

A shepherd in a brown coat and hat stands in the distance, holding a long wooden staff. He is surrounded by a vast field of sheep with thick, golden-brown wool. The background shows rolling hills under a sky filled with soft, grey clouds. A large, hand-drawn speech bubble with a black outline is positioned above the shepherd, containing the text "CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?".

CAN YOU HEAR
ME NOW?



CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 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

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Gathering Words

Hey, you sheep. Yes, you over there. Can't you hear the shepherd calling—calling you to come and join with the others? There's life and love and care and direction here just waiting for you to hear and see. So come on in through the gate. Our Good Shepherd is waiting.

Welcome

Call to Worship †*

Leader: Can you hear the voice of God?

All: **We hear God calling us by name.**

Leader: Are you troubled or distressed?

All: **We come here to find a place to rest for a while.**

Leader: Come and find a guide who knows these lands.

All: **We come to praise our Shepherding God, whose pathways and doors lead to life.**

Opening Hymn †* "Lord of the Dance" — #261 UMH

Opening Prayer †*

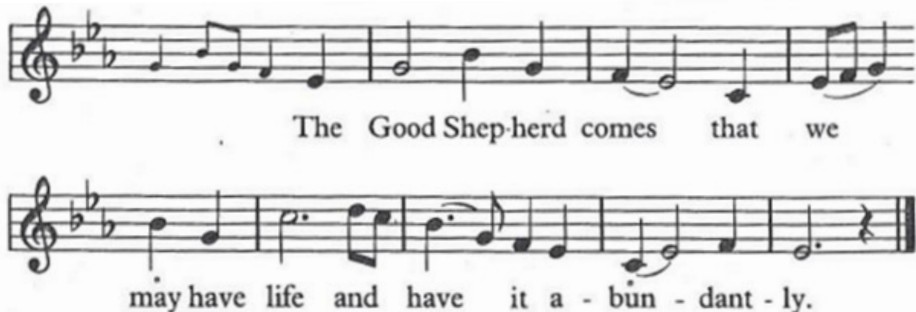
Shepherding God, bring us into your fold. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live. Help us hear your voice calling our name. Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life as we join with others: praising your name, celebrating your great goodness, and sharing your love for all people. Amen.

Community Greetings †

Song of Praise * "He is Lord" — #177 UMH

Children's Message

Psalter Lesson * Psalm 23 (Response 2) — #754 UMH



The Good Shepherd comes that we
may have life and have it a-bun-dant-ly.

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

All: **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**

Leader: Leads me beside still waters, restores my life,

All: **Leads me in right paths for the sake of the Lord's name.**

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

All: **For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**



The Good Shep-herd comes that we



may have life and have it a - bun - dant - ly.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

All: **You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

All: **And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.**



The Good Shep-herd comes that we



may have life and have it a - bun - dant - ly.

Order of Worship continued on following page.

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Hymn of Prayer * “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” — #381 UMH

Unison Prayer of Confession *

Forgive us for rejecting your shepherding care and your love and guidance. Shepherding God, be with us in our need. Like sheep who have gone astray—we have not heeded your voice, calling us to follow the right paths, beckoning us to lie down and be restored; we have acted as if our salvation lies in busyness and control. We do not want to be sheep—dependent on a shepherd for everything. We want to do it alone—to maintain our independence. Forgive us for our need to do it by ourselves, to be separate from the flock. Forgive us for doubting your presence in times of trouble. Forgive us our despair in the face of seemingly unrelenting evil and death. Lead us back to the path of life. Amen.

Words of Assurance

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.

Anthem The Renewal Choir

Gospel Lesson †* John 10:1-9 NRSV

1 “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Sermon "Can You Hear Me Now?" — Rev. Larry Homitsky

Words of Community Life and a 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!

Offering Prayer †

Closing Hymn †* "Open My Eyes That I May See" — #454 UMH

Responsive Benediction †*

Postlude †

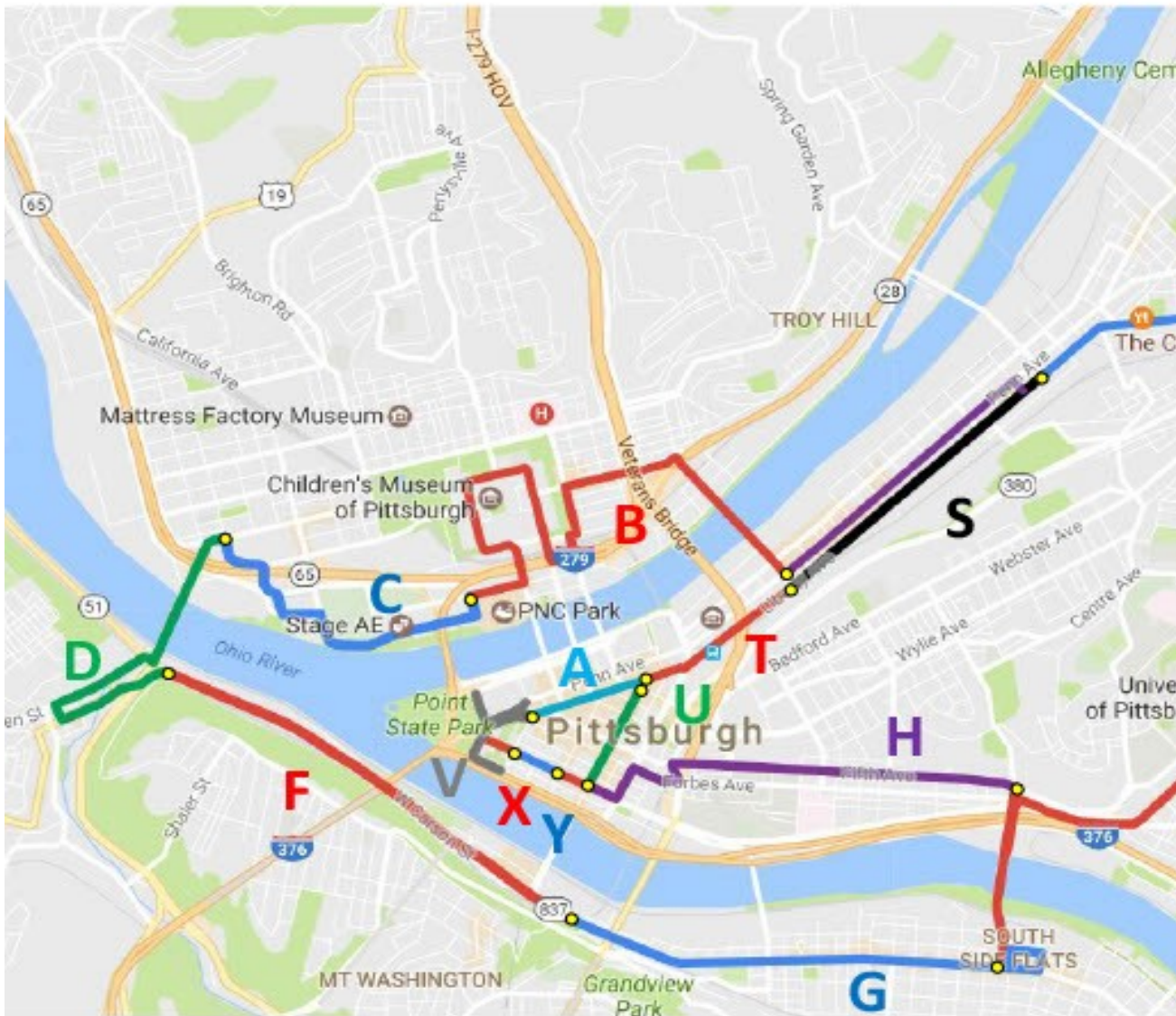
***You are invited to join in a time of fellowship in the chapel.
Come and grab a snack and enjoy conversations!***

THE PITTSBURGH MARATHON IS NEXT WEEKEND ON SUNDAY, MAY 7TH. PLEASE



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YOUR WAY
2023

2023 DICK'S Sporting Goods
Sector/Opportunity
Sunday, May 7th

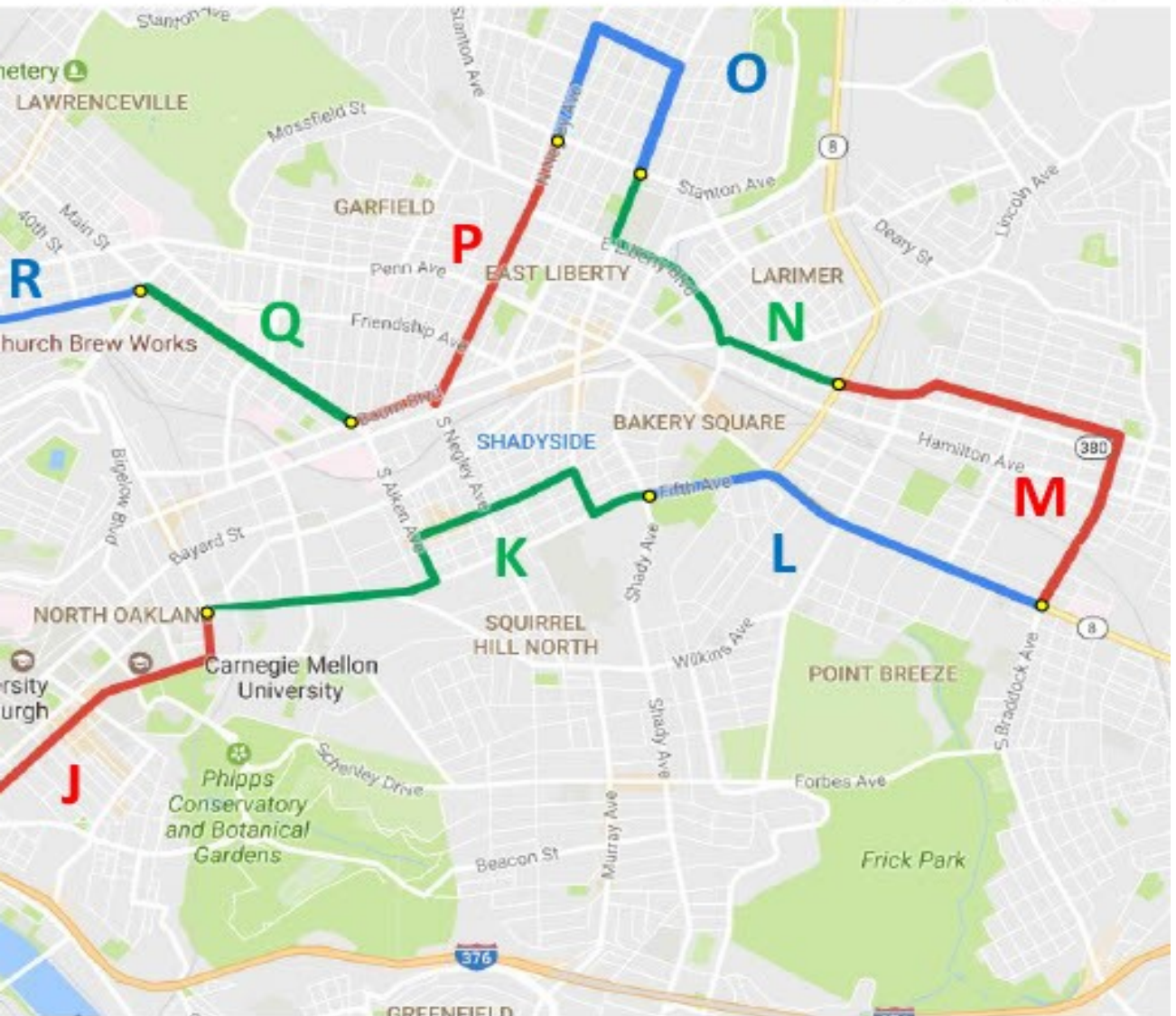


PLEASE SEE THE BELOW MAP AND THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR ROAD CLOSURES.

Good's Pittsburgh Marathon Evening Map May 7, 2023



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2023



ROAD CLOSURES

REFER TO MAP ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR SECTORS

Sector Neighborhoods with Closure and Opening Times

**Note all times are approximate and subject to change*

Sector A, U,V,X,Y Sergeant

A – Downtown: Liberty Ave. (1:30 AM – 9:30 AM)

U – Downtown: Smithfield St. (5:30 AM – 2:50 PM)

V – Downtown: Commonwealth Pl. (4:30 AM – 4:00 PM)

X – Downtown: Stanwix St./Wood St. (Saturday – 4:30 PM)

Y – Downtown: Blvd. of Allies (Friday at Noon – 5:30 PM)

Sector S-T Sergeant

S – Strip District (5:30 AM – 2:15 PM)

T – Downtown (5:30 AM – 2:30 PM)

Sector B-C Sergeant

B – North Side (6:00 AM – 9:45 AM)

C – North Shore (6:00 AM – 10:00 AM)

Sector D-G Sergeant

D – West End (6:00 AM – 10:15 AM)

F – South Shore (6:00 AM – 10:30 AM)

G – South Side (6:00 AM – 11:15 AM)

Sector H-J Sergeant

H – Uptown (6:15 AM – 11:45 AM)

J – Oakland (6:15 AM – 11:45 AM)

Road Closures, cont...

Refer to map on the previous page for Sector references.

Sector K-L Sergeant

K – Shadyside (6:30 AM – 12:00 PM)

L – Point Breeze (6:30 AM – 12:15 PM)

Sector M-N Sergeant

M – Homewood (7:00 AM – 12:45 PM)

N – East Liberty (7:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

Sector O-P Sergeant

O – Highland Park (7:00 AM – 1:15 PM)

P – Friendship (7:00 AM – 1:30 PM)

Sector Q-R Sergeant

Q – Bloomfield (7:00 AM – 1:45 PM)

R – Lower Lawrenceville (7:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

UMCOR Special Sunday Offering — Native American Ministries

Date & Time: Sunday, April 30 during morning worship

Location: Calvary UMC

Description: The Native American Ministries offering bolsters the work of Native American ministries in annual conferences throughout the United States. These ministries exist in rural and urban settings, including reservation and other community ministries. The Native American Ministries offering also provides scholarships for Native Americans studying at United Methodist schools of theology and empowers congregations to find culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities through Christ's love.

Tiffany Concert Series — Diamante Trio with Lilly Abreu

Date & Time: Sunday, April 30 at 4:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC

Tickets: \$20 Adults / \$10 Students — Tickets to be sold at the door.

Description: DIAMANTE TRIO comprised of musicians Mary Beth Malek (clarinet), Paula Tuttle (cello), and Juan Jaramillo (violin) is joined by soprano Lilly Abreu for a special in-person concert.

Church Council Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, May 18 from 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Calvary UMC Chapel

Northview Heights Food Distribution

Date & Time: Saturday, May 20 at 8:45am

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

Description: Six volunteers are needed for each Saturday. If you are interested, please sign up on the Calvary Community Bulletin Board in the chapel.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2023 — A Children's Ministry Event

Date / Time: Sunday, June 25 thru Thursday, June 29

Location: Calvary UMC

Description: Sunday will be 1:00-3:00pm and the rest of the week will be 6:00-8:30pm.

NEW COMMUNICATIONS REQUEST FORM

A Message from Calvary's Director of Communications, Karen Ferguson

in the interest of streamlining the communications process at Calvary, a new Communications Request Form has been implemented. If you do not have access to a computer, this form can be found on the Welcome Tables then turned into the church office. This form can also be found on the Calvary website under the Contact section. You can reach this form directly by visiting the following link: <https://calvarypgh.com/contact/comm-request.php>

Moving forward this form must be used by everyone for every communications request at Calvary. Communication requests include everything that is announced or publicized at Calvary on either print or digital media. This includes, but is not limited to, bulletin announcements, Facebook posts, upcoming events, meetings, church calendar requests, mass emails, etc...

Communications is such a huge umbrella at Calvary and a large amount of time is required to address the multiple requests and needs of our congregation while maintaining the brand that has taken years to cultivate. This form will streamline our communications process. It also puts all of the timelines and requirements in one place so that expectations are managed and understood by myself as well as the person or group making the request. I have details the timelines below.

Please review the form and let me know if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your patience as we work together to improve our communications process at Calvary.

Communications Request Guidelines

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. You are responsible for your content.

Church Calendar: Fill out the request form indicating it is a Church Calendar request listing all of the details of the request. Church office staff will respond to your request within 48 hours.

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. You are responsible for your content.

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. You are responsible for your content.

Mass Email: If you are sending an email to your committee, please have your committee chair send out the email. If you have an email that you want to go to the Calvary Email distribution list, please submit a Communications Request Form.

PLEASE NOTE: All submissions are subject to editing, and around major church holidays the timelines may change.

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

This group will be on hold during the month of April and will resume again in May.

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 trr_howell@yahoo.com or call 412-482-2211 with any questions.

TUESDAYS

Exercise Class For All Ages

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

Description: 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 laehrllich927@aol.com.

WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

TUESDAYS, CONT...

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!

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.



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