

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



The Lamb of God,
who takes away the
sin of the world!

JOHN 1:29

JAN

18TH

2026

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 Areas 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 RESTROOMS

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 right and to the back, you will find women's and men's restrooms; (3) to the left, restrooms are located down the stairs, or 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

Janice Walsh and Family – her father passed away this week

Bobby Buckner

Cel Thomas – friend of Fred R.

Aleata Weis

Geraldine Parroccini

Sandy – sister of David Eichelberger

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker

Jeanne Dithomas

Kyle Giest

Terri Jagielski

Martha Helmreich

Judy Melvin

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

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 "Fugue, Duo, Recit de Tierce, Grand jeu" – L. Antoine Dornel

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP †★

Leader: Children of God, who has God called you to be?
People: **A light to all the nations!**
Leader: When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?
People: **A light to all the nations!**
Leader: When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?
People: **A light to all the nations!**
Leader: When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?
People: **A light to all the nations!**
Leader: Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!
People: **We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God’s glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE †★ "Christ for the World We Sing" – #568 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †★

Guide our feet, Lord. Show us the light of grace when we would judge others too harshly. Warm our hearts with the glow of your love when we would spew icy words of spite. Illumine our souls with joyful delight when sadness tries to take over the day. Shine brightly on us today, Lord, until we reflect your glory as a witness to this world. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME †

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †★

You are my destiny living inside of me. Now that you set me free, I hunger for You. Jesus, Savior, my heart is Yours, Lord. Pour out your mercy; come and fill this place.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ★ Isaiah 49:1-7 NRSV

- 1 Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother’s womb he named me.
- 2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

- 3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
- 4 But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God."
- 5 And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—
- 6 he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
- 7 Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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 ★ "The Summons" – #2130 TFWS
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 †★ John 1:29-42 NRSV

- 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
- 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'
- 31 I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."
- 32 And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.
- 33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'
- 34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

Order of Worship continued on following page.

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

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,
36 and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"
37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.
38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you
looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where
are you staying?"
39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and
they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.
40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon
Peter's brother.
41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the
Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).
42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of
John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).
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 "The Next Day..." – Rev. Beth L. Nelson

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY "Passacaille" – J.K.F. Fischer

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 †★ "Lift Every Voice and Sing" – #519 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE † "Grand Chorus" – Alexandre Guilmant

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FAMILY CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS



PARENTS NIGHT OUT



Sat, Feb 7 • 6-9 pm

FREE CHILDCARE, dinner, snacks, movie, games and crafts for kids of all ages!



EASTER EGG HUNT



Sat, Mar 21 • 1-3 pm

Children and families are invited for an egg hunt at 1:15 PM with games, crafts and a light snack.



FAMILY GAME DAY



Sun, Apr 26 • 1-3 pm

All are invited to bring their favorite board games to share and play with others.



KICKOFF TO SUMMER COOKOUT



Sun, May 17 • 5-7 pm

Join us at Calvary for a Summer Cookout with food, fun and fellowship.

MORE INFO

Megan 412-715-4946 or Brittany 412-715-4947

SUPER "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Bring **cans of soup** to support our food pantry partners.

Our **goal is 60 pounds** (90 cans) to celebrate Super Bowl LX (60)!

Enjoy soup together during fellowship while helping neighbors in need.

Let's make this Super Bowl Sunday truly **SOUPER!**



THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
JAN 18

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

During Worship | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES: PYSO

4:00 PM | Calvary UMC

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

4:00 PM | Monroeville United Methodist Church

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
JAN 19

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

6:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

CELEBRATING SOCIAL JUSTICE IN SONG

7:30 PM | Kelly Strayhorn Theater

TUES
JAN 20

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:00 PM (Weekly) | Choir Loft

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) – MANCHESTER

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

WED
JAN 21

IRON CITY SQUARES – LGBTQIA+ SQUARE DANCE CLUB

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

THURS
JAN 22

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:30 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

SUN
JAN 25

JESUS 101 – BIBLE STUDY LED BY REV. MYLES BRADLEY

10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

SUNDAY SCHOOL – K-3RD, 4TH-6TH

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 7TH-12TH

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

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SPRC MEETING

12:15 PM | Parlor

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

LENT AT CALVARY



WEEKLY

“HEY NEIGHBOR!” WEDNESDAY DINNERS

Wednesdays (Beginning Ash Wednesday) | Evening—Time TBD | Chapel

This Lent we're gathering around the table in a new way and you're invited to be part of it. Join your neighbors for **“Hey Neighbor!” Wednesday Dinners**, seven Wednesday evenings beginning on Ash Wednesday, where we'll share soup, meaningful conversation and the joy of building community together. Each evening continues with fun and connection through games, singing, karaoke or other activities, with something for all ages to enjoy. Come as you are and help make our community a little closer this Lent.

We are seeking **volunteer groups for each evening** to help in one of two ways:

- **Dinner Team:** Assist with cooking, serving and cleanup.
- **Activity Team:** Lead the evening's activity following dinner.

This is a **simple and meaningful way** to get involved in our church and community during Lent and different groups are encouraged to help on different nights. Even if you can't volunteer, please come for the meal and fellowship and if you can, consider signing up to help one evening too.

Sign up sheets are in the Chapel or contact **Patty Bogdewic** or **Kenny Elliott** with questions.

Our goal is to **engage the community** and help neighbors get to know **Calvary in a warm and personal way**, which is exactly what **Hey Neighbor!** is all about.

EVENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday, February 17 | 5:00 – 7:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat meal with options like traditional pancakes or waffles, topped with strawberry or blueberry, or go wild with whipped cream and chocolate chips. The dinner also includes sausage links and drinks, with takeout available. Suggested donations are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 and under, and toddlers eat for free. Monetary donations are welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY - ASHES TO GO

Wednesday, February 18 | 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM | Allegheny Avenue in front of Calvary UMC

Calvary pastors will be outside the church during lunch hour offering the imposition of ashes to pedestrians and drivers, bringing a modern twist to the ancient Christian tradition. Everyone is welcome to join as they encourage the neighborhood to embrace the Season of Lent.

TRADITIONAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 18 | 7:00 PM | Chapel

Join us for a meaningful Ash Wednesday service, where the imposition of ashes will be offered to all who wish to receive them. You don't need to be a church member to participate. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a time for reflection, seeking forgiveness, and working toward healing and reconciliation.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

We will begin with palms, celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and recalling the joy and anticipation that filled the city. From there, we will journey together through the events of Holy Week, leading up to Easter.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 2 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Join us for a reflective service remembering the Last Supper, where Jesus commanded, "Love one another as I have loved you." The service, co-hosted by Salem United Methodist Church, Wexford, includes Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 3 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Worship at Calvary as we gather for Good Friday worship for the first time in 18 years. Together we remember Christ's crucifixion, the ultimate act of God's love and forgiveness, offering new life and a renewed relationship with Him.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 5 | 7:00 AM | West End Overlook, Marlow Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Join us for a cherished community tradition as we celebrate Easter at the West End Overlook with a beautiful dawn view of Pittsburgh. This tradition began at Emanuel United Methodist Church and continues since our congregations united in 2017.

EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE

Sunday, April 5 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

Celebrate Christ's resurrection with us in a joyful Easter service, featuring special music from Calvary's Festival Choir, South Hills Brass, and other guests. Parking attendants will assist for your convenience. After a season of reflection, we proclaim, "Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!" and sing, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY IS HUMAN RELATIONS DAY BETTER RELATIONSHIPS, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OUTREACH

What is Human Relations Day?

Human Relations Day is a time to remember that every person deserves a chance to thrive. Living out our faith means building stronger, caring relationships—especially with those who have been pushed to the margins of society.

What Are Churchwide Sundays?

Churchwide celebrations unite us to accomplish missions no single church can achieve alone. On these designated days, United Methodists come together to reaffirm their commitment as God's people and to support special programs endorsed by the Church. Special Sundays give us a chance to focus our prayers and support on important ministries all year long—uniting our gifts to multiply our impact. To see how your contributions make a difference, visit [UMC.org/yourimpact](https://umc.org/yourimpact).



Why Human Relations Day Matters

Your generosity strengthens communities working toward the vision of the “beloved community,” making these ministries possible:

- **Community Developers Program (57%)** – Helps churches serve their neighborhoods—especially communities of color—by addressing local needs like education, employment and empowerment.
- **United Methodist Voluntary Services (33%)** – Equips volunteers and congregations to tackle injustice through hands-on projects, community organizing and service-learning opportunities.
- **Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs (10%)** – Supports young people in rebuilding their lives through mentoring, leadership training and positive, faith-based community experiences.

Ready to Give?

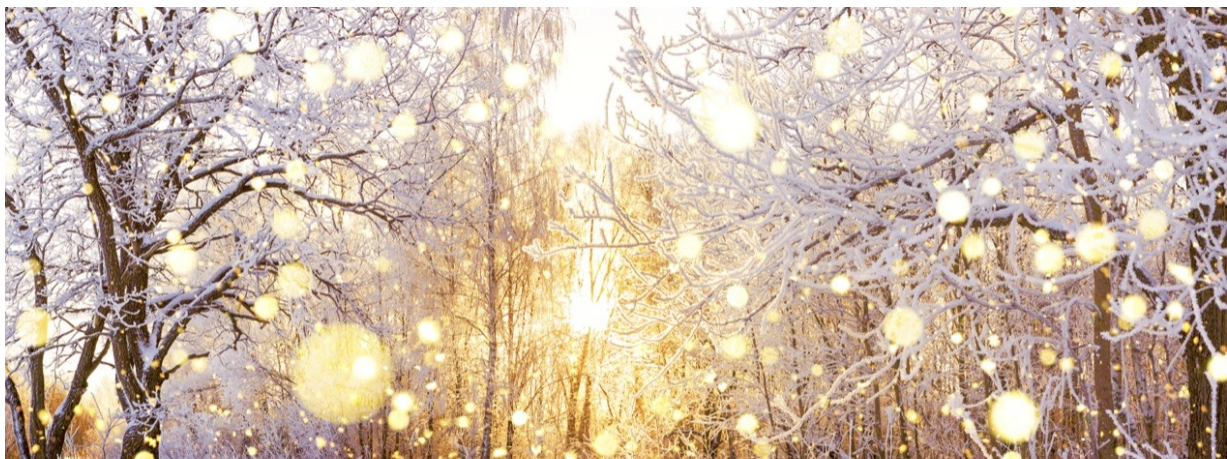
Make checks payable to Calvary United Methodist Church using the envelope in your bulletin or scan the QR code to donate online or visit donate.gcfa.org.

GIVE



LEARN MORE





TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS

Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 AT 4:00 P.M.



Calvary United Methodist Church

971 Beech Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Tickets: Adults: \$25, Seniors and Students: \$20, Children (under 16 years of age): \$15

Tickets can be purchased at the door by cash, check, or Eventbrite. Open seating.

calvarypgh.com

SMALL GROUPS



ANNOUNCEMENT

A NEW YEAR OF EXERCISE CLASSES HAVE BEGUN AFTER CONSTRUCTION HIATUS

Calvary's first exercise class of the new year kicked off on Tuesday, January 13 at 9:00 AM. in the Chapel. Church members Holly Pultz, Anne Christianson, Mary Emili and Beech Street neighbor Trish gathered in the Chapel with chairs, light weights and in some cases resistance bands. Together they followed along with Deron Buboltz's *Grow Young Fitness Series* CDs.

By all accounts, the 50 minutes spent working out to *The Foundations Workout* and *Core Workout* were time well spent. Participants worked at their own individual paces in a true "judgment-free zone," focusing on movement, strength and having fun together.

We would love to see our little group grow, perhaps to include you and a friend or neighbor you'd like to bring along. There's plenty of space and no special equipment is required, just a pair of sneakers and maybe a bottle of water. Handheld weights and resistance bands are provided but feel free to bring your own if you prefer.

Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM. There's no cost to participate, so your wallet won't shrink but perhaps your waistline will.

For more information or to try a class, call the Church Office at 412-231-2007 or email calvarypgh@gmail.com. You'll be met with a fun, welcoming and completely non-judgmental group of workout buddies!

WEEKLY

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

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Chapel

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

Session 5	January 18	Twenty Centuries of Jesus
Session 6	January 25	Beyond Belief
Session 7	February 1	Jesus Christ Superstar

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: February 9

Through shared experiences, participants work toward recovery in a confidential and non-judgmental space.

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 AM | Chapel

Calvary's exercise classes resumed on January 13 after a construction break, with participants enjoying a 50-minute workout using chairs, light weights, and resistance bands in a friendly, judgment-free environment. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m., are free to join, and welcome anyone—members, friends, or neighbors. For more information or to try a class, contact the Church Office at 412-231-2007 or calvarypgh@gmail.com.

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.

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 | Parlor

Join us for our new study: "The Women of the Bible Speak – The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today." All are welcome as we gather in community around God's Word. Books will be made available for a small purchase fee.

LEARN TO KNIT & FIBER ARTS FELLOWSHIP

Thursdays (Beginning February 22) | 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Chapel

Join instructor Mary Emili in a relaxed, welcoming setting to learn to knit; supplies are provided and all ages are welcome. Sessions last about one hour and repeat weekly at the same time and place. You're also invited to bring your own knitting, crochet, needlework or hand-sewing project to share fellowship and creativity with others. For more information, contact Mary Emili at parkside704@yahoo.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY



WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Choir Loft

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 PM (6:00 – 7:30 PM from October–December) | Choir Loft

All singers are welcome—no experience or auditions needed! Join our supportive group and share your love of music. Contact Brian Burns at bsburns77@aol.com.

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

Thursdays (Oct– Dec) | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

No audition or music-reading skills needed! All are welcome to join this joyful musical ministry. Contact Brian Burns at bsburns77@aol.com.

FAMILY MINISTRY



EVENTS

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 7 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Free childcare, dinner, snacks, movie, games and crafts for kids of all ages!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 21 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM, Egg Hunt at 1:15 PM | Chapel & Fellowship Hall

Children and families are invited to gather in the chapel, with the egg hunt beginning promptly at 1:15 PM. Join us for games, crafts and a light snack.

FAMILY GAME DAY

Sunday, April 26 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM | Chapel

Join us at Calvary for a Family Board Game Day filled with fun and fellowship for all ages.

WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL – K-3RD, 4TH-6TH

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

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)

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENT

WINTER CARE & FOOD COLLECTIONS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Help Calvary support local families this winter! Drop donations in the chapel bin for food banks and community ministries. Needed items include boxed milk, pop-top canned goods, cooking oil, sugar, flour and spices, tea, coffee, dish detergent, feminine hygiene products, gloves, hand warmers, toothpaste and reusable bags. Thank you for sharing nourishment, warmth and care with our neighbors!

EVENTS

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, January 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.

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – SERVING DAILY BREAD

Thursday, February 12 (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

Saturdays: February 14, March 21 | 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.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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WORSHIP COORDINATOR (LAY MINISTRY VOLUNTEER ROLE)

Do you love helping worship feel welcoming, organized and Spirit-filled? The Worship Coordinator supports our Pastor, Lay Leader and ministry teams to ensure each service runs smoothly and every volunteer feels supported.

What You'll Do:

- Recruit and encourage volunteers for roles like greeters, liturgists, acolytes, projectionists and communion servers.
- Create and share the worship volunteer schedule.
- Be the friendly point of contact for swaps and open spots.
- On Sundays, "float" to make sure everyone has what they need.
- Help organize extra volunteers for special services.

Who You Are:

You love God and people, communicate well and enjoy helping things flow smoothly. You see potential in others, value inclusion and can roll with surprises when they come.

Time Commitment: About 3-5 hours a week, mostly on Sunday mornings.

When worship is welcoming and well-prepared, people experience God's presence – and that's what this ministry is all about.

Interested? Contact Kenny Elliott, Lay Leader (kenelliott76@gmail.com / 724-531-4625) or reach out to the church office to learn more!

WORSHIP LEADER ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Lay Liturgist: Bing Ewalt

Welcome Team: Fred Ruddock, Doug Lucas, JoEllen Parker, David Rizzo

Acolytes: Zay Burns-Elliott, James Mickens, Destin Cobb

Slide Projectionist: Kenny Elliott

Children's Message: Patty Bogdewic

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Lay Liturgist: Shelly Rohrer

Welcome Team: Fred Ruddock, Patty Bogdewic, Mary Emili

Acolytes: James Mickens, Zay Burns-Elliott, Gwen Cobb

Slide Projectionist: Linda McDonald

Children's Message: Brittany Bova Mickens

GET CONNECTED



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVE, SHARE, AND CONNECT THROUGH FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Sharing food helps us connect and continue fellowship after worship. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve and clean up, with teams serving one Sunday a month. Financial support is also welcome through weekly donations or sponsorships (\$50 for refreshments or \$100 for a monthly luncheon). If you're interested in volunteering or sponsoring, please see Mike Schnitgen.

EVENTS

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, January 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.

SPRC MEETING

Sunday, January 25 | 12:15 PM | Parlor

All SPRC members should plan to attend.

COMMUNION

Sunday, February 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 share.

WORSHIP MEETING—ALL INVITED

Sunday, February 1 | 12:15 PM | Parlor

A worship meeting will be held for the Worship Committee and anyone interested in worship at Calvary. All are welcome to attend and participate.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

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

There will not be meetings in July or 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS



AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES PITTSBURGH YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunday, January 18 | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$20 Seniors & Students, \$15 Children under 16 years

Available for purchase at the door.

PYSO returns to the Tiffany Concert Series. The concert will feature PYSO's Strings Section performing works by Felix Mendelssohn, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Édouard Lalo, Camille Saint-Saëns, Edward Elgar, Christopher Theofanidis, and more. The concert also includes 2nd and 3rd place winners of PYSO's concerto competition and PYSO winners of the Pittsburgh Concert Society Young Artists auditions.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 18 | 4:00 PM

Monroeville United Methodist Church, 219 Center Rd, Monroeville, PA 15146

The Greensburg District Anti-Racism Team invites you to the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Worship Celebration. The featured speaker will be Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball, Resident Bishop of the Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Church. All are welcome to attend this meaningful time of worship and reflection.

CELEBRATING SOCIAL JUSTICE IN SONG

Monday, January 19 | 7:30 PM | Kelly Strayhorn Theater, 5941 Penn Ave, Pgh, PA 15206

Tickets: Pay What Moves You – \$2-\$50

Join the 19th Annual Let Freedom Sing Concert honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through music and spoken word. Featuring The Heritage Gospel Chorale of Pittsburgh, the Rodman Street Baptist Church Choir, soprano Zuly Inirio and the intergenerational MLK Festival Choir with jazz trio accompaniment. Emceed by WAMO 107.3's Kiki Jones. Proceeds benefit Let Freedom Sing Concerts, the Kelly Strayhorn Theater and the Afro American Music Institute. Please bring a canned good for the EECM Food Pantry.

SUPER "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY

Sunday, February 8 | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

Join us for Super "Souper" Bowl Sunday on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8! We invite everyone to **bring cans of soup to church** to support our food pantry partners.

All cans collected will be donated to help neighbors in need. We'll also enjoy soup as our snack during after-church fellowship—a fun and meaningful way to celebrate together!

Our **goal** is to collect at least **60 pounds (90 cans)** of soup to **celebrate Super Bowl LX (60)**. If you're unable to bring cans, you can still participate by placing a monetary donation in the collection plate using one of our envelopes and labeling it "Food Pantry Donation," or by giving online at calvaryppgh.com/give (memo: Food Pantry Donation).

Let's make Super Bowl Sunday truly **Souper** by serving others!

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER – SINGLE BY CHOICE OR CHANCE GROUP (SBCOC)

Saturday, February 14 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Feeling a little “solo” this Valentine’s Day? You’re invited to join SBCOC: Single By Choice or Chance for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Bring a dish to share, whether a main, salad, or dessert, and help create a delicious spread. Some games and silliness are planned, but the focus is simple: good food and good company. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. Sign-up sheets are available so we can plan the menu and make sure everyone can participate. Let’s turn Valentine’s Day into a celebration of friendship and fun. For questions, contact Nancy Richards at revrfr@yahoo.com.

GENDER DIVERSITY & PRONOUNS WORKSHOP

Sunday, February 15 | 12:30 PM | Chapel

Calvary is pleased to partner with Hugh Lane for an insightful workshop on gender diversity and the use of pronouns. This session will provide education, awareness, and practical guidance to foster understanding and inclusivity within our community.

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES

TOM ROBERTS: A CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, February 15 | 5:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$20 Seniors & Students, \$15 Children under 16 years

Available for purchase at the door.

Charlie Chaplin Silent Film Night with internationally acclaimed pianist and composer Tom Roberts. Roberts will perform his original live score to a selection of Chaplin’s classic silent films, including The Rink, The Pawn Shop, and Kid Auto Race at Venice, with a special encore of One A.M. Known for his mastery of early jazz and silent film accompaniment, Roberts brings a rich musical legacy to this family-friendly, accessible event.

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9-10 AM
Calvary UMC Chapel

GET MOVING AGAIN IN 2026!





BECOMING WHO GOD IS CALLING US TO BE

JANUARY 18, 2026

By Kenny Elliott, Calvary Lay Leader

“The place God calls you to be is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.” – Frederick Buechner

Happy New Year! Whether your hand is still getting used to writing “2026” or your auto-correct fixes “2025,” now is the best time to talk about our dreams and hopes for 2026 – for Calvary as a faith community and ourselves as members.

Who is God calling Calvary to be? How he is calling each of us to step into his love and vision for us.

Calvary's lay leadership has been discerning that question. In June, Church Council approved a Blueprint for the Future with a long term vision that **Calvary will be a beacon of faith, inclusivity and service for both its members and the broader community.**

Our five-year goals are **strengthen lay leadership, enhance community engagement and foster sustainable growth in ministry.** That's our ongoing work in 2026.

We have been prayerfully considering these inspirational words to describe our mission and motivation, **“Join us in building a more just world – nurturing kindness, love and generosity.”**

The bigger question, as we stand here at the start of 2026, **how is God calling you?**

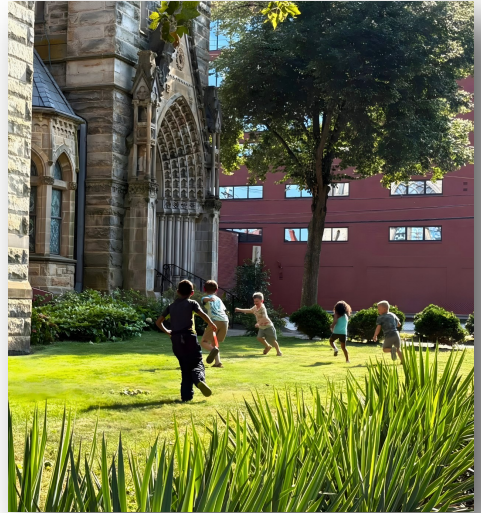
As a congregation, we at Calvary tell one another and visitors that, **“You are God's Beloved, and you are welcome here.”**

But there's more than that... maybe we need to invite one another and visitors to **“find your purpose here.”**

What gives you joy? What is your passion? What are the greatest needs within and outside our church?

Where do your joy, your passion, and the greatest need meet? That's where God is calling you to be.

Pray, ask, listen, and dream as you consider how God may be calling you in 2026. When you're ready, we invite you to **share your ideas or sense of calling** with me, Rev. Beth, or any member of our leadership team – **we're here to listen and support you.**



Kenny

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Hey Neighbor!

Wednesday Dinners

— Ash Wednesday – Lent 2026 —

Soup, Fellowship & Fun Activities

Join us for seven Wednesday evenings of community, food & fun!
Each night includes:



Soup Dinner – Simple and delicious



Lenten Activity – Board games,
singing, karaoke & more



— **Get Involved! Volunteer Groups Needed!** —



Dinner Team – Cook, serve, clean up



Activity Team – Lead the evening's fun



Different groups encouraged to help on different nights!
An easy & meaningful way to participate in Lent!

— Signup sheets are located in the Chapel —
Questions? Contact **Patty Bogdewic** or **Kenny Elliott**

**Come connect with neighbors & get to know
Calvary in a warm, personal way!**



"Eat, laugh, connect—Hey Neighbor!"

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



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