

What are you grateful for?



CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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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PRAYER CONCERNS

Immediate Needs

Beth Ober and Family
Scott Siciliano (Pastor Shane's brother)
Chris Griffin
Hailey Mickens and Family
Jenalee Morris
Father of Liz Martinez
Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister)
Tricia Magee (friend of Larry & Pam Hopkins)
Roy Ziegler (friend of Venus)
Lori McDonough (relative of Venus)
Juan Martinez's Grandmother
Milliner Family (friends of Brittany Bova)
Friend of Mark Snyder
Kathleen (friend of Brittany Bova)
Joshua (Brian Burns' cousin's son)
Danny (Bova's cousin)
Sheila Shimko (mother of Sheila Hill)
Thomas Warnock (Susan Derowin's Dad)
Chuck (Eliyana Bogdewic's Great Uncle)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Martha Helmreich
Christine Thomas
Paul Brucker
Joan Jessep
Joan Sturtz
Randy & Danny
Dan Souza
Tom Smith
Jared Burt

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

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 — Mark Rehn

Leader: Sing God's praises.

All: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord.**

Leader: We have walked through fire and water with heavy burdens on our backs.

All: **But God has led us into a spacious place to plant gardens of faith.**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord.

All: **Build houses of joy and shout glory to our God.**

Leader: Let us worship in gratitude and praise.

Opening Hymn †* "For the Beauty of the Earth" — #92 UMH

Opening Prayer † Lay Leader — Mark Rehn

Community Greetings †

Children's Message

Stewardship Moment

Prayer Hymn * "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" — #480 UMH

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *

Scripture * Deuteronomy 26:12-19 NRSV

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Alleluia". It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music features a simple, melodic vocal line and a piano accompaniment with chords and moving bass lines. The score is presented on a white background with a light blue border.

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Gospel †* Matthew 23:12-24 NRSV

Sermon "What Are We Grateful For?" — Pastor Shane Siciliano

Anthem

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Doxology †* "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" — #94 UMH

Offering Prayer †

The Lord's Prayer †*

Closing Hymn †* "Bring Forth the Kingdom" — #2190 TFWS

Benediction †*

Postlude †

** Words are listed on screen / † Please stand as you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU! — A Message from the Missions Committee

On behalf of the Sunday School Children and the Missions Committee we would like to thank all those who donated to the Ian hurricane collection. The congregation donated **\$623.79** to this effort. Also, thank you to all those who gave on-line to this disaster relief.

THANK YOU (IN ADVANCE)! — A Message from the Missions Committee

Northside Community Food Pantry's is hoping to put "Thanksgiving on Every Table." Including today's donations, it looks like we've exceeded our goal to contribute 75 cans of cranberry sauce. Take a look at the table in the chapel. Wow! Thanks to everyone. Calvary's generosity is powerful. Thank you for being a part of sharing thanksgiving blessings with the community.

Messiah Sponsorships

Please review the Sponsorship Packages listed in the enclosed document as well as the additional 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 at Calvary and in the Pittsburgh area. This year especially we need sponsorships to help cover the cost of producing this beloved event. No sponsorship or donation is too small (and none is too big ☺). We hope that you will consider reaching out to a local business for an ad or creating a booster listing for the choir. If you have any questions, please reach out to Brian Burns (bsburns77@aol.com or 724-388-3246) or Karen Ferguson (karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com or 724-448-1429).

Messiah Tickets Are Now On Sale!

Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended to avoid the crunch at the door. Tickets can be purchase in a couple ways. Paper tickets will be for sale every Sunday during fellowship in the chapel following morning. Please see Karen Ferguson in the chapel to purchase. You can also purchase tickets on Eventbrite by going to CalvaryPGH.com and clicking on the "PURCHASE TICKETS" link in the banner at the top. We are asking that even "Free Admission" tickets be registered online if possible. We will be able to keep track of the audience count this way so we know how many printed tickets should be available. Ticket prices are as follows:

- **Early Bird Ticket Sales BEFORE November 15:** \$15 – General Admission / \$10 – Students & Seniors (65 and over)
- **Ticket Sales AFTER November 15:** \$18 – General Admission / \$12 – Students & Seniors (65 and over)
- **FREE ADMISSION:** Children 12 & under, Members/veterans of the armed services, Firefighters, Police

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT...

Christmas Decorations Wanted

The Calvary United Women in Faith are asking for donations of used Christmas (only) decorations to be sold at the holiday shop in our Fellowship Hall during the Allegheny West Victorian House Tour on Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10. Items can be brought to the designated table in our Chapel from now until Wednesday, November 30. More details about the holiday shop later in November. Questions, contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrllich927@aol.com or Kim Butler at kimabutler4@gmail.com.

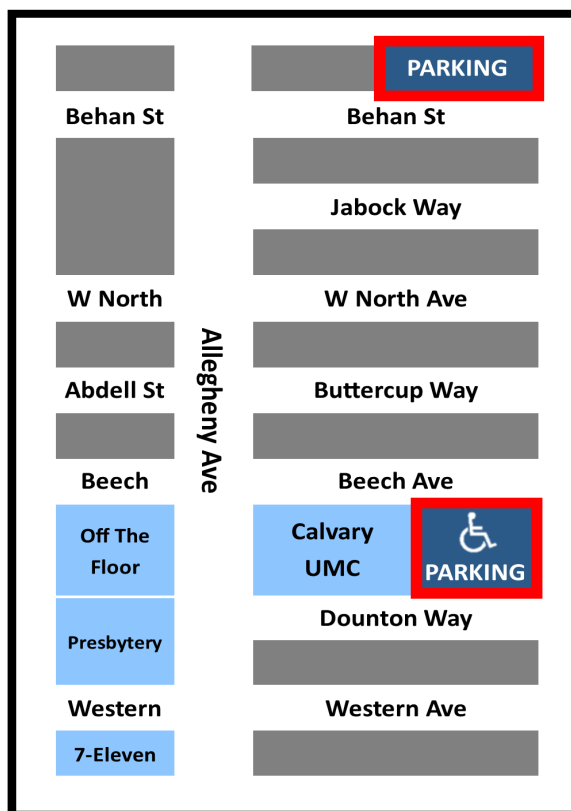
Nursery Ministry — A Message from the Children & Youth Committee

Our nursery ministry can only continue if new volunteers sign up. 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.

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, November 17 at 6:00pm in the Chapel

In person or via Zoom

Family Fun Day

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

Families with kids stay after church for games and fun together.

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 26 from 9:00am-12:00pm at Calvary

Join us as we decorate Calvary for the upcoming Christmas season!

Charge Conference

Wednesday, November 30 from 6:00-9:00pm in the Chapel

A meal will be provided prior to the meeting.

Kids Christmas Party

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

Christmas Dinner - All Women Welcome!

Thursday, December 15 from 6:00-8:30pm

All women are invited to gather and celebrate the holidays with a night of food and festivities hosted by the Calvary United Women in Faith, on Thursday, December 15, at the Fabled Table Banquet Center. Cost is \$25. Join the fun with a "Regift Exchange". RSVP by Sunday, December 4 to Kathy Wagner at either 412-837-2081 or kbwagner47@gmail.com. Fabled Table is located at 1400 Buena Vista St, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

10th Annual Messiah Sing-Along Concert

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

Bask in Handel's inspiring Messiah while surrounded by candlelight and Calvary's magnificent Tiffany stained-glass masterpieces. Tickets are now available for purchase. Please see today's announcements for Sponsorship options.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24 at 4:30pm & 7:00pm

This year we will be having two services on Christmas Eve. One will be held at 4:30pm without a musical prelude. The other will be our normal 7:30pm service with special music beginning at 7:00pm.

Family Movie Night

Friday, January 13 from 6:30-9:30pm at Calvary

Movie is to be determined, but we will encourage families and church members to wear pjs and bring pillows/blankets for a true movie night feel!