

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME



JUL

20TH

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

Terry Jagielski

Deb Ackley Killian

David Eichelberger's daughter

Nonie Knaus, friend of Linda Ehrlich

Kyle Geist, Allegheny West Neighbor

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Joan Bradley

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**](http://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: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within bless his Holy Name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

Leader: The gift of summer is a time to cherish the newness of each day.

People: May we rejoice in the glory of this season.

HYMN OF PRAISE †★ "Morning Has Broken" — #145 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †★

Almighty God, we offer our thanks and praise for the beauty of the summer season. We are grateful for a different pace, a slower schedule and a chance to breathe in your goodness. May we take advantage of moments of relaxation that renewal might kick in. Help us to enjoy the gift of refreshment and recreation. We need it. 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 104:1-6 NRSV

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,
- 2 wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent;
- 3 you set the beams of your chambers on the waters; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind;
- 4 you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.
- 5 You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.
- 6 You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

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 ★ "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" — #140 UMH
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 †★ Luke 21:29-33 NRSV
29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees;
30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.
31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.
32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.
33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
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 "In the Good Old Summertime" — 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 †★ "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" — #664 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

Please join us for a time of fellowship around the tables in the fellowship hall.
† Please stand as you are able | ★ Words on screen | Bold text is unison.

LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY

Kick-Off



SATURDAY, JULY 26 - 6PM
CALVARY UMC PARSONAGE

*Join
us*

Calling all those interested in helping craft an LGBTQIA+ ministry at Calvary to join us at the parsonage for a light dinner and discussion. We need input from those who identify as a part of the queer community, those who are an ally, a family member, etc. We want to hear from you and what you need in this new ministry as we plan for the future.

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
JUL 20

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
JUL 22

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) — MANCHESTER

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

THURS
JUL 24

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:30 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

SAT
JUL 26

UWF MISSION BARN TRIP — ALL ARE

9:00 AM | Mission Barn, 181 Columbus Dr, New Castle, PA 16101

LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY KICK-OFF

6:00 PM | Parsonage

SUN
JUL 27

CAREGIVING MINISTRY

10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Following Worship (Monthly) | Fellowship Hall

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

CAREGIVING MINISTRY

Sundays | 10:00 AM | Chapel

Calvary has launched a new Caregiving Ministry, led by Denny Brown and Rev. Budd Wagner. Training sessions will be held on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM 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.

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 | Parlor

This summer we will be reading and discussing a small booklet titled, "KEEP CALM, TRUST GOD". There will be a few of these booklets available for those who don't have one. Some of the topics that the authors touch on are: anxiety, worry, fear, depression, stress, and frustration, to name just a few. In this study, "you will find the promises of God and Hope that will provide encouragement, strength and inspiration to overcome whatever challenges you may be facing." (author, Jake Provance). ALL women are welcome as we gather in community around God's Word, in the church parlor.



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



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971 Beech Avenue, Northside, Pittsburgh, PA 15233



MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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JOIN US IN COLLECTING HYGIENE KITS FOR THE MISSION BARN

Throughout the month of July, United Women in Faith is inviting the congregation to help collect and assemble Hygiene Kits that **will be delivered to the Mission Barn on Saturday, July 26**. These kits are distributed to individuals affected by natural disasters – something our own region has experienced recently with severe flooding. For a list of needed items and kit assembly instructions, please visit: umcmmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Joan Bradley at ogremtb@aol.com. Let's come together to make a difference!

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

UWF MISSION BARN TRIP — ALL ARE WELCOME

Saturday, July 26 | 9:00 AM | Mission Barn, 181 Columbus Dr, New Castle, PA 16101

Join us for a day of hands-on service at the UMCOR Mission Barn in New Castle, a vital hub for collecting and distributing relief kits. We'll carpool from the church at 9:00 AM and arrive by 10:00 AM. The morning will be spent assembling and verifying kits. Bring your own lunch – we'll take a break around noon, then continue working until about 2:00 PM before heading home. Whether you're new to mission work or a longtime supporter, this is a great opportunity to see our connectional system in action and make a real impact.

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, July 27 (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, August 14 (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

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS



LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY KICK-OFF

Saturday, July 26 | 6:00 PM | Parsonage

Calling all those interested in helping craft an LGBTQIA+ ministry at Calvary to join us at the parsonage for a light dinner and discussion. We need input from those who identify as a part of the queer community, those who are an ally, a family member, etc. We want to hear from you and what you need in this new ministry as we plan for the future.

CALVARY WELCOMES BOBBY JO VALENTINE!

Wednesday, September 3 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Tickets: \$25 / Group Special – Buy 4, Get 1 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



HELP SHAPE CALVARY'S NEW LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY

Join us at the parsonage on Saturday, July 26 at 6:00 PM for a light dinner and conversation as we begin planning a new LGBTQIA+ ministry at Calvary. We welcome input from LGBTQIA+ individuals, allies, family members, and all who care about building an inclusive community. See the SPECIAL EVENTS section for more details.

NEW FRIDGE, COLD POP, BIG IMPACT!

Check out the new refrigerator downstairs in the Fellowship Hall – now stocked with pop **for just \$1!** All proceeds support our Revive & Renew Capital Campaign, helping Calvary quench its thirst for renovation projects. Want to contribute in another way? We're accepting donations of Pepsi and Coke products only, please. Thank you for your support – every dollar (and every can!) makes a difference!

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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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FAMILY MINISTRY



WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL — THIS GROUP IS ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Fellowship Hall

This class is offered to children ages 3-10 years old.

TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL — THIS GROUP IS ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Alternate Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

This class is available for children aged 11 to 17 and is taught by Megan Bova.

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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

Summer is here, and with many folks traveling, we need all hands on deck to keep worship running smoothly. Whether you love working with kids, greeting guests, speaking, or helping behind the scenes – there's a place for you! Please reply with the dates you're available to serve. Whether it's once or multiple times, your help makes a difference. Contact the church office to sign up – we can't do it without you!

EVENTS

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, July 27 (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, August 3 (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, August 3 (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.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, August 10 (2nd Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

New members will be welcomed during morning worship.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 21 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

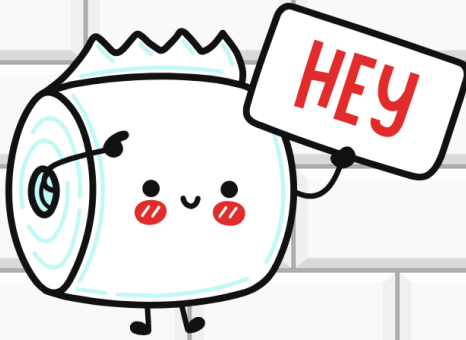
There will not be meetings in either July or December.

WEEKLY

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Sundays | Following Worship | Chapel

Please join us around the tables in the chapel behind the sanctuary following morning worship for refreshments and fellowship.



Don't like the
condition of our
restrooms?

Neither do we...
We have a plan!

Please help us to fully renovate
all of our restrooms by donating
to our CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

REVIVE & RENEW A THREE-PHASE JOURNEY



- 1 This year, in 2025, we will complete the restroom installation and entryway project.
- 2 Complete the exterior restoration, including repointing, roofing, and final window repairs.
- 3 Updates to the fellowship hall, basement restrooms, and kitchen.

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