Lay Liturgists, Welcome Team, Slide Projectionists, Children's Message Leaders and Communion Servers

Fall is here – and we need you! As a new season begins and schedules settle in, we need all hands on deck to keep worship running smoothly. Whether you enjoy working with kids, greeting guests, reading scripture, or helping behind the scenes, there's a place for you! Please let us know the dates you're available to serve this fall. Whether it's once or several times, your help truly makes a difference. Contact the church office to sign up – we can't do it without you!

EVENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 28 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

The August meeting was moved from August 21 because Rev. Beth Nelson will be out of town that week. There will not be a meeting in December.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, August 31 (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.

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.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 28 | Following Worship | Chapel

SPECIAL EVENTS



CALVARY WELCOMES BOBBY JO VALENTINE LIVE!

MUSIC TO MOVE THE HEART AND SOUL

Wednesday, September 3 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Tickets: \$25 (Children 8 & under are free)

Purchase Tickets: CalvaryPgh.com

Join us for a soul-stirring concert featuring the inspiring music of Bobby Jo Valentine – a genre-defying singer-songwriter known for his poetic storytelling, spiritual depth, and uplifting melodies. Whether you're moved by his heartfelt lyrics or simply love powerful, live music, this evening promises to be a night to remember. **This special performance will benefit our Revive & Renew Capital Campaign.** Come enjoy the music – and help support a cause that makes a tangible difference in our church community.

ABOUT BOBBY JO VALENTINE

Bobby Jo Valentine is a soulful and award-winning artist whose songs speak to everyday awakenings, inclusive faith, and a life open to transformation. Raised in a rigid Baptist setting, Bobby's journey has led him to embrace a more compassionate and inclusive spirituality – reflected in the authenticity of his lyrics and message. With multiple accolades from the West Coast Songwriter's Association and performances at national events like the Wild Goose Festival and the UCC's General Synod, Bobby brings a unique voice to stages across the country. His music bridges faith and humanity, inviting listeners into a deeper, kinder connection with the world. Learn more at bobbyjovalentine.com.

CHURCH 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!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



MESSAGE FROM CALVARY’S HOSPITALITY PARKING TEAM

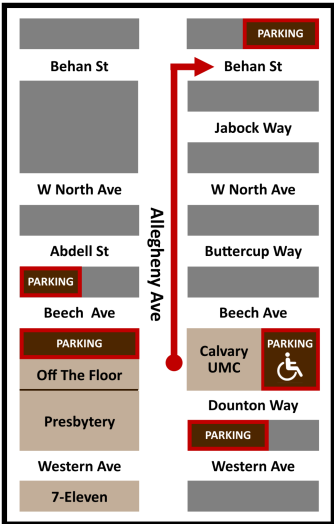
Steeler 1:00 PM Home Games: September 14, October 12, November 2, November 16

Greetings! On Sundays when the Steelers play a 1:00 PM home game, our regular parking lots will not be available. Instead, parking will be provided in the Behan Street lot (see map in this bulletin). Signs will be posted along the route to help guide you.

Please note: the Behan lot is about five blocks from the church, and the sidewalks are uneven in some places. Use caution when walking.

If walking to and from the Behan lot would be difficult, you may park in the lot directly behind the church. We kindly ask all parishioners and guests to leave this lot available for those with limited mobility so they can access the ramp.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!



YOU'RE INVITED!!

PARABLES ON THE PORCH



VBS REIMAGINED AT CALVARY UMC

Join us for 4 Sunday evenings of live-action parables, interactive storytelling & community fun!

Dinner included! All ages welcome!

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 4:00-6:30 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 4:00-6:30 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 4:00-6:30 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 4:00-6:30 PM

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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

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, August 30 & Saturday, September 27 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM

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

Six volunteers are needed for each date. 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, August 31 (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, supporting those in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity! Every little bit helps!

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

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

WEEKLY

CAREGIVING MINISTRY

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Chapel

Calvary has launched a new Caregiving Ministry, led by Denny Brown and Rev. Budd Wagner. Training sessions are being held to equip volunteers with the confidence and skills needed to support others through life's challenges. Caring for others is a meaningful way to live out our faith and make a real difference. If you're interested in learning more or getting involved, please speak with Denny Brown, Rev. Budd Wagner or Rev. Beth.

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.

CHURCH PICNIC



THURSDAY

11

SEPTEMBER

FELLOWSHIP HALL

AT 6:00 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!

FOOD - FELLOWSHIP - FUN

SPECIAL MESSAGE



AHPS

ALLEGHENY HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY

WHAT IS AHPS — AND WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH CALVARY?

Over 30 years ago, Calvary Church was on the verge of closing. The roof and windows leaked, the Sanctuary was shut down because there was no money to heat it, and there was no pastor in place. Things looked dire.

At that time, the Rev. Bob Richards, Director of Church Union (whose office was where our pastor's office is now), stepped in to serve as Calvary's "volunteer" minister. At the same time, concerned neighbors and friends formed the Allegheny Historic Preservation Society (AHPS) – a nonprofit organization with one purpose: to secure grant and foundation funding to save Calvary's historic building.

Their efforts were extraordinary. Over three million dollars has since been raised to restore and upgrade our building: the slate roof was repaired, the Tiffany windows were restored, an elevator was installed, carpeting was replaced, the Sanctuary was reopened, and the organ was restored. Within just 2 ½ years, Calvary had a full-time pastor again. The list of improvements continues to grow – because when there are resources, much can be done!

WHY JOIN AHPS?

We have inherited a treasure: our church. And the work isn't finished. With new projects like upgrading our bathrooms, AHPS continues to play a vital role in keeping Calvary beautiful, safe, and accessible.

Membership shows foundations and funders that these projects are supported by the whole community. That's why your participation matters.

Membership Levels:

- Individual: \$20
- Household: \$35
- Patron: \$100 (Patrons are recognized in every concert program throughout the season)

Membership forms are available in the Narthex and Chapel, or checks may be made payable to AHPS and placed in the offering baskets.

MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT

- Attend concerts and events! These gatherings bring new people into our Sanctuary, inspire generosity, and celebrate the beauty of Calvary.
- Share your talents! If you have experience with grants, fundraising, or creative program ideas, AHPS would love your input.

Together, with this unique partnership between Calvary and AHPS, who knows what wonderful things God has in store for our church?

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



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