

CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WHEN WE ARE SUMMONED...



Sunday, June 7, 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

Paul Brucker
Samantha - niece of Mary Ewalt
Al Meyers
Christine Siewers
Corrine Houser
George Janocsko
Niko
Judy Melvin
Charles Moore
Aleata Weis
Rick Stern
Barbara Wood – friend of Marirose

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Bobby Buckner and his family
Jeanne Dithomas
Terri Jagielski
Martha Helmreich
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

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, JUNE 7

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- **Iron City Squares** | 7:00–9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Women's Bible Study** | 10:00–11:30 AM | Parlor
- **CUMW Potluck Picnic** | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
- **Open Sanctuary** | 6:00–8:00 PM | Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

- **Pride Sunday**
- **Sunday Morning Fellowship** | 9:30–11:00 AM | Chapel
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SUNDAY CELEBRATION



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP + *

Leader: Shout with joy,

People: for God has blessed us.

Leader: Sing with praise,

People: for God is here.

Leader: Worship and pray,

People: for God is listening.

OPENING HYMN + * "To God, Be the Glory" — #98 UMH

OPENING PRAYER + *

Blessed God, thank you for blessing us in many ways. Thank you for trusting us to be your people, to shine with your love, and to work for your justice. In this time of worship, guide and strengthen us, that we may go forth to bless your world fully and abundantly. In your blessed name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME +

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 33:1-12 NRSV

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
- 3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord the heavens were made and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,
- 9 for he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
- 10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- 11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON + * Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 NRSV

- 9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.
- 10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples.
- 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
- 12 But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
- 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."
- 18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."
- 19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.
- 20 Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,
- 21 for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well."
- 22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment.
- 23 When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,
- 24 he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.
- 25 But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.
- 26 And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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SERMON "When We are Summoned..." — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

HYMN OF PREPARATION * "Let Us Break Bread Together" — #618 UMH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *

Leader: Come to this table, you who have known the pain of exclusion. Come, you who seek a sanctuary where your full self is celebrated. This is not a table of judgment, but a table of pure grace. It belongs to the One who broke every boundary to love us. All genders, ages, sexualities, identities, and bodies are holy here. Come, for the feast of liberation is ready.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *

Leader: The Divine Presence is with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Source of Love.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Creator of all.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God of infinite colors and expansive grace. You created the universe in breathtaking diversity, calling all of it good. You fashioned humankind in your own image—reflecting your divine nature across a beautiful spectrum of gender, expression, and identity.

When your children have been pushed to the margins, you have consistently stood at the margins with them. You heard the cries of the oppressed, broke the chains of captivity, and spoke words of fierce, protective love through the prophets.

Therefore, with all the saints who have marched for justice, with every ancestor who paved the way for our freedom, and with all who sing your song of liberation today, we join our voices in praise:

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of justice and love. Heaven and earth are full of your breathtaking glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of love. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

Leader: On the night before Jesus opened his arms on the cross to embrace the whole world, he gathered with his chosen family for a meal.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

In remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the spiritual food that sustains us in the struggle for justice. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Sanctify our bodies, our love, and our relationships. Deliver us from the systems of oppression that seek to diminish your vibrant creation. Empower us to build a world where every child, created in Your image, is safe, valued, and free. Through your Child Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. And with confidence, we pray the prayer taught to us by Our Lord:

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. The bread we share is gluten-free so that all may participate. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers, take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup of grape juice.

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 † * "The Summons" — #2130 TFWS

THE APOSTLES’ CREED † * #881 UMH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make Brian S. Burns' 25th Anniversary Celebration at Calvary an overwhelming success. Your time, talent, dedication and support truly made this occasion unforgettable. It was an incredibly special service—one that beautifully reflected the spirit of the Calvary Celebration Music Ministry and the strength of our community. From the music to the fellowship, every moment was filled with joy, inspiration and gratitude. Thank you for being a part of this meaningful celebration and for helping to honor 25 years of faithful ministry. Your contributions made it a truly blessed and memorable event.

SUMMER SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE UPDATE

Please note that the *Sleeping Bag Ministry*, *Sunday School* and *Adult Sunday School* have concluded for the summer. We are grateful to all who participated and supported these meaningful programs throughout the year. Both ministries will resume in September. We look forward to gathering again and continuing in fellowship and service at that time. Have a safe and blessed summer!

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

During the summer months of June through July, fellowship following worship will take a break. 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. Please note that there will be no lunch after church until September. We look forward to sharing this time together and hope you will join us!

SUMMER CHOIR BREAK & SPECIAL MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Main Contact: Brian Burns (musicministry@Calvarypgh.com)

Our choir will be on break during the months of June, July and August. During this time, Brian is looking for individuals or groups to offer special music on Sundays. If you would like to share your musical gifts, we would love to have you participate! Please see Brian if you are interested.

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE!

Main Contact: Karen Ferguson (karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com)

The June 2026 newsletter is now available at all Welcome Areas. This newsletter keeps you informed and connected with everything happening at Calvary. Each issue includes:

- A complete monthly calendar insert
- Upcoming events and special services
- Ministry highlights and leadership updates
- Important church announcements
- Fellowship opportunities
- Community outreach news
- Building and project updates
- Ways to serve and get involved

We hope this newsletter helps you stay informed, engaged and inspired by all that is happening at Calvary!

EVENTS



WORSHIP IN JUNE

Sunday, June 7 – The Sacrament of Holy Communion: Rev. Beth will be preaching

Sunday, June 14 – Pride Sunday: Minister T.J. Williams-Hauger, M.Div., Doctor of Ministry (DMin) student in the Intergenerational Black Church Studies cohort at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will be preaching

Sunday, June 21 – Father’s Day: Rev. Beth will be preaching

Sunday, June 28: Rev. Chenda Innis Lee will be preaching

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN — POTLUCK PICNIC

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

Main Contact: Joan Bradley (calvarypgh@gmail.com)

All women are invited to join us for a delightful evening of food and fellowship at our Potluck Picnic! We will gather from 6:00-6:30 PM, followed by dinner. Each woman is asked to bring a dish to share: last names A–M: please bring a salad & last names N–Z: please bring a dessert. Drinks and table service will be provided. We hope you’ll join us for this special time of community and connection!

LIGHT AT ITS PEAK: SUMMER SOLSTICE AT CALVARY

PRESENTED BY ALLEGHENY HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY (AHPS)

Monday, June 22 | 4:00-8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Main Contact: AHPS (ahps-pgh.org/contact-us)

Step inside Calvary United Methodist Church for a special Summer Solstice Open House celebrating light, artistry and renewal. Although this date falls just after the solstice, the light is expected to be just as dazzling. Explore the historic sanctuary and experience the breathtaking Tiffany windows. Enjoy guided opportunities to learn about their design, craftsmanship and unique interaction with natural light, or take time to explore at your own pace. Before you leave, stop by the Chapel Café for a Taste of Pittsburgh, enjoy light refreshments and shop for Calvary merchandise at the Calvary Shoppe.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

Monday, June 29 through Thursday, July 2 | Time TBA | Calvary UMC

Main Contact: Megan Bova (youthministry@calvarypgh.com)

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week at Vacation Bible School! Children will enjoy an exciting time of stories, music, crafts, games, and learning about God’s love. We are also looking for volunteers to help make this special week possible! Please see Megan or Brittany if you would like to help. More information to come! Come be part of this joyful week—we can’t wait to see you there!

QUEERS & FRIENDS WHO LOVE TO COOK AND EAT

Friday, July 10 (2nd Friday of each Month) | Time TBA

Rooftop of Tim Napieralski’s apartment (address to follow)

Main Contact: Tim Napieralski (queerministry@calvarypgh.com)

The first “Queers and Friends Who Love to Cook and Eat” event will now take place on July 10, instead of the previously announced date of June 12. All are welcome—queers, friends, allies, and anyone looking for good food, great company and a welcoming space. The location will change each month. Stay tuned for more details!

CONTACT US



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:00 AM—Noon; **Tuesday:** 9:00 AM—3:00 PM; **Thursday:** 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

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