

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



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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

Homer and Kathleen Miller (cousins of Venus)
The Family of Dianne Duursma (friend of Lisa
Ferguson who passed away recently)
Ken and Karen West on the passing of their
daughter, Katie West
Mary Ewalt
Colleen (daughter of Terri J.)
Emma H. (Joan Sturtz's granddaughter)
The Family of Jacqueline Melvin Cannon (Judy
Melvin's sister who passed away recently)
The Family of Dan & Holly Pultz due to his sudden
passing
Marcia Webb (dear friend of Mark Snyder)
Charles Foreman (Claudia's husband)
Mayernik daughters & grandfather
Joyce & Ray Zimmerman (sister of Yvonne
Hudson)
Linda Trautman
Megan MacDonald
Cel Thomas, John Rosella, Darlene Lesure
(friends of Fred Ruddock)
Venus' family
Michelle (Venus' friend)

ONGOING CONCERNS

Joan Sturtz
Judy Melvin
Sara Belohavek
Paul Brucker
Rev. Tom Funk
Martha Helmreich
Tom Smith
Dan Souza

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 — Zay Elliott-Burns

Leader: Gather us in, the brokenhearted and the joyful.

People: **Gather us in, the weak and the strong.**

Leader: Gather us in, the fearful and the brave.

People: **Gather us in, the young and the old.**

Leader: Gather us in, to sing of God's works.

People: **Gather us in, to praise Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Gather us in, to worship and wonder.

People: **Gather us in, to know of God's love.**

HYMN OF PRAISE †* "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" — #139 UMH

OPENING PRAYER †*

Gracious God, hear our songs. Gather us in as one people, that we may worship you as one body. Heal our broken hearts and bind up our wounds, that we may come into your presence healthy and whole. As we seek your wisdom. Help us to discern your greatness, as we honor the power and glory of your love. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

SONG OF PRAISE †* "This Little Light of Mine" — #584 UMH (Two Times)

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Brittany Bova

SPECIAL OFFERING "Change Matters"

*We are gathering change to support a monthly meal at Daily Bread.
When the children come around, please give generously. When all of our
"extra" change comes together, we can make a positive difference.*

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 147:1-11 NRSV

- 1 Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God, for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
- 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
- 5 Great is our Lord and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
- 6 The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.
- 9 He gives to the animals their food and to the young ravens when they cry.
- 10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,
- 11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM The Renewal Choir

GOSPEL LESSON †* Mark 1:29-39 NRSV

- 29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
- 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.
- 31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.
- 32 That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons.
- 33 And the whole city was gathered around the door.
- 34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.
- 35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.
- 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him.
- 37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."
- 38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do."
- 39 And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Busy, Busy!” — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

HYMN OF PREPARATION * “There Is a Balm in Gilead” — #375 UMH

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Come to this table because you want to celebrate –care in illness, comfort in sorrow, healing beyond curing, peace in forgiveness, hope in times of fear or threat.

Come to this table because you claim your abundance, as culture defines it or as your heart knows it. Come to this table because you have discovered your own generosity and need to start giving.

Come to this table because you are willing to be welcomed, even when that is awkward, and willing to welcome to the limit of your resources, and even to offer welcome knowing it may be rejected.

Come to this teeter-totter table, where the bakers and the starving, touch elbows and hearts.

We remember that Jesus Christ came from a culture of hospitality, stories of manna, grain gleaned, a raven feeding the prophet Elijah, Abigail hurrying to offer a feast, and a Passover meal for which everything stopped, and all were fed.

We remember that Jesus came from both family Sabbath evenings, and the rule-bending of grain plucked from a field when someone was hungry.

We remember that Jesus remembered, that on his first day in the healing business, he lifted up a woman from her fever and she responded by serving everyone from the generosity of her wellness. Jesus sat and ate at that table.

We remember that Jesus remembered that, near the end of his ministry, he called a short man from a tree into a forgiveness so abundant it became a meal for the least and lost. Jesus sat and ate at that table, too.

And we remember that Jesus knew, when it was the last Passover, how important healing and turning lives around was, and blessed unleavened bread. and poured wine and love freely, inviting us always to share both brokenness and grace.

Gentle Host, rest upon us as you rested upon water and light, earth and creatures, human beings, all in your image, and even the cooking pots and serving bowls of those who love you. Send your Spirit of life and love, power and blessing upon your children that this bread may be broken and gathered in love and this cup poured out to give hope to all. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Breathe in us, that we may breathe in you. In the name of Jesus, we pray with the prayer that he taught:

All: 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.

Leader: Let us with our many different stories, receive the gift of God, the bread of heaven.

All: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

Leader: Let us with our many needs and many blessings, receive the gift of God, the cup of blessing.

All: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

All are invited to the table of our Lord. Please come forward to the table of our Lord at the leading of the ushers. You will be served bread and then the cup. Please hold the bread to dip into the cup. The bread that we share is gluten free that all might freely participate.

WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

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 †* "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" — #474 UMH

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †

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

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



SUN
FEB 4

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

During Worship (Monthly) | Chapel

COMMUNION

During Worship (Monthly) | Chapel

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Following Worship | Parlor

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
FEB 5

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

6:30 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

SLOW FLOW YOGA WITH CARRIE GIEST

6:30 – 7:30 PM (Weekly) | Chapel | THIS IS A PRE-REGISTERED CLASS

TUES
FEB 6

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS)

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

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

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

THURS
FEB 8

EXERCISE CLASS 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) | Northview Heights

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

SAT
FEB 10

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING

9:30 – 11:00 AM | Parsonage

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

6:00 – 9:00 PM | Chapel

SUN
FEB 11

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

CHOIR REHEARSAL

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

During Worship | Sanctuary

A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT — CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF PITTSBURGH

3:00 PM | Calvary UMC

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall



A Time for Fellowship

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



Wandering Heart

WANDERING HEART

This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

As we are studying Peter's faith journey, the lyrics of "Come Thou Fount" come to mind. It's as if Peter himself wrote this song. Like many of us, Peter has a wandering heart. His journey is not polished, or linear, or perfect, but he is always tethered to the love of God.

In this series, we want to affirm that faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows. We want to affirm the ways Peter keeps going: he drops his nets, he walks on water, he runs to the empty tomb, he swims to the shore to meet the risen Christ. He keeps searching and yearning and loving, even after missteps or mistakes. Ultimately, in Peter's story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people—in fact, time and again, that's precisely who God claims and calls.

This Lent, we will look for ourselves in the stepping stones of Peter's story. We will reflect on the stages of our own faith journeys as well as who and what has shaped us along the way. As we wander, let us tune our hearts to sing God's grace. May we rest in streams of mercy, never ceasing.

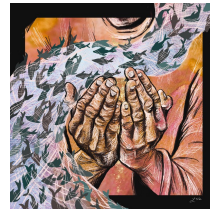
Devotional Booklets for this series are available. Visit the Welcome Tables over the coming weeks to pick up your materials.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY



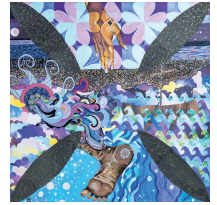
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT — FEBRUARY 18

“Jesus sought me” – Luke 5:1-11



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT — FEBRUARY 25

“Rescue me from danger” – Matthew 14:22-23



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT — MARCH 3

“Praise the mount” – Matthew 16:13-20



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT — MARCH 10

“I’m fixed upon it” – Matthew 16:21-23



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT — MARCH 17

“Teach me” – Matthew 18:15-22



PALM / PASSION SUNDAY — MARCH 24

“Songs of loudest praise” – John 12:12-16



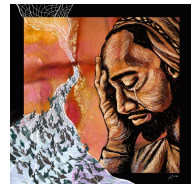
MAUNDY THURSDAY — MARCH 28

“Streams of mercy” – John 13:1-20



GOOD FRIDAY — MARCH 29

“Prone to leave the God I love” – John 13:31-38; 18:1-27; 19:1-30



EASTER SUNDAY — MARCH 31

“And I hope” – Luke 24:1-12



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — APRIL 7

“Here’s my heart” – John 21:1-19





ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER — VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to help that evening, donate an item from our list of what is needed for the dinner (see below), or if you would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com).

Donations needed: Brian will get mix, butter, eggs, oil, and all cooking supplies.

- Milk - 2 to 3 gallons
- Juice - 2 to 3 gallons, different types
- Sweet toppings - whipped cream & chocolate chips
- Berry sauce - homemade
- Creamer
- Fancy coffee
- Mardi Gras beads
- Mardi Gras table toppers

EASTER 11AM SERVICE — ADDITIONAL HELP NEEDED FOR WELCOME TEAM

Additional help is needed for the Welcome Team on Easter Sunday for the 11:00 AM service. If you are able to help, please contact Ken Elliott (724-531-4625 / kenelliott76@gmail.com).

On Easter Sunday, you would be:

- #1: Celebrating and participating in worship, and welcoming and making it possible for everyone to celebrate and participate in worship.
- Greeting visitors at every entrance, including the accessible entrance in the back and the less used Beech Ave entrance.
- Giving bulletins.
- Answering questions like "where are your bathrooms?" (#1 question)
- Helping people who may have special needs, wheel chairs, walkers, strollers, find seats or safely stow their gear.
- Talking with people, making them feel welcome, offering them welcome booklets
- Showing them our beautiful building, the windows, our history (ps you don't have to be an expert - talk about what you know and more importantly what these things mean to you. The welcome booklet has more info.)
- Collect the offering.

EVENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday, February 13 | 5:00 – 7:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

It's our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner! You are invited to this all you can eat extravaganza. Choose traditional pancakes (or waffles) with strawberry or blueberry topping, or go rogue and smother yours in whipped cream and chocolate chips! Dinner includes sausage links and drinks. Takeout is available. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under, toddlers are FREE. Monetary donations will also be accepted. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

ASH WEDNESDAY — ASHES TO GO

Wednesday, February 14 | 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM | Allegheny Avenue in front of Calvary UMC

We are trying a modern take on an ancient Christian tradition! Calvary pastors will be outside our church during the lunch hour to offer the imposition of ashes to pedestrians and drivers. All are free to join as we encourage our neighborhood to step into God's Season of Lent!

TRADITIONAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14 | 7:00 PM | Chapel

Please join us for a solemn service and the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them. You don't have to be a member of our church or any church to participate or receive ashes. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, a season of reflection on our humanity and our need for forgiveness and a time for repairing relationships and healing. For many, Lent is recognized as a time for fasting or giving things up, but today, many people choose to take on new disciplines - praying, volunteering, and becoming involved in new ministries in church or the community. Join us and begin to observe a meaningful Lenten season.

PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

We will start with palms, celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, remembering the joy and expectation that swept the city. We then walk through the events of Holy Week together on the way to Easter.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, March 28 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

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 United Methodist Church, Wexford. Our communion is open to all persons - you don't have to be a member of our church or any church.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, March 29 | 7:00 PM | Salem UMC, 350 Manor Road, Wexford, PA 15090

Worship with the congregation at Salem United Methodist Church. 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.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, March 31 | 7:00 AM | West End Overlook, Marlow St, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

A community tradition, we greet the dawn and celebrate Easter over one of the most spectacular views of the city of Pittsburgh! Emanuel United Methodist Church led this Easter celebration for decades. Since our congregations united in 2017, our members are happy and thankful to continue this meaningful, inspirational tradition.

EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE

Sunday, March 31 | 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

Join us in our triumphal celebration of Christ's resurrection! Special music leads a traditional Easter service, featuring Calvary's Festival Choir, South Hills Brass, and other musical guests. Parking attendants will be available. After a Holy Lent, we announce "Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!" and joyfully sing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

RITUALS, REGIMES, AND ROUTINES: EQUIPPING THE SELF FOR SERVICE!

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024 | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM
CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Calvary United Women in Faith are presenting a retreat for ALL women.

The retreat will be led by our very own Rev. Nettie Jorinda Bullitt, who was recently featured on in the December 2023 issue of *Inspiring Lives*.

Lunch will be provided - distinguish any dietary restrictions in registration.

Childcare will also be available - indicate in your registration if needed.

A free-will offering will be taken during lunch.

RSVP by emailing Calvary at CalvaryPgh@gmail.com (Deadline 3/6/24).
Questions? Contact Rev. Nettie Jorinda Bullitt at 412-646-5098.

PRESENTER



Rev. Nettie Jorinda Bullitt
Founder/CEO
Daughters of
Deborah

ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS



Charles Cook
Personal Trainer, Life
Coach, and Owner of
Freedom Fitness
Facility



Lori Paul
Certified Life/Health
Coach (extensive
experience with
mental health)



Sally Power
Founder/CEO
Treasure House
Fashions



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



PEW CUSHION RESTORATION PROJECT

Calvary United Methodist Church is 131 years old. It is splendid in all of its detail. The 35-foot high Tiffany Stained glass windows are its most noted feature. But not to be ever overlooked are the spectacular wood carvings all over the building — as you can see.

AHPS has undertaken the task of stabilizing the pews, repairing where needed, and finding and replacing some of the missing ornamentations. That was **Phase One** of the project.

Phase Two involves the pew cushions. The Joseph Horne family donated them and are original - 131 years old!!! Our mission is to replace the cushions as close to the original fabric and design as possible.

Our mission is to replace the cushions as close to the original fabric and design as possible. AHPS has raised more than \$10,000 toward this project. It is a beginning. Join us now to raise the remaining funds needed to complete the Calvary Pew Restoration Project.

Several categories of fundraising opportunities are available so that everyone can participate. There are also other opportunities that do not involve a monetary gift including putting the pads back in original order, loading the delivery vehicles, and driving the pads to Volant and back.

Total remaining cost to complete the project: \$17,100

FUNDING CATEGORIES

- **Pew-By-The-Foot:** Approximately 1,020' of pew cushions at \$15 per foot
- **Pew Patron:** 1 of 70 pews at \$225 per pew
- **Button Buddy:** 144 of 5,000 buttons at \$5 per 144
- **Clergy Seats:** 4 at \$250 each
- **Kneeler Pads:** 2 at \$400 each

Envelopes will be included in the bulletins beginning next week. You will be able to select on the envelope itself your level of participation. There will also be an area in the chapel that we will chart our progress. Please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) or Nancy Richards with any questions.

EASTER FLOWERS

Order forms for Easter Flowers Dedications will be inserted into the bulletin thru the beginning of March. Order forms will also be located on the welcome tables around Calvary. **The deadline for ordering flowers will be Sunday, March 3.** Each flower costs \$10 and you can choose from lilies, hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, or a combination of those.

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.

GET CONNECTED



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 to Bailey or Lila last week, you do not need to again.

Please email Lay Leader Kenny Elliott (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

NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Sunday, February 4 | Following Worship | Parlor

This will be a new member class/general info gathering for interested people wherever you are in your journey. Grab some refreshments and come join Rev. Beth and Lay Leader Kenny Elliott and explore what it means to be a member and learn more about Calvary UMC.

COMMUNION

Sunday, February 4 (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.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, February 11 | During Worship | Sanctuary

We will be accepting new members during morning worship.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 15 (3rd Thursday of each month) | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, February 25 (Last Sunday of each month) | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

This is an expansion on our normally scheduled fellowship time following morning worship.

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.





VALENTINE'S DAY SCHOOL UNIFORM DRIVE

King Pre K - 8 School is in need of new clothing items for their King Closet, where students in need of a new uniform can go to "shop" for new clothes.

DROP OFF LOCATION: THE OLIVE BRANCH

 11160 PERRY HIGHWAY
WEXFORD, PA 15090

 TUESDAY - SATURDAY
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

 JANUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 14, 2024

OR CALL REV. BETH NELSON TO SCHEDULE
A PICK-UP! (412) 398-7894

ITEMS NEEDED:

POLO SHIRTS - ANY SOLID COLOR
KHAKI PANTS - BLUE, BLACK, OR KHAKI

ALL SIZES FROM CHILDREN'S 5T UP TO
WOMEN'S 8 AND MEN'S 34



412

ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

4 ORGANS – **1** PURPOSE – **2** GOOD TO MISS

**412 IS NOT JUST OUR AREA CODE...
IT IS COMMUNITY MUSIC MINISTRY AT ITS FINEST.**

Join us as **4 churches** (each within the 412 area code) with **1 purpose** (to promote unity and the sense of togetherness) in a **unique concert series 2 incredible to be missed.**

RECITAL SERIES SCHEDULE

- 1** **SUN, FEB 18 AT 4PM**
CALVARY UMC
971 BEECH AVE, PGH, 15233
- 2** **SAT, FEB 24 AT 2PM**
BALDWIN UMC
5001 BAPTIST RD, PGH, 15236
- 3** **SAT, MAR 2 AT 2PM**
MT LEBANON UMC
3319 W LIBERTY AVE, PGH, 15216
- 4** **SUN, MAR 10 AT 4 PM**
INGOMAR UMC
1501 W INGOMAR RD, PGH, 15237

TICKETS ARE NOT REQUIRED
A free-will offering will be accepted and appreciated.



FEATURED ORGANISTS

Brian Burns, Calvary UMC | Frank Mosley, Baldwin UMC
Mitchell Stecker, Mt Lebanon UMC | Benjamin Bugaile, Ingomar UMC



QUESTIONS?

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



WORSHIP LEADER ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Welcome Team: Margee Bilyak, Patricia Bogdewic, David Grinnell, Fred Ruddock

Acolytes: Jonathan Bogdewic, James Bova-Mickens

Liturgist: Zay Burns-Elliott

Children's Message: Brittany Bova

Slide Projectionist: Linda McDonald

Communion Servers: Zayvion Burns-Elliott, Kenny Elliott

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SLIDES

We are looking for someone to take over the responsibility of the worship slides for Sunday mornings. A template would be provided for you and you would receive the Order of Worship and the lyrics to the music ahead of time. If you are familiar with Microsoft PowerPoint and are interested in learning more about this task, please contact the church office, Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com). Thank you so much!

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).

WORSHIP LEADER ASSIGNMENTS

Moving forward, worship leader assignments will be listed in the bulletin in this section at the top. Typically we will have four weeks listed at a time, 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) with questions.

MUSIC MINISTRY



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".

SPRING CONCERT

We are working on organizing a Spring Concert at Calvary featuring our Festival Choir. Stay posted for further details!

EVENTS

412 ORGAN RECITAL SERIES — 4 CHURCHES - 1 PURPOSE - 2 INCREDIBLE TO MISS!

Sunday, February 18 | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC, featuring Brian Burns

Saturday, February 24 | 2:00 PM | Baldwin UMC, featuring Frank Mosley

Saturday, March 2 | 2:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon UMC, featuring Mitchell Stecker

Sunday, March 10 | 4:00 PM | Ingomar UMC, featuring Benjamin Bugaile

412 is not just our area code, it is community music ministry at its finest. Join us as **4** churches (each within the 412 area code) with **1** purpose (to promote unity and the sense of togetherness) in a unique concert series **2** incredible to be missed.

Please join us for our first ever, unique collaborative organ recital series. To strengthen our common connection, 4 Pittsburgh area organists serving United Methodist Churches have joined forces to offer 4 joint organ recitals at 4 local United Methodist Churches. Come experience an amazing opportunity to hear the same pieces performed on very different organs in very different churches. A variety of music will be offered spanning several centuries. Vocal offerings, as well as solo and organ duets will be performed along with some incredible surprises. Tickets are not required. A free-will offering will be accepted and appreciated to assist each church in its music ministry. Meet the artists after each recital during a reception with light refreshments.

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 (Used to be Thursdays) | 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) with questions.

PEW RESTORATION PROJECT

Cushion Funding Categories

Calvary United Methodist Church is 131 years old. It is splendid in all of its detail. The 35-foot high Tiffany Stained glass windows are its most noted feature. But not to be ever overlooked are the spectacular wood carvings all over the building — as you can see.

PHASE TWO - PEW CUSHIONS

Our mission is to replace the 131-year-old pew cushions as close to the original fabric and design as possible.

TOTAL REMAINING COST TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT:
\$17,100

Several categories of fundraising opportunities are available so that everyone can participate.

Envelopes will be included in the bulletins beginning next week. You will be able to select on the envelope itself your level of participation. There will also be an area in the chapel that we will chart our progress.



BY THE FOOT

Approximately
1,020' of cushions
at \$15 per foot



PEW PATRON

1 of 70 pews at
\$225 per pew



BUTTON BUDDY

144 of 5,000 buttons
at \$5 per 144



CLERGY SEATS

4 at \$250 each



KNEELER PADS

2 at \$400 each

Questions?

CONTACT NANCY RICHARDS OR BRIAN BURNS
AT CALVARYPGH@GMAIL.COM



MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO NEED TOOTHPASTE

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

VALENTINE'S DAY SCHOOL UNIFORM DRIVE

Tuesday, January 24 thru February 14 | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Drop Off Location: Calvary UMC or Olive Branch, 11160 Perry Highway Wexford, PA 15090

King Pre K - 8 School is in need of new clothing items for their King Closet, where students in need of a new uniform can go to "shop" for new clothes. Items needed are: polo shirts (any solid color), khaki pants (blue, black, or khaki), all sizes from children's 5T up to women's 8 and men's 34. If you are unable to do a drop off at Calvary or the Olive Branch during this window, you can also call Rev. Beth Nelson (412-398-7894) to schedule a pick-up!

"CHANGE MATTERS" SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, February 4 (1st Sunday 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.

DAILY BREAD — UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

Thursday, February 8 (2nd Thursday 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, March 9, 2024 | 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) or Linda Ehrlich (laehrlich927@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 / trr_howell@yahoo.com) with any questions.

OPEN SANCTUARY

Thursdays | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Calvary

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.



EVENTS

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 10 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Chapel

FREE BABYSITTING, dinner, snacks, movie, games, and crafts for kids of all ages!

FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 23 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Easter activities and egg hunt!

PARENTS DAY OUT

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

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

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

NOTICE — Due to heating issues across the street, we will now be holding Children's Sunday School in Calvary's Fellowship Hall (basement). Once the heating situation is fixed, Sunday School will move back to the Presbytery.

Calvary offers two Sunday School classes — ages 3 to 10, and ages 11 to 15. When Sunday School is at the Presbytery, we meet in the chapel and everyone walks across the street together.

Shrove Tuesday

PANCAKE DINNER

FEBRUARY 13
5:00 - 7:30 PM

ADULTS - \$10
KIDS - \$5



Donation Includes

**PANCAKES OR WAFFLES,
SAUSAGE, TOPPINGS,
DRINKS**

TAKEOUT AVAILABLE



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SMALL GROUPS



EVENTS

CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING

Saturday, February 10 | 9:30 – 11:00 AM | Parsonage

This will be our first meeting of 2024. We will be discussing plans for our program and events for the coming year so come and help us. Rev. Beth has invited us to the parsonage across the parking lot from the church. We will enjoy a continental breakfast.

WEEKLY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Parlor

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

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.

SLOW FLOW YOGA WITH CARRIE GIEST

Mondays beginning February 5 | 6:30 – 7:30 PM | Chapel

THE CLASS IS CURRENTLY BOOKED. However, if you are still interested please email Calvary with your information. More classes may be scheduled if there is enough interest.

Classes are open to all, and will be modified to meet the abilities of the attendees. Participants (18+) must register for six classes. The class will be limited to 12 participants. Carrie has been practicing yoga for 12 years and received her yoga instructor certification from the Asheville Yoga Center in 2018. The total cost of the classes will be donated to Pittsburgh Cure Sarcoma (PCS) for advancing research for rare cancers and supporting young adults with cancer. Carrie's son, Kyle, is currently in a clinical trial to treat his Stage-4 Ewing's Sarcoma.

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS)

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).

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. *John 14 tells us that God gives us the Holy Spirit to be in us – Christ in us, the hope of glory.*

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) to let the committee know if you would like to display and what kind of work you would display.

EVENTS

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT — CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF PITTSBURGH

Sunday, February 11 | 3:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Tickets Cost: \$30 General, \$10 Student, Free for children 12 and under

Purchase Tickets: https://copgh.ticketleap.com/britten-bartok-and-montgomery2/dates/Feb-11-2024_at_0300PM

Join us as the Chamber Orchestra of Pittsburgh continues their series "Melody and Movement" at Calvary with a performance of "BRITTEN, MONTGOMERY, AND BARTOK".

RITUALS, REGIMES, AND ROUTINES: EQUIPPING THE SELF FOR SERVICE! WOMEN'S RETREAT SPONSORED BY CALVARY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Saturday, March 16 | 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM | Calvary UMC

RSVP by March 6: Email Calvary UMC at CalvaryPgh@gmail.com

Questions: Contact Rev. Nettie Jorinda Bullitt at 412-646-5098

The Calvary United Women in Faith are presenting a retreat for ALL women. The retreat will be led by our very own Rev. Nettie Jorinda Bullitt, who was recently featured on in the December 2023 issue of *Inspiring Lives*. See ad in today's bulletin for further information. Lunch will be provided - distinguish any dietary restrictions in registration. Childcare will also be available - indicate in your registration if needed. A free-will offering will be taken during lunch.

AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT — PITTSBURGH YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sunday, April 21 | 4:00 PM | Calvary UMC

Tickets Cost: TBA

Purchase Tickets: TBA

Join us as the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra presents "Woodwind Sectional".

AHPS SUMMER SOLSTICE OPEN HOUSE & CALVARY UMC ART SHOW

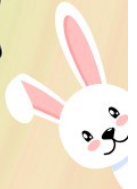
Thursday, June 20 | 4:00 – 8:00 PM (Tentative) | Calvary UMC

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.

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FAMILY CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS



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MORE INFO

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You ARE WELCOME HERE.



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