

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



ALL SAINTS' DAY

NOV

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2023

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



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.**

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



**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. 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— Anne Christianson

Leader: On this All Saints' Day, we gather to join the multitude of saints across the generations from all tribes, peoples, and languages, to proclaim:

All: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: We come to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate those saints who have come before, yet whose life and witness continues to teach us:

All: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: We gather today as the family of Christ, siblings and saints, diverse yet united by grace to live lives that declare:

All: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Leader: May we be guided today by the Lamb who is our Shepherd, the one who gathers us, comforts us and tends us.

All: May we join in the work of the Shepherd to bring about a world with no more hunger, no more thirst, no more suffering, and no more pain that all the saints of the past, the present, and the future may share in God's abundant life. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE †* "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" — #702 UMH

UNISON PRAYER †*

Loving and generous God, we come to you hungry and thirsty for your word. Satisfy our hunger, quench our thirst, nourish our soul. Teach us to listen and heed all your promises and receive the abundance of your inexhaustible grace. We pause to remember the faithfulness of your servants from all generations, from all peoples, in all languages, who shared in word and deed the many wonders of your love and grace. And now, with words of hope in our hearts, we again respond to your call to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ, in all languages, beginning here in our communities, across all borders, and unto the ends of the earth. Send us in the power of your Holy Spirit to join your mission of bearing witness to your Son, our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

SONG OF PRAISE †* "Give Thanks" — #2036 TFWS

*Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what
the Lord has done for us."*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what
the Lord has done for us."**

Give thanks!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL OFFERING "Change Matters"

We are gathering change to support a monthly meal at Daily Bread. When the children come around, please give generously. When all of our "extra" change comes together, we can make a positive difference.

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 34:1-8 NRSV

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord and was saved from every trouble.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM The Renewal Choir

EPISTLE LESSON * 1 John 3:1-3 NRSV

- 1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
- 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.
- 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Order of Worship continued on following page.

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GOSPEL LESSON †* Matthew 5:1-12 NRSV

- 1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
- 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- 5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- 7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- 8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- 9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- 10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Appreciation” — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: We praise you, O God, in the assembly of your faithful people, for by your great power you have called us to a rich hope and pledged us a glorious inheritance among the saints whom you have gathered before your throne. In ages past you warned us, through your prophets, of the terrifying forces arising on the earth, but promised us that your Kingdom would belong forever to those who embraced your holiness and who walked in the path of righteousness revealed to us by your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Jesus, you have given us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, enlightening the eyes of our hearts to see beyond the struggle of the beatitudes to the resurrection of all your people, when the hungry will feast and the mourners laugh, and all will embody the fullness of Christ who fills all in all.

In Jesus, you have given us - and all the saints before us and those who will come after us - the gift of your love and forgiveness, the power of your sustaining spirit, and the firm foundation of your most blessed word. Through him that which is mortal is clothed with immortality, that which is perishable puts on imperishability, and that which has no honor becomes worthy of praise.

Wherefore, most loving God - we set before you this table - in praise and in thanksgiving to you and to Christ Jesus - who, on the eve of his death, took bread, and gave you thanks as we do now give you thanks for the bread that you give to us, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "take and eat, this my body, broken for you." We remember too, how when the meal was over, he took the cup, the cup of blessing, and having given you thanks, gave it to his disciples, saying "take and drink; this is my blood, the blood of a new covenant for the forgiveness of sins, poured out for many"... As often as you do this, do it in remembrance of me."

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one mystic communion, we pray you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this cup - that they may be for us the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that we may rejoice in the holy people of every time and place, and with them know your forgiveness and love and grow in grace as we advance in years. We ask it in the name of Christ Jesus, singing together the prayer he taught us...

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All are invited to the table of our Lord. You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers and kneel as you are able. You will be served bread and then the cup. Please hold the bread to dip into the cup. The bread that we share is gluten free that all might freely participate.

A TIME TO REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS †*

SONG OF PRAISE †* "Holy Ground" — #2272 TFWS

READING OF THE ROLL OF THE RESURRECTED †*

Pastor: Living God, our Guide and Guardian, who sits on the throne and delivers us into eternal life, we give you thanks for the saints of every time, tribe, and tongue who now rest in the shelter of your embrace. We set aside this moment to remember those saints who are dear and precious to us who have died and entered into glory during the last twelve plus months.

As each name is read, the bell will ring and a candle will be lit.

You may be seated.

Leader: We bless you for the life and love of these dear saints, and rejoice for them that they have entered into the fullness of life in your presence.

We also remember those saints who we hold in our hearts who have not been with us for some time, yet whose life and witness continue to form and shape us as your disciples. We honor them now by lifting their names aloud or in our hearts.

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HYMN * "Hymn of Promise" — #707 UMH

During this hymn, you are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of a loved one.

Pastor: On this All Saints' Sunday, we also remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future. And so, we remember:

All: We are God's children. What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. So today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at one heavenly banquet. Amen.

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 †* "For All the Saints" — #711 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

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All Saints' Day



**On this All Saints' Day
we remember all of those
that have passed away in
the last year.**

William H. Artzberger

Marvin "Jerry" Beach

Judy Bucher

Chuck Callen

Dolly Cardoni

Betty Fazio

Claudia Foreman

Mary & Ronald Frank

Monica Gandy

Derek Harris

Ralph Davis McClenney, Jr.

Bobby Marsico

Steven Mehring

Joanne Richards

Dr. Andrea Schwartz

Jackie Sheerer

Charles E. Thomas

Christine Thomas

Peyton Wagner



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**, Licensed Massage Therapist, Owner of Back to the Earth Healing Center
- **Lori Paul**, Certified Life/Health Coach (extensive experience with mental health)
- **Holly Pultz**, Spiritual Gardener

Questions?

Contact Linda Ehrlich (laehrllich927@aol.com) or the Calvary UMC Church Office (412-231-2007 / CalvaryPgh@gmail.com).

RSVP

RSVP by Monday, November 6th

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

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
NOV 5

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

COMMUNION

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

“A TRIUMPHANT LIFE LIVED” MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CHRISTINE THOMAS

2:00pm | Calvary

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00pm (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
NOV 6

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

6:30pm (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
NOV 7

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00am (Weekly) | Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS)

7:00-8:00pm (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MESSIAH FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

THURS
NOV 9

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00am (Weekly) | Chapel

DAILY BREAD

11:00am-12:00pm (Monthly) | Trinity Lutheran Church

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00-8:00pm (Weekly) | Sanctuary

SAT
NOV 11

CALVARY WOMEN'S RETREAT

9:00am-12:30pm | Chapel



**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](http://calvarypgh.com/news-and-events/calendar.php) or

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

Mondays | 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall

The Sleeping Bag group will be taking a break for the holidays soon. They will still meet on November 6th and 13th, but won't meet up again until January 8th.

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 / trr_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

"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.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

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) or Linda Ehrlich (laehrich927@aol.com) for any questions.

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!

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

Sundays | 8:00pm | Fellowship Hall

AA meetings are designed to help you on your road to recovery — designed to help you get sober and remain sober.

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS)

Tuesdays | 7:00-8:00pm | Fellowship Hall

Every addict in the world has the chance to experience their message, and find the opportunity for a new way of life.

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 Rev. 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) or Kim (412-638-7773 / kimabutler4@gmail.com).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



EVENTS

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!

STEELERS NIGHT GAME OPEN HOUSE

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.

OLD ALLEGHENY VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

Friday, December 8 | 5:00pm-8:00pm | Calvary

Saturday, December 9 | 10:00am-8:00pm | Calvary

WHAT IS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to help in kitchen, sell food, help with sales tables, handing out postcards for tours, setup and cleanup. We also need people to bake cookies prior to the House Tours.

WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Please contact the Church Office (calvarypgh@gmail.com) if you are able to help. There will be a spreadsheet with timeslots floating around in church on upcoming Sundays to fill in empty time slots. More information to come in the next few weeks.

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

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

WHAT IS NEEDED: The following is needed for EACH concert: 6 - Box Office, 4 - Parking Attendants, 6 - Ushers. We also need people to bake cookies prior to the concerts.

WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com) if you are able to help. More information to come in the next few weeks.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24 | Services at 4:30pm & 7:00pm | Calvary

WHAT IS NEEDED: At least 8 volunteers for each service to make sure everyone who comes to Calvary feels welcomed, loved, and experiences God's love. We will need help with the welcome team to pass out bulletins and candles, assist at the accessible entrance, door openers, setting up the luminaria, floating around church to answer questions, point out bathrooms, collecting the offering, lighting the candles during Silent Night, and helping however we need. We also need people to bake cookies prior to the services.

WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Please reach out to Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 / kenelliott76@gmail.com) if you are able to help. More information to come in the next few weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COOKIE MAKERS NEEDED

We will need cookies for the House Tours, Messiah Concerts, and Christmas Eve... **That's A LOT of cookies!** A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Announcement Board in the Chapel sometime over the next few weeks. Please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com). There will also be a spreadsheet floating around church for you to sign up on as well. Stay tuned for more information.

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 learn 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.

SPECIAL SUNDAYS



EVENTS

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 5 | During Worship | Sanctuary

Names of loved ones that have passed away in the last year since November 1st will be read during a special time of remembrance.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve Service (focused more on the children) | 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



EVENTS

“A TRIUMPHANT LIFE LIVED” - MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CHRISTINE 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.

Acknowledgements and Cards: The family of the late Christine Ann Thomas acknowledges with sincere hearts all of the comforting thoughts, prayers, and words of kindness given towards them in this time of bereavement. Please continue to hold this family in prayer. The family prays that God will bless and keep all of you.

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>

Questions can be emailed to anais.firstchurch@gmail.com.



EVENTS

COMMUNION

Sunday, November 5 (First Sunday of each month) | During 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

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, November 26 (Last Sunday of each month) | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

This is an expansion on our normally scheduled Fellowship time following morning worship.

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!



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) 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.

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!



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.



A Time for Fellowship

PLEASE JOIN US AROUND THE TABLES
IN THE CHAPEL BEHIND THE
SANCTUARY FOLLOWING MORNING
WORSHIP FOR REFRESHMENTS.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW SIGN OUTSIDE CALVARY!

The new sign has been installed outside of Calvary. The old one was damaged last year during a storm. At that time it was decided to replace the sign with an updated one to reflect the new logo. The new sign is very impressive and the detail on the logo is breathtaking. The logo itself was made with over 20 colors of epoxy and looks like glass. The new sign was made by Blue Fire in Gibsonsia. If you haven't looked at the new sign yet, take a walk outside and be ready to be impressed!

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. Or, you can go to our main website — 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).

Announcements for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. Please include the following information:

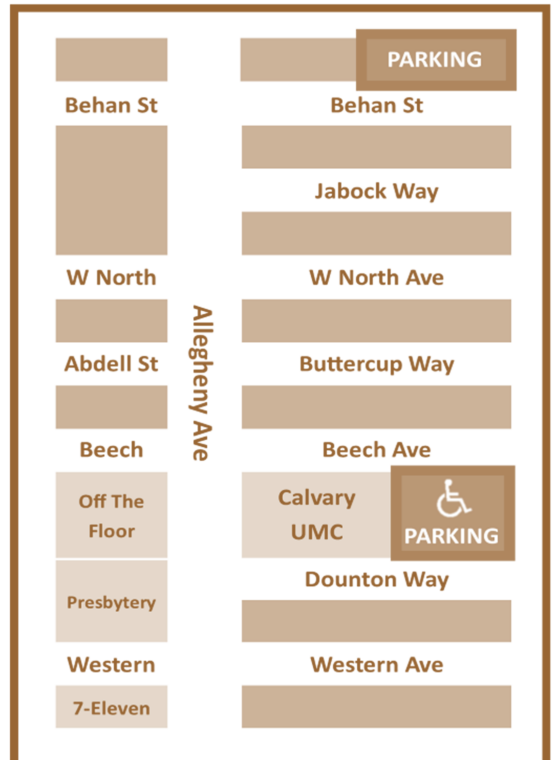
- Title/subject of announcement
- Content
- How long it should be advertised
- Where you want it publicized

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

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MORE INFO
MEGAN 412-715-4946
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MESSIAH SPONSORSHIPS



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) or Karen Ferguson (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://www.calvarypgh.com)

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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.

You ARE GOD'S BELOVED.
You ARE WELCOME HERE.



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