

To Members of Calvary from the Vestry

In the February *Agape*, we rejoiced about our many new members and the addition of new services. Our adult education programming and the utilization of our space as outreach to many and varied community and support groups are outstanding. Also worthy of celebrating is a long-standing record of stewardship fulfillment by the members of Calvary: since the year 2000, the ratio of pledge income received to that promised has been in the high 90's, approaching 100%. This consistent performance has made the task of forecasting annual pledge income more predictable.

This month, we want to provide information about our financial health and explain the needs and opportunities that can continue to sustain Calvary's strong legacy of financial support. The accompanying 2017 Operations Fund Budget presents a summary of this year's anticipated income and expenses under eight major categories to help us visualize the size and relationships in Calvary's organization and functions.

Since the year 2000, Annual Pledge Income has grown in most years and reached a peak in 2010. Since then, it has remained fairly level averaging just under \$1 million, and it currently provides about two-thirds of our annual operating income. However, the amount of annual operating income drawn from our endowment in 2016 is lower by \$180,000 than it was prior to the recession that began in 2008. This is largely the result of the Vestry's strategy to reduce annual draw percentages to the present rate of 5%. The combined income streams from pledges and endowment have been in decline since 2009. If this trend were to continue, we will depend upon Pledge Income to an ever increasing degree to keep up with typically rising operating expenses. The leveling of pledge income along with our increasing dependence upon it points to one fact of our financial life:

Calvary continues to be a faithfully committed and financially responsible parish. But as we lose more of our beloved senior members, we also lose pledge income, which is difficult to replace even as we welcome new younger families to the parish. This trend is occurring in every major denomination in the country.

Annual operating expenses reached the highest level in 2009. With reductions over the next seven years, Total Operating Expenses in the 2017 Budget are now \$110,000 less than they were in 2009. However, with income streams declining at an even greater amount, we have not been able to eliminate deficits. In fact, deficits have occurred in 13 of the past 17 years. Each year's deficit depletes cash reserves, which then necessitates a greater reliance on a line-of-credit to pay bills in a timely manner. If it were to become necessary to use endowment principal to pay off the line-of-credit and replenish operating cash, that could further reduce

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endowment income. This means that Calvary's ability to use the endowment earnings to help fund yearly operations could also be reduced. Therefore, a second fact of our financial life is this:

Recurring annual operating deficits have had a long-term, negative impact on Calvary's financial assets, both cash reserves and invested endowment principal, and also have reduced the income that those sources produce. But reductions in operating expenses alone cannot help us to budget responsibly to support a program as extensive as Calvary's. Each vestry is challenged not only to use income sources wisely, but also to promote the growth of all our resources in order to support the capacity and mission of Calvary's service to its community, this year and for years to come.

Every year, our clergy, department heads, financial staff, and vestry share in making budgetary decisions that will use forecasted income responsibly and prioritize expenses to support continued growth of Calvary and its mission. Now, the vestry is also asking parishioners to engage in this process by considering an increase of their pledges by 20% in order to eliminate a 2017

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deficit. We know this is a large request. A number of parish families have come forward to increase their pledge, and for this, the Vestry wants to extend its most sincere thank you. We also want to thank those of you who will make a less formal commitment as you are able.

From a different point of view, let's change the financial perspective from that of annual budgets to one of long-term opportunity. For example, consider for a moment one of Calvary's most significant treasures: our magnificent building, a gift of previous generations that continues to inspire and sustain each of us as it houses the many groups and hundreds of persons who meet here every week. By building up our endowment principal, we can help ensure that necessary and ongoing maintenance, repairs and improvements will preserve our historic structure and perpetuate Calvary's program and mission. To keep the building open, clean, maintained, insured, and heated costs, on average, \$400,000 each year. Our endowment income is about \$250,000 each year. The difference between the cost of the building and our endowment income is the main reason for our deficits over the last many years. There is a lean staff who are under budget each year. The St. Michael's Society provides parishioners a thoughtful way to help sustain Calvary's long-term financial well being. As you contemplate planned giving and estate planning, please include Calvary in these strategies. Please pray for the health and sustainability of Calvary Church, that it may continue its mission in the world, in this neighborhood, and in our parish family.

If you are able to increase your pledge, please contact Lynda Kennedy, Calvary's Director of Finance, at lkennedy@calvarypg.org or at 412.661.0120. Additional pledge cards will also be available in the narthex and near the reception desk. To learn more about The St. Michael's Society and how Calvary can become part of your legacy, please contact Deborah Kelly at dc1kelly@gmail.com or 412.688.9299.

The Budget spreadsheet may be found on page 3.

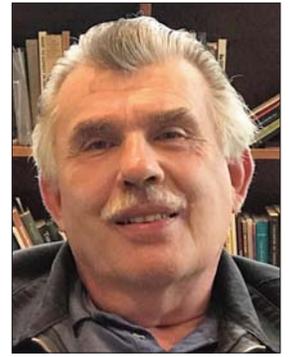
Holy Baptism



The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered on the Feast of Pentecost, June 4 at 11 a.m., and on the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 30 at the 9 a.m. Garden Service.

If you or someone you know desires to partake in this sacrament please contact the Reverend T.J. Freeman (tjfreeman@calvarypg.org or 412.661.0120 ext. 112) as soon as possible, so that the appropriate preparation and arrangements can be made. ■

New Head Sexton at Calvary



Our Head Sexton of the last 11 years, Jeff Rutkowski, is retiring at the end of May. After receiving notice from Jeff of his upcoming retirement, the Personnel Committee and the Rector began making plans for his successor.

After much preparatory work, we are pleased to announced that we have hired Mr. James (Jim) Gubash as our next Head Sexton. Jim has been the head building manager at Soldiers and Sailors in Oakland and has worked there, in various capacities, for over twenty years.

Jim is originally from Braddock but has lived in McKeesport for many years. He is a lover of antiques, fixing and repurposing old things for new uses. He particularly has a passion for restoring his older home. He is also a veteran of the Navy having served eleven years.

Jim will start as Head Sexton on Monday, May 22 to have a one week overlap with Jeff to learn some of the ins and outs of Calvary.

Please offer your thanks to Jeff Rutkowski for a job well done and a warm welcome to Jim Gubash. ■

A Message from Jeff Rutkowski

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parishioners and staff of Calvary for allowing me to serve as your Head Sexton for the past 11 years. I will be retiring at the end of May and look forward to the next phase of my life. I will do so with a host of fond Calvary memories and experiences.

When I first walked into Calvary I was amazed at how well the recently completed Parish House Renovation fit in with the rest of the church. I was told by numerous parishioners that when changes, upgrades and or repairs are made to the church they have to be done in a manner that complements the existing space. In other words, "Make It Look Like It Has Always Been Here." I have been sensitive to those 9 words when making stained glass window restorations, flooring upgrades, roofing/masonry/woodworking repairs, lighting enhancements, insurance claims, etc. I have tried to not only do repairs the right, cost effective way but to also make sure they look appropriate. Hopefully I did ok in that regard.

Calvary has been a big part of my life over the years and I will always be grateful for having worked here. The Church and its grounds are truly a special place and have stood the test of time supported by its parishioners, volunteers and staff members. I am glad and honored to have played a part.

Once again thank you for having me. I wish you all well and may God bless Calvary. ■

—Jeff Rutkowski ■

Calvary Episcopal Church • 2017 Operations Budget

	Approved Budget FY 2017	% of 2017 Total Operating Expenses
<u>Income</u>		
Net Pledges (including Pledges - Previous Years)	954.0	61.8%
Endowment		
Operations	206.4	
Outreach	25.0	
Capital	20.0	
Trust Income	29.2	
Total Endowment	280.6	18.2%
Other		
Special Contributions	(A) 134.0	
Earned Income	(B) 18.6	
Outreach/Capital Projects	3.5	
Total Other	156.1	10.1%
Total Operating Income	1,390.7	90.1%
<u>Operating Expenses</u>		
Clergy & Assisting Priests		
Compensation & Benefits	405.8	
Total Clergy & Assisting Priests	405.8	26.3%
Diocesan Assessment - Pgh. & National church	147.3	9.5%
Ministries		
Outreach	26.5	
Hospitality/Parish Life & Pastoral Support	(C) 67.1	
Music	(D) 147.1	
Christian Formation	(E) 35.2	
Total Ministries	275.9	17.9%
Buildings & Grounds		
Utilities	62.5	
All Other	(F) 141.1	
Capital Additions	22.0	
Total Bldgs. & Grounds	225.6	14.6%
Administration & Finance		
Sexton Staff Compensation & Benefits	108.3	
Office & Administration	(G) 174.1	
Finance	(H) 108.8	
Taxes & Insurance	98.0	
Total Admin. & Finance	489.2	31.7%
Total Operating Expenses	1,543.8	100.0%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(153.1)	-9.9%

NOTES:

- (A) Special Contributions include the following: non-pledge contributions; Loose Plate Offerings; Special Offerings; Wedding and Funeral donations; Gifts for Operations and Miscellaneous Income.
- (B) Earned Income includes the following: Beginnings Pre-School; Music; Christian Formation; Hospitality/Parish Life; and Interest income.
- (C) Includes compensation and benefits of Events Coordinator.
- (D) Includes compensation and benefits of Director of Music, Organ Scholar and Choir section heads.
- (E) Includes compensation and benefits of Director of Christian Formation and Nursery staff.
- (F) Includes compensation and benefits of Head Sexton.
- (G) Includes compensation and benefits of Parish Secretary and Director of Communications.
- (H) Includes compensation and benefits of Director of Finance.

Submitted by: Robert Eley, Treasurer ■

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Bark Sale

Thanks and well done to the Sunday school groups that organized and ran the Palm Sunday Bark Sale, and to everyone who purchased their handmade pet toys and treats! Because of your generosity and their work throughout Lent, the students of the 7th/8th grade and high school classes were able to send a donation of \$160 for the Humane Animal Rescue (the newly merged Animal Rescue League and Western PA Humane Society).

Easter Egg Hunt Thanks

On a gorgeous Easter morning, a crowd of egg-hunters gathered to search out 700 eggs “hidden” throughout the Swan Garden, McCormick Courtyard, and playground. Thank you to everyone who donated candy, to the group of seasoned experts that filled the eggs, and to all the egg hunters and families that participated and brought friends!

May 28 is the last day of Sunday school and nursery care. Both will resume in the fall.

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



Sundays at 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 14: Annual Parish Meeting – No Adult Forum

Sunday, May 21: The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, will speak at the forum on this day.

Sunday, May 28: Preserving Our Beautiful Windows: Calvary's Return to Stained Glass Restoration (*meet in the Parish Hall*). Calvary's stained glass windows are one of our artistic treasures. The Architectural History Committee will present a report on the current condition of our windows and plans for the restoration of four of them. The presentation will discuss the process of a total renovation, using examples from Calvary's recent experience, and the reasons for restoring these particular windows. The windows in dire need of work are the two Pennsylvania History windows by Charles Connick at the north end of the Narthex (Benjamin Franklin and Johnny Applesseed) and two sets by Heaton, Butler & Bayne (London) in the north aisle depicting Christ's teaching, the Samaritan Woman at the Well, and the Rich Young Ruler. ■

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when you have finished reading it.

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

May 20, 8 a.m. - Off the Floor

May 23, 5:30 p.m. - Holy Happy Hour @ Social (Bakery Square)

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



Easter Monday Flower Delivery Volunteers

A very grateful thank you to all 24 volunteers who came to the Parish Hall on Easter Monday to help with the delivery of the 70+ flowers to Calvary parishioners who had been on the Calvary Prayer List during the last year.

The following volunteers helped to accomplish this wonderful ministry of Calvary Church. Several of these parishioners volunteered for the first time, and we welcome you to this Easter tradition of Calvary Church.

Charles R. Altman, Debra Alward, Betsy Amis, Adele Butterfield, Kathy Deis, Lucy Douglas, Adele Eley, Donna Hallen, Ron & Carole Johnston, Sue Jones, Robin Kamin, Ellen Maye, Jan McKeag, Kitsy McNulty, Lyn Orr, Kathy Ostergaard, Susie Prentiss, Elise Power, Anne Robb, Jean Robinson, Joanna Schultz, William Stevens and Fan Zhaiy.

Thank you.....

Weezie Wells, who prepared the cards, addresses and directions that made the delivery task very easy.

Calvary Sextons, for which we are so grateful and who came to work on their day off: **James Knight**, who transferred the 100 flowers from the Sanctuary to the Parish Hall. James was at the church at 5:30 a.m. to start this task. Also **Ron Johnston** who set up the coffee and brought delicious pastries from the Oakmont Bakery so our volunteers would have a sweet treat with their coffee before they started their flower deliveries.

Ken Smith who published the attractive announcements of this special flower delivery event in the Sunday Bulletins, weekly Calvary email delivered on Friday and *Agape*.

Clergy Staff who made announcements on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday encouraging parishioners to volunteer for Easter Monday flower delivery.

—Barbara S. Hicks, Altar Flower Delivery Co-Chair ■

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A Letter Concerning Immigration and Refugees

April 21, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you may know, the State of Hawaii has challenged the Trump administration in court and has won an injunction barring implementation of the new executive order that severely limits immigrants and refugees seeking to enter this country. The case is now on appeal before the Ninth Circuit. Today a number of Episcopal bishops, myself included, are submitting an amicus brief in the case supporting the injunction and demanding that the administration reverse this policy. The full brief can be found [here](#).

Even though the brief identifies each bishop with his or her respective diocese, my signing does not commit the Diocese of Pittsburgh, our parishes, people, or clergy to any action, or for that matter, to any conformity of opinion. I am keenly aware of the great diversity of political convictions across the diocese. However, I want you to be aware of my reasons for taking this position.

First, as the brief clearly argues, the executive order appears to be a fulfillment of the many statements and promises made by the president, beginning in his campaign and since, toward a “total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States.” Subsequent modifications to these statements aside, I see at their root a generalized fear of the “other,” of those who do not look like “us” or think like “us.” I am troubled that a Muslim ban has been so enthusiastically embraced by those who view their own race as superior, a point of view dangerously represented within this administration. When policies of the State deny the image of God equally present in and among all human beings, I believe the Church is called to warn and to resist.

Second, I believe the Church has an absolute duty to support and protect the poor. The banning of refugees, even for a limited time, imposes a further burden upon some of the most desperate people in the world, whom the United States has always recognized a sacred responsibility to welcome. Whatever one may think of matters related to immigration, refugees are in a different class entirely. We are not speaking of an influx of those who come to take jobs or even to do us harm, but rather of women and children and families seeking safe haven from the impoverished and war-torn homelands from which they flee. One of the earliest titles of the bishop was *philoptochos*, or “friend of the poor,” so when policies of the State consciously increase the misery of the most vulnerable, I believe bishops have a particular responsibility to speak out.

Of course, a counter argument could be made to my first two points by raising concerns about national security,

which is a legitimate role of our government and responsibility of the president. In this case, I find those appeals specious, especially in regard to refugees. Those who seek the safety of our shores must pass a battery of checks that already are among the most stringent in the world. And while it is true that some radicals attack our values, we as a people have learned the errors of distrusting the many because of the actions of a few.

This brings me to my third concern. There appears to be an undercurrent of thought among some of the president’s advisers that we are engaged in a great “clash of civilizations,” the “Christian West” facing off against the “scourge of Islam,” and that this administration has a unique role of leadership in spearheading the struggle. This, I believe, is actually the most pernicious thread underlying a misdirected policy. The State must never be allowed to usurp the voice of the Church, to claim – even implicitly – to speak in the name of Christ, particularly as the self-appointed protector of Christian values or Christian culture.

Finally, I have a deeply personal reason for speaking out. My mother was a refugee. She twice escaped from occupied France, and it is only through the kindness and bravery of those who assisted her, some of whom did so at the loss of their own lives, that I am alive to protest at all. In our own day, such help is given by Episcopal Migration Ministries, which is to my mind one of the finest missions of the Episcopal Church. I encourage us all to become familiar with them and consider contributing to their financial support. Their website may be found [here](#).

Before I conclude this letter, I wish to touch on a related matter. I have heard that some congregations have been considering putting themselves forward as “sanctuary parishes,” particularly offering their own facilities for the shelter of those who might be in danger of deportation. I ask you to be very careful around any decision of this kind. There may be huge unintended consequences both for you and the persons you hope to protect. Neither federal law, nor the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, offer any protection whatsoever for persons seeking sanctuary in religious buildings; enforcement officers with proper judicial authorization may enter at will. As a result, your intervention in this regard might easily do more harm than good. My chancellor has forwarded relevant guidelines put together by the ACLU, which you may access [here](#), and I commend them for your review.

Having said all this, I encourage everyone to offer any legal and reasonable support to individuals and families you may know of who suffer any difficulty because of their immigration status. I have heard of clergy and parishioners accompanying people to deportation hearings, helping them secure legal counsel, providing pastoral care to them

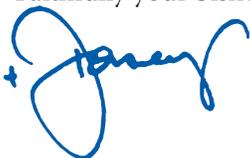
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and their families, and rendering other assistance. Actions such as these fulfill the biblical mandates to welcome the stranger and to defend the poor and needy, and are incumbent upon us all.

Please pray for the Church and for our country as we continue to move through this unsettled and troubling time. And pray for those who seek shelter among us, that we may welcome them without fear.

Faithfully your bishop,



(The Rt. Rev.) Dorsey W.M. McConnell, D.D.,
VIII Bishop of Pittsburgh ■

Spiritual Reflection



Calvary's Spiritual Reflection meetings continue to be a regular and familiar forum for small group peer ministry. We hear, share, reflect upon and discuss inspirational ideas and short readings for the purpose of developing and deepening our personal relationships with God and with one another. Meetings are group-led, and preparation is suggested but not required.

We will use as a guide the writings of a different Christian author. A short reading will serve each meeting as a catalyst to reflect upon and discuss God in our daily lives. Currently we are using *Songs of the Heart: Reflections on the Psalms*, by Joan Chittister, OSB (www.joanchittister.org).

Meetings will continue from 7–8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings, May 16th, June 6, and June 20. Email Matt Muldoon (mattmuldoon@msn.com) or Sondra Krimmel (sskrimmel@gmail.com) for information or to get on the mailing list. Please feel welcome to join at any time. ■

The Rev. Beryl Choi

The Rev. Beryl Choi served as an Assistant at Calvary Church from 1976-1983. In 1977, she was the first woman ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. She now lives in Richmond, VA, and is recovering from some health issues.

Notes of encouragement can be sent to The Rev. Beryl T. Choi, Westminster-Canterbury, 1600 Westbrook Avenue, Room 9138, Richmond, VA 23227. ■

Holy Week Reflections



by Calvary parishioner Geoffrey Royce

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. HEB 9:24 BCP p 77

It has been a while since I have been excited about going to a parade. I am aware that when the Steelers or the Penguins have a major victory they are welcomed at the airport and there is a parade. In a town where I once lived weeks before the Independence Day events, the main street would be lined with lawn furniture and folding chairs, holding a place to view the parade. Holy Week begins with something similar. Instead of banners and noisemakers we receive palms that have been prayed over. The palms serve as signs, connecting us directly to the crowds attending the arrival of a king, who is, as yet, not broadly recognized as a king. In this narrative, the title of “king” is used as an accusation. The parade eventually leads us to the arrest and trial of Jesus of Nazareth. We are being drawn close to Jesus and all that his life has come to mean. Perhaps we might find that we are drawn to the onlookers, the curious, the enthusiasts, the cynical, the hopeful, the ones who are there. They are holding a place for us and we for them.

We move from the way we as humanity participated in Jesus' Passion to learn of the two ways Jesus would have us remember him. On Maundatum Thursday we hear a dialogue between Peter and Jesus. Jesus says, that unless we (as Peter) accept Jesus' servanthood we will have no part in his project. In this liturgy, we also commemorate the institution of the Eucharist. There is a liminality in these signs and our practice of remembrance through actions. Jesus is showing us how he will be present to us in his absence from us, how, through prayer, we will hold a place for him in our minds and hearts. The dramatic counterpoint to receiving the gifts of servanthood and the Eucharist is the stripping of the altar, a foretaste of the world, our sanctuary, bereft of all grace. This has always been, for me the most moving aspect of Holy Week.

On Good Friday, we encounter the cross where Jesus stands in (holds a place) for us not as a substitute but as a sign pointing to our possible escape from sin and death; to see past what only appears to be the end, the failure of hope; to lay down our lives and take up the cares and hopes of another. Jesus holds that place open for us, if we will follow him. He is showing us the supreme possibility of obedience. Then came the morning. Jesus is risen and we know therefore, that God is holding a place for us.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11) ■

**Sermon Preached by The Reverend Jonathon Jensen, Rector
Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
at the Memorial Service for Henry L. Hillman
Friday, April 21, 2017 at 11 o'clock in the morning**

A year ago, I wrote a letter to Henry about work and love after Elsie's death. In effect, it was his funeral sermon, a year early. We discussed it later, at some length, face to face in Pittsburgh.

Dear Henry,

I hope you are well. You and Elsie have been in my thoughts and my prayers. I would not presume to have become your priest in such a short time, or have more wisdom to share than you gained over a full life, but please indulge me some thoughts before we can meet face to face when you are back in Pittsburgh. There are two topics on which to reflect: work and love.

This season of your life is an opportunity to reflect on your professional accomplishments. Few have the vast and successful body of work or take the time to examine what they have created over the course of a life. Most people tend to work until the last moment, or retire as soon as possible, and never consider what it has all meant. Your work may be slowing down or coming to its eventual end but what you have created will not. The company, products, services, or investments may change, but the formation of them has lasting value – for the city, for the lives they bettered, for the opportunities you created, for the legacies that continue to give back, and for you and your family. What you have built will continue to make a difference for the good. Thank you for all of it.

All of that is good. Honest labor, the creation of new things, and the betterment of others have intrinsic value – but what has it all meant? What would you have done differently, if anything? When did you fail miserably and when did you succeed gloriously? What did you learn from both? To whom, if anyone, do you need to apologize? To whom do you need to give thanks? Other than your family, of what are you most proud? No one but you needs to know your answers to any of these questions but they are good to ask oneself, to reflect on what matters.

The second topic, the more important one, is a love that endures beyond death. The public persona most know is Henry Hillman the businessman and philanthropist; Henry the titan of industry, the visionary, the great man transcending eras. Those are all worthy and deserved accolades and likely bring a mix of pride and embarrassment. But what they miss is what matters most. We know only in part and few ever know the whole person. Henry who *is* loved deeply and Henry who loves deeply expressed in grand gestures and in small acts of kindness that enrich our lives.

I first caught a glimpse of that on a Sunday afternoon when we visited in the hospital. The game was on and you put me at ease by talking about the Steelers' porous secondary. Your deeper self was revealed when we searched for just the right casket that was elegant but not too showy. Your profound generosity of spirit was evident to all at your 70th anniversary party. The usual roles were reversed but you and Elsie made everyone feel a part of your lives. It is an astounding gift to make several hundred people feel welcome and included in a personal way. An image that will never leave me is the way you looked at Elsie and held her hand in the hospital bed, sitting near like a sentinel as her life was slipping away.

Thank you for letting me see Henry the adoring husband, the loving father and grandparent, the loyal friend, and Henry the human being beloved of God.

I know Church was more of Elsie's thing than yours but it is my job and my joy to speak about the faith we share. A person told me once, half in jest, "If you can't marry for money at least marry for love." He was never happy. A good marriage is not based on what we get out of it but what we give to it, ourselves – the best us. Real love is not what we *get* from another person, but what we *give* to another person that, in turn, offers us more than we could ever have imagined.

At about 90% of the weddings I have ever officiated, the couple chose, as their Bible reading, 1 Corinthians, chapter 13. That is the "Love is patient, love is kind" verse. The passage is poetic and beautiful but it's not really about romantic love at all. I chose this for my wedding and for my own funeral. It fits better in the latter context. The reading is about the love that exists between two people who have worked faithfully and diligently at their marriage for a lifetime. It is ultimately about the relationship of the person to God who, through grace and faith and intentional living, begins to catch glimpses of the life that God intends for us. These glimpses of Heaven are a foretaste of the life that Elsie now enjoys.

I have been married twenty years and have been with Natalie, my wife, since I was 23 years old. I've spent almost my entire adult life trying to live up to the man my wife believes me to be, or the person my dog believes me to be for that matter so, one day, I can believe it too. We both know the love our wife has for us is not dependent on our efforts but that makes me try all the harder. I am continually trying to earn something that already has been given and continue to receive. God's love is like that, too. In the best sense, it is a gift that we spend a lifetime trying to earn, to be worthy of, to know, to understand, to return, to accept. That's what you do when you know you are loved for who you are without qualification.

In a good relationship, a healthy and holy marriage, like you and Elsie share, two people become one flesh. There are still two people but each shapes the other over time so one can scarcely tell where one person ends and the other begins. That's the ideal, the point, anyway. That, too, is a glimpse of the eternal life that we hope for in God. With an abiding love like that comes great vulnerability. One becomes open to deep hurt and loss when the other is gone. But that openness and vulnerability to love also make possible a profound joy unlike any other.

In the Christian faith, we acknowledge the sense of loss and grief in death. But we also believe in a love that transcends death. Saint Paul, expressed it this way, "For now we see in a mirror dimly, then we shall see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known." I think what he meant is this – in this life, we only see glimpses or reflections of God's love, usually expressed through other people. In the next life, we shall see God face to face. I believe we will also see friends and family face to face meaning that any barriers we have such as pride, ego, shame, fear, insecurity, regret, and all the rest become meaningless concepts we leave behind on earth. Love does not end at death. "Love never ends." It transcends time, space, and even death.

What I have to remind myself from time to time is how Natalie loves me or Elsie loves you is just the faintest reflection of the love that God has for each of us. The life that Elsie now enjoys, the one that is waiting for you and me, face to face, is more sublime, more beautiful than we could ever imagine.

Thank you for allowing me to be a small part of the life of your family. You have been a blessing.

This was sent as a letter to Henry Hillman from Jonathon Jensen on April 28, 2016.

Parish Register

Baptisms

Clark Fitzgerald Mitchell, January 30, 2016
Alexander Edward Cadwell Overstrom, III, January 30, 2016
Ellie Farkas, March 26, 2016
August Richard Lerach, March 26, 2016
Seth Isaac Colton, July 31, 2016
Campbell Alexandria Wright McKnight, July 31, 2016
Zachary Keenan Patton, July 31, 2016
Harper Rayne Chamberland, November 6, 2016
Natalie Kay Helm, November 6, 2017
Anina Mrosek-Torres, November 6, 2016
Margaret Elizabeth Hendrickson, December 29, 2016
Ava Lyn Aretz, January 8, 2017
James Lee Aretz, Jr., January 8, 2017
John Ernest Stuart Freeman, January 8, 2017
Sylvia Elizabeth Ray, January 8, 2017
Timothy Boru Wooldridge, February 3, 2017
Robert Hutchinson Bailie, March 26, 2017
Nathaniel Douglas Tonti, April 15, 2017

Marriages

Christopher Charles Alberte and Andrew Jay Kornreich,
May 28, 2016
Alyshia Kaye Smalley and Stephen Robinson Tedrick,
June 18, 2016
Laurie Beth Heinricher and Timothy John Tocci,
July 9, 2016
Bonnie Jean Virag and Timothy Charles Lutz,
July 16, 2016
Anna Catherine Evans and Christopher James Phillips,
July 23, 2016
Brianna Spence Jacoby and Ronald James Hastings, Jr.,
September 17, 2016
Lindsay Michell Pittman and David Ruskin Bromall,
July 23, 2016
Pamela Gail Sachs and Adam Stephen Vamos-Hughes,
September 18, 2016
Jeffrey David Hovis and Daniel Prevade,
October 8, 2016

Confirmations – May 8, 2016

Heather Acuff (received)	Daniel Prevade (received)
Jeffrey Berry	Tim Randall (received)
John Blakeney	Aiden Bradley
Tom Faciszewski (received)	Benjamin Chontos
Michele Farrell (received)	Leila Knight
Jeffrey Hovis	Caroline Grace Marchl
Edward Kuhn, Jr.	Margaret McCoy
Lisa Knight	Charles Merriman
Sheldon Knight	Davis Mowry
Holly Lorenz (received)	Rebecca Rust
Terra Merkey	Tanner Thomas
Elizabeth Pentin (re-affirmed)	Dominic Victoria
Flo Pippin	

Burials

Mary Martha Thomas, January 17, 2016
Samuel Golden, February 20, 2016
Josephine Wise, February 29, 2016
W. Lee Hicks, April 2, 2016
Sara Colligan, April 30, 2016
Richard Stadler, May 26, 2016
N. Bruce Browne, Jr., June 3, 2016
Jennie Yousko, June 25, 2016
Peter Jannetta, June 11, 2016
Sally Childs, June 17, 2016
Louise Manning, July 2, 2016
Roger Westman, July 9, 2016
Peter Buongiorno, September 2, 2016
Jody Lange, September 24, 2016
Diane Schantz, October 1, 2016
Barbara Cuff, October 3, 2016
Milton Washington, October 27, 2016
Ann Wardrop, December 9, 2016
Lawrence McKinley, February 3, 2017
Steven Sharratt, March 7, 2017
John Fetterman, April 1, 2017
Jane Freeland, April 8, 2017
Henry Hillman, April 21, 2017
Obidimma Okobi, April 22, 2017

Transferred In

Adam Bailey, January 25, 2016
from Our Saviour Episcopal, Richmond, KY
Martin Knox, March, 11, 2016
from St. Mark's, New Britain, CT
Peter and Tammy Lewis, March 21, 2016
from Trinity Episcopal, Owensboro, KY
Joe and Carmen Bongiovi, March 29, 2016
from Church of the Holy Family, Chapel Hill, NC
Dorothy Drennen, July 5, 2016
from Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, MA.
Sara Miller, August 9, 2016
from First United Methodist Church, Kalamazoo, MI
Sara Schuchert, November 29, 2016
from Holy Child Parish, Bridgeville, PA
Katie Deutsch, December 5, 2016
from St. John's Cathedral, Albuquerque, NM
Robert Jones, December 5, 2016
from St. Andrew's Episcopal, College Park, MD
Jay and Sandra Cleveland, February 6, 2017
from Mt. Calvary Episcopal, Camp Hill, PA
Elizabeth and Thomas Evans, March 28, 2017
from St. Paul's Episcopal, Philadelphia, PA
Geoffrey Royce, April 4, 2017
from Good Shepherd Church, Clinton, MA

Transferred Out

Philip and Kathy Kincaide, March 11, 2016
to St. Andrew's Episcopal, Pittsburgh, PA
Mimi Stadler, August 31, 2016
to Church of the Redeemer, Pittsburgh, PA
Tony Richardson, December 27, 2016
to East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA ■

**Sermon Preached by The Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen, *Rector*
at Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Easter Day, April 16, 2017**

Two pillars of our community have recently entered the nearer presence of God, Dan Rooney and Henry Hillman. In their own ways, they each changed the city to make it a better community for all. They deepened pride of place and diversity. They greatly enhanced the arts, education, and medicine. They fostered hope and commitment in good times and bad. They could have lived anywhere but chose to call our city their home. They were proud Pittsburghers. They were also persons of deep faith.

Dan Rooney was a Roman Catholic. Henry Hillman was a son of Calvary Episcopal Church, one of us. Henry was baptized here when the building was eleven years old. He was confirmed and married here. Elsie and Henry were married for seventy years. I once asked him his secret to a long and successful marriage. Henry replied that he told Elsie when they were young, “I won’t try to run your life... and I won’t try to run my life either.” He was wise, too.

Henry was one of the most humble people, rich or poor, one could ever meet. He might be further humbled by the fact he was born and died on the same days as Jesus. He was born on Christmas day and died on Good Friday. Dan, Henry, and Elsie now enjoy the resurrection life. That same hope of raised and eternal life in Christ is open to all of us. And that is our focus on Easter.

Everyone dies, even Jesus. Everyone’s got to pay taxes, too. There is no great revelation in that. Our Easter faith and hope is that something new *has* happened. Jesus died but has been raised from the dead. God has acted *in* human history to bring about a *change* in human history for all time open to all people. Because Jesus has been raised we, too, can be raised.

Resurrection is the simple but profound point of Easter. Resurrection is about eternal life. This certainly applies after death – what we normally call Heaven. Heaven is not a place we go when we die whether we are good or not. Heaven is a state of being we enter at death, a deepening of relationship that exists beyond death. Heaven is simply being in the presence of God and those we love but see no longer with all human barriers and frailties and sins left behind. The greatest love we enjoy now is but the faintest shadow of the infinite love God has for each of us. The eternal life with God that Henry, Elsie, and Dan now enjoy is more sublime than we could ever hope to imagine. Pain, heartbreak, separation, betrayal, even death, are all swallowed up in Jesus’ death leaving only abundant, resurrection life.

That quality of eternal life with God, we call Heaven, is not just for when we die. Jesus’ resurrection means we can begin to know heaven on earth. We will still experience all the travails of this life but from a hope grounded in faith in the resurrected Christ.

We will still have doubts. Everyone does. Doubt is not the opposite of faith. Fear is the opposite of faith. To live from hope in the power of the resurrection is to live without fear of death in all its forms. The *dying* part can be difficult or painful. Death itself need not be for it holds no final power over us. Overcoming fear of death changes everything else for the better.

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The gospel story from Matthew emphasizes this aspect of the resurrection. The two women who went to visit Jesus expected to find him dead in the tomb. Instead, they encountered an angel and the resurrected Christ himself. From each of them the message is the same. “Do not be afraid.” A direct consequence of the resurrection is fear of death need not ever stop us from living fully. Jesus had a clear message on that first Easter – Do not be afraid. Do not ever be afraid. Resurrection, not death, is God’s final word for Jesus and for us.

One of my greatest role models of faith, who embodied Jesus’ Easter message, is a person I never met. He was a priest known to me only by reputation and one printed sermon. Father Bob was a predecessor of mine. He was a person of deep faith and many gifts as a leader. He was not perfect but it was clear the priest and people loved one another deeply and tried to understand what it means to embrace a resurrected life in all its forms.

Bob was in his early 50s and had enjoyed sustained success for fourteen years in the same position. Everything was flourishing. One day, he got a headache that lasted several days. By all other outward signs, he was a model of health but went to the hospital to run some tests. The unexpected diagnosis came back as an inoperable brain tumor. One week he was on top of the world with a bright future. The next week, he had terminal cancer.

Bob’s decline was swift but met with a remarkable faith. Everyone seemed to be in shock at the news but him. He was soon sent out of state for aggressive treatment but preached one, final sermon to his beloved people. In effect, that was his farewell speech and his own funeral sermon because it was the last time anyone there ever saw him alive.

Bob said, “One of the most common questions that comes with cancer, when facing death or some tragedy, is why me? Why me? But another, more important question, is *why not me?* I’m not afraid of death because I know the end of the story.” That is faith grounded in hope rather than fear mired in death. Because Christ has been raised we, too, shall be raised.

The Easter message is that we don’t have to be afraid of life or death when you embrace resurrection. You don’t have to save the world. God has already done that through Christ. But you can change the world. You don’t have to own a football team, be a titan of industry, or lead a political party to change the world.

God transformed the whole world by changing one person, Jesus, from death to life. You can change the world by changing one life, your own. Can you be open to God’s resurrection to embrace life and death without fear? Why not me?

A SPECIAL LECTURE

“He is going ahead of you to Galilee”

Resurrection in the Gospel of Mark



The Very Rev. Dr. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge
Dean and President of Seminary of the Southwest

Monday, May 15, 2017
at 7 p.m.

All are invited to join us in the Parish Hall
A reception will follow

Dean Kittredge is the eighth dean and president of Seminary of the Southwest. She was appointed in 2013 after serving on the faculty as the Ernest J. Villavaso, Jr. Professor of New Testament and as academic dean. Dean Kittredge has served as a member of the Steering Committee for Theological Education in the Anglican Communion, as Chair of the Board of the Episcopal Evangelism Society, and President of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars.

Prior to joining the seminary faculty in 1999, Dean Kittredge taught at Harvard University and the College of the Holy Cross. She serves as assisting priest at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin.



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The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh
Social Justice and Outreach Committee presents

A PBS film about life near a petrochemical factory
A discussion of its relevance for the Pittsburgh region

FENCELINE

A Company Town Divided

Thursday, May 25, 2017
Calvary Episcopal Church

315 Shady Avenue at Walnut Street, East Liberty 15206
7 p.m. – Free to all



How have Shell's plants in Louisiana affected the health, environment and economy of surrounding communities?

Shell is planning a similar plant for Beaver County. How will this affect the people and environment in Southwest PA?

The panel discussion will include Thaddeus Popovich, engineer and cofounder of Allegheny County Clean Air Now, Terrie Baumgardner, Beaver County Marcellus Shale Awareness Committee, and Matt Mehalik, who teaches environmental policy at CMU's Heinz School.



For more information, please contact
Marianne Novy, mnovy@pitt.edu, or
Linda Schneider, lindalans@comcast.net.

Emma Schauf to Serve as a Missionary

My name is Emma Schauf and I have been a life-long parishioner of Calvary Episcopal Church. I am writing to announce that I have joined the Young Adult Service Corps and will be serving in Liverpool, UK. YASC is a missionary program through the Episcopal Church. It integrates young adults into the work of the greater Anglican Communion and the daily lives of local communities across the globe. My work in Liverpool will be parish based, helping a small church get back on its feet and reclaim its place in the Diocese of Liverpool. I will be living in a community house, owned by the diocese, that plays host to both visiting clergy from around the world and those people seeking asylum in the UK as refugees.

I believe that as both members of the global Anglican communion and Christians it is our duty to serve as missionaries and bearers of the Word of God. I believe we have the irreplaceable honor and responsibility to bring the Word of God and the Holy Spirit to those who may not have had the opportunity to hear the good news of Christ, and to lend our services to those in greater need than us.

I have felt a call to serve God and the church since I was twelve years old. I believe that YASC is my next opportunity to fulfill that call and I hope that you will first and most importantly keep me in your prayers as I embark on what I hope to be one of the most influential years of my life.

If you feel so moved to support me in a financial way, you may make a tax-deductible donation by writing a check payable to Calvary Episcopal Church with my name, Emma Schauf YASC, in the memo line. It costs about \$27,000 to send a missionary out for a year of service. I have been asked to invite you on my journey as a financial contributor to donate a portion of that money so that myself and future members of this program can continue to do God's work in the world.

I thank you very much for your consideration in both keeping me in your thoughts and prayers and contributing financially to my cause.

Blessings, *Emma*

For more information on the Young Adult Service Corps please visit www.episcopalchurch.org/library/office/young-adult-service-corps ■

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The Day of Pentecost: June 4

**Holy Baptism at the 11 o'clock service.
Strawberries and ice cream will be served
after the 11 o'clock service.**

Everyone is encouraged to wear red on that day.

On Pentecost, Calvary Church has the custom of reading the Gospel of the day simultaneously in as many languages as possible. The sound of many languages recalls for us the experience of the disciples and the crowd on that first Pentecost following the Resurrection. We invite anyone who knows a language other than English to read the Gospel in that language at the 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. services. When the Gospel is announced, all will begin to read at the same time in their various languages. (Even if you are a bit shy or not overly confident of perfect pronunciation, you can add your voice to the mix.) Translations of the Bible text in many languages are available at www.bibledatabase.net. The Gospel reading for Pentecost is from the Gospel of John, chapter 20, verses 19–23. Thank you for helping us celebrate this festival of the Holy Spirit!! ■

Red Geraniums for Pentecost

Would you like to donate red geranium plants in honor or memory of your loved ones for Pentecost, Sunday, June 4, 2017? As is the tradition, the plants will be in the front of the rood screen for the services and then planted in the Calvary gardens. With your donation of \$10, you will be able to buy two geraniums. You may take one home to be planted there or opt to have both planted at Calvary. Please complete the order form available from the tract racks. The form is also on the Calvary website: www.calvarypgh.org. **The deadline for orders is Friday, May 26.** ■



www.calvarypgh.org

United Thank Offering



Sunday, May 7 marked the date of the spring United Thank Offering fundraising drive at Calvary, for which the blue envelopes were provided. Please express your thankfulness for the work and humanitarian contributions of UTO by giving generously at any convenient time in the future. Checks may be made out to Calvary and designated on the memo line for UTO.

In 2016 the UTO Domestic and Overseas Grant Awards funded major environmental, ecological and food/nutrition projects – among many others – to Episcopal dioceses in the U.S. and to, in many cases, their partner dioceses abroad.

Among the recipients were

St. Paul's School, Haiti, to deforest degraded land with high-nutrition native fruit and nut trees; to strengthen family garden and small animal husbandry programs; to provide training in eco-friendly practices and conscientiously integrate female students and empower girls with nutrition and agricultural skills. (Awarded to the Dioceses of Colorado and Haiti, \$64,000.)

Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative, New Orleans, LA, to encourage healthy eating through cooking classes, stressing the importance of locally grown food and targeting a population in Central City, New Orleans, facing many health risks including high obesity rates, diabetes and other health diseases related to a paucity of fresh, locally grown food. (Awarded to the Diocese of Louisiana, \$24,300.)

UTO, for those not acquainted with the organization, is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the spiritual and financial mission of the whole church, and its charitable reach extends from our own neighborhood to projects throughout the U.S. and to many communities abroad. In addition, its grants – both modest and substantial – are awarded to “alleviate poverty, enable new and innovative projects, transform unjust social structures and make a significant impact.”

UTO was founded by women in 1889 and administered by women since then, working through the generosity of individuals in our own diocese and dioceses throughout the country. At Calvary, the UTO drive is administered by Women of Calvary (WoC) semi-annually on behalf of the Pittsburgh Diocese. ■

Bishop's Visit to Calvary

Our Bishop, the Right Reverend Dorsey McConnell, will visit Calvary on Sunday, May 21 to preach and preside at the 8, 9, and 11 o'clock services, with Confirmation offered at 11. The Bishop will also lead the Adult Forum at 10 a.m. ■

New Paschal Candle Stand

Thanks to the generosity of William Stevens, Calvary has received a gift of a new stand for the Paschal Candle. The candle is a symbol of Christ's resurrection, of Jesus' light overcoming darkness, that burns from the first celebration of Easter through Pentecost and at each baptism and funeral throughout the year. “Paschal” means Easter.

The stand was designed and crafted by a local artisan, with input from William and the rector, and looks like it has always been at Calvary. It is made of handsome wrought iron and complements the other candle stands and railings in the church. When in use, it will ordinarily reside on the platform near the pulpit. It was first used at the Great Easter Vigil this year.

The stand is a gift to Calvary Church from William Stevens to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Roger Charles Westman.

On behalf of all the people of Calvary, thank you to William for this beautiful gift.

—Jonathon ■



Soup's On!

The Soup Group will meet on **Friday, June 9** in Calvary's kitchen at 10 a.m. We will make several recipes because we will not cook in the month of July. New recipes and cooks are always welcome. You can also participate in this ministry by taking soup to a friend, relative, or neighbor. We do not limit our soup to Calvary members only. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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

Scheibler and the East End

The East Liberty Valley Historical Society hosts a lecture on Friday, June 2 at East Liberty Presbyterian Church, at 7:30 p.m. Martin Aurand, Archivist of Special Collections at CMU will speak about architect Frederick Scheibler, Jr. and his work in Pittsburgh's East End. Notable works are Highland Towers (340-42 S. Highland Ave., Parkstone Dwellings, 6900 block of Penn Ave., and Olde Heidelberg on Braddock Avenue.

This is the fourth lecture in the current series. ■



The Bookstore at Calvary

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 netting \$3500. The money raised from this fundraising event benefitted five literacy organizations:

Book 'Em is an all-volunteer project of the Thomas Merton Center which sends free books to prisoners in Pennsylvania. In addition to donating books, the Bookstore's monetary donation is used primarily for mailing costs. To learn more about Book 'Em, please visit www.bookempa.org.

Kathy Garrison's **Backpack Project** focuses on the children of women in POWER (Pennsylvania Organization for Women in Early Recovery). Kathy personalizes each child's backpack with fun and educational materials that she collects on a child's particular interest, whatever it is, from dinosaurs or pandas to Louisa May Alcott or baseball. She fills the backpack with personalized notepaper, word searches, books and puzzles, on the child's topic, as well as school supplies like colored markers and Kleenex®. Further information is available at www.power-recovery.com.

The Holy Cross Book Project benefits children age 4-13 years old who attend The Church of the Holy Cross in Pittsburgh. Books are purchased that are age appropriate for every age group including selections related to bullying and teenage insecurities as well as children's daily experiences and feelings. The goal is these books will encourage the children to read more, to foster learning and to attend Sunday school more often. It benefits both parishioner's children and neighborhood children who otherwise would not be exposed to a broad reading experience. The Bookstore's donation underwrites the cost of purchasing appropriate books.

Homewood Children's Village works to improve the lives of Homewood's children and simultaneously reweave the fabric of the community in which they live. It provides a safe monitored after-school environment for children in that area. Their belief is that families and guardians are children's first teachers. It provides a 'cradle to career pathway' through a variety of partners and initiatives whereby programs are available from early childhood through all grade levels as well as post-secondary and career counseling opportunities. The Bookstore provided a donation to support their mission. To learn more, visit www.hcvpgh.org.

Pittsburgh Arts and Lectures provide educational experiences to thousands of students each year through their programs and works with hundreds of schools and non-profit organizations to share the resource of acclaimed authors visiting our community. This is accomplished with their Author Visits and Videoconferencing – authors visit an

area school for a one-hour question and answer session while six additional schools actively participate through videoconferencing technology. An unlimited number of schools can log in to view the event in real time. The Bookstore's donation supported the purchase of videoconferencing technology software that allows interaction between the students and author. More information is available at www.pittsburghlectures.org/education-outreach/author-visits-video-conferences.

Mark your calendars for the Bookstore at Calvary's 2017 Used Book Sale which will be held June 16-18. **We will begin accepting book donations on Friday June 2.**

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. ■



The Bookstore at Calvary's 2017 USED BOOK SALE

**JUNE
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**FRIDAY 5-7PM
PREVIEW PARTY
ADMISSION DONATION \$10**

**SATURDAY
10AM – 2PM**

**SUNDAY
9AM – 1PM**

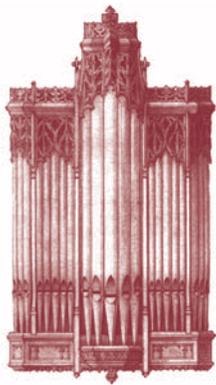
Flower Memorials

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. ■



MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



Thursday, May 25, is Ascension Day, the day, forty days after the Resurrection, when we celebrate Jesus' ascent into heaven. As we have many times, we will observe this occasion in tandem with St. Andrew's, Highland Park, with whose choir the Calvary choir will join in singing Evensong that day at 8 p.m., at St. Andrew's (Hampton Street at North Euclid).

Evensong, one of the most distinctively "Anglican" of the Church's rites, combines music and scripture in a different way than our usual Sunday morning liturgies do, and the jubilation of Ascension Day makes for a very festive occasion, musically as well as liturgically. I hope you'll join us that evening.

As you will likely have seen announced elsewhere, the 9 a.m. service relocates to the Swan Garden (weather permitting!) beginning on May 28; barring climatological surprises, it will continue there through September 24. In tandem with that (though not quite on the same schedule), the 11 a.m. will slip into summer mode on June 18, just after Trinity Sunday, with minor liturgical abbreviations to accommodate the shift to the Summer Choir and somewhat less elaborate ceremonial, through September 10.

I'd ask any keyboard-players who would like to take part in leading hymn-singing at the Garden Service (if there are yet any who have not already heard from me!) kindly to let me know of that interest, so they can be included in the schedule for the summer. My thanks to those already committed for sharing their talents.

The Calvary Choir has accepted an invitation to return to the Washington National Cathedral to sing services on Friday and Sunday, June 23 and 25; we'll be the choir for Evensong on both those dates (Friday at 5:30, Sunday at 4), and for the 11:15 a.m. service on Sunday morning. This will mark the Choir's seventh visit to the Cathedral in the past sixteen years, and our sixth opportunity to cover a weekend's services. We are already eagerly preparing for the thrill of singing in that vast and beautiful space. Trips like this bring musical growth, as we try to put our very best foot forward, and also build a deeper sense of community among our singers. I'm very grateful to those taking part for undertaking the commitment and expense of participating.

Speaking of the Summer Choir, anyone wanting to sing in the 11 o'clock service during the summer months (with the exception of June 25, when the choir is away in D.C.) is encouraged to join us at 10 a.m. for a rehearsal of that day's music. It's a great way to dip one's toe in the water and give choral singing a try. ■



The Global Gala Spring Fling was a great success! It was wonderful to bring together former and current Beginnings families, Board members, teachers, and friends from Calvary for a fun night celebrating our diverse community. The fantastic food and entertainment transported us from Pittsburgh to the far corners of the globe. We had a perfect ending to the night when the children, who had been well taken care of by our babysitters, joined their parents to dance to the rhythms of the Camara Drum and Dance Group. I'm sure everyone slept well when they got home.

There are so many people we want to thank for contributing to the success of the Global Gala. Several delicious dishes were generously donated by Sakura Teppanyaki & Sushi restaurant in Squirrel Hill, the Turkish Kabob House also in Squirrel Hill, and Mad Mex in Shadyside. Teachers Leigh Anne Shaver and Thilini Wanigaratne contributed to the feast with Syrian and Sri Lankan food while Beginnings parents Joanna Kitsios and Karessa Kuntz and Michael Muller brought Greek and German dishes. The night was made even more festive with the addition of homemade sangria by Ariana and Nick Smyth. A special thanks to those who contributed to our Global Market, including Beginnings parent Dora Magovern, Amy Kofmehl-Sobkowiak, owner of Flatboat Fair Traders, former Beginnings Director Peggy Morycz, and friend of Beginnings Andrea Edwards for her upcycled designs. We also want to thank the professionals at Calvary who worked behind the scenes, especially Ken Smith for the invitations, posters, and acting as the official photographer for the evening, and our wonderful sextons, Jeff Rutkowski, James Knight, and Ron Johnston for setting up and taking down.

Lastly, we want to express our gratitude to all of the friends of Beginnings who were unable to attend the event, but generously donated to the scholarship fund. We hope you will be able to join in the fun next year. Thank you for your generosity!

Gary and Grace Abbs
Maria Burgwin
Kathy and Dan Deis
David Eichelberger
Kathleen Farrington
Rabih and Leah Helou
Donald T. MacLeod

Polly Mullins, *in honor of Will, Wellsy, and Polly Farnsworth*
Sue Neff
Phil and Lorrie Roberts
Larry and Sharyn Rubin
Kathleen Short
Lea Simonds

Anna Brophy
Kate and Nic Byrd
Gez Ebbert
Tom Faciszewski
Normandie Fulson
Aileen Keyes
Peggy Morycz
Anne Robb
Jean Robinson
Barbara Scruggs
Henry Simonds and Colleen Daily
Yan Zhou

Your Friend, Ann Martino, *Director* ■

Recycle Event Recap

Calvary hosted an electronics recycling event on April 13, 2017. Donations totaled 7,997 pound of waste. Previously collections were 5,513 pounds in October, 2016, and 11,989 pounds in April, 2016 – almost **13 tons** of waste was kept out of landfills! We will host another event this fall.



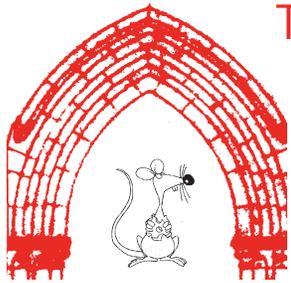
Also collected were roughly 350 pounds of used household batteries that were taken to a recycling facility. Thanks to all who contributed to a successful event. ■



From Sunday, May 28 through Sunday, September 24, the 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Swan Garden (weather permitting). In the event of rain, the service moves to the Nave. The 8 and 11 o'clock services will continue in the Church.

Beginning Wednesday, May 31, weekday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist will take place on Wednesdays only at 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The regular weekday Eucharist schedule will resume on Monday, September 11.

From June 5 through September 1, the Parish offices will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day), Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day), and Monday, September 4 (Labor Day). ■



The Church Mouse

Many thanks to my dear Calvary friends for the beautiful azaela plant which arrived at my door, Easter Monday. What a delightful surprise! The plant was accompanied by a colorful card created by the children of

Calvary. It warmed my heart. Please convey my thanks and best wishes to them. I had a glorious Easter and I am so grateful for your loving kindness. HE is Risen Indeed!

—Peace, *Sondra Krimmel* ■

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.

On Easter Eve, with a spark of symbolic brilliance, T. J. Freeman, using a flint-like starter, struck a flickering fire which was then brought into the darkened church to light the Paschal Candle, beginning, with appropriate drama, the Great Vigil of Easter. The service progressed through the retelling of biblical history and a baptism, to the triumphant acclamation of the resurrection and the glorious first Eucharist of Easter.

(The organ provided a different sort of drama at the Vigil when it suddenly, as if on cue, went silent after the second verse of the recessional, leaving the choir and congregation to sing the final verses a capella, with great gusto. A crew worked late into the night to bring it back to life for the following morning.)

The preceding week had seen Maundy Thursday, which brought afternoon and evening services, ending on the properly somber note, and Good Friday, with the three hours between noon and three o'clock spent in suitable meditative mood. That evening, the performance of Bach's St. John Passion by our choir, Chatham Baroque, and guest musicians, was magnificent and attended by a sizable audience.

The Easter morning main services were, as anticipated, quite grand. As you can tell, Holy Week brought with it many opportunities for worship, and saw a significant rise in traffic through the church and parish house. Calvary's staff and volunteers shone by keeping everything moving along flawlessly.

The following week, which should have been somewhat quieter, sadly saw a memorial service for Henry Hillman on Friday, and another funeral on Saturday. Again, staff and volunteers provided the necessary support.

And the week after that brought a very successful Spring Fling, and the arrival the following morning, starting at 4 o'clock, of the catering service charged with feeding a crew of 130 or so who were filming in the area for the series "Gone." Soon the same hall will harbor voting machines. A busy place.

Finally, as announced elsewhere in this issue, the above mentioned staff is about to undergo a significant change with the retirement of head sexton Jeff Rutkowski. It has been your humble reporter's distinct pleasure to have worked with him over the last several years as we have shared information, laughed, and worried over the workings of this space. God speed, Jeff. ■

Please remember
Calvary Church in your will.



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, May 28**. Led by The Rev. Leslie Reimer, we use music from the camp songbook.

Join us on these dates in 2017: September 24, October 22, and November 26.

Mark your calendars and join us when you can! ■



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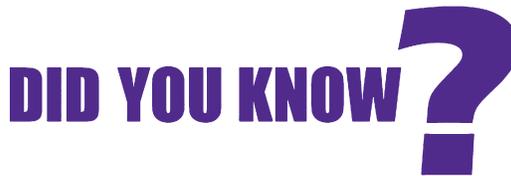
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A series of facts about the Church and Calvary in particular.

❖ **Bishop:** From the Greek *episcopos* (Note: “Episcopal” Church means a church with bishops) meaning “overseer” or in the Latin meaning “supervisor.” In the early church, a bishop was simply the priest of the largest congregation who also had a ministry of oversight of other congregations. A bishop is the chief minister and pastor of a diocese, a regional collection of congregations. The title for a bishop is “The Right Reverend.” Our bishop is The Right Reverend Dorsey McConnell with offices at Trinity Cathedral, downtown.

Two distinctive signs of the office are the mitre (the bishop’s hat) and the crozier (the pastoral staff). The bishop’s chair is called a “cathedra.” The seat or primary church of a bishop’s ministry is called a “cathedral.”

Calvary has two chairs for the bishop. One is to the left of the High Altar, as one faces it, to the right of the rector’s chair. There is a smaller, portable bishop’s chair, with a wooden mitre atop it, that is used when he does confirmation or other services on the crossing platform. The latter chair was a gift from the Right Reverend Walter Righter, former Bishop of Iowa, who is interred in Calvary’s columbarium. ■



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