

## Embracing Our Future Ministry Together

The Rev. T.J. Freeman and his family have been a blessing to us for the last three years at Calvary. While their absence will be felt by all, we are making plans for our future as a congregation. We will be in good hands.

Ordinarily, a curate or new priest stays in his or her first congregation for two or three years. A curacy, as the season is often called, is a time of mentored training and growth to be sent out to serve the larger church. I wish I could take credit for T.J. but he was great from the start. He could not have found a better match in a congregation to serve as a rector than Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Wayne.

T.J. will be difficult to replace. I knew it was possible that he would be leaving sometime this year but did not know for certain of his new call until May. In the winter, I began exploring potential options for clergy help in case of his departure.

The ideal time to search for a new curate is in February or March to allow for interviewing candidates who will complete seminary in May. Because of the timing, we will likely not have a new curate (third full-time priest) until summer of 2018 but will utilize very capable and experienced part-time help.

The vestry, finance committee, and I are committed to the importance of having a curate at Calvary, both for the benefit to the congregation and to train priests for service to the larger church. Offering assistance to the larger church is a significant part of what we do at Calvary. Just last week we helped two cathedrals in other dioceses, who contacted us, explore how to engage in newcomer ministry, young adult ministry, outreach through the building, and other areas.

Anticipating T.J.'s departure and, more importantly, because she is amazing, I contacted the Rev. Moni McIntyre and invited her to return to Calvary after her retirement as rector of the Church of the Holy Cross in Homewood at Christmas. She was at Calvary before her ordination. Moni is a gifted priest who excels in preaching and teaching. She will assist in a more visible role beginning in the summer. During the academic



year, in addition to being a full-time professor at Duquesne University, she will also teach at Calvary along with preaching and presiding at services.

The Rev. Carol Henley, another excellent priest, will begin to assist more at Calvary, with preaching and presiding, beginning in July. Carol has been serving on Sundays at Holy Cross after Moni's retirement.

The Rev. Ruth Bosch Becker, a retired Lutheran pastor with a long connection to Calvary, will also be able to assist in preaching and presiding. She is a gifted minister and we are grateful to have her and her husband John, a church musician and composer, with us. Both Carol and Ruth served exceptionally well during the search for a new rector at Calvary four years ago.

A fourth person we hope will soon be able to assist in a priestly role is Chuck Esposito. Chuck was a Roman Catholic priest for fourteen years in the area before resigning his orders and joining Calvary four years ago. Many know Chuck through his co-teaching of classes with me on the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts on Sunday mornings. His husband, John, is on the vestry.

Chuck has been discerning a call to serve as an Episcopal priest, over the last year, and has worked diligently to be formed in our tradition to complement his extensive preparation and prior experience as a Roman Catholic priest. God and the bishop willing, Chuck will become an Episcopal priest in the late summer. Because he was already ordained, he will not be re-ordained but "received" as a priest in our tradition. The bishop assured me, during his visit to Calvary in May, that Chuck will be able to help at Calvary in a priestly role "as long as you need him." In addition to his work as a full-time therapist, with an

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office in the Kenmawr building across the street, he will be able to preach, preside at services, continue to teach, and function fully as a priest at Calvary. When Chuck has all the necessary approvals and a date is set for his reception as a priest, it will be joyfully announced.

We expect and plan to continue the excellent ministry with young adults T.J. nurtured including social gatherings, formation classes, and opportunities to serve the community. I will take over leadership of the ministry to welcome newcomers to Calvary, one of T.J.'s areas of excellence. I developed the process we use to welcome and integrate newcomers many years ago. Leslie, the other clergy, and I will share in the preaching, teaching, pastoral care, liturgy, and other priestly ministries.

Please pray for me and Leslie this year, as we always pray for you, and join us in welcoming Moni, Carol, Ruth, and Chuck to serve in a more expanded role at Calvary.

—Jonathon ■

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## Obituary

### The Rev. Lynn Chester Edwards

Fr. Lynn Edwards died Monday, June 5, 2017 following complications from recent surgery. He was surrounded by friends and loved ones. A funeral service was held at Trinity Cathedral on Thursday, June 8.

Fr. Lynn worked faithfully as an interim and a supply priest throughout the Diocese, and was particularly willing to help at Calvary in recent years.

Fr. Lynn is survived by his partner, Barry. Thirty years ago Fr. Lynn founded the Shepherd Wellness Community. In many ways SWC was his extended family and he loved attending their wellness dinners and providing spiritual support and guidance to our members.

Please keep Fr. Lynn, Barry and the Shepherd Wellness Community in your thoughts and prayers as we experience this time of grief and loss and treasure the many ways Fr. Lynn touched our lives.

Shepherd Wellness Community will celebrate the life of Fr. Lynn on a date to be announced when final details have been decided. ■



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and on the web at

[www.calvarypgh.org](http://www.calvarypgh.org)

## Opportunities to Serve the Diocese

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is seeking nominations for various committees to serve beyond our parish. Calvary's involvement in leadership in the diocese is critical because, not too many years ago, we had no members serving on diocesan committees.

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is now welcoming nominations of clergy and lay persons for election to membership on various governing bodies and committees of the Diocese. The Nominating Committee, co-chaired by the Rev. Nancy Chalfant-Walker and Mr. Russell Ayres, will be accepting nominations through July 1 for elections to be held at the Diocesan Convention on November 10–11, 2017. This year's convention will be held at Christ Church, North Hills. Please note that Mr. Russ Ayres is a parishioner at Calvary.

At this year's Diocesan Convention we will be electing:

- Two lay persons to the Board of Trustees (financial and property management)
- One lay person to the Growth Fund (endowment).
- One clergy and one layperson to:
  - the Standing Committee (like a diocesan vestry),
  - the Cathedral Chapter (a vestry for the cathedral of diocesan members),
  - the Committee on Constitution and Canons
- Two clergy and one lay person to the Disciplinary Board.
- One person (clergy or lay) to the Commission on Ministry (discernment group for people thinking about ordination as priests or deacons).

More information is available by contacting the Rev. Jonathon Jensen at [jjensen@calvarypgh.org](mailto:jjensen@calvarypgh.org), or on the diocesan website at <http://www.episcopalpgh.org>. ■

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## Weekly Offering Cards

Cards that say "My gift comes electronically or by mail" can serve as a visible sign of your gift. Look for the purple cards in a basket in the Narthex or by the North Transept door each week, take one, and place it in the offering plate. ■

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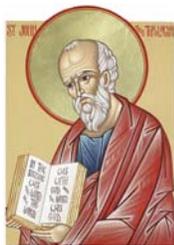
## Flower Memorials

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. ■



## In the Beginning was the Word: The Gospel of John

Beginning on Sunday, September 17 at 10 a.m., we will offer a class on the Gospel of John that will continue throughout the academic year convening in McClintic Hall. The Rector and Mr. Chuck Esposito will co-teach the class in a similar format they offered with the classes on the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts.



The Gospel of John differs considerably from the other three Gospel accounts by Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John has no parables, no temptation of Jesus story, no transfiguration, no institution of the Eucharist, no casting out of demons, no sermon on the mount, and no Lord's Prayer. It is marked by various discourses and "I am" statements from Jesus such as "I am the bread of life" or "I am the good shepherd" or "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

The Gospel of John also includes multiple miracles not found in the other three Gospels including turning water into wine, giving sight to a man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. All of the recommended readings for funerals are found in the Gospel of John which has some of the most challenging and comforting words in all of the Scriptures. Notably, John portrays Jesus as the Eternal Word or Logos, our reading every Christmas Day, "In the beginning was the Word..."

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m., beginning on September 17 in McClintic Hall, as we study together the rector's favorite book of the Bible, The Gospel of John. ■



## The Women of Calvary Bazaar is Changing

We are happy to announce that this year's Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, October 28**, and it will now be known as the **Calvary Fall Bazaar**. We'll still

offer our traditional early holiday shopping opportunities and great food, but now we'll also have wonderful Fall merchandise. While still sponsored by the Women of Calvary, for the first time we are expanding Bazaar leadership to include the entire Parish. We invite both the men and women of our congregation to get involved in all levels of the planning and execution of the Bazaar. Teens are welcome too! While you're enjoying summer activities, start thinking about how you'd like to participate, and what you'd like to donate. We're looking for new ideas and we need volunteers! If you'd like to be part of the team, please contact Susie Prentiss at [prentiss1942@gmail.com](mailto:prentiss1942@gmail.com). ■



## Pack-to-School

One school year ends, another begins. And so the start of Women of Calvary's Pack to School project for 2017-2018 is right around the corner.

The program, which the WOC has sponsored for many years, benefits students at Pittsburgh's Lincoln Elementary School. It provides much needed school supplies and other items for students at the Homewood school, which is also our partner in CLASP, the Calvary-Lincoln After-School Program.

The WOC is asking once again for your generosity in supporting this important mission. In particular, donations of uniforms and hygiene items such as Kleenex and sanitizer wipes are needed. Lincoln uniforms consists of blue bottoms (pants or skirts) and white or light blue shirts. All sizes through boys 16 and girls 14 are needed.

Other needed items include socks, underwear and T-shirts.

**Kindergarten through third grade:** Backpacks, crayons, pencils and scissors.

**Fourth and fifth grades:** Binders, calculator protractors, glue sticks and colored pencils and colored markers.

For more information or to help out, contact Mary Ann Slater at [slatersaur904@gmail.com](mailto:slatersaur904@gmail.com). Further details about the donations, and where and when to bring them, will be given in the summer church bulletins and the August issue of *Agape*. We are hoping that Calvary's continued concern for others will make the 2017-2018 school year another successful one for the Pittsburgh Lincoln school. ■

## Advice from a Sea Turtle

Swim with the current.

Be a good navigator.

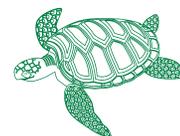
Stay calm under pressure.

Be well traveled.

Think long term.

Age gracefully.

Spend time at the beach!



[www.yourtruenature.com](http://www.yourtruenature.com) ■

# Calvary Calendar Highlights

## Friday June 16, 2017

*George Berkeley, 1753, and Joseph Butler, 1752, Bishops and Theologians*

5:00 P.M. Used Book Sale Preview Party

## Saturday June 17, 2017

10:00 A.M. Used Book Sale

10:00 A.M. Alpha House Car Wash

## Sunday June 18, 2017

*The Second Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day*

7:30 A.M. Coffee

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. Garden Service

10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up

10:00 A.M. Used Book Sale

11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

12:15 P.M. Coffee Hour

1:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Bus Departs

## Tuesday June 20, 2017

11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting

4:00 P.M. Diocesan Standing Committee

7:00 P.M. Spiritual Reflection

7:00 P.M. AA

## Saturday June 24, 2017

*The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*

10:00 A.M. Used Book "Bag Sale"

1:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Bus Returns

## Sunday June 25, 2017

*The Third Sunday after Pentecost*

7:30 A.M. Coffee

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. Garden Service

10:00 A.M. Used Book "Bag Sale"

10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up

11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour

1:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Bus Departs

## Monday June 26, 2017

*Isabel Florence Hapgood, Ecumenist and Journalist, 1929*

6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist

6:30 P.M. Vestry Dinner and Meeting

7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer

7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship

## Saturday July 1, 2017

*Harriet Beecher Stowe, Writer and Prophetic Witness, 1896*

1:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Bus Returns

## Monday July 3, 2017

The Church and offices will be closed this day.

## Tuesday July 4, 2017

*Independence Day*

The Church and offices will be closed this day.

## Saturday July 8, 2017

1:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Bus Returns

## Tuesday July 11, 2017

*Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540*

8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp

11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting

7:00 P.M. Spiritual Reflection

## Wednesday July 12, 2017

*Nathan Söderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala and Ecumenist, 1931*

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

## Saturday July 15, 2017

1:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Bus Returns

## Sunday July 23, 2017

*The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

7:30 A.M. Coffee

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. Garden Service and Holy Baptism

10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up

11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist

12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour

## Saturday July 29, 2017

*Mary and Martha of Bethany*

1:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Bus Returns

## Saturday August 5, 2017

*Albrecht Dürer, 1528, Matthias Grünewald, 1529, and*

*Lucas Cranach the Elder, 1553, Artists*

1:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Bus Returns

## Friday August 11, 2017

*Clare, Abbess at Assisi, 1253*

## Agape Deadline

## Saturday August 12, 2017

*Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910*

1:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Bus Returns

5:30 P.M. Shelter Dinner Preparation  
(at Community House)

\*To make reservations for starred events, for which a meal is being prepared, please telephone the church office, 412.661.0120, extension 140.

The full calendar may be found on the Calvary website  
at [www.calvarypg.org](http://www.calvarypg.org).



### Reflections on 30 Years of Ministry to People Living with HIV/AIDS

*By the Rev. Lynn Edwards,  
Founder of the Shepherd Wellness Community*

My destiny in life remained a mystery to me until I heard hints about a strange disease “supposedly just affecting gay men.” Something stirred inside of me. I always knew, from my teenage years, that I was interested in men rather than women, but I was so far inside the closet that the FBI and CIA together could not have found me. As I reflect on my life, I see how God used this to enable me to have a unique ministry.

I somehow got invited (or did I invite myself?) to an informational meeting of the recently formed Pitt Men’s Study. When I arrived, people were sharing testimonies about what it was like to live with what was then being called HTLV-3 disease. They expressed the need for a social place where they could bring their loved ones. One of the attendees looked at me — the only identifiable clergy present — and added, “We also need a place of gentle spirituality.” I said that I could provide such a place. In hindsight, I figured if any such refuge was a “safe place,” it would be a church. I did this on my own, without talking to anyone at the church. I just announced that I had made the offer and that was the way it was going to be.

Cyndee Klemanski, Dr. Bill Brandon and six young men organized the first meeting. They chose the name “Shepherd Wellness Center” (later changed to Shepherd Wellness Community) because we met at The Church of the Good Shepherd, my church in the Hazelwood section of the city, about ten minutes from Oakland. Out of the first meetings came the idea that it should be a place to share meals and show that we weren’t afraid of eating together. The gatherings should be on Fridays, when young and not-so-young gay men would go out to the bars.

Fear was the operative word twenty-five years ago. It was a time when persons with AIDS had their homes torched in Florida. There were demonstrations against Ryan White and other hemophiliac children with HIV/AIDS who attempted to go to school.

When we began, I would call the police precinct every Friday evening and ask them to watch over The Church of the Good Shepherd on their rounds of the neighborhood, so that there would be no damage to the cars. At first they kept watch from a

“safe distance.” I later learned they were equipped with rubber suits and gloves in case they had to come in contact with us.

Over several years, the police slowly got over their fears. On one occasion, they entered the social hall to tell us that freezing rain had come, and while the roads were okay around the church, the sidewalks were dangerous. The police took our arms and helped people to their cars.

The first holiday party was a chaotic scene. We paid for a catered dinner, but when the caterer discovered that there were people in the church who had AIDS, he dropped the food off in the snow, about twenty-five feet away from the door, and would go no further. Dinner was a little late that night because we had to reheat it.

If fear was the operative word, loneliness was a close runner-up. In those early years, people often lived only weeks or months after being diagnosed. I remember a time when I was doing a funeral nearly every other week for someone who died from the results of the virus. Often, no family member was present. I was told more than once, “He made his bed, now let him lie in it.”

Some clergy were frightened of visiting the hospital rooms of patients dying of AIDS complications. Comments I heard included “doctors don’t know everything” and “some experts are saying that the disease is airborne.” Even some MDs were repeating this, stirring public fear. When clergy did visit, some were intent on getting patients to confess their sin of being gay so that they wouldn’t go to hell. It was because of this that I, along with Rev. Howard Cherry and a few other pastors, formed the Ministerial Network on AIDS.

Although society has become more accepting of people with HIV/AIDS and the public has become more educated about the disease, I worry that the pendulum has swung in the opposite direction. One sees fewer red ribbons. There is now the idea that the AIDS crisis is over. People, especially between the ages of 18 and 24, are returning to unsafe sex practices. Often the mindset is “by the time I get sick there will be medicine to keep me well.”

Now, to be sure, AIDS has become a “somewhat” manageable disease. People with the virus are returning to a “somewhat” normal life. But AIDS is still a deadly virus, and life for those infected is never completely normal; strict regimens of medicines that need to be taken. I do not see a cure or vaccine on the immediate horizon. But AIDS is becoming manageable. Every year new combinations are developed and people with HIV/AIDS are often able to return to work.

Early on in our history, our name was changed from The Shepherd Wellness Center to the Shepherd Wellness Community. People infected and affected by the disease need to bond together for support. Providing a caring and supportive community is what The Shepherd Wellness Community does so well. One person can say to another, “I know where you are because I’ve been there (or I am there).”

*—Courtesy Shepherd Wellness Community,  
Scott Peterman, Executive Director*



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# Goats hired to clear Utah church's weedy lot become unexpected evangelism tool

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2017/06/02/goats-hired-to-clear-utah-churchs-weedy-lot-become-unexpected-evangelism-tool/>



## 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 donating a portion of the proceeds from the 'yinzers' related items available at the Bookstore to Sheldon Calvary Camp located in Conneaut, OH. Established in 1936, Harry E. Sheldon Calvary Camp is a camping ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. It strives to work passionately to offer intentionally designed programs where children, young adults, and families develop skills for meaningful peer relationships, deepen connections to the natural environment, integrate faith into their everyday lives, and become dynamic and visionary stewards for our communities. The Bookstore donated \$429.50 in 2016 that was used to support the scholarship fund at the camp. To learn more, please go to [www.calvarycamp.org](http://www.calvarycamp.org).

Mark your calendars for the Bookstore at Calvary's 2017 Used Book Sale which will be held June 16-18. A preview party will be held Friday, June 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. with an admission donation of \$10. Hours on Saturday, June 17 are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

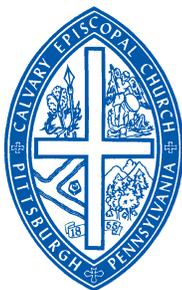
The Bookstore is open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® are accepted. ■

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

A huge thank you to all the Sunday school teachers for sharing time and their many gifts with Calvary's children and youth this year: **Claire Mazur, Isabella Victoria, Kristin Klingenberg, Betsy Holden, Sue Jones, Steve Kinsel, Pamela Abdalla, Trudy O'Nan, Kelli Burgess, Greg Norton, and PJ Williamson.**

Christian formation classes, the adult forum, and nursery care will resume in the fall.

—Susan Roth, Coordinator for Christian Formation  
412.661.0120 ext. 116, [sroth@calvarypgh.org](mailto:sroth@calvarypgh.org) ■



## The Bookstore at Calvary's 2017 USED BOOK SALE

**JUNE  
16 • 17 • 18**

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

**SATURDAY  
10AM – 2PM**

**SUNDAY  
9AM – 1PM**

## An unexpected evangelism tool

by David Paulsen, *Episcopal News Service*, June 2, 2017

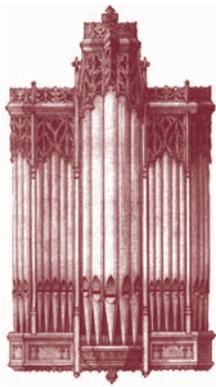
The Rev. Mary Janda has new perspective on Matthew 25:33. If God is to separate the righteous from the cursed like sheep from goats, Janda's recent experience at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in West Valley City, Utah, has gotten her thinking Matthew was a bit unfair to the goats in destining them for eternal punishment. "I mean, give the goats a break," said Janda, the vicar at St. Stephen's. Janda is not alone in her newfound affection for these biblically maligned animals. She, her congregation and its neighbors spent nine eventful days in May getting to know a flock of 108 goats – give or take a few, due to one death and three births. The goats proved surprisingly useful in taming the church's field of weeds, when they weren't escaping and getting into mischief in the neighborhood.

St. Stephen's, a mission congregation of the Diocese of Utah, chose to rent the flock as a less expensive and more environmentally friendly way of clearing about an acre and a half of vacant church land, Janda said. In the process, the goats became an unexpected tool for evangelism.

"People stopped and took pictures, and we made the evening news," she said by phone. The goats "just did a fantastic job." ■ See photos in the web edition of this issue.

## MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



As I mentioned last month, the Calvary Choir will be singing services at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. at the end of this month – Friday and Sunday, June 23 and 25. (Friday evensong is at 5:30; Sunday’s choral services are at 11:15 a.m. and 4 p.m.) Among the pieces we’ll be singing are the wonderful anthem, *A True Hymn*, commissioned by Calvary from composer Craig Phillips a decade ago,

and still much less well-known around the church than it deserves. It will be a treat to share it with the Cathedral congregation.

Following the trip to our Capital, I will be on sabbatical leave for a month, Part II of the leave begun last summer. It begins with a fortnight of what I hope will be intensive compositional work, for which I have several projects in mind. Following that, I will join with a friend’s choir for two weeks’ residential singing at two of England’s most spectacular cathedrals, Salisbury and Durham. We’ll be singing Evensong six days a week, plus Sunday morning services; it’s the very definition of a “chorister’s holiday,” and I can hardly wait! During my working-leave, and also some weeks of holiday that follow, our new Assistant Organist, Jon Tyillian, will be leading Calvary’s music; I know you, and especially those singing in the Summer Choir, will enjoy getting to know him. A reminder: Summer Choir rehearsals are Sundays at 10, with no long-term commitments. Please give it a try!

And, speaking of Choir, it’s not too late to mark calendars for the beginning of rehearsals next fall: Thursday evening rehearsals resume on September 14. New singers are welcome, and I’ll be delighted to speak with anyone about it as the season begins. The attractions this autumn include the Mozart Requiem and Handel’s *Messiah*.

Finally, at the risk of some self-absorption, I can’t help noticing that mid-July will mark twenty years since my arrival at Shady and Walnut. I am immensely grateful for the welcome I enjoyed then, and have enjoyed through all the time since, and for the musical challenges and opportunities that have arisen in such abundance across those years. Continuing thanks to all who are or have been a part of that, on both sides of the Rood Screen, and most especially to my clergy colleagues, without whose sympathetic collaboration that work would’ve been so much harder, if not altogether impossible. (It is very humbling to think that when my esteemed predecessor, Don Wilkins, reached this milestone, he was less than halfway through his tenure on Calvary’s organ-bench!) I look forward to the next installment, and thank you for the remarkable opportunity to serve here. ■



The Beginnings team of teachers, students, and parents met on June 1 to celebrate the end of our school year. The day was absolutely perfect for an outdoor picnic in the courtyard. The only thing better than the weather was the food! With lots of hugs, laughter, and some tears we said goodbye to this year’s families. Some we are looking forward to seeing again in the fall, but others are moving on to new cities and new adventures. No matter where they go, we hope our students will never forget the great beginning they had here in our little school.

While numbers cannot accurately express the life of the school, we wanted to give you some facts and figures that tell some of the story about the 2016-17 school year. This year, the school operated on a budget of \$186,659. The majority of our income came from student tuition which was \$3175.00 per student. We began the school year with 56 students. In total, 29 of our students this year were from countries outside the United States. In the course of the year, 13 students left Beginnings prior to May. The majority of these students are non-American children who returned with their families to their countries of origin. We were fortunate to welcome nine new students who joined Beginnings during the course of the school year. Our final two students joined the team in April. For students who join after September, we prorate the tuition. Another noteworthy figure is the \$12,575 of scholarship money that was received by 18 students this year.

Because of your support, we provided quality early childhood education to 65 students between September and May. Those are 65 children who blossomed in a warm, nurturing environment where the adults provided the structure and guidance to help them grow more independent, more competent, more prepared to face the challenges that this next stage of life will bring. We look forward to returning in September when we will meet the new families who will make up the 2017-18 Beginnings team. We wish you a wonderful summer!

Your Friend, Ann Martino, *Director* ■

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Congratulations to all those who were baptized on the Feast of Pentecost, June 4, 2017:

CALEB ROSS ADAMS  
NOLAN EDWARD ADAMS  
SAGE RUTHANNE ECKEL  
SIMON KAISER AWORI HAYANGA  
FINN MICHAEL KIRBY

# Holy Baptism



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

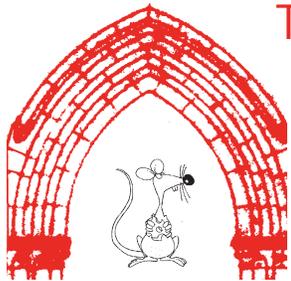
If you or someone you know desires to partake in this sacrament please contact the Reverend Jonathon Jensen (jjensen@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120 ext. 118) as soon as possible, so that the appropriate preparation and arrangements can be made. ■

## Summer Schedule

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.

Weekday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist will take place on Wednesdays only at 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. There will be a Holy Eucharist on Monday, June 26 at 6 p.m., before the meeting of the Vestry. The regular weekday Eucharist schedule will resume on Monday, September 11.

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, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day), and Monday, September 4 (Labor Day). ■



## The Church Mouse

Congratulations to **Rachel and Brandon Wickstrom** on the birth of their second son, Jude Forrest Wickstrom. Brother Cormac is very happy. Brandon served as our McNulty Intern and seminarian this past year.

He is entering his third and final year at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge. He is from the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho. ■

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 big news is that we honor T.J. Freeman's last day on the day of publication of this issue. His presence within these walls – and beyond – will be sorely missed. He and his family have certainly lent a vibrancy to the old place over these last three years. Bon Voyage to our Holy Hoosier.
- The other big news is that oversight of the church property and the maintenance staff has been assumed by our new head sexton, Jim Gubash.

You'll find that he's a personable guy, with several decades of experience caring for other historic properties through his own skills and management expertise. He has expressed a desire to bring more of our property care needs back under direct control of Calvary's staff, rather than outsourcing jobs as much as we have. Jim espouses a personal, hands-on approach, but he will need reasonably sturdy backs and capable hands to help him achieve his goals.

The aim, of course, is not only to keep the place in the best of shape while helping the budget, but also to have those most familiar with Calvary take even more ownership, both professionally (staff) and voluntarily (parishioners.)

And those staff and volunteers have been busy organizing, rearranging, cleaning and maintaining as the season marches on.

For instance:

- We already have the first garden service under our belts.
- Beginnings Pre-School's last day of operation for the school year was celebrated on June 1 in the Swan Garden in glorious weather.
- That same afternoon, preparation for the Book sale took over the school space.
- Pentecost was celebrated with cranes, geraniums, and strawberries.
- And the Book sale happens on June 17 and 18 – should be in just a few days, if the mail service is on the ball delivering this missive. Do come and buy your summer reading. ■

Please remember  
Calvary Church in your will.

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## About Agape

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The Church and offices will be closed on **Monday, July 3 and Tuesday July 4, 2017** in observance of **Independence Day**.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

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

❖ **Pentecost** is the longest season of the year from the completion of Easter to the beginning of Advent lasting roughly from early-June until late-November. The feast occurs on the seventh Sunday after Easter whose date varies annually.

The term “Pentecost” means “fiftieth day” as in the fiftieth day after Passover. Pentecost was a feast in both the Old Testament and New Testament. In the Hebrew world it was a type of agricultural festival. In the early life of the Church, it took on new meaning with the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples, a fulfillment of Jesus’s promise that Christ would be with us always.

The color of the season is red for the first Sunday of Pentecost, white for Trinity Sunday which is the second Sunday of the season, and green thereafter.

❖ **Font.** A container for holy water used at baptisms. The name comes from the Latin “fons” meaning a spring of water. Calvary has two fonts. One is the large, Caen stone font in the “baptistry,” the room for the font adjacent to the Lady Chapel. Note that the baptistry also has a memorial for the 493 parishioners who served in the Second World War. In the center are gold letters with the names of the 26 people who gave their lives. ■



## 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 **these dates in the fall: September 24, October 22, and November 26.**

Mark your calendars and join us when you can! ■

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