

Being who God
calls us to be!



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 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

Linda Trautman
Rev. Howard Cherry (a dear friend of Rev. Beth)
Emma H. (Joan Sturtz's granddaughter)
Bill (Debbie Neuherz's brother)
Samantha T. (Niece of Bing & Mary Ewalt)
Megan MacDonald
Cel Thomas, John Rosella, Darlene Lesure
(friends of Fred Ruddock)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Randy & Danny
Sara Belohavek
Paul Brucker
Mary Callison
Jacqueline Melvin-Cannon (Judy
Melvin's sister)
Rev. Tom Funk
Martha Helmreich
Joan Sturtz
Tom Smith
Dan Souza
Christine Thomas

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.

If you would like a card or email sent from the church to let people know we are praying for them, please give us an address or email.

PLEASE NOTE — Prayer concerns will be published for 4 weeks unless otherwise instructed.

Mr. Rogers Sermon Series



WEEK 1 - SEPTEMBER 10

“Won’t you be My Neighbor?”

1 John 4:7-21



WEEK 2 - SEPTEMBER 17

“It is you, I like!”

Psalms 139:6-16



WEEK 3 - SEPTEMBER 24

**“There are many ways to
say I love you!”**

1 John 4:7-21

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER

COMMUNITY LUNCH

LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

CALVARY UMC FELLOWSHIP HALL



Starting Sunday, September 24th, Calvary will begin having a Community Lunch the last Sunday of each month. This will be an expansion on our normally scheduled Fellowship time following morning worship. The luncheons will be held in the fellowship hall rather than the chapel and Mike Schnitgen will be preparing the food. Please join us as we begin this new monthly tradition of fellowship and welcoming our neighbors!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY

Choir Rehearsal

10:00-10:45am in the Calvary UMC Choir Loft

Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome! Please join us for singing, fellowship, and shenanigans!

Sunday School

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

10:00-10:45am in the Presbytery (Across the street from Calvary)

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.

Communion — First Sunday of Each Month

During Morning Worship in the Calvary UMC Sanctuary

On the first Sunday of each month, all are invited to the table of our Lord. The bread that we shared is gluten free that all might freely participate.

“Change Matters” Special Offering — First Sunday of Each Month

During Morning Worship in the Calvary UMC Sanctuary

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.

Fellowship Following Morning Worship

Following Morning Worship in the Calvary UMC 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.

Community Lunch Following Morning Worship — Last Sunday of Each Month

Following Morning Worship in the Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

The luncheons will be held in the fellowship hall rather than the chapel and Mike Schnitgen will be preparing the food. Please join us as we begin this new monthly tradition of fellowship and welcoming our neighbors!

AA (Northside Sunday Nighters)

8:00pm in the Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

MONDAY

Sleeping Bag Group

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING AGAIN ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

6:30pm in the Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

The sleeping bags are made from recycled materials, packed with personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, hats and gloves then distributed to nearby homeless shelters. There is plenty to do. No sewing experience needed. Questions? Please contact Terri Howell at trr_howell@yahoo.com or call 412-482-2211 with any questions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR, CONT...

TUESDAY

Exercise Class For All Ages

9:00am in the Calvary UMC 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 laehrllich927@aol.com. This group meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Choir Rehearsal

6:00-7:30pm in the Calvary UMC Choir Loft

Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome! Please join us for singing, fellowship, and shenanigans!

Messiah Festival Choir Rehearsal

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

7:30-9:00pm in the Calvary UMC Sanctuary

You don't have to be a member of Calvary to sing in the Messiah Choir. As always, please invite your friends and family to come sing with us too! It's always a fun time, and no auditions are required. It's a community event and we like to keep it low stress and encourage anyone and everyone to get involved! All voice parts are needed.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study Led by Rev. Myles Bradley

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

6:30pm in the Calvary UMC Chapel

"Father Abraham" will be the topic of a new Bible Study led by Rev. Myles Bradley on Wednesday evenings here at Calvary. The six week study will review the story in Genesis of the father of the Jewish people and the three faiths that are shared by his descendants. Everyone is invited to share in exploring the roots of our faith. We will meet at 6:30pm beginning Wednesday, September 20th and continue through October.

THURSDAY

Exercise Class For All Ages

9:00am in the Calvary UMC Chapel

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Women's Bible Study

THIS GROUP WILL BEGIN MEETING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

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

Our Bible study is to resume on Thursdays beginning September 14th. This year's study will be: "*Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit*" by Beth Moore. Beth Moore has an excitement and an exuberance for the Gospel and will involve you on an adventure into discovery and growth in the Spirit of the Lord.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship †*

Leader: To those who are hungry, Jesus says:

All: "Come and eat! There is more than enough for all."

Leader: To those who are thirsty, Jesus says:

All: "Come and drink! It is free for the taking."

Leader: Let us come together, as a community of faith, to worship God who provides.

All: We come, expecting a miracle – to be nourished by God's word, and to be fed in the fellowship of love.

Opening Hymn †* "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God, Almighty" — #64 UMH

Unison Prayer †*

Lord God, our provider. We worship you as one who meets our needs, who grants our daily bread, who restores our humanity. We worship you as the God who knows human experience, who knows hunger and thirst, work and play, fullness and emptiness. And we worship you in a world where we have all we need if we could just learn to really share. Open our eyes that we might see with your heart. Show us how to truly worship you as the God who provides. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Community Greetings †

Song of Praise †* "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" — From Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood

It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood

A beautiful day for a neighbor

Would you be mine?

Could you be mine?

It's a neighborly day in this beautywood

A neighborly day for a beauty

Would you be mine?

Could you be mine?

I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you

I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you

So let's make the most of this beautiful day

Since we're together, we might as well say

Would you be mine?

Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor?

Won't you please

Won't you please

Please won't you be my neighbor?

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Children’s Message

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

Epistle Lesson * Romans 12:9-21 NRSV

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” 20 Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson †* Matthew 16:21-28 NRSV

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” 23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27 “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

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*

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

- Sermon** “Being who God calls us to be!” — Rev. Beth L. Nelson
- Reflections** Linda McDonald
Joanie Bova
- Hymn of Preparation** * “Take Our Bread” — #640 UMH

The Great Thanksgiving *

Leader: Creator of the harvest—We lift our voices in praise!

All: Creator of the table—In you we find our peace.

Leader: In gratitude we gather to share this meal.

All: With thanksgiving, we gather to share our love for neighbor.

Leader: As the sun sets earlier, the days become cooler, and the crops near harvest, we celebrate the plenitude of fruits available to us. We acknowledge the ways that we can use our gifts to care for our siblings in need. We extend this table through the work of our hands and the missions of this church.

All: As we celebrate this sacrament, may we remember the laborers in the fields: The harvesters of the wheat and grapes. The transporters of their yields. Those who transform wheat into bread and grapes into juice.

Leader: Bless their hands and feet as they labor at farms and gardens, in trucks and warehouses. We give thanks for the ones who prepare the table here today. May their gifts of preparation and hospitality inspire us to extend hospitality to the strangers among us.

After laboring on the streets of Jerusalem—Doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God—Jesus clutched bread in his hands. He blessed the food, gave thanks, and heartfully expressed to his friends that this was the bread of life. “As you eat this bread, remember me.” After supper, Jesus grasped the cup filled with the gifts of the vine. In his blessing, he reminded them “whenever you drink of this cup, remember me.”

Spirit of wisdom and of wonder, wind around these elements today. May they stir us from stagnation into actively loving God, our neighbors, and ourselves. May our participation at this table transform us into the people God is calling us to be.

God’s very own, let us share the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray:

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.

Leader: With gratitude, we gather at this table. As we take a piece of bread, let us experience the love of God as seen in Jesus the Christ. As we immerse the bread into the cup, let us remember the grace that pours from God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP, CONT...

Sharing of Communion

All are invited to the table of our Lord. You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers and kneel as you are able. You will be served bread and then the cup. Please hold the bread to dip into the cup. The bread that we shared is gluten free that all might freely participate.

The Prayer after Communion

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 †* "The Summons" — #2130 TFWS

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.





CALVARY'S FAMILY CORNER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SEP
24**

FALL KICKOFF ICE CREAM SOCIAL

FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP

Join us for a Community Lunch and Ice Cream Social as we kick off Fall! We will also be making Blessing Bags.



**OCT
28**

FAMILY FALL FEST

2:00-4:00PM

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!

**DEC
02**

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

6:00-9:00PM

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 INFO

MEGAN 412-715-4946 / BRITTANY 412-715-4947



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mr. Rogers Sermon Series

Sunday, September 10th, 17th, and 24th

Not only a Pittsburgh icon, Fred Rogers was an ordained minister and is a notable public figure whose work around peace and reconciliation are worth remembering. Please join us as we begin this three week sermon series next week on September 10th. There will be a Community Lunch following morning worship as we close the series on the third Sunday, September 24th.

Church Council Meeting

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

All committee chairs are asked to have their reports ready.

Community Lunch & Fall Kickoff Ice Cream Social with a Family Volunteer Activity

Sunday, September 24th following morning worship in the Calvary UMC Fellowship Hall

Join us for a Community Lunch and Ice Cream Social as we kick off Fall in Methodist style—with food! We will also be making Blessing Bags with the children led by our Children's Ministry Leaders—Megan and Brittany. We will be collecting supplies during the month of September to make the blessing bags. Please see today's announcements for further details on what we are collecting.

World Communion Sunday — “Breads from around the world!”

Sunday, October 1st during Fellowship in the Calvary UMC Chapel

Please join us during our normal Fellowship Time following morning worship as we continue our celebration of World Communion Sunday with a sampling of breads from around the world! Included with this “*Bread Bar*” aka “*Carb City*” we will also enjoy an array of spreads, jellies, and jams. YUM!!!

Family Fall Fest — A Children's Ministry Event

Saturday, October 28th from 2:00-4:00pm at Calvary UMC

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 — A Children's Ministry Event

Saturday, December 2nd from 6:00-9:00pm in the Calvary UMC Chapel

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

A New Sermon Series Begins Next Sunday — Mr. Rogers Sermon Series

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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!

Blessing Bags — A Message from the Children's Ministry Committee

We will be collecting items for the Blessing Bags that we will be making at the Fall Kickoff Ice Cream Social & Family Volunteer Activity on Sunday, September 24th. The following items are needed. Please drop them off in the chapel at Calvary. Thank you!

- travel toothbrush & toothpaste
- travel size deodorant
- feminine hygiene products
- socks
- chapstick
- hand sanitizer
- gum
- snacks (nuts, granola bars, protein bars, etc)

Monthly Community Lunch

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Messiah is Right Around the Corner!

School has started and before you know it... Thanksgiving, then after that, Advent, then Messiah! Our Messiah Festival Choir will begin rehearsing Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00pm beginning October 3rd. You don't have to be a member of Calvary to sing in the Messiah Choir. As always, please invite your friends and family to come sing with us too! It's always a fun time, and no auditions are required. It's a community event and we like to keep it low stress and encourage anyone and everyone to get involved! All voice parts are needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT...

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

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.

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). There will be copies of the brochure on entrance tables.

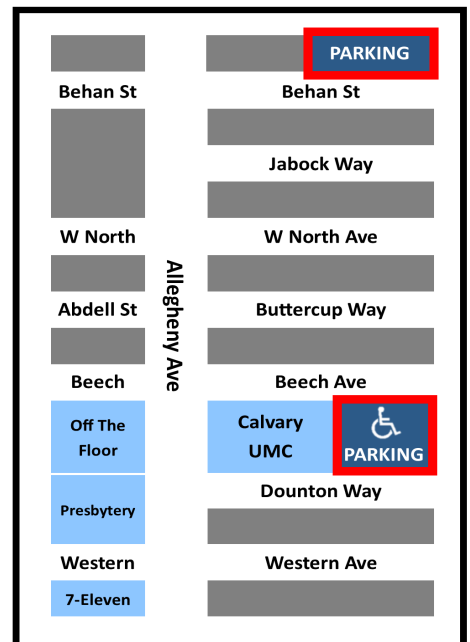
The Book of Discipline (§251) urges Church Lay Leaders to become Certified Lay Servants.

- 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

Sunday 1:00pm Steeler Games

It's that time of year again! Please see the map that lists directions to and where to park on Sundays when we do not have access to the lots next to and across from our church. Please be mindful that this lot is 5 blocks away from the church. Please note that you may get a parking ticket if you park on any street on Steeler Sundays. And, please do not pay to park in any of the parking lots charging money!

Special note about Handicap Parking: The map lists where the church's handicap parking is located in the lot behind the church. The church's handicap ramp is also located in this lot. We encourage people not to park in the rear parking lot to allow people with special needs to have those parking spaces.



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