

# CALVARY

United Methodist Church



everything  
[in] between  
faith & works

Second Sunday of Lent

**MAR**

**16<sup>TH</sup>**

**2025**

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



# WELCOME TO CALVARY

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## OUR WELCOME STATEMENT

**Calvary United Methodist Church believes that all means all.** We open our hearts, our minds, and our doors to all our neighbors. We gladly invite into our shared life all persons who seek a community of support where they can grow in God's grace. Regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, relationship status, or background — **you are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.**

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

If you are a first time guest, thank you for visiting Calvary! We would invite you to check out our Welcome Tables for more information about who we are. We would also ask you to fill out a GET CONNECTED card in the back of the pews so we can get to know you better. If you are in need of a large print bible or hymnal, please see any greeter for help.

## FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children into our worship services, including infants and toddlers. If you would like to use it, we have a Family Area in the rear left of the Sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys.

## LOCATION OF BATHROOMS

From the front exits of the sanctuary outside the right doorway, an accessible restroom and baby changing table are available on this level. From the front exits of the sanctuary outside the left side, restrooms are located down the stairs. An elevator is located thru the sanctuary outside the right and to the back.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

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**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**

Philippians 4:6

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker

Martha Helmreich

Marcia Webb, friend of Mark S.

Venus W.

The ministry at The Learning Hub

### WEEK 2

Barbara Mehring (Sister of Shirley Parroccini)

### WEEK 3

Family of Ron Koshar

Family of Jim Byelich

### WEEK 4

Dave Gittings (Joan Mialiki's niece's husband)

## 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 [calvarypgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php](http://calvarypgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php). 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** . . . . . "Broken and Poured Out", Lyndell Leatherman

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP †\***

Leader: Come as you are.  
**People: If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry,**  
Leader: if you know every scripture or none at all,  
**People: if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works,**  
Leader: or if you kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions, come as you are.  
**People: This is God's house. None are turned away. All are welcome here.**

**OPENING HYMN †\* . . . . .** "Fairest Lord Jesus" — #189 UMH

**OPENING PRAYER †\***

Loving God, when our anxiety hovers close, when fear clings to our bones, when our stress rises like the tide, see us. Speak to us. Call us by name. See us in the kitchen, in the classroom, in the hospital waiting room. Speak to us in the quiet, in the crowd, in the inky black of night. Call us beloved. Call us by name. Call us your child. Whatever you do, speak to us, for we cannot live on bread alone. Amen.

**COMMUNITY GREETINGS †**

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

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

**PSALTER LESSON \* . . . . .** Psalm 27 NRSV

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.
- 3 Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
- 4 One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.  
5For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.
- 6 Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.



- 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
- 8 "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.
- 9 Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
- 10 If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.
- 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
- 12 Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.
- 13 I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
- 14 Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

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 \* . . . . .** "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" — #2112 TFWS  
*You are welcome to come forward to the altar for prayer.*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION \***

The story of Mary and Martha is often painted as a story where one does right and one does wrong. We know that life is often more complicated than that. We know that faith is embodied through being present and taking action—and everything in between. Knowing this, like Mary and Martha, let us draw near to God. Let us be honest about our lives, our hopes, and our mistakes. For even in our messy middle, God meets us with grace. Let us pray:

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION \***

**God of Grace, We long to do the "right" thing. We long to make the "right" choice. We long to stand on the "right" side of the dividing line. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love. Show us how to hold our heart's desire for perfection loosely. Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else. For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you. Show us the way. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS \***

Faithful friends, God knows your heart. When you mean well and lose your way, God knows. When you try to do the right thing and miss the point, God knows. When you long to be close to God, and doubt your worth, God knows. You are seen. You are loved. You are forgiven. You have been sent to serve. This is the good news of the gospel! Nothing can separate you from God's love. Thanks be to God! Amen.

## **MOMENTS OF SILENCE**

## **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.**

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

**GOSPEL LESSON †\* . . . . . Luke 10:38-42 NRSV**

- 38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him.
- 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying.
- 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me."
- 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things,
- 42 but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON . . . . . “Everything [in] between **Faith** and **Works**” — Rev. Beth L. Nelson**

**WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE**

**CALL TO GIVE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY . . . . . "Reflections on ‘Bryn Calfaria’", Douglas E. Wagner**

**DOXOLOGY †\* . . . . . "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise him all creatures here below.**  
**Praise him above ye heavenly host.**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**  
**Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**OFFERING PRAYER †**

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

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH \***

We believe in a Christ who teaches, sees, affirms, and celebrates all of who we are. We believe in a Christ who invites us to use our gifts for good and celebrates every step we take in that direction. We believe in a Christ who understands our anxieties and is gentle with our concerns. And we believe in a Christ who looks at us with undiluted love. The world will try to rank, rate, and declare winners, but we know love has no limit. So with God's help, may we nurture our faith and do good work. Amen.

**BENEDICTION †**

**POSTLUDE †** . . . . . "Grand Chorus", Alexander Guilmant

*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.

**A Time for Fellowship**

Please join us around the tables in the chapel behind the sanctuary following morning worship for refreshments.

See announcement in the GET CONNECTED section on how you can get involved in our fellowship time at Calvary!



# THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

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**SUN**  
**MAR 16**

**A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP**

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

**FAMILY BOARD GAME DAY**

Following Worship & Fellowship | Chapel

**AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES – “GODDESSES AND WATERFALLS”**

4:00 PM | Sanctuary

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

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**MON**  
**MAR 17**

**SLEEPING BAG GROUP**

6:30 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**TUES**  
**MAR 18**

**EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES**

9:00 – 10:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

6:00 – 7:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

**HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

7:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

**NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) - MANCHESTER**

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

**WED**  
**MAR 19**

**LENTEN LIFT**

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

**THURS**  
**MAR 20**

**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

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

6:30 – 8:00 PM (Monthly) | Chapel



**SUN**  
**MAR 23**

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

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

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

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall



*Lenten Bible Study - God 101*

A study of the idea of god and our understanding of the God of Abraham.

**Sundays - 10 AM - Calvary Chapel**  
**March 9 through April 13**

Led by  
Rev. Myles Bradley

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



# LENTEN SEASON

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

## WEEKLY

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

**Sundays (Beginning March 9 through April 13) | 10:00 AM | Chapel**

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

### LENTEN LIFT

**Wednesdays (Beginning March 5 through April 16) | 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Sanctuary**

Every Wednesday in Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5, we will have a mid-week refreshment time, followed by a light lunch. You are invited to pause your busy week and sit in the sanctuary. There will be music and a brief time of inspiration. It is meant to be reflective and restorative! **We do need your assistance. We need greeters, soup makers, and servers. If you would like to help, please sign up at Ministry Table.**

## EVENTS

### PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

**Sunday, April 13 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary**

We will begin with palms, celebrating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and recalling the joy and anticipation that filled the city. From there, we will journey together through the events of Holy Week, leading up to Easter.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Thursday, April 17 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary**

Join us for a reflective service remembering the Last Supper, where Jesus commanded, "Love one another as I have loved you." The service, co-hosted by Salem United Methodist Church, Wexford, includes Holy Communion, open to all—no church membership required.

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

**Friday, April 18 | 7:00 PM | Salem UMC, 350 Manor Road, Wexford, PA 15090**

Worship with the congregation at Salem United Methodist Church as Calvary and Salem United Methodist Churches come together to remember Christ's crucifixion, the ultimate act of God's love and forgiveness, offering new life and a renewed relationship with Him to all.

## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

**Sunday, April 20 | 7:00 AM | West End Overlook, Marlow Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205**

Join us for a cherished community tradition as we celebrate Easter at the West End Overlook, offering one of the best views of Pittsburgh at dawn. Originally led by Emanuel United Methodist Church, this inspiring tradition continues since our congregations united in 2017.

## EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE

**Sunday, April 20 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary**

Celebrate Christ's resurrection with us in a joyful Easter service, featuring special music from Calvary's Festival Choir, South Hills Brass, and other guests. Parking attendants will assist for your convenience. After a season of reflection, we proclaim, "Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!" and sing, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

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



# LIFT LENTEN



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

15 MINUTES  
OF UPLIFTING  
MUSIC

5 MINUTES OF  
INSPIRATIONAL  
THOUGHTS

LIGHT LUNCH OF  
SOUP & BREAD



**WEDNESDAYS**  
DURING LENT  
BEGINNING  
MARCH 5

**12 PM**

**CALVARY UMC  
SANCTUARY**

# CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY



It has been agreed that keeping the congregation at Calvary informed about the discussions at church council meetings would be valuable. Going forward, we will provide a summary of the topics discussed and decisions made during these meetings. You can expect to be given this summary in the bulletin 2-3 weeks after each meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Rev. Beth Nelson.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

The February church council summary report provides updates on key activities at Calvary, including staffing, building projects, finances, missions, and upcoming initiatives. The church remains focused on growth, ministry, and missions, while also planning for future pastoral leadership and ensuring strong communication within the congregation. Key points include:

### STAFFING

- Mary Emili is praised as a compassionate and valuable assistant in the office, available on Mondays and Thursday afternoons.

### FILMING AT THE CHURCH

- A romantic comedy, Heirloom, was filmed at the church, generating excitement. The producer purchased jewelry from the Calvary Store and plans to return for more scenes. The church will be credited in the film.

### PARSONAGE HEATING ISSUE

- The parsonage boiler was compromised, but repairs were made, and insurance will cover a full replacement.

### FINANCE

- Chris Sweeny and Rick Sustakoski were appointed Co-Chairs of the Finance Committee. A discussion about rising facilities expenses, primarily due to snow removal costs, was mentioned.
- The committee will present financial trends and anomalies at future meetings. There will be more streamlined communication via committee email groups.

### STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

- Rev. Nelson has committed to serving as pastor until June 2026. The committee recommends preparing for a full-time pastor position after that, with a budget increase to accommodate salary and benefits.
- Future pastoral appointments are being actively discussed, ensuring Calvary has an appropriate match.

### TRUSTEES

- A major renovation plan has been broken into three phases, with Phase 1 (new restrooms and adjacent areas) estimated at \$350,000. The church currently has \$160,000 in building funds. A Capital Campaign will be launched to fund the renovations, with additional efforts for local support.



## COMMUNICATIONS

- A new church website will launch soon, with a directory project and newsletter updates. The website will also feature a Capital Campaign and donation options.

## ARCHIVES & HISTORY

- The Archives and History Team is working on creating a docent team, updating historical displays, and writing a history of Calvary and its Methodist roots.

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

- The committee is working to strengthen partnerships with local ministries, develop resource books and cards for outreach, and engage the congregation in mission efforts such as blessing bags.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & PROJECTS

- The Food Ministry is expanding, hoping for a fourth team for fellowship meals.
- The Allegheny Historic Preservation Society is looking forward to collaborating on restoration projects.
- The church will host an orientation session for leadership, and efforts to recruit volunteers for Event and Prayer Coordinator roles are underway.
- A draft of a "Social Media Policy" was shared for review, aiming to address challenges in today's digital landscape.



### CHURCH COUNCIL

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 8:30 AM – NOON**  
**CALVARY UMC CHAPEL**

This workshop is designed to equip Calvary's ministry leaders with the skills and knowledge to lead effectively, covering both general leadership principles and specific strategies for each ministry area. Child care available upon request.

**8:30 AM – Breakfast**

**9 AM – Session Begins**

**REGISTER TODAY – EMAIL OR CALL CHURCH OFFICE**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We are collecting canned goods to support the North Side Food Pantry from March 16 to April 13. Needed items include:

- Stewed Tomatoes
- Diced Tomatoes
- Tomato Paste
- Kidney Beans
- Sweet Potatoes
- Peas
- Green Beans
- Canned Potatoes

Please drop off your donations at Calvary in the chapel area. Your generosity will make a difference for those in need. Thank you for helping our neighbors!

### NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO NEED TOOTHPASTE

NCM would like Calvary to continue to collect toothpaste. There is a collection bin in the chapel. Cloth grocery bags also continue to be collected. Thank you!

## EVENTS

### “CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

**Sunday, March 30 (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.

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

**Thursday, April 10 (2nd Thursday of each month) | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

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

The Calvary United Women in Faith (CUWF) organizes the meal being prepared for the Daily Bread which serves meals three times a week to those without a home or who are underemployed. 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.

### NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**Saturday, April 26 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM**

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

Six volunteers are needed for each date. There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel, and a written description of the work. Contact Linda Ehrlich ([laehrich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrich927@aol.com)) with any questions.

# 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.

# JOIN A FELLOWSHIP TEAM!



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



No culinary experience? No problem! We also need 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.**



# PLANT *Sale*



## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH ANNUAL PLANT SALE

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



### ORDER PICKUP



Thursday, May 22 or Friday, May 23



1:00 - 6:00 PM



### QUESTIONS?

Linda Ehrlich (412-512-7246 / [laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com))

Kim Butler (412-638-7773 / [kimabutler4@gmail.com](mailto:kimabutler4@gmail.com))





## 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

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday, March 20 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel**

There will not be meetings in either July or December.

### CHURCH COUNCIL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

**Saturday, March 29 | 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Chapel**

Breakfast will be at 8:30 AM and the session starts at 9:00 AM. Child care can be provided. More information to come. Questions? Contact Jan Meyers.

### COMMUNITY LUNCH

**Sunday, March 30 (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, April 6 (1st Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary**

All are invited to the table of our Lord. You do not need to be a member of Calvary or any church to participate. The bread that we share is gluten free so that all may partake.

## 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.



## HELP REBUILD THE LEARNING HUB AFTER DEVASTATING FIRE

On the evening of **February 6, 2025**, a devastating fire destroyed The Learning Hub—an essential after-school and summer program serving the children and families of **Northview Heights Estates**, a Pittsburgh Housing Authority community.

The Learning Hub was a place of **hope, learning, and opportunity** for countless children, providing tutoring, mentorship, and a safe space to grow. Now, that space is gone.



**Thankfully**, no one was in the building when the fire started, and no one was injured while controlling the fire. However, the children and families of the community are deeply saddened by this loss and are concerned about losing the much-needed programs that The Learning Hub has provided over the years.

The **United Methodist Church Union** has been serving the Pittsburgh community for over **131 years**, creating and sustaining vital programs like The Learning Hub. We are **determined to rebuild** and continue our mission of providing educational and social support for the children of Northview Heights.



**TO DONATE, GO TO [CHURCHUNION.ORG](https://churchunion.org)**

### How Your Donation Helps

Your donation will directly support:

- **Rebuilding** The Learning Hub
- **Replacing** lost supplies & educational materials
- **Continued** children's programs as soon as possible



With your support, we can turn this tragedy into a new beginning and ensure that Northview Heights children have a place to learn, grow, and thrive.

Please consider donating and sharing this campaign to help us **bring The Learning Hub back to life**.



## 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

### FAMILY BOARD GAME DAY

**Sunday, March 16 | Following Worship & Fellowship | Chapel**

Bring your favorite board games to share and enjoy a fun, community-focused event with games, friendly competition, and time to connect with others.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday, April 6 | Following Worship | Chapel**


The Easter Egg Hunt at Calvary features colorful eggs hidden in the sanctuary, along with games and activities for all ages.

### 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.


## FAMILY CORNER



### FAMILY BOARD GAME DAY

Sun, Mar 16 • After Church


All are invited to bring their favorite board games to share and play with others.



### EASTER EGG HUNT

Sun, Apr 6 • After Church


Easter activities for the entire family and egg hunt!



### DAILY BREAD PICNIC LUNCH

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Weekly • 10:00-10:45 AM

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## MORE INFO

MEGAN 412-715-4946 OR BRITTANY 412-715-4947



The Allegheny Historic Preservation Society's  
*Tiffany Concert Series*  
presents



*Goddesses and Waterfalls*  
*for Flute, Harp, Bassoon and Percussion*  
*featuring*

Pittsburgh Symphony Harpist, Gretchen Van Hoesen, with Yevgeny Faniuk,  
Jeremy Branson and George Sakakeeny

**Sunday, March 16 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Calvary United Methodist Church**

971 Beech Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

**Tickets:** Adults: \$25, Seniors and students: \$20, Children: (under 16 years of age) \$10. Tickets can be purchased at the AHPS website [ahps-pgh.org](http://ahps-pgh.org) or at the door by cash or check. Open seating



# SMALL GROUPS

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## WEEKLY

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

**Sundays (Beginning March 9 through April 13) | 10:00 AM | Chapel**

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

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

**Sundays | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

Every addict in the world has the chance to experience their message, and find the opportunity for a new way of life.

### **GA (GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS)**

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

**Next Meeting is April 21 (Rescheduled from April 14)**

Through shared experiences, participants work toward recovery in a confidential and non-judgmental space.

### **NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) - MANCHESTER**

**Tuesdays | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

Every addict in the world has the chance to experience their message, and find the opportunity for a new way of life.

### **EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 AM | Chapel**

The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages.

### **LENTEN LIFT**

**Wednesdays (Beginning March 5 through April 16) | 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Sanctuary**

Every Wednesday in Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 5, we will have a mid-week refreshment time, followed by a light lunch. You are invited to pause your busy week and sit in the sanctuary. There will be music and a brief time of inspiration. It is meant to be reflective and restorative! **We do need your assistance. We need greeters, soup makers, and servers. If you would like to help, please sign up at Ministry Table.**

### **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.



## EVENTS

### AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES

#### **“GODDESSES AND WATERFALLS” FOR FLUTE, HARP, BASSOON AND PERCUSSION**

**Sunday, March 16 | 4:00 PM | Sanctuary**

**Single Ticket Prices:** \$25 General / \$20 Seniors & Students / \$15 Groups of 10 or more. Tickets can be purchased at [ahps-pgh.org](https://www.ahps-pgh.org) or at the door by cash or check.

This concert Pittsburgh Symphony Harpist, Gretchen Van Hoesen, with Yevgeny Faniuk, Jeremy Branson and George Sakakeeny.

Visit <https://www.wqed.org/podcasts/goddesses-and-waterfalls-with-gretchen-van-hoesen/>

To hear Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Harpist, Gretchen Van Hoesen, talk about her upcoming performance on March 16. She talks about the program for the concert, which includes two U.S. premieres! She and Yevgeny Faniuk (flutist), George Sakakeeny (bassoonist), and colleague at the PSO Jeremy Branson (percussionist), will perform the U.S. premiere of Bridal Veil Falls by Elizabeth Raum. They will also perform the U.S. premiere of Trio by Howard Blake.

## WEEKLY

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

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

We warmly invite you to join the choir! Whether you're an experienced singer or just enjoy making a joyful noise, all are welcome to participate. No audition is required, and you don't need to know how to read music. If you have a passion for singing and want to be part of a supportive, welcoming group, we'd love to have you! This is a great opportunity to grow in community, share your talents, and contribute to the music ministry at Calvary. If you're interested, please reach out to Brian Burns for more information. Come and be a part of something special!

### HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

**Tuesdays (January – May) | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)**

**Thursdays (September – December) | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)**

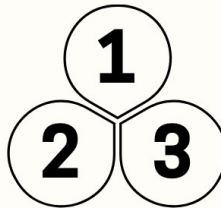
We invite you to join the Hand Bell Choir at Calvary! No audition is required, and you don't need to know how to read music. Whether you're new to hand bells or have previous experience, we welcome everyone to participate. If you're interested, please reach out to Brian Burns for more information.

# REVIVE & RENEW A THREE-PHASE JOURNEY



## CAMPAIGN FOR CALVARY'S RESTROOM UPGRADES AND BUILDING RENOVATIONS

A broad, multi-phase initiative focused on enhancing the church with a range of upgrades, improvements, and new installations over a two to three-year period.



**Stop by the welcome tables to pick up a complete brochure that outlines the journey and campaign to enhance Calvary.**

## PHASE 1 RESTROOM REVIVAL

### RESTROOM INSTALLATION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



This year, in 2025, we will complete the restroom installation and entryway project, setting the foundation for the next phases of transformation.

**Sponsorship Opportunities for Every Level**  
**HELP US GO FROM DRAB TO FAB!**

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



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