# God be with you till we meet again.

# UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022



#### **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* 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**

#### **Immediate Needs**

Father of Liz Martinez — heart attack, surgery Liz Martinez, Juan Martinez, and Lucy Martinez - Covid Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister) — upcoming hospitalization in August for cardiac issues Family of Ron Westerman — Ron passed away last week Tricia Magee (friend of Larry and Pam Hopkins) — Cancer Tom (friend of Anne Christianson) — cancer diagnosis and recovery from pneumonia Robert Frank (Karen Ferguson's uncle) — personal struggles Lori McDonough (relative of Venus) — health concerns Juan Martinez's Grandmother — diagnosed with inoperable tumor, now in hospice Milliner Family (friends of Brittany Bova) — Father overdosed Debbie Neuherz - loss of her sister Samara Smith-Hopkins — mass in breasts Martha Helmreich — rehab Mark Rehn's Parents — father had a stroke and mother is in a care home Friend of Mark Snyder — cancer has returned Kathleen (friend of Brittany Bova) — broken hip and surgery Joshua (Brian Burns' cousin's son) — brain tumor Shelly (Christine Thomas' daughter) — car accident Christine Thomas — new treatment for leg Jane Wederich (Ellen Homitsky's aunt) — heart problems Danny (Bova's cousin) — continued recovery with lungs Kathy (Christine Thomas's sister) — recovering from stroke Kate (Christine Thomas's niece) — needs a kidney

#### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns**

Joan Jessep — tumor on her brain Joan Sturtz — caring for Bill Randy & Danny — bone marrow transplant Dan Souza — cancer Tom Smith — 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 *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.

# New Pastor Appointed for Calvary United Methodist Church

Dear Church Family,

July 1, 2022 will be a time of transition for Calvary United Methodist Church. Reverend Larry Homitsky will begin his retirement from the ministry and Reverend Kelly Smith will assume the lead pastor role at the Monroeville United Methodist Church.

To prepare for the future of Calvary, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Chair of Church Council and our Lay Leader have been meeting with the District Superintendent. A full-time pastor was requested. Through prayer and discernment, the District Superintendent, Cabinet and Bishop made a pastoral appointment for Calvary and on Friday, March 18, 2022, the District Superintendent introduced the newly appointed pastor to the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Chair of Church Council and our Lay Leader. Our new pastor is Pastor Shane Siciliano. The announcement was made to the congregation on Sunday, March 20th. Shane will join Calvary on July 1, 2022. To get to know our new pastor, a bio is provided below.

Please keep Calvary in your prayers as we move through this time of transition.

Blessings, Kim Butler (Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee)



#### **Pastor Shane Siciliano**

Shane was born and raised in Southwest Florida, but he has lived in Western Pennsylvania for most of his life. Shane attained his bachelor's degree and Master of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh, specializing in community organizing and social administration, before graduating from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Shane worked to collaborate with others in Downtown Pittsburgh when the only homeless shelter for youth closed. He helped establish a new base of

operations at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center to provide these youth with housing, employment, and educational services. As a social worker, Shane worked in McKeesport running HIV/AIDS projects.

Shane has served as pastor of Point UMC and Alum Bank UMC. He is the current vice chair of the Commission on Archives and History. Shane promotes the sacraments and Kingdombuilding and works hard to foster the full inclusion of all people in the church. His three biggest passions for outreach ministry currently are serving as a camp counselor, helping atrisk families, and organizing collaborations.

Shane visits his family in Central PA. He enjoys Marvel movies, tabletop games, and exercise competitions with his best friend. Shane's friends are his family, too, sharing visits and vacations. Shane has traveled to many states and countries including mission trips to Mississippi, South Africa, and Lesotho. He believes that we are all meant to be part of a team, joining to build up God's Kingdom here on earth.

# **Sunday Fellowship**

Fellowship before and after worship service has returned to Calvary, and we welcome and need your participation. The main purpose is to gather together, so we want to keep the refreshments simple. Here are some particulars and how you can help.

Coffee and sweets will be set up in the chapel from 10:15am to 11:00am and after worship every Sunday. The



coffee will be started for you by 9:00am. Volunteers will need to arrive at church with the goodies in time to set up the table by 10:15am. Coffee, tea, cups, napkins, sugar, creamer, serving plates, tongs, gloves will be available in the chapel kitchen. After worship, supervise the table and clean up when fellowship is over (a list of tasks will be provided).

We want to stick to basic snacks, so please choose things that don't require utensils. Sweets are great, but you might want to think about cheese and crackers, fruit, wrapped or bagged treats, etc. **Remember — KEEP IT SIMPLE.** 

If you would like to be on the Fellowship Team, make a donation, or have questions, please get in touch with Linda Ehrlich at either laehrlich927@aol.com or 412-512-7246.

# How Can I Help?

- Sign up to be a host on a Sunday. Purchase the food, arrive by 10:00am to set up, monitor the table, and clean up. A great idea would be to find a partner and be a team.
- You can help with set up and clean up, but have the food purchased for you.
- You can make a donation to help off-set the cost of the refreshments.
- You can donate the food or be reimbursed for your purchase. We will let you know how to submit receipts.
- You may have other ideas about how you can help. We are interested in any and all suggestions to keep this fellowship time going.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Church Council Meeting**

**Date / Time / Location:** Today, June 19, Following Worship / Calvary Fellowship Hall **Description:** If you are a member of Calvary's Church Council, please join us in the fellowship hall for our monthly meeting. The meeting was rescheduled from last week on Thursday, June 16.

#### Sunset Through Tiffany's — Summer Solstice Open House

**Date / Time / Location:** Tuesday, June 21 / 3:00-7:00pm / Calvary UMC Sanctuary **Description:** Please join us as we view the Tiffany windows in the height of their glory during the Summer Solstice. The evening is accompanied by chamber music featuring Calvary's Music Director Brian Burns on our historic "Farrand & Votey" pipe organ. This event is sponsored by the Allegheny Historic Preservation Society.

#### **Rev. Larry's Final Sunday**

**Date / Time / Location:** Sunday, June 26 / Following Morning Worship **Description:** Sunday, June 26th will be Rev. Larry's final Sunday with us at Calvary Church. We will celebrate his many years of ministry with us during both the worship service and following it with a "Magical Picnic" — a family style picnic celebration outside at the church.

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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.

#### **Coffee Fellowship**

**Time / Location:** 10:15-10:50am / Calvary Chapel **Description:** Fellowship is back! Come early, get a drink and a treat, and meet other members and visitors.

#### **Morning Worship**

Time / Location: 11:00am / Calvary Sanctuary Description: Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. All persons are welcome at Calvary's table.

#### Fellowship Following Morning Worship

**Time / Location:** Following morning worship / Calvary Chapel **Description:** Fellowship is back! 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 UMC Chapel Description: There is an exercise class that meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am in the Calvary Chapel.

#### THURSDAYS

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship *†*\* Leader: The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all. Praise God above all, the giver of life! People: The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar, Leader: But God's presence is more powerful than the earth itself. People: Come into God's presence, for God is among us now. Leader: O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways. People: Leader: Come to the Rock, the God of life, for God is present now. **Opening Prayer** *†* Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face; Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. **Community Greetings Children's Message** Prayer Concerns **Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer** The Lord's Prayer \* 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.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Pa	storal Moment *	
	Rev. Larry:	I thank you, the members and friends of Calvary United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.
	Congregation:	We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to retire. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave with your departure.
	Rev. Larry:	I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for Rev Shane. Let us pray.
	All:	Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture \* Galatians 3:23-29 NRSV 1 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. .

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection ..... Rev. Larry Homitsky

#### **Special Music**

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastoral Moment *		
Leader:	Dear friends, today we welcome Rev Shane, who has been appointed to serve as our pastor. We believe that he is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by Bishop Cynthia.	
Pastor Shane:	Today I affirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.	
Leader:	Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Pastor Shane in these ministries?	
Congregation:	We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.	

Scripture \*

Psalm 22:18-27 NRSV

18 They divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. 19 But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! 20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! 21 Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. 22 I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: 23 You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! 24 For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him. 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever! 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

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**Reflection** Pastor Shane Siciliano

#### **Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

Doxology \*\*..... "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" — #94 UMH Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

#### Offering Prayer \*\*

On my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. Amen.

#### Benediction +

All: Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church. We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us. Draw us together in one Spirit, that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body. May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness, and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only. As we who have died and risen with Christ in baptism gather at his table and then scatter into the world, may we be one in service to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Postlude *†* 

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# **CHILDREN'S BIBLE SPONSORSHIPS**

# Given By

Joanie Bova

Callie Buzard Beth L Nelson

Joanie (Grammie) Bova

Linda Ehrlich

Mary Emili Judy & Tom Flaherty Lorraine Malcolm Dave Tinker Nancy Richards Ester Rees George F Stowell & Dennis W Panek

Kathy & Budd Wagner Shelley Rohrer The Burns Elliott Family

Brian Burns & Kenny Elliott Howard & Shirley Brokenbek

#### **Given By**

Callie Buzard

Susan Derouin David Grinnel

Joan & Bill Jessep

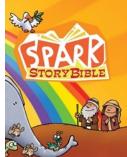
David Rizzo Kathy Winne The Burns-Elliott Family

#### In Honor Of

Brittany Leigh Bova-Mickens, Megan Lynn Bova-Funk Rose Marie Rohrbacher Rev. Larry Homitsky Rev. Kelly Smith Joanie Bova Brittany Bova Mickens Megan Bova Funk James Mickens Bronson Funk Haley Payton Mickens Jeremiah & Micah Smith Xavier, Bailey & Zay Burns-Elliott Galen & Ezra Hardy Islev & Maclain Ehrlich My Calvary Family Virginia Kraft Lucas Benjamin Russo Ellie & Lila Tinker Audrey & Tatum Arbuckle Jeremiah & Micah Smith Jack Alfred Antonsen Maeve Charlotte Antonsen Maris Patricia Antonsen **Rilev Hart Clifford** Isla Lorine Clifford **Our Savior** Jasper Stirling Rohrer Ethan & Payton Rihn Brittany & Megan Bova Rev. Kelly Smith Rev Larry Homitsky Pastor Matt Dean Xavier, Bailey & Zayvion Burns-Elliott Cameron

#### In Memory Of

Carolyn J. Baker Karen Raspert Norma Warnock Iva M (Carley) Johnson Betty A (Johnson) Grinnell Ann A (Smith) Carley Michael Scott Jessup (nephew) Karen Bitzer (sister) Rita Rizzo Helen, Steve, & Jimmy Kenneth & Joan Elliott Lucy Mae Elliot Sarah Frances Elliott



# **HYGIENE KITS**

#### Hygiene Kits for the Mission Barn

Katie Peterson spoke here in May about the Mission Barn outside New Castle. The Calvary United Methodist Women (CUMW) would like to ask everyone to make Hygiene Kits which we will take with us when we go to volunteer there on Saturday, July 23. These are used especially for natural disasters and sometimes are used when we have flooding in our area. The kit has very specific items and just be followed exactly. Some items can be found at a dollar store. Bring completed kits to church. If you have questions, contact Joan Bradley at ogremtb@aol.com.

# UMCOR Hygiene Kit — Value \$12 per kit

#### **Hygiene Kit Materials**

- One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)
  No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One washcloth
  - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One comb
  - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
  - No pocket combs or picks
  - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth
- One toenail or fingernail clipper
  - No emery boards or metal nail files
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)
  - No lvory or Jergen's soap
  - Do not remove from packaging
- One adult toothbrush
  - Do not remove from packaging
  - Personal advertising not acceptable
- 10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches)
  - Common household bandages acceptable
- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag

#### **Assembly Instructions**

- Lay hand towel flat on a table.
- Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel.
- Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag).
- Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
- Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
- Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### **HELP NEEDED** — Summer Solstice Open House

AHPS is hosting the Summer Solstice on June 21st as you know....but we need helpers...to pour punch, plate the cookies and h'ordeuvres, or sell angel cards, or help us get ready and clean up! Kindly sign the page on the piano and let us know what you can do to help! Thank you SO much! The public will be visiting between 4-7pm. Please see Nancy Richards with questions.

#### **Enjoy Gardening?**

Do you enjoy the flowers and foliage around your home during the spring and summer and getting a little bit of dirt under your fingernails? If you said "YES", then we would be delighted to have you join a small group of Calvary Gardeners to plant the annual flowers, prep the beds, water and feed the plants and shrubs around the church yard. Holly Pultz, Mary Callison, Mark Neuherz, and David Grinnell invite you to join us as we put our hands together to make the exterior of our church as beautiful and colorful as the interior. Please send David a message at *grinnell@pitt.edu* to volunteer some of your time and talents in our gardens this spring and summer.

#### Lay Leaders and Liturgists

Liturgists serve and 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. Please call the church office if you are interested or speak with Lynn Sevick.

#### **AHPS Angel Cards**

AHPS has Angel Cards available for purchase. Volunteers will have them before and after church in the vestibule at the entrance on Allegheny Avenue. They are \$10.00 for 8 cards and envelopes. All proceeds go to Calvary for restoration.

# **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: (1) weekly bulletin, (2) prayer list, (3) Sunday morning worship slides, (4) church calendar, (5) website, (6) Facebook, and (7) Email-Blast. 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*. 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. **Sunday Morning Worship Slides:** Announcements or events for the slides must be submitted by 12:00pm Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's slides.
- 4. **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.
- 5. **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.
- 6. **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.
- 7. 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. This information is distributed using the Church Software. There will be a training session this summer once the new pastor, Rev. Shane Siciliano, arrives at Calvary. We will schedule training for Church Council and Rev. Shane first then branch out to congregation members after that. Please stay tuned for updates.

All submissions are subject to editing, and pictures are encouraged wherever appropriate. Around major church holidays, the deadlines may change. To make a submission for any of the above (except the church calendar), or if you have any questions, contact Karen Ferguson via phone at 724-448-1429, email at *karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com*, or in person.

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