

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



People Like Us



Sunday, April 12, 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)

- To the right, then to the immediate right, there is an accessible restroom and a baby changing table
- To the right then stay to the right, go to the back of the chapel, there are women's and men's restrooms
- There are men's and women's restrooms on the left then down the stairs on the right, or an elevator is available by exiting the right side of the sanctuary and heading toward the back of the building

PRAYER CONCERNS



IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Al Meyers
Christine Siewers
Christine and her family on the death of her mother
Family & friends of Andrew Emerson
Corrine Houser
Al Meyers
Family of Janice Snyder
George Janocsko
Niko
Judy Melvin
Charles Moore
Judy Winston
The family of Bing Ewalt
Aleata Weis
Rick Stern
Rhonda Harrison
Barbara Wood - friend of Marirose

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Paul Brucker
Bobby Buckner and his family
Jeanne Dithomas
Terri Jagielski
Martha Helmreich
Sheila Molyneaux
Renee - friend of Mark Snyder
Marcia Webb - friend of Mark Snyder
Venus W.
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, APRIL 12

- **A Time for Fellowship** | Following Worship | Chapel
- **Lunch & Learn–Neurodivergence and the Church** | 12:15 PM | Chapel
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 13

- **Sleeping Bag Ministry** | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
- **GA (Gamblers Anonymous) Meeting** | 6:30 PM | Chapel

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00 AM | Chapel
- **Women's Bible Study** | 10:00–11:30 AM | Parlor
- **Learn to Knit & Prayer Shawl Ministry** | 11:30 AM–12:30 PM | Chapel
- **Open Sanctuary** | 6:00–8:00 PM | Sanctuary
- **Church Council** | 6:30–8:00 PM | Chapel

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- **Northview Heights** | 9:00 AM Light Breakfast & 9:30 AM Meeting | Chapel

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- **Sunday Morning Cafe** | 10:00–11:00 AM | Chapel
- **Bible Study–Exploring Spiritual Gifts** | 10:00–10:45 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 | Chapel
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY CELEBRATION



PRELUDE “Fugue in C”, Johann Pachelbel

INTROIT “On the Third Day”, Allen Pote

CALL TO WORSHIP + *

Leader: You who have touched the wounds of the world, and You who have been wounded by the world,

People: **Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, we have not seen you, Risen One.**

Leader: We have not touched you, but we believe you are our Lord and our God.

People: **You are our refuge in hurt and pain. You are the path of life. You are our Lord and our God! Alleluia!**

OPENING HYMN + * “Easter People Raise Your Voices” – #304 UMH

OPENING PRAYER + *

Jesus of the Cross, Jesus of the Resurrection, we rejoice in you. For long before the experience of the cross, you defeated the powers of sin, pain, and death in the hurting people around you. And then you were struck down. But you defeated the cross and stood before your beloved disciples, as you are present today—alive again. We rejoice in you, Risen Savior, for you open before us your life-giving peace and power. You are our Lord and our God. Alleluia! Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME +

COMMUNITY GREETINGS +

GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE + * “Alleluia” – #162 UMH

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

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

HYMN OF PRAYER * "The Day of Resurrection" – #303 UMH
You are invited to come and kneel at the altar rail for personal 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.

ANTHEM. "In the Name of the Father", Heather Sorenson

GOSPEL LESSON † * John 20:19-31 NRSV

- 19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
- 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
- 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
- 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."
- 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
- 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."
- 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
- 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."
- 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"
- 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."
- 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.
- 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON “People Like Us!” – Rev. Beth L. Nelson

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY. “Christ, the King of Glory”, Anna Laura Page

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 * “He Lives” – #310 UMH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ”Tis the Spring of Saints Today”, Richard A. Williamson

*† 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – EXPLORING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Beginning the week after Easter, join us for an engaging study on Spiritual Gifts. Teens are also welcome to participate!

DISCOVERING THE GIFT OF GRACE – NEW WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Women’s Bible Study is excited to begin a new study titled *Grace... More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine* by Max Lucado. Together, we will explore the powerful message of God’s grace using the study guide located in the back of the book as a foundation for meaningful discussion and reflection. Books will be available for purchase for \$5. All women are welcome to join us as we grow in faith, fellowship, and a deeper understanding of God’s amazing grace.

LEARN TO KNIT & PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – ON HOLD

The Knitting Club will be suspended temporarily while Rhonda is away. We anticipate resuming meetings upon her return. Thank you for your understanding.

MEN’S TIES NEEDED

Men’s ties are needed for the Sleeping Bag Group. Please place in the chapel in the appropriate mission bin.

COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED FOR DAILY BREAD

Help Daily Bread by baking cookies! We need 25 dozen each month. Label containers and place cookies in the freezer. Sign up or get info from Judy Flaherty at 412-913-8250.

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOE DRIVE

Pittsburgh Public Schools is collecting donations for its annual shoe drive to support local communities and its partners, Homewood Children’s Village and Community Schools. New or gently used shoes of all sizes—including sneakers, cleats, sandals, boots, and dress shoes—may be donated **between February 16 and April 16. A donation bin is available in the chapel at Calvary for convenient drop off.** This message is shared from **KidCelerate**, one of our partners, who notes that as a Pittsburgh King PK-8 Community Partner, they are working to collect as many pairs of shoes as possible. So far, King has collected 50 pairs of shoes toward its 200 pair goal. If everyone can donate just one pair of gently used or new shoes they no longer wear, we can help King reach its goal. The district’s overall goal is to collect 100 bags of shoes per site.

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Monday: 9:00 AM–Noon

Tuesday: 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

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