

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



God Comes to Us!

JUL

13TH

2025

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

Terry Jagielski
Deb Ackley Killian
Nathaniel Crum, friend of Judy Melvin
David Eichelberger's daughter
Nonie Knaus, friend of Linda Ehrlich
Kyle Geist, Allegheny West Neighbor
Judy Melvin
Continued healing, blessings and
encouragement for the Jones Family
Beth Kelley
Chuck Dean, Sr. and the Dean Family

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Joan Bradley
Paul Brucker
Jeanne Dithomas
Susan Gilliland
Martha Helmreich
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: Beloved people of God, welcome to worship.

People: We come to worship and to praise.

Leader: With love for one another, we gather as neighbors.

People: With love for God, we gather as God’s community of love.

HYMN OF PRAISE †★ "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" — #126 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †★

Merciful God, help us remember to love and care for our neighbors. When we would rather walk around people in need and avoid situations that trouble us, soften our hearts. Give us the courage to care for our neighbors and to love others as graciously as you love us. In your grace and love, we pray. 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.**

PSALTER LESSON ★ Psalm 82 NRSV

- 1 God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
- 2 “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?
- 3 Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
- 4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”
- 5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;
- 7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince.”
- 8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!

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 ★. "This is My Song" — #437 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 10:25-37 NRSV

25 An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?”

27 He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.”

28 And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead.

31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion.

34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’

36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”

37 He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE	
SERMON	“God Comes to Us!” — 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 †★	“God of Grace and God of Glory” — #577 UMH
BENEDICTION †	
POSTLUDE †	

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

A Time for Fellowship

Please join us around the tables in the fellowship hall in basement following morning worship for refreshments. Use the stairs or the elevator at the rear entrance.

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



THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
JUL 13

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
JUL 15

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) — MANCHESTER

7:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

THURS
JUL 17

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:30 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

SUN
JUL 20

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

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: August 11

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

This summer we will be reading and discussing a small booklet titled, "KEEP CALM, TRUST GOD". There will be a few of these booklets available for those who don't have one. Some of the topics that the authors touch on are: anxiety, worry, fear, depression, stress, and frustration, to name just a few. In this study, "you will find the promises of God and Hope that will provide encouragement, strength and inspiration to overcome whatever challenges you may be facing." (author, Jake Provance). **ALL** women are welcome as we gather in community around God's Word, in the church parlor.



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

All proceeds benefit our Revive & Renew Capital Campaign

WED, SEPTEMBER 3
7 PM

TICKETS - \$25

TICKETS - CALVARYPGH.COM



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



MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US IN COLLECTING HYGIENE KITS FOR THE MISSION BARN

Throughout the month of July, United Women in Faith is inviting the congregation to help collect and assemble Hygiene Kits that will be delivered to the Mission Barn on Saturday, July 26. These kits are distributed to individuals affected by natural disasters – something our own region has experienced recently with severe flooding. For a list of needed items and kit assembly instructions, please visit: umcmmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Joan Bradley at ogremtb@aol.com. Let's come together to make a difference!

CAREGIVING MINISTRY LAUNCHING SOON

Calvary is beginning a new Caregiving Ministry, led by Denny Brown and Rev. Budd Wagner. Training will be provided to help volunteers feel confident supporting others through life's challenges. Caring for others is a powerful way to live out our faith and make a difference. If you're interested, please speak with Denny, Budd or Rev. Beth. More details coming soon!

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

UWF MISSION BARN TRIP — ALL ARE WELCOME

Saturday, July 26 | 9:00 AM | Mission Barn, 181 Columbus Dr, New Castle, PA 16101

Join us for a day of hands-on service at the UMCOR Mission Barn in New Castle, a vital hub for collecting and distributing relief kits. We'll carpool from the church at 9:00 AM and arrive by 10:00 AM. The morning will be spent assembling and verifying kits. Bring your own lunch – we'll take a break around noon, then continue working until about 2:00 PM before heading home. Whether you're new to mission work or a longtime supporter, this is a great opportunity to see our connectional system in action and make a real impact.

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, July 27 (Last Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

Our children are gathering spare change to support Daily Bread. Every little bit helps feed those in need. Thank you for encouraging their generosity!

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH — SERVING DAILY BREAD

Thursday, August 14 (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.

WEEKLY

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS



CALVARY WELCOMES BOBBY JO VALENTINE!

Wednesday, September 3 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Tickets: \$25

Purchase Tickets: CalvaryPgh.com

Join us for a soul-stirring concert featuring the inspiring music of Bobby Jo Valentine – a genre-defying singer-songwriter known for his poetic storytelling, spiritual depth, and uplifting melodies. Whether you're moved by his heartfelt lyrics or simply love powerful, live music, this evening promises to be a night to remember.

This special performance will benefit our Revive & Renew Capital Campaign.

Come enjoy the music – and help support a cause that makes a tangible difference in our church community.

ABOUT BOBBY JO VALENTINE

Bobby Jo Valentine is a soulful and award-winning artist whose songs speak to everyday awakenings, inclusive faith, and a life open to transformation. Raised in a rigid Baptist setting, Bobby's journey has led him to embrace a more compassionate and inclusive spirituality – reflected in the authenticity of his lyrics and message.

With multiple accolades from the West Coast Songwriter's Association and performances at national events like the Wild Goose Festival and the UCC's General Synod, Bobby brings a unique voice to stages across the country. His music bridges faith and humanity, inviting listeners into a deeper, kinder connection with the world.

Learn more at **bobbyjovalentine.com**

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES & HELP NEEDED

As our construction project gets underway, the nursery will be closed until further notice, and fellowship will be relocated to the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

We could really use your help during this transition! Volunteers are needed for:

- Clearing out rooms and storage areas
- Sorting and organizing items
- Light demolition work

Every bit of help will save us money and keep the project moving smoothly and efficiently. Interested in lending a hand? Contact Brian Burns for details and to sign up. Thank you for being part of this exciting next step in our church's journey!

NEW FRIDGE, COLD POP, BIG IMPACT!

Check out the new refrigerator downstairs in the Fellowship Hall — now stocked with pop **for just \$1!** All proceeds support our Revive & Renew Capital Campaign, helping Calvary quench its thirst for renovation projects. Want to contribute in another way? We're accepting donations of Pepsi and Coke products only, please. Thank you for your support — every dollar (and every can!) makes a difference!

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**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!**

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makes a difference!**



YOU'RE INVITED!!

PARABLES ON THE PORCH



VBS REIMAGINED AT CALVARY UMC

Join us for 4 Sunday evenings of live-action parables, interactive storytelling & community fun!

Dinner included! All ages welcome!

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 4:00-6:30 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 4:00-6:30 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 4:00-6:30 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 4:00-6:30 PM

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FAMILY MINISTRY



WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL — THIS GROUP IS ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER

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

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

TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL — THIS GROUP IS ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER

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

PARABLES ON THE PORCH: VBS REIMAGINED!

Four Sundays – June 22, July 13, August 3, August 24 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Calvary UMC

Join us this summer for four Sunday evenings of interactive, live-action storytelling as we bring Jesus' parables to life! Enjoy creative reenactments, meaningful discussions, and community connection — all with a delicious meal. Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and experience the wisdom of Jesus in a fresh, fun way. See you on the porch!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

Summer is here, and with many folks traveling, we need all hands on deck to keep worship running smoothly. Whether you love working with kids, greeting guests, speaking, or helping behind the scenes – there's a place for you! Please reply with the dates you're available to serve. Whether it's once or multiple times, your help makes a difference. Contact the church office to sign up – we can't do it without you!

EVENTS

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, July 13 (2nd Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

New members will be welcomed during morning worship.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, July 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.

COMMUNION

Sunday, August 3 (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, August 3 (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 21 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

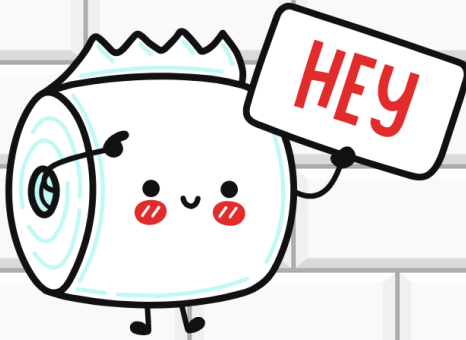
There will not be meetings in either July or December.

WEEKLY

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Sundays | Following Worship | Chapel

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



Don't like the
condition of our
restrooms?

Neither do we...
We have a plan!

Please help us to fully renovate
all of our restrooms by donating
to our CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

REVIVE & RENEW A THREE-PHASE JOURNEY



- 1 This year, in 2025, we will complete the restroom installation and entryway project.
- 2 Complete the exterior restoration, including repointing, roofing, and final window repairs.
- 3 Updates to the fellowship hall, basement restrooms, and kitchen.

LEARN MORE AT
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