

CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022

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.***

WELCOME TO CALVARY!

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. If you are in need of a large print bible or hymnal, please see any greeter for help.

FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

Families with babies or young children? We have a family area in the sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys so your family can participate in the service.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

There are many ways you can become involved at Calvary United Methodist Church. If you have been promising yourself to join a small group experience for not just a continuing learning opportunity but also to meet new friends, please fill out a "Get Involved" card in the back of the pews. You can also email CalvaryPgh@gmail.com or visit our website at CalvaryPgh.com for information about the many ministries available. If you are ready to serve or just want to connect and grow, there are plenty of opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents.

PRAYER CONCERNS

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Dave Tinker — mother's health

Kim Butler — mother's health, loss of father

Nancy Richards — recovering from surgery

Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister) — cardiac issues

Anne Christianson Ex Husband) — cancer surgery

Joshua (Brian Burns' cousin's son) — brain tumor

Shelly (Christine Thomas' daughter) — car accident

Christine Thomas — new treatment for leg

Jane Wederich (Ellen Homitsky's aunt) — heart problems

Danny (Bova's cousin) — ICU with respiratory issues

Lisa Ferguson — father in hospice

Brian (Debbie Neuherz's brother-in-law) — Covid, loss of his wife

Brenda (Debbie Neuherz's sister) — loss of husband, Kevin, to Covid

Anna Jane (Bova family) — cancer

Kathy (Christine Thomas's sister) — recovering from stroke

Kate (Christine Thomas's niece) — needs a kidney

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Joan Sturtz — caring for Bill

Ron and Sally Westerman

Randy & Danny — bone marrow transplant

Dan Souza — cancer

Tom Smith — cancer

Paul Brucker — ongoing health struggles

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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, or you can complete the new "Prayer Request Form" on the Calvary website at calvaryppgh.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.

A CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

To celebrate and recognize Black History Month at Calvary Church, we will feature on the cover of the Sunday Bulletin artworks by Henry Ossawa Tanner.

Henry Ossawa Tanner (June 21, 1859 – May 25, 1937) was an American artist and is considered the first African American artist to gain international recognition for his works. Born in Pittsburgh to the Rev. Benjamin Tucker Tanner and Sarah Miller Tanner. Following his graduation from Allegheny Institute (later renamed Avery College) and the Western Theological Seminary, both in Allegheny City, Benjamin T. Tanner became a clergyman and later Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and relocated his family to Washington DC and Philadelphia, where he served several congregations and became the editor of many of the AME denominations periodicals. Henry's parents gave him the middle name Ossawa to commemorate the battle between anti- and pro-slavery settlers in Osawatomie, Kansas in 1856.



While in Philadelphia, a young Henry developed an interest in art and was admitted to the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and become a student of Thomas Eakins. In 1891, he moved to Paris, France where he spent most of his career as an artist, and where his works were accepted for exhibition at the *Académie des Beaux-Arts*, for which he gained much acclaim. His artworks often depict Biblical scenes, landscapes, everyday life of African Americans, and streetscapes of the Holy Lands. Because of racism, Henry O. Tanner maintained his residence in Paris the remainder of his life, but often returned to United States for short periods of time.

Today, Tanner's artwork can be viewed in art museums throughout the world. In 1972, the United States Postal Service commemorated Tanner's legacy with a postage stamp. During the administration of President Bill Clinton, the White House purchased *Sand Dunes at Sunset, Atlantic City* (c. 1885), the first painting in the art collection of the executive mansion by an African American artist, which hangs in the Green Room.

Today's Cover features:

Henry Ossawa Tanner, *Christ and His Mother Studying the Scriptures* c.1909, Dallas Museum of Art.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 Guidelines at Calvary

Masks or cloth face coverings are to be worn at all times inside the Church buildings. Mask or face covering must be covering both your mouth and nose. Every other pew is available for seating. Please space out seating to ensure individuals or families are at least 6 feet apart from anyone outside of their household.

Monday Night Sleeping Bag Group

NO MORE plastic bags or neckties are needed. Please consider joining us on Monday evenings. Please contact Terri Howell at ttr_howell@yahoo.com or call 412-482-2211 with questions.

United Methodist Women Announcements

This women's mission organization has been part of the UM church for over 150 years. Their vision: *"Turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world."* Our local unit hasn't been very active for the last two years because of Covid but we hope to change that in 2022. The UMW executive committee has met and begun to plan this year. We plan to hold our annual plant sale again in May. We want to gather on Saturday, February 19th to plan and discuss our projects. ALL WOMEN are invited and welcome to join us beginning at 9:30am with coffee and light breakfast in the chapel.

Multi-Media Musical Documentary for Black History Month on February 26 at Dutihl UMC

The Pittsburgh District Anti-Racism Team is bringing a multi-media musical documentary to the Pittsburgh area for Black History Month - "I Go On Singing: Paul Robeson's Life in His Words & Songs." at Dutihl United Methodist Church (1270 Dutihl Rd, Cranberry Township) on Saturday, February 26 at 6:00pm. The story of this American hero, Paul Robeson, who struggled and triumphed comes alive in a rousing 90-minute song-filled presentation performed by the gifted Pittsburgh native, gifted American baritone and international ambassador of peace, Anthony Brown. "I Go On Singing" brings music and history alive with equal parts documentary and live concert experience. Musical numbers range from spirituals to Broadway, and include Robeson's original arrangements of favorites like "Wade in the Water," "Ol' Man River," "It Ain't Necessarily So," "Water Boy" and many others. In addition, Robeson's musical colleague, the legendary folk singer Pere Seeger, makes three video appearances discussing his friendship with Robeson, the music they shared, and the turbulent times in which they lived. "Once in a lifetime a human being comes along who stands head and shoulders above the rest. Paul Robeson was such a man." A free-will offering will be received at the evening's conclusion to help cover the cost of the program.

Lay Leaders and Liturgists

Liturgists serve an important role in worship. Liturgists help lead the congregation in various parts of the worship service, including the recitation of the Call to Worship and the reading of scripture. This valuable service allows the congregation to take an active part in the worship service and it allows participants in worship to hear multiple voices speak from the pulpit. If you are interested in being a Lay Leader or a Liturgist for an upcoming Sunday worship service, please contact the church office at CalvaryPgh@gmail.com or see Lynn Sevick.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship †* Lay Leader — Renny Clark

All: Come and learn the ways of life.

One: We have come to follow Jesus.

All: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

One: We have come to follow Jesus.

All: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

One: We have come to follow Jesus.

All: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

One: We have come to follow Jesus.

All: Come and learn the ways of life.

Opening Hymn †* “I Stand Amazed in the Presence” — #371 UMH

Opening Prayer Lay Leader — Renny Clark

Community Greetings

Message for the Young Hearted

Prayer Hymn †* “It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord” — #352 UMH

Prayer Concerns

Prayer of Confession *

Holy One, Guardian of our souls, lead us into the light. You alone know the secret places of our hearts, the dark places where we hide from your presence. You alone understand our pride and envy, the strife we would pursue against others, our self-imposed limits of belief and faithful action. We ask for your forgiveness. Shine your light in our darkness, that we may see you more clearly and choose the light of your blessings, and the glory of your mercy and grace. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

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.

Special Music Renewal Choir

Scripture * Luke 6:27-38 NRSV

27 "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection "Mission Impossible" — Rev. Larry Homitsky

Invitation to Offering

Doxology †* "Bless Thou the Gifts" — #587 UMH

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Offering Prayer †* Lay Leader — Renny Clark

Closing Hymn †* "Beams of Heaven as I Go" — #524 UMH

Benediction †*

Postlude †*

* Words are listed on screen / † Please stand as you are able

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Children's Sunday School

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Presbytery (Across the street from Calvary)

Description: Calvary offers two Sunday School Classes: (1) Ages 3-10, (2) Ages 11-15.

MONDAYS

Sleeping Bag Group

Time / Location: 6:30pm / Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

Description: The sleeping bags are made from recycled materials, packed with personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, hats and gloves then distributed to nearby homeless shelters. There is plenty to do. No sewing experience needed. Please consider joining us on Monday evenings. Questions? Please contact Terri Howell at trr_howell@yahoo.com or call 412-482-2211 with any questions.

TUESDAYS

Exercise Class For All Ages

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary UMC Chapel

Description: There is an exercise class that meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am in the Calvary Chapel. The group uses the program "Grow Young Fitness". The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrllich927@aol.com.

Bible Study Led By Rev. Larry Homitsky And Rev. Kornelius Neal

Time / Location: 6:30pm / The Presbytery (new location)

Description: **You are invited to our joint bible study with members of New Destiny CMEC Church.** Our theme for the next several months is entitled, "What the Bible Says About the Important Issues of Our Time." Afterwards join us for snacks and fellowship at a local restaurant. The Presbytery is located at 901 Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 (across from Calvary UM Church).

Renewal Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 6:30-7:30pm / Calvary UMC Sanctuary

Description: Love Singing? Thinking About Joining the Choir? Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome! See Brian Burns for details.

Hand Bell Rehearsal

Time / Location: 7:30-8:30pm / Calvary UMC Upstairs Music Room

Description: Interested in joining? We are seeking new and energetic people willing to learn and participate. Please consider adding your talents to our group. No experience is necessary to join and it is probably easier to do than you think! See Brian Burns for details.

THURSDAYS

Exercise Class For All Ages

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary UMC Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Church Council Meeting

Date / Time / Location: Thursday, March 17 / 6:30pm / Calvary Chapel

Description: If you are a member of Calvary's Church Council, please join us in the chapel for our monthly meeting.

AHPS Tiffany Concert Series — Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

Date / Time / Location: Sunday, March 27 / 4:00pm / Calvary Sanctuary

Tickets: \$10 for Adults | \$5 for People Under 16 Years | Free to AHPS Members

Description: The concert features members of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony orchestra performing solos, chamber music, and larger works. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the exceptional talent of these musicians and the next generation of performing artists!



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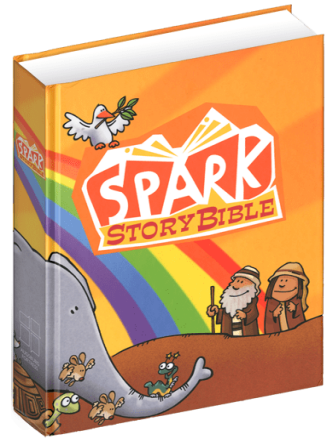
Spark Story Bible— Sunday School Edition

Designed for early readers, the award-winning Spark Story Bible opens up God's Word to kids through colorful art and rich retellings of 150 of the most popular Bible stories. A key part of Spark Sunday School, the Spark Story Bible uses creative language familiar to kids and features activity suggestions and questions help kids connect with the stories. Activity suggestions and questions help kids connect with the stories. Designed for age 2 to grade 2.



Children's Bible Sponsorship Form

We'd like to fill our pews with Children's Bibles as a way of acknowledging the children in our presence and inviting them to engage with the Bible as we do.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Are you willing to sponsor a Bible?

Each Bible costs \$20 and can be in honor of or dedicated to someone special. Please include payment with your order form. Call the church office at 412-231-2007 with any questions.

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