

# CALVARY

United Methodist Church



**NOV**

**19<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

Marsha Webb (dear friend of Mark Snyder)  
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  
Brian (partner of David Grinnell)  
Linda Trautman  
Emma H. (Joan Sturtz's granddaughter)  
Megan MacDonald  
Cel Thomas, John Rosella, Darlene Lesure  
(friends of Fred Ruddock)

## ONGOING CONCERNS

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

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP †\* . . . . . Liturgist — Brittany & James Bova

Leader: The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,

**All: Thank you!**

Leader: The hills and valleys are filled with color, and we say,

**All: Thank you!**

Leader: The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,

**All: Thank you!**

Leader: Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say,

**All: Thank you!**

Leader: Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and we say,

**All: Thank you!**

Leader: We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,

**All: Thank you! May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE †\* . . . . . "We Gather Together" — #131 UMH

### UNISON PRAYER †\*

**What mighty praise belongs to You, O God, for Your acts of love and faithfulness toward us! In Your mercy You hear our prayers, You forgive our sins, You provide for our needs. From one end of the earth to the other, You inspire worship and praise! Even nature celebrates Your goodness. We, too, would offer our praise and thanksgiving for Your mercy and Your faithful love toward us. Receive our adoration, our confession, our thanksgiving. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit make Your presence known among us that we may hear Your Word and know Your will. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. 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

### PSALTER LESSON \* . . . . . Psalm 100 NRSV

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
- 3 Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.
- 5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

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 \* . . . . . "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" — #694 UMH

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION \*

**Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. Amen.**

### WORDS OF GRACE \*

**God is a gracious giver. God is gracious in forgiveness. God calls us to new patterns and new life. We are a forgiven people! Thanks be to God!**

## 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

Order of Worship continued on following page.

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

**GOSPEL LESSON †\*** . . . . . Luke 17:11-19 NRSV

- 11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.
- 12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance,
- 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
- 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean.
- 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.
- 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.
- 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?"
- 18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?"
- 19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** . . . . . "Grateful Heart!" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

**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 †\*** . . . . . "Now Thank We All Our God" — #102 UMH

**BENEDICTION †**

**POSTLUDE †**

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



## WEEKLY

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Presbytery (Across the street from Calvary)**

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

## EVENTS

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, December 2 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | 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.

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**Friday, January 19 | 6:30 – 9:00 PM | Chapel**

Come and enjoy popcorn and movie snacks! Bring your favorite stuffed animal, blanky, and wear your favorite PJs as we watch a family friendly movie!

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, February 10 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Chapel**

Dinner, games, a movie, and crafts for kids of all ages! The best part about it is it's FREE!!



## A Time for Fellowship

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

# THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



**SUN**  
**NOV 19**

**TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**  
**TELLING OUR STORIES**

12:00 – 4:00 PM | First UMC, 5401 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

**AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS**

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**TUES**  
**NOV 21**

**EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES**

9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

6:00 – 7:30 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

**NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS)**

7:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**MESSIAH FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

7:30 – 9:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

**THURS**  
**NOV 23**

**OPEN SANCTUARY**

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

The sanctuary will be open on Thanksgiving.

**SUN**  
**NOV 26**

**COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

**AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS**

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall



**FIRST TIME ATTENDING A MEETING,  
GROUP, OR EVENT AT CALVARY?**

All those attending meetings, groups, or events during the week are to enter the building from the Dounton Way parking lot door.

VIEW ENTIRE  
CHURCH CALENDAR





# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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## WEEKLY

### SLEEPING BAG GROUP

**Mondays | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall**

**The Sleeping Bag group is taking a break for the holidays.**

**They will begin meeting again in the new year on January 8th, 2024.**

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 – 8:00 PM | 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

### NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

**Saturday, December 2 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM | 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 ([laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com)) for any questions.

### “CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

**Sunday, December 3 (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, December 14 (2nd Thursday each month) | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**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!



## How does a weary world rejoice?

### AS ADVENT COMES AGAIN TO A WEARY WORLD, WE ASK... “HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE?”

Christ was born into a weary world. King Herod ruled the land with a legacy of ruthlessness. The Romans treated the people of Israel with contempt, imposing harsh taxes and land seizures that forced many into subsistence farming. Poverty and destitution were pervasive. And yet, Christ was born, bringing good news of great joy for all people.

As Advent comes again to a weary world, we ask, “*How does a weary world rejoice?*” From the opening chapters of Luke’s Gospel, we have found a few answers: we acknowledge our weariness, we find joy in connection, we allow ourselves to be amazed, we sing stories of hope, we make room, we root ourselves in ritual, and most importantly, we trust our belovedness. In the parallel birth stories of Jesus and John, joy arrives—despite trepidation, fear, or grief. In these stories, we find rhythms for rejoicing. As we move through our series, we hope to create space for acknowledging the weariness of our world while celebrating God’s closeness with great joy.

And so, this Advent, we will hold space for our weariness and our joy. We will seek a “thrill of hope” in our hurting world. We will welcome joy—even if, like the prophet Isaiah, we cry out for comfort (Isaiah 40:1). In this weary world, may we find many ways to rejoice.

**Devotional Booklets for this series are available as well as Advent Calendars for both adults and children. Please visit the Welcome Tables over the coming weeks to pick up your materials.**

# OUR JOURNEY OVER THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT — WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR WEARINESS

### **Luke 1:1-23 (Zechariah & Elizabeth are promised a child) & Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

As Advent begins, we start by acknowledging the weariness, grief, rage, and hopelessness we carry—and we also affirm that we are made for joy. We start the season with Zechariah and Elizabeth; they have battled infertility and have lived many years. Perhaps they feel the weight of hopes and dreams unattained. The angel comes to Zechariah with a promise of good news, but Zechariah can't fully receive it. Sometimes weariness can harden us and prevent us from living fully. Let us acknowledge the ways we, too, are hardened by disbelief. Like the psalmist, let us ask, "how long?" and plead for restoration.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — WE FIND JOY IN CONNECTION

### **Luke 1:24-45 (Gabriel visits Mary; Mary goes to Elizabeth) & Isaiah 40:1-11**

In community, our joy expands. When we can't rejoice, we can carry each other's joy. That is what Elizabeth and Mary do for each other. The good news begins to take shape in Elizabeth's womb, but scripture tells us that she stays secluded, hiding her pregnancy from others—that is, until Mary arrives at her door, also pregnant. Perhaps Mary's arrival is the inbreaking that changes everything for Elizabeth, for in that moment, her child leaps in her womb and she is filled with the Spirit. She can't help but to rejoice. Her joy is contagious and wraps around Mary like a hug. Through the prophet Isaiah, we hear God speak tender words of comfort; this is the comfort we can give to and receive from each other during this season.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT — WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE AMAZED

### **Luke 1:57-66 (The birth of John) & Psalm 126**

After Elizabeth gives birth, her neighbors and family celebrate with her. When it comes time to name the child, Zechariah affirms the name given by the angel and by Elizabeth. In that moment of affirming the promise, Zechariah's speech is restored. Everyone is filled with awe. How often do you allow yourself to be amazed? Wonder is all around us—can we recognize it? As we learn how to rejoice in a weary world, can we live in a way that allows amazement and wonder to surprise us often? In Psalm 126, those who expect to reap tears are granted a surprise: shouts of joy. Amazement is a balm for the weary.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT — WE SING STORIES OF HOPE

### **Luke 1:46-55 (Magnificat) & Luke 1:67-80 (Zechariah's song)**

As soon as Zechariah's voice returns, his first words are gratitude and blessing. He sings a story of praise for God's protection and promise, and then he showers a blessing on his newborn son. He sings a story of hope. After Elizabeth exclaims blessings upon Mary, Mary sings: "My soul magnifies God; my spirit rejoices in God." Mary sings about a God of liberation who pulls the powerful from their thrones and lifts up the lowly. Mary sings a story of hope, one in which justice and joy are interwoven. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, may we also sing stories of hope, justice, and joy.



# CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## **JOIN US SUNDAYS AS WE CELEBRATE ADVENT**

**10:00 AM — Sunday School**

**11:00 AM — Worship**

## **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**

**4:30 PM — This service will focus  
more on the children**

**7:00 PM — Music & 7:30 PM — Service**

You are invited to discover a more meaningful holiday season by celebrating Advent and Christmas at Calvary.

Let the words of beloved carols and scriptures set the foundation. Stirring choral and organ music will set the scene. The peaceful illumination of Advent builds to an unforgettable Christmas Eve Candlelight Service as both young and old remember the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

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

### **TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE: TELLING OUR STORIES**

**Sunday, November 19 | 12:00 – 4:00 PM | 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](mailto:anais.firstchurch@gmail.com).

### **OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE**

**DATE TBD | TIME TBD | Parsonage**

This Advent Season, Rev. Beth Nelson will be opening up the doors of the parsonage and welcoming everyone to an Open House following worship. More details to come!

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**Christmas Eve Service (focused more on the children) | 4:00 PM | Calvary**

**Candlelight Service | 7:00 PM Music & 7:30 PM 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. Refreshments to follow each service in the chapel.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## EVENTS

### HANGING OF THE GREENS

**Saturday, December 2 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | 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 – 8:00 PM | 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 | 5:00 – 8:00 PM | Calvary**

**Saturday, December 9 | 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM | 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. We also need people to bake cookies prior to the House Tour.

WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: Please see or contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / [bsburns77@aol.com](mailto:bsburns77@aol.com)) if you are able to assist in any way. Time slots are only two hours. You can also grab Brian as he is running around the church before or after worship on Sundays.

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

**Saturday, December 16 & Sunday, December 17 | 4:00 PM | 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](mailto:bsburns77@aol.com)) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / [karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com](mailto:karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com)) if you are able to help.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

**Sunday, December 24 | Services at 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM | 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](mailto:kenelliott76@gmail.com)) if you are able to help.

## 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 is posted at the announcement board in the chapel. You can also contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / [bsburns77@aol.com](mailto:bsburns77@aol.com)) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / [karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com](mailto:karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com)).

### 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.



# CHRISTMAS Shoppe

## Victorian House Tour & Shoppe

The Allegheny West Victorian House Tour is Friday, Dec. 8th and Saturday, Dec. 9th. There will be a Holiday Shoppe in Calvary's Fellowship Hall both days. The United Women in Faith (UWF) will have a booth at the Shoppe as one of our major fundraisers.

1

The plan is to sell donated pre-owned Christmas items and new handmade items that are clean and in good repair.

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Please contact Linda Ehrlich or Kim Butler with questions or an idea for a homemade item that you would like to donate.

3

Items can be dropped off either after church on a Sunday or during the week by contacting Linda Ehrlich or Kim Butler.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Linda Ehrlich — 412-512-7246 or [laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com)

Kim Butler — 412-638-7773 or [kimabutler4@gmail.com](mailto:kimabutler4@gmail.com)





## WEEKLY

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

**Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Sanctuary**

**Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:30 PM | 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 – 9:00 PM | 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 – 7:30 PM | 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 | 4:00 PM | Sanctuary**

**Tickets:** \$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!

# SMALL GROUPS

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## WEEKLY

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Parlor**

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

### **AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS**

**Sundays | 8:00 PM | 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 – 8:00 PM | 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 | 9:00 AM | Chapel**

The group uses the program "Grow Young Fitness". The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich ([laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com)).

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Thursdays | 10:00 – 11:00 AM | 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. *John 14 tells us that God gives us the Holy Spirit to be in us – Christ in us, the hope of glory.*

## 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 / [laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com)) or Kim (412-638-7773 / [kimabutler4@gmail.com](mailto:kimabutler4@gmail.com)).



## **NEW LIGHTS AT FRONT ENTRANCE OF CALVARY!**

If you didn't notice last week when you walked into the church, take a walk outside and look on both sides of the front doors. Almost two weeks ago, Brian Burns was able to get the new lights installed. They were specially ordered a while ago and are as historically accurate as they could possibly be to what was there originally when the church was first built over 125 years ago. Thank you, Brian (and his helpers), for completing this project, which was not easily done, and helping to light the way to Calvary for those that find themselves in places of darkness.

## **THANK YOU!**

### **A MESSAGE FROM JOAN BRADLEY**

I want to thank everyone who provided food, helped serve, washed dishes, and helped in any way with the

dinner for the Christine Thomas family. With everyone's excellent help, I feel we honored Christine and gave her family a wonderful meal. Several of the family told me how much they appreciated the meal and time to spend with family and friends. This was a great example of the hospitality of the Calvary community.

## **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!

## **HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?**

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
- How long it should be advertised
- Where you want it publicized



# FAMILY CORNER

## WINTER SCHEDULE

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, December 2**

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

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.



### MOVIE NIGHT

**Friday, January 19**

**6:30 - 9:00 PM**

Movie and movie snacks will be provided.

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, February 10**

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

Dinner and snacks will be provided.

### MORE INFO

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## EVENTS

### 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.

### COMMUNION

**Sunday, December 3 (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.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday, December 21 | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LAY LEADERS AND LITURGISTS

Liturgists serve an important role in worship. They help lead the congregation in various parts of the worship service, including the Call to Worship and the reading of scripture. Please contact Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 / [kenelliott76@gmail.com](mailto:kenelliott76@gmail.com)) if you are interested.

# 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 4:00 PM and Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 4:00 PM 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://www.calvarypgh.com)

**Thru Nov 15 - Early Bird**

**After Nov 15**

**Free Admission**

**\$15 General | \$10 Students, Seniors**

**\$18 General | \$12 Students, Seniors**

**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.

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



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