

ABOVE ALL SING SPIRITUALLY



CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 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

The family of Tom Smart (friend of Anne Christianson)
Brittany Bova-Mickens & Staff of Oliver Citywide Academy
— death of student due to gun violence
Michael Dodson
Amy Martin (daughter of John & Susan Laczko)
Melissa Payton (daughter of John & Susan Laczko)
Jim Newton (brother-in-law of Kathy Winne)
James Rynd (friend & neighbor of Kathy Winne)
Jacqueline Melvin Cannon (Judy Melvin's sister)
Ronald Frank (Karen Ferguson's grandfather)
Tricia Magee (friend of Larry & Pam Hopkins)
Friend of Mark Snyder
Sheila Shimko (mother of Sheila Hill)
Chuck (Eliyana Bogdewic's great uncle)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Rev. Tom Funk
Mary Callison
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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR — WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

SUNDAY

Bible Study

10:00-10:45am in the Calvary Chapel

"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.

Fellowship Following Morning Worship

Following Morning Worship in the Calvary Chapel

Come to the chapel following morning worship for fellowship. You can sign up to serve or clean up on the bulletin board in the chapel.

AA (Northside Sunday Nighters)

8:00pm in the Calvary Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY

Exercise Class For All Ages

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.

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Women's Bible Study

10:00-11:00am in the Calvary Parlor

Our Bible group has completed their study of The Beatitudes. Next we will be taking an in depth look at Ephesians 1:4-7, 9-11...God's Love Letter to us. Our Bible group will hold its last Bible study on June 15th and resuming in September with a study on the, "Fruits of the Spirit" found in Galatians 6:6-26. You are welcome to come and drop in any time to study and pray with us. Coffee and a few treats always available!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Peace With Justice Sunday

Sunday, June 11th during Morning Worship at Calvary

This is a UMC Special Sunday offering which will "go to enrich ministries of reconciliation in the US and around the world." Grant recipients include: the Alaska Innocence Project; anti-racism events; summit on the right to clean water, etc. The list is extensive as the church is called to strengthen its capacity for peace in our world. *"Peacemakers employ all their strength, all the talents which God has given them, as well as to preserve peace where it is, as to restore it where it is not."* (John Wesley)

Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, June 11th following Morning Worship in the Calvary Chapel

Picnic Sponsored by Calvary's United Women in Faith

Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00pm in the Calvary Fellowship Hall

We will be gathering at 6:00pm with the meal starting at 6:30pm. WE ARE INVITING ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH TO COME. Please bring your favorite picnic dish to share. Place settings and drinks will be provided. This will be a fun time for fellowship and food.

Summer Solstice Open House & AHPS Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 21st starting at 4:00pm at Calvary

Sharing the amazing gift of art is one of those things we do very well at Calvary! Each year during the Summer Solstice, the three Tiffany windows shine and help us tell the story of our Faith to others. The Allegheny Historic Preservation Society is hosting an Open House, along with the congregation of Calvary, for the greater Pittsburgh community, highlighting the unique ways these windows shine and bring love and light into our hearts. Following the Open House, AHPS will hold its annual meeting, which will feature the documentary on the restoration of the Ascension Window (The Joseph Horne Memorial Window) that was performed by Stained Glass Resources, led by Kirk Weaver, back in 2003. Weaver, the owner of Pittsburgh Stained Glass Studios will be on hand for a Q&A following the screening of the documentary in the sanctuary. Please join us for this opportunity for fellowship, sharing and learning about the restoration of our great house of worship. The Annual Meeting will start just before dusk that evening. Please see David Grinnell for if you can help or with questions.

VBS Kickoff Lunch

Sunday, June 25th following Morning Worship in the Calvary Chapel

All are welcome to join us for a kickoff lunch after church Sunday June 25th, 2023! We will all join for lunch and have a kick off to the start of Hero Hotline!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2023

Sunday, June 25th thru Thursday, June 29 at Calvary

Sunday will be 1:00-3:00pm and the rest of the week will be 6:00-8:30pm. Please see additional page in today's bulletin for further details.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship †*

Leader: Great is the Lord!

All: **God has redeemed God's people!**

Leader: Let the heavens shout with joy!

All: **Let all the people celebrate God's awesome love!**

Leader: Shout and sing praise to God!

All: **For God has healed and restored God's people.**

Leader: Hallelujah! Let us worship our God together.

Opening Hymn †* "The Church's One Foundation" — #546 UMH

Unison Prayer †*

Lord of light and life, we come to you this day in celebration of the witness of your Son Jesus Christ. Open our hearts, our spirits, and our lives to listen to his words for us. Help us to be faithful disciples for you; help us to see new ways to follow and to lead. In Jesus' Name we pray. AMEN.

Community Greetings †

Song of Praise * "Surely the Presence of the Lord" — #328 UMH

Children's Message

Psalter Lesson * Psalm 150 NRSV

1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! 3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! 5 Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! 6 Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Hymn of Prayer †* "And Are We Yet Alive" — #553 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Epistle Lesson * Colossians 3:12-17 NRSV

12 Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Preparation †* "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" — #57 UMH (Verses 1-5)

Sermon "Above All Sing Spiritually" — Rev. Larry Homitsky

Words of Community Life

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

Benediction †*

Postlude †

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

Please join us for a time of fellowship around the tables in the chapel.

Vacation Bible School 2023 — Hero Hotline

Sunday, June 25 thru Thursday, June 29

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

Ready for some fun with the ultimate hero team? Scan the QR code below to register for VBS now!

Hero Hotline VBS invites children of all ages to answer the call to serve God together. Join the Professor and Super Meer as young Heroes learn to strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up as we are taught in Romans 14:19.

Want to volunteer?

Volunteers are needed for setup on Saturday, June 24 from 10:00am-3:00pm as well as for jobs during VBS. Please scan the QR code below to sign-up to volunteer.

Set-up Tasks

Hanging banners & putting craft & writing materials together

Set-up Time Windows

10am-12pm, 12-2pm, 1-3pm, 10am-3pm

VBS Tasks

Serve/Clean-up Dinner, Group Leader, Group Helper, Game Leader, Story Leader, Craft Leader or Craft Helper

VBS Time Windows

Sunday from 1-3pm, Monday thru Thursday from 6-8:30pm

Need more information? Have Questions?

Contact Megan at 412-715-4946 or Brittany at 412-715-4947.



VBS Child Registration



VBS Volunteer Registration



Summer Solstice Open House

JUNE 21 AT 4PM

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SPONSORED BY CALVARY UMC & THE ALLEGHENY HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY



VBS

JUNE 25-29 • 6:00-8:30PM

JOIN THE FUN! PLAY! LEARN! CREATE!

REGISTER AT CALVARYPGH.COM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANGE MATTERS!

There will be a special "change" offering the first Sunday of every month. During worship, our children will collect "change" because when there is lots of change together, we can make a difference. These gifts will be used to help the Women United in Faith to purchase food for Daily Bread. Food costs have increased and the number of people needing food has also increased. So gather up that loose change and help support this ministry. Paper money and checks work too.

Change matters!



Calvary Welcomes Our New Member

Calvary extends a very warm welcome to our newest member, who joined our Church last Sunday. We are very grateful for Judy Melvin.

Calvary is Seeking Our Next Office Coordinator

The job description is posted on the website and Facebook. For people applying, they should send their application to the Chairperson of SPRC, Dave Tinker via email to tinker.calvaryumc@gmail.com and in the memo line please state "Office Coordinator" position.

Summer Break — Sunday School, Sleeping Bag Group, and Choir

Each of these groups are taking a break for the summer, and will start up again in September.

Summer Solstice Open House — Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Summer Solstice event on Wednesday, June 21 from 4:00-8:00pm to help serve refreshments and to answer general questions about Calvary. Please see David Grinnell if you can help or with questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT...

Calvary Garden Club and Grounds Crew — Volunteers Needed

Interested in getting a little dirt under your fingernails and helping make the exterior of Calvary Church pop with colorful flower blossoms and other plants during the growing season? Volunteers are needed to help the Calvary GARDEN CLUB and GROUNDS CREW. We are all set to start planting when the flats of annuals arrive at the United Women in Faith's plant sale and there is also mulch that has arrived. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Chapel.

Ministry Opportunities at Calvary UMC — A Message from Ken Elliott

Calvary is always in need of helpers for the Welcome Team to greet visitors and attendees, hand out bulletins, and collect the offering. Having a strong Welcome Team presence is important to provide a heartfelt and positive experience for everyone who enters our church. Also - we are in need of drivers who can pick up members who need transportation on Sunday mornings. Please let Ken Elliott know if you would like more information or are interested in helping with either of these requests.

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

TOOTHPASTE continues to be a weekly need at the pantry. Jana, Dir., would like Calvary to continue to collect it as she can then have it on the weekly grocery list available to the patrons. We continue to have a wonderful response from the generous hearts of our Calvary family! There are 2 collection bins—one at the Allegheny entrance and the other in the Parlor/Chapel. Cloth grocery bags also continue to be collected.

Communications Update — A Message from Karen Ferguson

Moving forward we will no longer be using the Communications Form as a way to submit announcements, events, and information to the congregation. We have decided to change it up and move things back to the way they used to be. If you have an announcement that you would like to be placed in the bulletin, website, Facebook, etc... please email Karen Ferguson at karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com. More details will be given in the future about timelines and expectations, but for the time being, please include the following information with each request: 1) title of announcement, 2) how long it should be advertised, 3) where do you want the information to be publicized, and 4) content that you would like to be included. Thank you for your flexibility as we maneuver improving communications at Calvary!

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REV. MYLES BRADLEY AND REV. BETH L. NELSON

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