

# EVEN ET WANTED TO PHONE HOME



# CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

# WELCOME TO CALVARY

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



## 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

## IMMEDIATE NEEDS

John Henderson (Ellen Homitsky's brother) — leukemia  
Jane Wederich (Ellen Homitsky's aunt) — heart prob  
Joan Jessep — hospital and rehab  
Lisa Ferguson — father in hospice  
Lois (friend of Anne Christianson) — passed away  
Linda Ehrlich — recovering from knee surgery  
John Burke Dr (Truddee's husband) — UPMC Monroeville  
Tea Sampson — ICU Presbyterian  
Brian (Debbie Neuherz's brother-in-law) — Covid, loss of his wife  
Brenda (Debbie Neuherz's sister) — loss of husband Kevin to Covid  
Anna Jane (Bova family) — cancer  
Tavarious Lee — violence  
Kathy (Christine's sister) — severe stroke  
Pat's grandson (friends of Christine) — Covid  
Kate (Christine's niece) — needs a kidney  
Gladley Family (friends of Christine) — loss of Theresa  
Charlee (Zeke's brother) — COPD

## ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Joan Sturtz — caring for Bill  
Ron and Sally Westerman  
Randy & Danny — bone marrow transplant  
Dan Souza — cancer  
Tom Smith — cancer  
Rev. Edward Clarke (Emanuel UMC) — esophageal cancer  
Paul Brucker — ongoing health struggles

## 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.



## ADVENT 2021

### “Close to Home” An Advent Message Series

When something hits close to home, it affects us deeply. During the Advent and Christmas season, we journey through scriptures and rituals that are tender, heavy with emotion, and vulnerable. We carry the memories and truths of this season close to our hearts. Close to Home acknowledges the “already but not yet” tension of our faith: Emmanuel is with us, and yet, God’s promised day—our everlasting home—is not fully realized. It names our deep longing for God to come close to us.

The Advent and Christmas scriptures are rich with home metaphors and imagery. John the Baptist prophesies about the One who is to come, but reminds us that we are still wandering far from God’s promised day; his message hits close to home, especially for those experiencing inequity and oppression. After receiving the angel’s news, Mary retreats to Elizabeth’s home, seeking refuge and safety. Christ is born in the midst of a journey home, in a crowded dwelling space amidst livestock and shepherds alike. The Magi travel far from home to pay homage to Christ, and, having been warned in a dream, they avoid Herod by traveling home another way. In these scriptures, home is both physical and metaphorical, something we seek and something we are called to build. Ultimately, God is our home and resting place. God draws near and makes a home on earth—sacred ground is all around us.

Close to Home also names the pain many of us will carry into this season. The holidays can poke at our grief. Many will be missing loved ones lost to sickness and tragedy. The traumas of the pandemic will still be with us. Many will have lost homes—due to natural disasters, economic hardship, and unjust policies. Many do not feel safe in their own homes due to poor living conditions or harmful family dynamics. Many feel alone and isolated at home. Churches are discerning transitions with their physical buildings; many of our spiritual homes are changing.

This Advent, may we be comforted by the One who dwells intimately with us. May we expand safety and sanctuary for everyone wandering far from home. May we come home—wherever home is found—to live fully with joy, hope, and courage.

# “Close to Home” - Our Advent Journey



## **First Sunday of Advent — Homesick (Hope)**

*Luke 21:25-36* — As we begin Advent with the “Little Apocalypse” in Luke 21, we remember how far from home we are. The world is not as it should be. Many have lost their physical homes, many feel alone, and many are isolated. Many of us feel as if we are wandering with no clear way forward. This first week speaks to our deep longing—for our home to be made whole, made right, and made well. With deep longing, we watch for God. Thankfully, God enters a homesick world.



## **Second Sunday of Advent — Laying the Foundation (Peace)**

*Luke 1:57-80* — In the miraculous birth of John the Baptist, we see the foundation of what is to come. We see how interwoven his story is with Jesus’ origin story. When Zechariah regains his voice, his imagination is also restored. He offers deep praise for God’s tender mercy, and casts a hopeful vision for his own child. He sings blessings into John’s being. This lays the foundation for John’s life. In turn, John will go on to prepare the way for Jesus who will guide us all in the way of peace. In this week, we focus on making space—in our lives and our imaginations—for God’s blessings to break through.



## **Third Sunday of Advent — A Home for All (Joy)**

*Luke 3:1-18* — John the Baptist’s good news sounds harsh, but he preaches a home for all—where inequities are banished, valleys are lifted up, and all have the resources they need for collective flourishing. Ultimately, John’s message is one of joy. We are called to collectively build and repair the structures of our society; we are called to be kin-dom builders. Wherever we build, God is there. What we build should be a place with a large table and room for all.



## **Fourth Sunday of Advent — Seeking Sanctuary (Love)**

*Luke 1:39-55* — After receiving the angel’s extraordinary news, Mary retreats to Elizabeth and Zechariah’s home to digest her new calling. She seeks refuge—physical safety and emotional protection. She receives a safe haven, a home for her heart to soon sing praise. Sanctuary and safe space is so crucial for everyone, especially the mother of Christ while she prepares to become a home for God. Sanctuary is anywhere God’s love dwells freely and abundantly.



CALVARY IS HAVING A

*Christmas*

OPEN  
HOUSE

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Saturday, December 18*  
*1-7pm*



## CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT CALVARY

Calvary will be presenting an Open House on Saturday, December 18 from 1:00-7:00pm featuring tours of the church, live music with choir and organ, a vintage item sale, homemade soups for takeout, cookies and refreshments, a kid's area with crafts, and a Special Jolly Visitor! Beech Avenue will be open for a self-guided stroll down the historic festively decorated street, featuring carolers.

### CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

**1:00-7:00pm** – Vintage sale, refreshments, soup takeout, kid's crafts

**3:00-3:15pm** – Music

**3:15-4:00pm** – Tour, questions, and fellowship

**4:00-4:15pm** – **A Special Musical Surprise!!!**

**4:15-5:00pm** – Tour, questions, and fellowship

**5:00pm** – **"Special Jolly Visitor" arrives**

**5:30-6:00pm** – Final tour, questions, and fellowship

**6:00-7:00pm** – Final purchases

**7:00pm** – Church open for cleanup

# CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE – HELP NEEDED

## Vintage Sale

There will be a great selection of high end Victorian furniture, oriental rugs, antique lighting, and vintage entertainment and decorative items. Pictures of some of the items to follow within the next few days via email and will also be posted on Facebook. Our Fellowship Hall downstairs will be full of quality items just waiting for you to take them home!

## Volunteers and Donations Needed

We are looking for donations for cookies and homemade soup. Volunteers are also needed for setup (12:00-1:00pm), cleanup (6:45-7:30pm), kid's crafts table, food sales (shifts of 2-3 people: 1:00-3:00pm, 3:00-5:00pm, 5:00-7:00pm), cookie and refreshment table (shifts of 2-3 people: 1:00-3:00pm, 3:00-5:00pm, 5:00-7:00pm), carolers, and question/answer time (2-3 people per shift, 3 shifts: 3:15-4:00pm, 4:15-5:00pm, 5:30-6:00pm) which is essentially tour help—be around to talk and fellowship after with visitors, essentially "plants" to be around to engage visitors, you will not be giving tours but just mill around to chat with visitors. Contact Brian Burns at either 724-388-3246 or [bsburns77@aol.com](mailto:bsburns77@aol.com) with any questions or if you would like to help out with a donation or volunteer. You may also fill out the below form, tear off then place in the offering plate. Brian will then reach out to you within the next few days.

## Making Soup? Safe Soup Maker's Instructions

Cool your soup down from 165 degrees Fahrenheit to 41 degrees Fahrenheit within 4 hours of taking the soup off the stove by putting the soup in shallow bowls, no more than 3 inches in depth, then put the shallow bowls in the refrigerator to cool down. Take the temperature of the soup after being in the refrigerator for 4 hours to ensure it is 41 degrees Fahrenheit or below. The soup can then be combined from the bowls into a container for transport to the church. Soup containers will be provided for you. Please see Brian Burns for containers following Sunday morning worship for containers. You can also stop into the church office during the week to pick them up as well. Please bring the soup to church a few days prior to the Open House so the containers can be placed in the refrigerators in the kitchen downstairs. Do not freeze. Also, do not write soup descriptions on the containers. Instead, please tape a piece of paper that can be removed from the container listing the type of soup. Labels for each soup description will be made at church to adhere to each of the containers.

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## I AM INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT WITH THE OPEN HOUSE!

**I would like to help out with:**  
*(please check all that apply)*

- Make Soup
- Bake Cookies
- Caroling
- Crafts
- Setup
- Cleanup
- Food Sales (Handling Money)
- Cookie/Refreshment Table
- Question/Answer (Tour Help)

**Please contact me:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

# ORDER OF WORSHIP



## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship †\*** ..... Liturgist — Mark Rehn

Leader: A voice calls out in the wilderness.

People: It sings of a home for all. It speaks of justice and peace.

Leader: We could choose to ignore it.

People: We could drown out that song. We could choose not to listen.

Leader: Instead, we come into this space.

People: We let the world grow quiet. We listen.

Leader: A voice calls out in the wilderness. Do you hear it?

People: We hear it. In listening, we worship.

Leader: Let us draw near to God.

**Opening Hymn †\*** ..... “Blessed Be the God of Israel” — #209

**Opening Prayer** ..... Liturgist — Mark Rehn

## Community Greetings

## Lighting of the Advent Candle — Third Sunday

**Litany \*** ..... Charlie and Eli Sweeney

Charlie: Joy is seeing people you love after months apart.

*Order of Worship continued on following page*

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



# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Eli: Joy is hearing, “Come on over, it has been too long!”  
Charlie: Joy is the stretches and giggles of a newborn child.  
Eli: Joy is making it home when the journey is long.  
Charlie: Joy is your dog sliding to meet you at the door.  
Eli: Joy is the energy of a new season.  
Charlie: Joy is feeling found when you thought you were lost.

## Candle Lighting \*

Eli: So today we light the candle of joy, because the welcome God has for us is nothing short of joyful.  
Charlie: Rest in that good news. Let it wash over you. B: Family of faith, we are close to home. Amen.

## Advent Candle Song \* . . . . . “Advent Song” — TFWS #2090 (Verse 2)

Light the Advent Candle three: think of heavenly harmony.  
Angels singing “Peace on Earth” at the Blessed Saviour’s birth.  
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night.  
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas Light.

## Children’s Message

## Hymn \* . . . . . “A Home For All” — Words to Follow

Light the candles, deck the halls. We are making room for all.  
Practice hospitality. Give in Christian charity.  
But to create lasting change a transactional exchange  
Won’t make straight our crooked ways or lift valleys into plains  
Prophets of the ages call: “We must build a home for all!”  
Stack the gifts beneath the tree. Hang the lights where all can see.  
Send cards full of Christmas cheer to the family far and near.  
But the greatest gift we share Is a world that’s just and fair.  
Tough it feels so far away we work for God’s promised day.  
Prophets of the ages call: “We must build a home for all!”  
Set the table for a feast. Crystal, china, silver gleam.  
Once the banquet has been blessed, gather’ round in Christmas best.  
But Christ’s table has been set with the simplest meal of bread  
Offering abundant grace, here all people have a place  
Prophets of the ages call: “We must build a home for all!”

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

**Prayer Concerns** . . . . . *Refer to inside front cover*

## **Prayer of Confession \***

All: Expansive God, we know that the church is your house, and your house has room for everyone. Yet, too often, instead of setting the table for our neighbors, we block the door. Instead of welcoming all, we judge others by our own standards. Instead of sharing our second coat, we hide it in the attic, holding on to fear instead of letting go with love. Remind us that your home is a home for all, that truth requires hard work, that truth requires uncomfortable justice. Help us to be bold enough to see it and brave enough to live it. With hope we pray, amen.

## **Words of Forgiveness \***

Leader: Family of faith, God sent prophets like John the Baptist to us because this work is not easy. Helping create a world where all might have a home, and all might be loved, and all might know peace, is an audacious goal. Fortunately for us, when we mess up—when we lose our way or forget our call—we are met with grace. God could not love us any more or any less than God already does. So rest in this good news:

People: We are at home with God—forgiven, claimed, and loved. The door is always open for us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **The Lord’s Prayer** . . . . . #895

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.

## **Special Music** . . . . . Renewal Choir

## **Scripture \*** . . . . . Luke 3:1-18 (NRSV)

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4 as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; 6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” 7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” 10 And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” 11 In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” 13 He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” 14 Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.” 15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” 18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

**Reflection** . . . . . “Even ET Wanted To Phone Home”, Rev. Larry Homitsky

## Invitation to Offering

**Doxology** †\* . . . . . Refrain from “Angels We Have Heard on High” — #238  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

## Offering Prayer †\*

All: God who welcomes us home, who creates space, who leaves a chair with our name on it—we have two coats and we are giving one away. That’s what this offering is. It’s our second coat. It’s our hearts on our sleeves. It’s our audacious hope that there can indeed be a better world than this one. So take these gifts and use them to move us closer to that promised day. Gratefully we pray, amen.

**Closing Hymn** †\* . . . . . “People, Look East” — #202

## Benediction †

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **COVID-19 Guidelines at Calvary**

Masks or cloth face coverings are to be worn at all times inside the Church buildings. Mask or face covering must be covering both your mouth and nose. Every other pew is available for seating. Please space out seating to ensure individuals or families are at least 6 feet apart from anyone outside of their household.

## **Christmas Open House Vintage Sale**

There will be a great selection of high end Victorian furniture, oriental rugs, antique lighting, and vintage entertainment and decorative items. Pictures of some of the items to follow within the next few days via email and will also be posted on Facebook. Our Fellowship Hall downstairs will be full of quality items just waiting for you to take them home!

## **Volunteers Needed by Northside Food Panty for 2021 Holiday Food Distribution Event**

On Thursday, December 23, 2021, the Northside Food Pantry Advisors and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Foodbank are hosting a drive-up food distribution event. Please report to Gold Lot 1 (792 W General Robinson St, Pittsburgh, PA 15212) by 2:00pm on Thursday., 12/23. Parking is abundant throughout the Northside. The event will conclude by 4:00pm and volunteers should be able to head home soon after. You can sign up to volunteer here: <https://forms.gle/MPPrBDDaxsXy3KMika>

## **Volunteers Needed by Northside Food Panty for 2021 Holiday Food Distribution Event**

The Northside Food Pantry has put a call out to their surrounding neighbors to help collect items they need. We here at Calvary have agreed to start a collection to help stock their shelves. They have specifically asked us to collect the following items: full-size toothpaste, boxes of baking soda, and brownie mix. We will have a collection container at church and we invite you to help us over the next 6 weeks. If you'd rather not go shopping, they do have an Amazon Wish List if you'd like to purchase and have it sent directly to them. The Amazon Wishlist can be found here: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3EW9OQCVKZML1?ref\\_=abls\\_nvfly\\_yl](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3EW9OQCVKZML1?ref_=abls_nvfly_yl). Thanks in advance for your help!

## **Special Tax-Saving Ways to Give to Calvary**

- 70½ years old or older - Tax Free IRA Gift
- Appreciated Stocks/Securities to Reduce Capital Gains Tax
- Donor Advised Fund Grant

Contact the Church Office at 412-231-2007 for information.

## **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. This valuable service allows the congregation to take an active part in the worship service and it allows participants in worship to hear multiple voices speak from the pulpit. If you are interested in being a Lay Leader or a Liturgist for an upcoming Sunday worship service, please contact the church office or see Rev. Kelly Smith.

# Poinsettia Order Form



## Calvary UMC Christmas Poinsettia Sale — \$9.00

Poinsettias will decorate the altar for the Christmas Eve Service and can be taken home after the service. **Deadline for orders is TODAY, Sunday, December 12th.** Please include payment with your order form. Call the church office at 412-231-2007 with any questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## SUNDAYS

### Children's 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.

## MONDAYS

### Virtual Bible Study Led By Rev. Ellie Laws

**Time / Location:** 7:00pm / Zoom

**Description:** "Old Testament Fast Track - Becoming Disciples" will be 12 weeks beginning Monday, September 27 at 7:00pm on Zoom. We will be studying creation, Israel as a nation, kings, prophets, and our savior. If you would like to join the bible study please reach out to Rev. Ellie Laws at 302-682-4860 or email her at [ellielou48@gmail.com](mailto:ellielou48@gmail.com).

## TUESDAYS

### Exercise Class For All Ages

**Time / Location:** 9:00am / Calvary UMC Chapel

**Description:** The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich at [laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com).

### Bible Study Led By Rev. Larry Homitsky And Rev. Kornelius

**Time / Location:** 6:30pm / New Destiny CMEC Church (old Emanuel UMC building)

**Description:** During the next few weeks thru the Tuesday before Christmas, we will be joined by Dr. Steven Tuell from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminar and studying "Why Reading The Bible Is So Important Today".

### Renewal Choir Rehearsal

**Time / Location:** 6:30-7:30pm / Calvary UMC Sanctuary

**Description:** Love Singing? Thinking About Joining the Choir? Now is the perfect time to give it a try! We are looking to bolster our ranks for the Advent season and beyond. No audition required! All are welcome! See Brian Burns for details.

### Hand Bell Rehearsal

**Time / Location:** 7:30-8:30pm / Calvary UMC Upstairs Music Room

**Description:** Interested in joining? We are seeking new and energetic people willing to learn and participate. Please consider adding your talents to our group. No experience is necessary to join and it is probably easier to do than you think! See Brian Burns for details.

## THURSDAYS

### Exercise Class For All Ages

**Time / Location:** 9:00am / Calvary UMC Chapel

**Description:** The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich at [laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Thursday, December 16, 2021— Church Council Meeting

**Time / Location:** 6:30pm / Calvary UMC Chapel

**Description:** Calvary has many ministry teams and committees that serve the church and community in a variety of ways. All individuals are welcome and encouraged to join a team or committee that interests them. Chairpersons invite you to contact them directly if you have questions or would like to join their team or committee. You may also contact the church office directly.

## Saturday, December 18, 2021 — Christmas Open House At Calvary

**Time / Location:** 1:00-7:00pm / Calvary UMC

**Description:** Calvary will be presenting an Open House featuring tours of the church, live music with choir and organ, a vintage item sale, homemade soups for takeout, cookies and refreshments, a kid's area with crafts, and a Special Jolly Visitor! Beech Avenue will be open for a self-guided stroll down the historic festively decorated street, featuring carolers.

## Monday, December 20, 2021— Longest Night Service

**Time / Location:** 7:00pm / Calvary UMC Chapel

**Description:** This creative worship service is designed to create a sacred space for the grief, longing, and heartache that feels close to home—especially during the holiday season.

## Friday, December 24, 2021— Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Time / Location:** Music begins at 7:00pm, Service begins at 7:30pm / Calvary UMC

**Description:** 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 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.



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