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CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 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 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

Immediate Needs

Debbie Neuherz — loss of her sister

Aleata Weis — surgical heart procedure

Joan Jessep — treatment for tumor on her brain

Samara Smith-Hopkins — mass in breasts

Martha Helmreich — rehab

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

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

Jeanne Di Thomas — recovery from surgery

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 calvaryppgh.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.

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 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 to volunteer some of your time and talents in our gardens this spring and 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.

Lay Leaders and Liturgists

Liturgists serve an important role in worship. Liturgists help lead the congregation in various parts of the worship service, including the recitation of the Call to Worship and the reading of scripture. This valuable service allows the congregation to take an active part in the worship service and it allows participants in worship to hear multiple voices speak from the pulpit. Please call the church office if you are interested or speak with Lynn Sevick.

AHPS Angel Cards

AHPS has Angel Cards available for purchase. Volunteers will have them before and after church in the vestibule at the entrance on Allegheny Avenue. They are \$10.00 for 8 cards and envelopes. All proceeds go to Calvary for restoration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AHPS Meeting

Date / Time / Location: Wednesday, May 18 / 6:00pm / Calvary Chapel

Church Council Meeting

Date / Time / Location: Thursday, May 19 / 6:00pm / Calvary Chapel

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

Celebration of Allegheny Historic Preservation Society

Date / Time / Location: Sunday, May 22 / During Morning Worship / Calvary UMC

Description: We will be celebrating the help that Allegheny Historic Preservation Society has given Calvary....all those wonderful Foundations and Grant givers from Pittsburgh who chose our church to give to.

Sunset Through Tiffany's — Summer Solstice Open House

Date / Time / Location: Tuesday, June 21 / 3:00-7:00pm / 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship †*

Leader: Come to hear the Word.

People: Come to do the Word.

Leader: Come to experience Comfort.

People: Come to experience Challenge.

Leader: Come to find Cost.

People: Come to find Joy.

Leader: Come to find Humanity.

People: Come to find Community.

Leader: Come to find Church.

All: Come to find God.

Opening Hymn †* “Come, We That Love the Lord” — #732 UMH

Opening Prayer †

Response †* “He Is Lord” — #177 UMH

He is lord. He is lord. He is risen from the dead and he is lord.

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Community Greetings

Message for the Young Hearted

Prayer Hymn* “The Gift of Love” — #408 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.

Special Music

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Scripture* Acts 9:36-43 NRSV

1 Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3 saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" 4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' 8 But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Surprise, Surprise, Surprise!", Rev. Larry Homitsky & Rev. Kelly Smith

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!**

Order of Worship continued on following page.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Offering Prayer †

Holy God, you have given us so much. Through your love and abundance, our cup overflows. From the bounty of your blessings, we offer these gifts back to you. Use these offerings for your glory, as we work to bring your kingdom here on earth. Amen!

Hymn †* “Where Charity and Love Prevail” — #549 UMH

Benediction †

Postlude †

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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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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 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.

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

UPDATE: We will meet for one more week (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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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. 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.

COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

- 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, or in person.



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