

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



JUN

15TH

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:

- 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

Judy Melvin

Continued healing, blessings and
encouragement for the Jones Family

Beth Kelley

Chuck Dean, Sr. and the Dean Family

Chris Siewers (Beech Avenue neighbor)

Jim Parrish (Beech Avenue neighbor)

Continued Prayers for Lisa L. and her
mother

Lois Placke on the death of her twin sister
(neighbor to David Eichelberger)

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Joan Bradley

Paul Brucker

Jeanne Dithomas

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP †*

Leader: Majestic God, your name rests upon our lips and opens our hearts to the blessings of life.

People: **How is it that you care for each of us by name?**

Leader: How is it that you come to one and all in worship? How is it that in all your grandeur, we are not lost?

People: **We worship you in thanksgiving and praise, rejoicing in your tender, abiding presence. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE †* "Holy, Holy, Holy" — #64 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †*

Holy Wisdom, Spirit of truth, your glory is written across the starry heavens; your wonder is etched in the earth and seas. Who are we that you care for us so deeply? Why do you love us so completely? Raise your clarion call once more. Speak to us this day, that our lives may be steeped in your wisdom, and our path may be marked with delight in your goodness. 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 8 NRSV

- 1 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
- 2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
- 4 what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
- 5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.
- 6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,
- 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
- 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- 9 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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 * "Spirit of the Living God" — #393 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 †* John 16:12-15 NRSV
12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
14 He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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 "Can you hear me now?" — Kenny Elliott, Lay Leader

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES AND CHANGE MATTERS

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 †* "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling" — #384 UMH

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.*

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
JUN 15

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
JUN 16

TINA WHITEHEAD'S STUDY OF LUKE

10:00 – 11:30 AM | Chapel

TUES
JUN 17

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CREATIVE CANDLE-MAKING EVENING

6:00 – 8:00 PM | PSquare Scents, 469 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue, PA 15202

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) — MANCHESTER

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

THURS
JUN 19

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

6:30 – 8:00 PM (Monthly) | Chapel

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

FRI
JUN 20

SUMMER SOLSTICE

4:00 – 8:00 PM | Calvary UMC

SUN
JUN 22

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP — BIBLE STUDY (REV. BOGDEWIC)

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

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

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING — MAY 15, 2025

This summary of the Church Council minutes is being provided each month to keep the Calvary congregation informed about the work of the Council on behalf of Calvary. If you have additional questions or want more detail, Please reach out to the co-presidents, Jan Meyers and Ken Elliott.

1. Pastor's Report (Rev. Beth Nelson)

- **June Worship Highlights:**
 - June 1 – Pride Sunday
 - June 8 – Pentecost & 130th Anniversary of Calvary's Dedication
 - June 15 – Father's Day (Ken Elliott preaching)
 - June 29 – Seeking pulpit supply due to Wine & Garden Tour at 939 Beech Ave.
- **Officiant Policy Discussion:** Concern raised about non-traditional officiants at weddings held at Calvary. Council supported Rev. Nelson having authority to approve/reject officiants.

2. Finance Report (Chris Sweeney)

- Reviewed January–April 2025 financials.
- New money market account at Key Bank opened.
- Capital Campaign funds to be tracked on the balance sheet.
- The 2025 Budget presented. Will be discussed at next Finance Committee meeting.

3. Trustees / Capital Campaign (Brian Burns)

- Phase One Renovation to begin in the fall of 2025.
- Full Capital Campaign plan in development.

4. Missions Team (Patty Bogdowic)

- Summer project: Blessing Bags
- New flyer received for Hugh's Kitchen (supporting LGBTQ+ teens). Item collection during Pride Month.
- Ongoing projects:
 - NVH food distribution sign-up posted.
 - Toothpaste drive for Pleasant Valley Shelter.
 - Sleeping bag production on hiatus.

5. Worship & Membership

- Worship attendance has exceeded 100 for six consecutive weeks.
- Monthly new membership classes to be initiated due to increased interest.

6. Children & Family Ministries (Mrs. McDonald)

- Shift to project-based learning model.
- Vacation Bible School becoming "Parables in the Park."
- Teen group showing growing connections.
- No confirmation class this season.
- Children will serve picnic lunch at Daily Bread, June 8th.

7. Food Ministry (Mr. Schnitgen)

- New volunteers are being recruited and are greatly appreciated.

8. United Women in Faith (Mrs. Ehrlich)

- Candle-making event in Bellevue scheduled for June 17.
- Mission Barn trip planned for July.

9. Other Reports & Announcements

- **Hymn Sing** raised \$600.
- **New Church Start** planned at Northview Heights through Church Union.
- **Congregational Care Team** being developed with Rev. Wagner and Mr. Denny Brown.

10. Strategic Planning Discussion

- Ken Elliott's strategic proposal presented (5/10/15-year vision).
- Compared to the 2016 plan, which was disrupted by the pandemic.
- Encouragement to maintain current momentum without overcomplicating planning.
- General agreement it was valuable; no formal action taken.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A BOOK & PUZZLE NOOK?

Come check out our cozy corner filled with current bestsellers and adorable jigsaw puzzles – available to rent and return for just \$2! Want to keep it? You can buy a book or puzzle for only \$5. We've already raised over \$100 to support our Restoration Program – thank you for being a part of that! Come join the fun: rent or buy, donate your gently used books and puzzles, and help make a difference!

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 quickly approaching, and many of us will be enjoying time away from home and church. That means it's going to take a Calvary Church Village to fill all the necessary slots!

Do you love working with kids? Enjoy meeting new people? Are you comfortable with public speaking? Know how to run a slide projector? Ever wanted to assist visitors and new members with name tags? Or perhaps you've always wanted to help behind the scenes by setting up for Worship?

Whatever your interest, we'd love to have you join in. Please respond to this email with the dates you're available to help. Whether it's once, twice, three times, or more – any time you can commit is greatly appreciated. Contact the church office to reserve your spot. We promise it will be a rewarding experience—just imagine the possibilities when we all work together!

FOOD/FELLOWSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Food and fellowship are key to building connections at Calvary. To keep this ministry going, we need volunteers and sponsors. Teams will handle prep, service, and clean-up one Sunday each month. Interested? Talk to Mike Schnitgen, Food Ministry Coordinator.

A donation box will be available each week – every gift helps. You can also sponsor a Sunday: \$50 for after-service refreshments or \$100 for the monthly luncheon. Your support helps keep this ministry strong and our budget balanced.

EVENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 19 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

There will not be meetings in either July or December.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, June 29 (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, July 6 (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, July 6 (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, July 13 (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.

SPECIAL EVENTS



CREATIVE CANDLE-MAKING EVENING

Tuesday, June 17 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM

PSquare Scents, 469 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue, PA 15202

RSVP: Sign up in the chapel by Sunday, June 8

Join the UWIF for a creative evening of candle making! Each attendee will craft two custom-scented items – a candle and a bath or body product – to take home that night. Candle prices range from \$16–\$45 and additional items from \$7–\$18, with payment due at the event. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship, provided by Calvary United Women in Faith! Contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com with any questions.

SUMMER SOLSTICE

Friday, June 20 | 4:00 – 8:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Celebrate the Summer Solstice at Calvary United Methodist Church with an open house featuring our stunning Tiffany windows! Join us to experience the beauty of these historic windows as sunlight fills the sanctuary. It's a great opportunity to explore, appreciate the art, and connect with our community. We look forward to welcoming you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE MISSIONS PROJECT: STOCK HUGH'S KITCHEN

Help us support the LGBTQ+ and HIV communities by stocking Hugh's Kitchen with quality, in-demand supplies! This Pride Month, join us in showing love through action by donating essential items and making a difference in the lives of those in need.

- Sport Drinks
- Individual Drink Mix Packs
- Condiment Bottles/Jars
- Sugar
- Instant Noodles
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta
- Rice
- Juice Packs
- Sparkling Water
- Cake Mix/Frosting
- Microwavable Sides & Meals
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Seasoning
- Pet Food (Canned Wet or Kibble)
- Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Body Wash
- Hair Care Products (Curly Textured Hair)
- 2-in-1 Hair Care Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Multipurpose Cleaner

CAREGIVING MINISTRY LAUNCHING SOON

Calvary is beginning a new Caregiving Ministry, led by Denny Brown and Rev. Budd Wagner. Training will be provided to help volunteers feel confident supporting others through life's challenges. Caring for others is a powerful way to live out our faith and make a difference. If you're interested, please speak with Denny, Budd, or Rev. Beth. More details coming soon!

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, June 29 (Last Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

Our children are gathering spare change to support Daily Bread. Every little bit helps feed those in need. Thank you for encouraging their generosity!

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH — SERVING DAILY BREAD

Thursday, July 10 (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

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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.

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.

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.

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!

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: 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

UPDATE: for the next 5 weeks, The Women's Bible Study will be meeting on Mondays in support of Tina Whitehead's study on the Gospel of Luke. We will resume on Thursday, June 26. Study to be announced.



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at*

Calvary United Methodist Church

*with our annual open house showcasing our Tiffany windows
and the equally provocative 20th century windows*

by Pittsburgh's Hunt Studios

Friday, June 20

4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Join us in our chapel cafe for a taste of Pittsburgh!

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You ARE WELCOME HERE.



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