

The Cross and Liberty



CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 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

Dennis Panek

Mary Emili

Steve (brother of Shirley Mehring)

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

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

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

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.

Guest Preacher

Sunday, July 2nd during Morning Worship

Next week, Rev. Jeffrey Sterling will be preaching. Rev. Sterling is a retired Elder in the United Methodist Church and most recently served St. Paul's UMC in Allison Park.

"Change Matters!" Sunday

Sunday, July 2nd during Morning Worship

Next Sunday is a "Change Matters" Sunday. Please bring your "extra" change so we can put it together and make a difference. We are collecting change to help buy food for Daily Bread. The red offering plates will be passed at the end of the children's time.

Church Council Meeting

Thursday, July 20th from 6:30-8:00pm in the Calvary Chapel

VBS

JUNE 25-29 • 6:00-8:30PM

JOIN THE FUN! PLAY! LEARN! CREATE!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship †

Leader: Welcome! This is a time to celebrate and worship God who loves us!

All: **We are grateful and thankful for all God’s blessings in our lives.**

Leader: We gather to remember that Christ gave his life for us.

All: **We humbly praise God for such a gift!**

Leader: Come, friends! Come and worship the God of love and hope.

All: **Praise be to God at all times and in all places! Amen.**

Opening Hymn † “God Will Take Care of You” — #130 UMH

Unison Prayer †

Holy God who created all that exists, we praise you. We open our hearts and our spirits this day to your eternal love and forgiving mercy. Be with us as we participate in this worship service. Remind us again that Jesus Christ gave his life that we might fully understand the depth and breadth of your love. In all things and at all times we praise you. Amen.

Community Greetings †

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

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

Children’s Message

Psalter Lesson † Psalm 86:1-10 NRSV

1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. 2 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; 3 be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. 7 In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. 8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. 9 All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. 10 For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

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...

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Hymn of Prayer “Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone” — #424 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.

Gospel Lesson † Matthew 10:24-39 NRSV

24 “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 26 “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32 “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 34 “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, 36 and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. 37 “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, 38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

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Sermon “The Cross and Liberty” — Rev. Jorinda Bullitt

Words of Community Life

Order of Worship is continued on the following page.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

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 † "Take Up Thy Cross" — #415 UMH

Benediction †

Postlude †

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A Time for Fellowship

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF
FELLOWSHIP AROUND THE
TABLES IN THE CHAPEL
FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP.



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!



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.

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 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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