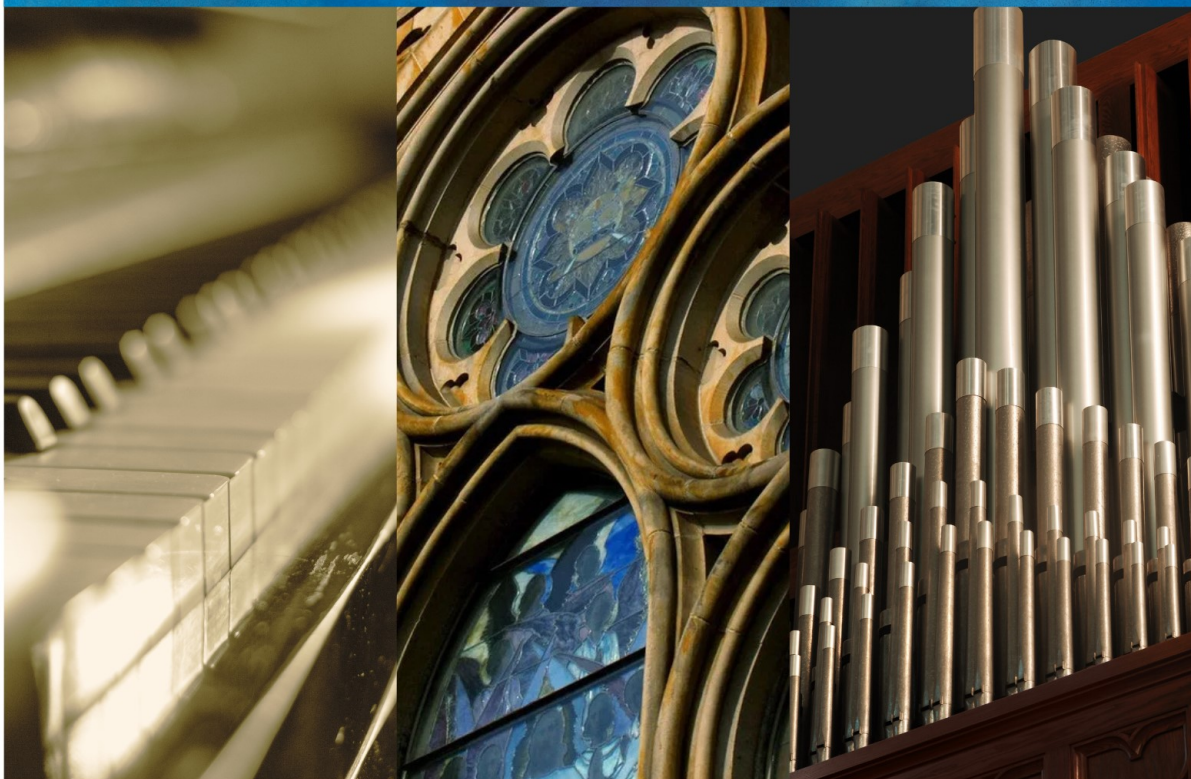


CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*A Celebration of
Music, Ministry & Community*



Sunday, May 31, 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

Paul Brucker
Samantha - niece of Mary Ewalt
Al Meyers
Christine Siewers
Corrine Houser
George Janocsko
Niko
Judy Melvin
Charles Moore
Aleata Weis
Rick Stern
Barbara Wood - friend of Marirose

CONTINUING CONCERNS

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, MAY 31

- **A Service of Celebration—Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC
- **Change Matters Special Offering** | During Worship | Sanctuary
- **Brian Burns 25th Anniversary Celebration** | During Worship/Fellowship | Calvary UMC
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

- **Exercise Class for All Ages** | 9:00-10:00 AM | Chapel
- **Choir Rehearsal** | 6:00-7:00 PM | Choir Loft
- **NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** | 7:00-8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

- **Sunday Morning Fellowship** | 9:30-11:00 AM | Chapel
- **A Service of Celebration—Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM | Calvary UMC
- **AA (Alcoholics Anonymous)** | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY CELEBRATION



A CELEBRATION OF 25 YEARS OF THE GIFT OF MUSIC AND THE MINISTRY OF BRIAN BURNS

SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION BY BRIAN BURNS & FRIENDS

WORDS OF WELCOME † Lay Leader – Renny Clark

CALL TO WORSHIP † *

Leader: We gather today because music is a language of the soul. It carries our grief, amplifies our joy, and weaves our diverse voices into a beautiful tapestry of life.

People: **In the rhythm of life, we seek harmony. In the brokenness of the world, we seek the connection or community.**

Leader: Together may we celebrate the artists, musicians, dreamers, the truth-tellers, and the fellow travelers who help us find our song.

People: **Let us worship with joyful hearts!**

OPENING HYMN † * "When in our Music God Is Glorified" – #68 UMH

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 150 NRSV

- 1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
- 3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
- 5 Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise 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 * "It Is Well With My Soul" – #377 UMH
You are invited to come and kneel at the altar rail for personal prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Myles Bradley

THE LORD'S PRAYER * #895 UMH

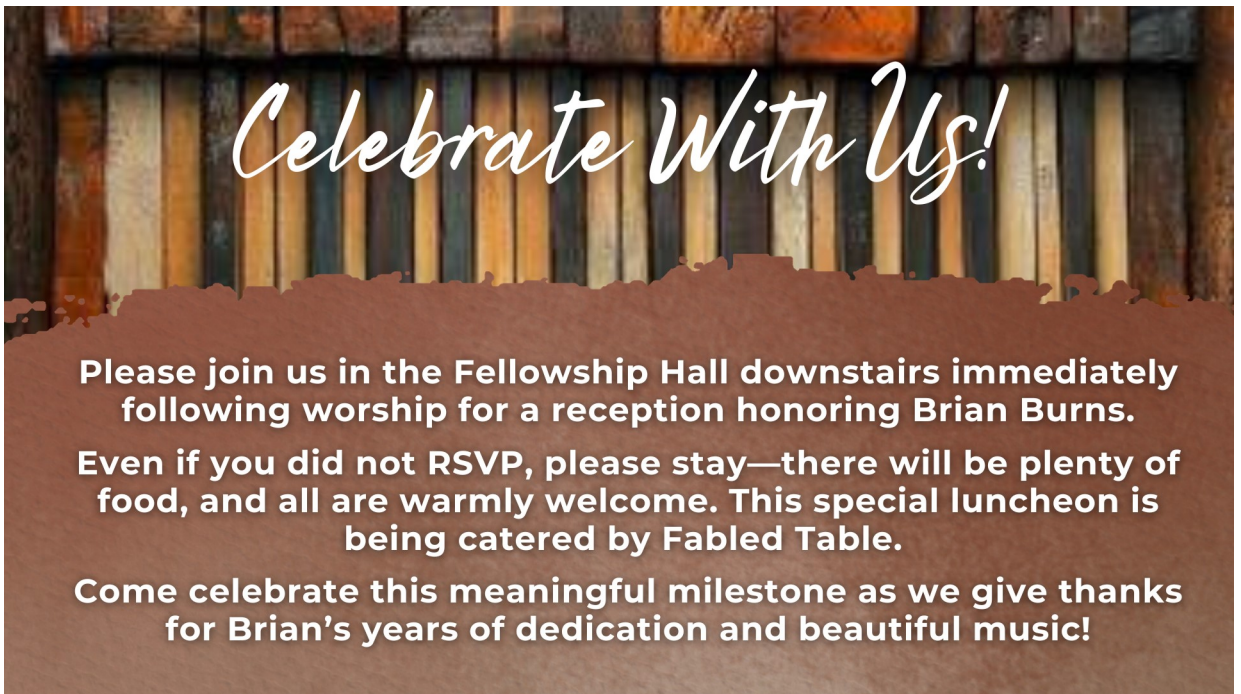
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Kelly Smith

SERMON "The Power of Music in Our Lives" – Rev. Beth L. Nelson

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN BURNS	Anna Singer
SPECIAL PROCLAMATION	Renny Clark
SPECIAL ANTHEM	"A Breathing Place" – The Festival Choir
WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE	
CALL TO GIVE	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES	
OFFERTORY	"A Celebration of Service" – The Festival Choir featuring Bryan Sable
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 + *	"Lord, You Give the Great Commission" – #584 UMH
BENEDICTION +	
POSTLUDE +	"Postlude in F", Christian Cappelen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who shared their musical gifts during worship today, including Bryan Sable, David Bennett, Anna Singer, the Calvary Bell Choir and the Calvary Festival Choir.

We are especially grateful to composer and musician Bryan Sable for joining us this morning. His gifts of music and artistry added a special richness to our celebration and helped make this day especially meaningful.

Thank you all for sharing your talents and helping lead us in worship.

SUMMER SCHEDULE UPDATE

Please note that the *Sleeping Bag Ministry*, *Sunday School* and *Adult Sunday School* have concluded for the summer. We are grateful to all who participated and supported these meaningful programs throughout the year. Both ministries will resume in September. We look forward to gathering again and continuing in fellowship and service at that time. Have a safe and blessed summer!

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

During the summer months of June through July, fellowship following worship will take a break. Instead, we invite everyone to gather for fellowship before worship. The Calvary Café will be open each Sunday at 9:30 AM, offering coffee, tea, and snacks—a wonderful opportunity to connect ahead of the service. Please note that there will be no lunch after church until September. We look forward to sharing this time together and hope you will join us!

SUMMER CHOIR BREAK & SPECIAL MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Main Contact: Brian Burns (MusicMinistry@Calvarypgh.com)

Our choir will be on break during the months of June, July and August. During this time, Brian is looking for individuals or groups to offer special music on Sundays. If you would like to share your musical gifts, we would love to have you participate! Please see Brian if you are interested.

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE!

Main Contact: Karen Ferguson (Karen.Ferguson.15202@gmail.com)

The June 2026 newsletter is now available at all Welcome Areas. This newsletter keeps you informed and connected with everything happening at Calvary. Each issue includes:

- A complete monthly calendar insert
- Upcoming events and special services
- Ministry highlights and leadership updates
- Important church announcements
- Fellowship opportunities
- Community outreach news
- Building and project updates
- Ways to serve and get involved

We hope this newsletter helps you stay informed, engaged and inspired by all that is happening at Calvary!

EVENTS



WORSHIP IN JUNE

Sunday, June 7 – The Sacrament of Holy Communion: Rev. Beth will be preaching

Sunday, June 14 – Pride Sunday: Minister T.J. Williams-Hauger, M.Div., Doctor of Ministry (DMin) student in the Intergenerational Black Church Studies cohort at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will be preaching

Sunday, June 21 – Father’s Day: Rev. Beth will be preaching

Sunday, June 28: Rev. Chenda Innis Lee will be preaching

PITTSBURGH PRIDE

Saturday, June 6 (Pride Events/Booth) & Sunday, June 7 (Parade) | Time TBA | Downtown

Main Contact: Tim Napieralski (queerministry@calvarypgh.com)

Calvary United Methodist Church is partnering with First Church and inviting other congregations from the United Methodist Church to join us in this year’s Pride Parade. We will be marching together in the parade and will also have swag to share at our booth throughout Pride weekend. Participants of all ages are encouraged to join us as we celebrate God’s love and affirmation for all people. Please see Tim if you would like to help at the booth or march in the parade under Calvary’s banner.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

Monday, June 29 through Thursday, July 2 | Time TBA | Calvary UMC

Main Contact: Megan Bova (youthministry@calvarypgh.com)

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week at Vacation Bible School! Children will enjoy an exciting time of stories, music, crafts, games, and learning about God’s love. We are also looking for volunteers to help make this special week possible! Please see Megan or Brittany if you would like to help. More information to come! Come be part of this joyful week—we can’t wait to see you there!

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – POTLUCK PICNIC

Thursday, June 11 | 6:00 PM | Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

Main Contact: Joan Bradley (calvarypgh@gmail.com)

All women are invited to join us for a delightful evening of food and fellowship at our Potluck Picnic! We will gather from 6:00-6:30 PM, followed by dinner. Each woman is asked to bring a dish to share: last names A-M: please bring a salad & last names N-Z: please bring a dessert. Drinks and table service will be provided. We hope you’ll join us for this special time of community and connection!.

QUEERS & FRIENDS WHO LOVE TO COOK AND EAT

Friday, July 10 (2nd Friday of each Month) | Time TBA

Roof top of Tim Napieralski’s apartment (address to follow)

Main Contact: Tim Napieralski (queerministry@calvarypgh.com)

The first “Queers and Friends Who Love to Cook and Eat” event will now take place on July 10, instead of the previously announced date of June 12. All are welcome – queers, friends, allies, and anyone looking for good food, great company, and a welcoming space. Stay tuned for more details!

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



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:00 AM–Noon

Tuesday: 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

PASTOR

Rev. Beth L. Nelson (412-398-7894 / revbeth@calvarypgh.com)

CHURCH STAFF

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Family Ministry & Education: Megan Bova

Communications: Karen Ferguson

Lay Leader: Ken Elliott

Treasurer: Georgia Brucker

Facilities Manager: Brianna Wolfe

Wedding Coordinator: Aleata Weis

Queer Ministry Coordinator: Tim Napieralski

Social Media Coordinator: Judith Melvin

Worship Tech Coordinator: Aiden Weis

Food Ministry Coordinator: Michael Schnitgen

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