



Happy
Mother's Day

SO NOW FAITH, HOPE,
AND LOVE ABIDE,
THESE THREE;
BUT THE GREATEST
OF THESE IS LOVE.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 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 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

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

Amy Martin (daughter of John & Susan Laczko)
Melissa Payton (daughter of John & Susan Laczko)
Jim Newton (brother-in-law of Kathy Winne)
James Rynd (friend & neighbor of Kathy Winne)
Jacqueline Melvin Cannon (Judy Melvin's sister)
Ronald Frank (Karen Ferguson's grandfather)
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. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Council Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, May 18 from 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Chapel

Northview Heights Food Distribution

Date & Time: Saturday, May 20 at 8:45am

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

Description: Six volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please sign up on the Calvary Community Bulletin Board in the chapel.

Shepherding Ministry Group

Date & Time: Sunday, May 21 from 12:30-1:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary

Description: We will be meeting to discuss future plans.

Summer Solstice Open House

Date / Time: Wednesday, June 21 from 4:00-8:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary and Chapel

Description: Mark this date on your calendar! This is a joint event hosted by Calvary UMC and the Allegheny Historic Preservation Society (AHPS). More details to come!

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. Please see following page for additional details!

VBS

JUNE 25-29 • 6:00-8:30PM

JOIN THE FUN! PLAY! LEARN! CREATE!

REGISTER AT CALVARYPGH.COM

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Vacation Bible School 2023 — Hero Hotline

Sunday, June 25 thru Thursday, June 29

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

Ready for some fun with the ultimate hero team? Scan the QR code below to register for VBS now!

Hero Hotline VBS invites children of all ages to answer the call to serve God together. Join the Professor and Super Meer as young Heroes learn to strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up as we are taught in Romans 14:19.

Want to volunteer?

Volunteers are needed for setup on Saturday, June 24 from 10:00am-3:00pm as well as for jobs during VBS. Please scan the QR code below to sign-up to volunteer.

Set-up Tasks

Hanging banners & putting craft & writing materials together

Set-up Time Windows

10am-12pm, 12-2pm, 1-3pm, 10am-3pm

VBS Tasks

Serve/Clean-up Dinner, Group Leader, Group Helper, Game Leader, Story Leader, Craft Leader or Craft Helper

VBS Time Windows

Sunday from 1-3pm, Monday thru Thursday from 6-8:30pm

Need more information? Have Questions?

Contact Megan at 412-715-4946 or Brittany at 412-715-4947.



VBS Child Registration



VBS Volunteer Registration



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship †*

Leader: Live in God's love!

All: **Let that love be poured out for all God's people!**

Leader: Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.

All: **We are called to be God's witnesses.**

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice.

All: **Praise be to God who has called, healed, and given us a ministry of peace.
Amen.**

Opening Hymn †* "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" — #89 UMH

Opening Prayer †*

Lord of wondrous light and power, we come to you this day to learn of your will for our lives. Heal our wounds; lift our spirits; give us courage and confidence to boldly serve you in all that we do. Amen.

Community Greetings †

Song of Praise * "He Is Lord" — #177 UMH

Children's Message

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Unison Prayer of Confession *

Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives when we feel alone. We wonder where you are. We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and hurt. And when you do not immediately grant the prayers of our cries, we begin to doubt that you even care or exist. Stop us from going down this path of self-destruction. Help us look around and find the many ways in which you have blessed our lives. Forgive us when we are so quick to doubt and so arrogant in our demands of your responses. Give us a spirit of patience and willingness to be ready to hear your voice. Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you have placed before us; for we ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Words of Assurance *

Even in the midst of doubt and darkness, the light of God is shining in you, on you, and through you. Out of God's great love, you have been redeemed and made whole. Rejoice, beloved of God! Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Hymn of Prayer * “The Gift of Love” — #408 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.

Anthem “I Carry You In My Heart” — The Renewal Choir

Epistle Lesson * 1 Peter 3:18-22 NRSV

18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Lesson †* John 14:15-21 NRSV

15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Culture Wars and Cultural Christianity” — Rev. Chad Bogdewic

Order of Worship continued on following page.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Words of Community Life and a 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 †

Honoring Our Women of God

Closing Hymn †* "Rejoice the Lord Is King" — #715 UMH

Benediction †*

Postlude †

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



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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.

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

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 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 laehrlich927@aol.com.

Choir Rehearsal

UPDATE: Choir will continue thru May then take a break for the summer. We will resume again in September

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!

WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

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

UPDATE: Our group will hold its last Bible study on June 15 & will resume in September

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

Description: Our Bible group has completed their study of The Beatitudes. Next we will be taking an in depth look at Ephesians 1:4-7, 9-11...God's Love Letter to us. Our Bible group will hold its last Bible study on June 15th and resuming in September with a study on the, "Fruits of the Spirit" found in Galatians 6:6-26. You are welcome to come and drop in any time to study and pray with us. Coffee and a few treats always available!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Women's Bible Study to Begin in September

Our Bible group has completed their study of The Beatitudes. "Technically speaking, learning is not what makes us Christians but it is indeed what makes us disciples. We're all in-process and agree we have much to learn about following Christ." (Beth Moore quote) Next we will be taking an in depth look at Ephesians 1:4-7, 9-11...God's Love Letter to us. Our Bible group will hold its last Bible study on June 15th and resuming in September with a study on the, "Fruits of the Spirit" found in Galatians 6:6-26. You are welcome to come and drop in any time to study and pray with us. Coffee and a few treats always available!

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

TOOTHPASTE continues to be a weekly need at the pantry. Jana, Dir., would like Calvary to continue to collect it as she can then have it on the weekly grocery list available to the patrons. We continue to have a wonderful response from the generous hearts of our Calvary family! There are 2 collection bins—one at the Allegheny entrance and the other in the Parlor/Chapel. Cloth grocery bags also continue to be collected.

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