MATTHEW 28:6





# **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.

# **Location of Bathrooms**

From the front exits of the Sanctuary outside the right doorway, a handicapped accessible restroom and baby changing table are available on this level. From the front exits of the Sanctuary outside the left side exit, restrooms are located down the stairs.

## 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**

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.



#### Sara Belohavek

In Memory of Frank Belohavek In Honor of Jon Blair and Holly Waters

#### Joanie Bova

In Memory of Rev. James and Betty DuBois In Honor of my family

#### Megan Bova & Dan Funk

In Memory of Rev. James & Betty DuBois, Sam & Theresa Bova, Lydia Mitchell, Peggi Funk, and Joseph Vacek

In Honor of Bronson Joseph Funk and Our Volunteers at Calvary

**Burns-Elliott Family** In Memory of Lucy Mae Elliott, Kenneth and Joan Elliott, and William "Keen" Miller In Honor of Ethan and Peyton Rihn

**Rev. Myles & Joan Bradley** In Memory of John & Thelma Roberts, Robert & Margaret Schmidt, and Carolyn Bradley

#### **Kim Butler**

In Memory of my parents, my brother Rick, and my grandparents In Honor of our Savior Jesus Christ

#### **Callie Buzard**

In Honor of my mother-in-law, Carol Buzard, and my sons, Eric & Kyle Buzard

#### Barb Byers & Jeff Carter

In Memory of our loved ones In Honor of our children

#### **Mary Callison**

In Memory of Harper Callison In Honor of my daughters, Melissa, Amy, Jane, and Rachel

#### Anne Christianson

In Memory of George & Mildred Cornish

"The flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come..."

#### Linda Ehrlich

In Memory of Florence & William Andrews In Honor of Hardy & Ehrlich grandchildren

#### Mary Emili

In Memory of George & Margaret Lopata

#### **Karen Ferguson**

In Memory of Elizabeth and Ronald Ferguson, Mary Francis Frank, and of Camille Helwich In Honor of my niece, Johanna Mae McCrea, and of my grandfather, Ron Frank

#### Judy and Tom Flaherty

In Memory of Jean Kraft and Mary Campbell

#### David Grinnell

In Memory of Kenneth & Betty Grinnell, of David & Iva Johnson, of John Lyon, Calvary Member & Allegheny City Society President In Honor of Brian Burns & Kenny Elliott and Brian Lincoln

#### Martha S. Helmreich

In Memory of my parents, brother, and sister In Honor of my children and grandchildren

#### Lorraine Malcolm

In Memory of Sam Kiss and Bob Richards In Honor of my children, Rob, Rebecca, Susanna, and Benjamin Blaha

#### Joan Mialki

In Honor of Laura Jean Ernsberger and Janice Elaine Boyer

#### Brittany and Aaron Mickens

In Memory of Richard Mickens, Aaron's father, and all of the youth whose lives were cut short due to gun violence

In Honor of our children, Courtney, Chauncie, James & Haley

#### Rev. Beth Nelson

In Memory of my brother and my parents In Honor of the good people at Calvary UMC

#### Mark & Debbie Neuhertz

In Memory of Sharon Hesford and Janet Knight

Dedications continued on following page...

Easter Hower Dedications, Cont...

**Dennis Panek** In Memory of Genevieve and Walter Panek

Tammy Phillips In Memory of Norma Warnock and Lois & Homer Phillips In Honor of Thomas Warnock

Nancy Richards In Memory of Rev. Bob Richards In Honor of our granddaughters, Audrey & Tatum

David Rizzo In Memory of Tara Harpel and Louie Rizzo

Shelly Rohrer In Memory of Celine Kahn and Mary Smith

Karen Ross In Memory of Adam Geisler and Mary Geisler

Fred Ruddock In Memory of Charles Thomas In Honor of Kathryn Ruddock

Jane Skerl In Memory of my mother & father and the People of Ukraine

George Stowell, Jr. In Memory of Vanita & George Stowell

Sara & Chris Sweeney In Memory of Dennis Beck, Gordon & Deirdre Sweeney, Virginia & Robert Beck, and Antoinette & John Kicak

Aleata and Wayne Weis In Honor of Aimee & Adrianna, and Aiden Weis

Kathy Winne In Memory of Helen, Steve & Jimmy, Agnes & Frank, and Fallen Ukrainians

## **Guest Musicians**

"Thank You!" to our guest musicians, South Hills Brass and Justin Gingrich, for sharing your time and talents with us and for joining us in worship today.

## **Sleeping Bag Group to Take Short Break**

The Sleeping Bag Group will be on hold during the month of April and will resume again in May.

# Northside Common Ministries Continues to Need Toothpaste — A Message from the Missions Committee

TOOTHPASTE is needed again by the Northside Common Ministries Food Pantry. We will continue to collect toothpaste for the foreseeable future as that is what the food pantry needs. The pantry weekly serves 70-120 of our neighbors residing in the Northside meeting their basic needs with the generosity of loving hearts, like those at Calvary!

## 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.



Prelude			
	"A Mighty Fortress", #405 — M. Luther		
	"Three Bach Chorales", #653 — J. S. Bach		
	Allein Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ #13 Ewiskeit Du Donnerwort #16		
	Du Friedensfurst Herr Jesu Christ #21		
	"This Joyful Easter Tide", #660 — J. Oudaen Psalter (1865)		
Centering Words *			
Leader:	Turn your eyes to the heavens. Turn your gaze to hope and life. For in hope and life, we find Jesus, the Risen Christ who shines in our midst with the light of heaven above. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!		
Call to Wors	hip †*		
Leader:	Christ is alive, moving among the living.		
All:	Christ is risen, inviting us to rise in fullness of life.		
Leader:	Christ is calling, proclaiming life and hope for all.		
All:	Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!		
Processional	<b>Hymn of Praise *</b> "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" — #302 UMH		
Opening Prayer <i>**</i> Risen Christ, enter our worship and our hearts this day. As you live and move among us, remind us to proclaim and live the life you offer. Inspire us to walk as children of your resurrection, each and every day. Amen.			
Words of Wo	elcome		
Hymn *			
Children's M	lessage		
<sup>1</sup> So if you seated at t things that	have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the t are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. arist who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.		
Anthem .			
Call to Praye	r		
Hymn of Pra	<b>yer</b> * voices" — #304 UMH		

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT... — EASTER SUNDAY

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

Holy and loving God, when we hide away in tombs of death, lead us into life. When we cower in our fears and regret, encourage us with your mercy and your grace, that we might claim the life you offer. Help us embrace your love and live in your risen presence. In hope and joy, we pray. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Anthem	"Set Free Your Alleluia" — The Renewal Choir
Gospel Lesson *	John 20:1-18 NRSV

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.<sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.<sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT... — EASTER SUNDAY

<b>Gospel Lesson, Cont</b> * John 20:1-18 NRSV <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God. All: <b>Thanks be to God.</b>			
Sermon			
Words of Community Life			
Call to Give			
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes			
<b>Offertory</b>			
Doxology <i>**</i>			
Prayer of Dedication <i>†</i>			
<b>Closing Hymn</b> <i>†</i> *			
Responsive Benediction <i>†</i> *			
Leader: Go and proclaim the Risen Christ.			
All: We go and live as the risen children of God.			
Leader: Go and be Easter people—people filled with hope and life and love for all the world.			
All: We go proclaiming Christ is Risen indeed!			
<b>Postlude</b> <i>†</i> ""For All the Saints", #661 — Ralph Vaughn Williams (South Hills Brass)			

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

You are invited to join in a time of fellowship in the chapel.

# 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://calvarypqh.com/contact/comm-request.php</u>

Moving forward this form must be used by everyone for every communications request at Calvary. 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.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Seder Dinner**

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00pm **Location:** Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

**Description:** You are invited to join us for a meaningful meal, joy-filled celebration, and time of Remembrance. Many believe that Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples was a Seder Meal. As we participate in a tradition that Jesus would have practiced each year, we will remember and retell the story of how God led His chosen people out of slavery in Egypt—and see how it prepares us to remember Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Please RSVP by signing up on the Calvary Community Bulletin Board in the chapel by Sunday, April 9th. For questions, contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com.

# Bethel AME Church and Pittsburgh Penguins to Announce Historic Lower Hill District Agreement Distribution

Date & Time: Friday, April 14 at 11:00am

**Location:** Pittsburgh's Lower Hill District, 1500 Bedford Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (The Intersection of Bedford and Crawford Ave)

**Registration:** Go here to register for the event — *https://bit.ly/BethelCommunityUpdate* **Description:** More than 60 years after the Bethel AME congregation was displaced from its church home in Pittsburgh's Lower Hill District, church leaders will gather with public officials and representatives from the Pittsburgh Penguins to announce an unprecedented agreement for restorative justice. You are invited to celebrate this historic agreement, the first of its kind between a professional sports team and a church community displaced by racial land use policies. The announcement will take place in Pittsburgh's Lower Hill District at the Intersection of Bedford and Crawford Ave.

**Who:** Pastor Dale Snyder, Bethel AME Church; Bishop E. Earl McCloud Jr., Third District, African Methodist Episcopal Church; Bishop Kurt Kusserow, Southwest Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church; Rev. Dr. Larry Pickens, Executive Director at The Pennsylvania Council of Churches; Kyle Bibby, Senior Director, Color of Change; Craig Dunham, Pittsburgh Penguins, Senior Vice President, Development

**Parking:** The location is referred on PPG Arena parking maps at the event registration link here: *https://bit.ly/BethelCommunityUpdate*. It is labeled as the "Jim Shorkey RAM Melody Tent Lot" and the entrance is on Bedford Avenue.

## 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.

## **Church Council Meeting**

Date & Time: Thursday, April 20 from 6:30-8:00pm Location: Calvary UMC Chapel

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

## **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, three more Saturday distribution dates were chosen for Calvary and the following two dates remain: April 22nd and May 20th. Six volunteers are needed for each Saturday. If you are interested, please sign up on the Calvary Community Bulletin Board in the chapel.

# Invitation to Paul Robeson Concert and Luncheon

**Date & Time:** Sunday, April 23; Luncheon 1:00-3:00pm, Concert 3:00-4:00pm **Location:** Warren United Methodist Church, 2604 Center Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 **Description:** Warren United Methodist Church would like to invite you to a special fellowship luncheon followed by a concert on April 23rd that commemorates the life of Paul Robeson. The luncheon will be held from 1:00-3:00pm in the church's Fellowship Hall. The concert will begin promptly at 3:00pm. A freewill offering will be accepted.

**About the Concert:** The story of this American hero, Paul Robeson, who struggled and triumphed comes alive in a rousing 90-minute song-filled presentation performed by Pittsburgh native and gifted American baritone and international ambassador of peace, Anthony Brown. "I Go On Singing" brings music and history alive with equal parts documentary and live concert experience. Musical numbers range from spirituals to Broadway and include Robeson's original arrangements of favorites like "Wade in the Water," "Ol' Man River," "It Ain't Necessarily So," "Water Boy," and many others. Robeson's musical colleague, the legendary folk singer Pete Seeger, makes three video appearances discussing his friendship with Robeson, the music they shared, and the turbulent times in which they lived. "Once in a lifetime a human being comes along who stands head and shoulders above the rest. Paul Robeson was such a man."

# Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2023 — A Children's Ministry Event

Date / Time: Sunday, June 25 thru Thursday, June 29 Location: Calvary UMC Description: Sunday will be 1:00-3:00pm and the rest of the week will be 6:00-8:30pm.



# **SUNDAYS**

#### **Bible Study**

**Time / Location:** 10:00-10:45am / Calvary UMC 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 UMC 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 UMC Chapel **Description:** Come to the chapel following morning worship for fellowship.

# MONDAYS

#### **Sleeping Bag Group**

This group will be on hold during the month of April and will resume again in May.

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

This group will not be rehearsing this Tuesday, April 11.

**Time / Location:** 6:00-7:30pm / Calvary UMC 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 UMC 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 UMC 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.



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