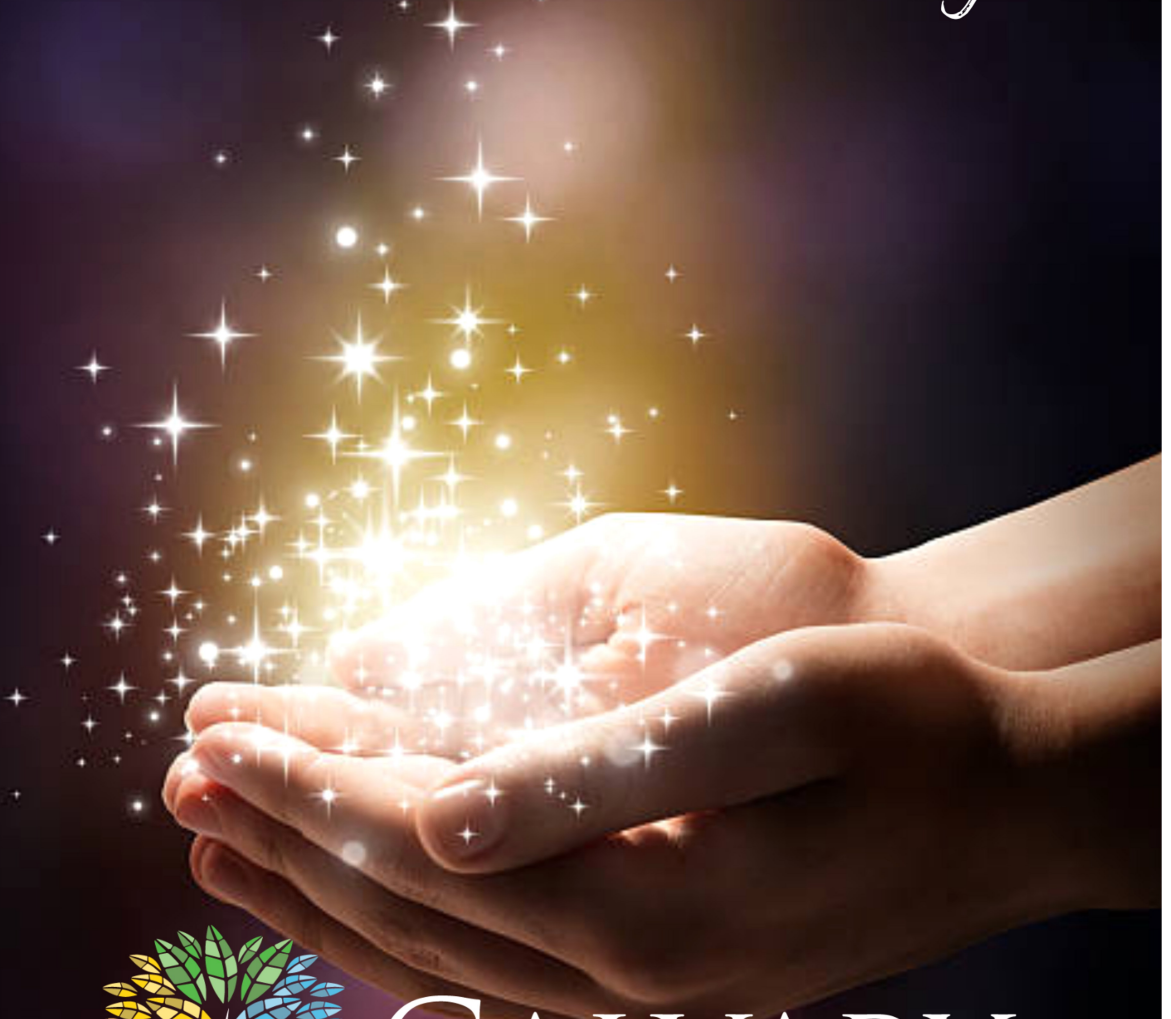


# *The Gift of Giving*



**CALVARY**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 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

Brittany Bova and the staff of Oliver Citywide Academy —  
a student was shot and killed two weeks ago outside  
of the school

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

Tricia Magee (friend of Larry & Pam Hopkins)

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.

# 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!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **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 preparations for VBS.

## **Fire Safety Training Session — A Safety & Security Task Force Event**

**Monday, June 5th from 6:00-7:00pm in the Calvary Parlor**

This hour long session is open to not just the Safety & Security Task Force but any member.

## **Picnic Sponsored by Calvary's United Women in Faith**

**Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00pm in the Calvary Fellowship Hall**

We will be gathering at 6:00pm with the meal starting at 6:30pm. WE ARE INVITING ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH TO COME. Please bring your favorite picnic dish to share. Place settings and drinks will be provided. This will be a fun time for fellowship and food.

## **Peace With Justice Sunday**

**Sunday, June 11th During Morning Worship at Calvary**

This is a UMC Special Sunday offering which will "go to enrich ministries of reconciliation in the US and around the world." Grant recipients include: the Alaska Innocence Project; anti-racism events; summit on the right to clean water, etc. The list is extensive as the church is called to strengthen its capacity for peace in our world. *"Peacemakers employ all their strength, all the talents which God has given them, as well as to preserve peace where it is, as to restore it where it is not."* (John Wesley)

## **Finance Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, June 11th Following Morning Worship in the Calvary Chapel**

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

**Wednesday, June 21st Starting at 4:00pm at Calvary**

Sharing the amazing gift of art is one of those things we do very well at Calvary! Each year during the Summer Solstice, the three Tiffany windows shine and help us tell the story of our Faith to others. The Allegheny Historic Preservation Society is hosting an Open House, along with the congregation of Calvary, for the greater Pittsburgh community, highlighting the unique ways these windows shine and bring love and light into our hearts. Following the Open House, AHPS will hold its annual meeting, which will feature the documentary on the restoration of the Ascension Window (The Joseph Horne Memorial Window) that was performed by Stained Glass Resources, led by Kirk Weaver, back in 2003. Weaver, the owner of Pittsburgh Stained Glass Studios will be on hand for a Q&A following the screening of the documentary in the sanctuary. Please join us for this opportunity for fellowship, sharing and learning about the restoration of our great house of worship. The Annual Meeting will start just before dusk that evening. 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 25th, 2023! We will all join for lunch and have a kick off to the start of Hero Hotline!

## **Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2023**

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Welcome

### Call to Worship †\*

Leader: Gracious God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
 All: **As we celebrate your great gifts, humble us with your presence in our worship.**  
 Leader: Where we have received authority, teach us about holy power.  
 All: **Where we have received responsibility, teach us about honor.**  
 Leader: When we hear your call, teach us about beloved community.  
 All: **Remind us that disciples are made in many ways and make us one in you.**

**Opening Hymn †\*** . . . . . “Holy, Holy, Holy” — #64 UMH

### Opening Prayer †\*

**Great and Triune God, One in Three and Three in One, who are we that you are mindful of us? Do we dare to ask why you care for us? We have done so little to deserve your love, God; and yet you give it freely, openly, enthusiastically. You show us love. You ask only that we receive it, hope only that we share it. Come, and help us receive it. Help us be in the midst of you, surrounded by your dance of love. Lead us in step with you to honor one another in how we share life and love. Amen.**

### Community Greetings †

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

### Children’s Message

**Special Offering** . . . . . Change Matters!

### Sharing Prayer Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer

**Gospel Lesson †\*** . . . . . Matthew 28:16-20 NRSV

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.  
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** . . . . . “The Gift of Giving” — Rev. Stephanie Gottschalk

**Hymn of Preparation \*** . . . . . “Take Our Bread” — #640 UMH

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

### Invitation \*

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

### Confession and Pardon \*

All: **Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

### The Great Thanksgiving \*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: 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.

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:

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

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

Leader: 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 God, now and forever. Amen.

**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.**

## Breaking the Bread

Leader: The body of Christ, given for you. Amen. The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

## Prayer After Receiving \*

**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.**

## Reception of New Members

Congregational Response: **We rejoice to recognize you a member 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 you, and we are blessed to be the body of Christ together here at Calvary.**

## Words of Community Life

### Call to Give and 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** †\* . . . . . "Lord You Gave the Great Commission" — #584 UMH

### Benediction †\*

### Postlude †



# 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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# CHANGE MATTERS!

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!**



### **Calvary Welcomes Our New Members**

Calvary extends a very warm welcome to our newest members who joined our Church on Pentecost Sunday. We are very grateful for Megan McDonald, Linda McDonald, and Emma H.

### **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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT...

### **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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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!

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