

Calvary Serves our Neighbors: *Outreach*

Something I have come to learn in my three years here as Rector was quite a revelation that I would like to share with you, but first a bit of context.

At Calvary, we have long had a commitment to serve our neighbors in our city. We do this in a variety of ways. Many of our members volunteer in hands-on ministries or on boards of non-profits. We serve in numerous, direct forms of outreach such as the Berry Project (Christmas gifts for local needy families) and the Holiday Bazaar through which more than \$20,000 is raised each year to benefit women and children in the East End of Pittsburgh. Outreach to our neighbors in the form of giving funds or volunteering are both appreciated and admirable.

Beyond money and hands-on ministries

We have a form of outreach that is so obvious and powerful, it is easily overlooked. The revelation was that our buildings are a profound form of outreach to the community.

Every church shares space with outside groups but not to the degree or frequency that Calvary offers. The sharing of our buildings allows other, complementary ministries and programs to improve life for the citizens in our city and beyond through direct service and advocacy, education, support groups, music, and other areas. Simply put, we provide space so their ministry can happen or happen more effectively to improve lives.

What is Calvary able to provide?

Calvary provides a full-time staff person, Weezie, who coordinates the use of space. We offer a staff person, usually Marsha, to greet every visitor at the door and assist in any way helpful. We offer multiple meeting rooms to accommodate groups from five to one thousand people, from intimate to grand with multiple configurations of tables and chairs. We can provide wireless internet access, projectors with screens, conference calls, photocopying, easels, and sound systems. The spaces are heated, air conditioned (except the church), handicapped accessible, with an elevator,

and offer multiple restroom facilities. We further are able to provide a well-equipped kitchen and dining facility in addition to a free parking lot that accommodates eighty-five vehicles. A sexton is present for set up, clean up, and building security. All of this is an exceptionally beautiful and historic space, easily accessible from most parts of town. For a long time (and hopefully for a long time to come), we have made sharing our space a priority.

How much does all this cost?

To keep the buildings open, clean, well-maintained, and staffed to accommodate these partnerships, we spend between \$350,000-\$400,000 each year on regular maintenance, utilities, cleaning, sextons, staffing, and related items. Of course, Calvary's congregation also benefits from this but we could not offer the space to our partners in ministry if the buildings were not maintained and kept open as they are. Without our buildings, their ministries could not happen or happen as effectively.

The value of providing this space for our ministry partners, if they were to pay fair market value for use, would be hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. The space is offered expecting nothing in return. The total annual donations from all outside groups is under \$2,000. This is all outreach.

Who are our partners in ministry?

It has been stated numerous times that more than forty outside groups utilize our space. Almost every day of the week and most nights, year-round, outside groups share space with us. On any given week, the division of who uses space at Calvary is about equal with 50% members and 50% guests or non-members. Our calendar is full serving people.

On the next page is a list of organizations (and brief descriptions) that Calvary has partnered with over the last few years.



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Service and Advocacy

East End Cooperative Ministry. This is a joint project of faith communities and government agencies to provide food, shelter, and other services to those in need in our city. We have paid, ahead of schedule, almost all the \$25,000 Calvary pledged towards their new building. More significantly, Calvary hosts week-long summer camps for EECM, during the month of July, for more than one hundred children from the city utilizing the entire facility.

Alpha House. This is a ministry started by Calvary, now independent, to provide housing and resources to those in recovery from addiction. They are located just up the street on Shady Avenue. Their board holds meetings at Calvary in addition to the residents offering car washes in our parking lot from April through October every Saturday to raise funds for their program.

Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN). This is an interfaith advocacy group working for social justice on issues ranging from anti-racism training to affordable housing to a living wage. They hold their annual staff retreat at Calvary and multiple trainings and meetings, usually monthly, throughout the year.

Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute. PPI is an affordable counseling center in which spirituality is an important part of the healing process. PPI is located next to Calvary on Marchand Street. Five of the current board members of PPI are parishioners. All the employees and clients use the Calvary parking lot every day of the week.

Jeremiah's Place. We have been the host of meetings and a major fundraiser for this local ministry that provides emergency care and supplies for newborn children to age 6.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkinsburg. We recently hosted a major fundraiser for the parish's excellent afterschool program for elementary students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Amnesty International. Each year AI holds a write-a-thon filling the parish hall with people writing to support human rights around the world.

Sheldon Calvary Camp. This wonderful ministry, serving 800 young people each summer, was started by Calvary Church. All their board meetings and monthly services are held at the church. A portion of all the proceeds from "And Also with Yinz" t-shirts goes directly to the Camp. One of the most significant contributions the congregation makes to Calvary Camp is the support of Leslie Reimer, who spends two months each summer at Camp.

Education

Beginnings Pre-School. Begun in 1981, one of the most visible ministries of service to our neighbors is the Beginnings Pre-School housed in the lower level of

Calvary's offices. Fifty-four children, ages 2-5, take part in this three day per week program. More than half of the students are foreign born from such countries as Japan, China, Korea, Mexico, Colombia, Italy, Sweden, and Sri Lanka. Currently, one Calvary family (a clergy family) has a child in the program.

English as a Second Language. This program, primarily serving families of the Beginnings Program, meets twice per week at Calvary when the pre-school is in session. About ten to twenty people are at the church to learn about American language and culture. The majority live in the neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Academy. This is a private, Christian high school serving youth, from challenging backgrounds, to prepare them for college and citizenship. They hold their annual staff and faculty week-long retreat in August, before the beginning of school, utilizing the whole building at Calvary.

Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti. FLMH meets at least monthly at church. They provide education, medical care, and meals for people Haiti. Board members drive from parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New York to take part.

Calvary Lincoln After School Program. CLASP is a ministry, directly funded from the parish budget, offering arts enrichment to students of the Lincoln-Larimer Elementary School weekly during the school year. All the children are provided scholarships to attend a week at Sheldon Calvary Camp.

The Ellis School. Each year, we offer tours for students as part of their class to learn about architecture and host meetings several times each year.

Education for Ministry. EFM is a four-year program of Christian formation for small groups. Two groups, one of Calvary members and another of people outside Calvary, each meet weekly in the refectory and utilize the kitchen space.

The Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council. They meet at Calvary three or four times each year.

Music

Chatham Baroque. This trio performs seventeenth and eighteenth century music touring all over North America. They are resident at Calvary using the space for rehearsals and performances at least monthly. They also augment our musical offerings throughout the year.

Peanut Butter and Jam. This is Chatham Baroque's program for music with pre-school children and their parents, usually meeting at least monthly at Calvary.

Heinz Chapel Choir. The Choir uses Calvary as an occasional rehearsal and performance space. Each year they hold their annual retreat at our church.

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Compline Choir. The Heinz Chapel Compline Choir rehearsed and performed at Calvary for several months while the Chapel was being renovated.

American Guild of Organists. We host a concert and meetings, usually twice each year.

Tuesday Musical Club. Founded in 1889, this is an amateur musical group (with many retirees) of about fifty people that uses Calvary for practice or performance space each month.

Renaissance and Baroque Society. We are an occasional performance space for this local non-profit group offering music from the Middle Ages to the early classical period.

Others

Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science. PIMS holds two graduations per year at Calvary. That is, every new mortician from the school comes to Calvary.

Pittsburgh History and Landmarks. Calvary has hosted various architectural tours and other meetings, a few times per year. The Cram Jam, a tour of churches designed by Ralph Adams Cram, was the most recent large event.

Allegheny County Board of Elections. Calvary is a local polling place for elections twice each year. In 2016, this included the Presidential election.

Shadyside Dems. This group has long had regular, monthly informational meetings.

Electronic Waste Recycling. Usually twice each year, Calvary host an e-waste recycling event with the church as a drop off site for the community. In addition, the community utilizes our paper recycling bins in the parking lot.

The Episcopal Church

Diocese of Pittsburgh. Calvary hosted thirty-five different meetings of groups from the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh in 2016. This is up from zero just a few years ago. These groups include the Commission on Ministry, Committee on Communication, Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Commission on Social Justice, Committee on Budget, Committee on Constitution and Canons, Committee on Diocesan Life, Committee on Strategic Plan, Safe-Church Training, in addition to numerous small and large gatherings of clergy and lay leaders.

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer. The AFP was organized in the congregation by Helen Shoemaker, wife of Sam Shoemaker, former Rector of Calvary. AFP is an intercessory prayer group that has returned to hold their board meetings at Calvary after a long absence.

Support Groups

Alcoholics Anonymous. This the oldest AA group in Pittsburgh and meets every Tuesday night, year-round, with over two hundred people who fill the refectory, parish hall, and parking lot and use the kitchen. Sam Shoemaker,

a former Rector at Calvary, was the spiritual founder of AA and all related Twelve-Step groups.

St. Augustine's Fellowship. This is a Twelve-Step group meeting at Calvary every Monday night year-round with about twenty-five people.

Narcotics Anonymous and Al-Anon. These Twelve-Step groups occasionally meet at Calvary.

The Coalition for Leadership, Education, and Advocacy for Recovery. CLEAR holds regular, monthly board and leadership meetings at Calvary.

In addition to these regular times we share space with our partners in the community, there have been several occasional events. For example, in 2016 we hosted multiple community meetings, led by our local city councilman (Dan Gilman), focused on the redevelopment of the Hunt Armory. At least once per year, we host a large group of traveling high school or college students on service or mission trips or scholars doing research for art, history, music, or architecture. The Rector and others offer at least twenty tours of the facility each year.

Thank you

I am proud that we are able to serve our community in this way. I hope you will begin to see the sharing of space in our buildings as a significant and far-reaching form of outreach. Your generosity makes this possible. All of these outside groups are partners in ministry with us. We don't all do the same things, but work together to make Pittsburgh a more just and livable city for the benefit of all. This is all outreach. ■



“When a foreigner lives with you in your land, don’t take advantage of him. Treat the foreigner the same as a native. Love him like one of your own. Remember that you were once foreigners in Egypt. I am God, your God.”
—Leviticus 19:33-34

Letter from the Vestry



We are writing to you on behalf of the vestry to ask for your help in supporting Calvary's vibrant ministries in the East End. Thanks to the hard work of the clergy, staff, and congregation over the last three years, there are many new faces in the congregation, new services, new adult education programming, and new and existing community groups are participating in Calvary's important ministry of space. All of these efforts have helped help us to engage with our neighbors and to attract new members. But as Calvary's congregation has aged, we have lost lifelong members, whose support cannot be quickly restored. This trend is not unique to Calvary – it is affecting all churches.

Over the same three-years, the clergy and staff have been impressively committed to doing more with less, despite the departure of two staff members who have not been replaced. Every expenditure has been carefully scrutinized and nearly all clergy and staff have received no salary adjustment. As a consequence of the ongoing demographic shift in our membership and in spite of judicious expense controls, we have been running a sizeable deficit for more than twenty years and we face a similarly large deficit of up to \$150,000 in 2017.

In the transitional period after Jonathon's arrival, the Vestry has been willing to support a deficit to ensure a smooth transition and to invest in Calvary's future by hiring a curate and maintaining the staffing necessary to support all of our community ministries. The Vestry is, however, also committed to the long-term fiscal sustainability of Calvary. We all love Calvary, and we want it to thrive 20, 50, and 100 years from now. To make this happen, we need to address the deficit.

How can you help? We are asking members of Calvary to prayerfully consider increasing their 2017 pledge by 20 percent. This will allow us to maintain our investment in Calvary's vital neighborhood ministries while acting in a way that safeguards Calvary's future. ■

March into Spring



Spring may be right around the corner, but soup is a good meal any time of year. The Soup Group will meet at **10 a.m. on Friday, March 10** in Calvary's kitchen. We welcome new recipes and cooks.

Please considering taking taking soup to a friend or family member. Soup can be found in the freezer in the pantry. Any questions? Contact me.

–Adele Eley, 412.371.6921, adele.eley@gmail.com ■

The Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre Joins Calvary Staff

I am very pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre to the staff of Calvary Church. She is well known to many in our congregation. She recently retired from serving as Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross in Homewood.



Moni will be an Assisting Priest at Calvary – teaching, preaching, and presiding at worship on Sundays and weekdays. This is a non-stipendiary position. Moni will continue to serve as a full-time Assistant Professor in the Sociology Department at Duquesne University, along with teaching Navy physicians and dentists 10 times per year at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

She is a fantastic teacher, priest, and person. Please join me in welcoming Moni back to Calvary. –Jonathon ■

Calvary 2017 Lent Theological Reading Group

During Lent this year the group will read several works by St. Anselm of Canterbury including the *Monologion*, *Proslogion*, *On the Incarnation of the Word*, and *Why God Became Man*. Anselm was an 11th century monk, abbot, philosopher, theologian, bishop, and eventually Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109. Among his main achievements were the development of the ontological argument for the existence of God and the satisfaction theory of atonement, as well as his overall body of work which is regarding as one of the earliest in what became known as the scholastic tradition.



We will be meeting in the Evans Room from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the following dates: March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5. Copies of the text will be available in the Calvary bookstore. Please contact Jamie McMahon if you have any questions or to sign up for the email list at jamie.mcmahon@gmail.com. ■

Coffee Hours

Hosts are needed for the coffee hour and social gathering after the 11 o'clock service. Please contact Judy Wootten at 724.733.1660 (wootten@windstream.net) to schedule a Sunday, or signup in the Parish Hall. ■

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Gift for Bishop Curry

The PreK-3rd Grade Sunday school class helped to make a gift for Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on his visit to Pittsburgh. Children from parishes around the diocese took part in creating strips of fabric decorated with their footprints. These pieces were sewn together to create an altar frontal and stole for the Presiding Bishop.

Thank you!

The 7th and 8th graders want to offer their thanks for the generosity of everyone who donated travel-size personal care items, hats, gloves, and scarves to send to people experiencing homelessness in New York City this Valentine's Day. The class made Valentines to send along with the donation. Thank you for helping us send some warmth and care into the world!

—Susan Roth, Coordinator for Christian Formation
412.661.0120 ext. 116, sroth@calvarypg.org ■



Sundays at 10 a.m.

February 19: Homewood Children's Village. A comprehensive community initiative modeled after the internationally acclaimed Harlem Children's Zone in New York, the mission of Homewood Children's Village is to improve the lives of Homewood's children and to reweave the fabric of the community in which they live. HCV partners with residents, faith-based and community organizations, and the public schools in an effort to transform educational, health, and family services and the physical environment of one of Pittsburgh's most challenged neighborhoods. Dr. John Wallace, senior pastor of Bible Center Church in Homewood and founder of Homewood Children's Village, will lead this forum. Dr. Wallace is a professor and the Philip Hallen Chair in Community Health and Social Justice at the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work.

February 26: Sheldon Calvary Camp: "A place apart where we find in others what we hope to discover in ourselves." Please join Calvary Camp's Executive Director, Tim Green, in conversation about the vision of Calvary Camp and the current initiatives in place to enhance programs and facilities for future leaders of the church and world.

March 5: Being Disciples, Part 1. Over the course of four Sundays in Lent, the Rev. T.J. Freeman will facilitate a book discussion on Rowan Williams' follow up to *Being Christian*. In this new book, *Being Disciples*, Dr. Williams, the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury, discusses the essentials of the Christian life. "Discipleship is about how we live; not just the decisions we make, not just the things we believe, but a state of being" (pg. 1). **Please join T.J. in the Refectory on March 5 (chapter 1), March 12 (chapters 2 & 3), March 19 (chapters 4 & 5), and April 2 (chapter 6).** Copies of the book will be available in the Calvary Bookstore.

March 26: Bach's St. John Passion. This session will look into the structure and substance of Bach's first great Passion-setting, to be performed by the Calvary Choir on April 14. Dr. Alan Lewis, Director of Music at Calvary, will present.

April 2: Being Disciples, Part 4

April 9: Palm Sunday – No adult forum

April 16: Easter Sunday – No formation classes ■

The Book of ACTS

The founding of the Christian Church
and the spread of the Gospel

The class on the Book of Acts will continue thru April 2 in McClintic Hall (choir room) at 10 a.m., led by the Rev. Jonathon Jensen and Mr. Chuck Esposito. The only text we are using is the actual book of the Bible itself which is 28 chapters. ■

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

February 21, 5:30 p.m. - Holy Happy Hour @ Urban Tap (216 S. Highland Ave.)

March 9, 5:30 p.m. - Thursday Theology @ Calvary. Thursday Theology this year will be a book study of Rowan Williams' new book *Being Disciples*. Chapter breakdowns will be forthcoming. Copies of the book will be available in the Calvary Bookstore.

March 23, 5:30 p.m. - Thursday Theology @ Calvary.

March 30, 5:30 p.m. - Thursday Theology @ Calvary.

Questions? Please contact The Rev. T.J. Freeman at 412.661.0120 ext. 112, or tjfreeman@calvarypg.org ■

Women of Calvary 2016 Grant Recipients



Each year, our congregation and community enjoy the wonderful celebration of our Holiday Bazaar. As many of you know, the proceeds from the bazaar fund the outreach to organizations in the East End, and in greater Pittsburgh who need our help. We have just completed the distribution of funds from last year's bazaar. In this listing, you will see the far-ranging effect of your generosity.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Allegheny County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) train community volunteers who work with the complex child welfare system to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children. WOC's grant of \$2,000 provides the funds to support the costs of advocacy for two children for one year.



Calvary Lincoln After School Program (CLASP)

Throughout the year, Calvary participates with the Lincoln School to enrich the lives of students through art and culture. During the summer months, many CLASP students attend Calvary Camp. WOC's grant of \$2,250 supports the scholarships for these Lincoln students.



Good Grief Center

The Good Grief Center is a comprehensive bereavement resource and referral center that builds a more compassionate community through grief awareness, education, support and hope. WOC, in conjunction with the Calvary community, will provide space to hold 3 speaker's programs throughout the next year.



Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council (GPLC)

The GPLC's Refugee Services and English as a Second Language programs reach more than 900 foreign-born adults in Allegheny County annually. WOC's grant of \$1,500 will provide training in language, culture and the American way of life for two refugee students' for one year.



Holy Cross Church

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross in Homewood is a sister church of Calvary, and as such, we support them in carrying out their mission as a place of sanctuary and blessings in the East End. WOC's grant of \$1,650 will enable Holy Cross Church to purchase new acolyte cassock and cotta combinations for the acolytes in time for the Presiding Bishop's visit for Absalom Day on February 4.



Jeremiah's Place

Jeremiah's Place is a 24/7 crisis nursery in East Liberty that cares for young children free of charge, when their family is faced with a crisis or is unable to care for their child temporarily. WOC's grant of \$1,000 provides funds to design a Responsive Website platform that will provide easier access to their clients who use their smartphones, and to significantly reduce the 45 minute intake process.



Jubilee Association

Originally begun as the Jubilee Soup Kitchen, for over 30 years the Jubilee Association serves countless homeless and near-homeless with meals, medical clinic, pantry services and assistance in social services such as housing, healthcare and early child development. WOC's grant of \$2,000 provides resources to the John Heinz Child Development Center Scholarship Fund.



Off the Floor Pittsburgh

Off the Floor is a local Christian ministry dedicated to supporting families who cannot afford basic furniture for their homes. They delivered needed furniture to nearly 250 households this year, with a waiting list of 32-40 families. WOC's grant of \$2,500 provides funds to purchase new beds for 20 children on the waiting list.



Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute (PPI)

The Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute is Western Pennsylvania's oldest interfaith counseling center providing mental health services to over 1000 persons annually. The WOC grant of \$1,000 supports the Silent Samaritan program, which provides funds to help women who need PPI's counseling services, but who cannot afford the full fee.



Pittsburgh Weil School

Pittsburgh Weil Elementary School is a Pre-K to 5th grade school located in Pittsburgh's Hill District. Many families do not have the financial resources to provide their children with gifts for the school's annual Christmas Fun Night. WOC's grant of \$1,000 supplements the Weil Christmas Fund to provide a gift and a holiday meal for each of the 240 students. *-continued on the next page*



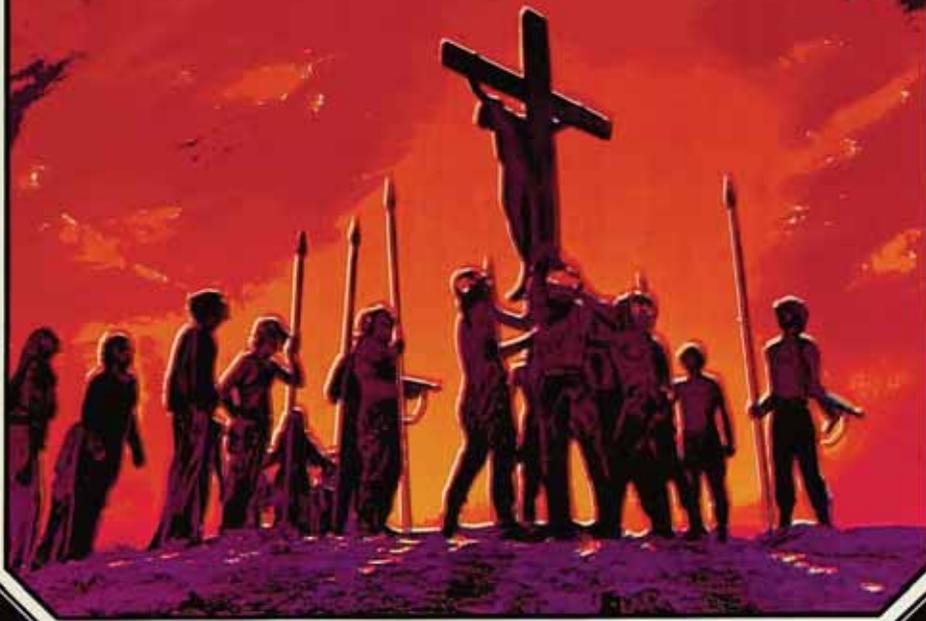
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Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, May 14, 2017

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Grant recipients continued

Renewal Inc./Lydia's Place

Lydia's Place works with mothers and fathers who were incarcerated, providing a safe and supportive setting to restore relationships with their children and other family members, and acquire skills needed to become productive and positive role models for their families and the community. WOC's grant of \$1,000 was made in the memory of Sally Childs, a life-long member of Calvary, who was instrumental in founding Lydia's Place.



St. Stephen's Neighborhood Youth Outreach Program

NYOP has been offering a safe place for children in Wilkesburg for nearly 20 years, providing a Christ-centered arts after school program. WOC's grant of \$1,600 provides funds to support the Enhanced Arts Program offering new and innovative programming to returning students.



Shepherd Wellness Community

Shepherd Wellness Community is the only HIV/AIDS community in Western Pennsylvania, offering a safe, compassionate community empowering people affected by HIV/AIDS to live with dignity. WOC's grant of \$1,500 helps underwrite three art therapy classes using ceramics as a means of therapy in a creative and supportive group setting.



Calvary Clergy Discretionary Fund

Throughout the year, our clergy minister to and counsel many people, and support a myriad of pastoral needs. As the Women of Calvary have done for many years, the annual grant of \$3,000 provides monetary support to the clergy for the unanticipated needs of those who come to them for solace and support. ■



Movie Night: Thursday, March 2

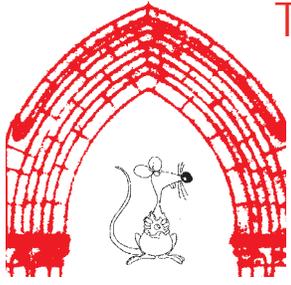
The movie stars Ted Nelly, Carl Anderson, Yvonne Elliman, Barry Dennen, Joshua Mostel and Bob Bingham, and runs 104 minutes. From record album to Broadway show to motion picture, this musical retains the Tim Rice/Andrew Lloyd Webber score, adds some interesting settings and visual trappings. Certainly innovative.

Join Clint and bring a salad supper for two and a friend in the Refectory (6-6:50 p.m.) Film begins promptly at 7 p.m. Discussion led by Clint Van Dusen. RSVP to Clint at 412.427.8933 or email apax4cmvd@msn.com by Sunday February 26. ■

From the Agape Archive: March 3, 2002

Cost Company has been selected for the mortar and masonry restoration of the steeple and bell tower. The General Contractor overseeing their work will be Jendoco Construction with consulting advice from a structural engineering firm, Atkinson-Noland Associates, and Integrated Conservation Resources, a restoration consulting firm. Cost Company was the lowest bidder of three firms, and Calvary is familiar with the quality of Cost's work from the restoration they performed within the nave just over ten years ago. The overall project cost for the re-pointing of the steeple and repairs to the bell tower, including a 10% contingency fee will be just slightly less than \$1,300,000. The scaffolding is scheduled to start going up the week of March 18. ■

Help us keep the church in full bloom by donating flowers in memory of, or in honor of, someone special. If you would like to place a memorial listing, please contact Marsha Morris in the church office at 412.661.0120, ext. 111. ■



The Church Mouse

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at and attended the Chilifest on Saturday, February 4. The Parish Hall was filled with joy, laughter, and conversation and all enjoyed food, fellowship, and fun.

The Rev. Carol Henley, a non-stipendiary Assisting Priest at Calvary, will be serving on Sundays at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross in Homewood at least through Easter. We look forward to Carol's return back to Calvary when she finishes this season of ministry at Holy Cross. ■

The Bookstore at Calvary Episcopal Church

The Bookstore's mission statement is "to serve the parish and provide outreach to the wider community as we navigate our spiritual journeys and live out our faith". The Bookstore supports many worthy causes including being the sponsor of the 2016 Calvary Episcopal Church Used Book Sale. Thanks to the many book donations from parishioners, and the tireless effort of many volunteers, the sale netted \$3500. The money raised from this event benefitted the following organizations: Book 'Em, Kathy Garrison Backpack Project, Holy Cross Book Project, Homewood Children's Village, and Pittsburgh Arts and Lectures. The Bookstore would like to thank everyone for their donations, time, and participation in the success of this project. The Bookstore is open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® are accepted. ■



Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017

**ANNUAL
PARISH
MEETING**

Sunday, May 14, 2017

Chuck Esposito in Discernment

Three years ago, my partner and now husband (John) and I came to Calvary Episcopal Church. I had served as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church for more than ten years but resigned my orders for a variety of personal and theological reasons; the role of the laity, women, and people who are gay in the Church, for example. John and I were looking for a new church community, a new home. Calvary embraced us with open arms.



Over the last few years, I have worshipped almost every week and served at Calvary in a variety of ways including co-teaching a class with the Rector on the Gospel of Luke and later the Book of Acts. About a year ago, I began a process of discernment to explore being received as a priest in the Episcopal Church. This process has involved a great deal of prayer, reading, speaking, and listening in formal and informal ways. I have met with Jonathon for over a year learning more about the Episcopal Church and how it is different from and similar to the tradition I had known. I also met with a parish-level discernment committee and the vestry. All have affirmed my call to discernment of reception (the technical term) as a priest in the Episcopal Church. Now, I am looking forward to meetings of discernment with the Bishop and various groups in the diocese. As a part of that process, I have been asked to do an internship with the Rev. Kris Opat at St. David's Church in Peter's Township from Easter through Pentecost. I am sad to be away from Calvary but look forward to the experience of another vibrant Episcopal parish.

I'm deeply and truly Episcopal in how I've worshipped for these first three years of my journey and, through that prayer and worship at Calvary, I've felt God's presence as I have deeply integrated the doctrine of the Episcopal Church into my heart, mind, and soul. If the sacraments of Holy Orders with which I have been blessed are received into the Episcopal Church, I understand that it will be for the purpose of using this blessing in a more direct, pastoral way. In our tradition that would connect me to our bishop and to the college of priests in this diocese in a very practical and meaningful way. I'm beginning to prepare myself for this new spiritual venture. I ask for your continued prayers and support. I'm grateful for what I've received, seek to understand God's will and how Divine Providence might unfold in the practical, daily pastoral life of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Thanks again for how you've walked with me into this comfortable spiritual home I so deeply cherish. May we be a blessing to each other. ■

Respectfully submitted by
G. F. Roth, *Junior Warden*

About the House

Being a presentation for your perusal of those seemingly mundane housekeeping chores, repairs, modifications, and improvements which affect our worship and parish life experiences at Calvary.

- The Narthex heat is now complete. Repairs were made to the south unit while temperatures were in the 60s (in late January) in preparation for the eventual arrival of sustained cold weather. A failed thermocouple governing the heating system in the Parish Hall also required maintenance – just one day before the Chili-Fest. What timing!
- About a dozen of the chairs in the choir have so far been recaned in our undercroft workshop by a dedicated parishioner. They are clean, bright, and now instill confidence when being sat upon. Also, in other seating news, the needlepoint cushion on the Verger's chair in the Sanctuary has now popped its springs and will need work similar to that done to the Rector's chair last year.
- The recent boil-water alert, although inconveniencing in so many ways, did give the impetus to fully flush the drinking fountains and to empty the ice machine and give it a thorough cleansing.
- While Beginnings lost a day and several scheduled events had to be cancelled due to the above mentioned water problems, our space has seen much use: On one weekend: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's visit, in the midst of his very busy time in Pittsburgh, was grandly celebrated, entry flags flying; the annual Chili-Fest the previous evening went off without a hitch in a warm Parish Hall; and Chatham Baroque's Peanut Butter and Jam series entertained children that same morning. Earlier on: The Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science graduated another class; the Heinz Chapel choir spent a day in rehearsal throughout the plant; and there was a choir appreciation dinner. All this in addition to the regular slate of services, occasional special services and continuing classes and meetings.
- The Architectural History Committee is diligently preparing an application for another restoration grant to continue the program of historic stained glass maintenance which was begun several years ago. Some half dozen lancets deemed "most in need" are being addressed. More to come on this topic. ■

Electronic Recycling Event

in Calvary's parking lot

Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Details coming soon



LENT 2017

Ash Wednesday: March 1

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
will be celebrated at
7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.
Imposition of Ashes at all services
"Ashes To Go" will be administered
at Noon by the Rector
on Shady Ave. at the West Doors.
Look for the other Calvary clergy
on Walnut St. and on Highland Ave.



Sundays in Lent:

March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
will be celebrated at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
The Great Litany in Procession
on Lent I, March 5, at 11 a.m.

CandleMass at 5 p.m.



East End Parishes

Tuesday Lenten Preaching Series

Reconciliation

*All this is from God,
who reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*

-2 Corinthians 5:18

March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4

Lenten supper 6 p.m., Holy Eucharist 7 p.m.
See the brochure for locations and preaching schedule



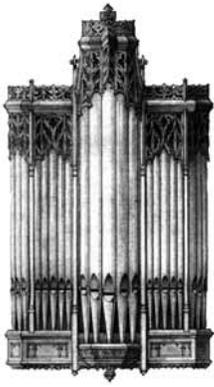
Weekdays in Lent

The Holy Eucharist
will be celebrated on Mondays at 6 p.m.; and
Wednesdays at 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (Healing Service)



Lenten Theological Reading Group

The group will be reading several works
by St. Anselm of Canterbury
from 7:30–9:30 p.m.
on Wednesdays – March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5.



The German word for Spring, *Lenz*, is thought to be the source of our word, Lent, denoting the forty days (exclusive of Sundays) prior to the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Day. These forty days point toward two similar Biblical spans – the great Flood in Genesis, and Jesus’ fasting and temptation in the wilderness. (Matthew 4:1-2, Mark 1:12-13, and Luke 4:1-2 all agree on the latter with surprising precision.)

The season begins with Ash Wednesday, on March 1 (with services as noted in the Calendar).

On the First Sunday of Lent, the 11 a.m. service will begin with the Great Litany, one of the earliest English-language elements of the liturgy, published ahead of the first *Book of Common Prayer*, in 1544. In keeping with the penitential nature of the season, other Sunday services through Lent will begin with the Penitential Order, a move that doesn’t measurably lengthen the service, but does help reorient it toward our need for forgiveness.

In general, service music and sung psalms throughout Lent will shift toward the ancient sound and feel of plainsong, some of it simple, some more ornate. At 9 and 5 o’clock, the Alleluia-and-verse that heralds the Gospel will be replaced by something called a *Tract*, a short refrain with

Psalm verses, like an Alleluia, but without that seasonally suppressed word. (“Alleluia” disappears from all other parts of our services, as well.) At 11, the Tract will replace the Sequence Hymn. Eucharistic Prayer C, arguably the most penitential of the Rite II prayers of consecration, will be used through this season on Sunday mornings, as will the post-communion prayer on page 366 of the Prayer Book.

In Lent, the *Gloria in excelsis* or “other song of praise” appointed near the beginning of the Prayer Book liturgy gives way to something more penitential; at 9 and 5 o’clock, we’ll sing the Russian *Trisagion* (meaning “thrice-holy”), “Holy God, holy and mighty.” An English form of a beautiful plainsong *Kyrie eleison* (Lord have mercy) will be used at 11. At that service, in place of the usual Doxology, we will sing a stanza of the familiar Communion hymn, *O God, thy table now is spread*, to which we’ll add the familiar “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.” And the “Lamb of God,” or *Agnus Dei* will take the place of “Alleluia. Christ our Passover” at the Breaking of the Bread.

We hope that these changes – which sound more sweeping when enumerated than they will feel in practice! – will help us to enter more deeply into the journey toward Holy Week and Easter. May it be a time of reflection, that reminds us, as the Prayer Book says, “of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.” ■

The British are Coming!

The Choir of Men & Boys of New College, Oxford, is singing a concert here at Calvary on March 30. We are looking for help with various forms of hospitality during their stay. If you might be able to help out, please be in touch by way of alewis@calvarypgh.org, or phone 412.661.0120, ext. 120. Thank you! ■



**March 4 (Piano and Forte);
April 8 (The British are Coming)**

There are two 45-minute shows on each date (at 10 and 11:30 a.m.) in Calvary’s McClintic Hall, each followed by refreshments and time to talk with the musicians. All tickets are on sale now (children \$5, adults \$8), through Chatham Baroque.

Chatham Baroque’s weekend series of subscription concerts this season continues in venues in our area.

For full details and ticket information, visit their website at chathambaroque.org, or telephone 412.687.1788. ■

SUNDAYS AT 5 P.M.

CANDLEMASS

Worship God in the beauty of holiness

All are welcome – Please join us

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Shrove Tuesday

This year Ash Wednesday is March 1, which means that the annual parish **Shrove Tuesday Supper will be held February 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** in the Refectory, with clergy making pancakes. Pancakes are associated with the day preceding Lent because they were a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent. The liturgical fasting emphasized eating plainer food and refraining from food that would give pleasure: in many cultures, this means no meat, dairy products, or eggs. Please join the Clergy and people of Calvary as we enjoy a night of fellowship and feasting before we enter the holy season of Lent.

Children of all ages are invited to decorate an 'Alleluia' banner that will be 'buried' until Easter. Also, we will be burning palms in the courtyard. Bring your palms that night or place them in the basket in the Parish Hall the next time you are here at Calvary.

Please make reservations at 412.661.0120, ext. 140. Cost \$10 per person/\$20 per family. ■



Endowment News

We have received two bequests to the endowment fund in recent months. A number of years ago Lee Hicks established a \$10,000 charitable gift annuity with The Pittsburgh Foundation and the residual now benefits Calvary. Roger Westman by will left \$165,000 to the Calvary Endowment Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation. These wonderful gifts will provide important income to Calvary in perpetuity. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of these two men.

While most endowment gifts are made through members' estates, these gifts can also be made during your lifetime to create an enduring legacy. Last year, Bob and Alden Read generously donated \$10,000 to the Calvary Endowment.

Both Roger and Lee were members of the St Michael's Society and the Reads are current members. The St. Michael's Society – now 59 families strong – is a group of parishioners who have included Calvary in their estate plans and notified the church in writing regarding this bequest. If you wish to make a deferred gift or have already done so and wish to join the Society please contact Deborah Kelly at dc1kelly@gmail.com for more information. ■



Prayer List Update

An important part of our worship at Calvary is the opportunity to pray by name for people in need. We pray for members of our congregation and for many others for whom our prayers are requested. On the First Sunday in Lent, March 5, we will make a fresh start with the Prayer List included in the Sunday bulletin. In order to keep our prayers current and focused, we are asking for your help. If there is someone whose name you would like to have on the list, please give that information to Weezie Wells at lwells@calvarypgh.org – or to Leslie Reimer at lreimer@calvarypgh.org, or by phone at the church office. The renewed list will include only the names which have been sent to us. We are glad to keep people on the prayer list for as long as necessary, because we know and understand that many needs are on-going. Whenever someone is ready to be removed from the list, we ask that you let us know. Thank you for your help. ■

Please remember
Calvary Church
in your will.

Adult Inquirers' Class

Confirmation for adults will be offered May 21, 2017, when our Bishop Dorsey McConnell visits Calvary Church. Confirmation is a sacramental rite for affirming Christian faith. Preparation for adults interested in confirmation will begin on Monday, March 13, and will meet on March 27, April 10, April 24, and May 8. The series of classes is designed for those who would like to explore what it means to be a Christian in the Episcopal Church and in the Anglican tradition.

We particularly welcome people who are new to Calvary and to the Episcopal Church. We will gather in the chapel for Eucharist at 6 p.m. before moving upstairs for our discussions and some refreshments. The clergy of Calvary will be leading this journey of formation and discovery. If you have questions concerning the rite of confirmation, reception, or about the classes in general please contact The Rev. T.J. Freeman (tjfreeman@calvarypgh.org). ■



Spiritual Reflection Group

The group will use *The Way to Love: The Last Meditations of Anthony de Mello*, (1931-1987). De Mello was an Indian Jesuit priest, a spiritual teacher, writer and public speaker, and also served as director of the Sadhana Institute of Pastoral Counseling near Poona, India.



Meetings will be held on alternate Tuesday evenings from 7–8 p.m. **February 21, March 7 and 21.** Email Matt Muldoon (mattmuldoon@msn.com) or Sondra Krimmel (sskrimmel@gmail.com) for information or to get on the mailing list. Everyone is welcome to join at any time. ■



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Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, March 3, 2017.** Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office. ■



SHELDON CALVARY CAMP at CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Join us for the Camp service, an informal celebration of the Holy Eucharist, at 3 p.m. in the Refectory on **Sunday, February 26.** Led by The Rev. Leslie Reimer, we use music from the camp songbook.

Join us on these dates in 2017: March 26, April 23, May 28, August 27, September 24, October 22, and November 26.

Mark your calendars and join us when you can! ■



Don't forget to "Spring Ahead" on Sunday, March 12

We will return to Daylight Saving Time at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, March 12.** When setting your clocks ahead, it is a good time to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at home. ■

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