

REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM



CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 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 or visit our website at CalvaryPgh.com for information about the many ministries available. If you are ready to serve or just want to connect and grow, there are plenty of opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents.

PRAYER CONCERNS

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

Rhonda Harrison (friend of Linda Ehrlich) — brother Darryl passed away
Joan Jessup — sister passed away
Lorraine Malcolm's great-grandbaby — lead poisoning
John Henderson (Ellen Homitsky's brother) — leukemia
Joshua (Brian Burns' cousin's son) — brain tumor
Shelly (Christine Thomas' daughter) — car accident
Christine Thomas — new treatment for leg
Gerald — hospital
Jane Wederich (Ellen Homitsky's aunt) — heart problems
Danny (Bova's cousin) — ICU with respiratory issues
Lisa Ferguson — father in hospice
John Burke Dr (Truddee's husband) — UPMC Monroeville
Tea Sampson — ICU Presbyterian
Brian (Debbie Neuherz's brother-in-law) — Covid, loss of his wife
Brenda (Debbie Neuherz's sister) — loss of husband, Kevin, to Covid
Anna Jane (Bova family) — cancer
Tavarious Lee — violence
Kathy (Christine Thomas's sister) — recovering from stroke
Kate (Christine Thomas's niece) — needs a kidney
Charlee (Zeke Thomas's brother) — COPD
Pat (friend of Christine Thomas) — health struggles

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Joan Sturtz — caring for Bill
Ron and Sally Westerman
Randy & Danny — bone marrow transplant
Dan Souza — cancer
Tom Smith — cancer
Rev. Edward Clarke (Emanuel UMC) — esophageal cancer
Paul Brucker — ongoing health struggles

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

If you have a prayer request or a joy that you would like to be lifted up, you can either fill out the "PRAYER REQUEST" card in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office directly at 412-231-2007, or you can complete the new "Prayer Request Form" on the Calvary website at calvarypgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php. The information on this form goes directly to the clergy of Calvary UMC. We treat these concerns in a private and confidential manner (unless otherwise directed), respecting the privacy of individuals as the requestor directs us.

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LEADERSHIP

CHURCH COUNCIL

2022 Linda Ehrlich (Secretary) Susan Laczko Charles Moore	2023 Margee Bilyak Callie Buzzard Tom Hardy Joan Jessep	2024 Mary Emili Tom Flaherty David Grinnell (Chair) Linda Sustakoski
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No Term

Linda Ehrlich (Church Council Secretary)
Georgia Brucker (Church Council Treasurer)
Kenny Elliott (Lay Leader, No Term)
Aleata Weis (Lay Leader, No Term)
Joan Bova (Annual Conference Representative)
Megan Bova (Co-Chair, Children & Youth)
Brittany Bova-Mickens (Co-Chair, Children & Youth)
Karen Ferguson (Chair, Communications)
Barb Byers (Chair, Missions)
Kim Butler (Chair, Staff/Parish Relations Committee)
Beth Ober (Chair, Stewardship & Finance)
Howard Brokenbek (Chair, Trustees)
Joan Bradley (United Methodist Women Representative)
Pastor Matt Dean (Young Adult Ministries)
Nathan Salamacha (Young Adult Representative)

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SPRC)

2022 Martha Helmreich Larry Hopkins Dennis Panek	2023 Kim Butler (Chair) Renny Clark Bill Jessep	2024 Judy Flaherty Shelley Rohrer Dave Tinker
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No Term

Aleata Weis (Lay Leader)
Joan Bova (Annual Conference Representative)

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LEADERSHIP

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

2022

Beth Ober (Chair)
Renny Clark
Jeff Hertrich

2023

Dr. Jim Schofield
Rick Sustakoski
Kathy Winne

2024

Tom Hardy
Joan Jessup
Rick Tony

No Term

Howard Brokenbek (Trustees Chair)
Georgia Brucker (Church Council Treasurer)
Kim Butler (SPRC Chair)
David Grinnell (Church Council Chair)
Kenny Elliott (Lay Leader)
Aleata Weis (Lay Leader)
Joan Bova (Annual Conference Representative)

TRUSTEES

2022

Howard Brokenbek (Chair)
Lorraine Malcolm
Jameson Rohrer

2023

Joe Ober
Mark Neuherz
Adria Zawicki

2024

Dennis Panek
Tammy Phillips

No Term

Jesse Belfast (AHPS Representative)
Michael Schellhaas (Contract Advisor)
John Weiland (Contract Advisor)

LAY LEADERSHIP (NOMINATIONS)

2022

Linda Ehrlich
Mary Callison

2023

Rev. Jorinda Bullitt
Kenny Elliott (Lay Leader)
Aleata Weis (Lay Leader)

2023

Mark Rehn
Karen Ross
Chris Sweeney

No Term

Rev. Larry Homitsky (Chair)
Rev. Kelly J. Smith

Children's Ministries



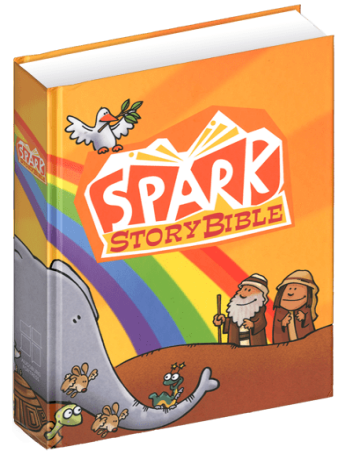
Spark Story Bible— Sunday School Edition

Designed for early readers, the award-winning Spark Story Bible opens up God's Word to kids through colorful art and rich retellings of 150 of the most popular Bible stories. A key part of Spark Sunday School, the Spark Story Bible uses creative language familiar to kids and features activity suggestions and questions help kids connect with the stories. Activity suggestions and questions help kids connect with the stories. Designed for age 2 to grade 2.



Children's Bible Sponsorship Form

We'd like to fill our pews with Children's Bibles as a way of acknowledging the children in our presence and inviting them to engage with the Bible as we do.



WE NEED YOUR HELP! **Are you willing to sponsor a Bible?**

Each Bible costs \$20 and can be in honor of or dedicated to someone special. Please include payment with your order form. Call the church office at 412-231-2007 with any questions.

Name _____

Phone _____ Quantity _____

In Memory or Honor of... *(Please circle choice)*

Memory | Honor _____

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Opening Scripture * Isaiah 43:1-7 (NRSV)

1 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. 4 Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. 5 Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; 6 I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth — 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship †*

Leader: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

People: When we pass through difficulties and stress,

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name.

People: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name and heals us.

People: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. AMEN.

Opening Hymn †* "How Firm a Foundation" — #529 (UMH)

Opening Prayer

Community Greetings

Message for the Young Hearted

Honoring Our Leadership

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Order of Worship continued on following page

** Words are listed on screen / † Please stand as you are able*

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

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.

Scripture * Luke 3:15-17 (NRSV)

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Scripture * Luke 3:21-22 (NRSV)

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reflection "Claimed and Called", Rev. Kelly Smith

Baptismal Hymn * "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" — #605 (Verses 1 & 3, UMH)

Reaffirmation of Our Baptismal Vows *

Leader: Family in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Leader: And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

All: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

- Leader: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?
- All: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!
- Leader: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?
- All: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!
- Leader: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?
- All: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.
- Leader: Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?
- All: We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

- Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is with us.
- All: Even so, come Lord Jesus!
- Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.
- All: Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!
- Leader: But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves.
- All: We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!
- Leader: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!
- All: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!
- Leader: Come upon these waters.
- All: Come upon these waters.

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Leader: Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.
All: Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.
Leader: Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.
All: Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.
Leader: Most Holy God, Abba, Father!
All: Glory to you!
Leader: Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!
All: Glory to you!
Leader: Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!
All: Glory to you!
Leader: Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!
All: All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

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 †*

God of new beginnings, as we move into this new year, stir in us the feelings of expectation! Kindle our hearts and minds to see possibilities for our world and for your kingdom. Help us to believe that the world we have can be better: more loving, more just, more compassionate, and looking much more like the world you’ve imagined for us. Lord, help us to give generously this day to empower that to happen. In the name of Christ, Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn †* “Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine” — #606 (UMH)

Benediction †*

Postlude †*

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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.

Sleeping Bag Group

The Monday night Sleeping Bag Group will begin meeting for the new year on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30pm downstairs in the church Fellowship Hall. No supplies are needed for the initial meeting. Please contact Terri Howell at ttr_howell@yahoo.com or call 412-482-2211 with any questions.



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OUR CONTINUED SAFETY

Our Continued Safety Covid Safety Precautions

Calvary Church Family and Friends,

We here at Calvary believe that keeping everyone safe is our top priority. The latest Covid surge is cause for concern - while this new variant is much less severe, more like a cold or mild flu, but also spreads much faster. We have people in our families and in our communities without access to a vaccine, specifically small children. Even though it is mild for most children, our local hospitals and health care systems are completely slammed.

As your pastoral staff, we believe that the safety practices we have in place are important in keeping all of us safe. Everyone must continue to wear masks (over their nose and mouth) while in the building and continue to socially distance (6 feet or more), especially on Sunday mornings. We also believe if you are concerned, you can stay home and join us for worship virtually (on our YouTube and Facebook pages).

Please reach out to us if you have any concerns.

Blessings,

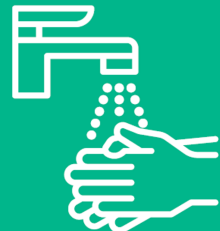
Rev. Kelly Smith and Rev. Larry Homitsky



WEAR a cloth
face covering.



WAIT at least 6 feet apart
from others at all times.



WASH your hands often
or use hand sanitizer.

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.

Sunday Morning Worship

Description: Join us for worship every Sunday at 11AM whether in person or virtually!

Facebook — Calvary United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh

YouTube — Calvary UMC Pittsburgh PA

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. The team is also working on plastic mats made from plastic grocery bags. There is plenty to do. No sewing experience needed; if you can tie a knot, you can make a sleeping bag! Please consider joining us on Monday evenings. Questions? Please contact Terri Howell at trr_howell@yahoo.com or call 412-482-2211 with any questions.

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. You can participate at your comfort level, and many exercises are done while sitting. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich (laehrlich927@aol.com), or come by some Tuesday or Thursday morning to join in the fun. As the exercise leader always tells us, remember to "keep it movin".

Bible Study Led By Rev. Larry Homitsky And Rev. Kornelius Neal

Time / Location: 6:30pm / New Destiny CMEC Church (Formerly Emanuel UMC)

Description: Please join us for our joint bible study with New Destiny. Afterwards it's also been our tradition to head to the Clark Bar for refreshments and further discussion. The address of New Destiny is 856 Crucible Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

TUESDAYS, CONT...

Renewal Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 6:30-7:30pm / 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.

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

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