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CALVARY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

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# WELCOME TO CALVARY

YOU ARE GOD'S  
BELOVED,  
AND YOU ARE  
WELCOME HERE.



## **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](mailto:CalvaryPgh@gmail.com) or visit our website at [CalvaryPgh.com](http://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

Passing of Mark Rehn's sister  
Friend of Mark Snyder — cancer has returned  
Susan Laszko — recovering from knee replacement  
Kathleen (friend of Brittany) — broken hip and surgery  
Jeanne Di Thomas (friend of Jane Skerl) — surgery, chemotherapy  
Carl (Kenny Elliott's cousin) — in hospital, multiple issues  
Dave Tinker — mother's health, medical staff  
Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister) — cardiac issues  
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) — continued recovery with lungs  
Lisa Ferguson — father in hospice  
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 [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.

# NEW PASTOR APPOINTED

## New Pastor Appointed for Calvary United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Dear Church Family,

July 1, 2022 will be a time of transition for Calvary United Methodist Church. Reverend Larry Homitsky will begin his retirement from the ministry and Reverend Kelly Smith will assume the lead pastor role at the Monroeville United Methodist Church.

To prepare for the future of Calvary, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Chair of Church Council and our Lay Leader have been meeting with the District Superintendent. A full-time pastor was requested. Through prayer and discernment, the District Superintendent, Cabinet and Bishop made a pastoral appointment for Calvary and on Friday, March 18, 2022, the District Superintendent introduced the newly appointed pastor to the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Chair of Church Council and our Lay Leader. Our new pastor is Rev. Shane Siciliano. The announcement was made to the congregation on Sunday, March 20th. **Shane will join Calvary on July 1, 2022.** To get to know our new pastor, a bio is provided on the following page.

Please keep Calvary in your prayers as we move through this time of transition.

Blessings,

Kim Butler

Chair, Staff Parish Relations

# NEW PASTOR APPOINTED

## Rev. Shane Siciliano

Shane was born and raised in Southwest Florida, but he has lived in Western Pennsylvania for most of his life. Shane attained his bachelor's degree and Master of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh, specializing in community organizing and social administration, before graduating from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Shane worked to collaborate with others in Downtown Pittsburgh when the only homeless shelter for youth closed. He helped establish a new base of operations at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center to provide these youth with housing, employment, and educational services. As a social worker, Shane worked in McKeesport running HIV/AIDS projects.

Shane has served as pastor of Point UMC and Alum Bank UMC. He is the current vice chair of the Commission on Archives and History. Shane promotes the sacraments and Kingdom-building and works hard to foster the full inclusion of all people in the church. His three biggest passions for outreach ministry currently are serving as a camp counselor, helping at-risk families, and organizing collaborations.

Shane visits his family in Central PA. He enjoys Marvel movies, tabletop games, and exercise competitions with his best friend. Shane's friends are his family, too, sharing visits and vacations. Shane has traveled to many states and countries including mission trips to Mississippi, South Africa, and Lesotho. He believes that we are all meant to be part of a team, joining to build up God's Kingdom here on earth.





## Full to the Brim — An Expansive Lent

The origins of Lent were that one was to leave their old life behind to fast and prepare to be baptized into a new way of living. In essence, this was a practice of stepping away from corrupt power, scarcity mentality, and empty rituals in order to live a more expansive and full life of faith. And so, our Lenten theme, *Full to the Brim*, is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God's lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.

The scriptures for this Lenten season are filled with parables and promises of God's abundant and expansive grace. Jesus as a mother hen, a prodigal son welcomed home, a fig tree nurtured with care and hope, precious oil poured out lovingly and freely, stones shouting out with praise—these sacred texts are brimming with a gospel of grace. We've done nothing to deserve or earn this grace, and yet, like water, it spills over.

*Full to the Brim* reminds us to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. If love is our beginning, how can we live our lives led by love's promises? And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us.

Calvary has special resources—a themed devotional booklet and prayer cards—to guide us into a deeper, shared experience of what Lent is and can be for us and our world. Devotional booklets and packets of prayer cards will be available at Calvary throughout Lent. Please call the church office at 412-231-2007 if you would like us to send them electronically or by mail.

## Support the Humanitarian Response in Ukraine

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.



### Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

**One hundred percent** of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church’s leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.



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# THE BELL RESTORATION AND CARILLON PROJECT

## BRINGING MUSIC TO NORTH SIDE NEIGHBORHOODS






### THE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS PROJECT

The total cost of the bell's restoration and automation and the addition of the digital carillon is \$26,000. Nearly \$14,000 – just over one half of the cost – has been raised so far.

### THE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN GOAL IS \$12,000

### THE CAMPAIGN WILL RUN THROUGH PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

Gifts can be made the following ways:

-  Sending a check payable to Calvary UMC with the memo Bell Project to Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
-  Credit card on Calvary's online giving page, [calvaryppgh.com](http://calvaryppgh.com) and clicking on the , or visiting our Facebook Fundraiser at [www.facebook.com/calvaryumcpittsburgh](http://www.facebook.com/calvaryumcpittsburgh).
-  Cash gifts can be presented during the Sunday offering. Please indicate Bell Project with your gift.
-  Call the Church Office at 412-231-2007 to make arrangements or talk about other ways to give.

You can make a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one. All contributions are tax-deductible. All supporters will be invited to the official dedication and their names and tributes/memorials will be listed in the dedication program. If you have questions, please contact Brian Burns, Music Director, at 724-388-3246.

**We hope you'll give your best gift, of any size, so you feel a sense of joy and pride in hearing the bells as you walk through the neighborhood – knowing that you brought real music into the daily life of community residents and visitors. Thank you for giving so generously.**

Calvary United Methodist Church has stood as a beacon of hope, light, and faithfulness on Pittsburgh's North Side since 1895. The building and congregation have undergone much renewal and development over the past few decades – most notably the restoration of the church's breath-taking Tiffany windows – and there is still work to be completed.

One current project is the restoration of our church bell and the addition of a carillon. Our original bell is in the church's highest tower on Allegheny Avenue and has rarely rung in over 30 years.

We hope to offer the pleasant bell tones once again to the Allegheny West and Manchester neighborhoods and possibly beyond. The digital carillon will ring through the streets with songs of the seasons lending a small-town feel to the busy North Side neighborhoods.



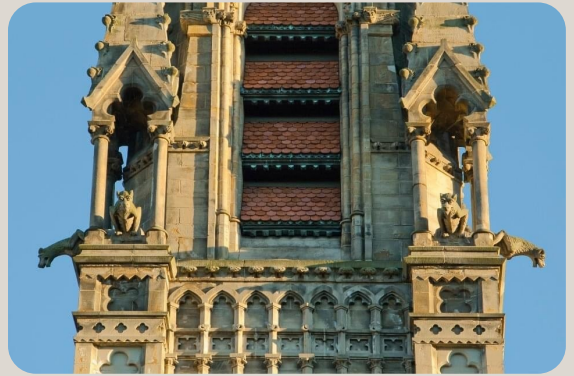
## AN ACCOUNT OF HOW OUR BELL CAME TO BE

*David Grinnell, Chair of the Calvary United Methodist Church Council & Coordinator of Archives and Manuscripts, University of Pittsburgh Library System*

“There are so many stories to be told about the people who contributed to the heritage of Calvary Church that we could fill many volumes about their faith, commitment, service, gifts, and witness. The bell that has sat silently in the north tower at Calvary is one great example.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1940, the bell was dedicated during a service at 8:00pm that evening. When it arrived, it had already been a beacon for the faithful for a half century. It came to Calvary following the merger of the former Buena Vista Street Methodist Church [Mexican War Streets].

The bell was originally a gift from the Rev. James Jackson McIlyar (1816-1907), pastor of Buena Vista Church (and its predecessor congregation the South Common’s Church) when that congregation built its new church in 1886.



The bell was cast by one of Pittsburgh’s most famous manufacturers, the Fulton Bell and Brass Foundry, which also made the massive Pittsburgh Fire Bell that hangs in the Great Hall at the Heinz History Center today.

Rev. McIlyar would become an outspoken champion for steel workers during the Homestead Steel Strike of 1892 with his sermons and writings being published in newspapers around the globe. His accounts are still referenced today on that historic event in our region.

On hand for the dedication of the bell’s installation at Calvary was Rev. McIlyar’s grandson, Dr. M. H. Lichliter, a third-generation minister of the Gospel who served Methodist and Congregational churches throughout the Midwest.

Isn’t it time to let the McIlyar Bell ring out God’s praise and call the faithful, those in need, and all

# 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.

## **Calvary's Bell Restoration and Carillon Project — UPDATE**

Great news! Plans are finalized! Pending no surprises....the bells will ring on Easter! If you would like to donate to this wonderful project, please see the information at the front of today's bulletin.

## **Children's Bibles Have Arrived**

Our Children's Bible Sponsorship Drive was a complete success! The bibles were delivered this week and an impressive 73 bibles were purchased for Calvary's children. We are now about 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.

## **Easter Egg Hunt — Volunteers Needed**

Our egg hunt is upon us! We are still looking for volunteers to help make the event spectacular. Please also feel free to invite your family and neighbors! We need your help! Volunteers are needed for the following tasks. (1) We need donations of candy for eggs. (2) We need volunteers for set up from 12:00-1:00pm which includes hiding eggs, putting crafts on tables, and setting table up. (3) We also need volunteers for clean up from 3:00-4:00pm. (4) We need volunteers from 1:00-3:00pm with helping with crafts and games, pictures with the bunny. Please contact Megan Bova at [megan\\_bova@yahoo.com](mailto:megan_bova@yahoo.com) or Brittany Bova-Mickens at [brittanybova1212@gmail.com](mailto:brittanybova1212@gmail.com) with questions or if you would like to volunteer.

## **Calvary United Methodist Women — Plant Sale**

Our Annual Plant Sale is in full bloom now through April 18. The plants will be delivered this year on Thursday May 26, 2022 and can be picked up on both Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Flyers are available now at the Allegheny Avenue entrance. For questions, contact Kim Butler at [kimabutler4@gmail.com](mailto:kimabutler4@gmail.com) or Linda Ehrlich at [laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com).

# Sunday Fellowship

Fellowship before and after worship service has returned to Calvary, and we welcome and need your participation. The main purpose is to gather together, so we want to keep the refreshments simple. Here are some particulars and how you can help.

Coffee and sweets will be set up in the chapel from 10:15am to 11:00am and after worship every Sunday. The coffee will be started for you by 9:00am. Volunteers will need to arrive at church with the goodies in time to set up the table by 10:15am. Coffee, tea, cups, napkins, sugar, creamer, serving plates, tongs, gloves will be available in the chapel kitchen. After worship, supervise the table and clean up when fellowship is over (a list of tasks will be provided).

We want to stick to basic snacks, so please choose things that don't require utensils. Sweets are great, but you might want to think about cheese and crackers, fruit, wrapped or bagged treats, etc. **Remember — KEEP IT SIMPLE.**



## How Can I Help?

- Sign up to be a host on a Sunday. Purchase the food, arrive by 10:00am to set up, monitor the table, and clean up. A great idea would be to find a partner and be a team.
- You can help with set up and clean up, but have the food purchased for you.
- You can make a donation to help off-set the cost of the refreshments.
- You can donate the food or be reimbursed for your purchase. We will let you know how to submit receipts.
- You may have other ideas about how you can help. We are interested in any and all suggestions to keep this fellowship time going.

If you would like to be on the Fellowship Team, make a donation, or have questions, please get in touch with Linda Ehrlich at either [laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com) or 412-512-7746.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship** †\* . . . . . Lay Leader — Linda Ehrlich

One: May we find courage here—

All: **Courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.**

One: May we find hope here—

All: **Hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.**

One: May we find truth here—

All: **Truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.**

One: May we find all that we seek.

All: **And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** †\* . . . . . “For the Beauty of the Earth” — #92 UMH

**Opening Prayer** . . . . . Lay Leader — Linda Ehrlich

## Community Greetings

## Message for the Young Hearted

**Prayer Hymn** †\* . . . . . “The Lord Went To a Dinner” — Words to Follow

1. The Lord went to a dinner, and Mary took perfume.  
As she anointed Jesus, the fragrance filled the room.  
She'd sat as a disciple, she'd been a faithful friend,  
and now, with costly fragrance, she honored Christ again.
2. Soon Judas was complaining, "This gift could have been sold;  
We could have helped the poor here — the young ones and the old.  
Yet Jesus said, "My people will always help the poor,  
but Mary chose to give this — to me, her dying Lord."
3. Her gift was her expression of thankfulness and praise,  
and so it makes us wonder, in these long Lenten days:  
What would we give to Jesus if he sat at our meal?  
What gift would be our kindness and what would it reveal?

## ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

4. O Lord, today we offer the best that we can bring — our worship as a fragrance, our love, an offering. And now, as we're reminded the poor are with us still, we pray that we may serve them — to honor you, as well.

### Prayer Concerns

#### Call to Confession \*

One: There are very few things as powerful as a group of people that admits they are not perfect, and asks for grace as they grow. Imagine what our world might be like if every institution had such a weekly rhythm? Friends, we can light the way. Let us be brave in our truth-telling and honest in our confession. For we will always be met by grace. Let us pray...

#### Prayer of Confession \*

All: **Jesus of Nazareth, we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring: yes we are Christian, yes we believe, yes this faith has changed me. We are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules: no faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers. Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative. We want to be brave. We want to pour out perfume over your feet. These things we pray, amen.**

#### Words of Forgiveness \*

One: Family of faith, hear this good news: Even in our silence,

All: **God loves us.**

One: Even in our fear or shame,

All: **God chooses us.**

One: Even when we sin,

All: **God wraps us in grace.**

One: You are free—to be bold, to be brazen, to be exactly who God called you to be.

All: **Thanks be to God, amen.**

### Pastoral Prayer

*Order of Worship continued on following page*

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

# 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** . . . . . The Renewal Choir

**Scripture** \* . . . . . John 12:1-8 NRSV

1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection** . . . . . "If Only I Had One More Time!" — Rev. Larry Homitsky

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**One:** Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

## Sharing of Communion

### Closing Prayer \*

**All: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## 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 — Linda Ehrlich**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

**Closing Hymn** †\* . . . . . “We Fall Down”, Chris Tomlin — Words to Follow

1. We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus  
And we cry holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy is the lamb
2. We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus  
And we cry holy, holy, holy  
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**Affirmation of Faith** †\* . . . . . Lay Leader — Linda Ehrlich

All: **I believe in beauty—beauty pulled into being by our Creator, beauty that catches our breath, beauty that turns us toward awe. I believe in courage—courage to believe, courage to stand up for the people we love, courage to love without hesitation. I believe in the Holy Spirit who prays for us when we cannot, who is brave for us when we are not. I believe in Jesus Christ who stood up for Mary, who quieted the voice of critique, who welcomed every bid for relationship. I believe in God. I believe in God who believes in us. Amen.**

**Benediction** †\*

**Postlude** †\*



# HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

## Have Something to Share with Calvary and Our Community?

There are a multitude of ways to get your news to the members of Calvary and the wider community: (1) weekly bulletin, (2) prayer list, (3) Sunday morning worship slides, (4) church calendar, (5) website, and (6) Facebook. Here are the guidelines for each:



1. **Weekly Bulletin:** Announcements or events for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. For announcements that you wish to have run more than once, please include the dates you'd like to have it run.
2. **Prayer List:** 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 [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.
3. **Sunday Morning Worship Slides:** Announcements or events for the slides must be submitted by 12:00pm Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's slides.
4. **Church Calendar:** Please contact Kim Butler at the church office to check availability for the date and location of your meeting or event. Once the event is scheduled, she will inform Karen Ferguson to have it publicized on all requested medias.
5. **Website:** Changes, additions, edits, announcements, etc... for the website can be submitted at any time. Website changes will be made as soon as possible, but there may be up to 7 days between submission and execution, so please provide info as early as possible.
6. **Facebook:** Facebook posts can be submitted at any time. Posts or edits will be made as soon as possible, but there may be up to 24-48 hours between submission and execution, so please provide info as early as possible.

All submissions are subject to editing, and pictures are encouraged wherever appropriate. Around major church holidays, the deadlines may change. To make a submission for any of the above (except the church calendar), or if you have any questions, contact Karen Ferguson via phone at 724-448-1429, email at [karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com](mailto:karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com), or in person.

# 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.

### Coffee Fellowship

**Time / Location:** 10:00-11:00am / Calvary Chapel

**Description:** Fellowship is back! Come early, get a drink and a treat, and meet other members and visitors.

### Morning Worship

**Time / Location:** 11:00am / Calvary Sanctuary

**Description:** Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. All persons are welcome at Calvary's table.

### Fellowship Following Morning Worship

**Time / Location:** Following morning worship / Calvary Chapel

**Description:** Fellowship is back! Come to the chapel following morning worship for fellowship. A light array of foods and beverages will be served. Come and join us as we get back into the swing of things at Calvary.

## 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 [ttr\\_howell@yahoo.com](mailto:ttr_howell@yahoo.com) or call 412-482-2211 with any questions.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

## 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 [laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com).

### Bible Study Led By Rev. Larry Homitsky and Rev. Kornelius Neal

**Time / Location:** 6:30pm / The Presbytery (across from Calvary UM Church)

**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.

### Renewal Choir Rehearsal

**Time / Location:** 6:00-7:30pm / 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. He is hoping to get back into the swing of things and possibly expand our numbers. The Renewal Choir sings traditional anthems at our Sunday morning service, special events, and observances. The group presents a wide variety of musical styles. Choir members actively participate in worship and may be found assisting during Communion, Advent, Lent, and special services.

### 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

**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 [laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Easter Egg Hunt and Party

**Date / Time / Location:** Saturday, April 9 / 1:00-3:00pm / Calvary Chapel

**Description:** Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Party at Calvary! Crafts will be from 1:00-2:00pm and the Egg Hunt will be from 2:00-3:00pm. Baskets will be provided if needed. For more information or with questions, contact Megan Bova at 412-715-4946 or Brittany Bova at 412-715-4947.

## Palm Sunday Service

**Date / Time / Location:** Sunday, April 10 / 11:00am / Calvary Sanctuary

**Description:** Join us in celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, remembering the joy and expectation that swept the city... before we walk through the events of Holy Week together on the way to Easter. Palm Sunday is a service where we are invited to be active participants - waving palms and singing hymns - in the story of God's love and our redemption.

## Maundy Thursday Service

**Date / Time / Location:** Thursday, April 14 / 7:30pm / Calvary Sanctuary

**Description:** Come and remember together the last supper gathering of Jesus and his disciples, when he gave them the command, "Love one another as I have loved you." This reflective service, including Holy Communion, is co-hosted by Salem UMC, Wexford. Our communion is open to all persons—you don't have to be a member of our church or any church.

## Good Friday Service

**Date / Time / Location:** Friday, April 15 / 7:30pm / Salem UMC (Wexford)

**Description:** Join us as Calvary and Salem United Methodist Churches gather to remember Christ's crucifixion—the ultimate expression of God's love and forgiveness as he extends new life and a new living relationship with him to every person. Salem UMC is located in Wexford at 350 Manor Rd, Wexford, PA 15090.

## Easter Sunrise Service

**Date / Time / Location:** Sunday, April 17 / 7:00am / West End Overlook

**Description:** A community tradition, we greet the dawn and celebrate Easter over one of the most spectacular views of the city of Pittsburgh! Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with our Easter Sunrise Service at the West End Overlook located on Marlow Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

# UPCOMING EVENTS, CONT...

## Easter Celebration Service

**Date / Time / Location:** Sunday, April 17 / 11:00am / Calvary Sanctuary

**Description:** Join us in our triumphal celebration of Christ's resurrection! Special music leads a traditional Easter service featuring Calvary's Festival Choir and South Hills Brass, and other musical guests.

## Church Council Meeting

**Date / Time / Location:** Thursday, April 21 / 6:00pm / Calvary Chapel

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

## Doors Open Pittsburgh

**Date / Time / Location:** Saturday, May 7 / 10:00am-4:00pm / Calvary UMC

**Description:** Calvary will once again be highlighted on the Doors Open Pittsburgh tour which celebrates Pittsburgh's treasured architecture, our collective heritage and our unique neighborhoods. We will be needing volunteers to lead tours and answer questions. More information is to come in the following weeks. In the meantime, please see David Grinnell or contact him at [grinnell@pitt.edu](mailto:grinnell@pitt.edu) if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about this upcoming event.



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# Easter Egg Hunt

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calvary Family,

Our egg hunt is upon us! We are still looking for volunteers to help make the event spectacular. Please also feel free to invite your family and neighbors!

We need your help! Volunteers are needed for the following tasks.



We need donations of candy for eggs.



We need volunteers for set up from 12:00-1:00pm which includes hiding eggs, putting crafts on tables, and setting table up.



We also need volunteers for clean up from 3:00-4:00pm.



We need volunteers from 1:00-3:00pm with helping with crafts and games, pictures with the bunny. For the games you will be sitting at tables to help with the craft. For the game part would be just running the games of which we have two.

Please contact Megan Bova at [megan\\_bova@yahoo.com](mailto:megan_bova@yahoo.com) or Brittany Bova-Mickens at [brittanybova1212@gmail.com](mailto:brittanybova1212@gmail.com) with questions or if you would like to volunteer.

Any help is appreciated! As always we thank you all for your prayers and support of the Children's Ministry program.

Megan and Brittany

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