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 are a first time guest, thank you for visiting Calvary! We would invite you to check out our Welcome Tables for more information about who we are. We would also ask you to fill out a GET CONNECTED card in the back of the pews so we can get to know you better. If you are in need of a large print bible or hymnal, please see any greeter for help.

FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children into our worship services, including infants and toddlers. If you would like to use it, we have a Family Area in the rear left of the Sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys.

LOCATION OF BATHROOMS

From the front exits of the sanctuary outside the right doorway, an accessible restroom and baby changing table are available on this level. From the front exits of the sanctuary outside the left side, restrooms are located down the stairs. An elevator is located thru the sanctuary outside the right and to 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.

WEEK 1

Dave Gittings (Joan Mialiki's niece's husband)

WEEK 2

The ministry at The Learning Hub

WEEK 3

Gil Silberman who passed away on February 1 (cousin of Shelley R.) For the people affected by the earthquakes in the Los Angeles area, especially those seeking shelter Mr. Onda – cancer diagnosis For peace and financial security

WEEK 4

Lisa P.
Jim C.
Karen Ferguson
Kim Ferguson
Chuck McCrea (brother-in-law of Karen
Ferguson)

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Prayer concerns will remain for 4 weeks. Each week the 4th week will drop off and others will move up.

If you have a prayer request or a joy that you would like to be lifted up, you can either fill out the PRAYER REQUEST card in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office directly at 412-231-2007.

You can also complete the new "Prayer Request" form on the Calvary website at <u>calvarypgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php</u>. The information on this form goes directly to the clergy of Calvary UMC. We treat these concerns in a private and confidential manner (unless otherwise directed), respecting the privacy of individuals as the requestor directs us.

If you would like a card or email sent from the church to let people know we are praying for them, please give us an address or email.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP +*

Leader: In these uncertain times, we come together, searching for peace.

People: We will be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

Leader: We will open our hearts and minds, that the Lord may show us mercy.

People: When we trust the Lord, we can do good things and live with one another in

peace and security.

Leader: The Lord is our refuge in times of trouble. In God, we find forgiveness, mercy, and

love.

People: We will be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

OPENING PRAYER +*

Holy One, we come together to pause, pray, and praise. Be with us in this place, that we may touch your mercy. You provide for us; help us claim the power of your love for our lives. Help us to measure grace, shaking it together with forgiveness and give to others as you would have us do. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †* . . "Spirit of the Living God" — #393 UMH (Two Times) Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

- 1 Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
- 2 for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.
- 3 Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.
- 4 Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
- 6 He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.
- Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.
- 8 Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
- 9 For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.
- 10 Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

11 But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

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

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.

- 27 "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you;
- 28 bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you.
- 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.
- 30 Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again.
- 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.
- 32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.
- 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.
- 34 If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.
- 35 Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
- 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
- 37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven:
- 38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON..... "The Power of Love" — Rev. Erik Hoeke

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

When all of our "extra" change comes together, we can make a positive difference.

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 +

BENEDICTION +

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

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Calvary's New Website Is Now Live!

We're thrilled to introduce our newly redesigned website! Whether you're just joining our community or have been with us for years, we invite you to check out the fresh look, easy-to-use features, and numerous ways we can stay connected.

Take a moment to explore all the resources available and stay connected with our church family. Visit us today and discover all that Calvary has to offer!



Join us for a **mid-week boost** to refresh your spirit!



It's a perfect way to **recharge** during your lunch hour! We'd love to see you there for **fellowship** and **renewal**.

FITS INTO YOUR LUNCH HOUR 15 MINUTES OF UPLIFTING MUSIC 5 MINUTES OF INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

LIGHT LUNCH OF SOUP & BREAD

FAMILY CORNER

FAMILY BOARD GAME DAY

Sun, Mar 16 • After Church

All are invited to bring their favorite board games to share and play with others.

DAILY BREAD PICNIC LUNCH

Sun, Jun 8 • Time TBA

All are welcome to help serve up this picnic-style lunch at Daily Bread.



UPCOMING

Sun, Apr 6 • After Church

Easter activities for the entire family and egg hunt!



SUNDAY



Weekly • 10:00-10:45 am

Calvary offers two Sunday School classes — ages 3 to10, and ages 11 to 15.

MORE INFO

MEGAN 412-715-4946 OR BRITTANY 412-715-4947

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

SUN

"CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING

FEB 23

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Following Worship (Monthly) | Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP MEETING

12:15 PM | Parlor

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

FEB 24

6:30 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES FEB 25

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

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

FEB 27

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MAR 2

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

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SPECIAL MESSAGE





HELP REBUILD THE LEARNING HUB AFTER DEVASTATING FIRE

On the evening of **February 6, 2025**, a devastating fire destroyed The Learning Hub—an essential after-school and summer program serving the children and families of **Northview Heights Estates**, a Pittsburgh Housing Authority community.

The Learning Hub was a place of **hope**, **learning**, **and opportunity** for countless children, providing tutoring, mentorship, and a safe space to grow. Now, that space is gone.



Thankfully, no one was in the building when the fire started, and no one was injured while controlling the fire. However, the children and families of the community are deeply saddened by this loss and are concerned about losing the much-needed programs that The Learning Hub has provided over the years.

The **United Methodist Church Union** has been serving the Pittsburgh community for over **131 years**, creating and sustaining vital programs like The Learning Hub. We are **determined to rebuild** and continue our mission of providing educational and social support for the children of Northview Heights.



TO DONATE, GO TO CHURCHUNION.ORG

How Your Donation Helps

Your donation will directly support:

- Rebuilding The Learning Hub
- Replacing lost supplies & educational materials
- Continued children's programs as soon as possible

With your support, we can turn this tragedy into a new beginning and ensure that Northview Heights children have a place to learn, grow, and thrive.

Please consider donating and sharing this campaign to help us **bring The Learning Hub** back to life.

LENTEN MESSAGE SERIES





"EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN"MEETING GOD IN THE MIDST OF EXTREMES

Our theme for Lent is "Everything in Between". For Lent, we will look at familiar stories in the Gospel of Luke. So often, the stories we learned in Sunday School have deeper meanings. We read about the Good Samaritan and think we are just supposed to help others. But there is so much more. As we studied these scriptures, we were struck by how Jesus' ministry was rooted in relationships that disrupted the established social, political, and religious divides of his time. As modern readers, we sometimes lose the "shock factor" behind Jesus' words but we still have so much to learn.

"The story of Lent is a story of messy middles. Jesus is on the road, but he's not there yet. Jesus is telling stories, but the crowds don't understand. Jesus is leading a parade, but it's not the one they expected. Jesus is risen, but the disciples can't forget the cross. The story of Lent, the story of our faith, is a story of messy middles and nuanced surprises. So this Lent, we are remembering that faith is more complex than this or that, black or white, true or false storytelling. This Lent, we are wading into the middle of these sacred texts to find God and to stretch our own understanding beyond the binaries our world so often gives. And we hope you'll join us. Welcome to an in-between Lent. This is the light before the dawn."

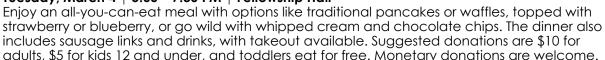
— Rev. Sarah Speed

Devotional Booklets for this series are available. Visit the Welcome Tables over the coming weeks to pick up your materials.

LENTEN WORSHIP

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday, March 4 | 5:00 – 7:30 PM | Fellowship Hall



ASH WEDNESDAY - ASHES TO GO

Wednesday, March 5 | 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM | Allegheny Avenue in front of Calvary UMC Calvary pastors will be outside the church during lunch hour offering the imposition of ashes to pedestrians and drivers, bringing a modern twist to the ancient Christian tradition. Everyone is welcome to join as they encourage the neighborhood to embrace the Season of Lent.

TRADITIONAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 5 | 7:00 PM | Chapel

Join us for a meaningful Ash Wednesday service, where the imposition of ashes will be offered to all who wish to receive them. You don't need to be a church member to participate. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a time for reflection, seeking forgiveness, and working toward healing and reconciliation.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

We will begin with palms, celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and recalling the joy and anticipation that filled the city. From there, we will journey together through the events of Holy Week, leading up to Easter.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Join us for a reflective service remembering the Last Supper, where Jesus commanded, "Love one another as I have loved you." The service, co-hosted by Salem United Methodist Church, Wexford, includes Holy Communion, open to all—no church membership required.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 18 | 7:00 PM | Salem UMC, 350 Manor Road, Wexford, PA 15090

Worship with the congregation at Salem United Methodist Church as Calvary and Salem United Methodist Churches come together to remember Christ's crucifixion, the ultimate act of God's love and forgiveness, offering new life and a renewed relationship with Him to all.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 20 | **7:00 AM** | **West End Overlook, Marlow Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205**Join us for a cherished community tradition as we celebrate Easter at the West End Overlook, offering one of the best views of Pittsburgh at dawn. Originally led by Emanuel United Methodist Church, this inspiring tradition continues since our congregations united in 2017.

EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE

Sunday, April 20 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

Celebrate Christ's resurrection with us in a joyful Easter service, featuring special music from Calvary's Festival Choir, South Hills Brass, and other guests. Parking attendants will assist for your convenience. After a season of reflection, we proclaim, "Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!" and sing, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

MISSIONS & OUTREACH





NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO NEED TOOTHPASTE

NCM would like Calvary to continue to collect toothpaste. There is a collection bin in the chapel. Cloth grocery bags also continue to be collected. Thank you!

EVENTS

"CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, February 23 (Last Sunday of each month) | During Worship | SanctuaryOur children collect "change" because when there is lots of change together, we can make a difference. These gifts are used to help purchase food for Daily Bread.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, March 8; Saturday, April 26 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM Northview Heights, 533 Mount Pleasant Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Six volunteers are needed for each date. There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel, and a written description of the work. Contact Linda Ehrlich (<u>laehrlich927@aol.com</u>) with any questions.

DAILY BREAD - UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

Thursday, March 13 (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 being prepared for the Daily Bread which serves meals three times a week to those without a home or who are underemployed. Cookies can be brought at any time and put in the freezer in the basement. Contact Joan Bradley or the church office for additional information.

WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

Mondays | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

The sleeping bags are made from recycled materials, packed with personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, hats, and gloves, and then distributed to nearby homeless shelters.

We are currently looking for blankets, sheets, pillow cases, and neckties as well as gathering personal items like small bottles of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, etc, and new men's socks. If you can help, please put your items in the bin in the chapel marked for the Sleeping Bag ministry or leave them 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY



EVENTS

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES

"GODDESSES AND WATERFALLS" FOR FLUTE, HARP, BASSOON AND PERCUSSION

Sunday, March 16 | 4:00 PM | Sanctuary

Single Ticket Prices: \$25 General / \$20 Seniors & Students / \$15 Groups of 10 or more This concert features Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra principle harpist Gretchen Van Hoesen and other PSO musicians.

WEEKLY

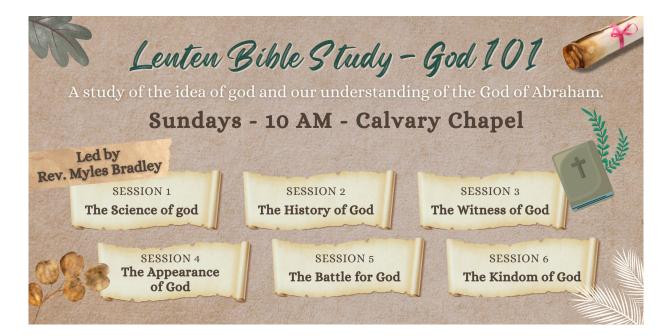
CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Sanctuary Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Love singing? Thinking about joining the choir?... Well, now is the perfect time to give it a try! Contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 or bsburns77@aol.com) for additional information.

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 is required, and you do not have to be able to read music. Contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 or bsburns77@aol.com) for additional information.



SMALL GROUPS

WEEKLY



GOD 101 – LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. MYLES BRADLEY

Sundays (Beginning March 9 through April 13) | **10:00 AM** | **Chapel**Join us for a study of the idea of god and our understanding of the God of Abraham.

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) \mid 6:30 PM \mid 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.

LENTEN LIFT

Wednesdays (Beginning March 5 through April 16) | 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Sanctuary

Every Wednesday in Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5, we will have a midweek refreshment time, followed by a light lunch. You are invited to pause your busy week and sit in the sanctuary. There will be music and a brief time of inspiration. It is meant to be reflective and restorative! We do need your assistance. We need greeters, soup makers, and servers. If you would like to help, please sign up at Ministry Table.

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.

GET CONNECTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FOOD/FELLOWSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The gatherings at Calvary for food are vital for fostering connections and continuing fellowship after worship. These times allow for conversation, laughter, and nourishment both physically and spiritually. To maintain these connections, volunteers and sponsors are needed for food prep, service, and clean-up once a month. For more information, contact Mike Schnitgen. A donation box will be available weekly, and sponsorships are offered: \$50 for after-service events and \$100 for the monthly luncheon.

EVENTS

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, February 23 (Last Sunday of each month) | **Following Worship** | **Fellowship Hall** This is an expansion on our normally scheduled fellowship time following morning worship.

COMMUNION

Sunday, March 2 (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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 20 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

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.



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