

CALVARY

United Methodist Church



"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7



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You are God's beloved. *You* are welcome here.



WELCOME TO CALVARY



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.**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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 better. If you are in need of a large print bible or hymnal, please see any greeter for help.

FAMILIES WITH BABIES OR YOUNG CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children into our worship services, including infants and toddlers. If you would like to use it, we have a Family Area in the rear left of the Sanctuary with rocking chairs and toys.

LOCATION OF BATHROOMS

From the front exits of the Sanctuary outside the right doorway, an accessible restroom and baby changing table are available on this level. From the front exits of the Sanctuary outside the left side, restrooms are located down the stairs. An elevator is located thru the Sanctuary outside the right and to the back.

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

Budd Wagner
Charles Foreman (Claudia's husband)
Mayernik daughters & grandfather
Family of Christine Thomas (Christine passed
away on 10/11)
Joyce & Ray Zimmerman (sister of Yvonne
Hudson)
Joan Sturtz
Judy Melvin
Paul & Georgia Brucker
Brian (partner of David Grinnell)
Venus
Roy (fiancé of Venus)
Della Barr (daughter of Megan and the sister of
Linda McDonald)
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 CONCERNS

Sara Belohavek
Paul Brucker
Mary Callison
Jacqueline Melvin-Cannon (Judy
Melvin's sister)
Rev. Tom Funk
Martha Helmreich
Tom Smith
Dan Souza

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP †* Liturgist — Anne Christianson

Leader: We gather for worship today to celebrate our gifts.

All: We are celebrating the gifts we give to this church.

Leader: We gather for worship today to celebrate our community.

All: We are celebrating the love and support that we give to one another; the constant quest that we are on to be united by God's grace.

Leader: We gather for worship today to celebrate our future.

All: We are celebrating a future full of outreach, a future full of service, a future full of worship and a future full of growth. We are celebrating a future with hope.

Leader: We gather for worship today to celebrate our visions.

All: We are celebrating the visions of those who have come before us, the visions that brought us to where we are today and the visions that we see today for the future.

Leader: Let us gather in celebration!

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN OF PRAISE †* "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" — #117 UMH

UNISON PRAYER †*

Gracious God, Your gifts surround us in all ages and stages of our lives. Help us to trust you for what we need. Help us to call on you for the strength needed for the tasks to which you call us. We gather now to offer our worship to you. We bring our prayers and praises, our open ears and our willing hearts. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

SONG OF PRAISE †* "Give Thanks" — #2036 TFWS

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."*

Give thanks!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER LESSON * Psalm 78:1-7 NRSV

- 1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
- 3 things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
- 4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might and the wonders that he has done.
- 5 He established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children,
- 6 that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,
- 7 so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

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

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER †* "Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom" — #508 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.

ANTHEM The Renewal Choir

EPISTLE LESSON * 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 NRSV

- 6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
- 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.
- 9 As it is written, "He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."
- 10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.
- 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us,
- 12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.
- 13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others,

14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON †* John 15:9-17 NRSV

- 9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.
- 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.
- 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.
- 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
- 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.
- 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.
- 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.
- 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.
- 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Cheerful Giver" — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

OUR CHALLENGE

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 †* "Here I Am, Lord!" — #593 UMH

During this hymn, you are invited to come forward and place your commitment card in the offering plate.

BENEDICTION †

POSTLUDE †



WEEKLY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Presbytery (Across the street from Calvary)

Calvary offers two Sunday School classes — ages 3 to 10, and ages 11 to 15. Please meet in the Chapel and everyone walks across the street together.

EVENTS

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, December 2 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | 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.



A Time for Fellowship

PLEASE JOIN US AROUND THE TABLES
IN THE CHAPEL BEHIND THE
SANCTUARY FOLLOWING MORNING
WORSHIP FOR REFRESHMENTS.

THIS WEEK AT CALVARY



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NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Following Worship | Parlor

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MON
NOV 13

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

6:30 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

TUES
NOV 14

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:30 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS)

7:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

MESSIAH FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:30 – 9:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

THURS
NOV 16

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

10:00 – 11:00 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

6:00 – 7:30 PM (Weekly) | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

OPEN SANCTUARY

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary



Want to view the entire church calendar?

To view everything happening at Calvary in one place, view our entire church calendar by visiting calvarypgh.com/news-and-events/calendar.php or by scanning the **QR code** to the left.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



WEEKLY

SLEEPING BAG GROUP

Mondays | 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

The Sleeping Bag group will be taking a break for the holidays soon. They will still meet on November 6th and 13th, but won't meet up again until January 8th.

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 (412-482-2211 / tr_howell@yahoo.com) with any questions.

OPEN SANCTUARY

Thursdays | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Calvary

The sanctuary will be open for prayer or silence or meditation beginning November 2nd. Feel free to pass through as our special guest, or return on Sunday to make us your home.

EVENTS

NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, December 2 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM | Northview Heights

All participants have found it to be a rewarding experience, and we would love to have some new volunteers as well. Six volunteers are needed for each date. There is a sign-up sheet in the Chapel, and a written description of the work. Please feel free to contact Stacey Chervon (stc38@pitt.edu) or Linda Ehrlich (laehrllich927@aol.com) for any questions.

“CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

Sunday, December 3 (1st Sunday each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

Our children collect "change" because when there is lots of change together, we can make a difference. These gifts are used to help Women United in Faith purchase food for Daily Bread.

DAILY BREAD — UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF)

Thursday, December 14 (2nd Thursday each month) | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 616 W North Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

The United Women in Faith (UWF) organizes the meal being prepared for the Daily Bread which serves meals three times a week to those without a home or who are under-employed. **They are currently in need of cookie makers.** See Joan Bradley if you would like to get involved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRIES CONTINUES TO NEED TOOTHPASTE

TOOTHPASTE continues to be a weekly need at the pantry. Jana Thompson, 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. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



EVENTS

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Saturday, December 2 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM | Calvary

Please join us as we decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. There are jobs for everyone! **We have a job that suits your particular talents!**

- Strong, Limber, Looking for a physical challenge? — You can help put up the massive trees at each side of the front of the church.
- Strong but not willing to stand on a ladder and dangle? — You can help put up the other trees that go in the chapel and at the entrances.
- Not afraid of heights? — You can help to hang the garland in the chapel.
- Meticulous? Not able to stand for long periods of time? — You can help to fluff the bows that go on all of the trees.
- Creative and meticulous, not afraid to stand on a stepping stool or ladder? — You can help to decorate the tall trees.
- Creative, but afraid of heights? — You can help to decorate the other trees in the chapel.

We need all the help we can get and it's a lot of fun. Of course, we will have donuts, snacks, coffee, tea, etc., so come join us and have some fun getting our church ready for the holidays!

STEELERS NIGHT GAME OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, December 7 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Calvary

We will be opening our doors to the Steelers fans as they pass thru the North Side. We will be handing out hot chocolate or water depending on the outside temperature. Please join us in this community outreach.

OLD ALLEGHENY VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR

Friday, December 8 | 5:00 – 8:00 PM | Calvary

Saturday, December 9 | 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM | Calvary

WHAT IS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to help in kitchen, sell food, help with sales tables, handing out postcards for tours, setup and cleanup. We also need people to bake cookies prior to the House Tours.

WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Announcement Board in the Chapel sometime over the next few weeks. Please contact the Church Office (calvarypgh@gmail.com) if you are able to help. There will be a spreadsheet with timeslots floating around in church on upcoming Sundays to fill in empty time slots. More information to come in the next few weeks.

11TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, December 16 & Sunday, December 17 | 4:00 PM | Sanctuary

WHAT IS NEEDED: The following is needed for EACH concert: 6 - Box Office, 4 - Parking Attendants, 6 - Ushers. We also need people to bake cookies prior to the concerts.

WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Announcement Board in the Chapel sometime over the next few weeks. Please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com) if you are able to help. More information to come in the next few weeks.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24 | Services at 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM | Calvary

WHAT IS NEEDED: At least 8 volunteers for each service to make sure everyone who comes to Calvary feels welcomed, loved, and experiences God's love. We will need help with the welcome team to pass out bulletins and candles, assist at the accessible entrance, door openers, setting up the luminaria, floating around church to answer questions, point out bathrooms, collecting the offering, lighting the candles during Silent Night, and helping however we need. We also need people to bake cookies prior to the services.

WHO TO CONTACT/QUESTIONS: A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Announcement Board in the Chapel sometime over the next few weeks. Please reach out to Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 / kenelliott76@gmail.com) if you are able to help. More information to come in the next few weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COOKIE MAKERS NEEDED

We will need cookies for the House Tours, Messiah Concerts, and Christmas Eve... **That's A LOT of cookies!** A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Announcement Board in the Chapel sometime over the next few weeks. Please contact Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com). There will also be a spreadsheet floating around church for you to sign up on as well. Stay tuned for more information.

TUTORS NEEDED

Want to make a difference? Join the fun and consider being a tutor at The Bridge Learning Hub (1500 Chicago St, Pittsburgh, PA 15214). One hour a week can help a child learn and grow. Interested? See Rev. Beth Nelson for more information.

READING MENTORS NEEDED

There is a need for reading mentors at Morrow Elementary School (1611 Davis Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15212). We are looking for weekly volunteers. Please see Rev. Beth Nelson or contact the church office for further information.



CHRISTMAS Shoppe

Victorian House Tour & Shoppe

The Allegheny West Victorian House Tour is Friday, Dec. 8th and Saturday, Dec. 9th. There will be a Holiday Shoppe in Calvary's Fellowship Hall both days. The United Women in Faith (UWF) will have a booth at the Shoppe as one of our major fundraisers.

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The plan is to sell donated pre-owned Christmas items and new handmade items that are clean and in good repair.

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Please contact Linda Ehrlich or Kim Butler with questions or an idea for a homemade item that you would like to donate.

3

Items can be dropped off either after church on a Sunday or during the week by contacting Linda Ehrlich or Kim Butler.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Linda Ehrlich — 412-512-7246 or laehrich927@aol.com
Kim Butler — 412-638-7773 or kimabutler4@gmail.com



WEEKLY

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Sanctuary

Tuesdays | 6:00 – 7:30 PM | Sanctuary

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

Tuesdays | 7:30 – 9:00 PM | Sanctuary

It's always a fun time, no auditions are required. See Music Director Brian Burns with questions.

HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursdays | 6:00 – 7:30 PM | Music Office (Upstairs in the Chapel)

No audition required and you do not have to be able to read music. All are welcome! Please reach out to Music Director Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / bsburns77@aol.com) with questions.

EVENTS

WAYNESBURG CHOIR

Sunday, December 3 | During Morning Worship | Sanctuary

The Waynesburg Choir will be joining us during morning worship.

11TH ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-ALONG CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, December 16 & Sunday, December 17 | 4:00 PM | Sanctuary

Thru Nov 15 - Early Bird: \$15 General Admission | \$10 Students & Seniors

After Nov 15: \$18 General Admission | \$12 Students & Seniors

Free Admission: Children 12 & under, Members/veterans of armed services, Firefighters, Police

Tickets are on sale now at CalvaryPgh.com.

Hallelujah! Bask in Handel's inspiring Messiah while surrounded by candlelight and Calvary's magnificent Tiffany stained-glass masterpieces.

This will be our 11th year bringing this Calvary tradition to the Pittsburgh area. We will be performing the "Christmas" portion of Messiah. Calvary's Music Director Brian Burns conducts the event which includes popular regional soloists, a chamber orchestra comprised of some of the area's most accomplished instrumentalists, and the Festival Choir. The concert is followed by a cookie reception in the Victorian Chapel.

We also offer this concert in support of outreach ministries on Pittsburgh's Northside. This year, as in years past, we ask audience members to bring non-perishable food items and extra shopping tote bags for Northside Common Ministries Food Pantry.

It's a fantastic way to kick off the holiday season, and we invite everyone to join in and sing for the joy of it!

SPECIAL SUNDAYS



EVENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve Service (focused more on the children) | 4:00 PM | Calvary

Candlelight Service | 7:00 PM Music & 7:30 PM Service | Calvary

You are invited to discover a more meaningful holiday season by celebrating Christmas Eve at Calvary. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at each service. Our communion table is open to everyone. Refreshments to follow each service in the Chapel.

SPECIAL EVENTS



EVENTS

TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE: TELLING OUR STORIES

Sunday, November 19 | 12:00 – 4:00 PM | First UMC, 5401 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Join us for a powerful afternoon of celebrating the lives and stories of transgender and genderqueer folx in and around our community. Participate in an education and advocacy fair. Share a delicious lunch. Listen to the stand-up comedy of Bailey Pope and Asher O'Briant. Hear stories from trans folx and the allies who have walked with them through a transition. Honor and express your own story through interactive art with Suzanne Werder. Children are enthusiastically welcomed to take part, but childcare is available if needed.

Admission is FREE! But tickets are required and donations are appreciated!

Get your tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/709449341077?aff=oddtcreator>

Questions can be emailed to anais.firstchurch@gmail.com.



EVENTS

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sunday, November 12 | Following Worship | Parlor

If you have an interest in learning more about membership or Calvary in general, please reach out to the church office to sign up for this casual gathering. Please feel free to get some refreshments and take them to the meeting. This is an informational meeting and a chance to ask questions about Calvary Church.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 16 | 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Chapel

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Sunday, November 26 (Last Sunday of each month) | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall

This is an expansion on our normally scheduled Fellowship time following morning worship.

COMMUNION

Sunday, December 3 (First Sunday of each month) | During Worship | Sanctuary

All are invited to the table of our Lord. You do not need to be a member of Calvary or any church to participate. The bread that we share is gluten free so that all may partake.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

BOWLING OUTING

The Choir is in the process of scheduling a Bowling Outing for anyone who would like to attend. The date is still being decided on, but it will be a Sunday after church at the Crafton Ingram Lanes (Ingram Shopping Center, 252 Crafton, Pittsburgh, PA 15205). Stay tuned for further updates!

SMALL GROUPS



WEEKLY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays | 10:00 – 10:45 AM | Parlor

This group is led by Rev. Chad Bodgewic. All are welcome!

AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) — NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS

Sundays | 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

AA meetings are designed to help you on your road to recovery — designed to help you get sober and remain sober.

NA (NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS)

Tuesdays | 7:00 – 8:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Every addict in the world has the chance to experience their message, and find the opportunity for a new way of life.

EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 9:00 AM | 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 (laehrlich927@aol.com).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | 10:00 – 11:00 AM | Parlor

Join us as we study "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. *John 14 tells us that God gives us the Holy Spirit to be in us – Christ in us, the hope of glory.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF) — VICTORIAN HOUSE TOUR & SHOPPE

The Allegheny West Victorian House Tour is Friday, December 8th and Saturday, December 9th. There will be a Holiday Shoppe in Calvary's Fellowship Hall both days. The UWF will have a booth at the Shoppe as one of our major fundraisers. The plan is to sell donated pre-owned Christmas items and new handmade items from anyone in the Calvary congregation. Handmade items and Christmas decorations that are clean and in good repair will be accepted beginning November 1st until November 26th. Please contact Linda Ehrlich or Kim Butler with questions or an idea for a homemade item that you would like to donate. Items can be dropped off either after church on a Sunday or during the week by contacting Linda (412-512-7246 / laehrlich927@aol.com) or Kim (412-638-7773 / kimabutler4@gmail.com).

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANK YOU! – A MESSAGE FROM JOAN BRADLEY

I want to thank everyone who provided food, helped serve, washed dishes, and helped in any way with the dinner for the Christine Thomas family. With everyone's excellent help, I feel we honored Christine and gave her family a wonderful meal. Several of the family told me how much they appreciated the meal and time to spend with family and friends. This was a great example of the hospitality of the Calvary community.



NEW SIGN OUTSIDE CALVARY!

The new sign has been installed outside of Calvary. The old one was damaged last year during a storm. At that time it was decided to replace the sign with an updated one to reflect the new logo. The new sign is very impressive and the detail on the logo is breathtaking. The logo itself was made with over 20 colors of epoxy and looks like glass. The new sign was made by Blue Fire in Gibsonia. If you haven't looked at the new sign yet, take a walk outside and be ready to be impressed!

CALVARY'S CHURCH CALENDAR IS NOW ON THE WEBSITE!

If you prefer to see a month at a time, or a week at a time, you now have the ability to do so on the Calvary website. You can go there directly at calvarypgh.com/news-and-events/calendar.php. Or, you can go to our main website — CalvaryPgh.com and select the Calendar icon in the middle banner. Finally, you can also scroll down on the main page and choose the calendar icon from the image buttons. Please enjoy this new feature!

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

If you have an announcement that you would like to be placed in the bulletin, website, Facebook, etc., please email Karen Ferguson (karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com). Announcements for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin. Please include the following information:

- Title/subject of announcement
- Content
- How long it should be advertised
- Where you want it publicized

MESSIAH SPONSORSHIPS



Dear Friends,

We are once again planning our annual Handel's Messiah Sing-Along Concert Series. The concerts will be presented on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 4:00 PM and Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 4:00 PM at Calvary.

We ask that you please review the Sponsorship Opportunities we have available and consider how you can partner with us in offering this unique musical event. When you choose to sponsor this Community Christmas Concert, you are helping continue what has become a tradition in the Pittsburgh area and at Calvary.

Messiah Sponsorship Forms can be found on the Welcome Tables. Please fill out and include with your choice of sponsorship or donation. Forms can be placed in the offering plates, dropped off at the church office, or mailed directly to the church.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Underwrite the cost of sheet music — \$100
- ✓ Sponsor a Musician in the Chamber Orchestra — \$200
- ✓ Sponsor the Organist — \$250
- ✓ Sponsor a Soloist — \$250
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