

CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday, August 30, 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

Georgia Brucker and family in the passing of
her husband Paul Brucker
Kerry Sturtz, daughter of Joan
Kaia Bachman & Tyler Hayden's baby-to-be
(due Jan 8th)
Nancy Westfall
Geradine Knight on the passing of her sister
Mariia Isaieva and family
Carol Piper
Cecilia Griffin Golden on the loss of her husband
Twin baby girls - Charlee & Cameron
Karen Hines. – Patty Bogdewic's mother
Sarah Woodward and baby Elsie
Rev Jorinda Bullit on the death of her brother
Janice and Roy Engelman
Paul W. – friend of Mary Emili

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Bobby Buckner and his family
Jeanne Dithomas
Terri Jagielski
Martha Helmreich
Judy Melvin
Al Meyers
Sheila Molyneaux
Tim Napieralski
Christine Siewers
Marcia Webb – friend of Mark Snyder
Aleata Weis
Barbara Wood – friend of Marirose
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, AUGUST 30

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00–10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 6:00–7:00 PM | Choir Loft
- **NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00–8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00–10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Women's Bible Study** | 10:00–11:30 AM | Parlor
- **Hand Bell Rehearsal** | 6:00–7:00 PM | Music Office

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- **Sunday Morning Cafe** | 10:00–11:00 AM | Chapel
- **Sunday School (K–3rd, 4th–6th)** | 10:00–10:30 AM | Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday School (7th–12th)** | 10:00–10:30 AM | Christian Education Office
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 10:00–10:45 AM | Choir Loft
- **A Service of Celebration—Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00AM | Calvary UMC
- **A Time for Fellowship** | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY CELEBRATION



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP + *

Leader: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
People: The founder and perfecter of our faith.
Leader: Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
People: Despising the shame,
Leader: And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
People: Let us worship Him today with open and grateful hearts.

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE + * "Holy, Holy, Holy" — #64 UMH

UNISON PRAYER + *

Gracious God, we gather into Your presence today with hearts full of gratitude and praise. We take this moment to quiet our minds, set aside our worries, and intentionally shift our focus away from the distractions of this world. Your Word tells us to fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. We confess that our vision often gets clouded by daily anxieties, responsibilities, and unexpected storms. Today, we ask for Your Holy Spirit to recalibrate our hearts and anchor our gaze firmly upon Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME +

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 57 NRSV

- 1 Be merciful to me, O God; be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by.
- 2 I cry to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me.
- 3 He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame those who trample on me. Selah. God will send forth his steadfast love and his faithfulness.
- 4 I lie down among lions that greedily devour human prey; their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongues sharp swords.
- 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.
- 6 They set a net for my steps; my soul was bowed down. They dug a pit in my path, but they have fallen into it themselves. Selah.
- 7 My heart is steadfast, O God; my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody.
- 8 Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn.
- 9 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.
- 10 For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the clouds.
- 11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth.

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 * "O Come, and Dwell in Me" — #388 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON * 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:12, 16-18 NRSV

3:12 Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness,
3:13 not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.
3:14 But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside.
3:15 Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds,
3:16 but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.
3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
3:18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

4:1 Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.
4:2 We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.
4:3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.
4:4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
4:5 For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’s sake.
4:6 For it is the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
4:7 But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.
4:8 We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair,
4:9 persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed,

4:10 always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.
4:11 For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh.
4:12 So death is at work in us but life in you.
4:16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.
4:17 For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,
4:18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Keeping Heart” — Pastor Bob Maravalli

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 † *. “Go Forth with God ” — #670 UMH

STATEMENT OF FAITH FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA † * #883 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.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP: You’re invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a time of good company, along with a light meal and beverages. The Fellowship Hall is located down the stairs, or you may use the elevator at the back of the chapel.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



DAILY BREAD COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED ASAP

Daily Bread is asking for your help! Due to a recent freezer repair at Calvary, our supply of cookies was lost. We need **at least 25 dozen cookies for each monthly meal** and welcome donations throughout the month. If you enjoy baking, please consider supporting this important ministry by providing cookies for those we serve. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Daily Bread!

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 3

Join us for Women's Bible Study on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. An exciting new study will begin on September 3rd as we explore **Paul's Epistle to the Romans**. Accompanying our study will be William Barclay's commentary, *The Letter to the Romans, Revised Edition*. Copies of this book are available for **\$5 from Linda Ehrlich**. If you would like a copy, please call or text Linda at 412-321-2503. Women are warmly invited to join us for prayer, fellowship, study, and encouragement as we grow together in faith and deepen our understanding of God's Word. For more information, please contact Kathy Wagner.

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!

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.

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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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