

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



Close your eyes for a minute.
Take a deep breath.

Remember what is most important in life.

JUN

9TH

2024

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



WELCOME TO CALVARY



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



**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

Joan Mialki
Chris (friend of Mike Schnitgen)
Liz, Juan, and Lucy Martinez (death of Liz's
father)
Adel Fougnes
Janice Duckworth (sister of Judy Melvin)
Tom Paulin
Cary Knight
Martha Helmreich
Janet and Tom (friends of David Grinnell)
Patricia Hartman
Colleen (daughter of Terri Jagielski)
Mayernik daughters & grandfather
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
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. 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



PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP †* Liturgist — Renny Clark

Leader: The One who created all things good, continues to say: "Let light shine out of darkness."

People: The light of Christ shines all around us.

Leader: The One who searches us and knows us hems us in, behind and before.

People: We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Leader: Let us worship a God who surprises us at every turn.

OPENING HYMN †* "To God Be the Glory" — #98 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †*

Merciful One, when life beats us down, you reach out and restore us to health and wholeness. Surprise us once more, O God, with your never-failing grace and the light of your love. Lord of the Sabbath, when our spirits feel withered, we yearn to touch your healing power. Be with us in our hour of need and become the joy of our salvation. Our mouths long to sing your praise and our eyes long to behold your glory. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

SONG OF PRAISE †* "Surely the Presence of the Lord" — #328 UMH (Two Times)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Brittany Bova

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 NRSV

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
- 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
- 3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
- 13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.
- 17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

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 * “Here I Am, Lord!” — #593 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 †* Mark 2:23-3:6 NRSV

- 23 One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.
- 24 The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”
- 25 And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food,
- 26 how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?”
- 27 Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath,
- 28 so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.”
- 1 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand.
- 2 They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him.
- 3 And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.”
- 4 Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent.
- 5 He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored.
- 6 The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Remembering what is most important!" — 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 †* "Lord of the Dance" — #261 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

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

thank you

Thank you to our incredible guest organist who has joined us for today's church service. Please join Calvary UMC in welcoming organist, **John Engle**. Your splendid talents have truly added to our worship this morning!



LET'S GO CAMPING

JUNE 17-19 & 21
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
5:45 - 8:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Scan the QR code to complete a registration form, or contact the church office directly at either calvarypgh@gmail.com or 412.231.2007.



MORE INFO

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Brittany 412-715-4947



THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
JUN 9

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
JUN 11

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS) MANCHESTER

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

THURS
JUN 13

EXERCISE FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:00 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

DAILY BREAD – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Monthly) | Trinity Lutheran , 616 W North Ave, Pgh, 15212

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

PICNIC FOR ALL WOMEN – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

SUN
JUN 16

CALVARY SUNDAY MORNING CAFE

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | Chapel

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8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO NEED TOOTHPASTE

NCM would like Calvary to continue to collect toothpaste. There is a collection bin in the chapel. Cloth grocery bags also continue to be collected. Thank you!

EVENTS

DAILY BREAD – UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

Thursday, June 13 (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.

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, July 7 (1st Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

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.

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

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. 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) or Linda Ehrlich (laehrllich927@aol.com) for any questions.

WEEKLY

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC AND TALENTS NEEDED FOR THE SUMMER

In lieu of choir for the summer we would like to have some kind of special art each week. Pick-up choir will be once a month as announced. But, we could also use special music, or maybe some special poem or reading. Please feel free to share this with your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Reach out to Music Director Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) with questions or if you would like to participate.

PIANO FUNDING SOUGHT – NOTE FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR, BRIAN BURNS

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!!!! Thank you SO MUCH to all who have contributed!

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".

SPECIAL EVENTS



ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER SOLSTICE OPEN HOUSE & ART SHOW

Volunteers are needed to assist as greeters, hosts for the refreshments, and assisting with the artists at the Summer Solstice Open House and Art Show on Thursday, June 20. The open house and art show theme this year is "Tiffany: The Artist and Innovator". Guided tours will be provided in the sanctuary. Volunteers to help our artists set-up and guided through the chapel gallery area are needed from noon until 8:00 PM. Greeters and hosts are need between 3:45 until 8:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is in the chapel or you can email David Grinnell (grinnell@pitt.edu). Your help is greatly appreciated!

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OPEN HOUSE

AHPS is looking for donations for the refreshment table at the June 20th Open House. Any food that is bite size is acceptable - brownies, cookies, mini-muffins, vegetables, snacks of all descriptions. A sign-up sheet is in the chapel. All items must be delivered to the chapel by noon on June 20th. If you need help, please contact Fred (412-889-9990 / giraffelapin1862@aol.com). Our thanks in advance!

EVENTS

SUMMER SOLSTICE OPEN HOUSE & ART SHOW

Thursday, June 20 | 4:00 – 8:00 PM | 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.

GET CONNECTED



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD/FELLOWSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The times we gather for food at Calvary are very important to making CONNECTIONS and continuing the fellowship after the worship service. We talk, laugh, share, and nourish one another in body and spirit. To sustain these connections, we are asking for volunteers and sponsors for our food/fellowship times. Volunteers can sign up to help with food preparation, or service and clean-up. Sponsors can sign up by donating \$50 for food served in the chapel and \$100 for the monthly community luncheon. You are welcome to partner with someone else to sponsor. There are two sign-up sheets in the chapel along with envelopes for donations. Please give donation envelopes to Mike Schnitgen with date of sponsorship and names of donors. Please consider what you can do to help, and thanks very much.

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.) Please email Lay Leader Kenny Elliott (kenelliott76@gmail.com) for a name tag.

EVENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, June 27 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

This meeting has been changed due to the Summer Solstice being scheduled on June 20.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, June 30 (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 in the fellowship hall located downstairs following morning worship.

COMMUNION

Sunday, July 7 (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.

WEEKLY

CALVARY SUNDAY MORNING CAFE

Sundays | 10:00 – 11:00 AM | Chapel

Please join us for coffee and sweet treats Sunday mornings beginning at 10 AM. We have several groups meeting you might want to check out over coffee and your favorite muffin, cinnamon roll, or donut.

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.



PEW CUSHION PROJECT – THE FABRIC IS READY!!!

The Fabric is Ready! Nancy Richards has heard from the factory in Tuscany, Italy, and we are making shipping arrangements now.

NEW AHPS CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE COMING!

AHPS will be introducing a Christmas Card featuring our chancel decorated for Christmas at the Summer Solstice on June 20th. Each card will be 5"x7" in high-gloss color with a matte interior. The cards will be unfolded in order to permit persons with copiers a way to personalize their Christmas message. The packages will include 16 cards and envelopes for a cost of \$20. Credit cards will be accepted as well as checks, and they will be available throughout the fall. Helpers to count and sell the cards will be needed. All proceeds will benefit the restoration work at Calvary!

HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

If you have an announcement that you would like to be placed in the bulletin, website, Facebook, etc., please email Karen Ferguson (karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com). Announcements for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. Please include the following information: (1) title/subject of announcement, (2) content, (3) how long it should be advertised, and (4) where you want it to be publicized.

A photograph of various snacks arranged on a white surface. In the foreground, there are slices of red apples, a stack of triangular crackers, and a roll of flatbread. In the background, there are several small bowls containing nuts, chips, and colorful candies.

A Time for Fellowship

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

SEE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE 'GET
CONNECTED' SECTION ON HOW YOU
CAN GET INVOLVED IN OUR
FELLOWSHIP TIME AT CALVARY!

SMALL GROUPS



EVENTS

PICNIC FOR ALL WOMEN – HOSTED BY THE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Thursday, June 13 | 6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

All women! We will be gathering at 6:00 PM with dinner beginning at 6:30 PM. Each woman is asked to bring her favorite salad or dessert to share. Drinks and table service will be provided for you. Please join us to enjoy food and fellowship.

WEEKLY

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 program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich (laehrich927@aol.com).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | 10:00 – 11:00 AM | Parlor

Looking for deeper relationships with some of the women of Calvary? Come and join us this summer as we fellowship around God's Word, praying for a world wounded by sin, our fellow sisters and brothers in Christ and praising and thanking our Savior, Jesus Christ, for his grace and mercy. The coffee pot is always on along with a goodie or two. Feel free to just drop in and join our group on any Thursday you're free. Our Beth Moore study, "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit," will continue in September. Email Kathy Wagner (kbwagner47@gmail.com) with questions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



WORSHIP LEADER ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Welcome Team: Mary Emili, David Rizzo, Fred Ruddock, Scott Stegman

Acolytes: James Bova-Mickens

Liturgist: Renny Clark

Children's Message: Brittany Bova

Slide Projectionist: Linda McDonald

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 (FATHER'S DAY)

Welcome Team: Margee Bilyak, Joanie Mialki, Fred Ruddock, Scott Stegman

Acolytes: James Bova Mickens, Zay Burns-Elliott

Liturgist: Zay Burns-Elliott

Children's Message: Linda McDonald

Slide Projectionist: Emma Hrcsina

Name Tag Steward: Kenny Elliott

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Welcome Team: Patty Bogdewic, Linda McDonald, Fred Ruddock, Jane Skerl

Acolytes: James Bova Mickens, Zay Burns-Elliott

Liturgist: Megan Bova

Children's Message: Megan Bova

Slide Projectionist: Emma Hrcsina

Name Tag Steward: Kenny Elliott

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Welcome Team: Megan McDonald, Jo Ellen Parker, Fred Ruddock, Scott Stegman

Acolytes: James Bova-Mickens

Liturgist: Jan Meyers

Children's Message: Patty Bogdewic

Slide Projectionist: Linda McDonald

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).

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You ARE WELCOME HERE.



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