

ALWAYS PRAY,
AND
NEVER
GIVE UP.

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Luke 18:1



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

WELCOME TO CALVARY



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.***

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Calvary UMC is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network

Reconciling congregations, communities, and campus ministries (Reconciling ministries) who affiliate with RMN embrace RMN's commitment to achieving LGBTQ+ justice and full inclusion in the life and leadership of The United Methodist Church, both in policy and in practice.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Immediate Needs

Chris Griffin
Hailey Mickens and Family
Denny (friend of Jane Skerl)
Jenalee Morris
Father of Liz Martinez
Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister)
Tricia Magee (friend of Larry & Pam Hopkins)
Tom (friend of Anne Christianson)
Roy Ziegler (friend of Venus)

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)
Danny (Bova's cousin)

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Bible Study

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

NOTE: We will take a two-week break in late October. No Bible Study on 10/23 or 10/30.

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

Fellowship Following Morning Worship

Time / Location: Following morning worship / Calvary Chapel

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

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: 6:00-7:30pm / Calvary Choir Loft

Description: Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome!

Messiah Festival Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 7:30-9:00pm / Calvary Sanctuary

Description: Bask in Handel's inspiring Messiah while surrounded by candlelight and Calvary's magnificent Tiffany stained-glass masterpieces. All are welcome! No audition required!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship †* Lay Leader — Margee Bilyak

Leader: We have gathered in God's holy presence, to worship the One who etches grace on our hearts.

All: **This is the place where God transforms us into disciples.**

Leader: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

All: **This is the place where God writes compassion on our souls.**

Leader: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

All: **This is the place where God breathes the Word into our lives.**

Leader: Together, people of God, let us worship with minds focused and hearts open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

Opening Hymn †* “God Whose Love is Reigning O’er Us” — #100 UMH

Opening Prayer †* Lay Leader — Margee Bilyak

Holy God, you have engraved your covenant - your hopes, your dreams, your vision, your peace - upon our hearts, that they might beat as one with yours. Keep us from wandering down the wrong paths; enable us to be persistent in bringing justice to the lost and to the least; as we hear your word proclaimed, train us in using the tools of justice and hope; so we are equipped to share the good news with all; so we become skilled in compassion and grace. In these moments of worship, fill us with your spirit. Amen.

Community Greetings †

Children’s Message

Prayer Hymn * “Precious Lord, Take my Hand” — #474 UMH

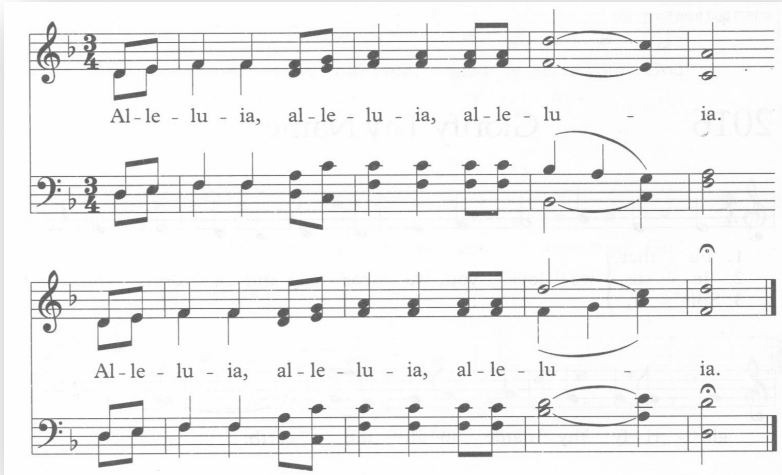
Scripture * Jeremiah 31:27-34 NRSV

27 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. 28 And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. 29 In those days they shall no longer say: “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” 30 But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. 31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Choral Response (Choir & Congregation) * "Alleluia" — #2014 TFWS



Gospel * Luke 18:1-8 NRSV

1 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' 4 For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" 6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Sermon "Borrowing the Eyes of God" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

Anthem

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Doxology †* #94 UMH

Offering Prayer †

Closing Hymn †* "Jesus Unite Us by Thy Grace" — #561 UMH

Benediction †*

Postlude †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Request — A Message from the Missions Committee

Northside Community Food Pantry's hope is to put "Thanksgiving on Every Table". To help with this Calvary is collecting 75 cans of cranberry sauce. Bring your donation to the chapel area where you can place them with others. ***The deadline date is Sunday, November 13th.*** We have done this in the past and we know it can be done again with the generosity of the Calvary Family.

Nursery Ministry — A Message from the Children & Youth Committee

Our nursery ministry can only continue if new volunteers sign up. Brittany and Megan are not expected to staff the nursery by themselves beyond the next few weeks. If you are interested in volunteering occasionally in the nursery but are nervous to start, Brittany and Megan will be happy to train you and work with you. You can ease into this ministry. Just approach Brittany or Megan and say you would like to help.

Daily Bread Needs Deodorant — A Message from the Missions Committee

We are seeking donations of deodorant for the Daily Bread. Please bring unused containers of deodorant to church and leave them in the chapel for the Missions Committee to take over.



Calvary United Methodist Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check Out Our Upcoming Children's Events!

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

**For more
information:**

Megan
412-715-4946
Brittany
412-715-4947

Oct
29 Trunk or Treat
11am-2pm

Nov
20 Family Fun Day
1-3pm

Dec
03 Kids Christmas Celebration
1-3pm

Weekly Sunday School
10-10:45am

Ages Pre-K thru Middle School



ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT...

Women's Retreat

Calvary Women's Retreat will be on Saturday, November 12 from 9:30am-3:30pm at the Presbytery building across the street. There is no cost and lunch will be included. The theme for the day is: Where is Home? Our leader will be Tina Whitehead, who has been here before talking about the Israel/Palestine issue. We will spend our time together exploring the meaning of "home" in our own lives, as well as in the lives of so many today who have lost their homes. There will be opportunity for individual reflection and small and large group sharing. Tina will draw on her experiences with refugees in Palestine as well as her own sense of home, having lived in Canada, the US and Palestine. We will end by reflecting on what it means to be at home, as St. Augustine states: "Our hearts are restless until they find rest in You." ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! Please let Joan Bradley (ogremtb@aol.com) know if you plan to attend by Sunday, November 6th.

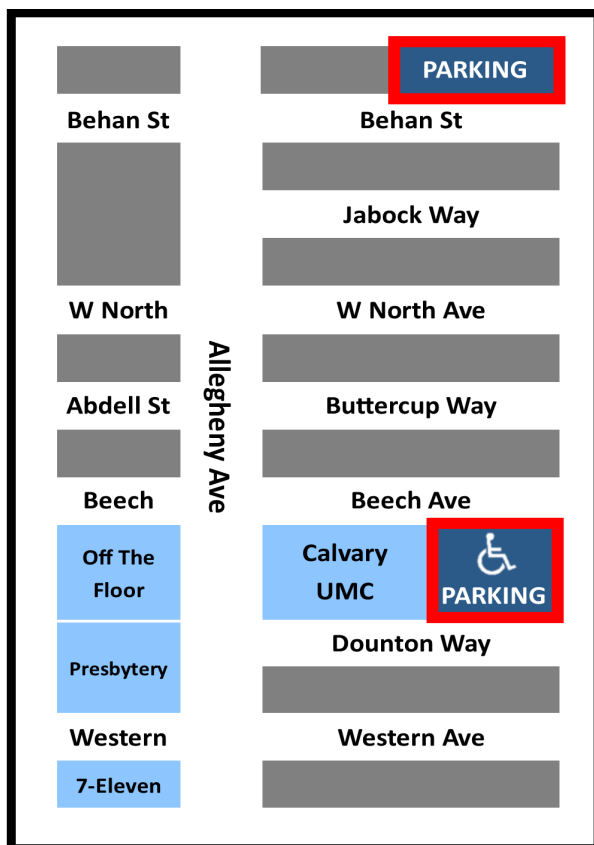
Our World Is Hurting — A Message from the Missions Committee

If you wish to help by donating to either International Disasters or US Disasters, go to the internet and type in: umc.org-disaster-relief. The donation page will come up ready for your contribution.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Council Meeting

Thursday, October 20 at 6:00pm in the Chapel

Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 23 at 9:30am in the Parlor

Trustees Meeting

Sunday, October 23 at 12:15pm in the Parlor

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 29 from 11:00am-2:00pm in the Allegheny Ave Parking Lot

SPRC Meeting

Sunday, October 30 at 9:00am in the Parlor

Social Justice Task Force Conversation

Sunday, October 30 at 12:15pm, Location TBD

Bye-Week Fellowship Meal

Sunday, November 6 from 12:00-2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Women's Retreat

Saturday, November 12 from 9:30am-3:30pm at the Presbytery across from Calvary UMC

There is no cost and lunch will be included. The theme for the day is: *Where is Home?*

Our leader will be Tina Whitehead who has been here before talking about the Israel/Palestine issue. All women are invited and encouraged to attend. Please let Joan Bradley (ogremtb@aol.com) know if you plan to attend by Sunday, November 6th.

Family Fun Day

Sunday, November 20 from 1:00-3:00pm

Families with kids stay after church for games and fun together. This event is rain or shine.

Kids Christmas Party

Saturday, December 3 from 1:00-3:00pm

10th Annual Messiah Sing-Along Concert

Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18 at 4:00pm

Safe Sanctuaries Training

Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 9:00-11:30am