



*He is  
Risen*

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR**



**CALVARY**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 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](mailto:CalvaryPgh@gmail.com) or visit our website at [CalvaryPgh.com](http://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

Passing of Rev. William Edsall

Lisa Ferguson — passing of her father

Mark Rehn's Parents — father had a stroke and mother is in a care home

Friend of Mark Snyder — cancer has returned

Kathleen (friend of Brittany Bova) — broken hip and surgery

Jeanne Di Thomas (friend of Jane Skerl) — surgery, chemotherapy

Carl (Kenny Elliott's cousin) — in hospital, multiple issues

Dave Tinker — mother's health, medical staff

Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister) — cardiac issues

Joshua (Brian Burns' cousin's son) — brain tumor

Shelly (Christine Thomas' daughter) — car accident

Christine Thomas — new treatment for leg

Jane Wederich (Ellen Homitsky's aunt) — heart problems

Danny (Bova's cousin) — continued recovery with lungs

Kathy (Christine Thomas's sister) — recovering from stroke

Kate (Christine Thomas's niece) — needs a kidney

## Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Joan Sturtz — caring for Bill

Ron and Sally Westerman

Randy & Danny — bone marrow transplant

Dan Souza — cancer

Tom Smith — 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](http://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.



# *Easter Flower Dedications*

## **In Memory of Rev. William Edsall and Audrey Jean Edsall**

### **Lorraine Blaha**

In Memory of Rev. Bob Richards and Sam Kiss

### **Joanie Bova**

In Memory of Rev. James and Betty DuBois, and Anna Jane Shally

In Honor of Megan, Dan Bronson, Luke Duke, Brittany, Aaron, James, Haley, Chauncie,  
Courtney, Princess, Philip Aaron Bova

### **Megan Bova & Dan Funk**

In Memory of Rev. James and Betty DuBois, Sam and Theresa Bova, Peggy Funk, and Joseph Vacek

In Honor of Bronson Joseph Funk

### **Burns-Elliott Family**

In Memory of Lucy Mae Elliott, Kenneth and Joan Elliott

In Honor of Ethan and Peyton Rihn

### **Kim Butler**

In Memory of my parents, my grandparents, and my brother Rick

In Honor of our Savior Jesus Christ

### **Callie Buzard**

In Memory of the lives lost in Ukraine

In Honor of the U.S. Military

### **Anne Christianson**

In Memory of George & Mildred Cornish

### **Linda Ehrlich**

In Memory of Florence and William Andrews

### **Mary Emili**

In Memory of George & Margaret Lopata

*"The flowers appear on the earth;  
the season of singing has come..."*

**Judy & Tom Flaherty**

In Memory of Virginia Kraft and Mary Campbell

**David Grinnell**

In Memory of Kenneth Grinnell, Betty Grinnell, David Johnson, Iva Johnson, Rev. Robert Richards

In Honor of Rev. Larry Homitsky, Rev. Kelly Smith, and Brian Burns & the Calvary Choir

**Martha S. Helmreich**

In Memory of my parents, brother, and sister

In Honor of my children and my grandchildren

**Joan Mialki**

In Memory of my parents, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mialki

**Rev. Larry and Ellen Homitsky**

In Memory of Ellen's father, John Henderson; Larry's father and mother, Charles and Jean Homitsky; and Larry's brother, Jeff Homitsky

In Honor of our children Luke, Kelley, Joy, Mark, Sarah, Mike, Nathan, Via, Anna, & Tom; and our grandchildren Cecilla, Sebastien, Mathilde, Mackenzie, Penelope, Montgomery, Aurora, Owen, Emma, Abe, Henry, Jack, and J.J.; and Ellen's mom, Marge Henderson

**Brittany and Aaron Mickens**

In Memory of Aaron's father, Richard Mickens

In Honor of our children James, Haley, Courtney, and Chauncie

**Dennis W. Panek**

In Memory of Genevieve and Walter Panek

**Nancy Richards**

In Memory of Rev. Bob Richards

In Honor of Audrey and Tatum Arbuckle

**Karen Ross**

In Memory of Adam Geisler and Mary Geisler

**Jane Skerl**

In Memory of my mother & father and Jeanne DiThomas

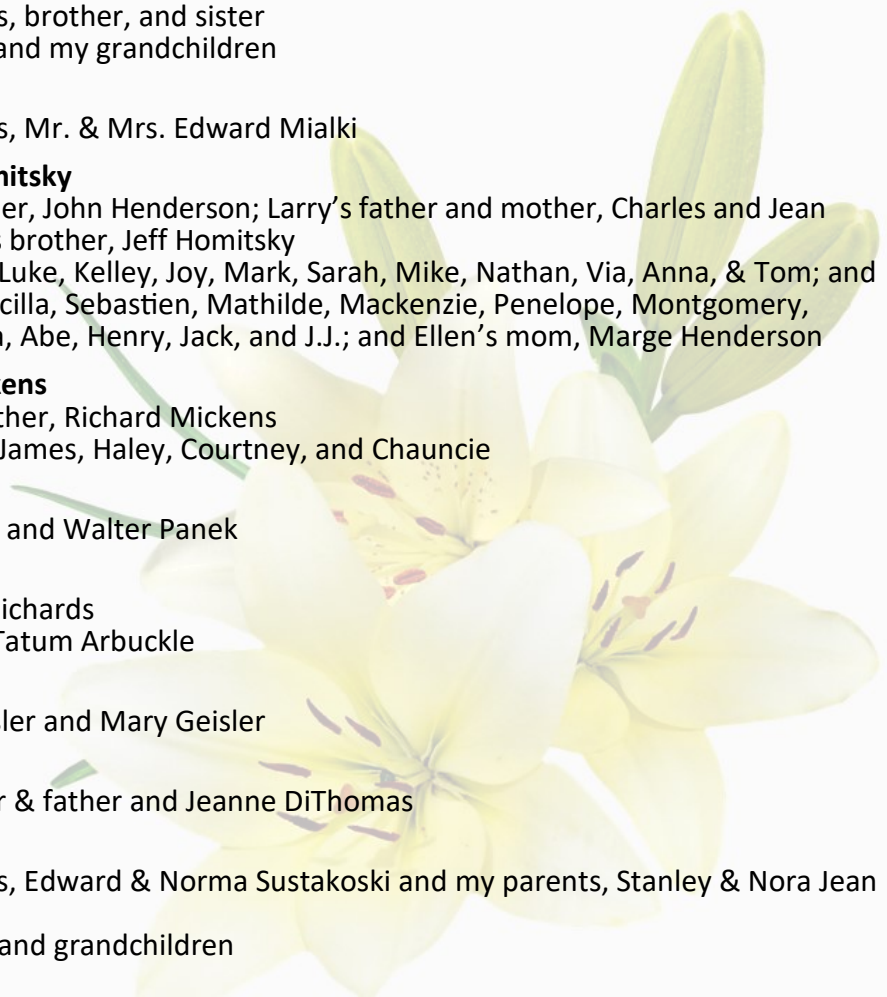
**Linda Sustakoski**

In Memory of my parents, Edward & Norma Sustakoski and my parents, Stanley & Nora Jean Kruger

In Honor of our children and grandchildren

**Aleata and Wayne Weis**

In Honor of our children Aiden Weis, and Aimee and Adrianna Weis-Carbonara



# NEW PASTOR APPOINTED

## New Pastor Appointed for Calvary United Methodist Church

Dear Church Family,

July 1, 2022 will be a time of transition for Calvary United Methodist Church. Reverend Larry Homitsky will begin his retirement from the ministry and Reverend Kelly Smith will assume the lead pastor role at the Monroeville United Methodist Church.

To prepare for the future of Calvary, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Chair of Church Council and our Lay Leader have been meeting with the District Superintendent. A full-time pastor was requested. Through prayer and discernment, the District Superintendent, Cabinet and Bishop made a pastoral appointment for Calvary and on Friday, March 18, 2022, the District Superintendent introduced the newly appointed pastor to the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Chair of Church Council and our Lay Leader. Our new pastor is Rev. Shane Siciliano. The announcement was made to the congregation on Sunday, March 20th. **Shane will join Calvary on July 1, 2022.** To get to know our new pastor, a bio is provided below.

Please keep Calvary in your prayers as we move through this time of transition.

Blessings, Kim Butler (Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee)



### Rev. Shane Siciliano

Shane was born and raised in Southwest Florida, but he has lived in Western Pennsylvania for most of his life. Shane attained his bachelor's degree and Master of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh, specializing in community organizing and social administration, before graduating from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Shane worked to collaborate with others in Downtown Pittsburgh when the only homeless shelter for youth closed. He helped establish a new base of operations at the Gay & Lesbian Community Center to provide these youth with housing, employment, and educational services. As a social worker, Shane worked in McKeesport running HIV/AIDS projects.

Shane has served as pastor of Point UMC and Alum Bank UMC. He is the current vice chair of the Commission on Archives and History. Shane promotes the sacraments and Kingdom-building and works hard to foster the full inclusion of all people in the church. His three biggest passions for outreach ministry currently are serving as a camp counselor, helping at-risk families, and organizing collaborations.

Shane visits his family in Central PA. He enjoys Marvel movies, tabletop games, and exercise competitions with his best friend. Shane's friends are his family, too, sharing visits and vacations. Shane has traveled to many states and countries including mission trips to Mississippi, South Africa, and Lesotho. He believes that we are all meant to be part of a team, joining to build up God's Kingdom here on earth.

# Sunday Fellowship

Fellowship before and after worship service has returned to Calvary, and we welcome and need your participation. The main purpose is to gather together, so we want to keep the refreshments simple. Here are some particulars and how you can help.

Coffee and sweets will be set up in the chapel from 10:15am to 11:00am and after worship every Sunday. The

coffee will be started for you by 9:00am. Volunteers will need to arrive at church with the goodies in time to set up the table by 10:15am. Coffee, tea, cups, napkins, sugar, creamer, serving plates, tongs, gloves will be available in the chapel kitchen. After worship, supervise the table and clean up when fellowship is over (a list of tasks will be provided).

We want to stick to basic snacks, so please choose things that don't require utensils. Sweets are great, but you might want to think about cheese and crackers, fruit, wrapped or bagged treats, etc. **Remember — KEEP IT SIMPLE.**

If you would like to be on the Fellowship Team, make a donation, or have questions, please get in touch with Linda Ehrlich at either [laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com) or 412-512-7246.

## How Can I Help?

- Sign up to be a host on a Sunday. Purchase the food, arrive by 10:00am to set up, monitor the table, and clean up. A great idea would be to find a partner and be a team.
- You can help with set up and clean up, but have the food purchased for you.
- You can make a donation to help off-set the cost of the refreshments.
- You can donate the food or be reimbursed for your purchase. We will let you know how to submit receipts.
- You may have other ideas about how you can help. We are interested in any and all suggestions to keep this fellowship time going.



# THE BELL RESTORATION AND CARILLON PROJECT

## BRINGING MUSIC TO NORTH SIDE NEIGHBORHOODS






### THE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN: HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS PROJECT

The total cost of the bell's restoration and automation and the addition of the digital carillon is \$26,000. Nearly \$14,000 – just over one half of the cost – has been raised so far.

### THE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN GOAL IS \$12,000

### THE CAMPAIGN WILL RUN THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

Gifts can be made the following ways:

-  Sending a check payable to Calvary UMC with the memo Bell Project to Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
-  Credit card on Calvary's online giving page, [calvaryppgh.com](http://calvaryppgh.com) and clicking on the , or visiting our Facebook Fundraiser at [www.facebook.com/calvaryumcpittsburgh](http://www.facebook.com/calvaryumcpittsburgh).
-  Cash gifts can be presented during the Sunday offering. Please indicate Bell Project with your gift.
-  Call the Church Office at 412-231-2007 to make arrangements or talk about other ways to give.

You can make a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one. All contributions are tax-deductible. All supporters will be invited to the official dedication and their names and tributes/memorials will be listed in the dedication program. If you have questions, please contact Brian Burns, Music Director, at 724-388-3246.

**We hope you'll give your best gift, of any size, so you feel a sense of joy and pride in hearing the bells as you walk through the neighborhood – knowing that you brought real music into the daily life of community residents and visitors. Thank you for giving so generously.**

Calvary United Methodist Church has stood as a beacon of hope, light, and faithfulness on Pittsburgh's North Side since 1895. The building and congregation have undergone much renewal and development over the past few decades – most notably the restoration of the church's breath-taking Tiffany windows – and there is still work to be completed.

One current project is the restoration of our church bell and the addition of a carillon. Our original bell is in the church's highest tower on Allegheny Avenue and has rarely rung in over 30 years.

We hope to offer the pleasant bell tones once again to the Allegheny West and Manchester neighborhoods and possibly beyond. The digital carillon will ring through the streets with songs of the seasons lending a small-town feel to the busy North Side neighborhoods.



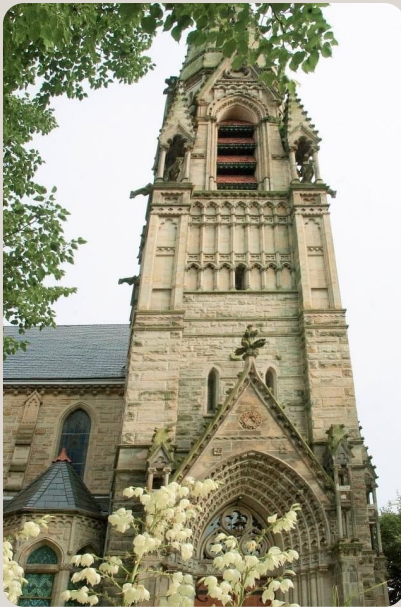
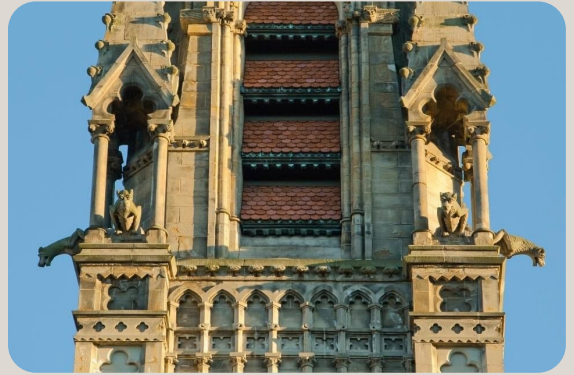
## AN ACCOUNT OF HOW OUR BELL CAME TO BE

*David Grinnell, Chair of the Calvary United Methodist Church Council & Coordinator of Archives and Manuscripts, University of Pittsburgh Library System*

“There are so many stories to be told about the people who contributed to the heritage of Calvary Church that we could fill many volumes about their faith, commitment, service, gifts, and witness. The bell that has sat silently in the north tower at Calvary is one great example.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1940, the bell was dedicated during a service at 8:00pm that evening. When it arrived, it had already been a beacon for the faithful for a half century. It came to Calvary following the merger of the former Buena Vista Street Methodist Church [Mexican War Streets].

The bell was originally a gift from the Rev. James Jackson McIlyar (1816-1907), pastor of Buena Vista Church (and its predecessor congregation the South Common’s Church) when that congregation built its new church in 1886.



The bell was cast by one of Pittsburgh’s most famous manufacturers, the Fulton Bell and Brass Foundry, which also made the massive Pittsburgh Fire Bell that hangs in the Great Hall at the Heinz History Center today.

Rev. McIlyar would become an outspoken champion for steel workers during the Homestead Steel Strike of 1892 with his sermons and writings being published in newspapers around the globe. His accounts are still referenced today on that historic event in our region.

On hand for the dedication of the bell’s installation at Calvary was Rev. McIlyar’s grandson, Dr. M. H. Lichliter, a third-generation minister of the Gospel who served Methodist and Congregational churches throughout the Midwest.

Isn’t it time to let the McIlyar Bell ring out God’s praise and call the faithful, those in need, and all

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** . . . . . South Hills Brass  
*Overture - Messiah, Handel*  
*Trumpet Voluntary, Stanley*  
*Ave Verum, Mozart*

**The Mourning †** . . . . . John 20:1 NRSV  
1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

**Hymn †** . . . . . “Up from the Grave He Arose” — #322 UMH (Stanza 1 Only)  
1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

**The Investigation †** . . . . . John 20:2-10 NRSV  
2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

**Hymn †** . . . . . “Up from the Grave He Arose” — #322 UMH (Stanza 2 Only)  
2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

**The Encounter †** . . . . . John 20:11-17 NRSV  
11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

**Hymn †** . . . . . “Up from the Grave He Arose” — #322 UMH (Stanza 3 and Chorus)

- 3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!  
Up from the grave he arose,  
with a mighty triumph o’er his foes;  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

**The Announcement †** . . . . . John 20:18 NRSV

18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Easter Acclamation †**

- One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**Hymn †** . . . . . “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” — #302 UMH

**Easter Litany †** . . . . . Lay Leader — Kenny Elliott

- One: This day is not like any other day.
- All: **Today we slow down. Today we take it all in. Today we rest in good news.**
- One: This day is not like any other day.
- All: **Today we are singing. Today we are full to the brim. Today joy cannot be contained.**
- One: This day is not like any other day.
- All: **Today the stone was rolled away. Today the women saw the empty grave. Today we know—death does not win.**
- One: This day is not like any other day.
- All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Message for the Young Hearted**

**Choral Anthem** . . . . . “Crown Him”, Dan Forrest

**Call to Confession** . . . . . Rev. Kelly Smith

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

## Prayer of Confession

All: **God of new life, we are a mixed bag. We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy, but often we overflow with comparison and doubt. We want to embody the resurrection, but often we'd rather stay the same than to begin again. We want to have the courage to be like the women on that Easter morning— to run and speak truth, but often we are weary of courage and uncertain of our own voices. Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged. Break into our hearts. Overflow here. With hope we pray, amen.**

## Words of Forgiveness

One: Family of faith, if there is life after death, then you can be certain—there is life after mess. There is life after mistakes. There is life after doubt. There is new life freely given, and that life is for you. You are forgiven, loved, and claimed. May we live full to the brim in response.

All: **Thanks be to God, and let it be so. Alleluia! Amen.**

**Prayer Hymn** . . . . . “The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done” — #306 UMH

## 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.**

**Choral Anthem** . . . . . “Lift High The Cross”, Richard A. Nichols

**Scripture** . . . . . Luke 24:1-12 NRSV

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

**Reflection** . . . . . "What's Your Tagline?" — Rev. Larry Homitsky

## Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

**Offertory** . . . . . "Aria no.14 from Ortorio Elijah", F. Mendelssohn

**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!**

**Offering Prayer †** . . . . . Lay Leader — Kenny Elliott

**Hymn †** . . . . . "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" — #312 UMH

**Affirmation of Faith †** . . . . . Rev. Larry Homitsky & Rev. Kelly Smith

One: We believe in a God who can astound us—

All: **a God who created the mountains of Colorado, the stars on a summer night, and the green of Ireland.**

One: We believe in Jesus, whose example changes us—

All: **an example of love for those on the fringes, healing for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.**

One: We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends, wounded, mocked, and killed by the state.

All: **And in a garden, three days later, we believe that life began again— the stone was rolled back, as death lost its sting.**

One: Ever since that day, we believe the Spirit has been inviting us into an expansive life—

All: **a life not measured by wealth or accolades, but a life full to the brim with joy, overflowing with laughter, saturated in hope, and decorated with good news.**

One: Death has lost its sting.

All: **We believe, and are set free. Thanks be to God, amen.**

## Benediction †

**Postlude †** . . . . . South Hills Brass and Organ  
*"Jerusalem", Charles Hubert Hastings Parry*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Calvary United Methodist Women — Plant Sale

REMINDER: The Calvary United Methodist Women (CUMW) PLANT SALE is in Full Bloom! All proceeds from the sale benefit local ministries like the meal program, Daily Bread.

DUE DATE: Orders are due NO LATER than Monday, April 18, 2022. Flyers are available now at the Allegheny Avenue entrance.

PAYMENT: Please complete the order Form and return it with your cash or check (made out to CUMW) this coming Sunday to Kim Butler or Linda Ehrlich or mail payment and Order Form directly to the church at: Calvary UM Church, 971 Beech Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

QUESTIONS: Questions, please contact: Linda Ehrlich at either her cell 412-512-7246 or via email at [laerhrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laerhrlich927@aol.com).

DELIVERY DATE: The plants will be delivered this year on Thursday May 26, 2022 and can be picked up on both Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## Guest Musicians

“Thank You!” to our guest musicians, South Hills Brass and Zachary Mathes, for sharing your time and talents with us and for joining us in worship today.

## Enjoy Gardening?

Do you enjoy the flowers and foliage around your home during the spring and summer and getting a little bit of dirt under your fingernails? If you said “YES”, then we would be delighted to have you join a small group of Calvary Gardeners to plant the annual flowers, prep the beds, water and feed the plants and shrubs around the church yard. Holly Pultz, Mary Callison, Mark Neuherz, and David Grinnell invite you to join us as we put our hands together to make the exterior of our church as beautiful and colorful as the interior. Please send David a message at [grinnell@pitt.edu](mailto:grinnell@pitt.edu) to volunteer some of your time and talents in our gardens this spring and summer.

## Tuesday Night Bible Study — Schedule Updates

We will then meet for four more weeks (4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10) and reassess for the summer.

## Calvary’s Communication Guidelines

Have something to share with Calvary or the surrounding community? Please see Calvary’s Communication Guidelines which are located on the inside back cover of the bulletin each Sunday. See Calvary’s Directory of Communications, Karen Ferguson, with any questions. You can reach her at either 724-448-1429 or [karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com](mailto:karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Church Council Meeting

**Date / Time / Location:** Thursday, April 28 / 6:00pm / Calvary Chapel

**UPDATE:** Calvary Church Council Meeting date changed from April 21 to April 28

**Description:** If you are a member of Calvary's Church Council, please join us in the chapel for our monthly meeting.

## Doors Open Pittsburgh

**Date / Time / Location:** Saturday, May 7 / 10:00am-4:00pm / Calvary UMC

**Description:** Calvary will once again be highlighted on the Doors Open Pittsburgh tour which celebrates Pittsburgh's treasured architecture, our collective heritage and our unique neighborhoods. We will be needing volunteers to lead tours and answer questions. More information is to come in the following weeks. In the meantime, please see David Grinnell or contact him at [grinnell@pitt.edu](mailto:grinnell@pitt.edu) if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about this upcoming event.

## Sunset Through Tiffany's — Summer Solstice Open House

**Date / Time / Location:** Tuesday, June 21 / 4:00-7:00pm / Calvary UMC Sanctuary

**Description:** Please join us as we view the Tiffany windows in the height of their glory during the Summer Solstice. The evening is accompanied by chamber music featuring Calvary's Music Director Brian Burns on our historic "Farrand & Votey" pipe organ. This event is sponsored by the Allegheny Historic Preservation Society.

## 10th Annual Messiah Sing-Along Concert

**Date / Time / Location:** TBD / TBD / Calvary UMC

**Description:** We know it's a little early to be advertising this...but we are so excited to announce that our annual Messiah concert will be returning this December! Please look for information this summer on our Facebook page and website. This will truly be a triumphant and joyful event returning to Calvary. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the community back into our sanctuary once again to enjoy the timeless music of Handel.



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# 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.

### Coffee Fellowship

**Time / Location:** 10:00-11:00am / Calvary Chapel

**Description:** Fellowship is back! Come early, get a drink and a treat, and meet other members and visitors.

### Morning Worship

**Time / Location:** 11:00am / Calvary Sanctuary

**Description:** Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. All persons are welcome at Calvary's table.

### Fellowship Following Morning Worship

**Time / Location:** Following morning worship / Calvary Chapel

**Description:** Fellowship is back! Come to the chapel following morning worship for fellowship. A light array of foods and beverages will be served. Come and join us as we get back into the swing of things at Calvary.

## 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. Please contact Terri Howell at [trr\\_howell@yahoo.com](mailto:trr_howell@yahoo.com) or call 412-482-2211 with any questions.



# WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

## 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. If you have any questions contact Linda Ehrlich at [laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com).

### Bible Study Led By Rev. Larry Homitsky and Rev. Kornelius Neal

**UPDATE:** We will meet for four more weeks (4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10) then reassess for the summer.

**Time / Location:** 6:30pm / The Presbytery (across from Calvary UM Church)

**Description:** You are invited to our joint bible study with members of New Destiny CMEC Church. Our theme for the next several months is entitled, "What the Bible Says About the Important Issues of Our Time." Afterwards join us for snacks and fellowship at a local restaurant.

### Renewal Choir Rehearsal

**Time / Location:** 6:00-7:30pm / 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. He is hoping to get back into the swing of things and possibly expand our numbers. The Renewal Choir sings traditional anthems at our Sunday morning service, special events, and observances. The group presents a wide variety of musical styles. Choir members actively participate in worship and may be found assisting during Communion, Advent, Lent, and special services.

### 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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## Support the Humanitarian Response in Ukraine

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.



### Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmision.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

**One hundred percent** of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church’s leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.



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# COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

## HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

There are a multitude of ways to get your news to the members of Calvary and the wider community: (1) weekly bulletin, (2) prayer list, (3) Sunday morning worship slides, (4) church calendar, (5) website, (6) Facebook, and (7) Email-Blast. Here are the guidelines for each:



1. **Weekly Bulletin:** Announcements or events for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. For announcements that you wish to have run more than once, please include the dates you'd like to have it run.
2. **Prayer List:** 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](http://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.
3. **Sunday Morning Worship Slides:** Announcements or events for the slides must be submitted by 12:00pm Thursday for inclusion in the following Sunday's slides.
4. **Church Calendar:** Please contact Kim Butler at the church office to check availability for the date and location of your meeting or event. Once the event is scheduled, she will inform Karen Ferguson to have it publicized on all requested medias.
5. **Website:** Changes, additions, edits, announcements, etc... for the website can be submitted at any time. Website changes will be made as soon as possible, but there may be up to 7 days between submission and execution, so please provide info as early as possible.
6. **Facebook:** Facebook posts can be submitted at any time. Posts or edits will be made as soon as possible, but there may be up to 24-48 hours between submission and execution, so please provide info as early as possible.
7. **E-blast (Email Blast):** If you have information that you would like to be emailed to our member distribution list, please send your request to Karen Ferguson. Announcements can be submitted at any time and will be made soon as possible, but there may be up to 24-48 hours between submission and distribution, so please provide info as early as possible. This information is distributed using the Church Software. There will be a training session this summer once the new pastor, Rev. Shane Siciliano, arrives at Calvary. We will schedule training for Church Council and Rev. Shane first then branch out to congregation members after that. Please stay tuned for updates.

All submissions are subject to editing, and pictures are encouraged wherever appropriate. Around major church holidays, the deadlines may change. To make a submission for any of the above (except the church calendar), or if you have any questions, contact Karen Ferguson via phone at 724-448-1429, email at [karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com](mailto:karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com), or in person.

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