

# pentecost sunday



CALVARY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 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

Michael Dodson  
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  
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)  
Nancy Richards

## 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.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **New Member Sunday**

**Today, Sunday, May 28th During Morning Worship in the Calvary Sanctuary**

New members will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023. If interested, please see Rev. Beth or Rev Myles. New member gathering will be after worship on May 21.

## **Change Matters! — Special Offering**

**Sunday, June 4th During Morning Worship in the Calvary Sanctuary**

There will be a special "change" offering the first Sunday of every month. During worship, our children will collect "change" because when there is lots of change together, we can make a difference. These gifts will be used to help the Women United in Faith to purchase food for Daily Bread. Food costs have increased and the number of people needing food has also increased. So gather up that loose change and help support this ministry. Paper money and checks work too. Change matters!

## **VBS Volunteer Meeting**

**Sunday, June 4th Following Morning Worship in the Calvary Parlor**

We will be holding a brief meeting to touch base and discuss what we will be doing to get ready for VBS.

## **Church Council Meeting**

**Thursday, June 15 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Calvary Chapel**

## **Summer Solstice Open House & AHPS Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 21st from 4:00-8:00pm at Calvary**

Mark this date on your calendar! This is a joint event hosted by Calvary UMC and the Allegheny Historic Preservation Society (AHPS). Following the open house, we will be screening the documentary on the restoration of the Ascension Window, which will be new info for so many Calvary people. Volunteers are needed for the Summer Solstice event to help serve refreshments and to answer general questions about Calvary. Please see David Grinnell for if you can help or with questions.

## **VBS Kickoff Lunch**

**Sunday, June 25th Following Morning Worship in the Calvary Chapel**

All are welcome to join us for a kickoff lunch after church Sunday June 25, 2023! We will all join for lunch and have a kick off to the start of Hero Hotline!

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

**Sunday, June 25th thru Thursday, June 29 at Calvary**

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!

# 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

## Gathering Words \*

Emblazon us with your Spirit, O God. Give us hearts and lives ready to serve you in this world. Be with us today as we gather to hear your word for us.

## Welcome

## Call to Worship †\*

Leader: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

All: **Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!**

Leader: Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

All: **Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!**

Leader: Sometimes our hearts are shut up like the doors that imprisoned the disciples.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, with your mighty wind of justice, blow open these doors and release us!**

Leader: Darkness floods our souls and we wonder if we will ever see the light again.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, let the flames of fire touch our hearts and our spirits and burn away our fears and frustrations.**

Leader: We sit, huddled in our own worlds of alienation. When will we ever feel the power of your love again, O God?

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, fill our lives with your love and free us to reach out to others with the good news of your eternal presence.**

Opening Hymn †\* . . . . . “We are the Church” — #558 UMH

## Opening Prayer †\*

Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ’s Name, we pray. Amen.

## Community Greetings †

Song of Praise \* . . . . . “Surely the Presence of the Lord” — #328 UMH

## Dedication of the Children’s Bibles

## Children’s Message

## Sharing Prayer Concerns

Hymn of Prayer \* . . . . . “Spirit of the Living God” — #393 UMH

## 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.**

Anthem . . . . . The Renewal Choir

Epistle Lesson \* . . . . . Acts 2:1-21 NRSV

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel Lesson †\* . . . . . John 7:37-39 NRSV

1 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, 38 and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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** . . . . . "People of Power and Purpose" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

**Reception of New Members**

**Congregational Response \***

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church and bid you welcome this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. We offer a heartfelt welcome to each of you and we are blessed to be the body of Christ together here at Calvary.

**Words of Community Life** . . . . . "Change Matters"

**A Special Mission Moment**

**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 †\*** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" — #404 UMH

**Benediction †\***

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



## Happy Birthday Church!

Please join us as we celebrate the Birthday of the Church. There may or may not be funny hats, but there will be cake! Come and officially welcome our new members too! There is room for you around the tables.



# WEEKLY CALENDAR — WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

## SUNDAY

### **Bible Study**

**10:00-10:45am in the Calvary Chapel**

"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.

### **Fellowship Following Morning Worship**

**Following Morning Worship in the Calvary Chapel**

Come to the chapel following morning worship for fellowship. You can sign up to serve or clean up on the bulletin board in the chapel.

### **AA (Northside Sunday Nighters)**

**8:00pm in the Calvary Fellowship Hall**

## TUESDAY

### **Exercise Class For All Ages**

**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).

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### **Women's Bible Study**

**10:00-11:00am in the Calvary Parlor**

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!

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### **Calvary is Seeking Our Next Office Coordinator**

The job description is posted on the website and Facebook. For people applying, they should send their application to the Chairperson of SPRC, Dave Tinker via email to [tinker.calvaryumc@gmail.com](mailto:tinker.calvaryumc@gmail.com) and in the memo line please state "Office Coordinator" position.

### **Summer Break — Sunday School, Sleeping Bag Group, and Choir**

Each of these groups are taking a break for the summer, and will start up again in September.

### **Summer Solstice Open House — Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed for the Summer Solstice event on Wednesday, June 21 from 4:00-8:00pm to help serve refreshments and to answer general questions about Calvary. Please see David Grinnell for if you can help or with questions.

### **Calvary Garden Club and Grounds Crew — Volunteers Needed**

Interested in getting a little dirt under your fingernails and helping make the exterior of Calvary Church pop with colorful flower blossoms and other plants during the growing season? Volunteers are needed to help the Calvary GARDEN CLUB and GROUNDS CREW. We are all set to start planting when the flats of annuals arrive at the United Women in Faith's plant sale and there is also mulch that has arrived. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Chapel.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT...

### **Communications Update — A Message from Karen Ferguson**

Moving forward we will no longer be using the Communications Form as a way to submit announcements, events, and information to the congregation. We have decided to change it up and move things back to the way they used to be. If you have an announcement that you would like to be placed in the bulletin, website, Facebook, etc... please email Karen Ferguson at karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com. More details will be given in the future about timelines and expectations, but for the time being, please include the following information with each request: 1) title of announcement, 2) how long it should be advertised, 3) where do you want the information to be publicized, and 4) content that you would like to be included. Thank you for your flexibility as we maneuver improving communications at Calvary!

### **Ministry Opportunities at Calvary UMC — A Message from Ken Elliott**

Calvary is always in need of helpers for the Welcome Team - greeting visitors and attenders, giving them bulletins, and collecting the offering. Summer is a great time to try it out because attendance may be light, but having a strong Welcome Team presence is important. Many people will be coming to check our church out as they travel this summer. We need to be able to show them hospitality, and the Welcome Team members are the first friendly faces people see. Remember how you felt when you first came to Calvary? Whether it was a good or less than optimal experience, we should want to make sure everyone has the most sincere and heartfelt welcome, that being in Calvary is both being in a sacred place and at home at the same time. Also, we need some drivers who can pick up members who need transportation Sunday mornings. Please let me know if you can.

### **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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