

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



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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:

- To the right, you'll find an accessible restroom and a baby changing table on the same level.
- To the left, restrooms are located down the stairs.
- 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

The Vecchio Family as they deal with the aftermath of their recent house fire
The family of Mary Ann Vogel who passed away on May 2nd
Barb Havlack
Celebrating the successful outcomes of Terri Jagielski's daughter, Colleen, surgeries
Leah, cousin of Tim Napieralski

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker
Jeanne Dithomas
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

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP †*

Leader: The God of love and grace invites us in.
People: Blessed be the God of love!
Leader: The God of power and might welcomes us here.
People: Glory to God on high!
Leader: The God of wisdom and truth speaks to us now.
People: Praise the One who speaks truth to our hearts!

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE †* "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" — #127 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †*

Shepherding God, guide us in this time of worship. Help us receive We yearn for a world where love and grace guide our steps and bless our days. We dream of families and communities led by love and guided by grace. Yet, division, danger, and death interrupt our dreams and dampen our hopes for our lives. Unify us with your love and grace, that we might offer your abundant love and amazing grace, everywhere we go. Walk closely with us and help us feel your constant presence, both now and forevermore. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †* "He Is Lord" — #177 UMH (Two Times)

He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 23 NRSV — #754 UMH

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
People: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,
Leader: leads me beside still water, restores my life,
People: leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord's name.
Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
People: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
Leader: You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies;
People: you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
People: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER * "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" — #306 UMH
You are welcome to come forward to the altar for prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM Renewal Choir

GOSPEL LESSON †* John10:22-30 NRSV

- 22 At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,
- 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.
- 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."
- 25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me,
- 26 but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep.
- 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.
- 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.
- 29 My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand.
- 30 The Father and I are one."

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 "A Voice of Promise" — 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 †

CELEBRATING DAUGHTERS

CLOSING HYMN †* "Hymn of Promise" — #707 UMH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH †* "The Apostles Creed" — #881 UMH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

Please join us for a time of fellowship around the tables in the chapel.

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



A Time for Fellowship

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

See announcement in the GET CONNECTED section on how you can get involved in our fellowship time at Calvary!

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

MORE INFO

MEGAN 412-715-4946 OR BRITTANY 412-715-4947

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
MAY 11

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
MAY 12

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

6:30 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**JOURNEYING THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
BIBLE STUDY WITH TINA WHITEHEAD**

10:00 – 11:30 AM | Chapel

TUES
MAY 13

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
MAY 15

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

CHARGE CONFERENCE

6:30 PM | Chapel

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

6:30 – 8:00 PM (Monthly) | Chapel

SUN
MAY 18

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP – BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. BOGDEWIC

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

CHOIR REHEARSAL

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

JOIN A FELLOWSHIP TEAM!



We are looking for teams of 2-3 people to help prepare easy, delicious meals for fellowship time.



No culinary experience? No problem! We also need people to help with clean-up.



It's a great opportunity to serve and connect with others in a meaningful way.

INTERESTED? See Mike Schnitgen
or contact the church office directly.



MISSIONS & OUTREACH



EVENTS

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, May 25 (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 encouraging and joining in their generosity!

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, June 7, Saturday, July 12, Saturday, August 30 | 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 (laehrlich927@aol.com) with any questions.

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – SERVING DAILY BREAD

Thursday, June 12 (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.

UWF MISSION BARN TRIP

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

Join us for a trip to the Mission Barn in New Castle, a United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) collection and distribution center. This is a great chance to see firsthand how our connnectional system works and to make a tangible difference. We will carpool from the church at 9:00 AM, aiming to arrive by 10:00 AM. Once there, we'll spend the morning assembling and verifying kits. Please remember to bring your own lunch, as we'll break to eat around noon and then continue working until about 2:00 PM, after which we'll head home. Whether you're new to mission work or a longtime supporter, this day of service and fellowship is a wonderful way to deepen your understanding and get involved. All are welcome!

WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

Mondays | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

The Sleeping Bag Ministry makes sleeping bags from recycled materials and donates them to homeless shelters.

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.

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP – BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. CHAD BOGDEWIC

Sundays | 10:00 AM | Parlor

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (February 4, 1906 – April 9, 1945) was a Lutheran theologian and activist from Germany who was an outspoken critic of Hitler and the Nazi Regime. In 1937, he published *The Cost of Discipleship*, an exploration of the Sermon on the Mount. He was arrested in 1943 and executed in 1945, just weeks before the death of Hitler and the end of World War II. This study is a look at Bonhoeffer's book. What can we learn from this modern martyr in today's world?

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.

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE – BIBLE STUDY WITH TINA WHITEHEAD

Mondays (May 12 & 19, June 2, 9 & 16) | 10:00 – 11:30 AM | Chapel

All are welcome to a unique Bible study series led by Tina, a familiar guest at Calvary known for bringing beautiful olive wood pieces from Bethlehem. This time, Tina returns to share a Geographical and Pictorial Study of the Gospel of Luke. Using maps and over 370 photos from her 25 years of travel in the Holy Land, she'll bring Jesus' ministry to life in a vivid and meaningful way. Come when you can! Sponsored by the Thursday Women's Bible Study.

GA (GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS)

Mondays (2nd Monday every other month) | 6:30 PM | Chapel

Next Meeting: June 9

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

We are exploring Beth Moore's study of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Galatians 5:22-23. A portion of our time is spent in prayer before delving into our study. This prayer and study time is open to all women.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Calling all Lay Liturgists, Welcome Team Members, Slide Projectionists, Children's Message, and Communion Servers (1st Sunday of Each Month)

The summer months are approaching and all will be enjoying time away from home and church – so it's going to take a Calvary Church Village to fill the slots.

- Do you love kids?
- Enjoy meeting new people?
- How about public speaking?
- Know how to run a slide projector?
- Ever wanted to assist visitors and new members with name tags?
- Perhaps you've always wanted to work behind the scenes by setting up for Worship?

Find your interest and please respond to this email with the dates that you can help. Any time you can commit - once, twice, three times or more - is greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office to save your space. We promise that it will be a rewarding experience – imagine the possibilities if we all work together!!!

NAME TAGS

We encourage you to make and wear a name tag:

- If this is your first time at Calvary, someone will help you make a name tag.
- Name tags create a welcoming atmosphere, especially for first-time visitors.
- They make it easier for everyone to learn and use your name, helping us get to know one another.
- Wearing a name tag helps everyone feel included and connected.
- It also shows that we value you and want to build strong relationships within our church community.

FOOD/FELLOWSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The times we gather for food at Calvary are very important for making CONNECTIONS and continuing the fellowship after the worship service. We talk, laugh, share, and nourish one another in body and spirit. To sustain these connections, we are asking for volunteers and/or sponsors for our food/fellowship times.

Teams are being created to help with prep, service, and clean-up. A team will be responsible for the food/fellowship time one Sunday each month. If you are interested in serving on one of these teams, please speak to Mike Schnitgen, Food Ministry Coordinator.

Calvary's annual budget includes line items for income and expenses for weekly fellowship. A DONATIONS BOX will be provided each week and any donation amount will be appreciated. There are also opportunities for sponsorship – \$50 for after service and \$100 for the monthly luncheon. Please see Mike Schnitgen to sponsor a Sunday. The more we balance food income against food expenses, the more we will support a balanced budget for Calvary.

EVENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, May 15 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

There will not be meetings in either July or December.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Thursday, May 15 | 6:30 PM | Chapel

There will be a charge conference meeting at the beginning of the Church Council meeting.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, May 25 (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, June 1 (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, June 1 (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 members will be welcomed into full membership the following Sunday.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, June 8 (2nd Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

New members will be welcomed during morning worship.

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.



WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

DAILY BREAD PICNIC LUNCH

Sunday, June 8 | Time TBA | Daily Bread, 901 Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

All are welcome to help serve up this picnic-style lunch at Daily Bread.

PARABLES ON THE PORCH: VBS REIMAGINED!

Sunday, June 22 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Calvary UMC

Sunday, July 13 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Calvary UMC

Sunday, August 3 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Calvary UMC

Sunday, August 24 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Calvary UMC

Join Us This Summer for Parables on the Porch! Calvary UMC is reimagining Vacation Bible School—and you're invited!

This summer, come experience the parables of Jesus like never before during four special Sunday evenings of interactive, live-action storytelling. Together, we'll dive into the timeless wisdom of the parables through creative group reenactments, meaningful discussions, and community connection.

Whether you're young or young at heart, bring your family, invite your neighbors, and come ready to learn, laugh, and grow in faith. Each evening includes a delicious meal and an opportunity to explore the teachings of Jesus in a fun, fresh way.

Let's gather on the porch and bring the stories to life!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHARGE CONFERENCE

There will be a Charge Conference meeting at the beginning of the Church Council meeting on Thursday, May 15 at 6:00pm.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

Calvary is starting a new Congregational Care Ministry in the next few months. It is being led by Denny Brown and Rev. Budd Wagner. There will be training that will help people feel comfortable helping others through difficult times in their life. Caring for others is a unique way to put our faith into action and make a positive impact. More information will be coming soon. If you have an interest, please talk to Denny, Budd or Rev. Beth.

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE PARKING TEAM

Greetings! We kindly ask parishioners and visitors to allow those with limited mobility to park in the lot behind the church for easier access to the ramp. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated. Wishing everyone a blessed, safe, and wonderful summer!

HOT OFF THE PRESS – THE CROSS ROAD: SPRING 2025 EDITION IS HERE!

We're thrilled to share the latest issue of The Cross Road, Calvary UMC's quarterly periodical! Inside this edition, you'll find inspiring stories, ministry updates, and upcoming events that highlight the vibrant life of our church community. Whether you're looking to get involved or simply stay in the loop, there's something for everyone. Read it online at <https://calvarypgh.com/newsletter-1>. Prefer print? Grab a printed booklet at the Welcome Tables. We pray this issue helps you feel even more connected to what God is doing through our church this season. Happy reading!

MUSIC MINISTRY



WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | 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.

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

THIS GROUP IS CURRENTLY ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Tuesdays (January – May) | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

Thursdays (September – December) | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the 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.

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



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