

The Church Year in Full Color



A parishioner recently asked a great liturgical question. “Why, in the Lady Chapel, are the Altar and clergy almost always vested in blue?” Episcopalians have an important way to mark time, visually. We do so through colors employing them in the vestments priests wear and the hangings on the Altars and lectern. The colors change as the seasons of the Church year change. We call the feasts and fasts of the Church and all the signs to mark them, including colors, the liturgical year. In a very real sense, it is our time and worship shaped around Jesus Christ.

The liturgical year revolves around two feasts, Christmas and Easter. Some of the festival days of the church are based on the fixed date of Christmas (December 25) such as the first Sunday of Advent or the Annunciation (always March 25 or nine months before Christmas), or the Feast of the Epiphany, always on January 6. Easter Day is the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox and so the date of Easter changes from year to year. Some of the Church feasts and fasts are based on the moving date of Easter such as Ash Wednesday and all the major days of Holy Week like Palm Sunday and Good Friday. There is a special calendar, called an Ordo or Ordo Kalendar, available in the Calvary bookstore that lists all the feast and fast days and readings and colors for all worship services throughout the year.

The Church’s liturgical year is arranged to tell the story of God in Christ. Each season emphasizes a different part of the story and has a different feel with changes in colors, wording, music, and often its own traditions.

Advent, the beginning of the Church year’s liturgical year, is a four-week time of expectation and preparation for the first coming of the Lord celebrated at Christmas and the second coming in Glory. Music is generally more subdued and builds in

expectation. Traditions like Advent wreaths and Advent calendars or a Jesse Tree tell the story in different ways. Calvary Church uses purple as the color for Advent.

Christmas is a season that celebrates the Incarnation or God becoming one of us with and for us in Christ. It is not just December 25 but a twelve-day season enduring until the feast of the Epiphany. White, or sometimes gold, is the color for Christmas.

Epiphany is a season, starting on January 6th, when we

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observe the story of the visit of the magi to the infant Christ, that endures about five weeks until Ash Wednesday. The season reveals multiple epiphanies or manifestations of God in Christ. Epiphany has special traditions like King Cakes, blessing of homes, and the Carnival season. White, or sometimes gold, is also the color for the season of Epiphany through the first Sunday and then green after that.

Lent is a season beginning on Ash Wednesday, when we receive the imposition of ashes as a sign of our mortality and repentance, with forty days plus Sundays as a time to prepare for Christ’s resurrection. The worship takes on marked differences with no use of alleluias or the Gloria and the music changes to a more solemn tone. At Calvary, the Great Litany is sung in procession on the first Sunday of Lent. The color purple is employed through most of Lent and then red is used for Holy Week which begins on Palm Sunday, when we retell the story of Jesus’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem and read the Passion Gospel (Jesus’ crucifixion and death).

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Easter is the season to celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead through whom we have new life. The first observance of this is the Great Vigil of Easter held in the evening before Easter Sunday. Throughout the season, alleluia (meaning praise the Lord) and the Gloria (Glory be to God on high...) are used, the Confession is often omitted, the music becomes joyous, and a new Paschal

Candle, representing the light of Christ in the world, burns throughout the season and also during every funeral. The whole season is fifty days, beginning at the Vigil, and ends on the day of Pentecost. The color white or gold is used throughout Easter.

The Feast of Pentecost observes the gift of the Holy Spirit and the formation of the Church, the people of God called to carry on Jesus' mission and ministry of loving and serving God and our neighbors. On that day, we often reenact the gift of the Spirit by having people read the story in different languages. The color of the Feast Day of Pentecost is red. The second Sunday of the Pentecost season is called Trinity Sunday, using the color white, when we focus on the mystery of God. The rest of the season of Pentecost has the rather inglorious name of "Ordinary time" with the color green being used. The season endures about five months all the way until Advent begins the cycle or Church's liturgical year once again.

Throughout the whole year, a few of the same and other colors make an appearance. White is used at any funeral regardless of season because we understand every funeral to be a proclamation of Easter and the resurrection. Black may be used at All Souls' Day or a requiem mass. Rose or pink may be used on two Sundays of the Church year, Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent) and Laetere Sunday (Fourth Sunday in Lent). To my knowledge we do not have any rose vestments and can certainly get by without them. The color red is also used to observe the feasts of martyrs (red represents the blood of the martyrs) and apostles and often at ordinations.

Where does the blue come in for the chapel? The formal name for the space, located by the large baptismal font, is the "Morning Chapel." Most call it the "Lady Chapel" following an old English custom, because it is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady. All of the symbolism from the mother and child images, the Magnificat window above the Altar (Mary's song of joy), the fleur-de-lys, and the pronounced use of the color blue which has historically been the color to represent Mary, points to that being the

intention of the space. Notice that blue is even the color of the kneelers in the chapel.

In Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter the traditional colors associated with the seasons are used in the chapel. During most other times, and always in Advent and most of Epiphany, we use blue because it is dedicated to Mary.

As a rule of thumb, whenever green is the liturgical color, blue is used in the Lady Chapel in its place. In 2016, this meant the Lady Chapel was adorned in blue for almost eight months from January 11 (First Monday of Epiphany) through February 9 (Shrove Tuesday) and then again from May 23 (Monday after Trinity Sunday) until Christmas. The parishioner was right. The chapel is adorned in blue, for Mary, most of the year. ■

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacqueline'.

THANKSGIVING DAY *Worship*

Calvary will host an East End Episcopal Thanksgiving Day service on Thursday, November 24 at 9:30 a.m. All area Pittsburgh Episcopal churches are invited.

The worship will be a celebration of Holy Communion, Rite II, with congregational hymns and choral music. The Rev. Deacon Jean Chess, of St. Andrew's Church in Highland Park, will be the preacher. The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, Rector of Calvary Church, will preside at the Eucharist. Clergy and lay leaders from area Episcopal congregations will serve as lectors and Eucharistic ministers. Choral singers from other Episcopal congregations are invited to join with the Calvary Choir.

St. Andrew's Church will host next year's Ascension Day service on Thursday, May 25. Calvary will join with St. Andrew's to celebrate the feast together with combined choirs and congregations.

These shared services on the feasts of Thanksgiving and Ascension will provide a meaningful opportunity for us to share our gifts and prayers and work together as one Church during this busy time of year.

The worship on Thanksgiving will conclude about 10:30 a.m. so there will be time to prepare and celebrate the feast with family and friends at home. All are welcome. ■

Calvary's complete schedule of services and events for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany has been included with this issue of *Agape*.

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Each week at communion, during the presentation of the sacred gifts of bread and wine, the priest says these words to the people. The bread, wine, and money from the offertory are all presented at the Altar, a symbol of the divine-human encounter. The gifts themselves are symbols of offering all of ourselves to God. The priest blesses them, marks them as dedicated to a holy purpose, and presents them back to the people who shared them. The Gifts of God for the People of God. A literal translation renders a helpful understanding of what is really intended; “The holy for the holy.”

Simple bread, wine, and money are consecrated to God and become holy just as ordinary people consecrated to God become saints. Each is a symbol of the divine, transforming love breaking into our world. Each gift, then, no matter how large or how small, has infinite value in God’s Kingdom.

A number of years ago, I began a practice of writing a handwritten thank you note to each person who makes a financial pledge to Calvary, no matter how large or how small. Handwriting was always my worst subject in school so please do not interpret the legibility of my words for my depth of affection for you.

A rector of Calvary in the late 19th century, George Hodges, never tired telling the people, in every way he could, of his love and affection for them. Please know I feel the same way. To serve with you as rector at Calvary is the best possible job or vocation I can imagine. I also pray and give thanks to God for each person as I write the note. The thank you notes are chicken scratches with affection that have become a type of spiritual discipline.

My love for the people of Calvary and commitment to the particular mission we share are two reasons why my wife and I make a financial pledge and raised it this year. We give away a little over 10% of our income each year, the majority of which goes to Calvary. I believe in Calvary and what God is doing through us. It is a small way we can give back to recognize further what it means to be the Holy for the Holy.

If you have not made a financial pledge to Calvary for 2017, I invite you to join us as you are able. If you have already made a pledge, thank you. Every gift matters and is a sacred offering for sharing God’s transforming love in the world.

Invitation to Reflections on Giving

If you would be willing to write your own reflection on stewardship, we would like to include it in a future issue of *Agape*. This is, essentially, like a written form of the wonderful stewardship talks we hear during the Sunday morning services in the fall. A few helpful ways to get started are:

What Calvary means to me. Why I give to Calvary. How is God calling me to be generous? How I have experienced grace at Calvary. What is a life of generosity?

The practice can be a little intimidating. What you have to say and what you believe matter. Think of the practice of writing this as a spiritual discipline that does good beyond you. Someone needs to hear the grace in what you have to say.

Please email your submissions to calvary@calvarypg.org.
–Jonathon ■

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Caring for the Future

by John & Peggy O’Rourke

My husband John and I have been members of Calvary Church for 15 years. We moved here from Christ Church in Alexandria, Virginia two months after the terrorist attacks of 9/11. For those of you who remember her, Pam Foster was the assistant at Christ Church when we moved. She told us to “Try Calvary Church, I know you will like it.” Pam was definitely right!

We moved to Pittsburgh not knowing anyone here; we just thought that we would like the city. So, Calvary was our first encounter with what we came to know as welcoming Pittsburghers. But, what we were delighted to find was that Calvary was just as welcoming to anyone and everyone who walked through the doors. And, being on the edge of an affluent neighborhood and an inner city neighborhood gave us and the Church an enormous opportunity to put our Christian faith into action every day.

We have participated in so many activities that formed the fabric of our lives in the East End: the outreach committee, the Christmas “berry” project, food donations for EECM, clothing drives for winter clothes for the homeless and needy, Neighborhood Academy dinners, shelter dinners, the Women of Calvary grant committee, and so many other opportunities to reach out and extend ourselves.

But, besides providing us the opportunities to give of ourselves, Calvary has just as importantly supported us in our daily lives. Even though we attend the simple, quiet 8 o’clock Sunday service, we truly enjoy the concerts provided by the Organ Artist Series and Chatham Baroque who perform in this beautiful place. And, when pastoral care is needed, it is there. When family members have died, or when health concerns arose, Calvary clergy were there with words of hope and solace. That support even extended to the recent loss of our beloved golden retriever. Truly all are welcome and valued in this holy place.

Because Calvary Church is so entwined in our lives, we want to make sure that future generations of parishioners will be

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able to receive the many benefits and blessings that we have been so fortunate to find here. So, it was not a difficult decision for us to include Calvary Church in our estate plans. What better way to “pay it forward” than to ensure that the foundation of Calvary Church remains strong and solvent for generations to come.

For the record, we were members of Christ Church, Alexandria for over 25 years, and they, too, are included in our estate plans. Our lives have been immeasurably strengthened and sustained by the two wonderful Episcopal parishes that have provided us membership and community and support. ■



Please remember Calvary Church
in your will.

The Bookstore at Calvary Episcopal Church

Advent and Christmas Gifts
for everyone on your list.

A feast of offerings for every taste!

- Advent calendars & nativities
- Christmas books & ornaments
 - Crosses & jewelry
- Books for children & adults
- Episcopal t-shirts, sweatshirts & more
- Bibles, hymnals & prayerbooks

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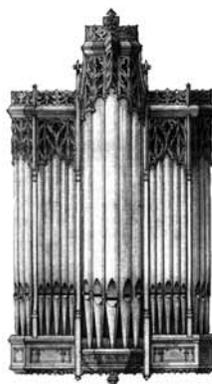
Store Hours: Tuesday through Friday: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.;
Saturdays (during December) 10 a.m.–Noon;
Sunday: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

The Bookstore is excited to announce the arrival of Thistle Farms natural body care products. Thistle Farms was started in 2001 to provide employment for the women of Magdalene. Founded in 1997 by Episcopal priest the Reverend Becca Stevens, Magdalene is a residential program for women with a criminal history of prostitution and addiction. Every product is handmade by the women of Thistle Farms, which includes bath salts, body balms, body butters, lip balms, lotions, shower gels, and soaps in a variety of scents.

The first day of Advent is Sunday November 27, 2016 and the Bookstore has many items to celebrate the season. A variety of nativities from around the world, Advent books, calendars, and candle sets for your Advent wreath are available. ■

MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



With November half-over, Advent is just around the corner. Episcopalians seem to have a denominational affinity for Advent, which I think only gets stronger as the culture around us gets more and more preoccupied with the season of “Xma\$.”

As usual, we will mark the opening of Advent on Sunday, November 27, with a service of Lessons and Carols for the season. Chatham Baroque will join our singers in music that explores the anticipatory nature of the season, looking ahead toward Christmas, but honoring the “not yet” nature of this time. Please join us for that service, at 5 p.m. (replacing CandleMass that week), and for the pot-luck *hors-d’oeuvre* reception that follows.

There are two seasonal concerts in the following weeks of December, one featuring Stile Antico, a marvelous British choral ensemble, on December 3, and the other showcasing Chatham Baroque, on December 17. (Tickets for these events are available through www.rbsp.org and www.chathambaroque.org, respectively.)

Then, because the configuration of this year’s Advent season allows it, our choirs will (for the first time in two decades, at least) offer a Christmas-oriented service of Lessons and Carols, on Sunday afternoon, December 18, again, at 5 p.m. We’re very excited to have an opportunity to experience the familiar Lessons and Carols structure with a focus on the Nativity and its much-loved music – including familiar carols for everyone to sing.

I hope you can join us for all these occasions.

Baritone Joel Goodloe, a member of the CandleMass schola who also sings occasionally with the Calvary Choir, is giving a performance of Schubert’s wonderful song-cycle, *Winterreise*, to poems by Wilhelm Müller, on Saturday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church (at the corner of Ellsworth and Morewood Streets). Pianist Brian Gilling joins in this event. *Winterreise* is most often sung in its original German; Joel is offering the first Pittsburgh performance of a new English translation that makes the poet’s bleak but very beautiful “winter journey” more accessible to non-German-speaking audiences. A \$10 donation is suggested. ■

Chili Fest 2017

Please make plans to join us on **Saturday, February 4, 2017, beginning at 6 p.m.** This is a family friendly event, so bring the children. You are invited to bring your favorite chili recipe, or a salad or cornbread. Full details will be announced soon. ■



Beginnings is fortunate to welcome three wonderful new teachers to our team this year.

Ms. Marcela King joins us as a member of the teaching team in the Purple Classroom. Marcela was born in Bolivia to American parents. Her family spent a decade doing community development in the city of Santa Cruz before they returned to the United States. Marcela obtained an Elementary Education Degree at Goshen College in Indiana where she also minored in Teaching English as a Second Language. For the past sixteen years, Marcela has lived in Pittsburgh with her husband and three daughters, Penelope (8), Lucia (11) and Thalia (15). While in Pittsburgh, Marcela has served as a volunteer in her children's school as well as working as a preschool teacher at the Cyert Center at CMU. We welcome her enthusiasm and love for young children.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Ms. Sarah Bumsted is no stranger to Calvary. Her father Charles Altman is a parishioner and Sarah delights in her childhood memories of attending Sheldon Calvary Camp in the summers. She is making new memories with her own family by attending Family Camp with her daughters Annie (7) and Kit (5). Annie and Kit who attend Ellis, their mother's alma mater, were excited to join us for the day helping in the Blue Classroom where Sarah has joined the teaching team. Sarah brings to Beginnings many years of experience as a Special Education teacher and consultant. After obtaining two Master's Degree in New York City, one in Special Education at Bank Street College, and one in Social Work at Colombia, Sarah taught in the New York City public schools. When her family moved to Bermuda, Sarah worked as a Special Education consultant in Bermuda's private schools. Sarah returned to Pittsburgh in 2015 and is happy to be back in the classroom at Beginnings.

Ms. Kranti Gawade joins us as a member of the teaching team in the Orange Classroom. Born and raised in Mumbai, India, Kranti attended Mumbai University where she obtained both a bachelor's degree in Chemistry and in Education, specializing in secondary level mathematics. She went on to teach science and math to high school students for five years in India before coming to the United States in 2003. In addition to dedicating her time to raising her daughter Reva (5), Kranti has volunteered as a teaching assistant at Shadyside Presbyterian Nursery School for several years. At Shadyside Nursery School, Kranti discovered how much she enjoyed working with young children because of their desire to explore new things. Kranti is excited to encourage her students' curiosity and sense of wonder.

Your friend, *Ann* ■

An Award for Chip Reynolds

Congratulations to Calvary parishioner, **Dr. Chip Reynolds**, who is the recipient of the prestigious Pardes Humanitarian Prize in Mental Health for his work in breakthroughs for the prevention and treatment of depression, particularly among older adults and those living in poverty. Chip is the co-founder of the Global Consortium on Depression Prevention, is the editor of the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, and has served as president of the American College of Psychiatrists. His work through medicine improving the lives of those facing depression, particularly among the most vulnerable, is one shining example of faith in action.

Chip and his wife, **Ellen Detlefsen**, will soon be leaving Pittsburgh for Maine to be closer to family but will make return visits to the city and Calvary. On behalf of all at Calvary, congratulations, we will miss you, and God speed.

There is a YouTube video posted about Chip and the award at www.youtube.com/watch?v=uipNVU2a2oM ■

Vote CNN Heroes for the Rev. Becca Stevens



The recent Episcopal Church Women's event featured a powerful and poignant talk by the Rev. Becca Stevens, founder of Thistle Farms. The latter is a community of women who have survived prostitution, trafficking, and addiction and believe love is the strongest force for change in the world. In 1997, Becca created a two-year residential program called Magdalene. It has grown over the years to now include additional homes, inmate program, and referral services. In 2001, Becca started a body care company to give jobs to survivors. By 2016, Thistle Farms sales passed the \$2,000,000 mark and survivors earned more than \$850,000 in wages through four Thistle Farms social enterprises.

Becca has saved women across the country and around the world, so please vote for her on the CNN website: www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/cnn.heroes/vote/. This is truly one time you can vote early and often, up to 10 times each day. If she wins, CNN will give her \$100,000.

You can also support this amazing priest and her survivors by purchasing Thistle Farms products at the Calvary Bookstore and Whole Foods. Ebony, daughter of a survivor, graduated from college, started working for Thistle Farms and convinced Whole Foods to carry these products.

Thank you for caring! ■

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EAST END COOPERATIVE MINISTRY'S (EECM'S)

2016 HOLIDAY "BERRY" PROGRAM

This Christmas season, Calvary has committed to helping **69 participants** of EECM youth and housing programs (Children and Youth Programs, Bridge Housing, and Penn Free Housing). Each participant has requested three items: something they need, something they want, and a book or calendar. These requests have been coded onto individual berries, which are posted in the Parish Hall. These gifts relieve the financial burden on many East End families at Christmas, and brighten their holidays. Calvary has been a strong supporter of this program, and we request your help again this year. To participate, please:

1. **Choose** one or more berries and **sign out** each berry on the corresponding sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.
2. **Bring** each wrapped gift, with the berry securely attached (code showing) to the Parish Hall between **Sunday, November 27** and **1 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, 2016**. Please include a **gift receipt** for clothing items. The gifts will be taken to the EECM building for delivery to the families on December 6. The deadline is so early because EECM needs to deliver these gifts before they start their massive holiday food distribution.

In addition, we are collecting **\$25 Giant Eagle gift cards** for distribution to families that participate in the EECM Food Pantry program. Gift cards should be dropped off at the Calvary reception desk by **1 p.m. on Sunday, December 4**.

A few volunteers are needed to staff the sign-up tables before and after services on **November 20 and 27** to answer questions. About 4 volunteers are needed to sort and bag the gifts from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. on **Sunday, December 4**. We also need at least one volunteer to make reminder phone calls on Sunday night (**December 4**), and about 4 volunteers with cars or vans to deliver the gifts to the EECM Community House at 1 pm on **Tuesday, December 6**.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Ros Stone (Roslyn@pitt.edu or 412.781.9329) or John Wilson (jww@pitt.edu).

Thank you for your support!



THANKSGIVING DAY *Worship*

**Thursday, November 24, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.
Calvary Episcopal Church**

Holy Communion, Rite II
with congregational hymns and choral music

Preacher: The Rev. Deacon Jean Chess,
St. Andrew's Church, Highland Park

Celebrant: The Rev. Jonathon Jensen,
Rector, Calvary Church

*Clergy and lay leaders from area Episcopal congregations
will serve as lectors and Eucharistic ministers.*

Choral singers are warmly invited to join members of the Calvary Choir to lead music for this service. Interested singers are asked to be in touch directly with Dr. Alan Lewis (alewis@calvarypgh.org) to let him know they'll be present, and what voice-part they sing; he will respond with links to scores and recordings of the pieces being sung, for convenient preparation. The same-day rehearsal for the 9:30 a.m. service will be at 8 a.m. in the Choir Stalls (with music-copies provided); singers should bring their choir-vestment from their own church, if at all possible.

All are welcome to celebrate the Feast of Thanksgiving together



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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18**

The Holy Eucharist, at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

Christmas Pageant in the 11 o'clock service



• **No Christian Formation classes on this day.**

The children of the Sunday School, assisted by a live menagerie of sheep, goats, a donkey, and a camel, re-enact the story of Jesus' birth.

• **Lessons and Carols for Christmas, 5 p.m.**

The Calvary Choirs and soloists mark the transition from Advent to the coming of Christmas in this service, tracing the promise of redemption to its fulfillment at Bethlehem.



**Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24**

4 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, *celebrant*;

The Rev. T.J. Freeman, *preacher*

Holy Eucharist and Sermon, with carols and special music for choir, brass, and organ. *Music begins 30 minutes before each service. Childcare will be provided during the 4 p.m. service.*



**Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25, at 9:30 a.m.**

The Holy Eucharist with sermon and Christmas carols.



The clergy will take Holy Communion to homebound parishioners during the Octave of Christmas.

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you wish to arrange a visit.



The Parish Offices will close at Noon on Friday, December 23, and be closed Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, 2017. There will be no 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist on those Mondays.

**The Holy Name
of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday, January 1, 2017**

The Holy Eucharist, at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

No Christian Formation classes; the Nursery will be closed.



**The Epiphany
of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Friday, January 6**

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 12 noon.



**First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 8**

The Holy Eucharist, at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered at 11 a.m. Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know wishes to be baptized.

• **Christian Formation classes for all ages resume.**

The Nursery will be open.

• **A Class on the Book of Acts, 10 a.m.**

• **CandleMass, 5 p.m.**

The logo for Calvary Episcopal Church. It features a stylized cross above the word "CALVARY" in a large, bold, serif font. Below "CALVARY" is the words "EPISCOPAL CHURCH" in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font.



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The Reverend T.J. Freeman, *Associate Rector*
The Reverend Ruth Bosch Becker, *Assisting Pastor*
The Reverend Carol Henley, *Assisting Priest*
Dr. Alan Lewis, *Director of Music*
Susan Roth, *Coordinator for Christian Formation*

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**Advent
Christmas &
Epiphany
2016-2017**

The Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us. O come let us adore him!



Weekday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist
Monday 6 p.m.; Wednesday 7 & 10:30 a.m.



First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016

The Holy Eucharist, at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

• **Combined Christian Formation this day for children at 10 a.m.** All children and youth are invited to the Evans Room for an Advent celebration. Please join us.

• **Adult Forum at 10 a.m., in the Refectory**
Why the Incarnation Matters, part 1. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, how do we understand what it means that “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”? Beyond adoring the baby in the manger, how does the Incarnation shape our belief and our lives? Leslie Reimer will present this forum in two sessions, the second of which will take place December 11.

• **A Calvary Camp Holy Eucharist, 3 p.m.**

We gather for an informal celebration of the Holy Eucharist with music from the Camp songbook. The Rev. Leslie Reimer, Calvary Camp’s Director of Spiritual Life, will be the celebrant and preacher. Campers and their families, staff, alumni, and friends of Calvary Camp are welcome. Children are invited to participate fully. Light refreshments and time to visit with each other follow each service.

• **Lessons and Carols for Advent, 5 p.m.**

Chatham Baroque joins the Calvary Choirs and soloists in music celebrating the coming of the King of kings. Readings and music give voice to the hopes and expectations of the season. A pot-luck *hors-d’oeuvre* reception follows the service.



Stile Antico in concert: “Wondrous Mystery”



Saturday, December 3, at 8 p.m.

The renowned British vocal ensemble presents a delightful mixture of the formal and the informal, ranging from folk-like dances to elaborate polyphony. Tickets available in advance through www.rbsp.org, or at the door.



Second Sunday of Advent, December 4

The Holy Eucharist, at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

• **Adult Forum at 10 a.m.: John Magee, the Episcopal Church, and the Nanjing Massacre.** The Rev. John Magee, a native son of Calvary, served as a missionary in China from 1912-1938 and was instrumental in saving 100,000 Chinese from death at the hands of the Japanese Imperial Army. Amazingly, his story was lost to us until a Chinese documentary filmmaker visited Calvary last year. Learn more about Magee, his life, work, and witness from Calvary archivist Becky Randall and from Chinese historian Vanessa Sterling, who recently visited Nanjing to learn firsthand about Magee’s legacy.

• **A Class on the Book of Acts, 10 a.m.** The Acts of the Apostles, a sequel to the Gospel of Luke, tells the story of the early followers of Jesus, after his Ascension, and the growth of the faith among Jesus’s own people in Jerusalem then throughout the known world. Led by the Rector and Chuck Esposito.

• **Calvary Young Adult Ministry at 12:45 p.m. –
Brunch at Panera, Bakery Square**

• **CandleMass, 5 p.m. in the Choir**

A celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with music ranging from Gregorian Chant to the present day, led by the Calvary Schola. Light and shadow, Word and gesture, sound and scent combine to draw us to the threshold of the Holy. Visit CandleMass.org for more information.

Third Sunday of Advent, December 11

The Holy Eucharist, at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

• **Adult Forum at 10 a.m.: Why the Incarnation Matters, part 2.** As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, how do we understand what it means that “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”? Beyond adoring the baby in the manger, how does the Incarnation shape our belief and our lives? Leslie Reimer presents this forum.

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• **CandleMass, 5 p.m.**



Young Adult Ministry Yule Ball

Friday, December 16 – 7 p.m., in the Refectory

Please join us for the third annual Calvary Young Adult Ministry Yule Ball. We will gather in the Refectory at the Church for food, fellowship, and frivolity. Please let me know if you would like childcare. This is a wonderful evening to relax and enjoy each other’s company in the midst of the holiday season.

If you have any questions please contact The Rev. T.J. Freeman at tjfreeman@calvarypgh.org.



Chatham Baroque’s Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 17 at 8 p.m.



Canadian Soprano Pascale Beaudin and lutenist David Walker join Pittsburgh’s own Baroque Trio to perform Handel’s youthful *Gloria*, a Christmas cantata by Alessandro Scarlatti, and sacred works from Claudio Monteverdi’s late collection *Selva morale e spirituale*. Tickets available through www.chathambaroque.org, or at the door.

Status Report from the Treasurer

At its October 24th meeting, the Vestry approved the Treasurer's Report for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. As the numbers below indicate, there is both good news and not so good news to report on the financial front. Although Pledge Income received is an excellent 95% of the budgeted amount for the first nine months of the year, this shortfall amounts to \$38,200. There is good news in the fact that Calvary has received from various estates and foundations several generous Gifts for Operations which have totalled \$26,200. In addition, our actual Operations Fund expenses are \$33,600 **less** than the budgeted nine month amounts. The not so good news is that our actual expenses have exceeded income by \$155,200. Historically, the 4th quarter of the year has reflected positive financial results here at Calvary. We are hoping that this trend will continue this year and that this deficit amount will decrease considerably. In order to accomplish this goal, it is important to remind everyone to continue to fulfill your 2016 pledge commitment to Calvary Church.

Sincerely, *Bob Eley*

Calvary Episcopal Church Operations Fund (Operations, Outreach & Capital Budgets) Year-to-Date Financial Results through September 30, 2016		
	9-Month Actual 2016	9-Month Budget 2016
Income:		
Pledge and Non-Pledge Contributions	\$696,500	\$744,500
Loose Plate and Special Offerings	24,100	41,200
Transfer from Endowment Fund	187,700	188,600
Trust Income	16,600	17,100
All Other Income	57,800	34,000
Total Income	982,700	1,025,400
Expenses:		
Salaries & Benefits	710,400	717,500
Diocesan Assessment	109,200	109,200
Maintenance & Operations of Bldgs.	103,900	110,200
Office & Administration/Finance	72,300	73,500
Taxes & Insurance	96,300	85,000
Hospitality & Parish Life	6,100	10,000
Christian Formation and Music	11,700	16,100
Pastoral Care & Outreach	17,400	35,000
Capital	10,600	15,000
Total Expenses	1,137,900	1,171,500
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(155,200)	(146,100)

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. ■

Coffee Hours

Hosts are needed for the coffee hour and social gathering after the 11 o'clock service. Consider hosting a Sunday to mark a special occasion, honoring a particular event or person or asking your group or organization. Please contact Judy Wootten at 724.733.1660 (wootten@windstream.net) to schedule a Sunday, or signup in the Parish Hall. ■

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 boilers were fired up just before the first of November after a few chilly Sundays, and the reward for that effort was a spate of days with near-record-breaking warm temperatures. The thought was to try and hedge a little since the new yearly gas contract will show a bit of an increase, but, you know, it's hard to second guess nature.
- Inspection of roofs and gutters is being undertaken, with special focus on reported water incursions in the south-east clerestory above the sacristy and at the north-west corner of the nave above the gallery. The hope is for quick, effective repair at moderate cost.
- When next our electrical contractor has a bucket truck in our area, the now dark parking lot light by the Marchand entrance will be relamped. That's good news, as we have now made the transition to standard time and the long-night season is upon us.
- The pendant lamps in the nave have been relamped as well, and to the appropriate spread and wattage. Other improvements are pending.
- The Architectural History Committee are determinedly preparing a revamped "critical restoration list" of our stained glass windows which includes current costs per lancet, and arranged giving priority to those with the most need. You will doubtless hear more about this necessary program, begun with our narthex history windows last year. It could prove to be an ideal opportunity for gifts and grants.
- Staff have been busy accommodating the many out-of-the-ordinary uses of space, which include: several funerals; an organ recital; the Biber Requiem; Peanut Butter & Jam concerts; Election Day polling in the parish hall; and, of course, the Women of Calvary Bazaar – parking lot pod and all. ■

Holy Baptism

On January 8, 2017, The Baptism of our Lord, we will be offering the sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11 o'clock 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) by January 1, 2017, so that the appropriate preparation and arrangements can be made. ■

After-Thanksgiving Soup Group



We are willing to turn your honebone or Thanksgiving turkey carcass into delicious soup when we meet in Calvary's kitchen on **Friday, December 2 at 10 a.m.**

You may leave these in the freezer in the pantry. If you have 8 or 16 ounce mason jars we are happy to have those as well. These can be left on the counter in the kitchen. New cooks and recipes are welcome. Any questions? Please contact me.

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

New Bishops

❖ **The Very Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe** is the first woman to be elected Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York. She will be ordained on December 3, 2016.

❖ **The Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows** was elected 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Indianapolis on October 28, 2016. She is the first African-American woman to be elected as a Diocesan Bishop. The Rev. Baskerville-Burrows will succeed the Rt. Rev. Catherine Waynick, who visited Calvary Church to ordain T.J. Freeman to the priesthood. Indianapolis is the first diocese to elect two women as Diocesan Bishop in succession. ■

East Liberty Historical Society Lecture: Portraits of Pittsburghers

Paris-trained Théobald Chartran painted oil portraits of at least 22 Pittsburghers at the zenith of Pittsburgh's industrial growth and unrivaled explosion of art collecting in the city. Chartran is unique in the energy he invested to build relationships and visit Pittsburgh to gain clients. Chartran portraits of the Lockhart, Frick, and Mellon families among other east end residents represent more than wealth, social prestige and connoisseurship. The presentation aims to tease out motivations and networks of influence, sifting clues to the inspiration behind the country's and Pittsburgh's greatest art collectors.



All are welcome to join us at East Liberty Presbyterian Church on **Friday, December 2, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.** Presented by the East Liberty Historical Society; the lecturer is Mike Staresinic, author, consultant in International Government and Business, and East Liberty resident. ■

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



Sundays at 10 a.m.

Advent Celebration

On Sunday, November 27 at 10 a.m., in place of regular Sunday school classes, all children and youth are invited to the Evans Room to celebrate the start of Advent and the beginning of a new church year. We will have activities and snacks, and make cards to send to members of our parish family. Please join us!

Christmas Pageant

Calvary's children and youth will present our annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 18, during the 11 a.m. service. With costumes, carols, and a camel, the pageant is a beautiful and festive retelling of the Christmas story.

All children and youth are welcome and encouraged to sign up! There are parts for everyone. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 27. You may also call or email me to sign up. All information and updates will be emailed to families and posted in the Parish Hall.

We are also looking for a few grown-up volunteers! If you would like to help out in some way (from organizing costumes, to animal handling, to providing a snack, to general behind-the-scenes assistance on the day), please add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or contact me directly.

Please invite friends and family to join us on December 18 for this incredible story and wonderful Calvary tradition!

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

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Wednesday, November 16 – 5:30 p.m. –

Holy Happy Hour at The Yard Gastropub, 736 Bellefonte

Saturday, December 3 – 8 a.m. –

Off the Floor, meet at Calvary

Sunday, December 4 – 12:45 p.m. –

Brunch at Panera Bakery Square, 136 Bakery Square Blvd.

Friday, December 16 – 7 p.m. –

Yule Ball, in the Refectory at Calvary

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

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The Adult Forum is an opportunity for us to deepen our knowledge and our understanding of Christian life, to learn how to love God and to serve our neighbors. A broad range of presentations invites us to reflect on topics such as prayer and spirituality, theology, social justice, worship and sacraments.

Sunday, November 13 – Intercessory Prayer

Bishop Rob O'Neill wrote these words on the significance of praying for the needs of others and of the world: "The greatest gift we have to offer one another is indeed our collective prayer – not merely kind wishes, not simply good intentions, but deep prayer – the ability to hold, tangibly and intentionally, others in that abundant love that flows freely and gracefully within us and among us." Leslie Reimer will consider what it means to pray for others, and how we shape our intercessions here at Calvary Church.

Sunday, November 20 – Paying Attention: Prayer and the Poems of Mary Oliver

Poet Mary Oliver invites readers into the stillness of a careful encounter with nature, and into the depths of human experience. Leslie Reimer will explore the insights into prayer expressed in Oliver's poems. No advance reading required.

Sunday, November 27 – Why the Incarnation Matters, part 1.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, how do we understand what it means that "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us"? Beyond adoring the baby in the manger, how does the Incarnation shape our belief and our lives? Leslie Reimer will present this forum in two sessions, the second of which will take place December 11.

Sunday, December 4 – John Magee, the Episcopal Church, and the Nanjing Massacre

The Rev. John Magee, a native son of Calvary, served as a missionary in China from 1912-1938 and was instrumental in saving 100,000 Chinese from death at the hands of the Japanese Imperial Army. Amazingly, his story was lost to us until a Chinese documentary filmmaker visited Calvary last year. Learn more about Magee, his life, work, and witness from Calvary archivist Becky Randall and from Chinese historian Vanessa Sterling, who recently visited Nanjing to learn firsthand about Magee's legacy. (*Postponed from an earlier date*).

Sunday, December 11 – Why the Incarnation Matters, part 2.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, how do we understand what it means that "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us"? Beyond adoring the baby in the manger, how does the Incarnation shape our belief and our lives? Leslie Reimer will present this forum. ■

Sacred Conversations on Race at Calvary – Part 2

Monday, November 21, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., in the Refectory

*“O God, you have made of one blood
all the peoples of the earth ...” (BCP, p. 100)*

As a member congregation in the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN), Calvary is holding internal Sacred Conversations on Race. It started with a Kickoff Conversation at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on October 1, which gave a challenging picture of the history and state of racial injustice, particularly its effects on black Americans.

On October 17 about two dozen Calvary members joined in to make the first in the first Conversation within Calvary a worthwhile endeavor. During the Conversation, led by trained PIIN facilitators, the group considered guidelines for dialogue, discussed the racial divide in St. Louis, Missouri (as well as the one in Pittsburgh), and everyone completed a checklist to gain perspective on taken-for-granted white privilege. A general challenge for me was to move beyond the intellectual and connect with feelings.

Sacred Conversations will continue at Calvary on November 21 at 6:30, immediately after the 6:00 p.m. service. This second Calvary conversation will try to expose the racist systems as such through several activities including: theological reflection, role playing Bible stories, responding to a black mother’s talks with their black sons about how to behave around police, and time reflecting on the prevalence of race.

In the upcoming weeks, the expectation is that Calvary will share in a cross-congregational conversation with a predominantly black congregation to further enhance our awareness and develop relationships. In the end, the Sacred Conversations need to move to action, so the congregational conversations will be concluded with a PIIN-wide Action Kickoff tentatively scheduled for January.

Please try and attend the next conversation at Calvary on November 21, even if you were unable to come to the first conversation. (There is the possibility of a condensed version of the first Calvary conversation for those who could not attend.) RSVP (not required, but appreciated) or direct any questions to Bob King at 412.759.3776 or rking52717@aol.com. ■

Vestry News

The Vestry, at its October 24 meeting, appointed members to fill vacant positions. **Kathy Farrington** is now the vestry person whose term expires 2019 (replacing Ruth Fowler). **Jeffrey Bice** fulfills Michael Saporito’s term expiring 2018. ■



*Babelle's
Feast*

Movie Night: Thursday, December 1

Exquisite, delicately told tale of two beautiful young minister's daughters who pass up love and fame to remain in their small Danish village. They grow old, using religion as a substitute for living life, and then take in Parisian refugee Audran, a woman with a very special secret. Subtle, funny and deeply felt, with several wonderful surprises; an instant masterpiece that deservedly earned a Best Foreign Film Academy Award. Director Gabriel Axel wrote the screenplay, from an Isak Dinesen short story. Don't miss this one.

Bring a friend, salad for two in the Refectory at 6 p.m. The film begins at 7 p.m. followed by a discussion led by Clint Van Dusen. Please call 412.427.8933 or email Clint at apax4cmvd@msn.com by Sunday, November 27 to make reservations. ■

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2016 CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in the Christmas Eve Order of Service, please return this form, with your donation, by Friday, December 16, 2016.

Name (as you would like it to appear): *please print*

Donor's name: _____

Donor's telephone: _____

Please circle your preference: *Flowers Music Where needed*

Return this form, with your check, to the Parish office,
or mail to: Lynda Kennedy, Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206

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, November 27**. Led by The Rev. Leslie Reimer, we use music from the camp songbook.

We will not meet in December, but will resume in 2017 on these dates: January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28, August 27, September 24, October 22, and November 26.

Mark your calendars and join us when you can! ■

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The Calvary Calendar

Sunday, November 20, 2016

Dedication of Pledges Sunday

Thursday, November 24, 2016

9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist



Friday, November 25, 2016

Calvary Church and offices will be closed this day.

Sunday, November 27, 2016

3 p.m. A Calvary Camp Holy Eucharist

5 p.m. Lessons and Carols for Advent

Monday, November 28, 2016

6:30 p.m. Vestry Dinner and Meeting*

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

7 p.m. Spiritual Reflection Group



Friday, December 2, 2016

Agape Deadline

Saturday, December 3, 2016

8 p.m. Stile Antico in Concert

Saturday, December 10, 2016

8:30 a.m. Centering Prayer Quiet Day

5:30 p.m. Shelter Dinner Preparation

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

7 p.m. Spiritual Reflection Group

7 p.m. Coventry Circle

Saturday, December 17, 2016

10 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert

11:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert

8 p.m. Chatham Baroque in Concert



Sunday, December 18, 2016

11 a.m. Christmas Pageant
with Holy Eucharist

5 p.m. Lessons and Carols for Christmas

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

A complete calendar with all day to day events is available on the Calvary website: www.calvarypgh.org ■

An expanded version of this issue of *Agape*, with color photos and additional content may be viewed on the Calvary website at www.calvarypgh.org

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, December 2, 2016**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office. ■