



**CALVARY**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Growing Together

2022 Stewardship Campaign



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

**Calvary United Methodist Church's mission is to embrace the diverse community of people searching for truth, love, and acceptance with God's help.**

**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.**



*Pastor's Note*



Dear Calvary Family,

This booklet introduces Calvary's 2022 Stewardship Campaign building on Calvary's theme of "Grow, Love, and Serve."

In the past few months, I have been tested in these areas as your pastor. There have been challenges. There have been new committees and groups. There have been moments for me to figure out how best to serve as pastor. These months have taught me that I cannot "Grow, Love, and Serve" on my own.

As we embrace Christian stewardship this month, I am mindful that we cannot succeed if we are isolated. We must "Grow, Love, and Serve **Together**." The pages ahead are an invitation for us to stress that "Together" part more than ever before. We have taken each stewardship opportunity and added togetherness. This is our way forward. This will bring forward the best of who we are as a church. I look forward to being a part of it, together with you.

With hope, peace, joy, and love -

--Pastor Shane--

## Growing with God: Pursuing Spiritual Disciplines Together

*“Blessed is the one...  
whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.  
That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.” (Psalm 1:1-3)*

### **Bible Bookmark Reading**

Consider taking on this intentional discipline of reading the Scripture together. Using guided Bible Bookmarks, everyone who commits to this daily reading plan will read through the Psalms and the Old and New Testaments in bite-sized portions. We will get through the Bible in a few years, talking and growing together along the way. The first of our monthly Bible Bookmarks, starting with Advent, has been included.

### **“Family” Prayer**

Prayer with another person, and not just individually, is invaluable. For those of us with children, it is important to pray with them each day. Even those of us who are not parents should pray with another. Spouses who pray together might find it awkward at first, but it will be worthwhile. For those of us who are single, consider a daily prayer arrangement with another family member or friend. Pastor Shane has a daily prayer arrangement with his best friend (in addition to their exercise competition!)

### **Fasting and Contemplative Prayer**

The purpose of fasting - refraining from food or another good thing regularly enjoyed – helps us to focus on prayer. However, not all of us are able to fast. Consider contemplative prayer as an alternative. The purpose of contemplative prayer is to draw close to God and position us to better hear God by eliminating distractions and worries. Pastor Shane can provide information about contemplative prayer and is interested in starting a contemplative prayer group!

### **Other Ways of Experiencing God**

We should explore and embrace other sacred and meaningful ways we can experience God’s presence in our lives beyond directly learning about God, such as Nature, Music, Painting, Exercise, Gardening, Cooking, Building/Renovation, etc..

### **Making My Commitment**

I commit to:

Bible Bookmark Reading

Family Prayer

Fasting

Contemplative Prayer

Other Sacred Ways to Experience God: \_\_\_\_\_

## Growing in Worship: Calvary's Love for God and Others

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!  
Know that the Lord, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.—Psalm 100*

### Participating in Worship In-Person or Online

Christian faith is expressed in community as members of Christ's body gather to worship God together, beginning with the early church which gathered daily in the temple courts after Pentecost. (Acts 2:46)

The number of people participating in Calvary's worship seemed to be reaching a new level as we started 2020. And since Calvary began live-streaming worship in the 2010s, we had grown a small group regular worship viewers and commenters, indicators that they were engaged and participating in worship like in-person participants. Some of these online participants were from out of state and one outside the country.

Then, COVID. Using Calvary's live stream and the creativity of our pastors and staff, God preserved Calvary. However, many long-time and recently joined members, families, friends of Calvary, and visitors who were exploring Calvary as their church family were lost. Many people have become disconnected from Calvary and the "church" in general, and many people are searching for meaningful connection with others and with God. COVID exposed our need for human connection, something that we were already losing through the isolation caused by work demands, busy schedules, physical challenges, distance, and technology's negative aspects. COVID also exposed Calvary's need to better care for all the people who are part of Calvary's family and community.

It is important for each of us—for our relationship with God, for our faith and wellbeing, and for the faith and wellbeing of others, especially those not connected with community of support—to **participate** in Calvary's weekly corporate worship on Sundays and special holidays in person, while live-streamed, or when we are able. Not just attend, but participate—an active listening, reading, speaking, singing, and praying whenever and wherever you are. And welcome others in to experience what you experience at Calvary.

### Calvary's Welcome Statement

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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.

# Growing in Worship: Calvary's Love for God and Others

## Service During Worship

There are many ways—visible and “behind the scenes”—in which **everyone** can serve during worship. You don't have to have any experience, just a willingness to try something new and find your part. The coordinators of these ministries or Pastor Shane will provide the training and support you need to find joy, purpose, and fulfillment in serving.

### Welcome Team

If you are friendly, enjoy meeting and talking with new people, and like to make people feel welcomed and “at home,” you may want to join the Welcome Team. Team members are ushers, hand out bulletins, and collect the offering. Welcome Team members are often the first face a visitor will see, and they get to know Calvary's members by face and name by interacting with them on a regular basis. Welcome Team members serve on a rotation, with four members serving together each week.

### Renewal Choir

The Renewal Choir sings traditional anthems on Sunday mornings as well as supports Calvary special events and observances. The choir is open to anyone ages 14 and up. The group presents a wide variety of musical styles. Choir members actively participate in worship and may be found assisting during such times as Communion, Advent, Lent, and special services.

Rehearsals are Tuesday Evenings from 6:30-7:30pm and Sunday Mornings from 10:00-10:45am from September thru May in the Calvary Sanctuary.

### Special Music

Do you play an instrument? Do you sing or perform as part of a musical group?

### Lay Liturgist

Lay Liturgists participate in worship services as readers, leaders in prayer, and in other ways in partnership with the Pastor.

### Communion Server

Communion Servers hold the elements—either the bread or chalice—during Communion services.

### Acolyte

Acolytes light and put out the altar candles and may have additional roles during Sunday worship.

### Nursery Volunteer

Volunteers staff the Nursery in the chapel when needed. This provides parents or caregivers the opportunity to more fully participate in Calvary services and programs.

### Tech Assistants

Tech assistants help with the slides, live-stream, and sound board.

## Growing in Fellowship and Learning: Calvary's Love for God and Each Other

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and to prayer. - Acts 2:42*

### **Fellowship and Special Meals**

Calvary's fellowship meals after Sunday worship have been a welcoming place for visitors, a place for deepening many meaningful relationships, a place for support and encouragement, and a place to explore how to live out Calvary's mission. Calvary hopes to relaunch our weekly fellowship meals in the future. Meals may accompany other special services, programs, or events. Volunteers are needed to help set up, prepare, serve, clean up, and tear down during fellowship meals.

### **Calvary Bible Studies**

- Sunday morning Bible Study: "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. This Bible Study meets weekly on Sunday mornings in the Chapel before worship to look at Scriptures used as weapons in defense of love.
- Weekly evening Bible Study with New Destiny CME Church. Rev. Kornelius Neal of New Destiny and Pastor Shane will be restarting and co-leading the popular Bible study.

### **Advent Small Group at the Pastor's House**

"Let's do two things: prepare as an Advent people and fellowship throughout the season. Come to the parsonage on Wednesdays in December (7th, 14th, 21st) at 7:00pm. I will lead us in a simple Advent study and dedicate most of the time to us opening up and growing closer." – Pastor Shane

### **In-Home Small Groups**

Pastor Shane would like to launch in-home small groups in 2023 and is looking for people who are interested in participating, hosting, or leading.

### **Children and Youth (Christian Education) Programming**

"Kids are a part of the church family and need help to grow in God! Watch for our many Christian Education ministries, including a Family Fun Day this month. I love the time I have with the kids and the youth. It's my job to make sure others experience that! Please consider volunteering with any age group." - Pastor Shane

Calvary's Children and Youth Programming, and volunteer opportunities, include:

- Sunday School for children and youth ages, . Volunteers needed as assistants.
- Nursery Volunteers.
- Special children's and family events.
- Vacation Bible School. Volunteers needed.
- Christian Camp. Weeklong summer camp programming at a camp or retreat center.
- SPARK— Western Pa UMC's annual youth rally. for youth in 6-12th grade and their leaders. It is a weekend of worship, messages, and fun. An adult chaperon is needed for the event.

## Serving the Community: Outreach Ministries

### Calvary's Outreach Ministries

#### **Daily Bread Feeding Program** (in partnership with Church Union)

Daily Bread (also known as the Northside Congregate Feeding Program), located in Pittsburgh's Northside, serves meals to those without a home or who are under-employed. Meals are served three times a week: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:15 am - 12:15 pm and Sundays 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm. Daily Bread focuses not only on providing nutritious meals but also on providing a sense of community among our diners.

United Women in Faith have organized Calvary's regular meal service at Daily Bread on a regular basis.

#### **Handel's Messiah Sing-Along Concert**

Calvary's Messiah Sing-Along is a Pittsburgh holiday tradition since 2011. The Messiah Choir is made up of Calvary members and community members, all voice parts needed and no auditions required! Contact Brian Burns at 724-388-3246 or [bsburns77@aol.com](mailto:bsburns77@aol.com) if you are interested in joining the Messiah Choir. Tuesday, November 8th is the cut off for new singers. We collect non-perishable food items and shopping tote bags for Northside Common Ministries Food Pantry. Also, tickets are given to neighborhood schools, smaller churches, and groups such as Tickets for Kids. In 2022 there will be two performances:

Saturday, December 17th, 2022 at 4pm and Sunday, December 18th, 2022 at 4pm.

Volunteers are needed to serve as Ticket Takers, Greeters, and Ushers at the performances.

#### **Reading Mentoring Program** (in partnership with Church Union)

This one-on-one reading and mentoring program targets students in grades K-4 who are attending an elementary school located in an impoverished neighborhood. Each student is paired with an adult volunteer. The student and mentor meet 30-60 minutes each week for 6-8 week sessions (during the school day) throughout the school year.

Before COVID, a group of Calvary members read at a local elementary school. Pastor Shane would like to organize a group to participate again.

#### **Special Events**

Calvary is the site of many special events throughout the year, including the Allegheny West Victorian House Tours, antique shows, Summer Solstice, and the recent Fall Festival. Help is often needed for set up and tear down, as well as serving any food or staffing any sales.

#### **Ugly Quilt Project Sleeping Bag Ministry**

This ministry makes sleeping bags from recycled materials, stuffed with personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, hats and gloves then distributed to nearby homeless shelters. No sewing experience needed; if you can tie a knot, you can make a sleeping bag!

#### **Vacation Bible School**

Calvary's Vacation Bible School provides an engaging, fun educational and community-building experience that has drawn children and families from the community.

## Serving the Community: Outreach Ministries

### **United Women in Faith (UWF)**

United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Calvary is blessed to have an incredibly active chapter of United Women in Faith. Membership is always encouraged. And there are many ways for men to help with UWF events. UWF serve meals at Daily Bread on a regular basis.

### **Social Justice Ministries (SJM) Task Force - Calvary's Ministry Incubator**

"Calvary's 2016 Strategic Plan needs some attention. It needs to be revived. We have more than a dozen people on the SJM Task Force meeting regularly to help. They are reading data from our survey and using their passion and creativity to brainstorm ministries in keeping with that feedback. All are welcome to these conversations. Each of us have multiple chances to help come up with these ministries, and each of us have the chance to participate in at least one aspect of the final product come 2023!" – Pastor Shane

### **Allegheny Historic Preservation Society**

Allegheny Historic Preservation Society (AHPS) is a nonprofit, nondenominational historic preservation organization that supports the preservation and restoration of architecturally significant buildings in greater Pittsburgh. AHPS offers technical assistance to building owners, nonprofits, and community organizations. AHPS educates the public about Pittsburgh's architectural legacy and the benefits of historic preservation in creating strong, vibrant, and sustainable communities. AHPS restored much of Calvary United Methodist Church, most notably our stained glass windows, when our church was in danger of closing its doors. AHPS hosts the Tiffany Concert Series at Calvary. Consider joining and volunteering as a member of AHPS to support the ongoing restoration efforts of our church and other community buildings.

### **Church Union Ministries**

We have ties to many Church Union ministries, including Reading Mentoring Program, Daily Bread Feeding Program, Northview Heights Learning Hub, and Kids Meal Network. There are individual and group volunteer opportunities.

### **Making My Commitment**

I am interested in:

- Daily Bread Feeding Program
- Messiah Sing-Along Concert (November 8 is the deadline for new singers)
- Reading Mentoring Program
- Special Events
- Ugly Quilt Sleeping Bag Ministry
- Vacation Bible School
- United Methodist Women
- Social Justice Ministries
- Allegheny Historic Preservation Society
- Church Union ministries



## Time, Talent, and Treasure

*“Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. There are different kinds of gifts [for the common good], but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.”*  
1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-5

### **Time: Fellowship and Getting to Know the Pastor**

“Please take every opportunity to spend time with the Calvary family. This time is essential. We will hold a fellowship meal before Church Conference on November 30. We also have time after worship each Sunday. Also, please consider letting me know if you are willing to have a visit or phone call with me. As the pastor, I ask you to take that step. I want to spend the time with you. Let me know you are open to this.” – Pastor Shane

### **Time: Charge Conference**

“Things are what we make of them! Charge Conference this year is a celebration, not drudgery. We are having a big catered fellowship meal beforehand. Please come on Wednesday, November 30t, and don’t be afraid to stay! The meeting after will be a celebration of what we have now and what’s ahead.” – Pastor Shane

### **Time: Shepherding Ministry**

Calvary’s love needs to be shared with those who are shut-in and cannot come, and many others facing significant circumstances. There are lots of ways to do this, including Shepherding Ministry. If your heart goes out to them, please let Pastor Shane know.

### **Talent: Spiritual Gifts**

Spiritual gifts come from God, not from practice or innate skill, to building up the Kingdom of God. They can only be used for good. To learn about your biblical gifts, please take the online inventory below or ask for paper copies. Please share your gifts with us on the cards you will return. What a gift it is to know the gifts and graces of those in our family!

### **Link to the Spiritual Gifts Inventory**

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>

My Spiritual Gifts are: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Making My Commitment**

\_\_\_ I would like to learn more about my spiritual gifts (and will list them on my return card)

I commit to:

\_\_\_ Directly invite the pastor to visit or call

\_\_\_ Host the Pastor for a meal with other members, family and friends in my home

\_\_\_ Meet the Pastor for coffee or a meal at my favorite restaurant or coffee shop

\_\_\_ Attend this year’s Charge Conference meal and celebration of ministry on November 30

\_\_\_ Participate in the Shepherding Ministry

## **Growing Together: Why We Give**

### **Gratitude: Returning an Offering to God**

Generosity has its origins in gratitude. God's nature is generous and should inspire us. Tithing is a response to God's generosity and an act of joyful worship. This year, Calvary is making our needs and goals clear. Please consider the following Gift Range Table that shows how our tithes and offerings can help reach our financial goal. Then explore the depth of your gratitude and give back a portion of what God has given. This is part of what we are created to do!

### **Gratitude: Providing for the Church's Operations**

#### **Calvary's Budget – Pastor Shane**

On October 23rd, I presented to the congregation present important updates on the budget, which you can watch here: [https://youtu.be/Mv7SFJ\\_5w8U?t=1115](https://youtu.be/Mv7SFJ_5w8U?t=1115)

Before my first day, the projected deficit reviewed by Council was \$14,389.00. After a new assessment, our deficit is actually \$72,868. We face many challenges. With Pastor Larry leaving, Church Union's financial support of Calvary will end. \$38,374.96 has been added to our deficit because off lost rent and salary subsidies along with significant charges for Church Union financial services that used to be free. In addition, Calvary has to pay \$7,350.91 more for the pastor's package because the church must now healthcare and other expenses, since Church Union and Pastor Kelly's other churches paid this before. We also have thousands more in streaming expenses that were not on previous budgets. We also found well over \$10,000 in missing annual income that we cannot count on.

These are big challenges. We have searched for big solutions. Georgia, our treasurer, and I have made over \$10,000 in cuts to the budget that no one should miss. SPRC has refrained from hiring a new secretary, and that will save tens of thousands of dollars. We are asking for volunteer help in the office on my days off. The Trustees and I are working on renting out a part of my parsonage to bring in at least \$18,000 annually in rent. I have personally applied for many grants. We have been awarded \$20,000 so far, with another \$13,400 likely to come. I am also submitting another grant to support our staff. Not all of this is reflected in the new budget, (we have not received our grant checks yet or found me a roommate). Know that Church Council and other committees are trying hard to be good stewards themselves. This is a team effort. Recognizing that, SPRC, Finance, and Council have all approved salary increases for our longtime staff. They have not received increases in close to five years, even with major cost-of-living shifts. Good stewardship also involves taking care of each other, together. I have included a copy of our approved budget. As we ask our congregation to embrace good stewardship, we want everyone to be fully informed and aware that Calvary's leadership is doing heavy lifting, too. I will personally work to keep everyone informed. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions. Good information is with you as you turn to the pages ahead.



## Calvary United Methodist Church: 2023 Budget

### INCOME

Individual Gifts	200,000.00
Rent / General Space Usage	2,000.00
Weddings / Funerals	9,800.00
Christmas / House Tours	3,500.00
Christmas/House Tours-Choir (food)	1,000.00
Special Events - Messiah	16,500.00
Conroy Endowment - BNY Mellon	6,000.00
Methodist Foundation (endowments)	1,600.00
Community Groups	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>240,400.00</b>

### EXPENSES

#### Administration

Bank Service Charges	100.00
On-Line Giving Fees	1,352.00
Annual Conference Events	2,000.00
Insurance-General Liab/Prop.	13,580.00
Office Supplies / Expense	3,500.00
Postage	250.00
Printing	8,000.00
Western PA Conf - Workers Comp	800.00



## Calvary United Methodist Church: 2023 Budget

### EXPENSES (CONT...)

CU Payroll Fee	1,020.00
CU Management fee	3,000.00
CU Acctg Staff salary	7,500.00
Western PA Conf Apportionment	27,753.00
Salary - Office Mgr / new secy	0.00
Contract employees	1,000.00
Pastor Shane - Salary	54,000.00
Pastor Shane - expense reimbursement	6,000.00
Pastor Shane - Pension	4,063.00
Pastor Shane - Healthcare	18,000.00
Pastor Shane - Continuing Education	1,000.00
<b>Communication</b>	
Advertising	1,000.00
<b>Education</b>	
Sunday School - expenses	840.00
Bible Study / Education	1,000.00
VBS	1,400.00
New Member Orientation	200.00
Education -Misc	0.00

## Calvary United Methodist Church: 2023 Budget

### EXPENSES (CONT...)

#### Facilities - Church

Repairs & Maintenance - Church	10,000.00
Elevator Maintenance	2,500.00
Security System-Church	600.00
Snow Removal / Landscaping	4,000.00
Utilities-Gas-church	13,000.00
Utilities-Electric-church	6,000.00
Utilities-Water-church	2,200.00
Telephone / Internet - Church	3,504.00
Trash Removal	2,400.00
Pest Control	960.00
Sam's Bill (cleaning & supplies)	1,000.00

#### Facilities - Parsonage

Repairs/Maint - Parsonage	5,000.00
Gas - Parsonage	3,800.00
Electric - Parsonage	2,500.00
Water - Parsonage	1,800.00
Internet - Parsonage	840.00
Phone/CableTV - Parsonage	0.00
Security - Parsonage	0.00

#### Fellowship & Worship

On-Line Streaming Expenses	2,500.00
Pulpit substitutes	1,050.00
Organist substitute - worship	600.00
Worship Expenses	1,000.00
Flowers and Decorations	400.00
Food and Fellowship	0.00



## Calvary United Methodist Church: 2023 Budget

### EXPENSES (CONT...)

#### Missions

Pastor's Discretionary Fund	750.00
Camper Registration	200.00
Missions - Prayers/Visits	0.00

#### Music Ministry

Praise team / Guest musicians	1,000.00
Choral Music Purchases	700.00
Messiah Concert Expense	17,658.00
Instrument Service and Tuning	1,000.00
Organ Repair/Restoration	500.00

#### Wedding / Funeral

Wedding Organist	1,200.00
Wedding Coordinator	1,400.00
Payroll tax	
Wedding/Funeral expenses	500.00

#### Salaries

Organist /Music Director	18,000.00
Facility Manager	8,000.00
On-line streaming	5,200.00
Education / Sunday School	6,000.00
Social Justice Ministries Coord	5,220.00
Communications	5,500.00
Payroll taxes & Benefits	4,000.00

### TOTAL EXPENSES

**299,840.00**



# Growing Together: Making My Gift or Pledge

*“For it is in giving that we are received.” - Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*

Calvary United Methodist Church is a unique resource in our community. For more than 125 years now, our congregation has helped the community in myriad ways. But there is plenty more to do.

Each year the church’s expenses need to be budgeted to pay for expenses such as staff, Christian education, music, and for the beautiful building, just to name a few. As you have already heard, there is a deficit that must be addressed in addition to these general operating expenses.

Calvary is reintroducing a formal stewardship drive to help address the financial needs of the congregation.

**We ask for your prayerful consideration that you and your family consider indicating a gift or pledge meaningful to you so that the church may properly budget for the following year.**

Calvary has not formally asked this of friends and members of the church for a number of years. However, Calvary is at a point where this will allow leadership to best steward the gifts and plan accordingly.

When considering an amount that you wish to give, please know that Calvary United Methodist Church needs to raise approximately \$200,000. To reach that goal donors to the church, combined, need to make pledges and gifts in the following ranges

Gift/Pledge Amount	Number of Gifts and Pledges (At Least)	Cumulative Total
\$20,000+	1	\$20,000
\$15,000 - \$19,999	2	\$50,000
\$12,000 - \$14,999	2	\$74,000
\$10,000-\$11,999	3	\$104,000
\$7,500 - \$9,999	4	\$134,000
\$5,000 - \$7,499	4	\$154,000
\$3,000 - \$4,999	5	\$169,000
\$1,000 - \$2,999	6	\$175,000
\$500 - \$999	12	\$181,000
\$250 - \$499	20	\$186,000
\$1 - 249	Many	\$200,000

Only **you** know what is the right amount to give and what is a meaningful gift to you and your family. You may make the gift all at once or you may make it over a period of time, such as once a week or once a month, or what is easier for you.

If you are willing, please indicate below the amount you are interested in giving or pledging. You may remain anonymous if that is your wish or you do not have to indicate your name at all. You are only asked to complete the form so that we may know an approximate number of gifts and amounts for budgeting purposes. Please know that you are thanked for your careful consideration and that all gifts and pledges are kept in the strictest confidence.

Total Gift/Pledge I/We Will Make in 2023      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

When Gift/Pledge Will Be Made      \_\_\_\_\_ one-time gift      \_\_\_\_\_ weekly  
\_\_\_\_\_ monthly      \_\_\_\_\_ other (please indicate \_\_\_\_\_)



## Growing Together: Ways to Give

**There are many ways that you can support Calvary, including some non-traditional ways that may allow you to give more with benefits now and in the future:**

### **Sunday Offering**

Make a cash gift or a check payable to Calvary United Methodist Church.

### **Donation by Check**

Make your check payable to Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

### **Online Giving (One-Time or Monthly)**

Visit [calvarypgh.com](http://calvarypgh.com) and click on the GIVE icon. This will direct you to a PayPal page where you can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring monthly donation.

### **IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**

If you're 70.5 or older, you are required to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) every year from your IRA. These RMDs are considered taxable income. However, if you make all or a portion of your distribution directly to a qualified charity like Calvary, that Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is excluded from your taxable income.

Nationally, QCDs may vary in size and may be both large and small. The average QCD is about \$7,000 but you may give a QCD of up to \$100,000 for an individual and \$200,000 for a couple if both are eligible.

Funds must be transferred directly from your IRA custodian to the qualified charity. This is accomplished by requesting your IRA custodian issue a check from your IRA payable to the charity. You can then request that the check be mailed to the charity, or forward the check to the charity yourself. You will lose the tax benefits if you make the distribution check out to your name and then donate that amount to charity later.

For a QCD to count toward your current year's RMD, the funds must come out of your IRA by your RMD deadline, which is generally December 31 each year. Please make sure you give your IRA custodian enough time to process your request to meet the deadline.

Giving through a QCD allows you to support Calvary while potentially reducing your taxable income. As always, please consult your retirement plan administrator, financial, tax, or legal advisor for more information about giving through a method like a QCD.

### **Gifts of Appreciated Securities and Mutual Funds**

If you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds you have held more than one year to Calvary, you could reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer.

### **Donor Advised-Fund**

If you have a Donor-Advised Fund at a charitable foundation, you can direct a grant be made to Calvary United Methodist Church.

### **Life Insurance and Bequests**

Include Calvary United Methodist Church as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy or will.

Please contact Ken Elliott at 724-531-4625 or [kenelliott76@gmail.com](mailto:kenelliott76@gmail.com) or Dave Tinker at 412-302-8791 or [tinker@gmail.com](mailto:tinker@gmail.com) for questions and information about other giving options to support Calvary United Methodist Church.

Legal Name: Calvary United Methodist Church  
Tax ID: 25-1555117  
Address: 971 Beech Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15233



## Growing Together—2022 Stewardship Campaign: Making My Commitment

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Return this Commitment form to Calvary)

**I want to join as a full member of Calvary's congregation! I would like to learn more about:**

- Baptism                                       Joining Calvary  
 Confirmation                                       Transferring Membership

### Worship

**I commit to:**

- Participate in worship faithfully in person or online.  
 Invite and bring my family members, friends, and children in my life to worship.

### Service During Worship

**I would like to be involved with:**

- Welcome Team  
 Renewal Choir  
 Special Music—how? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lay Liturgist  
 Communion Server  
 Acolyte  
 Nursery Volunteer  
 Tech Assistant

### Fellowship and Educational Programs

**I would like to:**

- Help with Fellowship Meals  
**Bible Studies**  
 Participate in adult Sunday morning Bible studies  
 Participate in the Bible study with Rev. Neal and New Destiny CME Church  
**Small Groups**  
 Attend the Advent Small Group at the Pastor's House  
 Participate in an in-home Small Group.  
 Host an in-home Small Group.  
 Lead an in-home Small Group.

### Children and Youth Programs

**I commit to:**

- Invite and bring the children in my life to Sunday School and children and youth programs.

**I would like to volunteer for:**

- Sunday School.  
 Special children's and family events  
 Vacation Bible School. Volunteers needed.  
 Chaperone Calvary's youth at the SPARK Conference.

**I would like to:**

- Support Calvary youth attending Christian Camp financially, with prayers, and other forms of encouragement.



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*(Return this Commitment form to Calvary)*

### Spiritual Disciplines

I commit to:

- Bible Bookmark Reading
- Family Prayer
- Fasting
- Contemplative Prayer
- Other Sacred Ways to Experience God: \_\_\_\_\_

### Outreach Ministries

I am interested in:

- Daily Bread Feeding Program
- Messiah Sing-Along Concert (November 8 is the deadline for new singers)
- Reading Mentoring Program
- Special Events
- Ugly Quilt Sleeping Bag Ministry
- Vacation Bible School
- United Methodist Women
- Social Justice Ministries
- Allegheny Historic Preservation Society
- Church Union ministries

### Time, Talent, and Treasure

My Spiritual Gifts are: \_\_\_\_\_

I commit to:

- Directly invite the pastor to visit or call
- Host the Pastor for a meal with other members, family and friends in my home
- Meet the Pastor for coffee or a meal at my favorite restaurant or coffee shop
- Attend this year's Charge Conference meal and celebration of ministry on November 30
- Participate in the Shepherding Ministry

### Updating my Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Children \_\_\_\_\_

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