

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



Calvary Will Never Give Up



OCT

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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 this is your first time with us, welcome! We're so glad you're here. We'd love to get to know you better, so please stop by the Welcome Tables to learn more about our church family. 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 ask one of our friendly greeters – we're happy to help.

FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children to join us in worship – including our littlest ones! If it would be helpful, there's a Family Area at the back left of the sanctuary, complete with rocking chairs and toys to keep little ones comfortable and engaged.

LOCATION OF BATHROOMS

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 the right side of the sanctuary and heading toward the back of the building.

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

Larry Ehrlich
Nancy Richards
Terri Jagielski
Fiona McGrath and family in the passing
of her brother
John Stavish and Kerry Wetmore, friends
of Callie Buzard
Bobby Buckner, friend of Brian B.
Susan D. friend of Terry J.
Rachel Merkel, daughter of Rev. David
Eichelberger
Rev. Deborah Ackley-Killian

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker
Jeanne Dithomas
Kyle Giest
Susan Gilliland
Martha Helmreich
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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP †★

Leader: Oh, how I love your will, dear Lord. I meditate on your wisdom all day long.

People: Your teaching makes me wiser each day. Your instruction helps me become my truest self.

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

People: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light that shines on my path.

HYMN OF PRAISE †★ "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" – #203 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †★

You call us, Lord of Life, to a faith that stays in motion. You urge us to grow in wisdom and to be reconciled with all. Yet, we fail to understand that faith is not something fixed. It is not a goal to be achieved, a place where we arrive and then rest on our laurels. Call us anew, dear Christ, to seek you in neighbors who need us. Help us pursue peace with more persistence than those who pursue violence. Grant us an unyielding faith— a faith that transforms our own hearts and the world around us. This we pray in your name, which is Love. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †★ "Shine, Jesus, Shine" – Words to Follow

Shine Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Fathers Glory
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow
Flood the nation with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word.
Lord and let there be light.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ★ Jeremiah 31:31-34 NRSV

- 31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.
- 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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 * "O Day of God, Draw Nigh" – #730 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.

ANTHEM Renewal Choir

GOSPEL LESSON †* Luke 18:1-8 NRSV

- 1 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.
- 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.
- 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.'
- 4 For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,
- 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' "
- 6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.
- 7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?
- 8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Order of Worship continued on following page.

† Please stand as you are able / * Words on screen / Bold text is unison.

SERMON “As long as ever you can.” – Kenny Elliott

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 †★ “For the Healing of the Nations” – #428 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

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

Come and join other book lovers for an evening of...
reading our own book!!!



SILENT BOOKS & PUZZLES

Wednesday, October 29
Monday, November 24



6:30-8:30 PM



Calvary UMC Parsonage

939 Beech Avenue, Northside, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

6:30-7:00 PM

Light refreshments & Introductions

7:00-8:15 PM

Silent Reading Time in a quiet setting. Jigsaw Puzzle Building will take place in a separate area of the home, so as not to disturb readers.

8:15-8:30 PM

Wrap-up



Fee - \$10

Purchase tickets in advance at CalvaryPgh.com.
All Proceeds Benefit Calvary's Capital Campaign.



THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN

OCT 19

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Monthly) | Fellowship Hall

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON

OCT 20

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

6:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES

OCT 21

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:30 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) – MANCHESTER

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

MESSIAH FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:30 – 9:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

WED

OCT 22

UNCLOBBED – BIBLE STUDY LED BY TIM NAPIERLSKI

7:00 PM (Weekly) | Parsonage

IRON CITY SQUARES – LGBTQIA+ SQUARE DANCE CLUB

7:00 – 9:15 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

THURS

OCT 23

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:30 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:00 PM (Weekly) | Music Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

FRI
OCT 24

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
6:00 – 9:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

SUN
OCT 26

OPENING GATHERING
9:45 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

UNCLOBBERED – BIBLE STUDY LED BY TIM NAPIERLSKI
10:00 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

SUNDAY SCHOOL – K-3RD, 4TH-6TH
10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Presbytery

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 7TH-12TH
10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Christian Education Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

CHOIR REHEARSAL
10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

ALL SAINTS' DAY
During Worship | Sanctuary

“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

SPECIAL EVENTS



ALL SAINTS' DAY – REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, October 26 | During Worship | Sanctuary

On Sunday, October 26, 2025, Calvary will honor those who have passed away since November 1, 2024. If you would like a loved one remembered, please complete the All Saints' Day Remembrance Form (insert) and submit it to the church office or place it in the offering plate by Sunday, October 19. Let us come together to celebrate the lives of those we hold dear and remember the light they brought into our lives.

SILENT READING & PUZZLE NIGHTS – AN EVENING OF CALM AND CONNECTION

TWO DATES: Wednesday, October 29 & Monday, November 24

6:30 – 8:30 PM | Parsonage

Cost: \$10 per person – All proceeds support Calvary's Capital Campaign

Looking for a cozy night out? Bring your favorite book—or join in on puzzle-building—and enjoy a peaceful evening of quiet reading, light refreshments, and calm company. It's self-care in community, with time to unwind and recharge together. A separate space will be available for jigsaw puzzle-building, and we'll end the evening with more refreshments and friendly conversation.

SONGS FOR GAZA – FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

Saturday, November 1 | 7:00 – 11:00 PM (Doors at 7PM | Show at 8PM | 21 and over)

The Original Pittsburgh Winery, 2809 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Cost: \$20 (plus taxes & fees)

Purchase Tickets: <http://bit.ly/42zTJ4l>

A group of Pittsburgh musicians, artists, and supporters will host "Songs for Gaza" at the Original Pittsburgh Winery in the Strip District. This special concert will raise critical funds to support World Central Kitchen's famine relief efforts in Gaza, with 100% of donations going directly to help provide food and aid to those in need. Join us for an evening of music, compassion, and hope as our community comes together to support those suffering from hunger and hardship.

2025 WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON INVITATION – HOSTED BY CUWF

Sunday, November 2 | 12:30 – 3:30 PM

Bravo Restaurant, 4976 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Cost: \$30 per person (payable by cash or check made out to CUWIF)

RSVP Deadline: Sunday, October 26

RSVP Contact: Kim Butler at 412-638-7773 or kimabutler4@gmail.com

All women of Calvary are invited to celebrate the start of the holiday season at the 2025 Christmas Luncheon hosted by Calvary United Women in Faith. Join us for a joyful afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun—including our always-popular "Regift Exchange" game! Please let Kim Butler know if you have any dietary restrictions. Free parking is available on site, and best of all, we'll be driving in the daylight!

GET CONNECTED



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVE, SHARE, AND CONNECT THROUGH FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Food and fellowship at Calvary are a special way to connect, laugh, and share after worship. We're forming friendly teams to help prepare, serve, and clean up one Sunday a month, and sponsorships are also available (\$50 after service or \$100 for the monthly luncheon). If you'd like to volunteer or sponsor a Sunday, please connect with Mike Schnitgen, our Food Ministry Coordinator.

EVENTS

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, October 26 (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, November 2 (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, November 2 (1st Sunday of each month) | Following Worship | TBD

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 20 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 - 8:00 PM | Chapel

There will not be a meeting in December.

WEEKLY

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Sundays | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

Please join us around the tables in the fellowship hall following morning worship for refreshments and fellowship. Please use the stairs on the Beech Avenue side or the elevator in the back of the chapel.

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

UNCLOBBED – OUR NEW FALL BIBLE STUDY

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

Wednesdays | 7:00 PM | Parsonage

This fall, Calvary launches its new LGBTQIA+ ministry led by Tim Napieralski with a two-part experience. We'll begin with a screening of 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture, a documentary revealing how a 1946 Bible mistranslation fueled anti-gay theology. Drawing on Yale archives, scholars, and personal stories, it challenges long-held assumptions and invites new understanding. Next, we'll explore UnClobber by Colby Martin, a study that reexamines the six "Clobber Passages" often used to exclude LGBTQIA+ people. 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: December 8

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.

IRON CITY SQUARES – LGBTQIA+ SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Wednesdays | 7:00 – 9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

Iron City Squares invites you to join us for Modern Western Square Dancing. No partner or special clothing needed—everyone is welcome!

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.

FOR SONGS GAZA

NOV 1

7-11 PM

PITTSBURGH WINERY

2809 PENN AVENUE



WE'RE HONORED TO FEATURE AN INCREDIBLE LINEUP OF PERFORMERS, INCLUDING:

**BILL TOMS - PHAT MAN DEE - ANDRE COSTELLO - LIZ MCBRIDE
MARK DIGNAM - KELSEY JUMPER - LAUREN DEMICHIEI
DAVID DICKINSON - ABBEY MARTIN - ART DONSKY**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT: WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

DONATE VENMO: @SONGSFORGAZA

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Daily Bread needs cookies! Please bring your baked goods and place them in the freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Questions? Contact Judy Flaherty (412-913-8250 / jakflaher1908@gmail.com).

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

"CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, October 26 (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.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturdays: November 1, November 29 | 9:00 - 10:30 AM

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

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.

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH - SERVING DAILY BREAD

Thursday, November 13 (2nd Thursday of each month) | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

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

WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

Mondays | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

This group makes sleeping bags from recycled materials, filled with personal care items, and delivers them to local homeless shelters. No sewing experience is required! We especially need sheets, curtains, coverlets, and tablecloths. Contact Terri Howell (412-482-2211 / trr_howell@yahoo.com) for further details.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR SINGERS!

13TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT

Sing with us this holiday season! Join Calvary's Festival Choir for our 13th annual Messiah concert and be part of a joyful, welcoming community! Experience Handel's timeless masterpiece by candlelight and Calvary's stunning Tiffany stained glass. Sing alongside professional soloists and our orchestra, and lead the audience in eight festive sing-along choruses. No auditions needed, and singers of all voice parts and experience levels are welcome. **Rehearsals begin Tuesday, October 7, from 7:30–9:00 pm.** Celebrate the season, connect with fellow music lovers, and share your voice!

EVENTS

13TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT

Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14 | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Tickets: \$20 General Admission, \$15 Students/Seniors, Free for children 10 years & under

Celebrate the season with Handel's inspiring Messiah surrounded by the glow of candlelight and Calvary's magnificent Tiffany stained-glass masterpieces. Now in its 13th year, this beloved Calvary tradition is a family-friendly, interactive concert that draws audiences from across the region. Tickets on sale now at **CalvaryPgh.com**.

WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 PM (6:00 – 7:30 PM from October–December) | 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 at **bsburns77@aol.com** for more details.

MESSIAH CHOIR REHEARSAL

Tuesdays (Beginning October 7) | 7:30 – 9:00 PM | Sanctuary

No auditions are needed, and singers of all voice parts and experience levels are welcome. Celebrate the season, connect with fellow music lovers, and share your voice! Contact Karen Ferguson at **karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com** for more details.

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Tuesdays (Jan – May, Sep) | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in 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 at **bsburns77@aol.com** for more details.



CALVARY
United Methodist Church

Handel's
MESSIAH
Sing-Along

Sing, Celebrate and Share the Story

13th Annual Handel's Messiah Sing-Along
December 13 & December 14, 2025, at 4:00 PM

Dear Calvary Family,

For 13 wonderful years, our Messiah Sing-Along has brought our family, friends and neighbors together to celebrate the season with music, joy and community spirit. Each year, this beloved tradition comes to life **because of you—your voices, your presence, your generosity and your love for our church family.** Together, we:

- Share the joy of family-friendly holiday music with our Northside and North Shore neighbors
- Support local outreach ministries like the Northside Common Ministries Food Pantry
- Provide free or reduced-cost admission to children, neighborhood schools, military service members, veterans, and first responders

This year's concert is especially meaningful as it **connects our Music Ministry with Calvary's Revive & Renew campaign**—a \$1 million effort to revitalize our space into a more welcoming, functional, and inspiring place for everyone who comes through our doors. Planned updates, including first-floor restroom renovations, will enhance hospitality and accessibility for all.

Every gift—large or small—helps write the next chapter in Calvary's story. If you or your business would like to support this year's concert, please pick up a complete **Sponsorship and Program Ad form** at one of the Welcome Tables and join us in **helping it grow and inspire our community.**

Your generosity brings neighbors together in song, strengthens community ties, and ensures this cherished tradition continues—while supporting the long-term impact of our capital campaign. **Thank you, Calvary family, for all the ways you give, serve, sing and share God's love throughout the year.**

With love and appreciation,
Brian Burns, Music Director



EVENTS

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, October 24 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Take a well-deserved break while we care for your little ones! Calvary is offering a night of free babysitting and dinner for children, giving parents a chance to relax and recharge. Kids will enjoy an evening of food, games, and activities.

PARENTS' DAY OUT

Sunday, December 21 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a daytime outing while we care for your little ones! Calvary is offering free babysitting and lunch for children, giving parents a chance to relax, finish last-minute Christmas shopping, or wrap presents. Kids will enjoy food, games, and a Santa Shop to pick out gifts for family and friends.

WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL–K–3RD, 4TH–6TH,

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

Our Sunday School is divided into K–3rd, 4th–6th, and 7th–12th grades for age-appropriate learning, using Cokesbury's FaithWeaver NOW series.

SUNDAY SCHOOL–7TH–12TH

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Christian Education Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

Our Sunday School is divided into K–3rd, 4th–6th, and 7th–12th grades for age-appropriate learning, using Cokesbury's FaithWeaver NOW series.

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

MAJOR REPORTS & ACTIONS

FINANCE & CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- **Dave Tinker** to chair the Capital Campaign.
- **New AED machines** installed.
- **Financial Overview:**
 - Giving and Special event revenue is down, but typical of this time of year.
 - Advent is a strong giving season.
- **Capital Campaign funds:**
 - Raised: **\$129,128.41**
 - Spent: **\$90,278.31**
 - Need: **\$200,000 more by mid-November**
- Motion passed: Authorization to draw up to \$200,000 from the Calvary/Emanuel UM Foundation account for Phase One invoices (with approvals).

COMMUNICATIONS & PROMOTION

- **New rack cards, banners, and magnets** created.
- **Community mailer** and **Capital Campaign sign** in progress.
- Ads appearing in *City Paper* (“Best of Pittsburgh”) and future *QBurgh* editions.

MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- **Children & Family Ministries:**
 - Sunday School thriving (6–10 children).
 - “Referee Jesus” game well received.
- **Adult Education:**
 - Sunday class (~19 people) and new Wednesday night option.
 - Women’s Bible Study (10 regular attendees).
- **Rummage Sale**—September 27
 - Volunteers needed
 - Food includes “Wise County’s Pumpkin Biscuits”
- **Messiah Concert**
 - 36 tickets sold (record early sales)
- **United Women of Faith**
 - 9 attended picnic
 - 2026 planning pending

PASTORAL & STRATEGIC UPDATES

- **Charge Conference:** Sept 21 after worship; includes “Blueprint: 2025–2040” launch
- **New lay-led ministries:** Earth Day, LGBTQIA+, Blessing of the Pets, and Care Team
- **Safe Sanctuary Guidelines:** Approved
- **Upcoming events:**
 - Blue Christmas Service – Dec 21 (with Rev. Karen Sledinger)
 - Parents’ Day Out – Dec 21, 1–4 PM
 - Christmas decorating by Nov 24.
- **Strategic Plan:** Focus on member participation and case for a **full-time pastor**.

2025
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
INVITATION

*Inviting all women of Calvary to gather and
celebrate the start of the holiday season with a
luncheon this year hosted by the Calvary
United Women in Faith.*

*Join the fun by bringing a wrapped item you
want to regift for the “Regift Exchange” game.
A favorite!*

Date: Sunday, November 2, 2025

Location: Bravo Restaurant
4976 McKnight Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 per person
Payable by check (make out to CUWIF) or cash

RSVP: By Sunday, October 26 to Kim Butler

412-638-7773 or kimabutler4@gmail.com

Dietary Restrictions: Let Kim Butler know

Parking: Free parking on site

Driving in the day – Hooray!



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



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