

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



Demons



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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'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:

- To the right, you'll find an accessible restroom and a baby changing table on the same level.
- To the left, restrooms are located down the stairs.
- 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

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
Continued Prayers for Lisa L. and her
mother
Lois Placke on the death of her twin sister
(neighbor to David Eichelberger)

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: Come into the light of God's love.
People: **Fear cannot separate us from its blessing.**
Leader: Come to the house of healing and hope.
People: **God's love makes us whole.**

HYMN OF PRAISE †* "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" — #127 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †*

Loving God, we yearn to be close to you and to dwell in your ever-present love. Be with us when our yearning seems unsatisfied. Great Healer, bring us the help we most need. Wipe away our fears. Comfort us in our regrets. Forgive our mistakes. Strengthen us with healing and hope. Draw us so close to you, that we may never question your presence or have reason to be afraid. 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 42 NRSV

- 1 As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.
- 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"
- 4 These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.
- 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
- 6 my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.
- 7 Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your torrents; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.
- 8 By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- 9 I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?"

- 10 As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"
- 11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL RESPONSE * "As the Deer" — #2025 TFW5

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER * "There Is a Balm in Gilead"— #375 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 8:26 – 39 NRSV

- 26 Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.
- 27 As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.
- 28 When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,"
- 29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (for many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)
- 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him.
- 31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.
- 32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.
- 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.
- 34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.
- 35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened.
- 36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



- 37 Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.
- 38 The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,
- 39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.
- Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.
- All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON "Demons" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES AND CHANGE MATTERS

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 †* "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" — #333 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

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

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

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
JUN 22

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
JUN 24

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
JUN 26

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
JUN 29

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP — BIBLE STUDY (REV. BOGDEWIC)

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Following Worship (Monthly) | Fellowship Hall

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall



A Note of Thanks

I want to thank all who have been praying for me during my healing journey. I am halfway through my treatments. After having a PET Scan the doctor told me that the mass in my chest is gone, but I have to finish the treatments to be sure that I'm cured.

Prayer works and I have felt all your prayers and good wishes. Also, thanks so much for the many cards and notes of encouragement which I have received, plus food from several of you in the beginning. The doctor's words are that I'm tolerating this very well, so I'm able to keep up with things around the house.

Your amazing encouragement and God's grace have gotten me thus far with only two more treatments ahead.

Joan Bradley

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

MORE INFO

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A BOOK & PUZZLE NOOK?

Come check out our cozy corner filled with current bestsellers and adorable jigsaw puzzles – available to rent and return for just \$2! Want to keep it? You can buy a book or puzzle for only \$5. We've already raised over \$100 to support our Restoration Program – thank you for being a part of that! Come join the fun: rent or buy, donate your gently used books and puzzles, and help make a difference!

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Calling all Lay Liturgists, Welcome Team Members, Slide Projectionists, Children's Message, and Communion Servers (1st Sunday of Each Month)!

The summer months are quickly approaching, and many of us will be enjoying time away from home and church. That means it's going to take a Calvary Church Village to fill all the necessary slots!

Do you love working with kids? Enjoy meeting new people? Are you comfortable with public speaking? Know how to run a slide projector? Ever wanted to assist visitors and new members with name tags? Or perhaps you've always wanted to help behind the scenes by setting up for Worship?

Whatever your interest, we'd love to have you join in. Whether it's once, twice, three times, or more – any time you can commit is greatly appreciated. Contact the church office with the dates you are available. We promise it will be a rewarding experience — just imagine the possibilities when we all work together!

FOOD/FELLOWSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Food and fellowship are key to building connections at Calvary. To keep this ministry going, we need volunteers and sponsors. Teams will handle prep, service, and clean-up one Sunday each month. Interested? Talk to Mike Schnitgen, Food Ministry Coordinator.

A donation box will be available each week – every gift helps. You can also sponsor a Sunday: \$50 for after-service refreshments or \$100 for the monthly luncheon. Your support helps keep this ministry strong and our budget balanced.



EVENTS

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.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, June 29 (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, July 6 (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, July 6 (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.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

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

New members will be welcomed during morning worship.

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE MISSIONS PROJECT: STOCK HUGH'S KITCHEN

Help us support the LGBTQ+ and HIV communities by stocking Hugh's Kitchen with quality, in-demand supplies! This Pride Month, join us in showing love through action by donating essential items and making a difference in the lives of those in need.

- Sport Drinks
- Individual Drink Mix Packs
- Condiment Bottles/Jars
- Sugar
- Instant Noodles
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta
- Rice
- Juice Packs
- Sparkling Water
- Cake Mix/Frosting
- Microwavable Sides & Meals
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Seasoning
- Pet Food (Canned Wet or Kibble)
- Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Body Wash
- Hair Care Products (Curly Textured Hair)
- 2-in-1 Hair Care Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Multipurpose Cleaner

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

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, June 29 (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, July 10 (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

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, July 12, Saturday, August 30 | 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 (laehrlich927@aol.com) with any questions.

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 connnectional system in action and make a real impact.

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.

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!

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP — BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. CHAD BOGDEWIC

Sundays | 10:00 AM | Parlor

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (February 4, 1906 – April 9, 1945) was a Lutheran theologian and activist from Germany who was an outspoken critic of Hitler and the Nazi Regime. In 1937, he published *The Cost of Discipleship*, an exploration of the Sermon on the Mount. He was arrested in 1943 and executed in 1945, just weeks before the death of Hitler and the end of World War II. This study is a look at Bonhoeffer's book. What can we learn from this modern martyr in today's world?

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

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EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

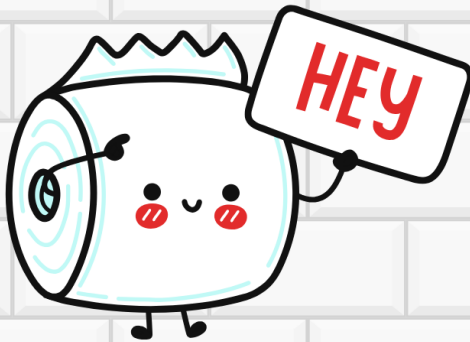
Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 AM | Chapel

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

A portion of our time is spent in prayer before delving into our study. This prayer and study time is open to all women. If you are interested and have questions, please email Kathy Wagner (kbwagner47@gmail.com).



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.

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