CALVARY united Methodist Church





JAN 26TH 2025

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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.

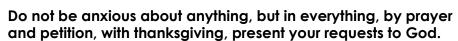
FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

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





Philippians 4:6

PRAYER CONCERNS

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker Martha Helmreich Marcia Webb, friend of Mark S.

WEEK 1

Prayers for the family of David Lucas who passed away this week. David is the brother of Doug Lucas.

Suzanne (friend of David G.)

Doug (son of Joan Sturtz)

People who are victims of fire in LA

WEEK 2

Keith Robert Jacobson (nephew of Nancy Richards) Robert Clement (brother of Nancy Richards) Colleen J. (daughter of Terri J.) Joan K. (friend of Marirose) Carol Piper (wife of Rev. Jack Piper)

WEEK 3

Keith (nephew of Joan M.)
Sturtz family in the death of Chelsea
Wil
Michael
Yvonne H.

WEEK 4

Liz Chervon
Carol Piper
Stella (friend of Terry J.)
David B. (friend of Megan B.)
Charlotte (niece of Becky)

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP +*

Leader: Day pours forth speech and night declares knowledge.

People: What voices speak without words or speech?

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: We listen but do not understand.

Leader: The Law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: Who will teach us, that our hearts may rejoice?

Leader: Pray in the Spirit and you will perceive.

OPENING PRAYER +*

God of Wisdom, we have come to sit at Jesus' feet and learn to what he would teach us. With the heavens above and the earth below, we rejoice in the good news he brings: succor to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. Reveal the mystery of your precepts, that we might hear the music of the heavens— the whisper of the land and roar of the seas, the prayer of the caterpillar and song of the flea. Speak to us through the fullness of creation, we pray. 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.

- The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
- the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true ..and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward
- 12 But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
- 13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.



14	Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.	
Lec All:	The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS		
HYMN	OF PRAYER *	
PASTO	DRAL PRAYER	
THE LORD'S PRAYER *		
ANTH	EM	
GOSPI 14	Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region.	
15	He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.	
16	When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,	
17	and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:	
18	"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed,	
19	to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."	
20	And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.	
21	Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."	
Lec All:	ider: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		
SERMON		
HYMN OF PREPARATION *		

HYMN OF PREPARATION * "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" — #611 UMH

HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Violet Louise Holliday

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are

initiated into Christ's Holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's agod aift, offered to us without price.

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Today we present Violet Louise Holliday, the daughter of Jason and Kimberly

Holliday.

Historic Questions for the parents and godparent:

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of

this world, and repent your sins?

Response: We do.

Leader: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice,

and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Response: We do.

Leader: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace,

and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ

has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Response: We do.

Leader: Will you nurture Violet in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and

example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her

faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

Response: We will.

Leader: Family and friends, do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your

rejection of sin and your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Response: We do.

Leader: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and include this

family now before you in your care?

Response: With God's help, we will.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: Eternal God, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark

waters and brought forth light. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the waters of the womb. He was baptized by John and by your Spirit. Jesus called the disciples and had them share in the baptism of his death and

resurrection and to make disciples of all nations. Pour out your Holy Spirit on

this water and on the one who receives it. May she be clothed in

righteousness throughout her life until she shares in the final victory. In the

name of the living Christ, we pray. Amen.

BAPTISM AND BLESSING

Pastor:

Violet Louise, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit; you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ. Members of the household of God, I commend this person to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

People:

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in service to others. We will pray for Violet, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you, especially your parents, extended family, God-parent and friends. We welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may

be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BLESSING

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

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Praise God from whom a Alleluia! Alleluia!	
OFFERING PRAYER †	
CLOSING HYMN †*	

BENEDICTION +

POSTLUDE +

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

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

SUN "CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING

JAN 26 During Worship (Monthly) | Chapel

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Following Worship (Monthly) | Fellowship Hall

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON SLEEPING BAG GROUP

JAN 27 6:30 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

JAN 28 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

JAN 30 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

SAT NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

FEB 1 9:00 – 10:30 AM (Monthly) | Northview Heights

SUN SUNDAY SCHOOL

FEB 2 10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

CHOIR REHEARSAL

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES-PYSO

4:00 PM | Sanctuary

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SMALL GROUPS

EVENTS



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING

Saturday, February 22 | 9:30 – 11:00 AM | Parsonage

United Women in Faith will hold its first meeting of the year on Saturday, February 22. Rev. Beth has kindly invited the women to the parsonage for this breakfast meeting. We will be working on the planning of 2025 and all ideas are welcome. Please come and share some time with us, we'd love to have you. In order for Rev. Beth to know how many to expect, please contact Joan Bradley (ogremtb@aol.com) if you plan to attend.

WEEKLY

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

Sundays (Beginning March 9 and continuing until April 13) | 10:00 AM | Chapel

Join us for a study of the idea of god and our understanding of the God of Abraham.

Session 1 - The Science of god

Session 2 - The History of God

Session 3 - The Witness of God

Session 4 - The Appearance of God

Session 5 - The Battle for God

Session 6 - The Kindom of God

GOD 101-LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. MYLES BRADLEY

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.

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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. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich (<u>laehrlich927@aol.com</u>).

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. If you are interested and have questions, please email Kathy Wagner (kbwagner47@gmail.com).

FAMILY MINISTRY

WEEKLY



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Calvary offers two Sunday School classes — ages 3 to 10, and ages 11 to 15.

EVENTS

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 8 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Chapel Free babysitting and dinner.

MUSIC MINISTRY



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.

GET CONNECTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, January 26 (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, February 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, February 20 (3rd Thursday of each month) | **6:30 – 8:00 PM** | **Chapel** There will not be meetings in either July or December.

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.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

ANNOUNCEMENTS



UMCOR-PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA

As countless families and communities face the overwhelming aftermath of these wildfires, UMCOR is supporting the efforts of conference disaster response ministries across the region. Evacuees are receiving food and other essential supplies. Trained volunteers are preparing to assist where it is safe to do so.

Pray for all those impacted by this disaster, as well as first responders and volunteers. The road to recovery will be long, but together, we can bring hope and healing.

Support Relief and Recover Efforts by Donating to UMCOR

Online: bit.ly/umcorusdr Phone: 1-888-252-6174

By Mail: By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Calfires" written on the memo line and mailed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New

York, NY, 10087-9068

NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO NEED TOOTHPASTE

2024 YEAR END UPDATE — In the year 2024 the congregation lovingly donated to the Northside Pantry 726 tubes of toothpaste along with gathering numerous homemade and other types of cloth, reusable grocery bags. In 2023 we collected 501 tubes so we continue to be aware and generous with our neighbors on the Northside. Perhaps our goal for 2025 can be a thousand?!? Thank you to you all.

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!

KIDCELERATE BRICK DRIVE

Help Kidcelerate's Learning Hub start their own "Brick Club" by donating your gently used bricks of any size (aka LEGO bricks)!

BRICK COLLECTION LOCATIONS

Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 Monday – Thursday from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM or Sundays from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Christ United Methodist Church, 44 Highland Rd, Bethel Park, PA 15102

Door 2, Tuesday – Thursday from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1965 Ferguson Rd, Allison Park, PA 15101

Monday – Thursday from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM or Sundays from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Or call/email to make other arrangements at 412-251-4900 ext 305 or thehub@kidcelerate.org.

EVENTS

"CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, January 26 (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.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, February 1; 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, February 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS



AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES-PYSO

Sunday, February 2 | 4:00 PM | Sanctuary

The Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra is returning to Calvary. Tickets can be purchased at the door or on AHPS web page - \$25 adults and \$20 senior and students. This concert will be recorded by Jim Cunningham for WQED. Here is what Nancy Richards had to say: "We've been saying for years that Calvary's acoustics are superb. Let's the community know! The past performances by the PYSO have been stunningly fantastic! Those young solo performers knocked our socks off! Bring your friends and enjoy wonderful music in our stunningly beautiful sanctuary."

1946 FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION PANEL

Friday, February 7 | 7:00 PM

Community House Church, 120 Parkhurst Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

In the year 1946 the term "homosexual" was first mistranslated into the bible. That one mistake has caused immense hurt for the LGBTQ+ community.

All are welcome at a film screening of "1946: The mistranslation that shifted culture" which will be followed by a discussion panel around religious trauma in the LGBTQ community. The screening is hosted by Community House Church in partnership with Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship. This is an expansion on our normally scheduled fellowship time.

The Fellowship Hall is located downstairs. You can use the stairs or take the elevator.





Tiffany Concert Series Presents

Littsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, February 2, at 4:00 p.m.

The PYSO Strings, the second and third-place winners of the PYSO's 24-25 Concerto Competition, PYSO Chamber Ensembles as well as select winners of the 2024 Pittsburgh Concert Society Young Artist Auditions. The program includes works by Holst, Prokofiev, Mendelssohn, Taktakishvili, Schubert, and more.

Allegheny Historic Preservation Society Calvary United Methodist Church

971 Beech Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Tickets: Adults: \$20, Children (under 16 years of age) \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the door by cash or check. Tickets will not be pre-sold. Open seating.



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