

# CALVARY

United Methodist Church



Reformation Sunday

OCT

29<sup>TH</sup>

2023

*You* are God's beloved. *You* are welcome here.



# WELCOME TO CALVARY

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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.**

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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 better. If you are in need of a large print bible or hymnal, please see any greeter for help.

## FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children into our worship services, including infants and toddlers. If you would like to use it, we have a Family Area in the rear left of the Sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys.

## LOCATION OF BATHROOMS

From the front exits of the Sanctuary outside the right doorway, an accessible restroom and baby changing table are available on this level. From the front exits of the Sanctuary outside the left side, restrooms are located down the stairs. An elevator is located thru the Sanctuary outside the right and to the back.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

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**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

Charles Foreman (Claudia's husband)  
Mayernik daughters & grandfather  
Family of Christine Thomas (Christine passed  
away on 10/11)  
Joyce & Ray Zimmerman (sister of Yvonne  
Hudson)  
Joan Sturtz  
Judy Melvin  
Paul & Georgia Brucker  
Brian (partner of David Grinnell)  
Venus  
Roy (fiancé of Venus)  
Della Barr (daughter of Megan and the sister of  
Linda McDonald)  
Linda Trautman  
Rev. Howard Cherry (a dear friend of Rev. Beth)  
Emma H. (Joan Sturtz's granddaughter)  
Bill (Debbie Neuherz's brother)  
Samantha T. (niece of Bing & Mary Ewalt)  
Megan MacDonald  
Cel Thomas, John Rosella, Darlene Lesure  
(friends of Fred Ruddock)

## ONGOING CONCERNS

Randy & Danny  
Sara Belohavek  
Paul Brucker  
Mary Callison  
Jacqueline Melvin-Cannon (Judy  
Melvin's sister)  
Rev. Tom Funk  
Martha Helmreich  
Tom Smith  
Dan Souza

## 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](http://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.

**If you would like a card or email sent from the church to let people know we are praying for them, please give us an address or email.**



# ORDER OF WORSHIP



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP †\* . . . . . Liturgist— Nancy Richards

Leader: God speaks to us in the prophetic words of faithful believers.

**All: We are listening for God's direction in our lives.**

Leader: Martin Luther said: "God does not need your good works,"

**All: "but your neighbor does."**

Leader: Martin Luther said: "Pray like it all depends on God,"

**All: "then when you are done, go work like all depends on you."**

Leader: Martin Luther said: "A Christian is never in a state of completion,"

**All: "but always in a process of becoming."**

### HYMN OF PRAISE †\* . . . . . "A Mighty Fortress" — #110 UMH

## UNISON PRAYER †\*

**We are stuck, stuck in the past, stuck in tradition, stuck in the mire of our daily lives. Yet, our eyes turn toward you, our God, to clear away all the keeps us from moving. You have the grace to cleanse us of the mud that holds us from being transformed into truly faithful people. We come to your house, today, to find something new, something different, something original to guide our lives. Speak to us, we pray, in the words, in the music and in the silence. Amen.**

## COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

### SONG OF PRAISE †\* . . . . . "Fill My Cup Lord" — #641 UMH (Two Times)

*Fill my cup, Lord,*

*I lift it up, Lord.*

*Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.*

*Bread of heaven,*

*Feed me till I want no more,*

*Fill my cup,*

*Fill it up and make me whole.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HEBREW BIBLE READING \* . . . . . Exodus 22:21-27 NRSV

21 You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

22 You shall not abuse any widow or orphan.

23 If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry;

- 24 my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans.
- 25 If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them.
- 26 If you take your neighbor's cloak as guarantee, you shall restore it before the sun goes down,
- 27 for it may be your neighbor's only clothing to use as a cover. In what else shall that person sleep? And when your neighbor cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS**

**HYMN OF PRAYER \* . . . . .** "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" — #557 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.**

**ANTHEM . . . . .** The Renewal Choir

**GOSPEL LESSON †\* . . . . .** Matthew 22:35-40 KJV

- 35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,
- 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?
- 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
- 38 This is the first and great commandment.
- 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON . . . . .** "Change" — Rev. Myles Bradley

**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** †\* . . . . . "Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life" — #427 UMH

**BENEDICTION** †

**POSTLUDE** †

† Please stand as you are able | \* Words on screen | Bold text is unison

## A Time for Fellowship

PLEASE JOIN US AROUND THE TABLES  
IN THE CHAPEL BEHIND THE  
SANCTUARY FOLLOWING MORNING  
WORSHIP FOR REFRESHMENTS AND  
A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP.



# Calvary Women's Retreat

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfailing beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight."

1 Peter 3:4

## Self as Servant



United  
Women  
in Faith

**Saturday, November 11 | 9:00am-12:30pm**  
**Calvary United Methodist Church Chapel**

The United Women in Faith are coordinating a half-day retreat for ALL women of Calvary. The retreat will be led by our very own Rev. Jorinda Bullitt. Lunch will be provided and childcare will be available.

### Additional presenters will be:

- **Charles Cook**, Personal Trainer, Life Coach, and Owner of Freedom Fitness Facility
- **Janet Zipf**, Certified Life/Health Coach (extensive experience with mental health)
- **Lori Paul**, Licensed Massage Therapist
- **Holly Pultz**, Spiritual Gardener

### Questions?

Contact Linda Ehrlich ([laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com)) or the Calvary UMC Church Office (412-231-2007 / [CalvaryPgh@gmail.com](mailto:CalvaryPgh@gmail.com)).

## RSVP by Monday, November 6th

**RSVP**

You can either sign up on the sheet in the Calvary UMC Chapel at the announcement board, or by emailing [CalvaryPgh@gmail.com](mailto:CalvaryPgh@gmail.com). Please let us know if you need childcare when you RSVP.

# THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



**SUN**  
OCT 29

## COMMUNITY LUNCH

Following Morning Worship (Monthly) | Fellowship Hall

## AA — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS)

8:00pm (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**MON**  
OCT 30

## SLEEPING BAG GROUP

6:30pm (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**TUES**  
OCT 31

## EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00am (Weekly) | Chapel

## CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00-7:30pm (Weekly) | Sanctuary

## MESSIAH FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:30-9:00pm (Weekly) | Sanctuary

**THURS**  
NOV 2

## EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00am (Weekly) | Chapel

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00-11:00am (Weekly) | Parlor

## NCM "CELEBRATION OF CARING" DINNER

5:30pm | Grand Hall at The Priory

## HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00-7:30pm | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

## STEELERS NIGHT GAME OPEN HOUSE

6:00-8:00pm | Allegheny Ave (in front of the church)

## OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00-8:00pm | Sanctuary

**SAT**  
NOV 4

## NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

9:00-10:30am | Northview Heights

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

10:30am | Chapel

## VIEWING FOR CHRISTINE THOMAS

4:00-8:00pm | Robinson (Odell) Funeral Home



**Want to view  
the entire  
church  
calendar?**

To view everything  
happening at  
Calvary in one  
place, view our  
entire church  
calendar by  
visiting

[calvarypgh.com/  
news-and-events/  
calendar.php](https://calvarypgh.com/news-and-events/calendar.php) or  
by scanning the  
QR code up top.



# MISSIONS & OUTREACH



## WEEKLY

### SLEEPING BAG GROUP

**Mondays | 6:30pm | 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 (412-482-2211 / [tr\\_howell@yahoo.com](mailto:tr_howell@yahoo.com)) with any questions.

### OPEN SANCTUARY

**Thursdays | 6:00-8:00pm | Calvary**

The sanctuary will be open for prayer or silence or meditation beginning November 2nd. Feel free to pass through as our special guest, or return on Sunday to make us your home.

## EVENTS

### NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES “CELEBRATION OF CARING” DINNER

**Thursday, November 2 | 5:30pm | Grand Hall at The Priory, 614 Pressley St, Pgh, PA 15212**

Northside Common Ministries is hosting a “Celebration of Caring” fundraising dinner, and we have a table reserved. If you are interested in attending please contact Linda Ehrlich.

### NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

**Saturday, November 4 & Saturday, December 2 | 9:00-10:30am | Northview Heights**

All participants have found it to be a rewarding experience, and we would love to have some new volunteers as well. Six volunteers are needed for each date. There is a sign-up sheet in the Chapel, and a written description of the work. Please feel free to contact Stacey Chervon ([stc38@pitt.edu](mailto:stc38@pitt.edu)) or Linda Ehrlich ([laehrllich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrllich927@aol.com)) for any questions.

### “CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

**Sunday, November 5 (1st Sunday each month During Worship) | Sanctuary**

Our children collect “change” because when there is lots of change together, we can make a difference. These gifts are used to help Women United in Faith purchase food for Daily Bread.

### DAILY BREAD — UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

**Thursday, November 9 (2nd Thursday each month) | 11:00am-12:00pm**

**Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212**

The United Women in Faith (UWF) organizes the meal being prepared for the Daily Bread which serves meals three times a week to those without a home or who are under-employed. **They are currently in need of cookie makers.** See Joan Bradley if you would like to get involved.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO NEED TOOTHPASTE

TOOTHPASTE continues to be a weekly need at the pantry. Jana Thompson, 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. Thank you!

# SMALL GROUPS



## WEEKLY

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sundays | 10:00-10:45am | Parlor**

This group is led by Rev. Chad Bodgewic. All are welcome!

### EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

**Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00am | Chapel**

The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Thursdays | 10:00-11:00am | Parlor**

Join us as we study "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.

## EVENTS

### CALVARY WOMEN'S RETREAT

**Saturday, November 11 | 9:00am-12:30pm | Chapel**

The United Women of Faith are coordinating a half-day retreat for ALL women of Calvary. Titled "SELF AS SERVANT", the retreat will be led by our very own Reverend Jorinda Bullitt.

**Please see the full page ad following the Order of Worship in today's bulletin for further details.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF) — VICTORIAN HOUSE TOUR & SHOPPE

The Allegheny West Victorian House Tour is Friday, December 8th and Saturday, December 9th. There will be a Holiday Shoppe in Calvary's Fellowship Hall both days. The UWF will have a booth at the Shoppe as one of our major fundraisers. The plan is to sell donated pre-owned Christmas items and new handmade items from anyone in the Calvary congregation.

Handmade items and Christmas decorations that are clean and in good repair will be accepted beginning November 1st until November 26th. Please contact Linda Ehrlich or Kim Butler with questions or an idea for a homemade item that you would like to donate.

Items can be dropped off either after church on a Sunday or during the week by contacting Linda (412-512-7246 / [laehrich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrich927@aol.com)) or Kim (412-638-7773 / [kimabutler4@gmail.com](mailto:kimabutler4@gmail.com)).

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## EVENTS

### STEELERS NIGHT GAME OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, November 2 & Thursday, December 7 | 6:00-8:00pm | Calvary**

We will be opening our doors to the Steelers fans as they pass thru the North Side. We will be handing out hot chocolate or water depending on the outside temperature. Please join us in this community outreach.

### HANGING OF THE GREENS

**Saturday, December 2 | 9:00am-3:00pm | Calvary**

Please join us as we decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. There are jobs for everyone! **We have a job that suits your particular talents!**

- Strong, Limber, Looking for a physical challenge? — You can help put up the massive trees at each side of the front of the church.
- Strong but not willing to stand on a ladder and dangle? — You can help put up the other trees that go in the chapel and at the entrances.
- Not afraid of heights? — You can help to hang the garland in the chapel.
- Meticulous? Not able to stand for long periods of time? — You can help to fluff the bows that go on all of the trees.
- Creative and meticulous, not afraid to stand on a stepping stool or ladder? — You can help to decorate the tall trees.
- Creative, but afraid of heights? — You can help to decorate the other trees in the chapel.

We need all the help we can get and it's a lot of fun. Of course, we will have donuts, snacks, coffee, tea, etc., so come join us and have some fun getting our church ready for the holidays!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that came out to help on Clean-up Day! The interior and the exterior of the church looks wonderful. Your time and talents are much appreciated.

### TUTORS NEEDED

Want to make a difference? Join the fun and consider being a tutor at The Bridge Learning Hub (1500 Chicago St, Pittsburgh, PA 15214). One hour a week can help a child lean and grow. Interested? See Rev. Beth Nelson for more information.

### READING MENTORS NEEDED

There is a need for reading mentors at Morrow Elementary School (1611 Davis Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212). We are looking for weekly volunteers. Please see Rev. Beth Nelson or contact the church office for further information.



## WEEKLY

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sundays | 10:00-10:45am | Presbytery (Across the street from Calvary)**

Calvary offers two Sunday School classes — ages 3-10, and ages 11-15. Please meet in the Chapel and everyone walks across the street together.

## EVENTS

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, December 2 | 6:00-9:00pm | 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that came out to our Fall Fest yesterday at the church! A great time was had by all. Also, a BIG thank you to all of the volunteers that made the event a success! You are so appreciated!





## WEEKLY

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

**Sundays | 10:00-10:45am | Sanctuary**

**Tuesdays | 6:00-7:30pm | Sanctuary**

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 REHEARSAL

**Tuesdays | 7:30-9:00pm | Sanctuary**

It's always a fun time, no auditions are required. See Music Director Brian Burns with questions.

### HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

**Thursdays | 6:00-7:30pm | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)**

No audition required and you do not have to be able to read music. All are welcome! Please reach out to Music Director Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / [bsburns77@aol.com](mailto:bsburns77@aol.com)) with questions.

## EVENTS

### WAYNESBURG CHOIR

**Sunday, December 3 | During Morning Worship | Sanctuary**

The Waynesburg Choir will be joining us during morning worship.

### 11TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT SERIES

**Saturday, December 16 & Sunday, December 17 | 4:00pm | Sanctuary**

**Thru Nov 15 - Early Bird:** \$15 General Admission | \$10 Students & Seniors

**After Nov 15:** \$18 General Admission | \$12 Students & Seniors

**Free Admission:** Children 12 & under, Members/veterans of armed services, Firefighters, Police  
**Tickets are on sale now at [CalvaryPgh.com](http://CalvaryPgh.com).**

Hallelujah! Bask in Handel's inspiring Messiah while surrounded by candlelight and Calvary's magnificent Tiffany stained-glass masterpieces.

This will be our 11th year bringing this Calvary tradition to the Pittsburgh area. We will be performing the "Christmas" portion of Messiah. Calvary's Music Director Brian Burns conducts the event which includes popular regional soloists, a chamber orchestra comprised of some of the area's most accomplished instrumentalists, and the Festival Choir. The concert is followed by a cookie reception in the Victorian Chapel.

We also offer this concert in support of outreach ministries on Pittsburgh's Northside. This year, as in years past, we ask audience members to bring non-perishable food items and extra shopping tote bags for Northside Common Ministries Food Pantry.

It's a fantastic way to kick off the holiday season, and we invite everyone to join in and sing for the joy of it!

# SPECIAL SUNDAYS

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## EVENTS

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

**Sunday, November 5 | During Worship | Sanctuary**

If you have a loved one, who passed away since last November 1st, please let us know and they will be remembered during the service. Please include the person's name, date of death, and their relationship to you. Forms are available on the communication desk in the Chapel.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**Christmas Eve Service | 4:00pm | Calvary**

**Candlelight Service | 7:00pm Music & 7:30pm Service | Calvary**

You are invited to discover a more meaningful holiday season by celebrating Christmas Eve at Calvary. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at each service. Our communion table is open to everyone. Refreshments to follow each service in the Chapel.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

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## EVENTS

### VIEWING FOR CHRISTINE THOMAS

**Saturday, November 4 | 4:00-8:00pm**

**Robinson (Odell) Funeral Home, 2025 Perrysville Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15214**

### A TRIUMPHANT LIFE LIVED - MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CHRISTINE ANN THOMAS

**Sunday, November 5 | 2:00pm | Calvary**

Family and friends are invited to join in celebrating the life of Christine Ann Thomas. Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship in the lower level of Calvary following the Memorial Service.

### TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE: TELLING OUR STORIES

**Sunday, November 19 | 12:00-4:00pm | First UMC, 5401 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15232**

Join us for a powerful afternoon of celebrating the lives and stories of transgender and genderqueer folx in and around our community. Participate in an education and advocacy fair. Share a delicious lunch. Listen to the stand-up comedy of Bailey Pope and Asher O'Briant. Hear stories from trans folx and the allies who have walked with them through a transition. Honor and express your own story through interactive art with Suzanne Werder. Children are enthusiastically welcomed to take part, but childcare is available if needed.

**Admission is FREE! But tickets are required and donations are appreciated!**

Get your tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/709449341077?aff=oddtcreator>



## EVENTS

### COMMUNITY LUNCH

**Sunday, October 29 | Last Sunday of Each Month - Following Worship | Fellowship Hall**

This is an expansion on our normally scheduled Fellowship time following morning worship. The menu for October is fried and baked chicken and sides!

### CHARGE CONFERENCE

**Saturday, November 4 | 10:30am | Chapel**

We will share the meeting with Sheraden and Christ Community, Westview, McKnight, and Epworth. We will be hosting! Come and meet our new DS - Rev. Paul Ritchie.

### COMMUNION

**Sunday, November 5 (First Sunday of Each Month) | During Morning Worship | Sanctuary**

All are invited to the table of our Lord. You do not need to be a member of Calvary or any church to participate. The bread that we share is gluten free so that all may partake.

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

**Sunday, November 12 | Following Worship | Parlor**

If you have an interest in learning more about membership or Calvary in general, please reach out to the church office to sign up for this casual gathering. Please feel free to get some refreshments and take them to the meeting. This is an informational meeting and a chance to ask questions about Calvary Church.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday, November 16 | 6:30-8:00pm | Chapel**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

### BOWLING OUTING

The Choir is in the process of scheduling a Bowling Outing for anyone who would like to attend. The date is still being decided on, but it will be a Sunday after church at the Crafton Ingram Lanes (Ingram Shopping Center, 252 Crafton, Pittsburgh, PA 15205). Stay tuned for further updates!

# MESSIAH SPONSORSHIPS

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**Dear Friends,**

We are once again planning our annual Handel's Messiah Sing-Along Concert Series. The concerts will be presented on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 4:00pm and Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 4:00pm at Calvary.

We ask that you please review the Sponsorship Opportunities we have available and consider how you can partner with us in offering this unique musical event. When you choose to sponsor this Community Christmas Concert, you are helping continue what has become a tradition in the Pittsburgh area and at Calvary.

**Messiah Sponsorship Forms can be found on the Welcome Tables. Please fill out and include with your choice of sponsorship or donation. Forms can be placed in the offering plates, dropped off at the church office, or mailed directly to the church.**

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Underwrite the cost of sheet music — \$100
- ✓ Sponsor a Musician in the Chamber Orchestra — \$200
- ✓ Sponsor the Organist — \$250
- ✓ Sponsor a Soloist — \$250
- ✓ Sponsor cost of cookie reception following concert — \$300
- ✓ Sponsor the Brass section — \$400
- ✓ Donate one WQED underwriting spot — \$500
- ✓ Sponsor the program printing cost — \$550

## DONATIONS

It is also perfectly wonderful if you would like to donate without sponsoring anything in particular. You also have the opportunity to dedicate your donation. If you would like your donation to remain anonymous, just indicate so on the form.

## QUESTIONS

Please reach out to either Brian Burns ([bsburns77@aol.com](mailto:bsburns77@aol.com)) or Karen Ferguson ([karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com](mailto:karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.



A HOLIDAY MUSIC TRADITION

# Messiah

## 11th Annual Sing-Along Concert

Two Candlelit Performances Surrounded by Tiffany Masterworks  
Presented by Calvary United Methodist Church

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16** | **4PM**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

Conducted by **Brian Burns**, Music Director, Calvary United Methodist Church  
Featuring Festival Choir, Chamber Orchestra, and Internationally Acclaimed Soloists



**Anna Singer**  
soprano



**Kara Cornell**  
mezzo-soprano



**Kirk Dougherty**  
tenor



**Matthew Hunt**  
baritone

### TICKETS – [CALVARYPGH.COM](https://calvarypgh.com)

**Thru Nov 15 - Early Bird**

**After Nov 15**

**Free Admission**

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**Children 12 & Under, Military, Veterans**

**GET TICKETS**



### FEATURED AT CARNEGIE HALL, NEW YORK CITY

The CALVARY FESTIVAL CHOIR will be fresh back from performing at Carnegie Hall in NYC in the Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY) Messiah concert over Thanksgiving weekend.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CALVARY'S CHURCH CALENDAR IS NOW ON THE WEBSITE!

If you prefer to see a month at a time, or a week at a time, you now have the ability to do so on the Calvary website. You can go there directly at [calvarypgh.com/news-and-events/calendar.php](http://calvarypgh.com/news-and-events/calendar.php). Or, you can go to our main website — [CalvaryPgh.com](http://CalvaryPgh.com) and select the Calendar icon in the middle banner. Finally, you can also scroll down on the main page and choose the calendar icon from the image buttons. Please enjoy this new feature!

## COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

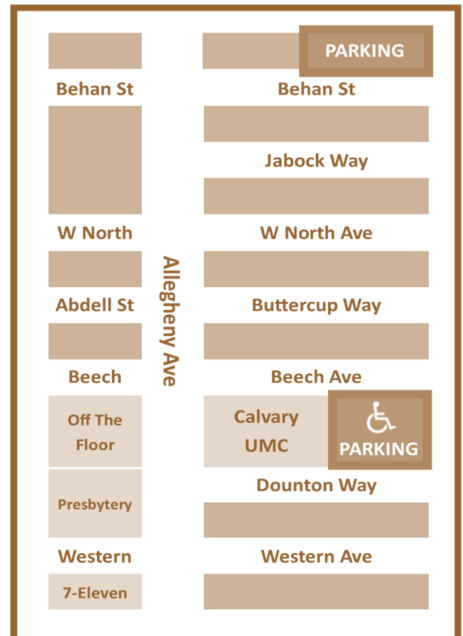
If you have an announcement that you would like to be placed in the bulletin, website, Facebook, etc., please email Karen Ferguson ([karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com](mailto:karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com)). Announcements for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. Please include the following information:

- Title/subject of announcement
- Content that you would like to be included
- How long it should be advertised
- Where you want the information to be publicized

## SUNDAY 1:00PM STEELER GAMES

It's that time of year again! Please see the map that lists where to park on Steeler Sundays. Please note that you may get a parking ticket if you park on any other street. And please do not pay to park in any of the parking lots charging money!

**Special note about Accessible Parking:** The church's accessible parking and ramp are located in the lot behind the church. We ask that you only park in this lot if you or those with you have special needs.





# CALVARY'S FAMILY CORNER

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FALL / WINTER 2023

**DEC  
02**

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**6:00-9:00PM**

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.

**WEEKLY  
EVERY  
SUNDAY**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**10:00-10:45AM**

Calvary offers two Sunday School Classes in the Presbytery across the street from Calvary: ages 3-10, and ages 11-15. Please meet up in the Chapel and everyone walks across the street to the Presbytery.



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*You* ARE WELCOME HERE.



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