

AS THE FATHER HAS  
*sent me*

I AM SENDING YOU.

JOHN 20:21



**CALVARY**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

# 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.

## **Location of Bathrooms**

From the front exits of the Sanctuary outside the right doorway, a handicapped accessible restroom and baby changing table are available on this level. From the front exits of the Sanctuary outside the left side exit, restrooms are located down the stairs.

## **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

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING,  
BUT IN EVERYTHING, BY PRAYER  
AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING,  
PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

## Immediate Needs

Tom Smart (friend of Anne Christianson)  
Rev. Tom Funk  
Mary Callison  
Chris Griffin  
Jenalee Morris  
Father of Liz Martinez  
Tricia Magee (friend of Larry & Pam Hopkins)  
Roy Ziegler (friend of Venus)  
Lori McDonough (relative of Venus)  
Friend of Mark Snyder  
Sheila Shimko (mother of Sheila Hill)  
Chuck (Eliyana Bogdewic's great uncle)

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Martha Helmreich  
Christine Thomas  
Paul Brucker  
Joan Sturtz  
Randy & Danny  
Dan Souza  
Tom Smith

## 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.

You can also 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.

PLEASE NOTE — Prayer concerns will be published for 4 weeks unless otherwise instructed.

# NEW COMMUNICATIONS REQUEST FORM

## **A Message from Calvary's Director of Communications, Karen Ferguson**

in the interest of streamlining the communications process at Calvary, a new Communications Request Form has been implemented. If you do not have access to a computer, this form can be found on the Welcome Tables then turned into the church office. This form can also be found on the Calvary website under the Contact section. You can reach this form directly by visiting the following link: <https://calvarypgh.com/contact/comm-request.php>

Moving forward this form must be used by everyone for every communications request at Calvary. Communication requests include everything that is announced or publicized at Calvary on either print or digital media. This includes, but is not limited to, bulletin announcements, Facebook posts, upcoming events, meetings, church calendar requests, mass emails, etc...

Communications is such a huge umbrella at Calvary and a large amount of time is required to address the multiple requests and needs of our congregation while maintaining the brand that has taken years to cultivate. This form will streamline our communications process. It also puts all of the timelines and requirements in one place so that expectations are managed and understood by myself as well as the person or group making the request. I have details the timelines below.

Please review the form and let me know if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your patience as we work together to improve our communications process at Calvary.

## **Communications Request Guidelines**

**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. You are responsible for your content.

**Church Calendar:** Fill out the request form indicating it is a Church Calendar request listing all of the details of the request. Church office staff will respond to your request within 48 hours.

**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. You are responsible for your content.

**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. You are responsible for your content.

**Mass Email:** If you are sending an email to your committee, please have your committee chair send out the email. If you have an email that you want to go to the Calvary Email distribution list, please submit a Communications Request Form.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All submissions are subject to editing, and around major church holidays the timelines may change.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Sleeping Bag Group to Take Short Break**

The Sleeping Bag Group will be on hold during the month of April and will resume again in May.

### **Northside Common Ministries Continues to Need Toothpaste — A Message from the Missions Committee**

TOOTHPASTE is needed again by the Northside Common Ministries Food Pantry. We will continue to collect toothpaste for the foreseeable future as that is what the food pantry needs. The pantry weekly serves 70-120 of our neighbors residing in the Northside meeting their basic needs with the generosity of loving hearts, like those at Calvary!

### **Calvary United Methodist Women in Faith — Annual Plant Sale**

Our Annual Plant Sale is in full bloom now through April 17th. The plants will arrive in time for Mother's Day—in time to order for mom and for your garden! The plants can be picked up on either Thursday, May 11 or Friday, May 12 from 1:00-6:00pm. Flyers are available now at the Welcome Tables. Contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com with any questions.

# ANNUAL PLANT SALE

## NOW - APRIL 17

## Order in time for Mother's Day!

## PICKUP DATES

## Thurs, May 11 & Fri, May 12, 1-6pm

## More Info or to Order - [CalvaryPgh.com](http://CalvaryPgh.com)

Benefits Calvary United Methodist Women In Faith



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Prelude

### Call to Worship †\*

Leader: We still proclaim that Jesus has risen from the dead.

All: **We still believe the witness of the women at the tomb.**

Leader: We still sing praises for God’s love has triumphed over the grave.

All: **And even those the bling of Easter Sunday is fading, we still celebrate the Easter joy.**

Leader: Easter people, let us worship God together.

### Opening Hymn †\* . . . . . “Christ is Alive” — #318 UMH

### Unison Prayer \*

Good and gracious God, Our most glorious Creator, As we greet the signs in nature around us: Of Spring once again regaling us in bloom, In the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted, We give you praise for an even greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time. The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality. For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, Light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death. As we celebrate, we also dare to ask for your grace that we may live the promise given to us, By imitating the life of Jesus in reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the least among us as we strive to be neighbor to all those we meet. We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen.

### Community Greetings †

### Song of Praise \* . . . . . “He is Lord” — #177 UMH

### Children’s Message

### Sharing Prayer Concerns

### Hymn of Prayer \* . . . . . “The Day of Resurrection” — #303 UMH

### 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.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT

**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.**

## Anthem

**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.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT

**Sermon** . . . . . "Making Sense of Easter" — 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 †\*** . . . . . "He Rose" — #316 UMH

**Benediction †\***

**Postlude †**

*† Please stand as you are able / \* Words on screen / Bold text is unison*

***You are invited to join in a time of fellowship in the chapel.  
Come and grab a snack and enjoy conversations!***



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Church Council Meeting**

**Date & Time:** Thursday, April 20 from 6:30-8:00pm

**Location:** Calvary UMC Chapel

## **Northview Heights Food Distribution**

**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 22 at 8:45am

**Location:** Northview Heights High Rise, 533 Mt Pleasant Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

**Description:** The first food distribution in Northview Heights went very well, thanks to several choir members and their families. Because it was so successful and the volunteers felt needed and appreciated, three more Saturday distribution dates were chosen for Calvary and the following two dates remain: April 22nd and May 20th. Six volunteers are needed for each Saturday. If you are interested, please sign up on the Calvary Community Bulletin Board in the chapel.

## **Invitation to Paul Robeson Concert and Luncheon**

**Date & Time:** Sunday, April 23; Luncheon 1:00-3:00pm, Concert 3:00-4:00pm

**Location:** Warren United Methodist Church, 2604 Center Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

**Description:** Warren United Methodist Church would like to invite you to a special fellowship luncheon followed by a concert on April 23rd that commemorates the life of Paul Robeson. The luncheon will be held from 1:00-3:00pm in the church's Fellowship Hall. The concert will begin promptly at 3:00pm. A freewill offering will be accepted.

**About the Concert:** The story of this American hero, Paul Robeson, who struggled and triumphed comes alive in a rousing 90-minute song-filled presentation performed by Pittsburgh native and 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. Robeson's musical colleague, the legendary folk singer Pete 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."

## **Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2023 — A Children's Ministry Event**

**Date / Time:** Sunday, June 25 thru Thursday, June 29

**Location:** Calvary UMC

**Description:** Sunday will be 1:00-3:00pm and the rest of the week will be 6:00-8:30pm.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAYS

### Bible Study

**Time / Location:** 10:00-10:45am / Calvary UMC Chapel

**Description:** *"Affirming the Scriptures of an Affirming God"* — How can we respond when people use verses of the Bible as a weapon? We can relearn the weaponized Scriptures in defense of love. We'll be looking at the Scriptures through the lens of welcoming, affirming, and accepting all people. Feel free to bring your Bible, but we also have more Bibles available.

### Choir Rehearsal

**Time / Location:** 10:00-10:45am / Calvary UMC Choir Loft

**Description:** Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome!

### 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. Please meet up in the chapel and everyone will walk across the street together.

### Fellowship Following Morning Worship

**Time / Location:** Following Morning Worship / Calvary UMC Chapel

**Description:** Come to the chapel following morning worship for fellowship.

## MONDAYS

### Sleeping Bag Group

**This group will be on hold during the month of April and will resume again in May.**

**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. Questions? Please contact Terri Howell at [trr\\_howell@yahoo.com](mailto: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:** 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](mailto:laehrllich927@aol.com).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

### TUESDAYS, CONT...

#### Choir Rehearsal

**Time / Location:** 6:00-7:30pm / Calvary UMC Choir Loft

**Description:** Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome!

### THURSDAYS

#### Exercise Class For All Ages

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

**Description:** 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.

#### Women's Bible Study

**Time / Location:** 10:00-11:00am / Calvary UMC Parlor

**Description:** Join us for *"Living Right-Side Up in an Upside Down World - A Women's Study on the Beatitudes."* This study for women began on Thursday, February 23 and continues for six weeks. We will take a look at what it means to live out the "Blessed are" statements in our rapidly changing and, at times, challenging world. The curriculum was developed by Kathy Wagner and is taken from "Our Daily Bread" daily devotionals. You are welcome to come for any/all of the sessions as we experiment with this day and time for a study. Linda Ehrlich has copies of the complete curriculum if you would like a copy.



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