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VBS Sunday



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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.

Families with Babies or Young Children

Families with babies or young children? Welcome! 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AHPS Angel Cards

AHPS has Angel Cards available for purchase. Volunteers will have them before and after church in the vestibule at the entrance on Allegheny Avenue. They are \$10.00 for 8 cards and envelopes. All proceeds go to Calvary for restoration.

Lay Leaders and Liturgists

Liturgists serve an important role in worship. Liturgists help lead the congregation in various parts of the worship service, including the recitation of the Call to Worship and the reading of scripture. This valuable service allows the congregation to take an active part in the worship service and it allows participants in worship to hear multiple voices speak from the pulpit. If you are interested please reach out to Lynn Sevick at either lynnsevick@mac.com or 724-272-9478.

Sunday Fellowship

Fellowship before and after worship service has returned to Calvary, and we welcome and need your participation. The main purpose is to gather together, so we want to keep the refreshments simple. Here are some particulars and how you can help. Coffee and sweets will be set up in the chapel from 10:15am to 11:00am and after worship every Sunday. The coffee will be started for you by 9:00am. Volunteers will need to arrive at church with the goodies in time to set up the table by 10:15am. Coffee, tea, cups, napkins, sugar, creamer, serving plates, tongs, gloves will be available in the chapel kitchen. After worship, supervise the table and clean up when fellowship is over (a list of tasks will be provided). We want to stick to basic snacks, so please choose things that don't require utensils. Sweets are great, but you might want to think about cheese and crackers, fruit, wrapped or bagged treats, etc. Remember — KEEP IT SIMPLE. If you would like to be on the Fellowship Team, make a donation, or have questions, please get in touch with Linda Ehrlich at either laehrlich927@aol.com or 412-512-7246.

HOW CAN I HELP? — Sign up to be a host on a Sunday. Purchase the food, arrive by 10:00am to set up, monitor the table, and clean up. A great idea would be to find a partner and be a team. You can help with set up and clean up, but have the food purchased for you. You can make a donation to help off-set the cost of the refreshments. You can donate the food or be reimbursed for your purchase. We will let you know how to submit receipts. You may have other ideas about how you can help. We are interested in any and all suggestions to keep this fellowship time going.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trustees Meeting

Date / Time / Location: Sunday, August 7 / 12:15pm (following morning worship) / Parlor

Description: If you are a member of Calvary's Trustees, please plan on attending.

Church Council Meeting

Date / Time / Location: Thursday, August 25 / 6:00pm / Chapel

Description: If you are a member of Calvary's church council, please plan on attending.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Coffee Fellowship

Time / Location: 10:15-10:50am / Calvary Chapel

Description: Fellowship is back! Come early, get a drink and a treat, and meet other members and visitors.

Morning Worship

Time / Location: 11:00am / Calvary Sanctuary

Description: Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. All persons are welcome at Calvary's table.

Fellowship Following Morning Worship

Time / Location: Following morning worship / Calvary Chapel

Description: Fellowship is back! Come to the chapel following morning worship for fellowship. A light array of foods and beverages will be served.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

Exercise Class For All Ages

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary UMC Chapel

Description: There is an exercise class that meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am in the Calvary Chapel.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Immediate Needs

Denny (friend of Jane Skerl) — knee surgery recovery

Amy Martin (daughter of Susan and John Laczko — baby boy born July 15th

Jenalee Morris — personal loss

Father of Liz Martinez — heart attack, surgery

Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister) — upcoming hospitalization in August for cardiac issues

Tricia Magee (friend of Larry and Pam Hopkins) — Cancer

Tom (friend of Anne Christianson) — cancer diagnosis and recovery from pneumonia

Robert Frank (Karen Ferguson's uncle) — personal struggles

Lori McDonough (relative of Venus) — health concerns

Juan Martinez's Grandmother — diagnosed with inoperable tumor, now in hospice

Milliner Family (friends of Brittany Bova) — Father overdosed

Samara Smith-Hopkins — mass in breasts

Mark Rehn's Parents — father had a stroke and mother is in a care home

Friend of Mark Snyder — cancer has returned

Kathleen (friend of Brittany Bova) — broken hip and surgery

Jeanne DiThomas (friend of Jane Skerl) — recovering from surgery

Joshua (Brian Burns' cousin's son) — brain tumor

Shelly (Christine Thomas' daughter) — car accident

Christine Thomas — new treatment for leg

Jane Wederich (Ellen Homitsky's aunt) — heart problems

Danny (Bova's cousin) — continued recovery with lungs

Kathy (Christine Thomas's sister) — recovering from stroke

Kate (Christine Thomas's niece) — needs a kidney

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Martha Helmreich — recovering at home

Paul Brucker — ongoing health struggles

Joan Jessep — tumor on her brain

Joan Sturtz — caring for Bill

Randy & Danny — bone marrow transplant

Dan Souza — cancer

Tom Smith — cancer

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, or you can 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship †* Xavier Burns-Elliott

Leader: Bless the Lord who is gracious and kind.

All: **God loves us, no matter what.**

Leader: We choose to remember. God gives us our daily bread.

All: **Come, let us worship the Lord our God.**

Leader: Even when we are grumpy, the Lord looks after us.

All: **God knows the desires of our heart, and blesses us abundantly.**

Opening Hymn †* “Let My People Seek Their Freedom” — #586 UMH

Opening Prayer Xavier Burns-Elliott

Community Greetings †

Special Music “Food Truck Party” — *Sung by VBS Kids*

Children’s Message from VBS

Prayer Hymn * “Seek Ye First” — #405 UMH

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer * “Forever and Ever, Amen!” — *Sung by VBS Kids*

Scripture * Hosea 11:1-11 NRSV

1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. 2 The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. 3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. 4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. 5 They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. 6 The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes. 7 My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. 8 How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. 9 I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

10 They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. 11 They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music “So Great, So Good” — *Sung by VBS Kids*

Gospel * Matthew 23:37-39 NRSV

37 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 38 See, your house is left to you, desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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Sermon “God Is Tender”, Pastor Shane Siciliano

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Music “Manna in the Morning” — *Sung by VBS Kids*

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 †* “Victory in Jesus” — #370 UMH

Benediction †

Postlude †

Order of Worship is continued on the following page

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