

FOR THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT,
*and wherever the
Spirit of the Lord is,*

**THERE IS
FREEDOM.**

2 Corinthians 3:17



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, JULY 2, 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

Ronald Frank (Karen Ferguson's grandfather)
Lori McDonough (Venus' sister in law)
Dennis Panek
Mary Emili
Steve (brother of Shirley Mehring)
Sara Belohavek
George Stowell
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
Jim Newton (brother-in-law of Kathy Winne)
James Rynd (friend & neighbor of Kathy Winne)
Jacqueline Melvin Cannon (Judy Melvin's sister)
Tricia Magee (friend of Larry & Pam Hopkins)
Friend of Mark Snyder

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.

NEW PASTOR APPOINTED FOR CALVARY UMC

New Pastor Appointed for Calvary United Methodist Church

On June 25, 2023, the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church announced the appointment of Rev. Beth L. Nelson to Calvary United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, PA. Rev. Nelson will serve half-time as the pastor at Calvary effective July 1, 2023. From all of us at Calvary, *WELCOME Rev. Beth!!*



Rev. Beth L. Nelson

Rev. Beth L. Nelson grew up in the Mon Valley in the little town of Fayette City. She graduated from Belle Vernon Area High School and then Otterbein College in Westerville Ohio. Her educational journey took her to Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC and it was there that she fell in love with the city and all its ministry possibilities. Her first appointment was to Erie and during her ministry there, she was one of the founding pastors of The Refuge, The Rainbow Connection and San Juan United Methodist Church.

Beth's next appointments were Mars, Carnegie, and Coraopolis. Beth was appointed as The Director of Training and Resources for the Annual Conference and spent many years as part of the Conference Program staff. In 2011, Beth was appointed to Salem United Methodist Church in Wexford until she retired in June of 2020, after 43 years of service. Since retirement, Beth has been working "part time" at the United Methodist Church Union. She is the president of the Common Roots Federal Credit Union Board of Directors and a Board member of The United Methodist House at Chautauqua. She also serves on the Mission Strategy Team of the Pittsburgh District and the District Committee on Ministry.

Weekly, Beth volunteers at the Olive Branch, a fair-trade gift store and mission center in Wexford. This is an outreach of Salem United Methodist Church and makes a positive difference throughout the world. Through sewing projects, knitting, and crocheting, women are changing history for those in need. In addition, the items sold in our store are helping women and children break the bonds of poverty and lead meaningful, healthy lives.

In her spare time, Beth is a dedicated Pittsburgh sports fan! She has been a Pirate season ticket holder for over 25 years. Beth enjoys live theater, at the Benedum, in small theater venues and on Broadway. She shares season tickets for the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and the Pittsburgh Symphony Pops. Beth has a passion for traveling the world and an even greater passion and love for the city of Pittsburgh!

To relax, Beth loves to build jigsaw puzzles. If she posts many puzzles in a row on Facebook, chances are she is stressed about something. But she is always happy to welcome others to her puzzle building therapy. Beth is known for having many "happy places" and Calvary United Methodist Church is her newest happy place!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Guest Preacher

Today, Sunday, July 2nd during Morning Worship

Today, Rev. Jeffrey Sterling will be preaching. Rev. Sterling is a retired Elder in the United Methodist Church and most recently served at St. Paul's UMC in Allison Park.

“Change Matters!” Sunday

Today, Sunday, July 2nd during Morning Worship

Today is a "Change Matters" Sunday. Please give your "extra" change so we can put it together and make a difference. We are collecting change to help buy food for Daily Bread. The red offering plates will be passed at the end of the children's time.

Guest Preacher

Sunday, July 9th during Morning Worship

Mitchell (Hortert) Amago will be preaching next Sunday. He is a very active layman who is a case worker for Allegheny County. He is a student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and he recently married Melchizedek Amago.

Northview Heights Food Distribution

Saturday, July 15th at 8:45am at Northview Heights

Six volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the chapel. The following date will be on Saturday, August 26th. Please see Stacey Chervon (*stc38@pitt.edu*) with any questions.

Church Council Meeting

Thursday, July 20th from 6:30-8:00pm in the Calvary Chapel

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship †

Leader: Welcome to worship today!

All: **We are glad to be here.**

Leader: Even when things get hectic, always know that you will find welcome here.

All: **We are grateful for the hospitality and friendship.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who always welcomes us.

All: **Let us open our hearts to Christ who welcomed friend and stranger alike.**

Opening Hymn † “God Whose Love is Reigning o’er Us” — #100 UMH

Unison Prayer †

Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of worship, we brought with us our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal us, Lord. Make us ready to become your faithful disciples. Amen.

Community Greetings †

Song of Praise † “Surely the Presence of the Lord” — #328 UMH

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

Children’s Message “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

Special Offering “Change Matters!”

*We are gathering change to support a monthly meal at Daily Bread.
When the children come around, please give generously. When all of our
“extra” change comes together, we can make a positive difference.*

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lesson † Genesis 22:1-14 NRSV — Rev. Jeffrey Sterling

1 After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 2 He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

you.” 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. 5 Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” 6 Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. 7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together. 9 When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” 12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” 13 And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide,” as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon. “An Unbound Christ” — Rev. Jeffrey Sterling

Hymn of Preparation † “Here I am, Lord” — #593 UMH

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Page 15 UMH

Please follow along in your hymnals.

All are welcome at God’s table.

The bread that we share is gluten free.

Words of Community Life

Call to Give

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Order of Worship is continued on the following page.

† Please stand as you are able / Bold text is unison

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 † "Amen" — From VBS this Week

Benediction †

Postlude †

† Please stand as you are able / Bold text is unison



A Time for Fellowship

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF
FELLOWSHIP AROUND THE
TABLES IN THE CHAPEL
FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP.

WEEKLY CALENDAR — WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

SUNDAY

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.

THURSDAY

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that helped make VBS 2023 a huge success! You are so appreciated!!

Rev. Beth on Vacation this Week

Rev. Beth is on vacation this week at The Chautauqua Institution. If there is an emergency, please call the office.

Collection of Hygiene Kits

The United Women in Faith will be collecting Hygiene Kits from now until we go to the Mission Barn on Saturday, July 22nd. We would appreciate everyone's help. Hygiene Kits are used for people experiencing natural disasters around the United States. You can find the directions to assemble kits at <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit/>. If you have any questions please contact Joan Bradley (ogremtb@aol.com) or Kathy Wagner (kbwagner47@gmail.com). Thanks so much for your donations.

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT...

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!

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!



YOU ARE GOD'S BELOVED,
AND YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PASTOR
REV. BETH L. NELSON

EMERITUS CLERGY
REV. THOMAS FUNK, REV. JORINDA BULLITT, AND REV. LARRY HOMITSKY

CONTACT US
971 BEECH AVENUE, PITTSBURGH, PA 15233
412-231-2007 | CALVARYPGH@GMAIL.COM | CALVARYPGH.COM