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Sunday, July 5, 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS



IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Judy Flaherty
Family and Friends of Charles Moore
Paul Brucker
Samantha – niece of Mary Ewalt
Al Meyers
Christine Siewers
Corrine Houser
George Janocsko
Niko
Judy Melvin
Aleata Weis
Barbara Wood – friend of Marirose

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Bobby Buckner and his family
Jeanne Dithomas
Terri Jagielski
Martha Helmreich
Sheila Molyneaux
Renee – friend of Mark Snyder
Marcia Webb – friend of Mark Snyder
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.

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUNDAY, JULY 5

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

MONDAY, JULY 6

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

TUESDAY, JULY 7

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- **“Hey, Neighbors!” Summer Cookouts** | 6:00 PM | Calvary UMC Back Parking Lot
- **Iron City Squares** | 7:00–9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- **Queers & Friends Who Love to Cook and Eat** | 7:00 PM | Rooftop of Tim Napieralski's, Rooftop VIP Lounge, 550 Wood St, Apt. 1414, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

SUNDAY, JULY 12

- **Sunday Morning Fellowship** | 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



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP + *

Leader: We gather today to celebrate freedom, the great gift of liberty given to us by God.
People: **Yet, our truest freedom is found only in Christ, who breaks the chains of sin and fear.**
Leader: Let us not use our freedom to indulge our own desires, but to serve one another in love.
People: **Come, let us worship the God of peace and justice, whose kingdom embraces all the earth.**

OPENING HYMN + * "This is My Song" — #437 UMH

OPENING PRAYER + *

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME +

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER * "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" — #696 UMH
You are invited to come and kneel at the altar rail for personal prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON + * Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 NRSV

16 “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
17 ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’
18 “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’;
19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”
25 At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;
26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.
27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Are you tired too?” — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

HYMN OF PREPARATION * “I Come with Joy” — #617 UMH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *

Leader: May the Spirit of love be with you.
People: And may the love of Christ be with you.
Leader: Open wide your cautious hearts.
People: May the hope of our Creator pour peace in our souls.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the one who created this time and space.
People: From our joy we give God thanks and praise.
Leader: Let us pray:
People: God of the fair winds and bounteous fields, Of the storms overhead and the seas below, With joy we celebrate the connection we have with all of creation “From sea to shining sea,” from the beauteous mountain caps to the rivers winding across the land. We honor the connection we have with your beings- from the chipmunks scurrying through our yards to the swallows swooping in the air above. We embrace the relationships with our neighbors near and far- the ones who are close to our hearts, and the ones with whom distance in miles and souls sets us apart
Leader: And so we come to this table: The ones with many opportunities, and those seeking liberty. The ones who have been disregarded and those embraced, knowing that Christ’s welcome receives all. knowing that Jesus the Christ ate with sinners and tax collectors, with those who disapproved and those who leapt for joy, with Judas and Peter, with Mary and Martha, with Philip and Thomas.
People: And so we too come to the table. The table of God’s freedom. The table of God’s justice and love. The table which reflects the true kingdom, empire, realm of God where all are welcome.
Leader: We come to the table remembering the night before Jesus died. As he ate with his followers in a room away from the world, “taking a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant.’” Whenever we eat and drink at the table, we remember the Christ in our midst. Spirit of Hope, Holy Winds of Divine Freedom, encircle this bread and cup, encircle us in our eating and drinking that we may experience the radical love of Christ here today and sharing this care as we journey throughout this week. And we pray together the prayer taught by Jesus, with a sense of courage and hope:

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. The bread we share is gluten-free so that all may participate. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup of grape juice.

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 † *. "Lift Every Voice and Sing" — #519 UMH

STATEMENT OF FAITH FROM THE KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH † * . . . #884 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



“HEY, NEIGHBORS!” SUMMER COOKOUTS

Wednesdays—July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19 | 6:00 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!

QUEERS & FRIENDS WHO LOVE TO COOK AND EAT

Friday, July 10 (2nd Friday of each Month) | 7:00 PM

Rooftop at Tim Napieralski’s, Rooftop VIP Lounge, 550 Wood St, Apt. 1414, Pgh, PA 15222

Main Contact: Tim Napieralski (queerministry@calvarypgh.com)

The first “Queers and Friends Who Love to Cook and Eat” event will now take place on July 10, instead of the previously announced date of June 12. All are welcome—queers, friends, allies, and anyone looking for good food, great company, and a welcoming space. The location will change each month. We’ll begin eating around 7:00 PM!

Getting There:

- The gathering will be held in the **Rooftop VIP Lounge at 550 Wood St, Apt. 1414**, featuring both indoor and outdoor spaces.
- When you arrive, use the call box at the front entrance to call Apartment 1414. Tim will buzz you in.
- The elevators are straight back from the entrance.
- You’ll want to go to the **15th floor**. If the elevator that arrives only goes to the 14th floor, take it to 14 and then transfer to another elevator that goes to 15.
- Once on the 15th floor, you can either:
 - Take the stairs straight ahead up to the VIP Lounge, or
 - Use the last elevator on your far right to reach that level.
- If you have any trouble finding the space, call **763-204-2932** and Tim can come get you.

We look forward to sharing food, conversation, and community with you!

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO CELEBRATE CHARLES MOORE

Sunday, July 19 | 1:00 PM | Calvary UMC

The Calvary Church family invites you to a memorial service celebrating the life of Charles Moore, a long-time member and Chairperson of the History and Archives Ministry. Charles entered eternal rest on Saturday, June 6. We give thanks for his faithful service and the lasting impact he made on our church community.

A PICNIC CELEBRATION FOR ALEATA WEIS!

Sunday, August 2 | Following Worship | Calvary UMC

We are so excited to celebrate Aleata and the many years she has poured into Calvary with love, care, and faithful service. After worship on August 2, we’ll gather in Fellowship Hall for a joyful picnic lunch—fried chicken, potato salad, and all the good summer favorites. We’ll have the tables set with red-and-white checkered cloths (her favorites!) to make it feel extra special. We hope you’ll join us, bring a card sharing your appreciation, and help us send her off with full hearts, laughter, and plenty of love. Gifts are welcome, but your presence and gratitude are the greatest gift of all.

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Monday: 9:00 AM – Noon

Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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