

CHAOS



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 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

John Engle's father passed away
Rev. Howard Cherry (a dear friend of Rev. Beth)
Judi (co-worker of Brittany Bova)
Paul Brucker
Christine Thomas
Father of Christine Thomas' Son-in Law
Shirley (friend of Christine Thomas)
Marie (friend of Christine Thomas)
Emma H. (Joan Sturtz's granddaughter)
Bill (Debbie Neuherz's brother)
Samantha T. (Niece of Bing & Mary Ewalt)
Ellen Homitsky
Megan MacDonald
Cel Thomas, John Rosella, Darlene Lesure (friends of
Fred Ruddock)
Samara Smith-Hopkins (daughter of Larry and Pam
Hopkins)
Lori McDonough (Venus' sister in law)
Steve (brother of Shirley Mehring)
Michael Dodson
Jacqueline Melvin Cannon (Judy Melvin's sister)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Sara Belohavek
Rev. Tom Funk
Mary Callison
Martha Helmreich
Christine Thomas
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.

NEW PASTOR APPOINTED FOR CALVARY UMC

New Pastor Appointed for Calvary United Methodist Church

On June 25, 2023, the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church announced the appointment of Rev. Beth L. Nelson to Calvary United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, PA. Rev. Nelson will serve half-time as the pastor at Calvary effective July 1, 2023. From all of us at Calvary, *WELCOME Rev. Beth!!*



Rev. Beth L. Nelson

Rev. Beth L. Nelson grew up in the Mon Valley in the little town of Fayette City. She graduated from Belle Vernon Area High School and then Otterbein College in Westerville Ohio. Her educational journey took her to Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC and it was there that she fell in love with the city and all its ministry possibilities. Her first appointment was to Erie and during her ministry there, she was one of the founding pastors of The Refuge, The Rainbow Connection and San Juan United Methodist Church.

Beth's next appointments were Mars, Carnegie, and Coraopolis.

Beth was appointed as The Director of Training and Resources for the Annual Conference and spent many years as part of the Conference Program staff. In 2011, Beth was appointed to Salem United Methodist Church in Wexford until she retired in June of 2020, after 43 years of service. Since retirement, Beth has been working "part time" at the United Methodist Church Union. She is the president of the Common Roots Federal Credit Union Board of Directors and a Board member of The United Methodist House at Chautauqua. She also serves on the Mission Strategy Team of the Pittsburgh District and the District Committee on Ministry.

Weekly, Beth volunteers at the Olive Branch, a fair-trade gift store and mission center in Wexford. This is an outreach of Salem United Methodist Church and makes a positive difference throughout the world. Through sewing projects, knitting, and crocheting, women are changing history for those in need. In addition, the items sold in our store are helping women and children break the bonds of poverty and lead meaningful, healthy lives.

In her spare time, Beth is a dedicated Pittsburgh sports fan! She has been a Pirate season ticket holder for over 25 years. Beth enjoys live theater, at the Benedum, in small theater venues and on Broadway. She shares season tickets for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and the Pittsburgh Symphony Pops. Beth has a passion for traveling the world and an even greater passion and love for the city of Pittsburgh!

To relax, Beth loves to build jigsaw puzzles. If she posts many puzzles in a row on Facebook, chances are she is stressed about something. But she is always happy to welcome others to her puzzle building therapy. Beth is known for having many "happy places" and Calvary United Methodist Church is her newest happy place!

UPCOMING EVENTS

An Afternoon of Palestinian Storytelling and Music

Monday, August 14th from 3:00-5:00pm

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church (905 Mifflin Ave, 15221, Regent Square)

Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA) Pittsburgh and Hanna Salmon, PhD Candidate in Ethnomusicology invite you to *An Afternoon of Palestinian Storytelling and Music*

Come and bring a friend who may not be familiar with the story of the Palestinian occupation and diaspora. Please RSVP to Tina at tinawhitehead2@hotmail.com or Eileen at eileeno31@gmail.com so we can get an idea of how many to expect.

Oral storytelling has a well-established history in Palestine, where it has functioned as a form of entertainment, a didactic tool, a mode of political critique, and an arena for navigating communal identity. Contemporary Palestinian storytellers continue to engage the practice of storytelling for these purposes, telling folk tales (hikayat and khararif) and personal tales as professionals on stage. In their tellings, these storytellers employ a range of vocal and musical techniques through which they engage their audiences in the practice of imagination, bringing them into the world of the story as tellers and listeners experience it together. What impact does the experience of a story-world have on Palestinian communities? In this presentation, I will explore the possible answers to this question, examining the power of Palestinian storytelling in the West Bank, the Interior, and in diaspora.

Hanna Salmon is a PhD Candidate in Ethnomusicology at the University of Texas at Austin. She is currently conducting fieldwork for her dissertation, which examines the practices of contemporary Palestinian storytellers, the affective atmospheres that their storytelling produces, and the role of those atmospheres in cultural resistance efforts in Palestine.

Church Council Meeting

Thursday, August 17th from 6:30-8:00pm in the Calvary Chapel

All committee chairs are asked to have their reports ready.

Women's Bible Study Preview

Sunday, August 20th and 27th following morning worship in the Calvary Parlor

You will have a chance to see our study for yourself. Kathy Wagner will be there to introduce you to the study (about 5-10 minutes). Our Bible study is to resume on Thursdays beginning September 14th. We will meet each Thursday from 10:00-11:00am in the Calvary parlor. This year's study will be: *"Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit"* by Beth Moore.

Northview Heights Food Distribution

Saturday, August 26th at 8:45am at Northview Heights

Six volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the chapel. Please see Stacey Chervon (stc38@pitt.edu) with any questions.

Worship Planning Meeting

Tuesday, August 29th at 6:30pm in the Calvary Chapel

If you have an interest in visual arts, creative worship, or would like to just help in worship, please consider coming to this organizing meeting. If you have any questions, please talk to Rev. Beth.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship †*

Leader: Sunshine and celebration! Rain and remembrance! All are part of the richness of God's mercy and love for us!

All: God has blessed us in so many ways!

Leader: Welcome this day to a celebration of these blessings!

All: Thank you. We are glad to be here!

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to your love.

All: Bring us safely through the chaos of life, for we ask this in Jesus' name.

Opening Hymn †* "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" — #139 UMH

Unison Prayer †*

God of mysterious ways, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. No matter how strong the storm, how threatening the waves, Jesus calls us to trust in his love and mercy. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to conquer chaos, to come across these difficulties to your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all the times ahead. Amen.

Community Greetings †

Song of Praise †* "Surely the Presence of the Lord" — #328 UMH (Sing Twice)

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 105:1-6 NRSV

1 O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. 4 Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. 5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered, 6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

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 †* “Jesus Calls Us” — #398 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 14:22-33 NRSV

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” 28 Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” 29 He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon. “Chaos” — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

Words of Community Life

Call to Give

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Order of Worship is continued on the following page.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 †* "Stand By Me" — #512 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.

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study Led by Rev. Myles Bradley

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6:30pm in the Calvary Chapel

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Fall 2023 Pittsburgh District Lay Servant Ministry School

The Fall 2023 Pittsburgh District Lay Servant Ministry School is pleased to be offering the classes listed below to help laity respond to their personal call in ministry and the life of the church. Each class is being held on different dates, allowing you to take more than one class if you wish. All classes, except From Your Heart to Theirs, has the option of attending in person, hybrid or online. There is a \$15 fee per class plus you need to purchase the class book(s).

The Book of Discipline (§251) urges Church Lay Leaders to become Certified Lay Servants.

- The BASIC Course - Saturdays, September 30 and October 14, 9am-2:30pm
- From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon - Sundays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2-4pm
- Leading Worship - Saturdays, October 28 and November 4 & 11, 2-5:30pm
- Fear of the Other – November 17, 6-9pm and November 18, 9am-5pm

There will be copies of the brochure on entrance tables.

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...

Mission Barn

On July 22nd, five Calvary Women in Faith traveled to the Mission Barn in New Castle to deliver 49 Hygiene Kits. We want to say a great big "thank you" to the Calvary family for their generosity and dedication to those in our country who are in the midst of weather related disasters (40 flood buckets were sent to East Palestine). While we were there we worked on filling 40 Flood Buckets and checking out hygiene kits to make sure all materials were present. While we ate lunch, Deaconess Katie informed us about the work of UMCOR in our nation's disasters...invaluable! Katie extended to Calvary her gratitude for our involvement in this ministry. It was a wonderful day of fellowship.

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.

Northside Common Ministries Continues to Need Toothpaste — A Message from the Missions Committee

UPDATE—Our Mission Committee would like to say "thank you" to everyone for donating, over the past 5 months, 275 tubes of toothpaste!!! WONDERFUL!! In our ministry to the Northside Pantry we will continue to collect both toothpaste and bags. You have donated about a hundred bags which are always needed as well. God continue to stir up your hearts. TOOTHPASTE continues to be a weekly need at the pantry. Jana, Director, 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.

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.

Communications Update — A Message from Karen Ferguson

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!

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