

DAUNTLESS FAITH



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 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

Linda Trautman
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)
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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

Choir Rehearsal

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

10:00-10:45am in the Calvary UMC Choir Loft

Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome! Please join us for singing, fellowship, and shenanigans!

Sunday School

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

10:00-10:45am in the Presbytery (Across the street from Calvary)

Calvary offers two Sunday School Classes: (1) Ages 3-10, (2) Ages 11-15. Please meet up in the chapel and everyone will walk across the street together.

Fellowship Following Morning Worship

Following Morning Worship in the Calvary UMC 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 UMC Fellowship Hall

MONDAY

Sleeping Bag Group

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

6:30pm in the Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

The sleeping bags are made from recycled materials, packed with personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, hats and gloves then distributed to nearby homeless shelters. There is plenty to do. No sewing experience needed. Questions? Please contact Terri Howell at trr_howell@yahoo.com or call 412-482-2211 with any questions.

TUESDAY

Exercise Class For All Ages

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

9:00am in the Calvary UMC 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. This group meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

TUESDAY, CONT...

Choir Rehearsal

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6:00-7:30pm in the Calvary UMC Choir Loft

Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome! Please join us for singing, fellowship, and shenanigans!

Messiah Festival Choir Practice

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

7:30-9:00pm in the Calvary UMC Sanctuary

All are welcome to join the Messiah Festival Choir. No audition required. This will be our 11th year performing this sing-along concert at Calvary during the Christmas season.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study Led by Rev. Myles Bradley

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

6:30pm in the Calvary UMC Chapel

"*Father Abraham*" will be the topic of a new Bible Study led by Rev. Myles Bradley on Wednesday evenings here at Calvary. The six week study will review the story in Genesis of the father of the Jewish people and the three faiths that are shared by his descendants. Everyone is invited to share in exploring the roots of our faith. We will meet at 6:30pm beginning Wednesday, September 20th and continue through October.

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Women's Bible Study

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

10:00-11:00am in the Calvary UMC Parlor

Our Bible study is to resume on Thursdays beginning September 14th. This year's study will be: "*Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit*" by Beth Moore. Beth Moore has an excitement and an exuberance for the Gospel and will involve you on an adventure into discovery and growth in the Spirit of the Lord. On Sundays, August 20th and 27th, in the church parlor after worship, 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). *John 14 tells us that God gives us the Holy Spirit to be in us – Christ in us, the hope of glory.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship †*

Leader: Welcome! It is good to have you here this day.

All: Thank you. We come seeking healing and peace for our spirits.

Leader: Life can sometimes be very difficult.

All: We look around and wonder where God is.

Leader: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

All: God surrounds us with love and courage.

Leader: Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we don't recognize your loving presence.

All: Lord, we come to you in gratitude for all you do for us.

Opening Hymn †* "O God, our Help in Ages Past" — #117 UMH

Unison Prayer †*

We thank you, O Lord, that we are not alone. You watch over us, guide us, and lead us in your righteous pathways. When we stumble and fall, you lift us up and gently place us on that pathway again. When we doubt, you surround us with your mercy and peace, reassuring us of your presence through the love of others and of our savior Jesus Christ. Keep our hearts and minds open and ready to serve you, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. 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

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Hymn of Prayer †* "The Gift of Love" — #408 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Epistle Lesson * 2 Timothy 1:6-12 NIV

6 This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 8 So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. 9 For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. 10 And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News. 11 And God chose me to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of this Good News. 12 That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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 him 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.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Sermon “Dauntless Faith in a Welcoming Community” — Kenny Elliott, Lay Leader

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 †

Closing Hymn †* “Be Thou My Vision” — #451 UMH (Verses 1-4)

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Women's Bible Study Preview

Sunday, August 27th following morning worship in the Calvary UMC 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.

Worship Planning Meeting

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

Church Council Meeting

Thursday, September 21st from 6:30-8:00pm in the Calvary UMC Chapel

All committee chairs are asked to have their reports ready.

Fall Kickoff Ice Cream Social & Family Volunteer Activity — A Children's Ministry Event

Sunday, September 24th following morning worship in the Calvary UMC Chapel

We will be collecting supplies the month of September to make blessing bags. More details to come!

Family Fall Fest — A Children's Ministry Event

Saturday, October 28th from 2:00-4:00pm at Calvary UMC

We will have crafts, pumpkin painting, and games, and possibly Trunk-or-Treat depending on the number of cars that sign up. More details to come!

Parents Night Out — A Children's Ministry Event

Saturday, December 2nd from 6:00-9:00pm in the Calvary UMC Chapel

We will do Christmas activities, cookie decorating, crafts, games, and dinner. This will give parents time to finish shopping and be able to wrap presents. We will also have a Christmas Shop for kids to shop for parents. More details to come!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Committee Request

Dear Calvary Family — Please consider giving to UMCOR's Disaster Relief Fund. It is very simple. Put in "UMC Disaster Donations" and the donation page will pop up where you can give online. You can also give by calling the following phone number: 424-252-6008. Each of us are capable of giving a few dollars to this Maui disaster. God is counting on us to be His hands and His feet!

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). There will be copies of the brochure on entrance tables.

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

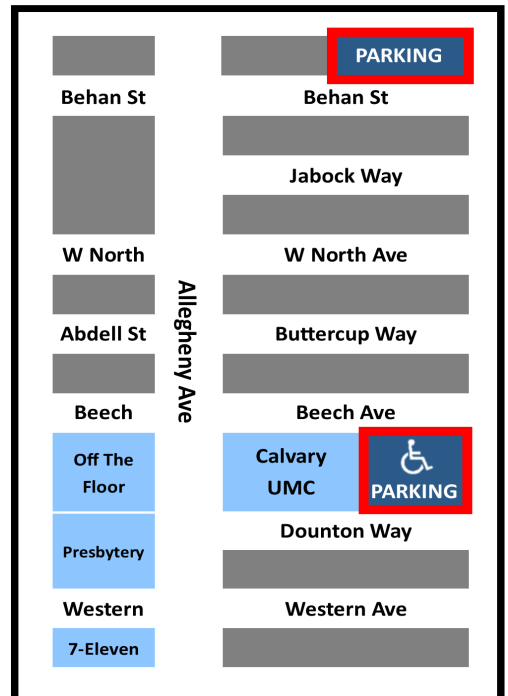
Sunday 1:00pm Steeler Games

It's that time of year again! Please see the map that lists directions to and where to park on Sundays when we do not have access to the lots next to and across from our church. Please be mindful that this lot is 5 blocks away from the church. Please note that you may get a parking ticket if you park on any street on Steeler Sundays. And, please do not pay to park in any of the parking lots charging money!

Special note about Handicap Parking: The map lists where the church's handicap parking is located in the lot behind the church. The church's handicap ramp is also located in this lot. We encourage people not to park in the rear parking lot to allow people with special needs to have those parking spaces.

2023 Sunday 1:00pm Steeler Games

- Sunday, September 10
- Sunday, October 8
- Sunday, October 29
- Sunday, November 12
- Sunday, December 3



ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT...

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.

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!

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!



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