

# CALVARY

United Methodist Church



## Connections



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**28<sup>TH</sup>**

**2024**

*You* are God's beloved. *You* are welcome here.



# WELCOME TO CALVARY

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## 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.**

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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 better. If you are in need of a large print bible or hymnal, please see any greeter for help.

## FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children into our worship services, including infants and toddlers. If you would like to use it, we have a Family Area in the rear left of the Sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys.

## LOCATION OF BATHROOMS

From the front exits of the sanctuary outside the right doorway, an accessible restroom and baby changing table are available on this level. From the front exits of the sanctuary outside the left side, restrooms are located down the stairs. An elevator is located thru the sanctuary outside the right and to the back.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

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**Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in everything, by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**

Philippians 4:6

## IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Budd Wagner  
Karen Ferguson  
Cary Knight  
Martha Helmreich  
Janet and Tom (friends of David Grinnell)  
Patricia Hartman  
Colleen (daughter of Terri Jagielski)  
Mayernik daughters & grandfather  
Joyce & Ray Zimmerman (sister of Yvonne  
Hudson)  
Cel Thomas, John Rosella, Darlene Lesure  
(friends of Fred Ruddock)

## ONGOING CONCERNS

Mary Ewalt  
Sara Belohavek  
Paul Brucker  
Rev. Tom Funk  
Judy Melvin  
Dan Souza  
Tom Smith  
Joan Sturtz  
Marcia Webb (dear friend of Mark  
Snyder)

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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

You can also complete the new "Prayer Request" form on the Calvary website at [calvarypgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php](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.

**If you would like a card or email sent from the church to let people know we are praying for them, please give us an address or email.**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP †\* . . . . . Liturgist — Nancy Richards

Leader: Come to the vineyard of God.

**People: We seek Christ, the vine of great love.**

Leader: Drink from the waters of life.

**People: We live in the light of God's grace.**

Leader: Come to the vineyard of God.

**People: All are welcome here.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE †\* . . . . . "How Can We Name a Love" — #111 UMH

## OPENING PRAYER †\*

**Abide with us and within us, O Holy One. Transform us into branches of your love, bearing fruit that feeds and nourishes a world hungry for kindness and compassion. Strengthen us that we may grow into your likeness with courage and conviction. Live in us, that we may live in you, and live as your abiding presence in the world. In faith and trust, we pray. Amen.**

## COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

### SONG OF PRAISE †\* . . . . . "He Is Lord, He Is Lord!" — #177 UMH

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE . . . . . Brittany Bova

### EPISTLE LESSON \* . . . . . 1 John 4:7-21 NRSV

- 7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
- 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.
- 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.
- 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.
- 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.
- 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.
- 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.
- 15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God.

- 16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.
- 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.
- 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.
- 19 We love because he first loved us.
- 20 Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.
- 21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**HYMN OF PRAYER \* . . . . .** "Abide with Me" — #700 UMH  
*You are welcome to come forward for prayer at the altar rail.*

## 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.**

**GOSPEL LESSON †\* . . . . .** John 15:1-8 NRSV

- 1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.
- 2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.
- 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.
- 4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.
- 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.
- 6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
- 7 If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** . . . . . "Connections" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

**WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE**

**CALL TO GIVE**

**OFFERTORY**

**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! Alleluia!**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** †

**CLOSING HYMN** †\* . . . . . "Christ Is Alive" — #318 UMH

**BENEDICTION** †

**POSTLUDE** †

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

# COMMUNITY LUNCH

LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

**Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship. This is an expansion on our normally scheduled fellowship time.**

**The Fellowship Hall is located downstairs. You can use the stairs or take the elevator.**



CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# FAMILY CORNER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PARENTS DAY OUT



Sat, May 11  
12-3 pm

**FREE BABYSITTING, lunch, snacks, movie, games, and activities for kids of all ages!**

### DAILY BREAD PICNIC

Sun, May 26  
3 pm

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
616 W North Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212**

### VBS 2024

Mon, Jun 17 thru  
Fri, Jun 21  
5:45-8 pm

**Stay tuned for further details about this year's program and registration.**

### MORE INFO

Megan 412-715-4946  
Brittany 412-715-4947



# THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

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**SUN**  
**APR 28**

## **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Following Worship (Monthly) | Fellowship Hall

## **AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS**

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**MON**  
**APR 29**

## **SLEEPING BAG GROUP**

6:30 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**TUES**  
**APR 30**

## **EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES**

9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

## **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

6:00 – 7:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

## **HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

7:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

## **NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) MANCHESTER**

7:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**THURS**  
**MAY 2**

## **EXERCISE FOR ALL AGES**

9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 – 11:00 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

## **NORTH ALLEGHENY CHORAL CONCERT**

5:00 PM | Sanctuary

## **OPEN SANCTUARY**

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

**SUN**  
**MAY 5**

## **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH REV. CHAD BODGEWIC**

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – "BIBLE 101" WITH REV. MYLES BRADLEY**

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

## **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

## **"CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING**

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

## **COMMUNION**

During Worship (Monthly) | Sanctuary

## **A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP**

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

## **AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS**

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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## WORSHIP LEADER ASSIGNMENTS

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

**Welcome Team:** Margee Bilyak, Patricia Bogdewic, Fred Ruddock, Mark Snyder

**Acolytes:** Jonathan Bogdewic, James Bova-Mickens, Zayvion Burns-Elliott

**Liturgist:** Nancy Richards

**Children's Message:** Brittany Bova

**Slide Projectionist:** Emma Hrcsina

**Name Tag Steward:** Kenny Elliott

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways you can lead the congregation in accessible, sacred, experiential and transformational worship on Sunday mornings. We each can have a part in making Calvary the place where everyone has an opportunity to be present, feel loved and valued, and experience God and our community with all of our senses. There are many ways that you can participate, including serving as the lay liturgist, a member of the Welcome Team, Name Tag Steward (new), presenting the Children's Message, managing the slides, serving Communion, helping with the Fellowship time after the service. If you have interest in being involved in worship in any of these capacities, please contact Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 / [kenelliott76@gmail.com](mailto:kenelliott76@gmail.com)).

### WORSHIP LEADER ASSIGNMENTS

Moving forward, worship leader assignments will be listed in the bulletin in this section at the top. Typically we will have two weeks listed at a time - the current Sunday and the following Sunday - but there will be exceptions. Please use this as a reference if you volunteer as a worship leader. Please contact Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 / [kenelliott76@gmail.com](mailto:kenelliott76@gmail.com)) with questions.

# SMALL GROUPS

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## WEEKLY

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Parlor**

This group is led by Rev. Chad Bodgevic. All are welcome!

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – BIBLE 101**

**Sundays beginning April 14 | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Chapel**

This group is led by Rev. Myles Bradley. We say that the Bible is “the Word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.” Join us for a six week journey to meet the writers and explore the words and the Word. Come and learn more about the source of our faith.

### **AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) – NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS**

**Sundays | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

AA meetings are designed to help you on your road to recovery — designed to help you get sober and remain sober.

### **NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) - MANCHESTER**

**Tuesdays | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

Every addict in the world has the chance to experience their message, and find the opportunity for a new way of life.

### **EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 AM | 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 ([laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com)).

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Thursdays | 10:00 – 11:00 AM | Parlor**

Join us as we study "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit" by Beth Moore. Beth Moore has an excitement and an exuberance for the Gospel and will involve you on an adventure into discovery and growth in the Spirit of the Lord.



## EVENTS

### PARENTS DAY OUT

**Saturday, May 11 | 12:00 – 3:00 PM | Chapel**

FREE BABYSITTING, lunch, games, snacks, and activities provided!

### DAILY BREAD PICNIC

**Sunday, May 26 | 3:00 PM | Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212**

We are in need of volunteers to make food ahead of time. Please see Megan or Brittany for further details.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) 2024

**Monday, June 17 thru Friday, June 21 | 5:45 – 8:00 PM | Calvary UMC**

Stay tuned for further details about this year's program, registration, and volunteer opportunities.

## WEEKLY

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Fellowship Hall**

Calvary offers two Sunday School classes — ages 3 to 10, and ages 11 to 15.



## A Time for Fellowship

PLEASE JOIN US AROUND THE TABLES  
IN THE CHAPEL BEHIND THE  
SANCTUARY FOLLOWING MORNING  
WORSHIP FOR REFRESHMENTS.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FLOOD BUCKETS

Because of all the recent flooding in our area, the Mission Barn is running low on Cleaning Buckets. For the next month, we will be collecting items for the buckets, concluding our gathering on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. You can fill a whole bucket or buy any of the items on the list. You must follow the list exactly. A list of needed items is available on the mission table. Please give generously to help our neighbors in need.

### NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO NEED TOOTHPASTE

**We've collected over 500 tubes so far!!! Thanks to all who have contributed!**

TOOTHPASTE continues to be a weekly need at the pantry. Jana Thompson, Director, would like Calvary to continue to collect it as she can then have it on the weekly grocery list available to the patrons. We continue to have a wonderful response from the generous hearts of our Calvary family! There are 2 collection bins — one at the Allegheny entrance and the other in the parlor/chapel. Cloth grocery bags also continue to be collected. Thank you!

## EVENTS

### “CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

**Sunday, May 5 (1st Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary**

**TO DATE IN 2024, THE CHILDREN HAVE GATHERED OVER \$575 IN CHANGE!!!**

Our children collect "change" because when there is lots of change together, we can make a difference. These gifts are used to help Women United in Faith purchase food for Daily Bread.

### DAILY BREAD – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

**Thursday, May 9 (2nd Thursday of each month) | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212**

The United Women in Faith (UWF) organizes the meal being prepared for the Daily Bread which serves meals three times a week to those without a home or who are under-employed. See Joan Bradley if you would like to get involved.

### NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

**Saturday, June 8 & Saturday, July 13 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM | Northview Heights**

All participants have found it to be a rewarding experience, and we would love to have some new volunteers as well. Six volunteers are needed for each date. There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel, and a written description of the work. Please feel free to contact Stacey Chervon ([stc38@pitt.edu](mailto:stc38@pitt.edu)) or Linda Ehrlich ([laehrich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrich927@aol.com)) for any questions.

# WEEKLY

## SLEEPING BAG GROUP

**Mondays | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall**

The sleeping bags are made from recycled materials, packed with personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, hats, and gloves then distributed to nearby homeless shelters. There is plenty to do. No sewing experience needed. Questions? Please contact Terri Howell (412-482-2211 / [tr\\_howell@yahoo.com](mailto:tr_howell@yahoo.com)) with any questions.

## OPEN SANCTUARY

**Thursdays | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Sanctuary**

The sanctuary will be open for prayer or silence or meditation every Thursday evening. Feel free to pass through as our special guest, or return on Sunday to make us your home.

# SPECIAL EVENTS



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ART SHOW AT THE SUMMER SOLSTICE

Attention, Calvary artists of all ages! We will be holding an art show in conjunction with Allegheny Historic Preservation Society's Summer Solstice Open House on June 20. The sunlight during the solstice dramatically changes portions of the Tiffany Stained Glass windows. If you are an artist, please contact Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 / [kenelliott76@gmail.com](mailto:kenelliott76@gmail.com)) to let the committee know if you would like to display and what kind of work you would display.

### AHPS SUMMER SOLSTICE OPEN HOUSE & CALVARY UMC ART SHOW

**Thursday, June 20 | 4:00 – 8:00 PM (Tentative) | Calvary UMC**

Mark this date on your calendar! This is a joint event hosted by Calvary UMC and the Allegheny Historic Preservation Society (AHPS). This year, we will be holding an art show in conjunction with the open house. More information to come over the upcoming months about the event and volunteer opportunities.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NAME TAGS

Calvary has purchased magnetic name tags for members, attenders, and visitors to help us better connect with one another by helping us learn each other's names (and remind us when we forget.) If you already have a name tag or gave your preference you do not need to again.

Please email Lay Leader Kenny Elliott ([kenelliott76@gmail.com](mailto:kenelliott76@gmail.com)) if you would like to complete an online form to indicate how you would like your name (and optional pronouns) listed on your name tag. Families, it will be easier to enter each person separately. You can complete the form multiple times.

We will have blanks for you to write on Sunday until we can make your permanent name tag. We will always have blanks for visitors and if we can't locate yours one Sunday.

## EVENTS

### COMMUNITY LUNCH

**Sunday, April 28 (Last Sunday of each month) | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall**

This is an expansion on our normally scheduled fellowship time following morning worship. Please join us around the tables in the fellowship hall located downstairs following morning worship.

### COMMUNION

**Sunday, May 5 (1st Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary**

All are invited to the table of our Lord. You do not need to be a member of Calvary or any church to participate. The bread that we share is gluten free so that all may partake.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday, May 16 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel**

## WEEKLY

### A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

**Sundays | Following Worship | Chapel**

Please join us around the tables in the chapel behind the sanctuary following morning worship for refreshments.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PIANO FUNDING SOUGHT – NOTE FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR, BRIAN BURNS

We have received a "new to us" concert grand piano! Our old piano had become worn out and needed more work than it was worth. We came across an opportunity to trade it in on this 9' Baldwin concert grand piano. This piano will enhance and allow us to expand Calvary's music ministry by offering professional piano concerts and recitals. Over the next month or so, the piano will be "fine tuned" to fill our sanctuary with amazing sound. The piano project total is \$7,500. If you would like to contribute financial support to this project, please feel free to make an offering through the collection plates and clearly mark on your envelope or check memo "new piano".

## EVENTS

### NORTH ALLEGHENY CHORAL CONCERT

**Thursday, May 2 | 5:00 PM | Sanctuary**

**Admission: FREE**

Join us for an evening of exquisite choral music at Calvary United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 2nd at 5 PM. We are proud to present the North Allegheny Honors Treble and Chamber Choirs in a showcase of vocal talent that promises to inspire and delight.

This special concert will feature a diverse repertoire performed by some of the most talented young voices from North Allegheny. Don't miss this opportunity to support our local students and experience the powerful beauty of choral singing in the wonderful acoustics of Calvary United Methodist Church.

Admission is free, and all are welcome! Come and be moved by the passion and precision of these outstanding performers. It's an evening of music that you won't want to miss!

See you there for a memorable celebration of choral music!

## WEEKLY

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

**Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Sanctuary**

**Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:00 PM | Sanctuary**

Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome! Please join us for singing, fellowship, and shenanigans!

### HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

**Tuesdays | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)**

No audition required and you do not have to be able to read music. All are welcome! Please reach out to Music Director Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / [bsburns77@aol.com](mailto:bsburns77@aol.com)) with questions.

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PASTOR

**Rev. Beth L. Nelson**

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OFFICE HOURS:

**Church Office:** Monday-Thursday, 12-3 PM

**Rev. Beth L. Nelson:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

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