

CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Dandelion Whine



Sunday, July 19, 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

Tim Napieralski
Family and Friends of Charles Moore
The Onda family
Joe and Bunny Blackman
Zev Kahn
Christine Siewers
Corrine Houser
George Janocsko
Barbara Wood – friend of Marirose

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker
Bobby Buckner and his family
Jeanne Dithomas
Terri Jagielski
Martha Helmreich
Judy Melvin
Al Meyers
Sheila Molyneaux
Marcia Webb – friend of Mark Snyder
Aleata Weis
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, JULY 19

- **A Service of Celebration—Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC
- **Memorial Service to Celebrate Charles Moore** | 1:00 PM | Calvary UMC
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, JULY 20

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

TUESDAY, JULY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

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

THURSDAY, JULY 23

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

SUNDAY, JULY 26

- **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



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP + *

Leader: Weeds and seeds, growing together.
People: Each will influence the other.
Leader: What will we learn from the weeds?
People: Trials and tribulations, choices that have not always worked out. Weeds can teach us about perseverance — consider the tough dandelion plant pushing its way up through the pavement — for some it's just a weed, but for others there are lessons to be learned.
Leader: What will be gained from seeds?
People: Inside each one of us is a special person, waiting to be nurtured to wholeness. Each seed is unique; each has its own gifts to offer.
Leader: In God's garden, God's love extends to both – asking both to consider what each has to offer to a hurting world.
People: Lord, help us to be good seeds, bearing fruits of kindness, justice and compassion. Keep us mindful of those for whom life has been difficult and yet they persist in trying to make each day better. Be in our hearts, O Lord, and in our lives.

OPENING HYMN + * "God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us" — #100 UMH

OPENING PRAYER + *

Gracious God, you have given us your words of direction to teach us how to live by eternal truths. Still, we struggle with the fleshly desires that slow our living into our most abundant lives. We ache for the breath of your compassion to restore us to spiritual health. Assist us to live in freedom instead of fear. Help us deal with the weeds in our own lives. May we be increasingly strengthened as your children and shine like the sun in our hurting world. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME +

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 NRSV

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- 7 Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,"
12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
24 See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
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 * "Lord, Speak to Me" — #463 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 13:24-30, 36-43 NRSV
24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,
25 but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.
26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.
27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?'
28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'
29 But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.
30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "
36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."
37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;
38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,
39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

- 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.
- 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,
- 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Dandelion Whine!!” — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

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 † *. “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” — #664 UMH

STATEMENT OF FAITH FROM THE KOREAN METHODIST CHURCH † *. . . #884 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

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

POSTLUDE TRADITION: At Calvary, we stand and listen to the postlude, many turning toward the choir loft to watch our organist play. This tradition began after our once-silent organ was restored, renewing our gratitude for its beautiful sound and our strong music ministry. We invite you to join us in this meaningful moment.

UPCOMING EVENTS



CALVARY CAFE

June through August | 9:30–11:00 AM | Calvary UMC

During the summer months of June through August, fellowship and monthly lunches following worship will be on pause. Instead, we invite everyone to gather for fellowship before worship. The Calvary Café will be open each Sunday at 9:30 AM, offering coffee, tea, and snacks—a wonderful opportunity to connect ahead of the service.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO CELEBRATE CHARLES MOORE

Today, Sunday, July 19 | 1:00 PM | Calvary UMC

The Calvary Church family invites you to a memorial service celebrating the life of Charles Moore, a long-time member and Chairperson of the History and Archives Ministry. Charles entered eternal rest on Saturday, June 6. We give thanks for his faithful service and the lasting impact he made on our church community.

“HEY, NEIGHBORS!” SUMMER COOKOUTS

Wednesdays—July 22, August 5 & 19 | 6:00 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!

A PICNIC CELEBRATION FOR ALEATA WEIS!

Sunday, August 2 | Following Worship | Calvary UMC

We are so excited to celebrate Aleata and the many years she has poured into Calvary with love, care, and faithful service. After worship on August 2, we'll gather in Fellowship Hall for a joyful picnic lunch—fried chicken, potato salad, and all the good summer favorites. We'll have the tables set with red-and-white checkered cloths (her favorites!) to make it feel extra special. We hope you'll join us, bring a card sharing your appreciation, and help us send her off with full hearts, laughter, and plenty of love. Gifts are welcome, but your presence and gratitude are the greatest gift of all.

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Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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