

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



Unbearable Brightness



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You are God's beloved. *You* are welcome here.



WELCOME TO CALVARY



OUR WELCOME STATEMENT

Calvary United Methodist Church believes that all means all.

We open our hearts, our minds and our doors to all our neighbors. We gladly invite into our shared life all persons who seek a community of support where they can grow in God's grace. Regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, relationship status or background - **you are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

If this is your first time with us, welcome! We're so glad you're here. We'd love to get to know you better, so please stop by the Welcome 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

Charles Moore

Silvia María Nolivos Vasquez

Karen Hines – mother of Patty B.

Aleata Weis

Joe Grzybowski – friend of Judy Melvin

George Stowell

Janice Walsh and Family – her father passed away

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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP †*

Leader: Climb the mountain of God.

People: **We will watch and wait.**

Leader: Wait for God's glory to shine like the sun.

People: **Wait for Christ to reveal the heart of God.**

Leader: Wait to gain courage for the terror of the night.

People: **Wait for the Spirit to dispel the darkness.**

Leader: Climb the mountain of God.

People: **We will watch for things worth waiting for.**

HYMN OF PRAISE †* "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky" – #173 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †*

Source of light and love, reveal to us your glory. As you appeared to your servant Moses in devouring fire on Mount Sinai, appear to us now in power and might during our time of worship. As you revealed Christ's resplendent light to his disciples on the mountaintop, reveal your radiant light to us during our fellowship together. We yearn to be called on a journey, to climb your mountain of love and light. We long for the courage of Moses as we wait for your appearance, even when your powerful presence is like a devouring fire. Test our hearts, O God, that we might face our fears and prove ourselves worthy of your holy calling. Transform us with your glory, that we might shine your light into a world that is shrouded in darkness. 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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON * 2 Peter 1:16-21 NRSV

- 16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.
- 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."
- 18 We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

- 19 So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.
- 20 First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,
- 21 because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from 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 * "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" – #452 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.

ANTHEM Renewal Choir

GOSPEL LESSON †* Matthew 17:1-9 NRSV

- 1 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.
- 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light.
- 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.
- 4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
- 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"
- 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.
- 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."
- 8 And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.
- 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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 "Unbearable Brightness" – Rev. Chenda Innis Lee

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

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 †* "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" – #731 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped make worship meaningful today through the gift of their time and the sharing of their spiritual gifts. Your presence and participation strengthen our community and enrich our worship.

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Lay Liturgist: JoEllen Parker

Welcome Team: Doug Lucas, David Rizzo, Fred Ruddock

Acolytes: Zay Burns-Elliott, Destin Cobb, Roman Smith

Slide Projectionist: Kenny Elliott

Children's Message: Brian Burns

LOOKING AHEAD – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Lay Liturgist: Kenny Elliott

Welcome Team: Patty Bogdewic, Mary Emili, Fred Ruddock

Acolytes: Gwen Cobb, James Mickens, Roman Smith

Slide Projectionist: Linda McDonald

Children's Message: Megan Bova

YOU ARE INVITED TO THIS ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT EXTRAVAGANZA!



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER



FEBRUARY 17 | 5:00-7:30PM

ADULTS-\$10 | KIDS-\$5

TAKEOUT AVAILABLE!

DONATION INCLUDES PANCAKES OR
WAFFLES, SAUSAGE, TOPPINGS, DRINKS



A Time for Fellowship

Please join us around the tables in the **Fellowship Hall** (down the stairs or use the elevator) following morning worship for refreshments.

See announcement in the **GET CONNECTED** section on how you can get involved in our fellowship time at Calvary!



THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- **A Time for Fellowship** | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall
- **Gender Diversity & Pronouns Workshop** | 12:30 PM | Chapel
- **AHPS Tiffany Concert Series – Chaplin by Candlelight** | 5:00 PM | Calvary UMC
- **Gathering with Bishop Sandra Steiner-Ball** | 2:00-4:00 PM | Grove City Grace UMC
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- **Sleeping Bag Ministry** | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- **Exercise Class** | 9:00 AM | Chapel
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner** | 5:00-7:30 PM | Fellowship Hall
- **NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00-8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- **Ashes-to-Go** | 11:00 AM-1:30 PM | Allegheny Avenue in front of Calvary
- **Hey, Neighbors! Wednesday Dinner** | 6:00-7:00 PM | Chapel
- **Ash Wednesday Service** | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary
- **Iron City Squares** | 7:00-9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00 AM | Chapel
- **Women's Bible Study** | 10:00-11:30 AM | Parlor
- **Learn to Knit & Fiber Arts Fellowship** | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM | Chapel
- **Open Sanctuary** | 6:00-8:00 PM | Sanctuary
- **Church Council Meeting** | 6:30-8:00 PM | Chapel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- **Opening Gathering** | 9:45-10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Lenten Bible Study Led by Rev. Chenda Lee** | 10:00-10:45 AM | Chapel
- **Sunday School - K-3rd, 4th-6th** | 10:00 - 10:45 AM | Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday School - 7th-12th** | 10:00 - 10:45 AM | Christian Education Office
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 10:00 - 10:45 AM | Choir Loft
- **Change Matters Special Offering** | During Worship | Sanctuary
- **Community Lunch** | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall
- **Gathering with Bishop Sandra Steiner-Ball** | 3:00-5:00 PM | Trinity UMC Indiana
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

**Allegheny Historic Preservation Society's
Tiffany Concert Series**

presents

Chaplin by Candlelight
with the

Music of Tom Roberts

Sunday, February 15 at 5:00



Calvary United Methodist Church
971 Beech Avenue, Pittsburgh 15233
calvarypgh.com

Tickets purchased at the door by cash, check, or credit: Adults: \$25,
Seniors & Students: \$20, Children under 16: \$15

LENTEN JOURNEY



A MESSAGE FROM CALVARY UMC

For the first time in nearly 20 years, all of our Lenten worship services will be held at Calvary, and we could not be more grateful. This season feels especially meaningful as we come together in one sacred space to worship, reflect and grow as a community.

EVENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

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

Suggested Donation: \$10 Adults, \$5 Kids 12 & under, Toddlers are FREE

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY - ASHES TO GO

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

Pastors will offer ashes to pedestrians and drivers outside the church during lunch hour.

TRADITIONAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 18 | 7:00 PM | Chapel

A meaningful service with the imposition of ashes. Open to everyone, this service marks the start of Lent, a time for reflection, forgiveness and renewal.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

We begin with palms celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and move through Holy Week in anticipation of Easter.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

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 includes Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 3 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Gather to remember Christ's crucifixion, God's ultimate act of love and forgiveness and experience renewal in Him.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

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

Celebrate Easter at dawn with a beautiful view of Pittsburgh. A cherished community tradition continuing since our congregations united in 2017.

EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE

Sunday, April 5 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

Join us as we proclaim "Christ is risen!" and celebrate Christ's resurrection with a joyful service featuring special music from Calvary's Festival Choir, South Hills Brass and guests.

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY LED BY REV. CHENDA LEE

Sundays beginning February 22 | 10:00-10:45 AM | Chapel

Contact: Church Office (412-231-2007 or calvarypgh@gmail.com)

This Lenten season, join Rev. Chenda Lee for *Walking the Palm Sunday Path in Lent*. Together, we'll explore the Gospel stories and follow Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem, discovering how his actions and teachings offer clear contrasts to the cruelty, greed, intimidation, and injustice we see in the world today. Come reflect, discuss, and walk with us as we proclaim God's values in our lives and community.

JESUS 101 – BIBLE STUDY LED BY REV. MYLES BRADLEY

Sundays | 10:00-10:45 AM | Chapel

Contact: Rev. Myles Bradley (ogremtb@aol.com)

Join Rev. Myles Bradley for *Jesus 101*, an engaging study exploring the life and teachings of Jesus. All are welcome!

Session 4 February 1 **Twenty Centuries of Jesus**

Session 5 February 8 **Beyond Belief**

Session 6 February 15 **Jesus Christ Superstar**

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 AM | Chapel

Contact: Church Office (412-231-2007 or calvarypgh@gmail.com)

Using chairs and light equipment, participants follow the *Grow Young Fitness* series, making the class accessible for all abilities. They enjoy a 50 minute workout focused on movement and core strength in a fun judgment free environment. Classes meet weekly and are free and open to everyone. Just bring sneakers a water bottle and a friend or neighbor and join in the fun.

IRON CITY SQUARES – LGBTQIA+ SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Wednesdays | 7:00-9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

Contact: Blaine Knupp (724-464-4324)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | 10:00-11:30 AM | Parlor

Contact: Kathy Wagner (kbwagner47@gmail.com)

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 | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM | Chapel

Contact: Mary Emili (parkside704@yahoo.com)

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.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENT

WINTER CARE & FOOD COLLECTIONS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Contact: Kathy Wagner (kbwagner47@gmail.com)

Help Calvary support local families this winter! Drop donations in the chapel bin for food banks and community ministries. Needed items include 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, February 22 (Last Sunday each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

Our children are collecting “change” – because when we all contribute a little, it adds up to make a big difference! These gifts help buy food for Daily Bread.

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – SERVING DAILY BREAD

Thursday, March 12 (2nd Thursday each month) | 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Contact: Joan Bradley (ogremtb@aol.com)

Calvary United Women in Faith coordinates the meal preparation for Daily Bread, a ministry that offers meals three times a week to those who are unhoused or underemployed. They provide products, gloves, hand warmers, toothpaste and reusable bags. Thank you for sharing nourishment, warmth, and care with our neighbors!

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturdays, March 21 | 9:00–10:30 AM

Northview Heights, 533 Mount Pleasant Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Contact: Linda Ehrlich (laehrlich927@aol.com)

RSVP: Sign-up sheet in chapel

WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

Mondays | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Contact: Terri Howell (412-482-2211 or trr_howell@yahoo.com)

This group creates sleeping bags from recycled materials along with personal care items for local homeless shelters. Sheets, curtains, coverlets and tablecloths are especially needed.

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.

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

Contact: Brian Burns (bsburns77@aol.com)

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 REHEARSAL

Tuesdays (January-May, September) | 7:00-8:00 PM | Music Office

Thursdays (October-December) | 6:00-7:00 PM | Music Office

Contact: Brian Burns (bsburns77@aol.com)

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.

JOIN A FELLOWSHIP TEAM!



We are looking for teams of 2-3 people to help prepare easy, delicious meals for fellowship time.



No culinary experience? No problem! We also need people to help with clean-up.



It's a great opportunity to serve and connect with others in a meaningful way.

INTERESTED? See Mike Schnitgen or contact the church office directly.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE FORMING

Calvary is forming a Social Justice Committee to help define and organize our Social Justice Ministry, one of our strategic goals for 2026. If you feel called and have a passion for Christ's world-transforming Gospel and the United Methodist Church's social principles. Please sign up at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3MFK4V3>

NFL DRAFT WEEKEND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

An estimated 500,000-700,000 visitors will be in our neighborhood for NFL Draft Weekend. We are planning an open house and community engagement event on Saturday, April 25—tentatively a North Side Neighborhood Spring Block Party. Interested in helping plan or participate? Please use the following link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/3MFK4V3>

FELLOWSHIP HALL REFRESH UNDERWAY

Our church continues to be enhanced, and this time the focus is on an intensive cleaning and reorganization of our Fellowship Hall. These improvements help ensure our space remains welcoming, functional and ready for ministry. Be sure to head down to Fellowship Hall this week to see the sparkling floors for yourself! A special thank you to Brian Burns for heading up this project. Thank you, Brian!

FAMILY CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS



EASTER EGG HUNT



Sat, March 21 • 1-3 pm

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



FAMILY GAME DAY



Sun, April 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 food, fellowship and fun. Weather permitting, we'll be outside.



DAILY BREAD PICNIC



Sun, July 12 • Time TBA

All are welcome to help serve up this picnic-style lunch at Daily Bread.

MORE INFO

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

FAMILY MINISTRY



EVENTS

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

Saturday, 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. Bring your favorite games or enjoy one provided as we spend time together laughing, playing and building community. All are welcome.

KICKOFF TO SUMMER COOKOUT

Sunday, May 17 | 5:00 – 7:00 PM | Outdoors & Fellowship Hall

Join us at Calvary for a Kickoff to Summer Cookout as we gather for food, fellowship and fun to celebrate the start of summer together. We plan to be outside, weather depending. All are welcome.

DAILY BREAD PICNIC

Sunday, July 12 | Time TBA | Daily Bread, 901 Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

All are welcome to help serve up this picnic-style lunch at Daily Bread.

WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 10:00–10:45 AM | Fellowship Hall (K–6th) & Christian Ed Office (7th–12th)

Contacts: Megan Bova (412-715-4946 or mbova@CalvaryPgh.com) or Brittany Bova-Mickens (412-715-4947 or bbova@CalvaryPgh.com)

Our Sunday School is divided into K–3rd, 4th–6th and 7th–12th grades for age-appropriate learning, using Cokesbury's *FaithWeaver NOW* series.

SPECIAL EVENTS



GATHERING WITH BISHOP SANDRA STEINER-BALL CLERGY AND LAITY INVITED

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3MgpCd7>

Join Bishop Sandra Steiner-Ball for one of six gatherings across the WPA Conference. These meetings bring clergy and laity together to reflect, share updates, and explore how we continue moving forward as a people empowered by God's Spirit. Each gathering begins with scripture and spiritual centering, followed by updates on vision, Conference staffing and restructuring, and ongoing ministry and mission.

Attend the gathering and location that works best for you. Dates and times accommodate full-time laity and bi-vocational pastors:

- **Sunday, February 15 | 2:00-4:00 PM**
Grove City Grace UMC, 210 South Broad St, Grove City
- **Sunday, February 22 | 3:00-5:00 PM**
Trinity UMC Indiana, 398 Church St, Indiana
- **Saturday, March 14 | 3:00-5:00 PM**
Edinboro UMC, 113 High St, Edinboro
- **Sunday, March 15 | 3:00-5:00 PM**
Monroeville UMC, 219 Center Rd, Monroeville
- **Monday, March 16 | 6:30-8:30 PM**
Trinity UMC McMurray, 530 Center Church Rd, McMurray
- **Thursday, March 19 | 6:00-8:00 PM**
Warren Grace UMC, 501 Pennsylvania Ave East, Warren

Please register to help us prepare and communicate any schedule updates. Bishop Sandra looks forward to celebrating how God's power is at work among us as we Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously.

GENDER DIVERSITY & PRONOUNS WORKSHOP

Sunday, February 15 | 12:30 PM | Chapel

Contact: Tim Napieralski (sashanapieralski@outlook.com)

Calvary is partnering with Hugh Lane for a workshop on gender diversity and pronouns. Join us to learn, grow, and help build a more inclusive and understanding community.

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES

TOM ROBERTS: A CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT

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

Contact: ahps-pgh.org

Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$20 Seniors & Students, \$15 16 & under (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.

“HEY NEIGHBOR!” WEDNESDAY DINNERS

Wednesdays beginning February 18 (Ash Wednesday) | 6:00-8:00 PM | Chapel

Contacts: Patty Bogdewic (patriciabogdewic@gmail.com) or Kenny Elliott (724-513-4625 or kenelliott76@gmail.com)

RSVP: Sign-up sheet in chapel

A watched pot never boils, especially without gas. And without ingredients? No soup. No meal. No gathering.

This Lent, Calvary is turning on the heat and stirring something new. *Soup and Community will be at the heart of our shared life* as we launch **Hey, Neighbor! Wednesday Dinners**.

From **Ash Wednesday, February 18 through April 1**, join us for seven Wednesday evenings of **free meals, fun activities and warm community**. These dinners are for neighbors as well as Calvary friends—anyone who wants to connect and belong is welcome.

This is about more than soup. It is about **connection, belonging and living out our mission**. Calvary boldly proclaims: *“You are God’s beloved and you are welcome here.”*

Even if only a few neighbors come, it will be worth it if we give our hearts, our hospitality and our love.

This Sunday we’ll share how you can help make this happen. The most important ingredient? You.

ALLEGHENY CITY SOCIETY BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

BOOK: BILLY PORTER, UNPROTECTED (2021)

Wednesday, February 25 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Contact: David Grinnell (grinnell@pitt.edu)

Join the Allegheny City Society (ACS) Book Club to discuss Billy Porter’s revealing memoir *Unprotected*. Discover the trials, triumphs and “angels” that shaped this Pittsburgh native into a star of stage and screen. Porter’s memoir is available on Amazon, at local bookstores and in your public library. Everyone is welcome!

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES

GRETCHEN VAN HOESEN, PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY HAPIST

Sunday, March 22 | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Contact: ahps-pgh.org

Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$20 Seniors & Students, \$15 16 & under (purchase at the door)

Gretchen Van Hoesen has been principal harpist of the Pittsburgh Symphony since 1977 and has performed worldwide as a soloist and collaborator. An acclaimed recording artist and educator, she teaches at Carnegie Mellon and Duquesne Universities and is widely recognized for her artistry and lasting contributions to the harp community.

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES – HYMN SING

Sunday, May 3 | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Contact: ahps-pgh.org

Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$20 Seniors & Students, \$15 16 & under (purchase at the door)

Join us for a joyful Hymn Sing with Brian Burns on Calvary’s historic Farrand & Votey Organ. Lift your voice in beloved hymns and experience the rich, resonant sound of one of the region’s most remarkable historic organs. This family-friendly, community-focused event is perfect for anyone who loves music, tradition, and the chance to sing together in a beautiful, historic setting.

GET CONNECTED



EVENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Contacts: Ken Elliott, Co-President (724-513-4625 or kenelliott76@gmail.com) or Jan Myers, Co-President (ajmeyers1237@comcast.net)

There will not be meetings in July or December.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, February 22 (Last Sunday each month) | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

Contact: Church Office (412-231-2007 or calvarypgh@gmail.com)

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, March 1 (1st Sunday 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.

WEEKLY

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Sundays | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

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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.

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.



CALVARY'S STONE SOUP

By Kenny Elliott, Calvary Lay Leader
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Stone Soup is a story about travelers who arrive hungry at a village. The villagers are reluctant to share their food with strangers. So, the travelers cleverly begin making "stone soup." They place a smooth stone in a pot of water and explain that the soup would taste even better with just a few added ingredients. Curious, villagers begin contributing what they can—carrots, celery, potatoes, parsley—until the pot becomes a rich, hearty soup. The stone is removed, and the entire village shares a meal they created together.

Our Hey Neighbors! Wednesday Dinners are like Stone Soup. Each of us brings something to contribute, and together we create a meal that feeds our neighbors and builds community.

If you haven't signed up yet to prepare soup, serve, or lead an activity, you can still contribute by showing up, pitching in and connect with our neighbors over a bowl of soup or one of the planned activities

Just like the villagers in *Stone Soup*, when we each give a little, we create something meaningful—fellowship, belonging, and care for our neighbors beyond our own community during this special season.



Hey, Neighbors!

Join us for

Wednesday Soup Dinners

6-8 PM

During Lent

Enjoy a **Free Meal** and **Different Activities Each Week** after Dinner

Whether you come for a meal, conversation, fun or community, you'll find a space that welcomes all.



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