

CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday, June 28, 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

Judy Flaherty
Family and Friends of Charles Moore
Paul Brucker
Samantha - niece of Mary Ewalt
Al Meyers
Christine Siewers
Corrine Houser
George Janocsko
Niko
Judy Melvin
Aleata Weis
Barbara Wood - friend of Marirose

CONTINUING CONCERNS

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, JUNE 28

- **A Service of Celebration—Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 29

- **Back to Life NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00–8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00–10:00 AM | Chapel
- **NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00–8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00–10:00 AM | Chapel

SUNDAY, JULY 5

- **Sunday Morning Fellowship** | 9:30–11:00 AM | Chapel
- **A Service of Celebration—Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY CELEBRATION



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP + *

- Leader: We gather today as a diverse tapestry of creation, knit together by a love that knows no bounds.
- People: **We celebrate the image of God in every color, culture, gender, and sexuality.**
- Leader: God’s Spirit is present in both the grit and the glitter of life.
- People: **Awaken us to your vision of a world where all are free to flourish. Let us worship our loving God, together.**

OPENING HYMN + * “Ye Servants of God” – #181 UMH

OPENING PRAYER + *

God of all Creation, you have made us in your image, a rainbow of every color, culture, gender expression, language, orientation, and nation; grant that, when we look at one another, we may see You, expressed in yet another language of love; and grant that we may honor your holy presence in every life. We pray because of Jesus, who shows us the way. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME +

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 13 NRSV

- 1 How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
 - 2 How long must I bear pain[a] in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
 - 3 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
 - 4 and my enemy will say, “I have prevailed”; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
 - 5 But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
 - 6 I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt bountifully with me.
- 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 * “Help Us Accept Each Other” – #560 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.

GOSPEL LESSON + * Matthew 15:21-28 NRSV

- 21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
 - 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.”
 - 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”
 - 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”
 - 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”
 - 26 He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”
 - 27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”
 - 28 Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.
- Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Mind Changing Faith” – Rev. Chenda Innis Lee

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES & SPECIAL “CHANGE MATTERS” OFFERING

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 + * “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” – #731 UMH

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 +

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUMMER SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE UPDATE

Please note that the *Sleeping Bag Ministry*, *Sunday School* and *Adult Sunday School* have concluded for the summer. We are grateful to all who participated and supported these meaningful programs throughout the year. Both ministries will resume in September. We look forward to gathering again and continuing in fellowship and service at that time. Have a safe and blessed summer!

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – SUMMER BREAK

The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study will conclude its study of *Grace* by Max Lucado and begin its summer break on July 1. A new study and start date will be announced later this summer.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

During the summer months of June through August, fellowship following worship will take a break. Instead, we invite everyone to gather for fellowship before worship. The Calvary Café will be open each Sunday at 9:30 AM, offering coffee, tea, and snacks—a wonderful opportunity to connect ahead of the service. Please note that there will be no lunch after church until September. We look forward to sharing this time together and hope you will join us!

SUMMER CHOIR BREAK & SPECIAL MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Main Contact: Brian Burns (musicministry@Calvarypgh.com)

Our choir will be on break during the months of June, July and August. During this time, Brian is looking for individuals or groups to offer special music on Sundays. If you would like to share your musical gifts, we would love to have you participate! Please see Brian if you are interested.

EVENTS



VBS—HEROES OF THE BIBLE!

Monday, June 29 through Thursday, July 2 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Main Contact: Megan Bova (youthministry@calvarypgh.com)

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week at Vacation Bible School as we explore the exciting theme, *Heroes of the Bible!* Children will enjoy an engaging time of stories, music, crafts, games and learning about God's love while discovering inspiring examples of faith, courage and hope. A free dinner will be provided each night, making it a wonderful opportunity for families to come together and fellowship. We are also looking for volunteers to help make this special week possible, so please see Megan or Brittany if you would like to help. More information will be coming soon. Come be part of this joyful week, we can't wait to see you there!

HEY NEIGHBOR! SUMMER COOKOUTS

Wednesdays—July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19 | 6:00 PM | Calvary UMC Back Parking Lot

Everyone is invited to our Hey Neighbor! Summer Cookouts! Enjoy grilled favorites, yard games, fellowship, and—weather permitting—a cozy fire pit with roasted marshmallows and s'mores for dessert. Bring a friend and join us for four fun-filled evenings of food, laughter, and community!

QUEERS & FRIENDS WHO LOVE TO COOK AND EAT

Friday, July 10 (2nd Friday of each Month) | Time TBA

Rooftop of Tim Napieralski's apartment (address to follow)

Main Contact: Tim Napieralski (queerministry@calvarypgh.com)

The first "Queers and Friends Who Love to Cook and Eat" event will now take place on July 10, instead of the previously announced date of June 12. All are welcome—queers, friends, allies, and anyone looking for good food, great company and a welcoming space. The location will change each month. Stay tuned for more details!

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO CELEBRATE CHARLES MOORE

Sunday, July 19 | 1:00 PM | Calvary UMC

The Calvary Church family invites you to a memorial service celebrating the life of Charles Moore, a long-time member and Chairperson of the History and Archives Ministry. Charles entered eternal rest on Saturday, June 6. We give thanks for his faithful service and the lasting impact he made on our church community.

A PICNIC CELEBRATION FOR ALEATA WEIS!

Sunday, August 2 | Following Worship | Calvary UMC

We are so excited to celebrate Aleata and the many years she has poured into Calvary with love, care, and faithful service. After worship on August 2, we'll gather in Fellowship Hall for a joyful picnic lunch—fried chicken, potato salad, and all the good summer favorites. We'll have the tables set with red-and-white checkered cloths (her favorites!) to make it feel extra special. We hope you'll join us, bring a card sharing your appreciation, and help us send her off with full hearts, laughter, and plenty of love. Gifts are welcome, but your presence and gratitude are the greatest gift of all.

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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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