



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 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)
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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR — WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

SUNDAY

Choir Rehearsal

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Calvary UMC Choir Loft

Description: Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome!

Sunday School

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

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. Please meet up in the chapel and everyone will walk across the street together.

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

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary UMC Chapel

Description: 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 laehrllich927@aol.com. This group meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study Led by Rev. Myles Bradley

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6:30pm in the Calvary Chapel

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Women's Bible Study

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

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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!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship †*

Leader: What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God's love.

All: God's love flows through our lives!

Leader: This is what it means to be the body of Christ!

All: This is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.

Leader: Let us rejoice on this day!

All: Lord, we thank you for the blessings you pour on us.

Leader: We gather here this day to hear God's word for us.

All: We praise God for the opportunity to gather together.

Opening Hymn †* "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" — #155 UMH

Unison Prayer †*

Lord, what a blessing it is to come together as a community of faith. We travel here from all walks of life, from different ages and stages, and are welcomed in your love and your presence! Breathe your spirit into these moments that we share that all who gather may rejoice and celebrate the blessings you have given each of us. Keep our hearts and minds open for your reconciling word for us; for we ask this in Jesus' name. 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

Psalter Lesson * Psalm 133 NRSV

1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. 3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Hymn of Prayer †* “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” — #361 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.

Gospel Lesson †* Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28 NRSV

10 Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: 11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” 12 Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” 13 He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14 Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” 15 But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” 16 Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? 17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? 18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. 19 For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. 20 These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26 He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” 27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment

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All: **Thanks be to God.**

Order of Worship is continued on the following page.

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

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Sermon Ms. Joanie Bova

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 †* "Standing on the Promises" — #374 UMH

Benediction †

Postlude †

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A Time for Fellowship

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Bible Study Preview

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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.

Worship Planning Meeting

Tuesday, August 29th at 6:30pm in the Calvary Chapel

If you have an interest in visual arts, creative worship, or would like to just help in worship, please consider coming to this organizing meeting. If you have any questions, please talk to Rev. Beth.

Church Council Meeting

Thursday, September 21st from 6:30-8:00pm in the Calvary Chapel

All committee chairs are asked to have their reports ready.

Fall Kickoff Ice Cream Social and Family Volunteer Activity

Sunday, September 24th following morning worship in the Calvary Chapel

We will be collecting supplies the month of September to make blessing bags. More details to come!

Family Fall Fest

Saturday, October 28th from 2:00-4:00pm (Location TBD)

We will have crafts, pumpkin painting, and games, and possibly Trunk-or-Treat depending on the number of cars that sign up. More details to come!

Parents Night Out

December — Date, Time, and Location TBD

We will do Christmas activities, cookie decorating, crafts, games, and dinner. This will give parents time to finish shopping and be able to wrap presents. We will also have a Christmas Shop for kids to shop for parents. More details to come!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Committee Request

Dear Calvary Family — Please consider giving to UMCOR's Disaster Relief Fund. It is very simple. Put in "UMC Disaster Donations" and the donation page will pop up where you can give online. You can also give by calling the following phone number: 424-252-6008. Each of us are capable of giving a few dollars to this Maui disaster. God is counting on us to be His hands and His feet!

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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 (§251) 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.

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 beautiful? Volunteers are needed to help the Calvary GARDEN CLUB and GROUNDS CREW. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Chapel.

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

UPDATE—Our Mission Committee would like to say "thank you" to everyone for donating, over the past 5 months, 275 tubes of toothpaste!!! WONDERFUL!! In our ministry to the Northside Pantry we will continue to collect both toothpaste and bags. You have donated about a hundred bags which are always needed as well. God continue to stir up your hearts.

TOOTHPASTE continues to be a weekly need at the pantry. Jana, Director, 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.

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.

Communications Update — A Message from Karen Ferguson

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!

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