

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



God's Timing



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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 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

Judy Melvin

Michael – Westing HS, car accident,
multiple surgeries but he is ok

Larry Ehrlich

Nancy Richards

Terri Jagielski

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: We gather in awe,
People: standing in the presence of the One who crafted the stars, the mountains, the seas.
Leader: We gather in faith,
People: trusting that the One who has held little children holds our lives in the heart of God.
Leader: We gather in need,
People: seeking the One who longs for justice to grace each and every person in creation.

HYMN OF PRAISE †★ "Maker, in Whom We Live" – #88 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †★

Pour out your Spirit upon us as we gather, God of our salvation: so your grace might strengthen us for service; so your peace might calm our troubled souls; so your hope might mend our broken hearts. You enabled us to cling to faith, when hope runs through our fingers like sand. And You open the gateways of our hearts that we might sing, listen, pray and be restored. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †★ "Give Thanks" – Words to Follow

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given, Jesus Christ His Son.
And now, let the weak say I am strong. Let the poor say I am rich.
Because of what, the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given, Jesus Christ His Son.
And now, let the weak say I am strong. Let the poor say I am rich.
Because of what, the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ★ Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 NRSV

- 1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
- 2 O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?
- 3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

- 4 So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.
- 1 I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
- 2 Then the Lord answered me and said: write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.
- 3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.
- 4 Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM Renewal Choir

GOSPEL LESSON †★ Luke 19:1-10 NRSV

- 1 He entered Jericho and was passing through it.
- 2 A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich.
- 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.
- 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.
- 5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today."
- 6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.
- 7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."
- 8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."
- 9 Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.
- 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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.

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SERMON “God’s Timing” – Rev. Beth L. Nelson

HYMN OF PREPARATION †★ “This is the Day of New Beginnings” – #383 UMH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ★

Leader: You stirred the dust and created us for service, you breathed into our lungs so we could share your good news; you shape our hearts with the tools of compassion so we will seek justice for all.

People: **We thank you, God of gifts.**

Leader: In the hospitality of Zaccheus, we see your openness for all who are different; in the grumbling of his neighbors, we hear the echoes of our own prejudices and fears; in their transformation into a new person, we see your grace which is prepared for us.

People: **We thank you, Companion of the poor.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION ★

How patient is God! We run around trying to do everything our way, and God just waits. We try to buy life and happiness, and God waits. We hurt others and walk away from those in need, and God waits. God waits, and upon hearing our heartfelt prayers and cries for help, God touches us with forgiveness and new life. Come, join me as we pray to the One who waits to hear - from us!

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ★

Surrounded by so many seductions, Patient God, we find it difficult to see you in our lives. Justice has a hard time surviving when there is so much persecution and affliction towards the little ones of the world. Our neighborhoods, our families, our nation, are filled with strife and contention. We cry for help, Listening God; forgive us! As we wait for your grace to fill our lives, may we open our hearts to your hope and healing, always giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS ★

Leader: Rich, poor; young, old; sinner, saint. We are all God's children, and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant to be.

People: **Broken, we are mended; separated from others, we are made one; longing to serve, we are sent forth. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ★

Leader: May the God of all hope be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift your hearts to the One who comes to feast with you.

People: **We offer our hearts to God who is in our midst.**

Leader: Children of God, sing praises to the One who feeds you with goodness and hope.

People: **Our hearts and voices resound with joy.**

Leader: In your heart, God of wonder, you wrote the vision of creation, and the Word shaped the mountains from the rich loam of the valleys, your Spirit breathed life into every which sprang forth from your imagination. Welcomed into your garden with hope, we forgot your words of hospitality, running to catch a glimpse of the parade of seductions sin and death brought to town. Prophets came, your vision written on their hearts, your voice standing behind their words which sought to bring us back to you, but we took no delight in their invitations. So you sent your Beloved, Jesus the Christ, to be the guest of sinners in every time and place, that we might receive the gift of salvation.

So, with reformers and saints who have gone before us, with friends and neighbors sitting around us, we lift our songs of praise to you:

People: **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of justice and righteousness. All creation keeps watch for your justice. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to call us home. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: In your heart, Forgiving God, you wrote the vision of redemption, and sent Jesus, your Servant of righteousness, to your people at the appointed time. When our zeal for sin consumed us, he came to feed us with the bread of life; when our souls were emptied out by the corruption of death, he came to grow abundant faith in us; when we saw only destruction on the horizon, he came to stand at his watchpost, defeating sin and death so they could never harm us again, and inviting us to find life and peace in your heart's home for all eternity.

As we remember his life, his teachings, his words, as we celebrate the good news of his resurrection, we speak of our faith, which often seems a mystery:

People: **Christ will return, our hope and peace.**

Leader: In your heart, Blessing God, you wrote the vision of a community which would live out your kingdom here on earth, pouring out your Spirit of life and grace upon the gifts of the Bread and Cup, and on your people gathered for your Feast. As we are fed by your Word become life, give us understanding so we might hear those who are crying out for hope; as we are nourished by your Spirit of peace, may we go to all who live surrounded by oppression, bringing justice to every place where it has never prevailed.

And when we are gathered in that vision of life forever which is written in your heart, we will join our sisters and brothers from every time and place, forever praising you, God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our thanks to you, even as we pray as Jesus teaches:

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.

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SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. The bread we share is gluten-free so that all may share together. Please come forward as directed by the ushers, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup of grape juice.

A LITANY AFTER COMMUNION ★

Leader: God gives us the vision,
People: **so let us go to see others as our sisters and brothers.**
Leader: Jesus gives us the eyes,
People: **so let us look in all the unexpected places to welcome all into our lives.**
Leader: The Spirit calls us to watch,
People: **so let us bear witness to the justice and hope coming into our shattered world.**

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 †★ "The Summons" – #2130 TFWS

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

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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

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
NOV 2

COMMUNION

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
NOV 3

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

6:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
NOV 4

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:15 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
NOV 5

UNCLOBBED – FALL BIBLE STUDY LED BY TIM NAPIERALSKI

7:00 PM (Weekly) | Parsonage

IRON CITY SQUARES – LGBTQIA+ SQUARE DANCE CLUB

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

THURS
NOV 6

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

SUN
NOV 9

OPENING GATHERING

9:45 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

UNCLOBBED – BIBLE STUDY LED BY TIM NAPIERALSKI

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

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

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

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

TBD (Normally 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.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, November 30 (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.

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.

FAMILY MINISTRY



EVENTS

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.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 16 | 6:30 – 8:30 PM | Chapel

Join us for a fun evening of fellowship and a family-friendly movie! Snacks will be provided. Bring your loved ones and enjoy a night of laughter and community .

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 7 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Chapel

Enjoy an evening out while we care for your little ones! Calvary is offering free babysitting and dinner for children, giving parents a chance to relax, run errands, or enjoy some time to themselves. Kids will have fun with games, activities and plenty of fellowship.

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.

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

JESUS 101 – NEW BIBLE STUDY LED BY REV. MYLES BRADLEY

Sundays (Beginning November 30) | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Parsonage

Join Rev. Myles Bradley for Jesus 101, an engaging study exploring the life and teachings of Jesus. The class will meet on November 30, December 7 and 14, and resume after the holidays on January 4, 11, and 18. All are welcome!

UNCLOBBED – FALL BIBLE STUDY LED BY TIM NAPIERALSKI

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

Wednesdays | 7:00 PM | Parsonage

Led by Tim Napieralski, this two-part experience features a screening of 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture and a study of UnClobber by Colby Martin, reexamining the six “Clobber Passages.” 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 Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus by Lois Tverberg, exploring the cultural context of Jesus' teachings and practical ways to live as His disciples. Books are available, and all women are welcome to gather at the parsonage during construction.

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.



SPECIAL EVENTS



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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE!

The new Church Directory is ready to be picked up in the church office.

Each household will receive one copy and will be asked to sign for it when you pick it up.

If you have any updates or corrections to your personal information, please contact the church office at 412-231-2007 or CalvaryPgh@gmail.com.

A CALL TO SERVE: WORSHIP COORDINATOR

Do you have the gift of organization and a heart that delights in helping others worship God? Calvary is prayerfully seeking someone to serve as **Worship Coordinator** – a person who feels called to use their gifts to support and uplift our worship life together. This ministry involves coordinating with our pastor, musicians, and worship leaders to help our services flow smoothly and meaningfully. If you feel God nudging you to serve in this way, or would like to learn more, please speak with Lay Leader Kenny Elliott, Rev. Beth L. Nelson or contact the church office. Let's listen together for where the Spirit is leading!

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 30: JESUS 101

A new six-week Adult Sunday School class begins Sunday, November 30, the first Sunday of Advent. Join Rev. Myles Bradley for Jesus 101, an engaging study exploring the life and teachings of Jesus. The class will meet on November 30, December 7 and 14, and resume after the holidays on January 4, 11, and 18. All are welcome!

SWEET TREATS FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Candy bars are now available for purchase in the church office for only \$2 each. Choose from a variety of favorites—including Kit Kats, Reese's Cups, and more! All proceeds support Calvary's Revive & Renew Capital Campaign.



EVENTS

13TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT

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

Tickets—CalvaryPgh.com: \$20 General Admission, \$15 Students/Seniors,

Free for Military, Veterans, Firefighters, Police and 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.

WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:15 PM | 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 | 7:30 – 9:00 PM | Sanctuary

Celebrate the season, connect with fellow music lovers, and share your voice!

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.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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.

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, November 30 (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.

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.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION – DONATIONS NEEDED

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and with SNAP benefits set to expire November 1st – the need in our community is greater than ever.

Shelf-stable food donations are needed!

Please consider bringing nonperishable food items to Calvary. Donations will be distributed to local food banks in our area, and we'll also keep a supply here at the church to share with families who reach out for assistance.

Calvary member Shirley Parroccini contacted a local food bank to learn what items are most useful. Below is a summary of what she found:

Items that are shelf-stable and in high demand are highlighted.

- Everyone donates boxed Kraft Mac & Cheese, but it often goes unused—it requires milk and butter, which are hard to get from food banks.
- **BOXED MILK** is a treasure, especially for children who receive lots of cereal.
- Everyone donates pasta and sauce—plenty on hand!
- They cannot eat all the awesome **CANNED VEGGIES AND SOUP** unless you put a can opener in too or buy **CANS WITH POP TOPS**.
- **COOKING OIL** is a luxury but very much needed.
- **SPICES, SALT AND PEPPER** would be a real gift.
- **TEA BAGS AND COFFEE** show care and comfort.
- **SUGAR AND FLOUR** are considered treats.
- Fresh produce is always appreciated when available.
- Seeds are wonderful gifts in spring and summer for those who like to grow their own food.
- Fresh meat is rarely donated.
- **TUNA AND CRACKERS** make a great, easy lunch.
- Hamburger Helper is plentiful, but it needs ground beef to go with it.
- Peanut butter and jelly are common, but sandwich bread is not.
- Butter or margarine is nice to have.
- Eggs are a real commodity.
- **CAKE MIX AND FROSTING** make it possible to celebrate birthdays.
- **DISHWASHING DETERGENT** is very expensive and always appreciated.
- **FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS** are considered a luxury and often bring tears of gratitude.
- **STOVE TOP STUFFING** is always a hit!

Let's come together as a church family to help those in need this Thanksgiving season. Donations may be dropped off at Calvary this week.

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