



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 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

John Engle's father passed away
Rev. Howard Cherry (a dear friend of Rev. Beth)
Judi (co-worker of Brittany Bova)
Paul Brucker
Christine Thomas
Father of Christine Thomas' Son-in Law
Shirley (friend of Christine Thomas)
Marie (friend of Christine Thomas)
Emma H. (Joan Sturtz's granddaughter)
Bill (Debbie Neuherz's brother)
Samantha T. (Niece of Bing & Mary Ewalt)
Ellen Homitsky
Megan MacDonald
Cel Thomas, John Rosella, Darlene Lesure (friends of
Fred Ruddock)
Samara Smith-Hopkins (daughter of Larry and Pam
Hopkins)
Lori McDonough (Venus' sister in law)
Steve (brother of Shirley Mehring)
Michael Dodson
Jacqueline Melvin Cannon (Judy Melvin's sister)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Sara Belohavek
Rev. Tom Funk
Mary Callison
Martha Helmreich
Christine Thomas
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

Organ Concert

Today, Sunday, August 6th at 4:30pm at Calvary UMC

You are invited to an Organ Concert featuring Brian Burns & David Bridge performing on Calvary's Historic 1895 "Farrand & Votey" Pipe Organ. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. There will be a free-will offering at intermission to help support the Calvary Choir on their journey to perform the Messiah at Carnegie Hall in New York City this November. There will also be a reception in the Chapel following the concert.

An Afternoon of Palestinian Storytelling and Music

Monday, August 14th from 3:00-5:00pm

Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church (905 Mifflin Ave, 15221, Regent Square)

Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA) Pittsburgh and Hanna Salmon, PhD Candidate in Ethnomusicology invite you to *An Afternoon of Palestinian Storytelling and Music*

Please RSVP to Tina at tinawhitehead2@hotmail.com or Eileen at eileeno31@gmail.com so we can get an idea of how many to expect.

Oral storytelling has a well-established history in Palestine, where it has functioned as a form of entertainment, a didactic tool, a mode of political critique, and an arena for navigating communal identity. Contemporary Palestinian storytellers continue to engage the practice of storytelling for these purposes, telling folk tales (hikayat and khararif) and personal tales as professionals on stage. In their tellings, these storytellers employ a range of vocal and musical techniques through which they engage their audiences in the practice of imagination, bringing them into the world of the story as tellers and listeners experience it together. What impact does the experience of a story-world have on Palestinian communities? In this presentation, I will explore the possible answers to this question, examining the power of Palestinian storytelling in the West Bank, the Interior, and in diaspora.

Hanna Salmon is a PhD Candidate in Ethnomusicology at the University of Texas at Austin. She is currently conducting fieldwork for her dissertation, which examines the practices of contemporary Palestinian storytellers, the affective atmospheres that their storytelling produces, and the role of those atmospheres in cultural resistance efforts in Palestine.

Come and bring a friend who may not be familiar with the story of the Palestinian occupation and diaspora.

Church Council Meeting

Thursday, August 17th from 6:30-8:00pm in the Calvary Chapel

All committee chairs are asked to have their reports ready.

Northview Heights Food Distribution

Saturday, August 26th at 8:45am at Northview Heights

Six volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the chapel. Please see Stacey Chervon (stc38@pitt.edu) with any questions.

Organ Concert

FEATURING

Brian Burns & David Bridge

*Performing on Calvary's Historic
1895 "Farrand & Votey" Pipe Organ*

Sunday, August 6
4:30 pm

Calvary United Methodist Church
Northside, Pittsburgh

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ORGAN CONCERT

MEET OUR PERFORMERS



Brian Burns, *Conductor/Music Director*

Brian Burns (Music Director, Calvary United Methodist Church) is a long-time Pittsburgh resident and a native of Armstrong county. There, he began playing the Hammond organ in church at the age of 12. While attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania as a piano major, he was introduced to the pipe organ and changed his major to organ performance under the direction of the late Dr. Carol Teti. He was one of the first recipients of the Carol Teti Memorial Scholarship. His

undergraduate work was completed with Dr. Christine

Clewell in 2001. He served at several churches including St. Bernard's (Indiana, PA) and Ford Memorial United Methodist Church (Ford City, PA). Brian worked for three years with local organ builder Harry Ebert before discovering Calvary United Methodist Church where he used his skills to guide the restoration of Calvary's historic 1894 Farrand & Votey organ. Brian currently directs Calvary's Renewal Choir, the Festival Choir, and plays for all of Calvary's services.



David Bridge, *Organist*

David Bridge has served churches in Westmoreland, Allegheny and Beaver Counties. As primary musician for the 2006 Synod Assembly of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, he played organ and piano and directed all ensembles.

Venue highlights for solo organ recitals include: Heinz Chapel; Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Uniontown; and Lake Lure, North Carolina. A 1998 graduate of St. Vincent College with a bachelor's in music education, he studied voice with Dr. Curt Scheib, Shirley Huls and

Roland Wyatt. He studied piano with Fr. Joseph Bronder, O.S.B. and organ with Edgar B. Highberger. David conducted our Messiah in 2012 and has been organist since 2013. David operates The Bridge Music Studio which provides private lessons for children and adults in piano, voice, and organ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship †*

Leader: Welcome to worship this day. Some have come seeking; some have come struggling.

All: Lord, be with each one of us today. Feed our hearts and souls with your transforming love.

Leader: God is truly with us all today, guiding, lifting, feeding, restoring our souls.

All: We surely need to see that love.

Leader: Do not fear! God is with us always, loving and transforming our lives.

Opening Hymn †* “How Can We Name a Love” — #111 UMH

Unison Prayer †*

Patient and persistent God, we thank you for calling us here today. Keep our hearts and minds open for your words of transforming love. In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, you, O Lord, are present to us. As we wrestle with situations which seem to drain us of our energy; as we struggle to find out who you call us to be, you reach out to us with reassurance of empowerment and courage for the days ahead. Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives to receive your awesome grace. It is in Jesus’ name that we pray. Amen.

Community Greetings †

Song of Praise †* “Surely the Presence of the Lord” — #328 UMH (Sing Twice)

***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

“Change Matters” — Special “Change” Offering

Psalter Lesson * Psalm 17:1-7 NRSV

1 Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
2 From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. 3 If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. 4 As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. 5 My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

6 I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.
7 Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel Lesson †* Matthew 14:13-21 NRSV

13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15 When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." 18 And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "A Picnic of Grace" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

Hymn of Preparation * "For the Bread Which Thou Has Broken" — #614 UMH

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *

Invitation *

Leader: Christ's invitation is simple—sit down where you are. You don't need to run off somewhere else—not a nearby village market or a familiar place, communion is where you are=sit down. The disciples complained—it is a deserted place and the hour is late. Jesus said, "They need not go away." No one needs to go away.

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Invitation (Cont...) *

Leader: No one is deserted, and no one is late—and no one should feel alone even in a crowd. Jesus has compassion on every crowd, healing them, even the hungers, one by one by one. Here is green grass, someone to help you sit down, someone to help you stand up again, so it will be enough, and break it into pieces you can handle.

Prayer of Consecration *

Leader: In the story about feeding a multitude, Jesus asked that people bring to him what they had. We ask God's blessing on them to make them enough and also to make them abundant for us and for all those who everywhere who are your children.

All: God of compassion, you bless and break everything we are and everything we bring to you. Our deep scarcity becomes enough to sustain us, and then our "enough" becomes an abundance, more than we could ever imagine. We pray that your Spirit of life and love, of tenderness and power, rest upon this bread and this cup, that they may feed the inmost need of each child of God and pour forth a grace that can change the world. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Amen.

Words of Remembering *

Leader: We remember the Creator fed the aurora borealis and ocean depths, all we see now that grows and breathes, all that swims, swarms, slithers, all that runs, flies, leaps and loves. We remember Jesus Christ who expanded the disciples' understanding of the hope in bread crust and fish scraps, and then, when they forgot... did it again. We always remember a Passover in Jerusalem when Jesus borrowed an upper room, soaked and scrubbed the tired feet of others, and explained that there is a God-shaped hole in everyone's belly and Jesus would fill it with love. Remembering is beautiful, but there is not much taste in it. Let us stop running to nearby villages with our hunger and thirst, and sit down here and now, to eat and drink, be blessed and broken. Let us join in the prayer that was taught to us by Jesus:

All: 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...

Sharing of the Elements *

Leader: The bread is blessed and broken like the picnic of grace.

All: Sharing love, we will never be hungry.

Leader: The cup is blessed and shared like the overflowing of tears and joy.

All: Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.

Please come forward, following the direction of our ushers.

All are welcome at the table of our Lord.

The bread that we share is all gluten free so that all may participate fully.

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 †* "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" — #427 UMH

Benediction †

Postlude †

*† Please stand as you are able / * Words are on the screen / 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.

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!



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 & THURSDAY

Exercise Class For All Ages

THIS GROUP IS TAKING A BREAK IN AUGUST & WILL START UP AGAIN SEPTEMBER 5TH

The group will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 5th. Please watch our for further announcements in case something changes.

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. Contact Linda Ehrlich at laehrlich927@aol.com with questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exercise Group Is Taking a Break in August

The Exercise Group that meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings will be taking a break during the month of August. The group will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 5th. Please watch our for further announcements in case something changes.

Mission Barn

On July 22nd, five Calvary Women in Faith traveled to the Mission Barn in New Castle to deliver 49 Hygiene Kits. We want to say a great big *"thank you"* to the Calvary family for their generosity and dedication to those in our country who are in the midst of weather related disasters (40 flood buckets were sent to East Palestine). While we were there we worked on filling 40 Flood Buckets and checking out hygiene kits to make sure all materials were present. While we ate lunch, Deaconess Katie informed us about the work of UMCOR in our nation's disasters...invaluable! Katie extended to Calvary her gratitude for our involvement in this ministry. It was a wonderful day of fellowship.

Fall 2023 Pittsburgh District Lay Servant Ministry School

The Fall 2023 Pittsburgh District Lay Servant Ministry School is pleased to be offering the classes listed below to help laity respond to their personal call in ministry and the life of the church. Each class is being held on different dates, allowing you to take more than one class if you wish. All classes, except From Your Heart to Theirs, has the option of attending in person, hybrid or online. There is a \$15 fee per class plus you need to purchase the class book(s).

The Book of Discipline (¶1251) urges Church Lay Leaders to become Certified Lay Servants.

- The BASIC Course - Saturdays, September 30 and October 14, 9am-2:30pm
- From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon - Sundays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2-4pm
- Leading Worship - Saturdays, October 28 and November 4 & 11, 2-5:30pm
- Fear of the Other – November 17, 6-9pm and November 18, 9am-5pm

There will be copies of the brochure on entrance tables.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT...

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.

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!

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.

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