



Full  
to the  
Brim

*Prodigal  
grace*



CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

# WELCOME TO CALVARY

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



## **Our Welcome Statement**

Calvary United Methodist Church believes that all means all. We open our hearts, our minds and our doors to all our neighbors. We gladly invite into our shared life all persons who seek a community of support where they can grow in God's grace. Regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, relationship status, or background – ***you are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.***

## **Welcome to Calvary!**

If you are a first time guest, thank you for visiting Calvary! We would invite you to check out our Welcome Tables for more information about who we are. We would also ask you to fill out a "GET CONNECTED" card in the back of the pews so we can get to know you. If you are in need of a large print bible or hymnal, please see any greeter for help.

## **Families with Babies or Young Children**

Families with babies or young children? We have a family area in the sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys so your family can participate in the service.

## **How Do I Get Involved?**

There are many ways you can become involved at Calvary United Methodist Church. If you have been promising yourself to join a small group experience for not just a continuing learning opportunity but also to meet new friends, please fill out a "Get Involved" card in the back of the pews. You can also email [CalvaryPgh@gmail.com](mailto:CalvaryPgh@gmail.com) or visit our website at [CalvaryPgh.com](http://CalvaryPgh.com) for information about the many ministries available. If you are ready to serve or just want to connect and grow, there are plenty of opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

## Immediate Needs

Passing of Mark Rehn's sister  
Friend of Mark Snyder — cancer has returned  
Susan Laszko — recovering from knee replacement  
Kathleen (friend of Brittany) — broken hip and surgery  
Jeanne Di Thomas (friend of Jane Skerl) — surgery, chemotherapy  
Carl (Kenny Elliott's cousin) — in hospital, multiple issues  
Dave Tinker — mother's health, medical staff  
Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister) — cardiac issues  
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  
Lisa Ferguson — father in hospice  
Kathy (Christine Thomas's sister) — recovering from stroke  
Kate (Christine Thomas's niece) — needs a kidney

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Joan Sturtz — caring for Bill  
Ron and Sally Westerman  
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](http://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

## New Pastor Appointed for Calvary United Methodist Church

*A Message from Kim Butler, Chair of Calvary's Staff Parish Relations Committee*

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 Rev. 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 on the following page.

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

Blessings,

Kim Butler

Chair, Staff Parish Relations

## NEW PASTOR APPOINTED

### Rev. 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 Kingdom-building 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 at-risk 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.





## Full to the Brim — An Expansive Lent

The origins of Lent were that one was to leave their old life behind to fast and prepare to be baptized into a new way of living. In essence, this was a practice of stepping away from corrupt power, scarcity mentality, and empty rituals in order to live a more expansive and full life of faith. And so, our Lenten theme, *Full to the Brim*, is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God's lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.

The scriptures for this Lenten season are filled with parables and promises of God's abundant and expansive grace. Jesus as a mother hen, a prodigal son welcomed home, a fig tree nurtured with care and hope, precious oil poured out lovingly and freely, stones shouting out with praise—these sacred texts are brimming with a gospel of grace. We've done nothing to deserve or earn this grace, and yet, like water, it spills over.

*Full to the Brim* reminds us to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. If love is our beginning, how can we live our lives led by love's promises? And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us.

Calvary has special resources—a themed devotional booklet and prayer cards—to guide us into a deeper, shared experience of what Lent is and can be for us and our world. Devotional booklets and packets of prayer cards will be available at Calvary throughout Lent. Please call the church office at 412-231-2007 if you would like us to send them electronically or by mail.

## Support the Humanitarian Response in Ukraine

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.



### Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

**One hundred percent** of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church’s leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.



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# THE BELL RESTORATION AND CARILLON PROJECT

## BRINGING MUSIC TO NORTH SIDE NEIGHBORHOODS

### THE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS PROJECT

The total cost of the bell's restoration and automation and the addition of the digital carillon is \$26,000. Nearly \$14,000 – just over one half of the cost – has been raised so far.

### THE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN GOAL IS \$12,000

### THE CAMPAIGN WILL RUN THROUGH PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

Gifts can be made the following ways:

-  Sending a check payable to Calvary UMC with the memo Bell Project to Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
-  Credit card on Calvary's online giving page, [calvaryppgh.com](http://calvaryppgh.com) and clicking on the , or visiting our Facebook Fundraiser at [www.facebook.com/calvaryumcpittsburgh](http://www.facebook.com/calvaryumcpittsburgh).
-  Cash gifts can be presented during the Sunday offering. Please indicate Bell Project with your gift.
-  Call the Church Office at 412-231-2007 to make arrangements or talk about other ways to give.

You can make a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one. All contributions are tax-deductible. All supporters will be invited to the official dedication and their names and tributes/memorials will be listed in the dedication program. If you have questions, please contact Brian Burns, Music Director, at 724-388-3246.

**We hope you'll give your best gift, of any size, so you feel a sense of joy and pride in hearing the bells as you walk through the neighborhood – knowing that you brought real music into the daily life of community residents and visitors. Thank you for giving so generously.**

Calvary United Methodist Church has stood as a beacon of hope, light, and faithfulness on Pittsburgh's North Side since 1895. The building and congregation have undergone much renewal and development over the past few decades – most notably the restoration of the church's breath-taking Tiffany windows – and there is still work to be completed.

One current project is the restoration of our church bell and the addition of a carillon. Our original bell is in the church's highest tower on Allegheny Avenue and has rarely rung in over 30 years.

We hope to offer the pleasant bell tones once again to the Allegheny West and Manchester neighborhoods and possibly beyond. The digital carillon will ring through the streets with songs of the seasons lending a small-town feel to the busy North Side neighborhoods.

## AN ACCOUNT OF HOW OUR BELL CAME TO BE

*David Grinnell, Chair of the Calvary United Methodist Church Council & Coordinator of Archives and Manuscripts, University of Pittsburgh Library System*

“There are so many stories to be told about the people who contributed to the heritage of Calvary Church that we could fill many volumes about their faith, commitment, service, gifts, and witness. The bell that has sat silently in the north tower at Calvary is one great example.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1940, the bell was dedicated during a service at 8:00pm that evening. When it arrived, it had already been a beacon for the faithful for a half century. It came to Calvary following the merger of the former Buena Vista Street Methodist Church [Mexican War Streets].

The bell was originally a gift from the Rev. James Jackson McIlyar (1816-1907), pastor of Buena Vista Church (and its predecessor congregation the South Common’s Church) when that congregation built its new church in 1886.



The bell was cast by one of Pittsburgh’s most famous manufacturers, the Fulton Bell and Brass Foundry, which also made the massive Pittsburgh Fire Bell that hangs in the Great Hall at the Heinz History Center today.

Rev. McIlyar would become an outspoken champion for steel workers during the Homestead Steel Strike of 1892 with his sermons and writings being published in newspapers around the globe. His accounts are still referenced today on that historic event in our region.

On hand for the dedication of the bell’s installation at Calvary was Rev. McIlyar’s grandson, Dr. M. H. Lichliter, a third-generation minister of the Gospel who served Methodist and Congregational churches throughout the Midwest.

Isn’t it time to let the McIlyar Bell ring out God’s praise and call the faithful, those in need, and all

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

## **Easter Flowers and Dedications**

Easter flowers will decorate the altar for the Easter Service and can be taken home after the service. Deadline for orders is today, Sunday, March 27th. Please see order form on the inside back cover of today's bulletin. Please include payment with your order form. Call the church office at 412-231-2007 with any questions.

## **Fellowship is Back & Sponsors are Needed**

Fellowship has started up again with coffee and pastries in the chapel at 10:15am and then again after the 11:00am service. We are looking for sponsors to continue this fellowship. Sponsorship is simple. You purchase a few simple pastry and snack items and juice then setup before fellowship and cleanup after fellowship following morning worship. If you need assistance brewing the coffee there is lots of help around to lend a hand. Hot water will also be needed for tea. There is a sign up sheet in the chapel during fellowship if you would like to participate in bringing this ministry back to Calvary after being away for so long during Covid. You can also contact the church office if you would like to sign up to be a sponsor for a particular day.

## **Calvary Adult Fellowship — Sunday, March 27**

Please join us for a shared supper after the Tiffany concert at Fabled Table in the Mexican War Streets (1400 Buena Vista St, Pittsburgh, PA 15212) only minutes from Calvary! It will be a time of fellowship which has been greatly missed the last two years during the pandemic. We hope that you consider joining us! It is sure to be a wonderful evening with delicious food at a fantastic location. The cost of dinner is \$25 and this includes tax and tip. Nancy Richards will have the sign up sheet on the piano at the front of the church as well as an envelope for checks as the dinner must be paid in advance. Please contact Nancy Richards at [revrfr@yahoo.com](mailto:revrfr@yahoo.com) to reserve your space or if you have any questions.

## **Calvary United Methodist Women — Plant Sale**

Our Annual Plant Sale is in full bloom now through April 18. The plants will be delivered this year on Thursday May 26, 2022 and can be picked up on both Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Flyers are available now at the Allegheny Avenue entrance. For questions, contact Kim Butler at [kimabutler4@gmail.com](mailto:kimabutler4@gmail.com) or Linda Ehrlich at [laehrich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrich927@aol.com).

Allegheny Historic Preservation Society  
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# TIFFANY CONCERT SERIES

## Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

Featuring music by Bruch, Borodin, Lena Frank, and others

*The concert features members of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony orchestra performing solos, chamber music, and larger works. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the exceptional talent of these musicians and the next generation of performing artists!*

## Calvary United Methodist Church

971 Beech Avenue | Allegheny West | Pittsburgh

**Sunday | March 27, 2022 | 4:00 pm**

**\$10 for Adults | \$5 for People Under 16 Years | Free to AHPS Members**

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Foundation

The AHPS Tiffany Concert Series is underwritten by the Buhl Foundation.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship †\* . . . . . Lay Leader — Kenny Elliott

One: God's reach is endless.

All: **God's mercy is unstoppable.**

One: God's grace is lavish.

All: **God's love is constant.**

One: God's wisdom is vast.

All: **God's hope is stubborn.**

One: God's presence is here—

All: **with us, among us, moving through us.**

One: Breathe easy. Breathe deeply.

All: **We are in God's house.**

One: Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

## Opening Hymn †\* . . . . . "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" — #121 UMH

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.
2. There is welcome for the sinner,  
and more graces for the good!  
There is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.
3. For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.
4. If our love were but more simple,  
we should rest upon God's word;  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the presence of our Lord.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

**Opening Prayer.** . . . . . Lay Leader — Kenny Elliott

One: God of open doors, we often long to come home to you, to love, and to ourselves, but we aren't always sure how to get there. We know that we need you, but the road back to you is heavy with distractions. So if we can dare to be so forward, we pray—reach into the cacophony of our hearts and minds and make yourself known. Quiet everything but your Word for us today. Leave us awestruck. Drown out the distractions. Come as thunder or come as a still, small voice; we don't care which, we just pray that you will come. Turn on the light. Speak through these words. Find the parts of us that are lost. With hope we pray, amen.

## Community Greetings

### Message for the Young Hearted

**Prayer Hymn †\*** . . . . . “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” — #348 UMH

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.  
Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!
2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?  
Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!
3. Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;  
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me.  
Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!
4. O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.  
Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

## Prayer Concerns

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

## Call to Confession \*

One: If you ask any parent with a teenager what it's like to wait up for their child to meet curfew, they will tell you—they're standing at the door. The porch light is on. No one can sleep until that child is home safe. Friends, I think God is like that for us. The porch light is on. The door is unlocked. We might be late for curfew, but God is just so glad we're home. So let us pray the prayer of confession together, trusting that no matter what we do or what we leave undone, the porch light is always on. Let us pray...

## Prayer of Confession \*

All: **The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. It sounds like ours. And we know his story. It sounds like ours. For who among us hasn't burned a bridge? Who among us hasn't forgotten that we belong to one another? Who among us has not ached for home? The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. Forgive us God. We want to come home.**

## Words of Forgiveness \*

One: Family of faith, the word 'prodigal' can be defined as wasteful or imprudent, hence the name, "Prodigal Son." However, 'prodigal' can also be described as extravagant and excessive. Friends, we worship a prodigal God—a God who is extravagant in mercy and excessive in grace. For no matter how many times we run, no matter how far we go or how lost we get, God is standing at the end of the driveway waiting for us. The doors are open. The feast is for you. This grace is extravagant

All: **Thanks be to God, amen.**

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer \* . . . . . #895 UMH

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Special Music . . . . . The Renewal Choir

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

**Scripture** \* . . . . . Luke 15:1-3, 11B-32 NRSV

1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” 3 So he told them this parable:

11 Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ 20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21 Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ 22 But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. 25 “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ 31 Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

**Reflection** . . . . . "We'll Leave the Light on For You" — Rev. Kelly Smith

## Invitation to Offering

**Doxology** †\* . . . . . "Bless Thou the Gifts" — #587 UMH

**Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand.**

**Offering Prayer** †\* . . . . . Lay Leader — Kenny Elliott

**Closing Hymn** †\* . . . . . "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" — #269 UMH

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
2. As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win, O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.
3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
4. And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide, yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.
5. Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

**Affirmation of Faith** †\* . . . . . Lay Leader — Kenny Elliott

All: **We believe in a God who waits in the driveway for us. We believe in a God who leaves the porch light on and throws a feast when we are found. We believe in a God who doesn't stop looking for us when we get lost. We believe in a God of prodigal grace—excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace. In response to this grace, we hold tighter to each other. We remember that humans are not meant to go through life alone; so we look for ways to welcome each other in, to live like we are family, and to lead with grace—excessive, extravagant, over-the-top grace. We believe that this is our call. Let it be so. Amen.**

**Benediction** †\*

**Postlude** †\*



CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS

# Easter

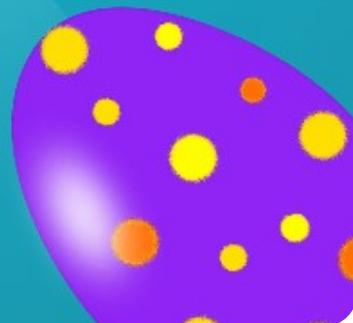


**SAT, APRIL 9 | 1-3PM**

# EGG HUNT

**FUN GAMES | FOOD | CRAFTS | & MORE!**

Calvary UMC, 971 Beech Ave, Pgh, PA 15233



# 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:** 10:00-11:00am / 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. Come and join us as we get back into the swing of things at Calvary.

## MONDAYS

### Sleeping Bag Group

**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. Please consider joining us on Monday evenings. Questions? Please contact Terri Howell at [ttr\\_howell@yahoo.com](mailto:ttr_howell@yahoo.com) or call 412-482-2211 with any questions.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

## 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. 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](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com).

### Bible Study Led By Rev. Larry Homitsky and Rev. Kornelius Neal

**Time / Location:** 6:30pm / The Presbytery (across from Calvary UM Church)

**Description:** You are invited to our joint bible study with members of New Destiny CMEC Church. Our theme for the next several months is entitled, "What the Bible Says About the Important Issues of Our Time." Afterwards join us for snacks and fellowship at a local restaurant.

### Renewal Choir Rehearsal

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

**Description:** Love Singing? Thinking About Joining the Choir? Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome! See Brian Burns for details. He is hoping to get back into the swing of things and possibly expand our numbers. The Renewal Choir sings traditional anthems at our Sunday morning service, special events, and observances. The group presents a wide variety of musical styles. Choir members actively participate in worship and may be found assisting during Communion, Advent, Lent, and special services.

### Hand Bell Rehearsal

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

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

## THURSDAYS

### Exercise Class For All Ages

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

**Description:** There is an exercise class that meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am in the Calvary Chapel. 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](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Date / Time / Location:** Sunday, March 27 / 4:00pm / Calvary Sanctuary

**Tickets:** \$10 for Adults / \$5 for People Under 16 Years / Free to AHPS Members

**Description:** The concert features members of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony orchestra performing solos, chamber music, and larger works. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the exceptional talent of these musicians and the next generation of performing artists! If you would like to join AHPS for \$10 you will be admitted to the concert for free.

## **Calvary Adult Fellowship — Following AHPS Tiffany Concert**

**Date / Time / Location:** Sunday, March 27 / 5:30pm / Fabled Table

**Tickets:** \$25 per person (cost includes tax and tip)

**Description:** Please join us for a shared supper after the concert at Fabled Table in the Mexican War Streets (1400 Buena Vista St, Pittsburgh, PA 15212) only minutes from Calvary! It will be a time of fellowship which has been greatly missed the last two years during the pandemic. We hope that you consider joining us! It is sure to be a wonderful evening with delicious food at a fantastic location. Nancy Richards will have the sign up sheet on the piano at the front of the church. The dinner must be paid in advance. Please contact Nancy Richards at [revrfr@yahoo.com](mailto:revrfr@yahoo.com) with questions.

## **Easter Egg Hunt and Party**

**Date / Time / Location:** Saturday, April 9 / 1:00-3:00pm / Calvary Chapel

**Description:** Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Party at Calvary! Crafts will be from 1:00-2:00pm and the Egg Hunt will be from 2:00-3:00pm. Baskets will be provided if needed. For more information or with questions, contact Megan Bova at 412-715-4946 or Brittany Bova at 412-715-4947.

## **Palm Sunday Service**

**Date / Time / Location:** Sunday, April 10 / 11:00am / Calvary Sanctuary

**Description:** Join us in celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, remembering the joy and expectation that swept the city... before we walk through the events of Holy Week together on the way to Easter. Palm Sunday is a service where we are invited to be active participants - waving palms and singing hymns - in the story of God's love and our redemption.

## **Maundy Thursday Service**

**Date / Time / Location:** Thursday, April 14 / 7:30pm / Calvary 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 UMC, Wexford. Our communion is open to all persons—you don't have to be a member of our church or any church.

## UPCOMING EVENTS, CONT...

### Good Friday Service

**Date / Time / Location:** Friday, April 15 / 7:30pm / Salem UMC (Wexford)

**Description:** 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. Salem UMC is located in Wexford at 350 Manor Rd, Wexford, PA 15090.

### Easter Sunrise Service

**Date / Time / Location:** Sunday, April 17 / 7:00am / West End Overlook

**Description:** A community tradition, we greet the dawn and celebrate Easter over one of the most spectacular views of the city of Pittsburgh! Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with our Easter Sunrise Service at the West End Overlook located on Marlow Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

### Easter Sunday Service

**Date / Time / Location:** Sunday, April 17 / 11:00am / Calvary Sanctuary

**Description:** Join us in our triumphal celebration of Christ's resurrection! Special music leads a traditional Easter service featuring Calvary's Festival Choir and South Hills Brass, and other musical guests.

### Church Council Meeting

**Date / Time / Location:** Thursday, April 21 / 6:00pm / Calvary Chapel

**Description:** If you are a member of Calvary's Church Council, please join us in the chapel for our monthly meeting.



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# HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

## Have Something to Share with Calvary and Our Community?

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, and (6) Facebook. 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 [calvaryppgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php](http://calvaryppgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php). The information on this form goes directly to the clergy of Calvary UMC. We treat these concerns in a private and confidential manner (unless otherwise directed), respecting the privacy of individuals as the requestor directs us.
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.

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](mailto:karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com), or in person.



# Easter Flower Order Form

## Calvary Easter Flower Dedications — \$10.00 Each

Easter flowers will decorate the altar for the Easter Service and can be taken home after the service. **Deadline for orders is TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 27.** Please place order form and payment in the offering plate or mail to Calvary at 971 Beech Ave, Pgh, 15233. Call the church office at 412-231-2007 with questions. *\*Supplies of lilies may be limited this year.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

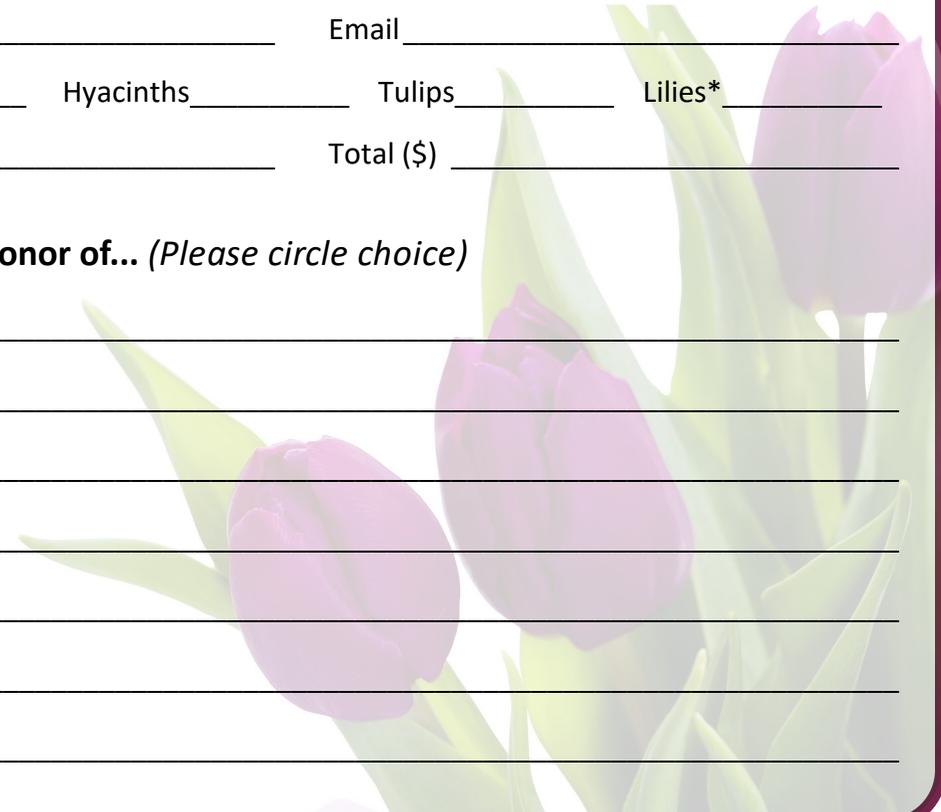
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