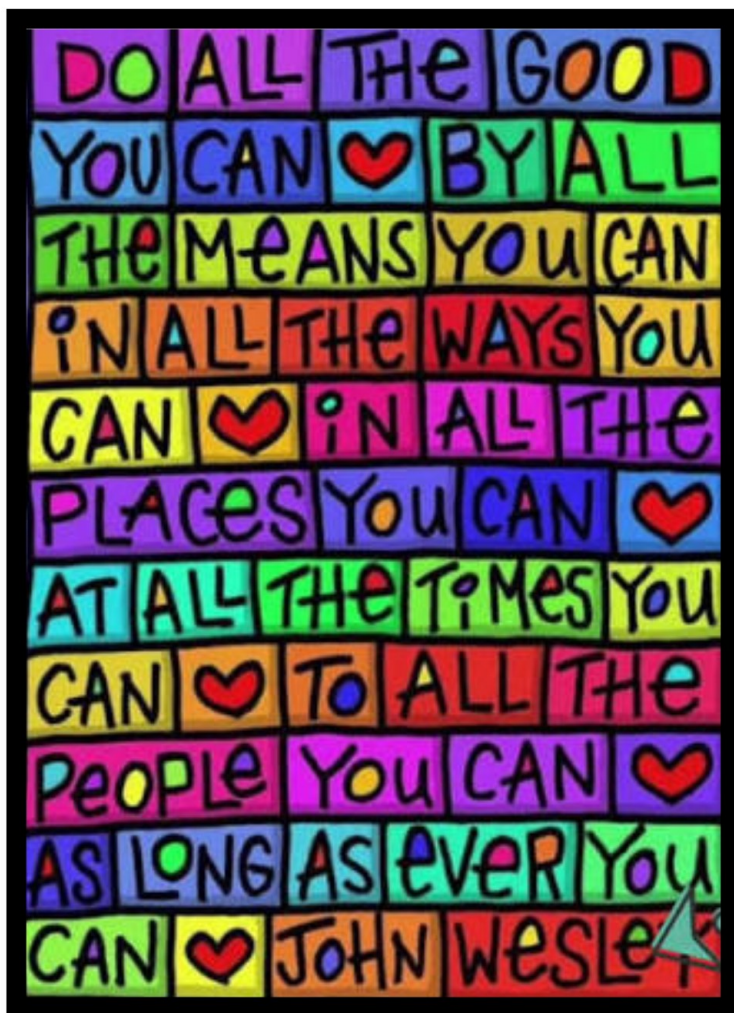


CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday, July 26, 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.

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUNDAY, JULY 26

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

MONDAY, JULY 27

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

TUESDAY, JULY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

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

THURSDAY, JULY 30

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

- **Calvary Cafe** | 9:30–11:00 AM | Chapel
- **A Service of Celebration—Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC
- **Picnic Celebration for Aleata Weis** | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY CELEBRATION



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP + *

Leader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
People: We are glad to gather and celebrate God's creation.
Leader: God created humanity in God's image, and declared that it was "good".
People: We claim that good image for ourselves and our neighbors.
Leader: God calls each of us to be seeds in the field and yeast in the bread of life.
People: We lift our voices and respond to God's call with a loud and holy "Amen!"

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE + * . . . "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" — #101 UMH

OPENING PRAYER + *

Blessed Creator, God of all people, we pray that we and our neighbors might receive the awareness of your presence with us this day. We come knowing our own needs, our dreams and our fears. Hear us as we lift our voices and our prayers. Surround us with your peace as we prepare to serve the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME +

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 4:1-4, 10-15

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,
2 wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent;
3 you set the beams of your chambers on the waters; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind;
4 you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.
10 You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,
11 giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.
12 By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.
13 From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
14 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth
15 and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart.
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 * "Children of the Heavenly Father" — #141 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 13:31-33 NRSV

- 31 He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;
 - 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”
 - 33 He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”
- Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Sourdough Starter” — Rev. Myles Bradley

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES & “CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

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 + *. “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” — #671 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



“HEY, NEIGHBORS!” SUMMER COOKOUTS

Wednesdays—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.

CHURCH COUNCIL — AUGUST MEETING

Thursday, August 13 | 6:30–8:00 PM | Calvary UMC Chapel

Church Council's August meeting will be held one week earlier than normal, on August 13th.

STEELERS SUNDAYS — 1 PM HOME GAMES

Please note that on the following Sundays, the Pittsburgh Steelers have 1:00 PM home games. As a result, our normal parking lots will not be available. We kindly ask everyone to use the Behan Lot for parking and reserve the accessible parking spaces in front of the church and in the back parking lot for those who need them most.

- September 13
- September 27
- October 11
- November 1
- December 20
- Saturday, December 26 / Sunday, December 27 (Date and time TBD)

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of those with accessibility needs. Your assistance helps ensure that parking remains available for parishioners who require convenient access to the church.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF) RETREAT

Saturday, October 17 | 9:00 AM–12:00 PM | Calvary UMC Chapel

Join us for a morning of fellowship, reflection, inspiration and spiritual renewal. More details will be shared as the date approaches. We look forward to spending this special time together, so be sure to save the date!

PRAYER CONCERNS



IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Tim Napieralski
Paul W. – friend of Mary Emili
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.

You ARE GOD'S BELOVED.
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Monday: 9:00 AM – Noon

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Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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