

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



The Joy of the Game (Even in Overtime)



OCT

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2025

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 this is your first time with us, welcome! We're so glad you're here. We'd love to get to know you better, so please stop by the Welcome Tables to learn more about our church family. 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 ask one of our friendly greeters – we're happy to help.

FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children to join us in worship – including our littlest ones! If it would be helpful, there's a Family Area at the back left of the sanctuary, complete with rocking chairs and toys to keep little ones comfortable and engaged.

LOCATION OF BATHROOMS

From the front exits of the sanctuary: (1) to the right, you'll find an accessible restroom and a baby changing table on the same level, (2) to the left, restrooms are located down the stairs, and (3) an elevator is available by exiting the right side of the sanctuary and heading toward the back of the building.

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

Nancy Richards

Terri Jagielski

Fiona McGrath and family in the passing
of her brother

John Stavish and Kerry Wetmore, friends
of Callie Buzard

Bobby Buckner, friend of Brian B.

Susan D. friend of Terry J.

Rachel Merkel, daughter of Rev. David
Eichelberger

Rev. Deborah Ackley-Killian

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker

Jeanne Dithomas

Susan Gilliland

Martha Helmreich

Sheila Molyneaux

Marcia Webb, friend of Mark S.

Venus W.

Joyce Zimmerman, sister of Yvonne
Hudson

SHARING PRAYER REQUESTS & JOYS

If you have a prayer request or a joy to share, you have a few options:

- Fill out a Prayer Request card located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate.
- Contact the church office directly at 412-231-2007.
- Submit a request online at calvarypgh.com/contact.

We treat all prayer concerns confidentially, unless you indicate otherwise.

Prayer concerns remain on our list for four weeks. Each week, the oldest requests are removed as others move up.

If you'd like us to send a card or email to let someone know we're praying for them, please include their mailing address or email.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP †★

Leader: In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

People: Today we gather around one table, in answer to God’s will.

Leader: What do we find at today’s table?

People: God’s love, which endures all things and connects all things.

Leader: What is not at today’s table?

People: The many powers of the world, which seek to stand over others.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God’s power to bring salvation to all who believe.

People: Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

HYMN OF PRAISE †★ “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” – #89 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †★

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and
where there is sadness, joy.
O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †★ “Shine, Jesus, Shine” – Words to Follow

Shine Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Fathers Glory
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow
Flood the nation with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word.
Lord and let there be light.

PSALTER LESSON ★ Psalm 16 NRSV

- 1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- 2 I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”
- 3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.
- 4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.
- 5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
- 6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- 8 I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.
- 10 For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.
- 11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON †★ John 15:9-14 NRSV

- 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.
- 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.
- 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.
- 12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
- 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
- 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

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 “The Joy of the Game, Even in Overtime!” – Rev. Beth L. Nelson

HYMN OF PREPARATION ★ “I Come With Joy” – #617 UMH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ★

God of mercy, we confess that we have not loved you with all our being. We have done things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone things which we ought to have done. We have built walls between neighbors and between countries, and we have ignored the cries of those in need. Forgive us and set us free, that we may live into the hope of your calling, that your reign may come on earth as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS †★

Leader: Thanks be to God: Jesus died for our sins.

People: And in his name, we are forgiven! Amen.

Leader: Today, many Christian congregations across the globe will celebrate World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. Rev. Kerr chose the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this unity.

As we strive for unity, we also know that this world is in a state of devastation and division.

People: We break these many breads to remind ourselves that we have work to do. We drink of the cup to remind ourselves that we have work to do .

Leader: In Haiti– In South and Central America– In Ukraine– In Palestine and Israel– In California– In Pittsburgh– In our own backyards– Unity seems so far away and, yet, unity is among us.

With every bit of mutual aid that is enacted to help neighbors who have lost homes, family members, pets, and hope, in flood waters and in war zones, and with every conversation we have with our neighbors, we see the bread of life multiplying to meet our deepest needs.

People: And so, we break these breads, and we drink of these cups –

Leader: a charge to keep, we have, so that we may continue to partner with the God-of-more-than-enough.

We are reminded in the Gospels that the bread multiplied, that thousands were fed, that God meets us with miracles in the form of helping one another. As we gather at this table, help us know God's wondrous presence in the sacrament of life

People: God will meet me here. Whatever I bring, even if it's only myself, the table is for me.

Leader: Let this moment turn our worship into witness. Let it open eyes and burn hearts, expanding the beloved and just community.

People: God will meet us here. Whoever we are, whatever we bring, the table is for us.

Leader: Let us pray:

- People:** We gather at this table remembering Jesus whose teaching, healing, dying, and rising show us the way, truth, and life. May we be reminded, as we eat and drink, of our call to feed the hungry, to welcome the stranger, to extend this table beyond the walls of this edifice to those who are sick, imprisoned, and without community. And God, may you meet all those without tables, without food to eat, without water to drink, without shelter for protection. Remind us that you have prepared tables especially for us this day.
- Leader:** When Jesus looked out onto the poor and hungry, he had compassion for them and called his disciples to feed them. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Jesus gathers us together, feeding us and calling us to feed the hungry. We eat in remembrance of him. We also drink this cup as part of a new covenant, remembering the poor among us, remembering the words that Jesus taught us to 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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. The bread is gluten-free so that all may share together. Please come forward as directed by the ushers, take a piece of bread, and dip it into the cup of grape juice.

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 †★ "In Unity We Lift Our Song" – #2221 TFWS

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

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

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
OCT 5

COMMUNION

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Following Worship (Monthly) | TBD

HEARTS & PAWS: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

12:30 – 1:30 PM | Lawn (Beech Avenue)

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
OCT 6

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

6:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
OCT 7

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:30 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) – MANCHESTER

7:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MESSIAH FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:30 – 9:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

WED
OCT 8

UNCLOBBED – BIBLE STUDY LED BY TIM NAPIERALSKI

7:00 PM (Weekly) | Parsonage

IRON CITY SQUARES – LGBTQIA+ SQUARE DANCE CLUB

7:00 – 9:15 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

THURS
OCT 9

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:30 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:00 PM (Weekly) | Music Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

SUN
OCT 12

OPENING GATHERING

9:45 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

UNCLOBBED – BIBLE STUDY LED BY TIM NAPIERALSKI

10:00 AM (Weekly) | Parsonage

SUNDAY SCHOOL – K-3RD, 4TH-6TH

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Presbytery

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 7TH-12TH

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Christian Education Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

CHOIR REHEARSAL

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

SPECIAL EVENTS



HEARTS & PAWS: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 5 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM | Lawn

Join Calvary UMC, the Humane Animal Rescue and the GBU Northside Neighborhood for a community event celebrating the animals we love and the neighbors we cherish! Enjoy a Blessing of the Animals, pet-friendly activities, a photo area, and opportunities to support local animal welfare. All are welcome – whether you bring a pet, are considering adoption, or just want to connect with neighbors!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING

Saturday, October 11 | 9:30 AM | Parsonage

The United Women in Faith will meet at the parsonage, and all women are invited! We'll be discussing our Fall plans, including details about selling Christmas items for the upcoming House Tour on December 5 & 6. We hope you'll join us for fellowship and planning.

ALL SAINTS' DAY – REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, October 26 | During Worship | Sanctuary

On Sunday, October 26, 2025, Calvary will honor those who have passed away since November 1, 2024. If you would like a loved one remembered, please complete the All Saints' Day Remembrance Form (insert) and submit it to the church office or place it in the offering plate by Sunday, October 19. Let us come together to celebrate the lives of those we hold dear and remember the light they brought into our lives.

SILENT READING & PUZZLE NIGHTS

TWO DATES: Wednesday, October 29 & Monday, November 24

6:30 – 8:30 PM | Parsonage

Looking for a cozy night out? Bring the book you're reading and join other book lovers for an evening of quiet reading, conversation, and puzzles! Enjoy light refreshments and introductions, then settle into peaceful silent reading. A separate space will be available for jigsaw puzzle-building, and we'll wrap up the night with more refreshments. Cost is \$10 per person, with all proceeds supporting Calvary's Capital Campaign.

SPA DAY: SEE YOURSELF. BE YOURSELF. LOVE YOURSELF.

Date TBD | Time TBD | Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation

A day of self-care, affirmation, and joy for our LGBTQIA+ community. All are welcome! Whether you're exploring your gender, in transition, or simply want a safe space to be yourself, Spa Day will offer:

- Gender-affirming haircuts from stylists who understand and celebrate you
- Makeup lessons tailored to your unique expression
- Nail care to help you feel polished and confident

This is more than a spa day – it's a chance to be seen and supported just as you are. Come experience care, connection, and celebration in a loving, inclusive space. Stay tuned for details!

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Daily Bread needs cookies! Please bring your baked goods and place them in the freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Questions? Contact Judy Flaherty (412-913-8250 / jakflaher1908@gmail.com).

TOOTHPASTE & BAG COLLECTION CONTINUES

Northside Common Ministries has asked Calvary to continue collecting toothpaste - donations can be placed in the collection bin in the chapel. We're also still collecting cloth grocery bags.

EVENTS

"CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, October 26 (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.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturdays: November 1, November 29 | 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Northview Heights, 533 Mount Pleasant Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel, and a written description of the work. Contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com with any questions.

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH - SERVING DAILY BREAD

Thursday, November 13 (2nd Thursday of each month) | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Calvary United Women in Faith organizes the meal preparation for Daily Bread, a ministry that provides meals three times a week to those who are unhoused or underemployed.

WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

Mondays | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

This group makes sleeping bags from recycled materials, filled with personal care items, and delivers them to local homeless shelters. No sewing experience is required! We especially need sheets, curtains, coverlets, and tablecloths. Contact Terri Howell (412-482-2211 / trr_howell@yahoo.com) for further details.

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.



UNFOLDING THREE CHAPTERS

REVIVE & RENEW

\$1M CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Phase 1: First floor restrooms and efficiency updates



Phase 2: Waterproofing and exterior pointing



Phase 3: Fellowship Hall and downstairs bathroom updates



Purpose: Create inviting spaces for worship, fellowship, and community that foster growth and lasting impact.

BE PART OF CALVARY'S NEXT CHAPTER — AND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S STORY.

We're **reviving** & **renewing** our space to better serve our community.

Over the next few years, upgrades will create a more **welcoming, functional, and inspiring** place to gather, grow and connect.

Each page forward is shaped by **friends and neighbors like you**, whose generosity and care bring our shared story to life.

Help write the next chapter — be part of the story.



Ready to give? Want to learn more?
Scan or visit:

CALVARYPGH.COM



MUSIC MINISTRY



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL FOR SINGERS!

13TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT

Sing with us this holiday season! Join Calvary's Festival Choir for our 13th annual Messiah concert and be part of a joyful, welcoming community! Experience Handel's timeless masterpiece by candlelight and Calvary's stunning Tiffany stained glass. Sing alongside professional soloists and our orchestra, and lead the audience in eight festive sing-along choruses. No auditions needed, and singers of all voice parts and experience levels are welcome. **Rehearsals begin Tuesday, October 7, from 7:30–9:00 pm.** Celebrate the season, connect with fellow music lovers, and share your voice!

EVENTS

13TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT

Saturday, December 13 & Sunday, December 14 | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Tickets: \$20 General Admission, \$15 Students/Seniors, Free for children 10 years & under

Celebrate the season with Handel's inspiring Messiah surrounded by the glow of candlelight and Calvary's magnificent Tiffany stained-glass masterpieces. Now in its 13th year, this beloved Calvary tradition is a family-friendly, interactive concert that draws audiences from across the region. Tickets on sale now at **CalvaryPgh.com**.

WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 PM (6:00 – 7:30 PM from October–December) | Sanctuary

All singers are welcome – no matter your experience or ability to read music! Whether you're a seasoned vocalist or just love to sing, we'd love to have you as part of our supportive and uplifting group. No audition is required – just bring your love for music and a desire to be part of something special. Contact Brian Burns at **bsburns77@aol.com** for more details.

MESSIAH CHOIR REHEARSAL

Tuesdays (Beginning October 7) | 7:30 – 9:00 PM | Sanctuary

No auditions are needed, and singers of all voice parts and experience levels are welcome. Celebrate the season, connect with fellow music lovers, and share your voice! Contact Karen Ferguson at **karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com** for more details.

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Tuesdays (Jan – May, Sep) | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

Thursdays (Oct– Dec) | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

No audition or music-reading skills required! Whether you're a beginner or have prior experience, we welcome all who want to be part of this joyful and unique musical ministry. Come ring with us and share your love for music! Contact Brian Burns at **bsburns77@aol.com** for more details.

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

UNCLOBBED – OUR NEW FALL BIBLE STUDY

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

Wednesdays | 7:00 PM | Parsonage

This fall, Calvary launches its new LGBTQIA+ ministry led by Tim Napieralski with a two-part experience. We'll begin with a screening of 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture, a documentary revealing how a 1946 Bible mistranslation fueled anti-gay theology. Drawing on Yale archives, scholars, and personal stories, it challenges long-held assumptions and invites new understanding. Next, we'll explore UnClobber by Colby Martin, a study that reexamines the six "Clobber Passages" often used to exclude LGBTQIA+ people. All are welcome!

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: October 13

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.

IRON CITY SQUARES – LGBTQIA+ SQUARE DANCE CLUB

Wednesdays | 7:00 – 9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

Iron City Squares invites you to join us for Modern Western Square Dancing. No partner or special clothing needed—everyone is welcome!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | 10:00 – 11:30 AM | Parsonage

Join us for our new study: *Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus* by Lois Tverberg. This engaging book brings the Bible to life by exploring the cultural context of Jesus' teachings. Together, we'll discover practical ways to live as His disciples and deepen our faith as we draw closer to God. Books are available. ALL women are welcome as we gather in community around God's Word at the parsonage during construction.

Come and join other book lovers for an evening of...
reading our own book!!!



SILENT BOOKS & PUZZLES

Wednesday, October 29
Monday, November 24



6:30-8:30 PM



Calvary UMC Parsonage

939 Beech Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

6:30-7:00 PM

Light refreshments & Introductions

7:00-8:15 PM

Silent Reading Time in a quiet setting. Jigsaw Puzzle Building will take place in a separate area of the home, so as not to disturb readers.

8:15-8:30 PM

Wrap-up



Fee - \$10

Purchase tickets in advance at CalvaryPgh.com
All Proceeds Benefit Calvary's Capital Campaign



ANNOUNCEMENTS



SHOWER REV. DEBORAH ACKLEY-KILLIAN WITH CARDS & PRAYERS

This past summer, Rev. Deborah Ackley-Killian, former Pittsburgh District Superintendent and current Butler-Franklin Districts Superintendent, was diagnosed with cancer. We want to surround Deborah and her daughter, Grace, with encouragement, love, and prayer. Here's how you can help:

CARD SHOWER: Send Deborah a card or note of encouragement to lift her spirits:

Deborah Ackley-Killian
830 Sunset Circle
Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

PRAYER CHAIN: Join us in covering Deborah and Grace with prayers! Share your prayer(s) using this Google Form located at: <http://bit.ly/4nfdP7m>

All prayers will be printed on paper strips and made into prayer chains, which will hang in Deborah's home so she and Grace are literally surrounded by our prayers. Please invite others to participate—there can never be too many prayers!

DEADLINE FOR PRAYERS: October 8, 2025

Thank you for helping cover Deborah and Grace in love, hope, and prayer!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW RACK CARDS!

We're excited to share our brand-new rack cards—created to show the heart of Calvary! Pick up our four new cards—Welcome, Christian Ministry, LGBTQIA+ Ministry, and Weddings—with a fifth coming soon for the Columbarium. You'll find them in the literature stand at the Allegheny entrance. These fresh, eye-catching cards are part of our effort to make Calvary more welcoming, more engaging, and easier to share with friends. Grab a few and spread the word!



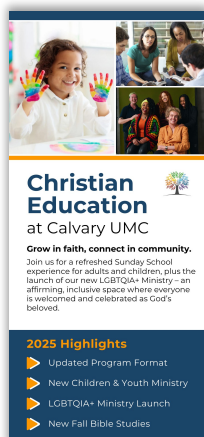
Welcome
to Calvary UMC

At Calvary United Methodist Church, we believe that all means all.

We open our hearts, our minds and our doors to all our neighbors, welcoming everyone who seeks a community of support to 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.**

Come As You Are
Sundays • 11:00 AM • In Person & Online

- Children & Youth Ministry
- Adult Christian Education
- LGBTQIA+ Ministry
- Community & Outreach



Christian Education
at Calvary UMC

Grow in faith, connect in community.

Join us for a refreshed Sunday School experience for adults and children, plus the launch of our new LGBTQIA+ Ministry—an affirming, inclusive space where everyone is welcomed and celebrated as God's beloved.

2025 Highlights

- Updated Program Format
- New Children & Youth Ministry
- LGBTQIA+ Ministry Launch
- New Fall Bible Studies



LGBTQIA+ Ministry
at Calvary UMC

Where all are embraced as God's beloved.

Inclusive spaces for fellowship, learning, and support, celebrating every person and story. A vibrant ministry reflecting God's love, championing justice and helping all thrive.

You Are God's Beloved

- A Loving, Affirming, Supportive Community for All
- Inclusive Events That Celebrate & Support You
- Calvary is a Reconciling Ministries Church



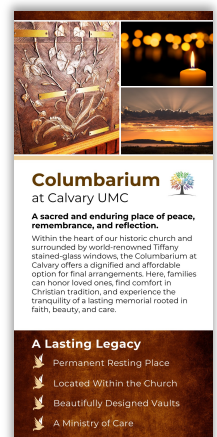
Weddings
at Calvary UMC

Celebrate your love at Calvary United Methodist Church.

Your wedding day is one of life's most cherished moments - let the setting be just as unforgettable. Calvary offers a historic, breathtaking venue in the heart of Pittsburgh, where your ceremony can be as personal, meaningful and beautiful as your love story.

A Venue to Cherish

- A Historic & Inspiring Venue
- Inclusive & Welcoming
- Personalized Support
- Begin Your Journey Today



Columbarium
at Calvary UMC

A sacred and enduring place of peace, remembrance, and reflection.

Within the heart of our historic church and surrounded by world-renowned Tiffany stained-glass windows, the Columbarium at Calvary offers a dignified and affordable option for final arrangements. Here, families can honor loved ones, find comfort in Christian tradition, and experience the tranquility of a lasting memorial rooted in faith, beauty, and care.

A Lasting Legacy

- Permanent Resting Place
- Located Within the Church
- Beautifully Designed Vaults
- A Ministry of Care

THANK YOU FROM UMC UNION & KIDCELERATE

We received a heartfelt thank you from The United Methodist Church Union and Kidcelerate for Calvary's generous gift of \$5,470.50 toward the rebuilding of their ministry center in Northview Heights. While the fire took away a building, it did not take away the ministry—the afterschool program continues, and rebuilding will begin very soon. This gift, made possible through the proceeds of the 2024 Messiah concerts, is a tangible expression of Calvary's ongoing commitment to mission. Rev. Larry Homitsky and Cherie Pogue extend their gratitude for our continued partnership and support.

CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS AVAILABLE

Copies of the completed Church Conference reports are available in the back of the church. This packet includes the items requested on Sunday, with typos and corrections updated. While some reports in the packet may not show signatures, please note that the originals were signed. If you have any questions, please see Rev. Beth.

FAMILY MINISTRY



EVENTS

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, October 24 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Take a well-deserved break while we care for your little ones! Calvary is offering a night of free babysitting and dinner for children, giving parents a chance to relax and recharge. Kids will enjoy an evening of food, games, and activities.

PARENTS' DAY OUT

Sunday, December 21 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a daytime outing while we care for your little ones! Calvary is offering free babysitting and lunch for children, giving parents a chance to relax, finish last-minute Christmas shopping, or wrap presents. Kids will enjoy food, games, and a Santa Shop to pick out gifts for family and friends.

WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL—K-3RD, 4TH-6TH,

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

Our Sunday School is divided into K-3rd, 4th-6th, and 7th-12th grades for age-appropriate learning, using Cokesbury's FaithWeaver NOW series.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—7TH-12TH

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Christian Education Office (Upstairs in Chapel)

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GET CONNECTED



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVE, SHARE, AND CONNECT THROUGH FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Food and fellowship at Calvary are a special way to connect, laugh, and share after worship. We're forming friendly teams to help prepare, serve, and clean up one Sunday a month, and sponsorships are also available (\$50 after service or \$100 for the monthly luncheon). If you'd like to volunteer or sponsor a Sunday, please connect with Mike Schnitgen, our Food Ministry Coordinator.

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COMMUNION

Sunday, October 5 (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, October 5 (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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 16 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 - 8:00 PM | Chapel

There will not be a meeting in December.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

**Sunday, October 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.

WEEKLY

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Sundays | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

Please join us around the tables in the fellowship hall following morning worship for refreshments and fellowship. Please use the stairs on the Beech Avenue side or the elevator in the back of the chapel.



HEARTS & PAWS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 • 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Calvary Lawn (Beech Avenue)



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