

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CELEBRATING AFRICAN-AMERICAN HYMN WRITERS



**In my sorrow, Lord walk with me
In my sorrows, Lord walk with me
When my heart is aching
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me**

MARGARET ALLISON BONDS



CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

WELCOME TO CALVARY

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

**PASTOR
SHANE SICILIANO**



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



*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

Tom Smart (friend of Anne Christianson)
Rev. Tom Funk
Mary Callison
Fran Frank & Family (Karen Ferguson's gram)
Chris Griffin
Jenalee Morris
Father of Liz Martinez

Tricia Magee (friend of Larry & Pam Hopkins)
Roy Ziegler (friend of Venus)
Lori McDonough (relative of Venus)
Friend of Mark Snyder
Sheila Shimko (mother of Sheila Hill)
Chuck (Eliyana Bogdewic's great uncle)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Martha Helmreich
Christine Thomas
Paul Brucker
Joan Sturtz

Randy & Danny
Dan Souza
Tom Smith

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.

PLEASE NOTE — Prayer concerns will be published for 4 weeks unless otherwise instructed.

A CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

To celebrate and recognize Black History Month at Calvary Church, we will feature on the cover of the Sunday Bulletin portraits of African-American Hymn Writers.

Margaret Allison Bonds (1913 – 1972) born in Chicago, Bonds father was an activist in the Civil Rights movement and her mother a church musician and a member of the influential National Association of Negro Musicians. She studied music at Northwestern University (Methodist related) where she was admitted at the young age of sixteen. There, she earned a Bachelor's in Music (1933) and a Master's in Music (1934).

Relocating from Chicago in 1939 to New York City, Bonds married Lawrence Richardson, and became a close friend of

Langston Hughes. As a pianist, music arranger, and teacher she would collaborate with Hughes to bring his poetry and other works into music. In 1964, Bonds wrote *Montgomery Variations* for orchestra, a set of seven programmatic variations on the spiritual "*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*." The work is centered on Southern Blacks' decision no longer to accept the segregationist policies of the Jim Crow South, focusing on the Montgomery Bus Boycotts and the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. Ultimately, the work was dedicated to Martin Luther King Jr. Perhaps the best-known work of Bonds is her arrangement of *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*.

References

Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret_Bonds

Portrait: <https://afrovoices.com/margaret-bonds-biography/>

Music: <https://hymnary.org/hymn/TWC/642>

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 642

... Jesus himself came up and walked along with them. Lk. 24:15

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (number 642). It is a unison setting in 4/4 time, marked "Unison". The score is written on three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are as follows:

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me; I want
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; in my
3. When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in

Je - sus to walk with me; all a - long my pil - grim
tri - als, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is al - most
trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in

jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
break - ing, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
sor - row, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Passion Sunday

Date / Time: Sunday, April 2 at 11:00am

Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary

Description: 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. This year we will end with a dramatic reading of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, taken word for word from the Gospel of Luke.

Maundy Thursday

Date / Time: Thursday, April 6 at 7:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary

Description: Come and remember together the last supper gathering of Jesus and his disciples, when he gave them the command, "Love one another as I have loved you." This reflective service, including Holy Communion, is co-hosted by Salem 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

Date / Time: Friday, April 7 at 7:00pm

Location: Salem United Methodist Church, 350 Manor Road, Wexford, PA 15090

Description: 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

Date / Time: Sunday, April 9 at 7:00am

Location: West End Overlook, Marlow St, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Description: 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

Date / Time: Sunday, April 9 at 11:00am

Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary

Description: 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!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Northview Heights Food Distribution

Date / Time: Saturday, March 11 at 8:45am

Location: Northview Heights High Rise, 533 Mt Pleasant Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Description: The first food distribution in Northview Heights went very well, thanks to several choir members and their families. Because it was so successful and the volunteers felt needed and appreciated, three more Saturday distribution dates have been chosen for Calvary: March 11th, April 22nd, and May 20th. Six volunteers are needed for each Saturday. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the chapel.

United Women in Faith Meeting

Date / Time: Saturday, March 11 from 9:30-11:30am

Location: Calvary UMC Chapel

Description: All women are invited and encouraged to attend the next meeting of United Women in Faith to be held on Saturday, March 11 beginning at 9:30 am with continental breakfast. We will welcome the Pittsburgh District officers of UWF who will share with us about the changes in our organization. We will also have discussion about the Plant Sale and other events on our calendar. Please join us to learn more about this worldwide organization for women, children and youth.

Church Council Meeting

Date / Time: Thursday, March 16 from 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Chapel

AHPS Tiffany Concert Series — The Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra

Date / Time: Sunday, March 19 at 4:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary

Description: Announcing the fourth concert of the Tiffany Concert Series presented by The Allegheny Historical Preservation Society. This concert is a fundraiser. All proceeds will go toward the Calvary UMC Pew Restoration Project. The concert features members of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra string section performing solos, chamber music, divertimenti, and larger works. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the exceptional talent of these musicians and the next generation of performing artists!. Visit <https://ahps-pgh.org/> for further information about the concert and AHPS.

Fellowship Dinner — A Message from Nancy Richards

Date / Time: Sunday, March 19 at 6:00pm

Location: Fabled Table, 1400 Buena Vista St, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Description: After the Youth Symphony concert on March 19th, a fellowship dinner is being planned at "Fabled Table!" Would you like to join us? The cost is \$25 each and we'll need at least 25 participants. A sign-up sheet is in the Chapel. Invite your friends, and have a chance to visit and enjoy having Lisa Ferguson cook for us! Any questions? See Nancy Richards or call her at 724-776-7976.

CALVARY'S FAMILY CORNER

UPCOMING FREE EVENTS 2023

EASTER EGG HUNT & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

12 PM - 2 PM

Join us for our Easter Egg Hunt and an Ice Cream Social! What's more enjoyable than Easter fun AND ice cream! Join your church family following morning worship. Bring a friend! Mingle and chat!

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POTLUCK & GAME NIGHT 6 PM - 8 PM

Come join us for a family potluck and game night. We will provide the desserts and salad. We are asking that everyone to bring a dish to share.

VBS 2023

Sunday will be 1:00-3:00pm and the rest of the week will be 6:00-8:30pm. More information to come!

**SUN
JUN 25 -
THURS
JUN 29**

MORE INFO - MEGAN 412-715-4946 / BRITTANY 412-715-4947

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship †* Liturgist— Eli Sweeney

Leader: Listen!

All: **There is hope to be found here.**

Leader: Listen!

All: **God calls you by name here.**

Leader: Listen!

All: **There is love that abides here.**

Leader: This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.

All: **God is speaking.**

Leader: Let us worship together.

Opening Hymn †* “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” — #269 UMH

Opening Prayer †*

Holy God, listening is always easier said than done. We shuffle into this space and try to quiet our minds, but the list of distractions is long. We need your help to listen. So, today we ask that you embrace us in your Word. Dust the cobwebs from our ears. Stir our souls awake. Crack open our hearts to make room for you. We want to hear you, really hear you, so speak to us now. With hope we pray, amen.

Community Greetings †

Children’s Message Rev. Beth Nelson

Black History Moment Rev. Jorinda Bullitt

Prayer Concerns

Unison Prayer of Confession *

Holy God, too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice. Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting caught in distractions. Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like. Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you. With earnest hearts we pray, amen.

Prayer Hymn * “Let Us Plead for Faith Alone” — #385 UMH

As the congregation joins in singing this hymn, you are invited to the altar rail for personal prayer.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson * Genesis 2:15-17 NRSV

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Gospel †* Matthew 4:1-11 NRSV

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Out of Eden" — Rev. Myles Bradley

Words of Community Life and a Call to Give

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Doxology †* "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small:
love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all.**

Offering Prayer †

Closing Hymn †* "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" — #384 UMH

Benediction †

Postlude †

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Bible Study

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Calvary Chapel

Description: *"Affirming the Scriptures of an Affirming God"* — How can we respond when people use verses of the Bible as a weapon? We can relearn the weaponized Scriptures in defense of love. We'll be looking at the Scriptures through the lens of welcoming, affirming, and accepting all people. Feel free to bring your Bible, but we also have more Bibles available.

Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Calvary Choir Loft

Description: Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome!

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. Please meet up in the chapel and everyone will walk across the street together.

Fellowship Following Morning Worship

Time / Location: Following Morning Worship / Calvary Chapel

Description: Come to the chapel following morning worship for fellowship.

MONDAYS

Sleeping Bag Group

Time / Location: 6:30pm / Calvary Fellowship Hall

Description: The sleeping bags are made from recycled materials, packed with personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, hats and gloves then distributed to nearby homeless shelters. There is plenty to do. No sewing experience needed. 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 Chapel

Description: The group uses the program "Grow Young Fitness". The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com.

Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 6:00-7:30pm / Calvary Choir Loft

Description: Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome!

WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

TUESDAYS, CONT...

Bible Study

Time / Location: 7:00-8:00pm / Calvary Chapel

Description: Calvary UMC and New Destiny CME come together for a regular weekly Bible Study here at Calvary. This Bible Study is led by Rev. Kornelius Neal of New Destiny. Please join us to grow in Scripture and fellowship!

THURSDAYS

Exercise Class For All Ages

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary Chapel

Description: The group uses the program "Grow Young Fitness". The program is targeted to "older adults", but great for people of all ages. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com.

Women's Bible Study

Time / Location: 10:00-11:00am / Calvary Parlor

Description: Join us for *"Living Right-Side Up in an Upside Down World - A Women's Study on the Beatitudes."* This study for women began on Thursday, February 23 and continues for six weeks. We will take a look at what it means to live out the "Blessed are" statements in our rapidly changing and, at times, challenging world. The curriculum was developed by Kathy Wagner and is taken from "Our Daily Bread" daily devotionals. You are welcome to come for any/all of the sessions as we experiment with this day and time for a study. Linda Ehrlich has copies of the complete curriculum if you would like a copy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calvary United Methodist Women in Faith — Plant Sale

Our Annual Plant Sale is in full bloom now through April 17th. The plants will arrive in time for Mother's Day — in time to order for mom and for your garden! The plants can be picked up on either Thursday, May 11 or Friday, May 12 from 1:00-6:00pm. Flyers are available now at the Welcome Tables. Contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com with any questions.



EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Easter Flower Dedications — Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinths, and Mums

\$10.00 Each | Deadline — Sunday, March 26

In Memory _____

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Name _____

Phone or Email _____

Please list number of how many of each:

Lilies _____ Tulips _____ Hyacinths _____ Mums _____

Total (#) _____ Total (\$) _____

Please contact the Calvary church office with questions at either CalvaryPgh@gmail.com or 412-231-2007. Place order form in offering plate or mail to Calvary Office.

Mailing Address: Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233