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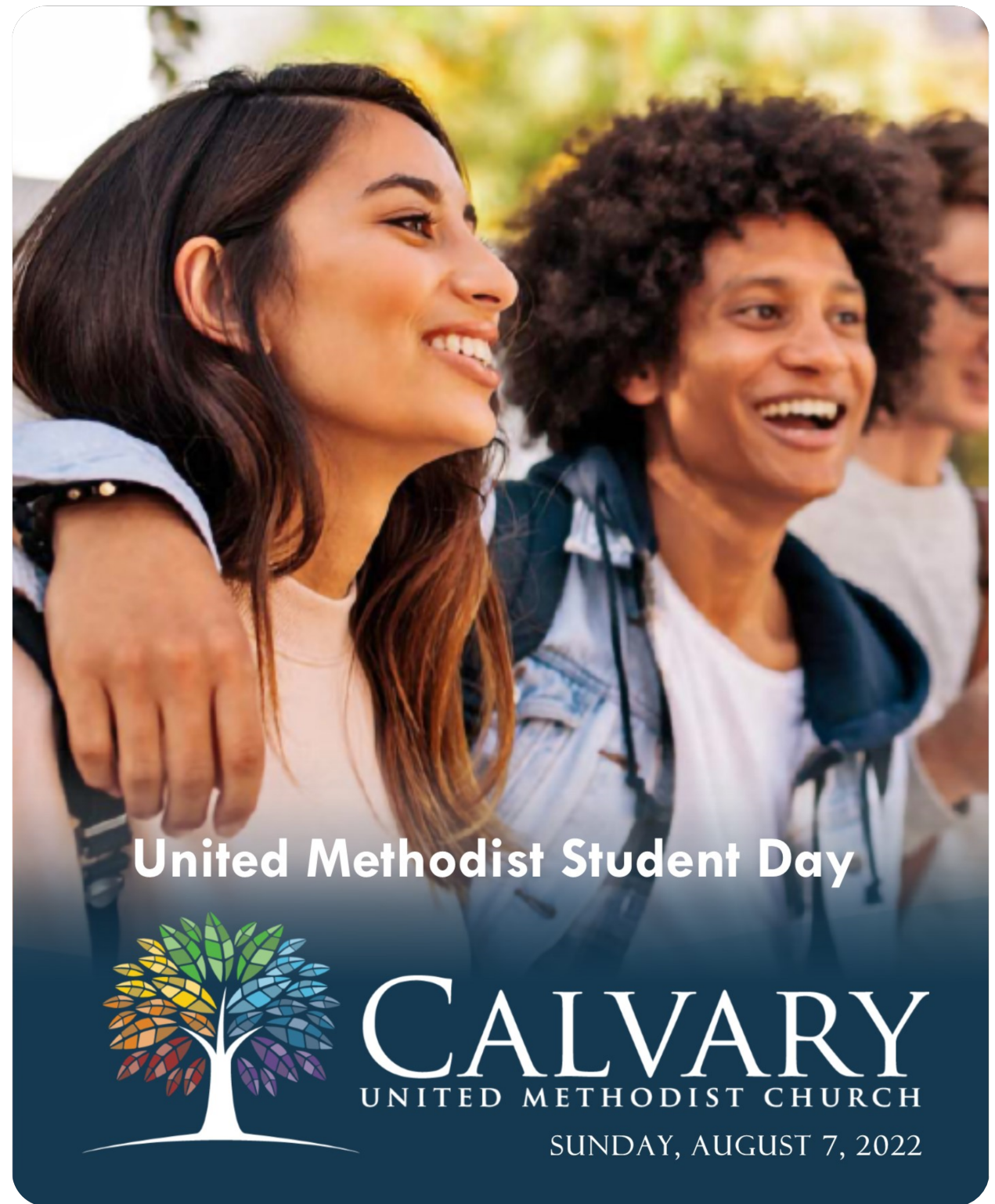


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## Our Welcome Statement

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? Welcome! 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.

## 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) Sunday morning worship slides, (3) website, (4) Facebook, and (5) 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. **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.

3. **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.

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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**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.**

**Prayer for Those in Communion from Afar \***

**We who are many are one body, one loaf, rising in Spirit together. Even if we cannot be physically in the same space, we are one in love. We are one in the grace of Christ broken open for us.**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** . . . . . *Holy Communion is open to everyone!*

### 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 †\*** . . . . . "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" — #569 UMH

**Benediction †**

**Postlude †**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Immediate Needs

Georgeann (friend of Anne Christianson) — She was severely injured in the storm 2 weeks ago and her recovery is very painful.  
Denny (friend of Jane Skerl) — knee surgery recovery  
Jenalee Morris — personal loss  
Father of Liz Martinez — heart attack, surgery  
Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister) — upcoming hospitalization for cardiac issues  
Tricia Magee (friend of Larry and Pam Hopkins) — Cancer  
Tom (friend of Anne Christianson) — cancer diagnosis and recovery from pneumonia  
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  
Samara Smith-Hopkins — mass in breasts  
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  
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

Martha Helmreich — recovering at home  
Paul Brucker — ongoing health struggles  
Joan Jessep — tumor on her brain  
Joan Sturtz — caring for Bill  
Randy & Danny — bone marrow transplant  
Dan Souza — cancer  
Tom Smith — cancer

### 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.

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Trustees Meeting

**Date / Time / Location:** Sunday, August 7 / 12:15pm (following morning worship) / Parlor

**Description:** If you are a member of Calvary's Trustees, please plan on attending.

### AHPS Meeting

**Date / Time / Location:** Thursday, August 17 / 6:00pm / Chapel

**Description:** If you are a member of AHPS, please plan on attending.

### Church Council Meeting

**Date / Time / Location:** Thursday, August 25 / 6:00pm / Chapel

**Description:** If you are a member of Calvary's church council, please plan on attending.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAYS

#### 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 & 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.

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One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, in the beginning you breathed life into raw materials, creating and animating containers of beauty and goodness. We, your Holy Vessels, were fired in the kiln of love until we shined with your light. Susceptible to shattering, we find ourselves broken, unable at times to remember your promise of repair. You remind us time and again that, though broken, we are held in your presence and made whole by your grace. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, Holy Vessel of Divine Presence on earth. Your Spirit anointed him as a container of grace in the form of preaching good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the captives recovering of sight to the blind, setting at liberty those who are oppressed, and announcing that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with those considered too broken for company. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to the path of healing and recovery, delivered us from our despair and isolation, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always. In the power of your Word and Holy Spirit, we are not alone. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of the healing, life-transforming acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us your Healing Spirit through Christ, so that we may be for the world the body of Christ, healing agents in a broken world, offering the life-blood of hope. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Healing God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

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### Invitation to Holy Communion

#### Prayer of Confession Before Communion \*

**All:** We confess, Lord, that we let our doubts affect us and others. We confess we often do not build each other up. We often fall short in building up our young people. But you, God, never fall short. We ask that you also work in us, to free us from doubt and carelessness. Today is a new day, and it will be a great day! We walk by faith, knowing God is there for our young students. We will make sure that they have confidence to face each day without fear. They are loved, they are valuable, and they are a unique expression of God. The wisdom of God is in them and us today. We all have the ability to learn on every level, and the grace to be diligent. We will help young people consider their future when making daily decisions, providing both scholarships and support. May our young folk have the boldness to stand up for what they believe in, the confidence to stand out and be who God made them to be, and the power to stand above mediocrity. May they be successful in their pursuits and in their relationships. They are created for a purpose, and their educational journey is a part of the big picture that God has painted for their life. Today, we will give it our all and celebrate each triumph. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance \* . . . . . Isaiah 1, Luke 12

**Pastor:** Though we often fail to be supportive, do not be afraid, for God has washed us clean and is building us to be better. The Lord takes pleasure in opening God's realm to our young people. The Lord takes pleasure in working through our church family. Rejoice and expect great things! Amen.

*(Please stand)*

#### The Great Thanksgiving †\* . . . . . We Pray an Ancient Prayer Together Before Communion

**One:** Our God is with you!

**All:** **And also with you.**

**One:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** **We lift them up to our God.**

**One:** Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

**All:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(Please be seated)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Blessing Bag Donations Needed (A message from the Children & Youth Committee)

For Bible School we made blessing bags. We are asking the congregation to help make donations for the bags. The following items are needed: socks, granola bars, small bottles of water, toothbrush and toothpaste, small hand sanitizers, masks, small bags of nuts, chapstick, and feminine products. Please bring your items to church and place in the chapel near the Sunday School room.

### 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.

### 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. If you are interested please reach out to Lynn Sevick at either [lynnsevick@mac.com](mailto:lynnsevick@mac.com) or 724-272-9478.

### 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.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship †\* . . . . . Matthew 11:28-30

Leader: We have gathered in this place to worship,

All: **because Jesus invites us to come!**

Leader: We come as we are, with our faith and our doubts, with our successes and our failures,

All: **because Jesus invites us to come!**

Leader: Do not be afraid, little ones. It is God's pleasure to give you the kingdom.

All: **Come, let us worship God together!**

### Opening Hymn †\* . . . . . "Gather Us In" — #2236 TFWS

### Opening Prayer †

### Community Greetings †

### Children's Message

### Prayer Hymn \* . . . . . "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" — #140 UMH

### Pastoral Prayer

### Scripture \* . . . . . 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 NRSV

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect,

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24 whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, 25 that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Special Music

### Gospel \* . . . . . Luke 12:32-40 NRSV

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39 "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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### Sermon . . . . . "United Methodist Student Day: Obedient Children", Pastor Shane Siciliano