

# CALVARY

United Methodist Church



THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT



How does a  
weary world  
rejoice?

*We allow ourselves  
to be amazed*

**DEC**

**17<sup>TH</sup>**

**2023**

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



# WELCOME TO CALVARY

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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.**

## 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

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**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

The Family of Dan & Holly Pultz due to his sudden passing  
The Family of Mary Callison (Mary passed away recently)  
Marcia Webb (dear friend of Mark Snyder)  
Charles Foreman (Claudia's husband)  
Mayernik daughters & grandfather  
Joyce & Ray Zimmerman (sister of Yvonne Hudson)  
Joan Sturtz  
Judy Melvin  
Linda Trautman  
Emma H. (Joan Sturtz's granddaughter)  
Megan MacDonald  
Cel Thomas, John Rosella, Darlene Lesure (friends of Fred Ruddock)  
Venus' family  
Michelle (Venus' friend)

## ONGOING CONCERNS

Sara Belohavek  
Paul Brucker  
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](http://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

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## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP †\* . . . . . Liturgist — Nancy Richards

Leader: Our God can part the sea.

**All: God can bring water from a rock, and provide bread in the desert.**

Leader: Our God can walk on water.

**All: He can heal the sick, and turn water into wine.**

Leader: Our God sets the stars in the sky.

**All: God hears our voice when we cry, and is closer than our own breath.**

Leader: There is nothing our God cannot do.

**All: Let us stand in awe. Let us worship God with wonder.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE †\* . . . . . "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" — #213 UMH

### CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY †\*

Leader: How does a weary world practice joy?

**All: By dancing, and throwing birthday parties.**

Leader: By hanging Christmas lights, and holding sleepy babies.

**All: By singing loudly, and looking for good news.**

Leader: By telling the story of Jesus, and showing up for our community.

**All: There are a million ways to practice joy.**

Leader: So today we light the candle of joy as a reminder and a charge.

**All: With God's help, may we bring joy into a weary world. We light the third candle of Advent, The Candle of Joy! Amen.**

### COMMUNITY GREETINGS †

### SONG OF PRAISE †\* . . . . . "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" — #204 UMH (Two Times)

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.*

*God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### WORDS OF THE PROPHET \* . . . . . Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 NRSV

- 1 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners,
- 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,
- 3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

- 4 They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.
- 8 For I, the Lord, love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
- 9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
- 10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my whole being shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- 11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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 \* . . . . .** “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” — #216 UMH

## CALL TO CONFESSION \*

Leader: If you spend any time with a child, you will quickly notice that children see the world differently. For a child, a ladybug is a miracle. A pine tree is a wonder. Curiosity is a love language, and water is not only for survival, but for joy. As adults, we forget this language of awe and wonder, and when we do, we distance ourselves from God. In confession, we have the opportunity to close that distance. So let us return to God with hearts wide open. Let us return to God in prayer. Join me in the prayer of confession:

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION \*

**All: Holy God, somewhere in our childhood we face pressure to outgrow awe. We turn into adults who obsess over data and facts. We praise those who have answers, and assume that wonder is an answerless game. Forgive us for closing that door to you. Remind us that the kingdom of God belongs to children. Teach us the ways of awe and wonder, so that like Zechariah, when we find ourselves speechless, our first words will be words of praise. With hearts open wide, we pray, amen.**

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS \*

Leader: Family of faith, just as we marvel at mountains and newborns, at sunrises and sunsets, God marvels at us. There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could prevent God from loving you. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel: We are forgiven. We are loved. We belong to God. Amen.

Order of Worship continued on following page.

† Please stand as you are able | \* Words on screen | Bold text is unison

## 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 . . . . . Calvary Renewal Choir

### GOSPEL LESSON †\* . . . . . Luke 1:57-66 NRSV

- 57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.
- 58 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.
- 59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father.
- 60 But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John."
- 61 They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name."
- 62 Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him.
- 63 He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed.
- 64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God.
- 65 Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea.
- 66 All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON . . . . . "When Amazing Things Happen..." — Rev. Beth L. Nelson

## WORDS OF COMMUNITY LIFE

### CALL TO GIVE

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

### OFFERTORY . . . . . "In the Bleak Midwinter" — Devin Cecere

### DOXOLOGY †\* . . . . . Tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**OFFERING PRAYER †**

**CLOSING HYMN †\*** . . . . . "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" — #211 UMH (Verses 1-4)

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH †\***

**We believe in a God who knows our names, who counts the hairs on our heads, and carries the dreams in our hearts. We believe that God's fingerprints are all over creation, and that God is forever speaking to us in a million different ways. We believe that awe and wonder, goosebumps and laughter, telling stories and paying attention, are all ways that we can say thank you to our creating, sustaining, and loving God. Therefore, we commit ourselves to moving through this world with eyes wide open, with porous hearts, and grateful spirits. We commit ourselves to living lives of awe, wonder, and gratitude, trusting that these things will forever draw us deeper into God's loving arms. We believe. We stand in awe. Thanks be to God!**

**BENEDICTION †**

**POSTLUDE †**

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## 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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**SUN**  
**DEC 17**

## **A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP**

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

## **OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE**

1:00 – 3:00 PM | Parsonage

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

4:00 PM | Calvary

## **AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS**

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall

**TUES**  
**DEC 19**

## **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

**THURS**  
**DEC 21**

## **EXERCISE CLASS FOR ALL AGES**

9:00 AM (Weekly) | Chapel

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 – 11:00 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

## **OPEN SANCTUARY**

6:00 – 8:00 PM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

## **HAND BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL**

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



**SUN**  
**DEC 21**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Parlor

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

10:00 – 10:45 AM (Weekly) | Sanctuary

**A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP**

Following Worship (Weekly) | Chapel

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

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

**AA (ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS) NORTHSIDE SUNDAY NIGHTERS**

8:00 PM (Weekly) | Fellowship Hall



**FIRST TIME ATTENDING A MEETING,  
GROUP, OR EVENT AT CALVARY?**

All those attending meetings, groups, or events during the week are to enter the building from the Dounton Way parking lot door.

**VIEW ENTIRE  
CHURCH CALENDAR**





## How does a weary world rejoice?

### AS ADVENT COMES AGAIN TO A WEARY WORLD, WE ASK... “HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE?”

Christ was born into a weary world. King Herod ruled the land with a legacy of ruthlessness. The Romans treated the people of Israel with contempt, imposing harsh taxes and land seizures that forced many into subsistence farming. Poverty and destitution were pervasive. And yet, Christ was born, bringing good news of great joy for all people.

As Advent comes again to a weary world, we ask, “*How does a weary world rejoice?*” From the opening chapters of Luke’s Gospel, we have found a few answers: we acknowledge our weariness, we find joy in connection, we allow ourselves to be amazed, we sing stories of hope, we make room, we root ourselves in ritual, and most importantly, we trust our belovedness. In the parallel birth stories of Jesus and John, joy arrives—despite trepidation, fear, or grief. In these stories, we find rhythms for rejoicing. As we move through our series, we hope to create space for acknowledging the weariness of our world while celebrating God’s closeness with great joy.

And so, this Advent, we will hold space for our weariness and our joy. We will seek a “thrill of hope” in our hurting world. We will welcome joy—even if, like the prophet Isaiah, we cry out for comfort (Isaiah 40:1). In this weary world, may we find many ways to rejoice.

**Devotional Booklets for this series are available as well as Advent Calendars for both adults and children. Please visit the Welcome Tables over the coming weeks to pick up your materials.**

# OUR JOURNEY OVER THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (12/3) – WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR WEARINESS

### **Luke 1:1-23 (Zechariah & Elizabeth are promised a child) & Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

As Advent begins, we start by acknowledging the weariness, grief, rage, and hopelessness we carry—and we also affirm that we are made for joy. We start the season with Zechariah and Elizabeth; they have battled infertility and have lived many years. Perhaps they feel the weight of hopes and dreams unattained. The angel comes to Zechariah with a promise of good news, but Zechariah can't fully receive it. Sometimes weariness can harden us and prevent us from living fully. Let us acknowledge the ways we, too, are hardened by disbelief. Like the psalmist, let us ask, "how long?" and plead for restoration.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (12/10) – WE FIND JOY IN CONNECTION

### **Luke 1:24-45 (Gabriel visits Mary; Mary goes to Elizabeth) & Isaiah 40:1-11**

In community, our joy expands. When we can't rejoice, we can carry each other's joy. That is what Elizabeth and Mary do for each other. The good news begins to take shape in Elizabeth's womb, but scripture tells us that she stays secluded, hiding her pregnancy from others—that is, until Mary arrives at her door, also pregnant. Perhaps Mary's arrival is the inbreaking that changes everything for Elizabeth, for in that moment, her child leaps in her womb and she is filled with the Spirit. She can't help but to rejoice. Her joy is contagious and wraps around Mary like a hug. Through the prophet Isaiah, we hear God speak tender words of comfort; this is the comfort we can give to and receive from each other during this season.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (12/17) – WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE AMAZED

### **Luke 1:57-66 (The birth of John) & Psalm 126**

After Elizabeth gives birth, her neighbors and family celebrate with her. When it comes time to name the child, Zechariah affirms the name given by the angel and by Elizabeth. In that moment of affirming the promise, Zechariah's speech is restored. Everyone is filled with awe. How often do you allow yourself to be amazed? Wonder is all around us—can we recognize it? As we learn how to rejoice in a weary world, can we live in a way that allows amazement and wonder to surprise us often? In Psalm 126, those who expect to reap tears are granted a surprise: shouts of joy. Amazement is a balm for the weary.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (12/24) – WE SING STORIES OF HOPE

### **Luke 1:46-55 (Magnificat) & Luke 1:67-80 (Zechariah's song)**

As soon as Zechariah's voice returns, his first words are gratitude and blessing. He sings a story of praise for God's protection and promise, and then he showers a blessing on his newborn son. He sings a story of hope. After Elizabeth exclaims blessings upon Mary, Mary sings: "My soul magnifies God; my spirit rejoices in God." Mary sings about a God of liberation who pulls the powerful from their thrones and lifts up the lowly. Mary sings a story of hope, one in which justice and joy are interwoven. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, may we also sing stories of hope, justice, and joy.



# FAMILY CORNER

## WINTER SCHEDULE

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, December 2**

**6:00 - 9:00 PM**

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.



### MOVIE NIGHT

**Friday, January 19**

**6:30 - 9:00 PM**

Movie and movie snacks will be provided.

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**Saturday,  
February 10**

**6:00 - 9:00 PM**

Dinner and snacks will be provided.

### MORE INFO

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



# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CALVARY'S ENTIRE 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](http://calvarypgh.com/news-and-events/calendar.php). Or, you can go to our main website — [CalvaryPgh.com](http://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!

## HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

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](mailto: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



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WORSHIP SLIDES**

We are looking for someone to take over the responsibility of the worship slides for Sunday mornings. A template would be provided for you and you would receive the Order of Worship and the lyrics to the music ahead of time. If you are familiar with Microsoft PowerPoint and are interested in learning more about this task, please contact the church office, Brian Burns (724-388-3246 / [bsburns77@aol.com](mailto:bsburns77@aol.com)) or Karen Ferguson (724-448-1429 / [karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com](mailto:karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com)). Thank you so much!

### **LAY LEADERS AND LITURGISTS**

Liturgists serve an important role in worship. They help lead the congregation in various parts of the worship service, including the Call to Worship and the reading of scripture. Please contact Kenny Elliott (724-531-4625 / [kenelliott76@gmail.com](mailto:kenelliott76@gmail.com)) if you are interested.

### **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.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

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## 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!

### 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](mailto:bsburns77@aol.com)) with questions.

# FAMILY MINISTRY

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## 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

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**Friday, January 19 | 6:30 – 9:00 PM | Chapel**

Come and enjoy popcorn and movie snacks! Bring your favorite stuffed animal, blanket, and wear your favorite PJs as we watch a family friendly movie!

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, February 10 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM | Chapel**

Dinner, games, a movie, and crafts for kids of all ages! The best part about it is it's FREE!!

# SMALL GROUPS

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## 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](mailto: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.*



# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

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## WEEKLY

### OPEN SANCTUARY

**Thursdays | 6:00 – 8:00 PM | Calvary**

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

## EVENTS

### 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.

### “CHANGE MATTERS” SPECIAL OFFERING

**Sunday, January 7 (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.

### NORTHVIEW HEIGHTS FOOD (NVH) DISTRIBUTION

**Saturday, February 3, 2024 & Saturday, March 9, 2024 | 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](mailto:stc38@pitt.edu)) or Linda Ehrlich ([laehrlich927@aol.com](mailto:laehrlich927@aol.com)) for any questions.

## 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!



# CALVARY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## JOIN US SUNDAYS AS WE CELEBRATE ADVENT

10:00 AM — Sunday School  
11:00 AM — Worship

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

4:00 PM — Child Friendly with Carols  
7:00 PM — Music | 7:30 PM — Service

You are invited to discover a more meaningful holiday season by celebrating Advent and Christmas at Calvary.

Let the words of beloved carols and scriptures set the foundation. Stirring choral and organ music will set the scene. The peaceful illumination of Advent builds to an unforgettable Christmas Eve Candlelight Service as both young and old remember the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

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

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## OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE

**Sunday, December 17 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM | Parsonage**

This Advent Season, Rev. Beth Nelson will be opening up the doors of the parsonage and welcoming everyone to an Open House following worship prior to the Messiah concert that afternoon.

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

**Child Friendly Service (Candlelight and Carols) | 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. Refreshments to follow each service in the chapel behind the sanctuary.

## AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT – CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF PITTSBURGH

**Sunday, February 11 | 3:00 PM | Calvary**

## AHPS TIFFANY CONCERT – PITTSBURGH YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**Sunday, April 21 | 4:00 PM | Calvary**

# GET CONNECTED

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## EVENTS

### COMMUNITY LUNCH

**Sunday, December 31 (Last Sunday of each month) | Following Worship | Fellowship Hall**

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

### COMMUNION

**Sunday, January 7 (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.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Church Council Meetings will begin again in January 2024. Date TBD.**

*You* ARE GOD'S BELOVED.  
*You* ARE WELCOME HERE.



## CONTACT US

### PASTOR

**Rev. Beth L. Nelson**

412-398-7894 | [RevBeth@CalvaryPgh.com](mailto:RevBeth@CalvaryPgh.com)

### EMERITUS CLERGY

**Rev. Thomas Funk**

**Rev. Jorinda Bullitt**

**Rev. Larry Homitsky**

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