



SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY TASK FORCE

Calvary's New Social Justice Ministry (SJM) Task Force

We are launching a brand-new task force and everyone is invited to join! Pastor We will:

- ✓ Conduct an initial informational conversation on Sunday, October 2nd at 12:15PM (after worship)
- ✓ Take a 2-question congregational interest survey
- ✓ Work in teams
- ✓ Collaborate with others

Matt Dean will be the SJM Chair.

We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting to hear your passions!

DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY



CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

PRAYER CONCERNS

Immediate Needs

Chris Griffin
 Hailey Mickens and Family
 Laura & Dan (sister/brother-in-law to Joan Mialki)
 Denny (friend of Jane Skerl)
 Jenalee Morris
 Father of Liz Martinez
 Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister)
 Tricia Magee (friend of Larry and Pam Hopkins)
 Tom (friend of Anne Christianson)

Lori McDonough (relative of Venus)
 Juan Martinez's Grandmother
 Milliner Family (friends of Brittany Bova)
 Samara Smith-Hopkins
 Friend of Mark Snyder
 Kathleen (friend of Brittany Bova)
 Joshua (Brian Burns' cousin's son)
 Jane Wederich (Ellen Homitsky's aunt)
 Danny (Bova's cousin)
 Kathy (Christine Thomas's sister)
 Kate (Christine Thomas's niece)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Martha Helmreich
 Christine Thomas
 Paul Brucker
 Joan Jessep

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, 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.

Calvary United Methodist Church

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Market Donations Needed

We are seeking donations for the fall market and the Calvary women of faith during the Allegheny West House Tour. Acceptable donations include: antiques (can include furnishings), collectibles, household items, jewelry, and Christmas items. Please note the following:

- All donated items must be clean, complete, and in working order
- No clothing will be accepted
- If you are not sure about a donation (particularly larger items), please reach out to Doug Lucas before bringing to the church

Donations will be accepted until October 2nd. There be an area set aside in the chapel for donations. Look for the sign and use the table provided.

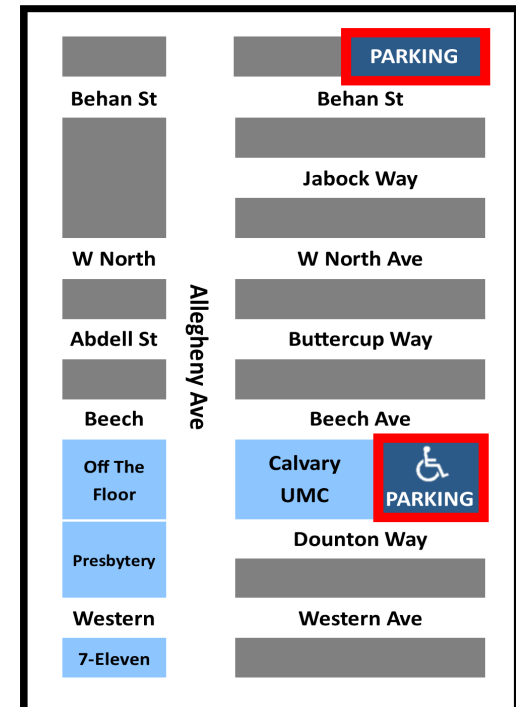
Northside Commons Food Pantry Needs — Reusable Grocery Bags

On April 12th, 2022 the Pittsburgh City Council voted to place a ban on the distribution of single use plastic bags. This will take place in 2023. Because of this the Pantry will need reusable bags that can be bought at the grocery stores you may frequent or any extras you have around the house. We will be collecting them throughout September. They can be placed in the hot pink, marked box that can be found in the Chapel area. The Mission Team thanks you for your continued support.

Sunday 1:00pm Steeler Games

Greetings! 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. Some of the sidewalks leading to and from this lot are red brick and are not flat. Please use caution when walking to and from this lot. If walking to and from this lot would be too difficult, park in the parking lot at the rear of the church which is also our handicap parking lot. 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.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Bible Study — BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25TH

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Calvary Chapel

Description: *"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.

Sunday School

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Presbytery (Across the street from Calvary)

Description: 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.

Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Calvary Choir Loft

Description: The choir rehearses Sunday mornings prior to worship.

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.

TUESDAYS

Exercise Class For All Ages

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary Chapel

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

Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 6:30-7:30pm / Calvary Choir Loft

Description: Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! Brian is hoping to get back into the swing of things and possibly expand our numbers. The Renewal Choir sings traditional anthems at our Sunday morning service, special events, and observances. The group presents a wide variety of musical styles. Choir members actively participate in worship and may be found assisting during Communion, Advent, Lent, and special services. No audition required! All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

UMC Disability Special Offering Sunday

Today, Sunday, September 11

This Special Sunday supports servant ministry in the Western PA Annual Conference. The offerings will be used to make our churches more inclusive. Projects include building ramps, installing elevators, etc...Help make the church a place where ALL are welcome! The Mission Team is will be asking you to share a special offering in support of this ministry.

Church Council Meeting

Thursday, September 15 at 6:00pm in the Chapel

Council will only be able to last one hour this month. Committee heads will be receiving a form by email to report information and action items. Please email this information back by Tuesday evening. Thank you for accommodating this new approach for the month of September.

SPRC Meeting — NEW DATE & TIME

SPRC is now meeting on Thursday, September 15 at 7:00pm in the Chapel

Zoom is an option. Please email the church or Pastor Shane for a Zoom Link.

United Women in Faith Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 17 at 8:30am at Baldwin Community United Methodist Church

Join us as we share with others who support ministries concerned with the needs of women and children. A Continental Breakfast will begin the day at 8:30am. The program featuring Anchorpoint Counseling and Tutoring Ministry will address the changes that the pandemic brought into our lives. A free lunch (catered by Panera) will end the day by 12:30pm. Contact Joan Bradley by September 11 to join our carpool to the meeting.

Trustees Committee Meeting — NEW DATE & TIME

Sunday, September 25 at 12:00pm in the Chapel

If you can't attend, please see Tammy Phillips of Lorraine Malcolm.

Social Justice Ministries Task Force Informational Conversation

Sunday, October 2 at 12:15pm in the Chapel

Fall Market & Open House

Saturday, October 15 from 10:00am-5:00pm at Calvary

Please join us! There will be Sanctuary Tours and Organ Music (1:00pm and 3:00pm) Music, Food, Jewelry, Collectables, Household Items, Glassware, and Furniture. **ADMISSION IS FREE.** This event is sponsored by Calvary United Women of Faith & Allegheny Historic Preservation Society.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship †* Christine Thomas

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God! Sing glory to the One who made all things!

All: **How awesome are the deeds of the Great Creator! We are all God’s children. We all have unique gifts and graces.**

Leader: On this Disability Awareness Sunday, we especially give thanks for the gifts and graces for the disability community. May we learn from one another.

All: **Holy Spirit, please enter our hearts and our time of worship. Help us to be a truly inclusive and welcoming place for all God’s children. Let all the earth worship the Lord in love and unity!**

Opening Hymn †* “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” — #89 UMH

Opening Prayer †* Christine Thomas

Leader: O Holy One, you are the King of All Creation. Your praise endures forever. You created all things. The works of Your hands are faithful, just, glorious and beautiful. We pray this day that You would help us to welcome the diverse gifts and abilities that You have given to Your people.

Response: **May we welcome everyone into the body of Christ. Help us to show mercy to those who are in need and not cast judgement upon the downtrodden. May we thirst for righteousness when we see the marginalized being mistreated. May Your house be an accessible and inclusive home for all people. Amen.**

Community Greetings †

Children’s Message

Social Justice Moment “The Tip of the Iceberg”
Kristen Sands, Chair of WPAUMC Disability Concerns

Prayer Hymn * “Blessed Assurance” — #369 UMH

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer * #895 UMH

Scripture * 1 Corinthians 12:14-27 NRSV

14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor

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again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, 24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Gospel * Luke 5:17-26 NRSV

17 One day while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem were sitting nearby, and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. 18 Just then some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a stretcher. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, 19 but, finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. 20 When he saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven you.” 21 Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, “Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” 22 When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk’? 24 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the one who was paralyzed—“I say to you, stand up and take your stretcher and go to your home.” 25 Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. 26 Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen incredible things today.”

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Homily “More Members Than People Realize” — Pastor Shane Siciliano

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Doxology †*

Closing Hymn †* “For the Healing of the Nations” — #428 UMH

Benediction †

Postlude †