# CALVARY united Methodist Church





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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:

- To the right, you'll find an accessible restroom and a baby changing table on the same level.
- To the left, restrooms are located down the stairs.
- 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

#### **CONTINUING CONCERNS**

Paul Brucker Martha Helmreich Marcia Webb, friend of Mark S. Venus W. The ministry at The Learning Hub

#### WEEK 1

Joan Bradley Ed Warren

#### WEEK 2

Family of Kathy Cerere who passed on March 29th Jack and Carol Piper Suzanne Gilliland Margee Bilyak

#### WEEK 3

Kathy Doyle, mother of Carrie Doyle (Beech Avenue neighbor) Akers Family, the death of Patrica Joanie Bova, recovering from surgery

#### WEEK 4

The family of Joan Sturtz who passed on Tuesday, March 25th In celebration of Stella's successful transplant

#### **SHARING PRAYER REQUESTS & JOYS**

Prayer concerns remain on our list for four weeks. Each week, the oldest requests are removed as others move up.

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.

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



"Hosanna to the Son of David", Gibbons — South Hills Brass

"Were You There", Traditional African — South Hills Brass

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" — Calvary Handbells

"Lift High the Cross", Nicholson — South Hills Brass

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP +\***

Leader: But today -

**People:** today we know hope. Leader: Today we know life.

People: Today we know the sound of Alleluias.

Leader: Today we know that death does not have the last word.

People: Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Leader: It is Easter. May hope find you. And may you know, deep in your bones, that

today is a new day.

People: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

#### **OPENING PRAYER +\***

God of Alleluias and empty tombs, God of garden plots and good news, it is Easter. It is finally Easter. In a world full of grief and heartache, in a world full of violence and oppression, in a world full of loss and separation, we long for this day because Easter sings a different song. Easter sings a song of hope. Easter sings a song of new life. Easter sings a song of love that makes you want to jump out of your chair and run barefoot to the tomb. Easter smells of fresh flowers and baked bread. It sounds like trumpets and laughter. It feels like a crowded table and a warm hug. Yes, Easter sings a different song. So in a world full of grief, help us to cling to Easter's hope. In a world full of grief, help us hear this story of good news. In a world full of grief, we're ready to jump out of our chairs and run barefoot to the tomb. With hope we pray, with hope we listen, amen.

#### **COMMUNITY GREETINGS +**

**GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †\*** . . . . . . . . "He Is Lord" — #177 UMH (Two Times)

He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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- O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

- 14 The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
- 15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;
- 16 the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."
- 17 I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

#### SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION \***

Faithful friends, today is a joyful day! If I were to ask you what parts of today's service feel joyful, you'd probably say the music, the passing of the peace, the flowers in the sanctuary. You might say the children's sermon, or the crowded room. But it's unlikely that any of you would name the prayer of confession, because the prayer of confession has a reputation for being somber and serious. But perhaps the prayer of confession can feel like a fresh page. Maybe the prayer of confession can allow us to start again. When we move closer to God, we are always met with grace, mercy, and abundant love. And my friends, that is joyful. That feels like Easter, doesn't it? So join me in the prayer of confession. It's a joyful day. That joy doesn't stop here. Let us pray:

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION \*

Leader: The Gospel of Luke says: "It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of

James, and the other women with them who told the apostles (of the

resurrection]. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did

not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb."

People: Forgive us, God, when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it.

Forgive us, God, when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope. Forgive us, God, when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of

our neighbor.

Leader: In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter.

People: Show us how to hold onto hope. Show us how to run toward you. Amen.

#### **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS \***

Leader: Family of Faith, at first, the disciples didn't believe that Jesus had risen. They

stayed locked in an upper room, shaking and afraid. Peter was the only exception. Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our best days and our worst days.

People: God's grace exists for us when we are hopeful and when we're grieving, when

we're shouting and when we're silent, when we're full of faith and when we're full of fear. God's grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days, and every day

in between. Thanks be to God for this good news! Alleluia! Amen.

#### MOMENTS OF SILENCE

#### **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.

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- Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.
- 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."
- 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.
- 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.
- 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.
- 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,
- and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
- 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.
- 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.
- 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.
- 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb,
- and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.
- 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."
- 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

- Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."
- 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).
- Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father.
  But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"
- 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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 SERMON
 "Everything [in] between Grief and Hope" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

 ANTHEM
 Renewal Choir

#### WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

#### **CALL TO GIVE**

#### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

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!

#### OFFERING PRAYER +

**CLOSING HYMN \***.... "Thine Be the Glory" — #308 UMH

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH †\***

In the dark before dawn, we believe that God is alive. In the midst of our grief, we believe the Spirit is at work. In the chaos of our broken world, we believe that love is on the loose. For no stone could keep God at bay, and no violence could keep God's love from us. So today we sing, Alleluia! For somewhere in between our belief and doubt, hope lives. Christ has died, and Christ has also risen. Christ is risen, indeed! Thanks be to God! Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION** +

Please join us for a time of fellowship around the tables in the chapel.

### THIS WEEK AT CAI VARY



#### **SUN** EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE

APR 20 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**MON** GA (GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS)

APR 21 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

**TUES** EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

**APR 22** 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

**THURS** EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

**APR 24** 9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** 

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

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** 

6:30 - 8:00 PM | Chapel

**OPEN SANCTUARY** 

6:00 - 8:00 PM | Sanctuary

**SAT** NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**APR 26** 9:00 – 10:30 AM | Northview Heights

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE** 

2:00 PM | Dutilh UMC

#### **SUN**

APR 27

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

#### **TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Alternate Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

#### **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

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#### "CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING

During Worship | Sanctuary

#### **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

#### **EARTH DAY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP**

12:30 – 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC & Allegheny West Neighborhood

#### AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall





#### Megan Bova

In Memory of Joseph Vacek, Peggi Funk, Sam and Theresa Bova, and Rev. Jim and Betty DuBois In Honor of Bronson Joseph Funk and Calvary's Children's Ministry

#### Callie Buzard

In Memory of loved ones lost

#### Rachel, Jane, Amy and Melissa Callison

In Memory of Mary and Harper Callison In Honor of Michael Shealey

#### Renny and Linda Clark

In Memory of Tom and Twila Walker, Patricia Walker, and Gordon and Sara Clark In Honor of Rev. Beth Nelson, Brian Burns and the Calvary Music Program, and Rev. Larry Homitsky and Church Union

#### Linda and Larry Ehrlich

In Memory of our Parents
In Honor of our Grandchildren

#### Mary Emili and Bob Gumash

In Memory of Robert and Geraldine Gumash, and George and Margaret Lopata

#### Susan Evans

In Memory of Rita and Tony Spena

#### Tom and Judy Flaherty

In Memory of Virginia Kraft and Mary Flaherty

#### **David Grinnell**

In Memory of Kenneth and Betty Grinnell, David and Iva Johnson, and Amos and Mabel Grinnell

#### **Emma Jones**

In Memory of Joan and Lloyd Sturtz, James Hricsina, Bill Artzberger, and Chelsea Johnson

#### Katherine Lattimore Stern

In Memory of Roy and Louise Lattimore and Fred Giraud

#### **Lorraine Malcolm**

In Honor of Brian Burns – "Our Go-To Guy"

#### **Judith Melvin**

In Memory of Ray and Margaret Melvin, and Jacqueline Melvin-Cannon

#### **Charles Moore**

In Memory of Walter Coleman

#### **Beth Nelson**

In Honor of Calvary Church Staff and Family

#### **Dennis Panek**

In Memory of Genevieve and Walter Panek

#### **Tammy Phillips**

In Honor of The Phillips and Derouin Families

#### Carol and Jack Piper

In Memory of our parents – Dwight and Beryle Piper Wally and Lois Anderson

#### Fred Ruddock

In Memory of Charles Thomas and Kathryn Ruddock

#### Michael Schnitgen

In Memory of Joan Sturtz
In Honor of Linda and Larry Ehrlich

#### Jane Skerl

In Memory of Father and Mother In Honor of Charles Ekas

#### **George Stowell**

In Memory of George and Venita Stowell

#### **David Tinker**

In Honor of Ellie Tinker, Lila Tinker, Sheila Hill, and Hope Tinker

#### Kathy and Budd Wagner

In Memory of Eli Wagner and Skyler Wagner

#### Wayne and Aleta Weis

In Memory of our loved ones In Honor of Aimee, Adrinna, and Aidan

#### **Thomas Westfall**

In Memory of Elizabeth Westfall, Oscar Westfall, and Mercy Vasquez-Nolivos

The flowers appear on the earth the season of singing has come...

#### **Kathy Winne**



## **GET** CONNECTED

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



#### **NAME TAGS**

We encourage you to make and wear a name tag:

- If this is your first time at Calvary, someone will help you make a name tag.
- Name tags create a welcoming atmosphere, especially for first-time visitors.
- They make it easier for everyone to learn and use your name, helping us get to know one another.
- Wearing a name tag helps everyone feel included and connected.
- It also shows that we value you and want to build strong relationships within our church community.

#### FOOD/FELLOWSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The times we gather for food at Calvary are very important for making CONNECTIONS and continuing the fellowship after the worship service. We talk, laugh, share, and nourish one another in body and spirit. To sustain these connections, we are asking for volunteers and/or sponsors for our food/fellowship times.

Teams are being created to help with prep, service, and clean-up. A team will be responsible for the food/fellowship time one Sunday each month. If you are interested in serving on one of these teams, please speak to Mike Schnitgen, Food Ministry Coordinator.

Calvary's annual budget includes line items for income and expenses for weekly fellowship. A DONATIONS BOX will be provided each week and any donation amount will be appreciated. There are also opportunities for sponsorship – \$50 for after service and \$100 for the monthly luncheon. Please see Mike Schnitgen to sponsor a Sunday. The more we balance food income against food expenses, the more we will support a balanced budget for Calvary.

#### **EVENTS**

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday, April 24 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel This meeting was rescheduled from April 17 due to Maundy Thursday Service.

There will not be meetings in either July or December.

#### **DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

Saturday, April 26 | 2:00 PM | Dutilh UMC, 1270 Dutilh Rd #5108, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066
At the district conference there will be information shared regarding legislation at Annual Conference. Please encourage your Lay Member to Annual Conference, Alternates Lay Member to Annual Conference, and any Equalization Delegates to attend! The 2025 Annual Conference will flow differently then previous years. PSA: The 2025 District Conference will be longer then normal with most of the time being spent on Annual Conference preparation.

#### **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Sunday, April 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.

#### EARTH DAY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

Sunday, April 27 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC & Allegheny West Neighborhood

For Earth Day, Calvary will host a community cleanup project in Pittsburgh's Allegheny West area. Volunteers are invited to meet at Calvary United Methodist Church at 12:30 PM, where they will gather and receive supplies before heading out to clean up the neighborhood. The focus will be on clearing litter and enhancing the area's overall beauty. As part of the event, reusable and recyclable bags will be distributed to neighborhood residents and businesses, encouraging sustainable practices and waste reduction. This cleanup event offers a wonderful chance to give back to the local environment, strengthen community bonds, and take part in the Earth Day celebration. It's a meaningful way to make a positive impact on our community and the planet!

#### COMMUNION

Sunday, May 4 (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, May 4 (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 members will be welcomed into full membership the following Sunday.

#### **NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**

Sunday, May 11 (2nd Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

New members will be welcomed during morning worship.

#### WEEKLY

#### A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

 ${\bf Sundays} \; | \; {\bf Following} \; {\bf Worship} \; | \; {\bf Chapel}$ 

Please join us around the tables in the chapel behind the sanctuary following morning worship for refreshments and fellowship.



## EARTH DAY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP



HELP US MAKE OUR COMMUNITY CLEANER AND GREENER

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025** 

12:30 PM

Volunteers will meet at the rear parking lot of Calvary UMC to gather supplies before heading out to clean up the neighborhood.

1-4 PM

We will focus on clearing litter and beautifying the area, while distributing reusable and recyclable bags to local residents and businesses to encourage sustainability and waste reduction.

RSVP OR JUST SHOW UP-EVERY HAND HELPS!

LET'S COME TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE! ALL AGES WELCOME.



## **MUSIC** MINISTRY

#### **EVENTS**



#### **TIMELESS TUNES: A HYMN SING CELEBRATION**

Sunday, May 4 | 4:00 PM | Sanctuary

Come together for a special community event where you can enjoy the timeless tradition of hymn singing. Hymns of your choice will be led by the festival choir, and you'll have the opportunity to select the songs that resonate with you. Whether it's a favorite Christmas, Easter, Advent, or Lenten hymn, all are welcome to participate!

There is no admission for this free event however, a free-will offering will be collected to assist in our building renovation fund, specifically the restroom renovation.

Calvary has a long and rich history of exceptional music, and this hymn sing is a wonderful way for us to come together and share our stories through song. Feel free to bring your favorite hymns, as we will be singing the songs that matter most to you!

Following the hymn sing, a reception will be held where everyone can enjoy light refreshments and connect with one another. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends and share in the joy of community.

This event is sponsored by the Allegheny Historic Preservation Society, in partnership with Calvary's music program. We look forward to celebrating music, tradition, and the common goals that bring us all together.

#### **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 (<u>bsburns77@aol.com</u>) for more details.

#### HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Tuesdays (January – May) | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)
Thursdays (September – December) | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)
No audition or music-reading skills required! Whether you're a beginner or have prior

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 (<u>bsburns77@aol.com</u>) for more details.

## **FAMILY** MINISTRY

#### WEEKLY



#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

This class is offered to children ages 3-10 years old.

#### **TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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**

#### **DAILY BREAD PICNIC LUNCH**

**Sunday, June 8** | **Time TBA** | **Daily Bread, 901 Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233** All are welcome to help serve up this picnic-style lunch at Daily Bread.



## **SMALL** GROUPS

#### WEEKLY



#### THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP - BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. CHAD BOGDEWIC

Sundays (Beginning May 4) | 10:00 AM | Parlor

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (February 4, 1906 – April 9, 1945) was a Lutheran theologian and activist from Germany who was an outspoken critic of Hitler and the Nazi Regime. In 1937, he published *The Cost of Discipleship*, an exploration of the Sermon on the Mount. He was arrested in 1943 and executed in 1945, just weeks before the death of Hitler and the end of World War II. This study is a look at Bonhoeffer's book. What can we learn from this modern martyr in today's world?

#### **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.

## "JOURNEYING THROUGH THE GOSPEL" OF LUKE – BIBLE STUDY WITH TINA WHITEHEAD

Mondays (May 12 & 19, June 2, 9 & 16) | 10:00 – 11:30 AM | Chapel

All are welcome to a unique Bible study series led by Tina, a familiar guest at Calvary known for bringing beautiful olive wood pieces from Bethlehem. This time, Tina returns to share a Geographical and Pictorial Study of the Gospel of Luke. Using maps and over 370 photos from her 25 years of travel in the Holy Land, she'll bring Jesus' ministry to life in a vivid and meaningful way. Come when you can! Sponsored by the Thursday Women's Bible Study.

#### **GA (GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS)**

Mondays (2nd Monday every other month) | 6:30 PM | Chapel Next Meeting is April 21 (Rescheduled from April 14)

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

We are exploring Beth Moore's study of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Galatians 5:22-23. A portion of our time is spent in prayer before delving into our study. This prayer and study time is open to all women.

## MISSIONS & OUTREACH

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### **TOOTHPASTE & BAG COLLECTION**

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 to support their efforts. Thank you for your continued generosity!

#### **EVENTS**

#### NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, April 26 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM

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

We need six volunteers for each scheduled date to help support this important work. A sign-up sheet is available in the chapel, along with a written description of the tasks involved – no experience necessary! Thank you for being willing to serve! Contact Linda Ehrlich (laehrlich927@aol.com) with any questions.

#### **"CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING**

#### Sunday, April 27 (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, supporting those in need in our community. Thank you for encouraging and joining in their generosity!

#### **CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – SERVING DAILY BREAD**

Thursday, May 8 (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. We are grateful for their continued service and commitment to our neighbors in need.

#### WEEKLY

#### **SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY**

#### THIS GROUP WILL BE ON A BREAK DURING APRIL, AND WILL RESUME MAY 5.

#### Mondays | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

The Sleeping Bag Ministry makes sleeping bags from recycled materials and donates them to homeless shelters. They are currently accepting blankets, sheets, pillowcases, neckties, and personal items like shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, and new men's socks. Donations can be left in the chapel bin or downstairs by the old safe.

#### **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.

The Allegheny Historic Preservation Society and Calvary's Music Program present

# Timeless Tunes

A HYMN SING CELEBRATION

**MAY** 

**SUNDAY** 

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4:00 PM

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Join us for a special **community hymn sing**, where you can choose your favorite hymns—whether Christmas, Easter, Advent, or Lenten—and sing together led by the festival choir.

There is no admission for this **free event** however, a free-will offering will be collected to assist in our building renovation fund, specifically the restroom renovation.

Afterward, **enjoy a reception** with light refreshments and connect with fellow attendees.

See you there



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#### **CALVARY UMC**

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