

WE NEVER

OUTGROW

THE ASSURANCE
OF A FATHER'S LOVE

GOD BLESS YOU
ON FATHER'S DAY!



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 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

Mary Emili has a torn meniscus in her knee so cannot go anywhere right now so we need to pray for healing.
Shirley Mehring's brother, Steve, is in the hospital and very seriously ill so prayers for Shirley and her brother.
Sara Belohavek
George Stowell
The family of Tom Smart (friend of Anne Christianson)
Brittany Bova-Mickens & Staff of Oliver Citywide Academy — death of student due to gun violence
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)
Tricia Magee (friend of Larry & Pam Hopkins)
Friend of Mark Snyder
Sheila Shimko (mother of Sheila Hill)
Chuck (Eliyana Bogdewic's great uncle)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Rev. Tom Funk
Mary Callison
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.

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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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

Sunday will be 1:00-3:00pm and the rest of the week will be 6:00-8:30pm. Please see additional page in today's bulletin for further details.

VBS

JUNE 25-29 • 6:00-8:30PM

JOIN THE FUN! PLAY! LEARN! CREATE!

REGISTER AT CALVARYPGH.COM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship †

Leader: Raise your voices in response to God’s goodness.
All: **We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.**
Leader: Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God’s mercy.
All: **We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.**
Leader: God is good; Praise be to God!
All: **The love and mercy of God never fails.**

Opening Hymn † “Great is Thy Faithfulness” — #140 UMH

Unison Prayer †

Gracious and loving God, send your Spirit to move among us and through us this day. As we worship you with one heart, speak to us your one word. And let that word be one of love. May your love fill us and challenge us. May your love bring us closer to you and one another as we sing praises, as we bow in prayer and as we listen to your holy word once again. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Community Greetings †

Song of Praise † “Surely the Presence of the Lord” — #328 UMH

Children’s Message

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Hymn of Prayer “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” — #206 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.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 6:1-8 NRSV

1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another and said, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” 4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” 6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Epistle Lesson Romans 5:1-5 NRSV

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Gospel Lesson † Matthew 22:34-40 NRSV

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. 36 “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” 37 He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Choosing the Best from the Men in our Lives” — Rev. David F. Keller

Unison Choral Response “Spirit of the Living God” — #393 UMH

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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 †

A Time to Honor Our Men

Closing Hymn † “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” — #664 UMH

Benediction †

Postlude †

† Please stand as you are able / Bold text is unison

Please join us for a time of fellowship around the tables in the chapel.

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



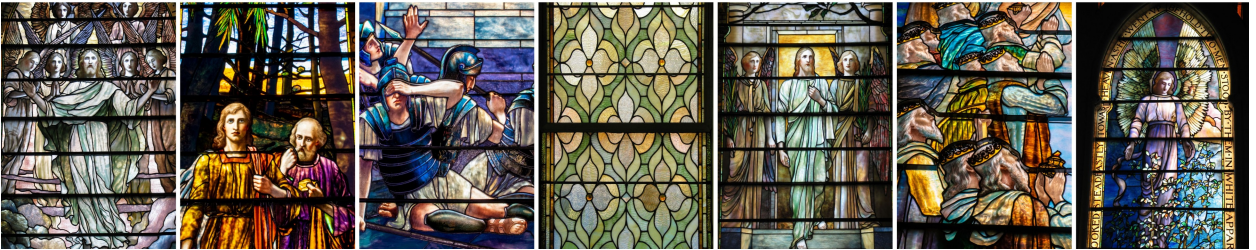
SUMMER SOLSTICE OPEN HOUSE

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JUNE 21 AT 4PM

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SPONSORED BY CALVARY UMC & THE ALLEGHENY HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY



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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!



Collection of Hygiene Kits

The United Women in Faith will be collecting Hygiene Kits from now until we go to the Mission Barn on Saturday, July 22nd. We would appreciate everyone's help. Hygiene Kits are used for people experiencing natural disasters around the United States. You can find the directions to assemble kits at <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit/>. If you have any questions please contact Joan Bradley (ogremtb@aol.com) or Kathy Wagner (kbwagner47@gmail.com). Thanks so much for your donations.

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 and in the memo line please state "Office Coordinator" position.

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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 to greet visitors and attendees, hand out bulletins, and collect the offering. Having a strong Welcome Team presence is important to provide a heartfelt and positive experience for everyone who enters our church. Also - we are in need of drivers who can pick up members who need transportation on Sunday mornings. Please let Ken Elliott know if you would like more information or are interested in helping with either of these requests.

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. 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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PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM
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