

CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Love Boldly

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Worshipping God Together

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.**

NEW TO CALVARY?

If you're new to Calvary, you're invited to visit the Welcome Areas to learn more about the church—pick up the monthly newsletter, and fill out a Get Connected card found in the pews. Large-print Bibles and hymnals are available upon request. Our monthly newsletter includes ministry updates, upcoming events, small group opportunities and a monthly calendar insert outlining all activities and gatherings.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Children are always welcome. A Family Area is available at the back left of the sanctuary, with rocking chairs and toys for your little ones.

RESTROOMS

From the front exits of the sanctuary, restrooms are available to the right, including an accessible restroom with a baby changing table; additional men's and women's restrooms are located at the back of the chapel to the right, and downstairs to the left, with elevator access from the right side of the sanctuary.

PRAYER CONCERNS



IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Georgia Brucker and family in the passing of her husband Paul Brucker
Tyyawdi - hand surgery
Kerry Sturtz, daughter of Joan
Kaia Bachman & Tyler Hayden's baby-to-be (due Jan 8th)
Nancy Westfall
Geradine Knight on the passing of her sister Mariia Isaieva and family
Carol Piper
Cecilia Griffin Golden on the loss of her husband
Twin baby girls - Charlee & Cameron
Karen Hines. – Patty Bogdewic's mother

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Bobby Buckner and his family
Jeanne Dithomas
Terri Jagielski
Martha Helmreich
Judy Melvin
Al Meyers
Sheila Molyneaux
Tim Napieralski
Christine Siewers
Aleata Weis
Barbara Wood – friend of Marirose
Joyce Zimmerman – sister of Yvonne Hudson

SHARING PRAYER REQUESTS & JOYS

Share prayer requests or joys by filling out a pew card, calling the church office, or submitting the form online at calvarypgh.com/contact.

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- **A Service of Celebration—Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00AM | Calvary UMC
- **A Time for Fellowship** | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- **Sleeping Bag Ministry** | 6:00–8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
- **Back to Life NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00–8:00 PM | Chapel

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 6:00–7:00 PM | Sanctuary
- **Hand Bell Rehearsal** | 7:00–8:00 PM | Music Office
- **NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00–8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- **Iron City Squares** | 7:00–9:15 PM | Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Women's Bible Study** | 10:00–11:30 AM | Parlor
- **Church Council Meeting** | 6:30–8:00 PM | Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- **Northview Heights Food Distribution** | 9:00-10:30 AM | Northview Heights
- **CUWF Meeting** | 9:30 AM Breakfast & 10:00 AM Meeting | Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- **Sunday Morning Cafe** | 10:00–11:00 AM | Chapel
- **Sunday School (K–3rd, 4th–6th)** | 10:00–10:30 AM | Fellowship Hall
- **Sunday School (7th–12th)** | 10:00–10:30 AM | Christian Education Office
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 10:00–10:45 AM | Choir Loft
- **A Service of Celebration—Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00AM | Calvary UMC
- **A Time for Fellowship** | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall
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SUNDAY CELEBRATION



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP + *

Leader: Family of God, who are you?
People: We are disciples formed in the image of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
Leader: Family of God, how does Jesus form you?
People: By loving us and showing us how to love.
Leader: Family of God, how does the Holy Spirit empower you?
People: By loving us and inspiring us to love others as Christ loves us.
Leader: Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!
People: We come to worship God, who shows us how to love and calls us to boldly love God and neighbor, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE + * "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" — #155 UMH

UNISON PRAYER + *

Almighty, all-merciful God, through Christ Jesus, you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and even to love our enemies. As we gather for worship and as we are sent from this place, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. Help us to encounter each person in light of the love and grace you have shown us in Christ. Establish among us a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled. We ask these things in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME +

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 103:1-8 NRSV

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
 - 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—
 - 3 who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
 - 4 who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
 - 5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
 - 6 The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
 - 7 He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
 - 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER * "There is a Balm in Gilead" — #375 UMH

You are invited to come and kneel at the altar rail for personal prayer.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

Leader: With hope for God’s mercy and trust in God’s love, let us admit the truth of our lives, first in silence.

Silent Prayer

People: There are times, O God, when our greatest sin is not what we do but what we fail to do. For those times when we have not spoken up; for those times when we have not acted; for those times when we have not responded: forgive us. Give us courage to name what is wrong when we see it. Give us confidence to do what is hard. Give us grace to reach out when that is frightening or uncomfortable. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *

Leader: New every morning is God’s love for us, and so we are bold to proclaim the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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 † * Mark 12:28-34 NRSV

- 28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?”
- 29 Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;
- 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’
- 31 The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”
- 32 Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’;
- 33 and ‘to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”
- 34 When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Love Boldly” — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

DOXOLOGY † * “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” — #94 UMH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERING PRAYER †

CLOSING HYMN † * “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” — #384 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

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

POSTLUDE TRADITION: At Calvary, we stand and listen to the postlude, many turning toward the choir loft to watch our organist play. This tradition began after our once-silent organ was restored, renewing our gratitude for its beautiful sound and our strong music ministry. We invite you to join us in this meaningful moment.

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP: You’re invited to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a time of good company, along with a light meal and beverages. The Fellowship Hall is located down the stairs, or you may use the elevator at the back of the chapel.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



DAILY BREAD COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED ASAP

Daily Bread is asking for your help! Due to a recent freezer repair at Calvary, our supply of cookies was lost. We need **at least 25 dozen cookies for each monthly meal** and welcome donations throughout the month. If you enjoy baking, please consider supporting this important ministry by providing cookies for those we serve. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Daily Bread!

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY RETURNS THIS WEEK!

We're excited to announce that our Sleeping Bag Ministry is starting up again this Monday! Join us weekly on Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Fellowship Hall as we create sleeping bags for local homeless shelters using donated and recycled materials. These handmade bags are filled with essential personal care items and provide comfort, warmth, and dignity to our neighbors in need. There is plenty to do, and no sewing experience is required, making this a wonderful opportunity for anyone who would like to serve.

To support this important outreach, we are currently collecting blankets, sheets, pillowcases, curtains, coverlets, tablecloths and neckties, as well as small bottles of shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant and soap, hats and gloves, and new men's socks. Donations may be placed in the bin in the chapel marked "Sleeping Bag Ministry" or downstairs by the old safe. Thank you for helping us share God's love through this meaningful ministry. We hope you'll join us as we begin another season of caring for our community.

HEARTS & PAWS — BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4 | 12:30–2:30 PM | Front of Calvary UMC along Allegheny Avenue

Join Calvary United Methodist Church, GBU Life's North Side Neighborhood and the Humane Society for Hearts & Paws—a joyful community celebration of the animals we love and the neighbors we cherish! This special event features a Blessing of the Animals, pet-friendly swag, kid-friendly activities and meaningful ways to support local animal welfare. Whether you have a beloved companion, are considering adoption or simply love animals, all are welcome. Come celebrate compassion, connection and community—with wagging tails, open hearts and joyful spirits.

"KISSED BY GRACE" — UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, October 17 | 9:00 AM –12:00 PM | Chapel

Don't forget to register for "Kissed by Grace," the United Women in Faith Women's Retreat! All women are invited to join Rev. Jorinda Bullitt for a morning of faith, fellowship, and spiritual renewal in the Chapel. Through inspiring reflection and conversation, participants will explore how lipstick can serve as a symbol of wisdom, boldness, healing, and confidence in Christ. The cost is \$10 (cash or check payable to CUMW). This promises to be a meaningful and uplifting experience for women of all ages. The retreat is inspired by Proverbs 31:26: *"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue."* Be sure to register soon and reserve your place for this special morning of grace, encouragement, and connection. To register, please call the church office.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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