

If

...a small word,
but it means alot.



CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

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.

Location of Bathrooms

From the front exits of the Sanctuary outside the right doorway, a handicapped accessible restroom and baby changing table are available on this level. From the front exits of the Sanctuary outside the left side exit, restrooms are located down the stairs.

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

Pastor Shane Siciliano
Tom Smart (friend of Anne Christianson)
Rev. Tom Funk
Mary Callison
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.

LENT 2023

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service

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 Worship Service

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.

Good Friday Worship 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 Worship 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 Worship 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

Calvary's Shepherd Ministry — A Message from Budd Wagner

Date & Time: Today, Sunday, March 26 from 12:30-1:30pm

Location: Calvary UMC Sanctuary

Description: This a new ministry made up of our Laity. Remember that we have been Blessed to be a Blessing to those both in the flock at Calvary and others, to use our gifts of care and compassion to reach out to those members of our flock whom we have missed at worship, or at bible studies, or congregational events, to reach out and reconnect with them. You are not just for our flock but also for others who feel as though no one cares for them or feel left out. Perhaps your gift is to care enough for those who feel forgotten, rejected, broken, or they believe God does not care about them. You have been gifted. God has blessed us with many gifts so that we might be a blessing to others. Pray and listen to what God is calling you to do, then do it.

Come Warm Your Hearts!

Date & Time: Today, Sunday, March 26 at 2:00pm

Location: South Avenue Church (733 South Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15221)

Description: Pittsburgh District clergy and laity are invited to "Come Warm their Hearts" at a Worship Service at South Avenue Church. This will be a celebration of our connection as United Methodists siblings. Come and you will find your heart strangely warmed!

Seder Dinner

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

Description: You are invited to join us for a meaningful meal, joy-filled celebration, and time of Remembrance. Many believe that Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples was a Seder Meal. As we participate in a tradition that Jesus would have practiced each year, we will remember and retell the story of how God led His chosen people out of slavery in Egypt—and see how it prepares us to remember Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Please RSVP by signing up on the Calvary Community Bulletin Board in the chapel by Sunday, April 9th. For questions, contact Linda Ehrlich, laehrlich927@aol.com.

Potluck & Game Night — A Children's Ministry Event

Date & Time: Saturday, April 15 from 6:00-8:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

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

Church Council Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, April 20 from 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Chapel

Northview Heights Food Distribution

Date & Time: Saturday, April 22 at 8:45am

Location: Six volunteers are needed. if you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the chapel.

ORDER OF WORSHIP — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship †* Liturgist— Mary Emili

Leader: Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

All: **Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?**

Leader: Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

All: **Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?**

Leader: If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God’s house. Hope lives here. So, come. Rest your weary bones. Let us worship Holy God.

Opening Hymn †* “O Worship the King” — #73 UMH

Unison Prayer †*

Creator God, why is bad news so loud? How do we hear you? How do we find you? How do we know that these bones can live? Today we bring our raw selves into this space asking that once more you would rush through this room like a mighty wind. Remind us that these bones can live. Speak to us in your still, small voice and let it be loud enough to speak to the sorrow of the day. Amen.

Community Greetings †

Children’s Message

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Prayer Hymn * “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” — #297 UMH

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

Jesus of Nazareth, I confess: I forget that you know this feeling. I forget that you, too, have wept. I forget that you, too, have lost. I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb, have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity. Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you. Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you could never feel what I feel. Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us. Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Pastoral Prayer

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT... — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson * Ezekiel 37:1-14 NRSV

1 The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." 7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11 Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Gospel †* John 11:1-45 NRSV

1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." 5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

ORDER OF WORSHIP — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Gospel (cont...) †*

John 11:1-45 NRSV

7 Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” 8 The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” 9 Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. 10 But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.” 11 After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” 12 The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. 15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” 16 Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” 24 Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” 27 She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” 33 When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT... — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." 45 Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "If... just a little word?" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

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 †* "Forth in thy Name, O Lord" — #438 UMH

Benediction †

Postlude †

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

***You are invited to join in a time of fellowship in the chapel.
Come and grab a snack and enjoy conversations!***



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Bible Study

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

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

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. There is plenty to do. No sewing experience needed. Questions? Please contact Terri Howell at ttr_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: 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 UMC 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...

THURSDAYS

Exercise Class For All Ages

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary UMC 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 UMC 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.

**UPCOMING
FREE EVENTS 2023**

**CALVARY'S
FAMILY CORNER**

POT LUCK & GAME NIGHT
6 PM - 8 PM

Come join us for a family potluck and game night. We will provide the desserts and salad. Please bring a dish to share!

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JUN 29**

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!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Northside Common Ministries Continues to Need Toothpaste — A Message from the Missions Committee

TOOTHPASTE is needed again by the Northside Common Ministries Food Pantry. We will continue to collect toothpaste for the foreseeable future as that is what the food pantry needs. The pantry weekly serves 70-120 of our neighbors residing in the Northside meeting their basic needs with the generosity of loving hearts, like those at Calvary!

Tuesday Night Bible Study Cancelled

The Tuesday Night Bible Study has been cancelled. Please call the church office with questions.

Calvary United Methodist Women in Faith — Annual 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.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

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PICKUP DATES

Thurs, May 11 & Fri, May 12, 1-6pm

More Info or to Order - CalvaryPgh.com

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