CALVARY united Methodist Church





JUL 6TH 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: (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 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

Debbie Ackley-Killian
Nathaniel Crum, friend of Judy Melvin
David Eichelberger's daughter
Nonie Knaus, friend of Linda Ehrlich
Kyle Geist, Allegheny West Neighbor
Judy Melvin

Continued healing, blessings and encouragement for the Jones Family

Beth Kelley

Chuck Dean, Sr. and the Dean Family 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

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: All are welcome here. Whether you are heavy-hearted, wondering if there is

power to make you well, or feel weighed down by many demands.

People: The kingdom of God has come near.

Leader: Whether you are burdened by rules others have imposed or you are a keeper

and maker of rules.

People: The kingdom of God has come near.

Leader: Whether you feel at home in this place or you long to be accepted,

People: The kingdom of God has come near.

Leader: Come and worship God, the One who writes our names in the book of life

and dares us to be become new creations in Jesus.

People: The kingdom of God has come near.

OPENING HYMN †* "God of the Sparrow God of the Whale" – #122 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †*

Peaceful and merciful God, you promise that your Kingdom is within our reach. Yet we are often distracted by disagreements, demands, requirements, and rejections. As we seek to follow Jesus, our rules and offences can separate us. Help us to refrain from deepening our divisions, and empower us to restore one another, fulfilling Christ's command to love. We ask for your grace to become more like Jesus, letting go of fleeting rewards of earthly status and recognition. Help us seek instead the eternal reward of resting in your loving arms. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

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.

- 1 I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
- O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
- 4 Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.
- For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- 6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."
- 7 By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.
- 8 To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:
- 9 "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
- 10 Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"
- 11 You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
- so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

- After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.
- 2 He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.
- 3 Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.
- 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.
- 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!'
- 6 And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you.
- 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

- 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;
- 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'
- 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say.
- 11 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'
- 16 "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."
- 17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!"
- 18 He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.
- 19 Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you.
- 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION $\,*\,$

Leader: May the Spirit of love be with you.

People: And may the love of Christ be with you.

Leader: Open wide your cautious hearts.

People: May the hope of our Creator pour peace in our souls.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the one who created this time and space.

People: From our joy we give God thanks and praise.

Leader: God of the fair winds and bounteous fields, of the storms overhead and the seas below, with joy we celebrate the connection we have with all of creation

"From sea to shining sea,"

People: From the beauteous mountain caps to the rivers winding across the land. We honor the connection we have with your beings - from the chipmunks scurrying through our yards to the swallows swooping in the air above.

Leader: We embrace the relationships with our neighbors near and far- the ones who are close to our hearts, and the ones with whom distance in miles and souls sets us apart.

People: And so we come to this table: The ones with many opportunities, and those seeking liberty. The ones who have been disregarded and those embraced, knowing that Christ's welcome receives all.

- Leader: And knowing that Jesus the Christ ate with sinners and tax collectors, with those who disapproved and those who leapt for joy, with Judas and Peter.
 - with Mary and Martha, with Philip and Thomas.
- And so, we too come to the table. The table of God's freedom. The table of People: God's justice and love and peace. The table which reflects the true kingdom, empire, realm of God where all are welcome.
- We come to the table remembering the night before Jesus died. As he ate Leader: with his followers in a room away from the world, "taking a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant." Whenever we eat and drink at the table, we remember
 - the Christ in our midst.
- People: Spirit of Hope, Holy Winds of Divine Freedom, encircle this bread and cup, Encircle us in our eating and drinking that we may experience the radical
 - love of Christ here today. Amen.
- Leader: And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray together:
- People: 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.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The bread we eat is gluten free that all may participate.

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 †* "Let There Be Peace on Earth" – #431 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 COMMUNION

JUL 6 During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Following Worship (Monthly) | Parlor

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

JUL 8 9:00 - 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) – MANCHESTER

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

THURS EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

JUL 10 9:00 - 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 - 11:30 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – SERVING DAILY BREAD

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Monthly) | Trinity Lutheran Church

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 - 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

THURS NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

JUL 12 9:00 - 10:30 AM (Monthly) | Northview Heights

SUN THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP – BIBLE STUDY (REV. BOGDEWIC)

JUL 13 10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

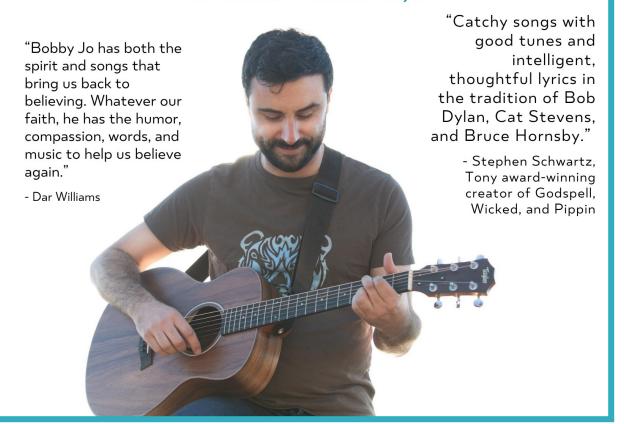
AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

BOBBY JO VALENTINE

Wednesday, September 3, 2025
7:00 PM
Calvary UMC
Ticket Prices: \$25 (5 for \$100)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT PHASE ONE OF OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:
THE RESTROOM RENOVATION PROJECT



GET CONNECTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Calling all Lay Liturgists, Welcome Team, Slide Projectionists, Children's Message Leaders and Communion Servers

Summer is here, and with many folks traveling, we need all hands on deck to keep worship running smoothly. Whether you love working with kids, greeting guests, speaking, or helping behind the scenes - there's a place for you! Please reply with the dates you're available to serve. Whether it's once or multiple times, your help makes a difference. Contact the church office to sign up - we can't do it without you!

EVENTS

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.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, July 27 (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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 21 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 - 8:00 PM | Chapel There will not be meetings in either July or December.

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.



Don't like the condition of our restrooms?

Please help us to fully renovate all of our restrooms by donating to our CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

Neither do we... We have a plan!

REVIVE & RENEW A THREE-PHASE JOURNEY



- This year, in 2025, we will complete the restroom installation and entryway project.
- Complete the exterior restoration, including repointing, roofing, and final window repairs.
- Updates to the fellowship hall, basement restrooms, and kitchen.

LEARN MORE AT CALVARYPGH.COM



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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JOIN US IN COLLECTING HYGIENE KITS FOR THE MISSION BARN

Throughout the month of July, United Women in Faith is inviting the congregation to help collect and assemble Hygiene Kits that will be delivered to the Mission Barn on Saturday, July 26. These kits are distributed to individuals affected by natural disasters – something our own region has experienced recently with severe flooding. For a list of needed items and kit assembly instructions, please visit: umcmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Joan Bradley at ogremtb@aol.com. Let's come together to make a difference!

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

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 at 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.

"CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, July 27 (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!

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.

YOU'RE INVITED!!

PARABLES ON THE



VBS REIMAGINED AT CALVARY UMC

Join us for 4 Sunday evenings of liveaction 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

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SMALL GROUPS





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: 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

This summer we will be reading and discussing a small booklet titled, "KEEP CALM, TRUST GOD". There will be a few of these booklets available for those who don't have one. Some of the topics that the authors touch on are: anxiety, worry, fear, depression, stress, and frustration, to name just a few. In this study, "you will find the promises of God and Hope that will provide encouragement, strength and inspiration to overcome whatever challenges you may be facing." (author, Jake Provance). **ALL** women are welcome as we gather in community around God's Word, in the church parlor.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES & HELP NEEDED

As our construction project gets underway, the nursery will be closed until further notice, and Fellowship Hour will be relocated to the Fellowship Hall (downstairs) indefinitely.

We could really use your help during this transition! Volunteers are needed for:

- Clearing out rooms and storage areas
- Sorting and organizing items
- Light demolition work

Every bit of help will save us money and keep the project moving smoothly and efficiently. Interested in lending a hand? Contact Brian Burns for details and to sign up. Thank you for being part of this exciting next step in our church's journey!

NEW FRIDGE, COLD POP, BIG IMPACT!

Check out the new refrigerator downstairs in the Fellowship Hall—now stocked with pop for just \$1! All proceeds support our Revive & Renew Capital Campaign, helping Calvary quench its thirst for renovation projects. Want to contribute in another way? We're accepting donations of Pepsi and Coke products only, please. Thank you for your support—every dollar (and every can!) makes a difference!

FAMILY MINISTRY

WEEKLY



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!



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