

# Signing Off



**CALVARY**

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 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

Father of Liz Martinez — heart attack, surgery

Liz Martinez, Juan Martinez, and Lucy Martinez — Covid

Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister) — upcoming hospitalization in August for cardiac issues

Family of Ron Westerman — Ron passed away last week

Tricia Magee (friend of Larry and Pam Hopkins) — Cancer

Tom (friend of Anne Christianson) — cancer diagnosis and recovery from pneumonia

Robert Frank (Karen Ferguson's uncle) — personal struggles

Lori McDonough (relative of Venus) — health concerns

Juan Martinez's Grandmother — diagnosed with inoperable tumor, now in hospice

Milliner Family (friends of Brittany Bova) — Father overdosed

Debbie Neuherz — loss of her sister

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

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 Jessep — tumor on her brain

Joan Sturtz — caring for Bill

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](http://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 Pastor 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)



### Pastor 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.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Rev. Larry's Final Sunday

**Date / Time / Location:** Today, Sunday, June 26 / Following Morning Worship

**Description:** Sunday, June 26th will be Rev. Larry's final Sunday with us at Calvary Church. We will celebrate his many years of ministry with us during both the worship service and following it with a "Magical Picnic" — a family style picnic celebration outside at the church.

## Fourth of July Open House

**Date / Time / Location:** July 4 / 6:30pm / Calvary United Methodist Church

**Description:** Calvary's going to open our doors Thursday, July 4th at 6:30pm so the public can check out our interior, hit our bathrooms, and pick up chips and water as they celebrate Independence Day on the North Side. You have to see our Tiffany stained glass windows in the summer afternoon sunlight! Would you like to help? This is completely informal, and we'll wrap up just before the fireworks - so you have time to run down to the river and watch. Comment below, message us, or just show up: Monday, July 4 at 6:30pm.

## Church Council Meeting

**Date / Time / Location:** July 21 / 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.

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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:** 10:15-10:50am / 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.

## 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.

## THURSDAYS

### 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.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship †\*

Leader: God who is One, You call us to be one,

People: **May we be one with all who are made in Your image.**

Leader: God who is Three, You call us to be community,

People: **May we find community with all who are called by Your name.**

Leader: God who calls us all by Your name,

People: **May find our place in Your eternal family.**

## Opening Hymn †\* . . . . . “Be Thou My Vision” — #451 UMH

*In honor of the Rev. Larry P. Homitsky, on the occasion of his retirement after 46 years of faithful service to the United Methodist Church, by the congregation of Calvary United Methodist Church.*

## Opening Prayer †

## Community Greetings

## Children’s Message

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism \* . . . . . Jarrett James Comunale

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ’s Holy Church. We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God’s good gift, offered to us without price. Today we present Jarrett James Comunale for Baptism.

## Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Leader: On behalf of the whole church I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sins?

Response: **We do.**

Leader: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Response: **We do.**

Leader: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Response: **We do.**



# ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Leader: Will you nurture Jarrett in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

Response: **We do.**

## Thanksgiving Over the Water

### Baptism and Blessing

Leader: Jarrett James, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Response: **Amen.**

Leader: May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit; you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Response: **Amen.**

Leader: Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ. Members of the household of God, I commend him to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

Response: **We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of the United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.**

## Prayer Concerns

Prayer Hymn †\* . . . . . "The Gift of Love" — #408 UMH

## Silent Prayer

## 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

*Order of Worship continued on following page.*

*\* Words are listed on screen / † Please stand as you are able*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Scripture** \* . . . . . 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 NRSV

12 But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; 13 esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. 15 See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies, 21 but test everything; hold fast to what is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil. 23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. 25 Brothers and sisters, pray for us. 26 Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. 27 I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brothers and sisters. 28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection** . . . . . "Signing Off", Rev. Larry Homitsky

## 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** †\* . . . . . "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" — #57 UMH (Verses 1-5, 7)

**Benediction** †

**Postlude** †

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# HYGIENE KITS

## Hygiene Kits for the Mission Barn

Katie Peterson spoke here in May about the Mission Barn outside New Castle. The Calvary United Methodist Women (CUMW) would like to ask everyone to make Hygiene Kits which we will take with us when we go to volunteer there on Saturday, July 23. These are used especially for natural disasters and sometimes are used when we have flooding in our area. The kit has very specific items and just be followed exactly. Some items can be found at a dollar store. Bring completed kits to church. If you have questions, contact Joan Bradley at [ogremtb@aol.com](mailto:ogremtb@aol.com).

## UMCOR Hygiene Kit — Value \$12 per kit

### Hygiene Kit Materials

- **One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)**
  - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **One washcloth**
  - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **One comb**
  - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
  - No pocket combs or picks
  - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth
- **One toenail or fingernail clipper**
  - No emery boards or metal nail files
- **Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)**
  - No Ivory or Jergen's soap
  - Do not remove from packaging
- **One adult toothbrush**
  - Do not remove from packaging
  - Personal advertising not acceptable
- **10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches)**
  - Common household bandages acceptable
- **One one-gallon size re-sealable bag**

### Assembly Instructions

- Lay hand towel flat on a table.
- Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel.
- Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag).
- Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
- Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
- Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022



**COME JOIN US AT CALVARY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!!**

Monday July 26 through Friday July 29, 2022

5:30-8:00pm (Dinner 5:30-6:00pm)

Calvary United Methodist Church

Preschool thru 5th Grade

**To register please call Brittany 412-715-4947 or Megan 412-715-4946.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THANK YOU! — Summer Solstice Open House

A.H.P.S. thanks everyone who helped make the "Summer Solstice" a wonderful and special event! Rev. Larry estimated that between 200 and 250 persons attended and enjoyed seeing our Tiffany's in the hours of the setting sun. In addition to Rev. Larry, special thanks are given to Brian Burns and the choir, and to everyone who donated "goodies" as well as those who gave their time assisting to make this a truly "special occasion!" Even though no tickets were required, many wanted to help Calvary and made "unexpected" donations and many others purchased angel cards to help with our pew restoration efforts. And just perhaps. there were some in the crowd thinking.... "What a beautiful Church.....and everyone is so kind and friendly.....I think I'd like to come some Sunday and worship there!" - Thank you all so much! Gratefully, the AHPS Board of Directors

## 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.



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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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