

# CALVARY

*United Methodist Church*



*Holy Holiday*



**JUN**

**29<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'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: (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 through the right side of the sanctuary and heading toward 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

### IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Debbie Ackley-Killian  
Nathaniel Crum, friend of Judy Melvin  
David Eichelberger's daughter  
Nonie Knaus, friend of Linda Ehrlich  
Kyle Geist, Allegheny West Neighbor  
Judy Melvin  
Continued healing, blessings and  
encouragement for the Jones Family  
Beth Kelley  
Chuck Dean, Sr. and the Dean Family  
Continued Prayers for Lisa L. and her  
mother  
Lois Placke on the death of her twin  
sister, neighbor to David Eichelberger

### CONTINUING CONCERNS

Joan Bradley  
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](http://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

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## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP †★

**Leader:** Away in the manger, no crib for a bed; the little lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.

**People:** We gather to worship the one born to be our Messiah.

**Leader:** Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

**People:** We gather to worship as people baptized by water and the spirit.

**Leader:** On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and blessed it and gave it to his disciples.

**People:** We gather to worship as people nourished by the bread and cup of Jesus.

**Leader:** On the day of resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples.

**People:** We gather to worship as people who have experienced the presence of the risen Messiah in our lives. Thanks be to God.

## OPENING HYMN †★ . . . . . "Away in a Manger" — #217 UMH

## OPENING PRAYER †★

**We pray to you, God of all times and all places, for you have made your perfect creation as a holy dwelling place for all your children. We live in time and space surrounded and filled with your Holy Spirit. Open our hearts and our minds to receive your gracious love and peace. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## COMMUNITY GREETINGS

## GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE †★ . . . . . "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" — #334 UMH

**There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place  
And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.  
There are sweet expressions on each face  
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove,  
Stay right here with us filling us with your love.  
And for all these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.**

## PSALTER LESSON ★ . . . . . Psalm 77:13-20 NRSV

- 13 Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

- 15 With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Selah
- 16 When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.
- 18 The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was through the sea, your path through the mighty waters, yet your footprints were unseen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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** ★. . . . . "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" — #500 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** †★. . . . . Luke 9:51-56 NRSV

51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival,

53 but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

54 When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”

55 But he turned and rebuked them.

56 Then they went on to another village.

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.  
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**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**



**SERMON** . . . . . “Holy Holiday” — Rev. Myles Bradley, Pastor Emeritus

**WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE**

**CALL TO GIVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES AND CHANGE MATTERS**

*We are gathering change to support a monthly meal at Daily Bread.  
When all of our "extra" change comes together, we can make a positive difference.*

**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** †★ . . . . . “The Summons” — #2130 TFWS

**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.*

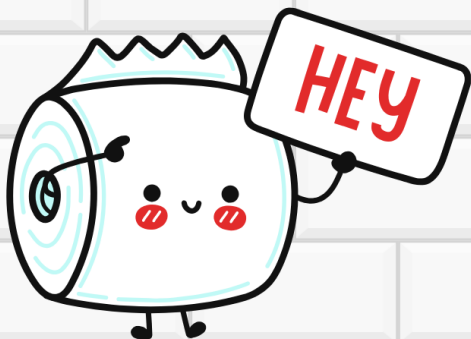
# COMMUNITY LUNCH

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.**





Don't like the  
condition of our  
restrooms?

Neither do we...  
We have a plan!

Please help us to fully renovate  
all of our restrooms by donating  
to our CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.

## REVIVE & RENEW A THREE-PHASE JOURNEY



- 1 This year, in 2025, we will complete the restroom installation and entryway project.
- 2 Complete the exterior restoration, including repointing, roofing, and final window repairs.
- 3 Updates to the fellowship hall, basement restrooms, and kitchen.

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# THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

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**SUN**  
**JUN 29**

**“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

**TUES**  
**JUL 1**

**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**  
**JUL 3**

**EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES**

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

**SUN**  
**JUL 6**

**THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP — BIBLE STUDY (REV. BOGDEWIC)**

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

**COMMUNION**

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## *A Note of Thanks*

*I want to thank all who have been praying for me during my healing journey. I am halfway through my treatments. After having a PET Scan the doctor told me that the mass in my chest is gone, but I have to finish the treatments to be sure that I'm cured.*

*Prayer works and I have felt all your prayers and good wishes. Also, thanks so much for the many cards and notes of encouragement which I have received, plus food from several of you in the beginning. The doctor's words are that I'm tolerating this very well, so I'm able to keep up with things around the house.*

*Your amazing encouragement and God's grace have gotten me thus far with only two more treatments ahead.*

*Joan Bradley*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A BOOK & PUZZLE NOOK?**

Come check out our cozy corner filled with current bestsellers and adorable jigsaw puzzles – available to rent and return for just \$2! Want to keep it? You can buy a book or puzzle for only \$5. We've already raised over \$100 to support our Restoration Program – thank you for being a part of that! Come join the fun: rent or buy, donate your gently used books and puzzles, and help make a difference!

### **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 quickly approaching, and many of us will be enjoying time away from home and church. That means it's going to take a Calvary Church Village to fill all the necessary slots!

Do you love working with kids? Enjoy meeting new people? Are you comfortable with public speaking? Know how to run a slide projector? Ever wanted to assist visitors and new members with name tags? Or perhaps you've always wanted to help behind the scenes by setting up for Worship?

Whatever your interest, we'd love to have you join in. Please respond to this email with the dates you're available to help. Whether it's once, twice, three times, or more – any time you can commit is greatly appreciated. Contact the church office to reserve your spot. We promise it will be a rewarding experience – just imagine the possibilities when we all work together!

### **FOOD/FELLOWSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

Food and fellowship are key to building connections at Calvary. To keep this ministry going, we need volunteers and sponsors. Teams will handle prep, service, and clean-up one Sunday each month. Interested? Talk to Mike Schnitgen, Food Ministry Coordinator.

A donation box will be available each week – every gift helps. You can also sponsor a Sunday: \$50 for after-service refreshments or \$100 for the monthly luncheon. Your support helps keep this ministry strong and our budget balanced.

## EVENTS

### **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

**Sunday, June 29 (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, July 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 GATHERING

**Sunday, July 6 (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 MEMBER SUNDAY

**Sunday, July 13 (2nd Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary**

New members will be welcomed during morning worship.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday, August 21 (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.

## FAMILY MINISTRY



## WEEKLY

**SUNDAY SCHOOL — THIS GROUP IS ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

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

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

**TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL — THIS GROUP IS ON BREAK UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

**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

**PARABLES ON THE PORCH: VBS REIMAGINED!**

**Four Sundays – June 22, July 13, August 3, August 24 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Calvary UMC**

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!

# MISSIONS & OUTREACH



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JUNE MISSIONS PROJECT: STOCK HUGH'S KITCHEN

Help us support the LGBTQ+ and HIV communities by stocking Hugh's Kitchen with quality, in-demand supplies! This Pride Month, join us in showing love through action by donating essential items and making a difference in the lives of those in need.

- Sport Drinks
- Individual Drink Mix Packs
- Condiment Bottles/Jars
- Sugar
- Instant Noodles
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta
- Rice
- Juice Packs
- Sparkling Water
- Cake Mix/Frosting
- Microwavable Sides & Meals
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Seasoning
- Pet Food (Canned Wet or Kibble)
- Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Body Wash
- Hair Care Products (Curly Textured Hair)
- 2-in-1 Hair Care Shampoo/Conditioner

### CAREGIVING MINISTRY LAUNCHING SOON

Calvary is beginning a new Caregiving Ministry, led by Denny Brown and Rev. Budd Wagner. Training will be provided to help volunteers feel confident supporting others through life's challenges. Caring for others is a powerful way to live out our faith and make a difference. If you're interested, please speak with Denny, Budd or Rev. Beth. More details coming soon!

### 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, June 29 (Last Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary**

Our children are gathering spare change to support Daily Bread. Every little bit helps feed those in need. Thank you for encouraging their generosity!

### CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH — SERVING DAILY BREAD

**Thursday, July 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 preparation for Daily Bread, a ministry that provides meals three times a week to those who are unhoused or underemployed.

## NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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

## UWF MISSION BARN TRIP — ALL ARE WELCOME

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

Join us for a day of hands-on service at the UMCOR Mission Barn in New Castle, a vital hub for collecting and distributing relief kits. We'll carpool from the church at 9:00 AM and arrive by 10:00 AM. The morning will be spent assembling and verifying kits. Bring your own lunch – we'll take a break around noon, then continue working until about 2:00 PM before heading home. Whether you're new to mission work or a longtime supporter, this is a great opportunity to see our connectional system in action and make a real impact.

## WEEKLY

### 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.

## JOIN A FELLOWSHIP TEAM!



We are looking for teams of 2-3 people to help prepare easy, delicious meals for our fellowship time.



No culinary experience? No problem! We are also looking for people to help with clean-up.



It's a great opportunity to serve and connect with others in a meaningful way.

**INTERESTED? See Mike Schnitgen  
or contact the church office directly.**



# SMALL GROUPS

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## 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.

### GA (GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS)

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

**Next Meeting: August 11**

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

**Thursdays | 10:00 – 11:30 AM | Parlor**

This summer we will be reading and discussing a small booklet titled, "KEEP CALM, TRUST GOD". There will be a few of these booklets available for those who don't have one. Some of the topics that the authors touch on are: anxiety, worry, fear, depression, stress, and frustration, to name just a few. In this study, "you will find the promises of God and Hope that will provide encouragement, strength and inspiration to overcome whatever challenges you may be facing." (author, Jake Provance). **ALL** women are welcome as we gather in community around God's Word, in the church parlor.



**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**

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*You* ARE WELCOME HERE.



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