

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



A *Green* Mister Rogers



Sunday, April 26, 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

Samantha - niece of Mary Ewalt
Al Meyers
Christine Siewers
Christine and her family on the death of her mother
Family & friends of Andrew Emerson
Corrine Houser
Family of Janice Snyder
George Janocsko
Niko
Judy Melvin
Charles Moore
The family of Bing Ewalt
Aleata Weis
Rick Stern
Rhonda Harrison
Barbara Wood - friend of Marirose

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker
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, APRIL 26

- **A Service of Celebration–Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC
- **“Change Matters” Special Offering** | During Worship | Sanctuary
- **Family Game Day** | 1:00–3:00 PM | Chapel
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 27

- **Sleeping Bag Ministry** | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00–10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 6:00–7:00 PM | Choir Loft
- **Hand Bell Rehearsal** | 7:00–8:00 PM | Music Office
- **NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00–8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00–10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Women’s Bible Study** | 10:00–11:30 AM | Parlor
- **Open Sanctuary** | 6:00–8:00 PM | Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY 3

- **Sunday Morning Cafe** | 10:00–11:00 AM | Chapel
- **Bible Study–Exploring Spiritual Gifts** | 10:00–10:45 AM | Chapel
- **Sunday School (K–3rd, 4th–6th)** | 10:00–10:30 AM | Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday School (7th–12th)** | 10:00–10:30 AM | Christian Education Office
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 10:00–10:45 AM | Choir Loft
- **A Service of Celebration–Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00AM | Calvary UMC
- **Communion** | During Worship | Sanctuary
- **A Time for Fellowship** | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY CELEBRATION



PRELUDE "Prelude on Crimond", Alan Smith

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP + *

Leader: Church, where do you see God?

People: **We see God in the wide each of sky, in the towering height of mountains, in the depths of the sea, and in the vividness of flowers.**

Leader: Church, where else do you see God?

People: **We see God in early morning sunrises, in the quiet after a snow, in the reaching of rivers and tributaries, and in the stars that light the night.**

Leader: And in your seeing, what do you

People: **We know that God is here, and we know that God is good.**

Leader: Let us worship the God of creation!

People: **Let us worship our with-us God.**

OPENING HYMN + * "Morning Has Broken" – #145 UMH

OPENING PRAYER + *

Creator God, You speak to us in a thousand different ways—in the wind that rustles through the trees, in early morning's birdsong, and in the first blooms of spring. Everywhere we look, creation whispers of your creativity. So as we turn our hearts toward scripture, clear the distractions from our minds. Silence in us any voice but your own, so that like the birds, and the flowers, and the mighty rushing wind, we might sing of your goodness. We are leaning in. We are in awe. We are listening. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME +

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE + * "Alleluia" – #162 UMH

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 148 NRSV

- 1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
- 2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
- 4 Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
- 6 He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
- 8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
- 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- 10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- 12 Young men and women alike, old and young together!
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

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 * "For the Beauty of the Earth" – #92 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.

ANTHEM

GOSPEL LESSON + * John 15:5-14 NRSV

- 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.
- 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
- 7 If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.
- 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.
- 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.
- 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.
- 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
- 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.
- 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

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

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "A Green Mister Rogers" – Rev. Beth L. Nelson

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY. "Variations on Duke Street", Anthony Giamanco

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 † * "All Things Bright and Beautiful" – #147 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE † "Praise to God", James Pethel

*† 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.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP: You're invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a time of good company, along with a light meal and beverages. The Fellowship Hall is located down the stairs, or you may use the elevator at the back of the chapel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOE DRIVE

LAST WEEK TO DONATE SHOES – DROP OFF ENDS TUESDAY!

This is the **final week** to drop off shoes for the Pittsburgh Public Schools annual shoe drive, which supports local communities and partners Homewood Children's Village and Community Schools. **All donations must be dropped off by Tuesday, April 16.** New or gently used shoes of all sizes are welcome, including sneakers, cleats, sandals, boots, and dress shoes. A donation bin is available in the chapel at Calvary for convenient drop off. This message is shared from KidCelerate, one of our partners. As a Pittsburgh King PK-8 Community Partner, they are working to collect as many pairs of shoes as possible. So far, King has collected **50 pairs toward its 200 pair goal.** If everyone donates just one pair of gently used or new shoes they no longer wear, we can help King reach its goal. The district's overall goal is to collect **100 bags of shoes per site.**

SPIRITUAL GIFTS BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Sunday School Class is currently studying Spiritual Gifts. Each of us has gifts from God—sometimes we recognize them easily, and sometimes we keep them hidden. Have you ever taken time to discover the gifts God has given you? Everyone is invited to take a Spiritual Gifts survey—even if you are not part of the class. Paper copies are available on the resource table in the chapel, or you may complete it online by visiting: umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en. After completing the survey, please share your results with Rev. Beth. When we understand one another's gifts, we are better equipped to serve and work together.

DISCOVERING THE GIFT OF GRACE – NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study is excited to begin a new study titled *Grace... More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine* by Max Lucado. Together, we will explore the powerful message of God's grace using the study guide located in the back of the book as a foundation for meaningful discussion and reflection. Books will be available for purchase for \$5. All women are welcome to join us as we grow in faith, fellowship, and a deeper understanding of God's amazing grace.

LEARN TO KNIT & PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – ON HOLD

The Knitting Club will be suspended temporarily while Rhonda is away. We anticipate resuming meetings upon her return. Thank you for your understanding.

MEN'S TIES NEEDED

Men's ties are needed for the Sleeping Bag Group. Please place in the chapel in the appropriate mission bin.

COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED FOR DAILY BREAD

Help Daily Bread by baking cookies! We need 25 dozen each month. Label containers and place cookies in the freezer. Sign up or get info from Judy Flaherty at 412-913-8250.

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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

PASTOR

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CHURCH STAFF

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