

THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

*Peace*



**CALVARY**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

# WELCOME TO CALVARY

YOU ARE GOD'S  
BELOVED,  
AND YOU ARE  
WELCOME HERE.

PASTOR  
SHANE SICILIANO



## **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.***

## **Welcome to Calvary!**

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

## **Families with Babies or Young Children**

Families with babies or young children? We have a family area in the sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys so your family can participate in the service.

## **How Do I Get Involved?**

There are many ways you can become involved at Calvary United Methodist Church. If you have been promising yourself to join a small group experience for not just a continuing learning opportunity but also to meet new friends, please fill out a "Get Involved" card in the back of the pews. You can also email [CalvaryPgh@gmail.com](mailto:CalvaryPgh@gmail.com) or visit our website at [CalvaryPgh.com](http://CalvaryPgh.com) for information about the many ministries available. If you are ready to serve or just want to connect and grow, there are plenty of opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents.

# 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**

Ronald Frank (Karen Ferguson's Pap)  
Tom (friend of Anne Christianson)  
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)  
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 [calvaryppgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php](http://calvaryppgh.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.



# FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

## ADVENT 2022

### “From Generation To Generation” — An Advent Message Series

The stories, scriptures, and traditions of the Christmas season have been passed down to us throughout the generations. Many of us enter this season with a swell of memories and emotions as vast as the cultural and religious rituals this holiday holds. Like a tapestry woven throughout time, the Christmas story weaves us in—to remember how God has shown up in the past, to continue the work of collective liberation, to behold the presence of God in flesh and bone.

Our Advent theme is also a call to action: what are we being called to generate or bring forth? What have your ancestors and those who have come before you passed on for you to continue? Considering the many ways we embody, remember, and tell the story of Christ’s birth, which rituals hold the most meaning for you? What about this season will you pass on to the next generation?

From Generation to Generation... reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding—in and through us. This Advent, may you remember that you belong—to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won’t let you go.

**Devotional Booklets can be found at each of the Welcome Tables. Please help yourselves to these Advent resources.**



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## HELP NEEDED DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Hello everyone! There is **A LOT** happening at Calvary during December and along with that is a tremendous need for **A LOT** of help. Please read thru the below and let us know how you are able to help. The Christmas season at Calvary is always busy, fun, exhausting, memorable, and meaningful. Please help us to continue the events that have become traditions for not only our Calvary family, but the Northside Community.

### COOKIE MAKERS

- **WHAT IS NEEDED:** We need cookies for the House Tours, Messiah Concerts, and Christmas Eve... That's A LOT of cookies! PLEASE HELP! J
- **WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS:** Please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 or karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com). There will also be a spreadsheet floating around church for you to sign up on as well.

### HOUSE TOUR

**Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-8:00pm (Actual times of tours are 5:00-8:00pm)**

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-8:00pm (Actual times of tours are 10:00am-8:00pm)**

- **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 Brian Burns (724-388-3246) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 or karen.ferguson.15202@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.

### MESSIAH CONCERTS

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**

- **WHAT IS NEEDED:** The following is needed for **EACH** concert: Box Office Lead (3), Box Office Assistant (3), Parking (4), Ushers (6)
- **WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS:** Please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 or karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm and 7:00pm**

- **WHAT IS NEEDED:** At least 8 volunteers to do the most meaningful and satisfying service to make sure everyone who comes to Calvary feels welcomed, loved, and experiences God's love: Help with the welcome team, pass out bulletins and candles, handicapped 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.
- **WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS:** Please reach out to Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 or kenelliott76@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Trustees Meeting**

**Today, Sunday, December 4 at 12:00pm in the Chapel**

## **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.

## **Old Allegheny Victorian Christmas House Tour**

**Friday, December 9th from 3:00-8:00pm & Saturday, December 10th from 9:00am-8:00pm**

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. Please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 or karen.ferguson.15202@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.

## **10th Annual Messiah Sing-Along Concert**

**Saturday, December 17 at 4:00pm & 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.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** The following is needed for EACH concert: Box Office Lead (3), Box Office Assistant (3), Parking (4), Ushers (6). Please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 or karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

## **Blue Christmas Service — A Service of Prayer and Song**

**Thursday, December 22 at 7:00pm at Salem UMC (350 Manor Rd, Wexford, PA 15090)**

Whether you are grieving someone special, struggling with the pressure to be of good cheer or simply needing some quiet space, you are invited to Blue Christmas: A Service of Prayer and Song. This gentle service will offer music, prayer, and reflection in this holy holiday week. This service is hosted by Calvary & Salem UM Churches.

## **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. You are invited to discover a more meaningful holiday season by celebrating 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 Service as both young and old remember the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Help with the welcome team, pass out bulletins and candles, handicapped 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. Please reach out to Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 or kenelliott76@gmail.com) if you are able to help.



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at Salem in Wexford**

350 manor Rd. Wexford PA 15090

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

**Lighting the Candle of Peace** . . . Natalie & Desmond Dean, Bailey Burns-Elliott, Margee Bilyak

**Opening Hymn †\*** . . . . . “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” — #718 UMH

## Prayer of Penitence †\*

Leader: Fear can be a good thing. It can help us be attentive while driving down the highway. It can alert us to possible accidents. It can motivate us to do our best. However, fear can also be harmful. For so many of us, fear of the other, fear of failure, or fear of the unknown has led us to make sinful choices in our lives— choices such as building walls or tearing others down. Today, in this prayer of penitence, we ask for mercy and pray for guidance. As we confess, we come before an entirely merciful and loving God who says to us, “Do not be afraid.”  
Let us pray:

All: **Patient God, you know just how often we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love. You know just how often we allow fear to take the place of logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives. You know just how often we tuck your words, “Do not be afraid” on dusty shelves and in the back of closets, stubbornly holding onto our own point of view. Forgive us for giving fear the microphone. Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection, which spark and feed so much of our fear, to recenter us in love. With hope we pray, Amen**

## Words of Hope †

## Community Greetings †

## Children’s Message

**Prayer Hymn †\*** . . . . . “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” — #216 UMH

## Pastoral Prayer

**Scripture \*** . . . . . Isaiah 11:1-10 NRSV

1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall



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lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**Choral Response** *(Choir & Congregation)* †\*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Gospel** †\* . . . . . Luke 1:26-38 NRSV

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” 34 Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” 35 The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.” 38 Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

**Sermon** . . . . . “From Fearful to Determined” — Pastor Shane Siciliano

**Choral Anthem** . . . . . The Renewal Choir

**Invitation to Holy Communion**

**Silent Confession Before Communion**

**Words of Assurance**

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

*Order of Worship is continued on the following page.*  
\* Words are listed on screen / † Please stand as you are able

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**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 †**

**The Great Thanksgiving—Our Prayer for Communion \***

Leader: 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 the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in our mother's womb, house of the holy, growing us in your image. Our hearts and lungs became a place of opening and welcoming, doors for the Spirit of Life that you breathed into us. We have not always understood ourselves as sacred creation, a place for the dwelling of the Holy inside of us. We have not always seen that in others. When we turn away from each other and from you, your love remains steadfast. You deliver us from the captivity of isolation and fear, make covenant to be our steadfast, indwelling God, and continue to speak to us through prophetic utterance, in the Spirit and through the people. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: In the midst of a time of despair, oppression, division, and fear, you brought Jesus, the Christ, into this world. A common birth for common people, he healed the sick, fed the hungry, and sat in houses at table with those who suffer, and those who perpetuated suffering, laying bare complicity and compassion. His baptism, ministry, death, and resurrection gave the blueprints for the building of church community, and rejection of slavery to sin and death. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. In another house, on another night— On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is

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my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

**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.**

**Prayer for Those in Communion from Afar** \*

**We who are many are one body, one loaf, rising in Spirit together. Even if we cannot be physically in the same space, we are one in love. We are one in the grace of Christ broken open for us.**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** . . . . . Holy Communion is open to everyone!

**Affirmation of Faith** \*

**We believe in a God who knows our fears. We believe in a God who says, “Be not afraid.” We believe in a God who kicks off his shoes and wades into the muck of our lives with us. We believe in a God who stitches herself to our heels, and invites us to dance. We believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky so that we can find our way home, and who sends us friends with open doors, so we can find our way to love. We believe in a God who finds us in our fear and does not leave us alone. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** †\*. . . . . “Tell Out, My Soul” — #200 UMH

**Benediction** †

**Postlude** †

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAYS DURING ADVENT

### Invitation to Prayer

**Time:** 9:30am or Immediately following worship

**Location:** Communion Rail

**Description:** A time to pray for our world and each other as we eagerly await the celebration of the baby who would be the Savior of our world and the Prince of Peace.

The hymn by Charles Albert Tindley, one of America's great Methodist hymn writers, goes like this:

*"When the storms of life are raging, stand by me,  
When the storms of life are raging, stand by me,  
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the Sea,  
Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me."*

Dear Friends,

Sometimes we feel a bit overwhelmed and tossed in this rough and tumble world that we live. Even in the midst of our great church, things can seem rather chaotic at times and we struggle to hang on to the foundations of our faith. So what can we do? I'm sure everyone has a uniquely personal answer and they would all be great ideas.

I am inviting you to join me during the Advent Season in silent prayer at the communion rail in the Sanctuary at Calvary each Sunday. – The world, our community, our church, our pastor, and each of us are in the need of prayer. If you are able, please join me at 9:30 am on Sundays or immediately following the 11 am worship service and the communion rail. Let set aside this time to pray for our world and each other as we eagerly await the celebration of the baby who would be the Savior of our world and the Prince of Peace.

Please extend this invitation to any of your pew partners too!

With many thanks, praise, and blessings,

David Grinnell



## WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

### 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!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Read the Bible in Two Years — A Message from Pastor Shane

You are invited to join in a simple Bible reading plan that will help us read the whole Bible in two years! You can do it by reading approximately 15 minutes a day. In order to simplify and organize this process, I will be providing a bookmark for your reading time. This guide is designed to keep your place as you read through the Bible. By keeping this guide with your Bible and checking off each day's reading as you complete it, you will be able to follow a schedule that will enable you to read all the way through the Bible in two years. These bookmarks will be distributed every month over the next two years. The first bookmark was included in last week's bulletin. Additional copies can be found on the Welcome Tables.

## Messiah Sponsorships

Please review the Sponsorship Packages listed on the Welcome Tables as well as the additional opportunities we have available and consider how you can partner with us in offering this unique musical 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!

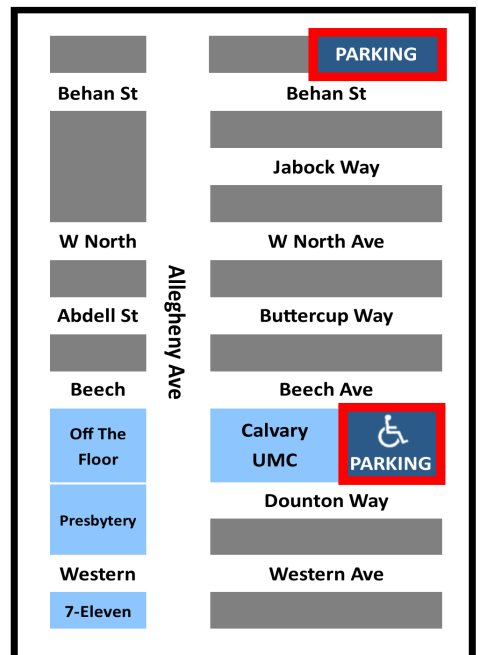
Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended to avoid the crunch at the door. Tickets can be purchased in a couple ways. Paper tickets will be for sale every Sunday during fellowship in the chapel following morning. Please see Karen Ferguson in the chapel to purchase. You can also purchase tickets on Eventbrite by going to CalvaryPGH.com and clicking on the "PURCHASE TICKETS" link in the banner at the top. Ticket prices are as follows: General Admission—\$18, Students & Seniors (65 & over)- \$12, Free Admission—Children 12 & under, Members/veterans of the armed services, Firefighters, Police

## Christmas Poinsettia Sale

Poinsettias will decorate the altar for the Christmas Eve Service and can be taken home after the service. **The Order Form can be found on the back cover of today's bulletin as well as over the next few weeks. The deadline for orders is Sunday, December 11th.** Please include payment with your order form. Call the church office at 412-231-2007 with any questions.

## 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 note that you may get a parking ticket if you park on any street on Steeler Sundays.



# COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES



## HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

There are a multitude of ways to get your news to the members of Calvary and the wider community. Here are the guidelines for each:

- 1. Weekly Bulletin:** Announcements or events for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. For announcements that you wish to have run more than once, please include the dates you'd like to have it run.
- 2. Prayer List:** 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](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.
- 3. Church Calendar:** Please contact Kim Butler at the church office to check availability for the date and location of your meeting or event. Once the event is scheduled, she will inform Karen Ferguson to have it publicized on all requested medias.
- 4. Website:** Changes, additions, edits, announcements, etc... for the website can be submitted at any time. Website changes will be made as soon as possible, but there may be up to 7 days between submission and execution, so please provide info as early as possible.
- 5. Facebook:** Facebook posts can be submitted at any time. Posts or edits will be made as soon as possible, but there may be up to 24-48 hours between submission and execution, so please provide info as early as possible.
- 6. E-Blast (Email Blast):** If you have information that you would like to be emailed to our member distribution list, please send your request to Karen Ferguson. Announcements can be submitted at any time and will be made soon as possible, but there may be up to 24-48 hours between submission and distribution, so please provide info as early as possible. All submissions are subject to editing, and images are encouraged wherever appropriate. Around major church holidays, the deadlines may change. To make a submission for any of the above or if you have any questions, contact Karen Ferguson via phone at 724-448-1429, email at [karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com](mailto:karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com), or in person.

# Poinsettia Order Form



## Calvary UMC Christmas Poinsettia Sale — \$10.00

Poinsettias will decorate the altar for the Christmas Eve Service and can be taken home after the service. **Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 11th.** Please include payment with your order form. Checks should be made out to "CUMC". Call the church office at 412-231-2007 with any questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

### In Memory or Honor of... *(Please circle choice)*

Memory | Honor \_\_\_\_\_

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