

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



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MAY

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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

The Vecchio Family as they deal with the aftermath of their recent house fire
The family of Mary Ann Vogel who passed away on May 2nd
Barb Havlack
Celebrating the successful outcomes of Terri Jagielski's daughter, Colleen, surgeries

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker
Jeanne Dithomas
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: Jesus reminded the disciples:
People: Love one another as I have loved you.
Leader: Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love:
People: Love one another as I have loved you.
Leader: Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.
People: Let us love one another as Christ loved us. Amen.

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE †* "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" — #140 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †*

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †* "He Is Lord" — #177 UMH (Two Times)

He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON * Revelation 21:1-6 NRSV

- 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
- 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God;
- 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."
- 5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."
- 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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 * "The Gift of Love" — #408 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 †* John 13:31-35 NRSV
31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.
32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.
33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’
34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
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 “What’s the Proof?” — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

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 †* "They'll Know we are Christians by our Love" — #2223 TFWS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH †* "The Apostles Creed" — #881 UMH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.



Thank You

We extend our heartfelt thanks to **John Engle** for joining us as our **guest organist** in worship this morning.

Your musical talents enriched our service, and we are grateful for the beautiful contribution you made to our time of worship.

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

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
MAY 18

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
MAY 19

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

6:30 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

BIBLE STUDY WITH TINA WHITEHEAD

10:00 – 11:30 AM | Chapel

TUES
MAY 20

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
MAY 22

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

SUN
MAY 25

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)

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP – BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. BOGDEWIC

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

CHOIR REHEARSAL

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Following Worship (Monthly) | Fellowship Hall

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

There Was a Song in the Air!

AHPS celebrated the final concert of the 2024/2025 Tiffany Concert Series on Sunday, April 4, with the Hymn-Sing concert which was free to all.

It was a glorious day...the Tiffany windows danced and dazzled. And that was not all that dazzled: The Festival Choir under the direction of Brian Burns was amazing.

The idea was that people in the audience were asked to pick their favorite hymn. Brian and the choir took a quick minute to find the hymn and lead the audience. **This was a concert of joy** by and for all.

This was followed by a **beautiful and plentiful reception**.

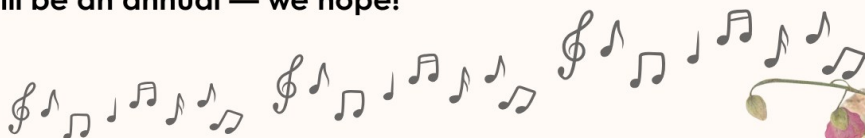
More than a few thanks to:

- **Rev. Beth Nelson** for being the happy and perfect concert MC.
- **Brian Burns** for all that you really know that he is. Exceptional!
- **The Calvary Festival Choir** creating beautiful songs and joy.
- The reception “happened magically” with **Nancy Richards, Lorraine Malcolm, Rhoda Indrihovic, Cindy Poirier, and Bob Poirier**, creating an even more fantastic afternoon.
- **Sarah Cook**, a neighbor and friend of Calvary, suggested this concert and funded the reception.

We are grateful to all of these people and to the audience that sang and sang and sang!

This collaboration with AHPS and Calvary raised money for the much-needed and well-planned restrooms project.

This event will be an annual — we hope!



Margee Bilyak, AHPS



MISSIONS & OUTREACH



EVENTS

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, May 25 (Last Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

Our children are collecting “change” – because when we all give a little, it adds up to make a big difference! These gifts help purchase food for Daily Bread, supporting those in need in our community. Thank you for encouraging and joining in their generosity!

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, June 7, 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.

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH – SERVING DAILY BREAD

Thursday, June 12 (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.

UWF MISSION BARN TRIP

Saturday, July 26 | 9:00 AM | Mission Barn, 181 Columbus Dr, New Castle, PA 16101

Join us for a trip to the Mission Barn in New Castle, a United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) collection and distribution center. This is a great chance to see firsthand how our connnectional system works and to make a tangible difference. We will carpool from the church at 9:00 AM, aiming to arrive by 10:00 AM. Once there, we'll spend the morning assembling and verifying kits. Please remember to bring your own lunch, as we'll break to eat around noon and then continue working until about 2:00 PM, after which we'll head home. Whether you're new to mission work or a longtime supporter, this day of service and fellowship is a wonderful way to deepen your understanding and get involved. All are welcome!

WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

Mondays | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

The Sleeping Bag Ministry makes sleeping bags from recycled materials and donates them to homeless shelters.

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.

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.

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE – BIBLE STUDY WITH TINA WHITEHEAD

Mondays (May 12 & 19, June 2, 9 & 16) | 10:00 – 11:30 AM | Chapel

All are welcome to a unique Bible study series led by Tina, a familiar guest at Calvary known for bringing beautiful olive wood pieces from Bethlehem. This time, Tina returns to share a Geographical and Pictorial Study of the Gospel of Luke. Using maps and over 370 photos from her 25 years of travel in the Holy Land, she'll bring Jesus' ministry to life in a vivid and meaningful way. Come when you can! Sponsored by the Thursday Women's Bible Study.

GA (GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS)

Mondays (2nd Monday every other month) | 6:30 PM | Chapel

Next Meeting: June 9

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

UPDATE: for the next 5 weeks, The Women's Bible Study will be meeting on Mondays in support of Tina Whitehead's study on the Gospel of Luke. We will resume on Thursday, June 26. Study to be announced.

Thursdays | 10:00 – 11:30 AM | Parlor



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 approaching and all will be enjoying time away from home and church – so it's going to take a Calvary Church Village to fill the slots.

- Do you love kids?
- Enjoy meeting new people?
- How about public speaking?
- Know how to run a slide projector?
- Ever wanted to assist visitors and new members with name tags?
- Perhaps you've always wanted to work behind the scenes by setting up for Worship?

Find your interest and please respond to this email with the dates that you can help. Any time you can commit - once, twice, three times or more - is greatly appreciated. Please contact the church office to save your space. We promise that it will be a rewarding experience – imagine the possibilities if we all work together!!!

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

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 19 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

There will not be meetings in either July or December.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, May 25 (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, June 1 (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, June 1 (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 members will be welcomed into full membership the following Sunday.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, June 8 (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.

MUSIC MINISTRY



WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

THIS GROUP WILL BE ON BREAK FROM JUNE UNTIL SEPTEMBER

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

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

THIS GROUP IS CURRENTLY ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER

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)

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

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.

PARABLES ON THE PORCH: VBS REIMAGINED!

Sunday, June 22 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Calvary UMC

Sunday, July 13 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Calvary UMC

Sunday, August 3 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Calvary UMC

Sunday, August 24 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Calvary UMC

Join Us This Summer for Parables on the Porch! Calvary UMC is reimagining Vacation Bible School—and you're invited!

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!

SPECIAL EVENTS



UWF CANDLE MAKING NIGHT

Tuesday, June 17 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM

PSquare Scents, 469 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue, PA 15202

RSVP: Sign up in the chapel by Sunday, June 8

Join the UWIF for a creative evening of candle making! Each attendee will craft two custom-scented items—a candle and a bath or body product—to take home that night. Candle prices range from \$16–\$45 and additional items from \$7–\$18, with payment due at the event. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship, provided by Calvary United Women in Faith! Contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

Calvary is starting a new Congregational Care Ministry in the next few months. It is being led by Denny Brown and Rev. Budd Wagner. There will be training that will help people feel comfortable helping others through difficult times in their life. Caring for others is a unique way to put our faith into action and make a positive impact. More information will be coming soon. If you have an interest, please talk to Denny, Budd or Rev. Beth.

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE PARKING TEAM

Greetings! We kindly ask parishioners and visitors to allow those with limited mobility to park in the lot behind the church for easier access to the ramp. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated. Wishing everyone a blessed, safe, and wonderful summer!

HOT OFF THE PRESS – THE CROSS ROAD: SPRING 2025 EDITION IS HERE!

We're thrilled to share the latest issue of The Cross Road, Calvary UMC's quarterly periodical! Inside this edition, you'll find inspiring stories, ministry updates, and upcoming events that highlight the vibrant life of our church community. Whether you're looking to get involved or simply stay in the loop, there's something for everyone. Read it online at <https://calvarypgh.com/newsletter-1>. Prefer print? Grab a printed booklet at the Welcome Tables. We pray this issue helps you feel even more connected to what God is doing through our church this season. Happy reading!

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