

# CALVARY

United Methodist Church



everything  
[in] between  
righteousness & mercy

Fifth Sunday of Lent

**APR**

**6<sup>TH</sup>**

**2025**

*You* are God's beloved. *You* are welcome here.



# WELCOME TO CALVARY

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## 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

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**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.  
The ministry at The Learning Hub

### WEEK 1

Kathy Doyle, mother of Carrie Doyle  
(Beech Avenue neighbor)  
Akers Family, the death of Patrica  
Joanie Bova, recovering from surgery

### WEEK 2

The family of Joan Sturtz who passed on  
Tuesday, March 25th  
In celebration of Stella's successful  
transplant

## 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 contact the church office directly on the Calvary website at [calvarypgh.com/contact](http://calvarypgh.com/contact). 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



## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP †\*

Leader: We come to worship because we are in between:  
People: **hope and grief, faith and doubt, joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.**  
Leader: So we come to worship and God meets us here.  
People: **Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle! Amen!**

## OPENING HYMN †\* . . . . . "Morning Has Broken" — #145 UMH

## OPENING PRAYER †\*

Loving God, week after week we return to this space, because we long to see you. Like Zacchaeus who climbed a tree to get a peek at you as you walked by, we come to this sanctuary hoping to get a peek of your goodness, of your joy, of your light. So speak to us through these ancient words. Let us get a peek of the love that lingers here. Gratefully we pray, amen.

## COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

## GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †\* . . . . . "Jesus Loves Me" — #191 UMH (Two Times)

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

## PSALTER LESSON \* . . . . . Psalm 126 NRSV

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.  
2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."  
3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.  
4 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.  
5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.  
6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.  
Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

**CALL TO CONFESSION \***

Friends, our faith calls us to live with both mercy and righteousness. Somewhere along the way, however, we have forgotten that truth. Somewhere along the way, we began arguing about who deserves mercy and whether or not they had acted with enough righteousness to receive it. Fortunately, God does not act that way. No matter what mistakes we have made or wrong turns we've taken, God consistently meets us with mercy and invites us to try again. So let us lean into that good news, and go to God in prayer:

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION \***

**Merciful God, when we fail to be righteous, show us mercy. When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right. Again and again, bring us closer to you. Again and again, show us the way. Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS \***

Leader: Family of faith, hear and believe this good news: When we fail to be righteous,  
**People: God is merciful.**  
Leader: When we fail to be merciful,  
**People: God invites us to try again.**  
Leader: Again and again,  
**People: God moves closer to us.**  
Leader: Again and again,  
**People: God shows us the way.**  
Leader: Thanks be to God for this unending love.  
**People: Amen.**

**MOMENTS OF SILENCE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**ANTHEM** . . . . . Renewal Choir

**GOSPEL LESSON †\*** . . . . . Luke 19:1-10 NRSV

- 1 He entered Jericho and was passing through it.
- 2 A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich.
- 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.
- 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.
- 5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today."
- 6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.
- 7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."

- 8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."
- 9 Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.
- 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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** . . . . "Everything [in] between **Righteousness** and **Mercy**" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** \* . . . . . "One Bread, One Body" — #620 UMH

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** \*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** \*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. In love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy, we may come to the fullness of grace that you have prepared for those who love you. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world. He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured

out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**Leader:** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. And with the confidence of being a child of God, we pray:

**People: 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.**

## WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

### CALL TO GIVE

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

### OFFERTORY

**DOXOLOGY †\*** . . . . . "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### OFFERING PRAYER †

**CLOSING HYMN †\*** . . . . . "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" — #295 UMH

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH †\*

**In a world that loves to cast blame and point fingers, Jesus loved by different rules. He offered mercy. He invited people to dinner. He told stories of love. He chose to see the best in others. We believe that small acts of mercy and compassion have ripple effects in our lives. We believe that small acts of righteousness and justice are integral to a life of faith. So like Christ, we believe in offering mercy, inviting people to dinner, telling stories of love, and choosing to see the best in others. With God's help, may it be so. Amen.**

### 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

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**SUN**  
**APR 6**

**UMCOR SUNDAY – SPECIAL OFFERING**

During Worship | Sanctuary

**COMMUNION**

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

**NEW MEMBER GATHERING**

Following Worship | Parlor

**A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP**

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

1:30 PM | Chapel

**AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS**

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**TUES**  
**APR 8**

**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

**WED**  
**APR 9**

**LENTEN LIFT**

12:00 – 1:00 PM (Weekly During Lent) | Sanctuary

**THURS**  
**APR 10**

**EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES**

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 – 11:30 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

**DAILY BREAD – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)**

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Monthly) | Trinity Lutheran Church

**OPEN SANCTUARY**

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary



**SAT**  
**APR 12**

**OPENING. OUR HEARTS. OUR MINDS. OUR DOORS.**  
**EMBRACING A CHURCH FOR ALL**

9:30 AM Breakfast, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Meeting | United Methodist Center

**SUN**  
**APR 13**

**GOD 101 – LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. MYLES BRADLEY**

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly During Lent) | Chapel

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

**TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Alternate Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY**

During Worship | Sanctuary

**A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP**

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

**AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS**

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**OPENING.**

Reconciling Ministries Network  
of Western Pennsylvania

Clergy & Laity Event

RSVP requested  
by April 7.

Our Hearts. Our Minds. Our Doors.  
**Embracing a Church for All.**

**April 12, 2025 - 10:00AM-12:00PM**  
**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST at 9:30AM**

United Methodist Center  
1204 Freedom Road  
Cranberry Township, PA 16066





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NAME TAGS

We encourage you to make and wear a name tag:

- If this is your first time at Calvary, someone will help you make a name tag.
- Name tags create a welcoming atmosphere, especially for first-time visitors.
- They make it easier for everyone to learn and use your name, helping us get to know one another.
- Wearing a name tag helps everyone feel included and connected.
- It also shows that we value you and want to build strong relationships within our church community.

### FOOD/FELLOWSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The times we gather for food at Calvary are very important for making CONNECTIONS and continuing the fellowship after the worship service. We talk, laugh, share, and nourish one another in body and spirit. To sustain these connections, we are asking for volunteers and/or sponsors for our food/fellowship times.

Teams are being created to help with prep, service, and clean-up. A team will be responsible for the food/fellowship time one Sunday each month. If you are interested in serving on one of these teams, please speak to Mike Schnitgen, Food Ministry Coordinator.

Calvary's annual budget includes line items for income and expenses for weekly fellowship. A DONATIONS BOX will be provided each week and any donation amount will be appreciated. There are also opportunities for sponsorship – \$50 for after service and \$100 for the monthly luncheon. Please see Mike Schnitgen to sponsor a Sunday. The more we balance food income against food expenses, the more we will support a balanced budget for Calvary.

## EVENTS

### NEW MEMBER GATHERING

**Sunday, April 6 | 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 members will be welcomed into full membership on Palm Sunday, April 13.

### COMMUNION

**Sunday, April 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 SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 13 | During Worship | Sanctuary**

New members will be welcomed during morning worship.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday, April 24 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel**

**This meeting was rescheduled from April 17 due to Maundy Thursday Service.**

There will not be meetings in either July or December.

## **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

**Sunday, April 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.

## **EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEANUP**

**Sunday, April 27 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC & Allegheny West Neighborhood**

For Earth Day, Calvary will host a community cleanup project on Sunday, April 27, 2025, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in Pittsburgh's Allegheny West area.

Volunteers are invited to meet at Calvary United Methodist Church at 12:30 PM, where they will gather and receive supplies before heading out to clean up the neighborhood. The focus will be on clearing litter and enhancing the area's overall beauty.

As part of the event, reusable and recyclable bags will be distributed to neighborhood residents and businesses, encouraging sustainable practices and waste reduction.

This cleanup event offers a wonderful chance to give back to the local environment, strengthen community bonds, and take part in the Earth Day celebration. It's a meaningful way to make a positive impact on our community and the planet!

## **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.

# LENTEN SEASON



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### “EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN” – MEETING GOD IN THE MIDST OF EXTREMES

The Lenten theme, "Everything in Between," focuses on exploring familiar stories from the Gospel of Luke. While these stories, like the Good Samaritan, are often seen as lessons in helping others, they hold deeper meanings. Jesus' ministry was grounded in relationships that challenged the social, political, and religious norms of his time. Though we may miss the "shock factor" today, there's still much to learn from these scriptures.

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

## 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.

### 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 mid-week 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.**

## EVENTS

### 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!"

JOIN US FOR A **MID-WEEK BOOST** TO REFRESH YOUR SPIRIT!



# LIFT LENTEN



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



**WEDNESDAYS**  
DURING LENT  
BEGINNING  
MARCH 5

**12 PM**

**CALVARY UMC  
SANCTUARY**

**15 MINUTES  
OF UPLIFTING  
MUSIC**

**5 MINUTES OF  
INSPIRATIONAL  
THOUGHTS**

**LIGHT LUNCH OF  
SOUP & BREAD**



## 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](https://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**.

# 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.

### **THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP – BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. CHAD BOGDEWIC**

**Sundays (Beginning May 4) | 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 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**

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### **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.



# MISSIONS & OUTREACH



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LENTEN CANNED GOODS DRIVE FOR NORTH SIDE FOOD PANTRY

We are collecting canned goods to support the North Side Food Pantry from March 16 to April 13. Please drop off your donations at Calvary in the chapel area. Your generosity will make a difference for those in need. Thank you for helping our neighbors! Needed items include: **stewed tomatoes, diced tomatoes, tomato paste, kidney beans, sweet potatoes, peas, green beans, canned potatoes**

### 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

### UMCOR SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 6 | During Worship | Sanctuary**

We will celebrate UMCOR Sunday on April 6. An offering will be received to support disaster relief around the world on behalf of the church. UMCOR is often first on the scene and last to leave during tragedies. From floods in North Carolina to the fires in California, UMCOR is offering care and support and necessary supplies.

### DAILY BREAD – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

**Thursday, April 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 being prepared for the Daily Bread which serves meals three times a week to those without a home or who are underemployed.

### NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**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 ([laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com)) with any questions.

### “CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

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

Our 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.

# WEEKLY

## SLEEPING BAG GROUP

**THIS GROUP WILL BE ON A BREAK DURING APRIL, AND WILL RESUME MAY 5.**

**Mondays | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall**

The Sleeping Bag Ministry makes sleeping bags from recycled materials and donates them to homeless shelters. They are currently accepting blankets, sheets, pillowcases, neckties, and personal items like shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, and new men's socks. Donations can be left in the chapel bin or 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.

# FAMILY MINISTRY



# WEEKLY

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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

## TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL

**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

## EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday, April 6 | 1:30 PM | Chapel**

Calvary's Annual Easter Egg will take place on after church. All are welcome.

## DAILY BREAD PICNIC LUNCH

**Sunday, June 8 | Time TBA | Daily Bread, 901 Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233**

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

# SPECIAL EVENTS

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### **OPENING. OUR HEARTS. OUR MINDS. OUR DOORS. EMBRACING A CHURCH FOR ALL.**

**Saturday, April 12 | 9:30 AM Breakfast, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Meeting**  
**United Methodist Center, 1204 Freedom Road Cranberry Township, PA 16066**  
**RSVP by April 7 via this link: <https://shorturl.at/IgawX>**

Join Reconciling United Methodists (RCM) for a morning of education, advocacy, and meaningful conversations around embracing a Church for All. RCM of Western PA invites interested clergy and laity to this FREE event. We will talk about where the UMC is in its inclusion of members of the LGBTQ+ community, how we network and support the church in empowering this inclusion, and pending educational and liturgical resources. Join us for a continental breakfast, essential information, clarification, and meaningful conversation.

### **DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, April 26 | 2:00 PM | Dutilh UMC, 1270 Dutilh Rd #5108, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066**

At the district conference there will be information shared regarding legislation at Annual Conference. Please encourage your Lay Member to Annual Conference, Alternates Lay Member to Annual Conference, and any Equalization Delegates to attend! The 2025 Annual Conference will flow differently than previous years.

PSA: the 2025 District Conference will be longer than normal with most of the time being spent on Annual Conference preparation.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

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### **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Sanctuary**

**Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Sanctuary**

Join the choir! All singers are welcome, regardless of experience or music reading ability. No audition is required, just a love for singing and being part of a supportive group. Contact Brian Burns for more details and become part of something special!

### **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)**

Join the Hand Bell Choir at Calvary! No audition or music-reading skills needed. Whether you're a beginner or have experience, all are welcome. Contact Brian Burns for more details.

# PLANT *Sale*



## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Our Annual Plant Sale is in full bloom now through April 18th! Order forms can be found at the Ministry Board in the chapel. All proceeds benefit various charities supported by the Calvary United Women in Faith. **Think Spring—place your order today!**



### ORDER PICKUP



Thursday, May 22 or Friday, May 23



1:00 - 6:00 PM



### QUESTIONS?

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*You* ARE GOD'S BELOVED.  
*You* ARE WELCOME HERE.



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**Rev. Jorinda Bullitt**

**Rev. Larry Homitsky**

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