

CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



HOLY AUDACITY



Sunday, August 16, 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

Geradine Knight on the passing of her sister
Mariia Isaieva and family
Carol Piper
Cecilia Griffin Golden on the loss of her husband
Twin baby girls - Charlee & Cameron
Karen Hines. – Patty Bogdewic's mother
Sarah Woodward and baby Elsie
Rev Jorinda Bullit on the death of her brother
Janice & Roy Engelman
Paul W. – friend of Mary Emili
The Onda family
Joe and Bunny Blackman
Zev Kahn
Corrine Houser
George Janocsko

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker
Bobby Buckner and his family
Jeanne Dithomas
Terri Jagielski
Martha Helmreich
Judy Melvin
Al Meyers
Sheila Molyneux
Tim Napieralski
Christine Siewers
Marcia Webb – friend of Mark Snyder
Aleata Weis
Barbara Wood – friend of Marirose
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, AUGUST 16

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

- **“Hey, Neighbors!” Summer Cookouts** | 6:00–8:00 PM | Back Parking Lot
- **Iron City Squares** | 7:00–9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

- **Calvary Cafe** | 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: When hatred and division separate us,
People: God's love binds us together.
Leader: When quarrels estrange us,
People: Christ's grace brings reconciliation.
Leader: When we feel excluded and left out,
People: The Spirit's peace eases our pain.
Leader: Come! Let us worship the One who makes us one.

HYMN OF PRAISE + * "We, Thy People, Praise Thee" — #67 UMH

UNISON PRAYER + *

Eternal God, heal the wounds that block our unity as your beloved children. Ease the hurts and betrays the block us from embracing the balm of your forgiveness. Cast out the fears that prevent us from seeking your peace and reconciliation. Even when our hearts are pierced with anguish, send us friends who will bring us solace, through your loving Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME +

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER LESSON *. Psalm 133 NRSV

- 1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

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 * "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" — #452 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 "Holy Audacity" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

HYMN OF PREPARATION * "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" — #611 UMH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM * Arlo Ian Overbaugh

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's Holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's good gift, offered to us without price. Today we present Arlo Ian Overbaugh, son of Ashley and Ian Overbaugh. God parents are Mimi and Dan Conner.

HISTORIC QUESTIONS FOR THE PARENTS *

Leader: On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sins?

Parents: We do.

Leader: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Parents: We do.

Leader: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Parents: We do.

Leader: Will you nurture in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

Parents: We will

HISTORIC QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION *

Leader: Family and friends, do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Leader: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and include this family now before you in your care?

People: **With God's help, we will.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER *

Eternal God, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the waters of the womb. He was baptized by John and by your Spirit. Jesus called the disciples and had them share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this water and on the one who receives it. May he be clothed in righteousness throughout his life until he shares in the final victory. In the name of the living Christ, we pray. Amen.

BAPTISM AND BLESSING *

Arlo Ian, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit; you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ. Members of the household of God, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in service to others. We will pray for Arlo , that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life. We give thanks for all that God has already given to Arlo , especially his parents, his big brothers, his Godparents, extended family, and friends. We welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BLESSING

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 + * "My Hope is Built" — #368 UMH

STATEMENT OF FAITH FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA + * . . #883 UMH

BENEDICTION +

POSTLUDE +

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 3

Join us for Women's Bible Study on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. An exciting new study will begin on September 3rd as we explore **Paul's Epistle to the Romans**. Accompanying our study will be William Barclay's commentary, *The Letter to the Romans, Revised Edition*. Copies of this book are available for **\$5 from Linda Ehrlich**. If you would like a copy, please call or text Linda at 412-321-2503. Women are warmly invited to join us for prayer, fellowship, study, and encouragement as we grow together in faith and deepen our understanding of God's Word. For more information, please contact Kathy Wagner.

DAILY BREAD COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED ASAP

Daily Bread is asking for your help! Due to a recent freezer repair at Calvary, our supply of cookies was lost. We need **at least 25 dozen cookies for each monthly meal** and welcome donations throughout the month. If you enjoy baking, please consider supporting this important ministry by providing cookies for those we serve. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Daily Bread!

“HEY, NEIGHBORS!” SUMMER COOKOUTS

Final Wednesday—August 19 | 6:00–8:00 PM | Calvary UMC Back Parking Lot

Everyone is invited to our “Hey, Neighbors!” 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! We're also looking for **3–4 volunteers for each cookout** to help with setup, serving, and cleanup. **Signup sheets are available in the Chapel**. Thank you for helping make these gatherings welcoming and enjoyable for everyone!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF) RETREAT

Saturday, October 17 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM | Calvary UMC Chapel

Join us for a morning of fellowship, reflection, inspiration and spiritual renewal. More details will be shared as the date approaches. We look forward to spending this special time together, so be sure to save the date!

STEELERS SUNDAYS — 1 PM HOME GAMES

Please note that on the following Sundays, the Pittsburgh Steelers have 1:00 PM home games. As a result, our normal parking lots will not be available. We kindly ask everyone to use the Behan Lot for parking and reserve the accessible parking spaces in front of the church and in the back parking lot for those who need them most.

- September 13
- September 27
- October 11
- November 1
- December 20
- Saturday, December 26 / Sunday, December 27 (Date and time TBD)

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of those with accessibility needs. Your assistance helps ensure that parking remains available for parishioners who require convenient access to the church.

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Monday: 9:00 AM – Noon

Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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