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## **Our Welcome Statement**

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TO CALVARY

YOU ARE GOD'S Beloved, And you are Welcome here.

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* or visit our website at *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**

Family of Fran Frank (Karen Ferguson's gram) Tom Smart (friend of Anne Christianson) Rev. Tom Funk Mary Callison Chris Griffin Jenalee Morris Father of Liz Martinez Tricia Magee (friend of Larry & Pam Hopkins) Roy Ziegler (friend of Venus) Lori McDonough (relative of Venus) Friend of Mark Snyder Sheila Shimko (mother of Sheila Hill) Chuck (Eliyana Bogdewic's great uncle)

## **Ongoing Prayer Concerns**

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

## How Can We Pray For You?

If you have a prayer request or a joy that you would like to be lifted up, you can either fill out the "PRAYER REQUEST" card in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office directly at 412-231-2007.

You can also complete the new "Prayer Request Form" on the Calvary website at *calvarypgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php*. The information on this form goes directly to the clergy of Calvary UMC. We treat these concerns in a private and confidential manner (unless otherwise directed), respecting the privacy of individuals as the requestor directs us.

PLEASE NOTE — Prayer concerns will be published for 4 weeks unless otherwise instructed.

## LENT 2023 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service

Date & Time: Sunday, April 2 at 11:00am

Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary

**Description:** We will start with palms, celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, remembering the joy and expectation that swept the city. We then walk through the events of Holy Week together on the way to Easter. This year we will end with a dramatic reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, taken word for word from the Gospel of Luke.

### **Maundy Thursday Worship Service**

Date & Time: Thursday, April 6 at 7:00pm

**Location:** Calvary UMC Sanctuary

**Description:** Come and remember together the last supper gathering of Jesus and his disciples, when he gave them the command, "Love one another as I have loved you." This reflective service, including Holy Communion, is co-hosted by Salem United Methodist Church.

#### **Good Friday Worship Service**

#### Date & Time: Friday, April 7 at 7:00pm

**Location:** Salem United Methodist Church (350 Manor Road, Wexford, PA 15090) **Description:** Worship with the congregation at Salem United Methodist Church. Join us as Calvary and Salem United Methodist Churches gather to remember Christ's crucifixion - the ultimate expression of God's love and forgiveness as he extends new life and a new living relationship with him to every person.

#### **Easter Sunrise Worship Service**

Date & Time: Sunday, April 9 at 7:00am

Location: West End Overlook (Marlow St, Pittsburgh, PA 15205)

**Description:** A community tradition, we greet the dawn and celebrate Easter over one of the most spectacular views of the city of Pittsburgh! Emanuel United Methodist Church led this Easter celebration for decades. Since our congregations united in 2017, our members are happy and thankful to continue this meaningful, inspirational tradition.

## **Easter Celebration Worship Service**

Date & Time: Sunday, April 9 at 11:00am

### Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary

**Description:** Join us in our triumphal celebration of Christ's resurrection! Special music leads a traditional Easter service, featuring Calvary's Festival Choir, South Hills Brass, and other musical guests. Parking attendants will be available. After a Holy Lent, we announce "Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!" and joyfully sing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Easter Flower Dedications — New Deadline to Order

Easter flowers are now on sale to dedicate and decorate the alter beginning Palm Sunday. Please see the back cover of today's bulletin for the order form and additional details. The cost is \$10 each and the deadline to order flowers is now a week earlier—<u>next Sunday, March 19th</u>. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, the greenhouse has updated their deadlines for Easter.

## Calvary United Methodist Women in Faith — Annual Plant Sale

Our Annual Plant Sale is in full bloom now through April 17th. The plants will arrive in time for Mother's Day—in time to order for mom and for your garden! The plants can be picked up on either Thursday, May 11 or Friday, May 12 from 1:00-6:00pm. Flyers are available now at the Welcome Tables. Contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com with any questions.



## Easter Egg Hunt & Ice Cream Social — A Children's Ministry Event

**Date & Time:** Today, Sunday, March 12 from 12:00-2:00pm **Location:** Calvary UMC **Description:** Join us for our Easter Egg Hunt and an Ice Cream Social!

### **Church Council Meeting**

**Date & Time:** Thursday, March 16 from 6:30-8:00pm **Location:** Calvary UMC Chapel

## **Calvary's Safety Task Force**

**Date & Time:** Sunday, March 19 from 12:30-1:30pm **Location:** Calvary UMC Sanctuary

**Description:** On March 19, 2023, Calvary's Safety Task Force is inviting all interested members after the worship fellowship to gather in the Sanctuary to meet Terry Berringer. Terry is Founder and Consultant of "Church Emergency", and will be dealing with safety of the members of Calvary. He will share ways to protect members from assaults from the outside, and what to do should there be medical issues which would benefit having an AED and other aids in case of health issues. Please contact Budd Wagner if you have any questions.

## UMCOR Sunday — A Message from the Missions Committee

**Date & Time:** Sunday, March 19 during Morning Worship **Location:** Calvary UMC

**Description:** There will be a special offering next Sunday for UMCOR, The United Methodist Committee on Relief. So that you can arrive to worship prepared, in next Sunday's bulletin will be a special UMCOR giving envelope. If using a check please make it out to CUMC and on the memo line write "UMCOR". UMCOR is on the ground and moving when disaster hits throughout the world. Consider an extra gift for this ministry that is currently helping folks in Syria and Turkey recover from an earthquake and they are helping folks in California during snow emergencies. UMCOR makes a positive difference and saves lives.

## AHPS Tiffany Concert Series — The Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

Date & Time: Sunday, March 19 at 4:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary

**Description:** Announcing the fourth concert of the Tiffany Concert Series presented by The Allegheny Historical Preservation Society. All proceeds will go toward the Calvary UMC Pew Restoration Project. The concert features members of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra string section performing solos, chamber music, divertimenti, and larger works. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the exceptional talent of these musicians and the next generation of performing artists!. Visit <u>https://ahps-pqh.org/</u> for further information.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS, CONT...**

## Fellowship Dinner — A Message from Nancy Richards

Date & Time: Sunday, March 19 at 6:00pm

Location: Fabled Table (1400 Buena Vista St, Pittsburgh, PA 15212)

**Description:** After the Youth Symphony concert on March 19th, a fellowship dinner is being planned at "Fabled Table!" Would you like to join us? The cost is \$25 each and we'll need at least 25 participants. A sign-up sheet is in the Chapel. Invite your friends, and have a chance to visit and enjoy having Lisa Ferguson cook for us! Any questions? See Nancy Richards or call her at 724-776-7976.

## Calvary's Shepherd Ministry — A Message from Budd Wagner

Date & Time: Sunday, March 26 from 12:30-1:30pm

Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary

**Description:** This a new ministry made up of our Laity. Remember that we have been Blessed to be a Blessing to those both in the flock at Calvary and others, to use our gifts of care and compassion to reach out to those members of our flock whom we have missed at worship, or at bible studies, or congregational events, to reach out and reconnect with them. You are not just for our flock but also for others who feel as though no one cares for them or feel left out. Perhaps your gift is to care enough for those who feel forgotten, rejected, broken, or they believe God does not care about them. You have been gifted. God has blessed us with many gifts so that we might be a blessing to others. Pray and listen to what God is calling you to do, then do it.

## **Come Warm Your Hearts!**

Date & Time: Sunday, March 26 at 2:00pm

Location: South Avenue Church (733 South Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15221)

**Description:** Pittsburgh District clergy and laity are invited to "Come Warm their Hearts" at a Worship Service at South Avenue Church. This will be a celebration of our connection as United Methodists siblings. Come and you will find your heart strangely warmed!

## Potluck & Game Night — A Children's Ministry Event

**Date & Time:** Saturday, April 15 from 6:00-8:00pm **Location:** Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall **Description:** Come join us for a family potluck and game night. We will provide the desserts and salad. We are asking that everyone bring a dish to share.

## **Northview Heights Food Distribution**

Date & Time: Saturday, April 22 at 8:45am

**Location:** Northview Heights High Rise, 533 Mt Pleasant Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15214 **Description:** The first food distribution in Northview Heights went very well, thanks to several choir members and their families. Because it was so successful and the volunteers felt needed and appreciated, additional Saturday distribution dates have been chosen for Calvary: April 22nd and May 20th. Six volunteers are needed for each Saturday. if you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the chapel.

## Prelude

## Welcome

Call to Wors	hip **		
Leader:	We gather together— the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers, in hopes of seeing God.		
All:	We gather together— the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely, in hopes of finding peace.		
Leader:	We gather together— those who are thirsty and those with water to spare, in hopes of finding justice.		
All:	So come to the well, come fully into this holy place. Come, let us worship God. Amen.		
Opening Hy	mn †* "There's a Wideness in God's Blessings" — #121 UMH		
Opening Prayer <i>t</i> * God of conversation, we come to you today thirsty—thirsty for hope, thirsty for good news, thirsty for a glimpse of you. So today we pray, move in these words like a current. Give us the courage to wade into your story with open eyes and open hearts. Give us the courage to drink this moment in. We are listening. We are grateful. Amen.			

## Community Greetings *†*

Children's Message	Rev. Beth Nelson
Sharing Prayer Concerns	

## **Call to Confession**

## **Unison Prayer of Confession \***

Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, amen.

#### Words of Assurance

**Pastoral Prayer** 

## ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

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#895 UMH

John 4:5-42 NRSV

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

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5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. 7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,'

## ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

## Gospel (cont...) \*\*

John 4:5-42 NRSV

18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." 26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." 27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" 28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" 30 They left the city and were on their way to him. 31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33 So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." 39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Words of Community Life and a Call to Give

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes** 

## ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Doxology <i>†</i> * Were the whole realm of nature mine, that love so amazing, so divine, demands my life	were an offering far too small:
Offering Prayer †	
Closing Hymn <i>†*</i>	"O Young and Fearless Prophet" — #444 UMH
Benediction <i>†</i>	
Postlude †	

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

You are invited to join in a time of fellowship downstairs immediately following worship. There are sloppy joes, hotdogs, chips, drinks, ice cream sundaes, and lots of conversations! AND there is an Easter Egg Hunt! You are most welcome!



## **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.

## **Choir Rehearsal**

**Time / Location:** 10:00-10:45am / 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!

### **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.

### Fellowship Following Morning Worship

**Time / Location:** Following Morning Worship / Calvary Chapel **Description:** Come to the chapel following morning worship for fellowship.

## MONDAYS

## **Sleeping Bag Group**

#### Time / Location: 6:30pm / Calvary Fellowship Hall

**Description:** 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 at trr\_howell@yahoo.com or call 412-482-2211 with any questions.

## **TUESDAYS**

#### **Exercise Class For All Ages**

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary Chapel

**Description:** 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 at laehrlich927@aol.com.

#### **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!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

## THURSDAYS

## **Exercise Class For All Ages**

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary Chapel

**Description:** 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 at laehrlich927@aol.com.

### Women's Bible Study

#### Time / Location: 10:00-11:00am / Calvary Parlor

**Description:** Join us for *"Living Right-Side Up in an Upside Down World - A Women's Study on the Beatitudes."* This study for women began on Thursday, February 23 and continues for six weeks. We will take a look at what it means to live out the "Blessed are" statements in our rapidly changing and, at times, challenging world. The curriculum was developed by Kathy Wagner and is taken from "Our Daily Bread" daily devotionals. You are welcome to come for any/all of the sessions as we experiment with this day and time for a study. Linda Ehrlich has copies of the complete curriculum if you would like a copy.

# CALVARY'S FAMILY CORNER

## UPCOMING FREE EVENTS 2023

## EASTER EGG HUNT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL 12 PM - 2 PM

Join us for our Easter Egg Hunt and an Ice Cream Social! What's more enjoyable than Easter fun AND ice cream! Join your church family following morning worship. Bring a friend! Mingle and chat!

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# POTLUCK & CAME NIGHT 6 PM - 8 PM

Come join us for a family potluck and game night. We will provide the desserts and salad. We are asking that everyone bring a dish to share.

## **VBS 2023**

Sunday will be 1:00-3:00pm and the rest of the week will be 6:00-8:30pm. More information to come!

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## MORE INFO - MEGAN 412-715-4946 / BRITTANY 412-715-4947

## A Message from Calvary's Director of Communications, Karen Ferguson

in the interest of streamlining the communications process at Calvary, a new Communications Request Form has been implemented. If you do not have access to a computer, this form can be found on the Welcome Tables then turned into the church office. This form can also be found on the Calvary website under the Contact section. You can reach this form directly by visiting the following link: <u>https://calvarypgh.com/contact/comm-request.php</u>

Moving forward this form must be used by everyone for every communications request at Calvary. This includes Pastor Shane and also church members that are not part of the Church Council. Communication requests include everything that is announced or publicized at Calvary on either print or digital media. This includes, but is not limited to, bulletin announcements, Facebook posts, upcoming events, meetings, church calendar requests, mass emails, etc...

Communications is such a huge umbrella at Calvary and a large amount of time is required to address the multiple requests and needs of our congregation while maintaining the brand that has taken years to cultivate. This form will streamline our communications process. It also puts all of the timelines and requirements in one place so that expectations are managed and understood by myself as well as the person or group making the request. I have details the timelines below.

Please review the form and let me know if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your patience as we work together to improve our communications process at Calvary.

## **Communications Request Guidelines**

**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. You are responsible for your content.

**Church Calendar:** Fill out the request form indicating it is a Church Calendar request listing all of the details of the request. Church office staff will respond to your request within 48 hours.

**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. You are responsible for your content.

**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. You are responsible for your content.

**Mass Email:** If you are sending an email to your committee, please have your committee chair send out the email. If you have an email that you want to go to the Calvary Email distribution list, please submit a Communications Request Form.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All submissions are subject to editing, and around major church holidays the timelines may change.



Easter Flower Dedications — Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinths, and Mums New Deadline — TODAY, March 19th | \$10 Each

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Name			
Phone or Email			
Please list number of	how many of eac	h flower and final totals	:
Lilies	Tulips	Total (#)	
Hyacinths	Mums	Total (\$)	
Please contact the Ca	lyary church offic	e with questions at eithe	ar CalvaryBøh@ømail.com.or

Please contact the Calvary church office with questions at either CalvaryPgh@gmail.com or 412-231-2007. Place order form in offering plate or mail to Calvary Office.

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