

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



My Seat at the Table



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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 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

John Stavish and Kerry Wetmore, friends
of Callie Buzard

Nancy Richards

Jeffrey Marsico, who recently passed
away, cousin of David Rizzo

Star Lawrance, friend of Bing's sister

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker

Nathaniel Crum, friend of Judy Melvin

Jeanne Dithomas

Susan Gilliland

Martha Helmreich

Judy Melvin

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP †★

Leader: Sing in exaltation, people of God.
People: The Lord fills us with good things.
Leader: Shout for joy, children of the Holy One.
People: God feeds us with finest wheat.
Leader: God satisfies us with the sweetest honey.
People: The Lord sustains us with living water.

HYMN OF PRAISE †★ "Gather Us In" — #2236 TFWS

OPENING PRAYER †★

Long-suffering One, we long to return to you with love and gratitude in our hearts.
We yearn for food that satisfies, the bread of life you offer without cost. Refresh us
from your living waters, as we stare into the cracked cisterns and the dry riverbeds
of our petty complaints. Stand by us, Holy One, lest we forsake your glory in vain
pursuits that neither profit us nor bring us joy. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †★ "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" — #334 UMH

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.

EPISTLE LESSON ★ Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 NRSV

- 1 Let mutual affection continue.
- 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
- 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.
- 4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.
- 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

- 6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"
- 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.
- 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- 15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.
- 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 ★ "Jesu, Jesu" — #432 UMH
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.

GOSPEL LESSON †★ Luke 14: 1, 7-14 NRSV

- 1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.
- 7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.
- 8 “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host,
- 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.
- 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.
- 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”
- 12 He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

- 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.
14 And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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 “My Seat at the Table” — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES AND CHANGE MATTERS

*We are gathering change to support a monthly meal at Daily Bread.
When all of our extra "change" comes together, we can make a positive difference.*

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 †★ "Lord of All Hopefulness" — #2197 TFWS

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

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

COMMUNITY LUNCH

LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship. This is an expansion on our normally scheduled fellowship time.
The Fellowship Hall is located downstairs. You can use the stairs or take the elevator.





Calvary UMC presents
heart-opening, award-winning folk/pop artist

BOBBY JO VALENTINE

"Bobby Jo has both the spirit and songs that bring us back to believing. Whatever our faith, he has the humor, compassion, words, and music to help us believe again."
- Dar Williams

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 • 7 PM



Calvary United Methodist Church
971 Beech Avenue, Northside, Pittsburgh, PA 15233



THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
AUG 31

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Following Worship (Monthly) | Fellowship Hall

STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

12:15 PM | Church Office

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
SEP 2

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

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

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SEP 3

BOBBY JO VALENTINE LIVE!

7:00 PM | Sanctuary

THURS
SEP 4

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:30 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

SUN
SEP 7

CAREGIVING MINISTRY

10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

"UNCLOBBER" – BIBLE STUDY LED BY TIM NAPIERALSKI

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

CHOIR REHEARSAL

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall



READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

JOIN US FOR

KICK OFF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 7



CALVARY IS KICKING OFF THE FALL SEASON WITH A FRESH NEW FORMAT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL & A NEW FALL SERMON SERIES!



WEEK 1 • SEPTEMBER 7

Sermon: Are you ready for some football?



WEEK 2 • SEPTEMBER 14

Sermon: Hail Mary!



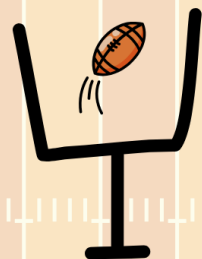
WEEK 3 • SEPTEMBER 21

Sermon: Know your position!



WEEK 4 • SEPTEMBER 28

Sermon: The Joy of the Game
Charge Conference Sunday & Pregame Tailgate Party!!!



Rummage Sale

COME TREASURE-HUNTING
AND SUPPORT CALVARY!

RAIN OR SHINE

SAT, SEP 27
8AM - 2PM

CALVARY UMC LAWN

DONATIONS

DROP OFF ITEMS
SEPT. 22-27, 5-7 PM

FOOD

BREAKFAST
SANDWICHES &
CHICKEN
LUNCHES

RESERVE A SPOT

\$10 PER SPACE
\$10 PER TABLE



Food sales benefit the Revive & Renew Capital Campaign

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, August 31 (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, September 11 (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

Saturday, September 27 | 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

CAREGIVING MINISTRY

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Chapel

Calvary has launched a new Caregiving Ministry, led by Denny Brown and Rev. Budd Wagner. Training sessions are being held to equip volunteers with the confidence and skills needed to support others through life's challenges. Caring for others is a meaningful way to live out our faith and make a real difference.

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN AGAIN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

Fall is here – and we need you! As a new season begins and schedules settle in, we need all hands on deck to keep worship running smoothly. Whether you enjoy working with kids, greeting guests, reading scripture, or helping behind the scenes, there's a place for you! Please let us know the dates you're available to serve this fall. Whether it's once or several times, your help truly makes a difference. Contact the church office to sign up – we can't do it without you!

EVENTS

STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, August 31 | 12:15 PM | Church Office

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, August 31 (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.

COMMUNION

Sunday, September 7 (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, September 7 (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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, August 28 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

The August meeting was moved from August 21 because Rev. Beth Nelson will be out of town that week. There will not be a meeting in December.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 28 | Following Worship | Chapel

SPECIAL EVENTS



BOBBY JO VALENTINE LIVE!

MUSIC TO MOVE THE HEART AND SOUL

Wednesday, September 3 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

BE OUR GUEST! Thanks to a generous benefactor, we have a block of tickets to share—and we'd love for you to be our guest! Come join us for a wonderful time together. Join us for an unforgettable evening with Bobby Jo Valentine – an explorative, hopeful, spiritual artist whose poetic storytelling, heartfelt lyrics, and uplifting melodies have inspired audiences nationwide. His music is “good medicine,” drawing listeners into a space of healing, love, and belonging. To help us plan, please send a quick message to **calvarypgh@gmail.com** if you'd like to attend.

WOMEN'S PICNIC

Thursday, September 11 | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Come between 6:00–6:30 PM – we'll begin eating at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share – pasta, meat, salad, dessert, or whatever you like best! Plates, silverware, and drinks will be provided. Please mark your calendar and join us as we reconnect after the summer. We look forward to being together again!

OPERA FOR KIDS — PRESENTED BY PITTSBURGH FESTIVAL OPERA

Saturday, September 13 | 6:00 PM | Sanctuary

Calvary is partnering with GBU Life and Pittsburgh Festival Opera to present Opera for Kids, a fun and engaging program where children will explore the world of opera through *The Magic Flute*! Participants will learn the story and then work together to create a short performance to share with their families. Each class is followed by lunch and a performance for parents. The program is free for GBU Life members and \$20 for nonmembers and is designed for children ages 6–12. Visit **inside.gbu.org/events** to register. .

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, September 27 | 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Lawn

Join us for Calvary's community rummage sale – RAIN OR SHINE!

- **Donations:** Items may be dropped off at the church September 22–27, from 5–7 PM. (Call the church office if you need a different time.)
- **Reserve a Spot:** Want to sell your own items? Spots are \$10 each. Tables are available for an additional \$10.
- **Food:** Enjoy breakfast sandwiches in the morning and chicken lunches at midday. All food proceeds benefit the Revive & Renew Capital Campaign.

Mark your calendars and come treasure-hunting while supporting Calvary!

HEARTS & PAWS: NORTH SIDE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 5 | 12:30 – 2:30 PM | Lawn

Join Calvary UMC, the Humane Animal Rescue and the GBU North Side Neighborhood for a community event celebrating the animals we love and the neighbors we cherish! Enjoy a Blessing of the Animals, pet-friendly activities, a photo area, and opportunities to support local animal welfare. All are welcome – whether you bring a pet, are considering adoption, or just want to connect with neighbors!



EVENTS

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, October 24 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Chapel

Take a well-deserved break and enjoy an evening out while we care for your little ones! Calvary is offering a special night of free babysitting and dinner for children, giving parents the chance to relax and recharge. Kids will enjoy a fun evening of food, games, and activities.

WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

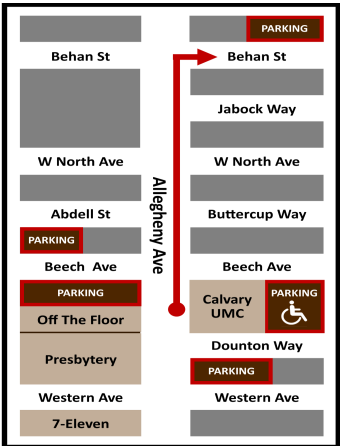


NEW LEADERS FOR DAILY BREAD MEAL MINISTRY

We are excited to announce new leadership for Calvary's Monthly Daily Bread meal! Judy Flaherty (jakflaher1908@gmail.com) and Linda Sustakoski (linda.sustakoski@gmail.com) are stepping in as our wonderful new leaders. If you would like to help with the meal in any way, please reach out to Judy. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Joan Bradley and Ellen Homitsky, who have faithfully led this ministry for the past 10 years. They will continue preparing the same menu and doing a fantastic job. Please continue to support this important ministry that nourishes both body and spirit.!

PARKING ON STEELERS 1:00 PM GAME DAYS

On Sundays when the Steelers play a 1:00 PM home game, Calvary's regular parking lots will not be available. Parking will instead be provided in the Behan Street lot (see map in this bulletin). Signs will be posted along the route to guide you. Please note: the Behan lot is about five blocks from the church, and some sidewalks are uneven – please use caution when walking. If walking from the Behan lot would be difficult, you may park in the lot directly behind the church. We kindly ask that this lot be reserved for those with limited mobility, so they can access the ramp easily. Thank you for your cooperation and care for one another!!



MUSIC MINISTRY



WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 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.

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 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.

WOMEN'S PICNIC



THURSDAY

11

SEPTEMBER

FELLOWSHIP HALL

6:00 PM



We'll eat at 6:30 PM—bring a favorite dish to share! Plates, silverware, and drinks are provided. Mark your calendar and join us as we reconnect after the summer.



FOOD - FELLOWSHIP - FUN



OPERA FOR KIDS

Presented by Pittsburgh Festival Opera

Join us for a fun and engaging experience as children explore the world of opera through *The Magic Flute*! Participants will learn about the story and then work together to create a performance to share with their families. Come discover the magic of opera in a creative, kid-friendly way!

Each class is followed by lunch and a performance for parents. The class is free for GBU Life members and \$20 for nonmembers. It is designed for children ages 6 through 12.

See below for available dates and times to find the session that works best for your family.

September 6

9 AM-1 PM
First Presbyterian Church
100 East Wheeling Street
Washington, PA 15301

September 13

9 AM-1 PM
Calvary United Methodist Church
971 Beech Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

September 20

9 AM-1 PM
Baldwin Community United
Methodist Church
5001 Baptist Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15236

September 27

10 AM-2 PM
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh -
Brookline 708 Brookline Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15226

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER OR VISIT
[INSIDE.GBU.ORG/EVENTS.](https://inside.gbu.org/events)**



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SPECIAL MESSAGE



AHPS

ALLEGHENY HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY

WHAT IS AHPS — AND WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH CALVARY?

Over 30 years ago, Calvary Church was on the verge of closing. The roof and windows leaked, the Sanctuary was shut down because there was no money to heat it, and there was no pastor in place. Things looked dire.

At that time, the Rev. Bob Richards, Director of Church Union (whose office was where our pastor's office is now), stepped in to serve as Calvary's "volunteer" minister. At the same time, concerned neighbors and friends formed the Allegheny Historic Preservation Society (AHPS) – a nonprofit organization with one purpose: to secure grant and foundation funding to save Calvary's historic building.

Their efforts were extraordinary. Over three million dollars has since been raised to restore and upgrade our building: the slate roof was repaired, the Tiffany windows were restored, an elevator was installed, carpeting was replaced, the Sanctuary was reopened, and the organ was restored. Within just 2 ½ years, Calvary had a full-time pastor again. The list of improvements continues to grow – because when there are resources, much can be done!

WHY JOIN AHPS?

We have inherited a treasure: our church. And the work isn't finished. With new projects like upgrading our bathrooms, AHPS continues to play a vital role in keeping Calvary beautiful, safe, and accessible.

Membership shows foundations and funders that these projects are supported by the whole community. That's why your participation matters.

Membership Levels:

- Individual: \$20
- Household: \$35
- Patron: \$100 (Patrons are recognized in every concert program throughout the season)

Membership forms are available in the Narthex and Chapel, or checks may be made payable to AHPS and placed in the offering baskets.

MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT

- Attend concerts and events! These gatherings bring new people into our Sanctuary, inspire generosity, and celebrate the beauty of Calvary.
- Share your talents! If you have experience with grants, fundraising, or creative program ideas, AHPS would love your input.

Together, with this unique partnership between Calvary and AHPS, who knows what wonderful things God has in store for our church?

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

"UNCLOBBER" – OUR NEW FALL BIBLE STUDY & LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY LAUNCH

Sundays (Beginning September 7) | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Parsonage

This fall, Calvary launches its new LGBTQIA+ ministry led by Tim Napieralski with a powerful two-part experience. We'll begin with a screening of *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture*, a groundbreaking documentary uncovering how a 1946 Bible mistranslation fueled anti-gay theology. Featuring newly discovered Yale archives, insights from scholars, and personal stories, the film challenges long-held assumptions and invites fresh understanding. Following the screening, we'll dive into *UnClobber* by Colby Martin. This thought-provoking study reexamines the six so-called "Clobber Passages" often used to exclude LGBTQIA+ people, revealing what Scripture truly says—and doesn't say—about homosexuality. Through open conversation, biblical exploration, and Martin's personal journey, we'll move from bad theology toward deeper faith, compassion, and welcome for all God's children. 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: October 13

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 | Parsonage

Join us for our new study: *Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus* by Lois Tverberg. This engaging book brings the Bible to life by exploring the cultural context of Jesus' teachings. Together, we'll discover practical ways to live as His disciples and deepen our faith as we draw closer to God. Books are available. ALL women are welcome as we gather in community around God's Word at the parsonage during construction.

HEARTS & PAWS **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
12:30 - 1:30 PM ON THE LAWN

Join Calvary UMC, the Humane Animal Rescue and the GBU North Side Neighborhood for a community event celebrating the animals we love and the neighbors we cherish!

**WE INVITE YOU TO BRING DOG OR CAT TREATS
TO SUPPORT HUMANE ANIMAL RESCUE!**

Enjoy a Blessing of the Animals, pet-friendly activities, a photo area, and opportunities to support local animal welfare. All are welcome – whether you bring a pet, are considering adoption, or just want to connect with neighbors!



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



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