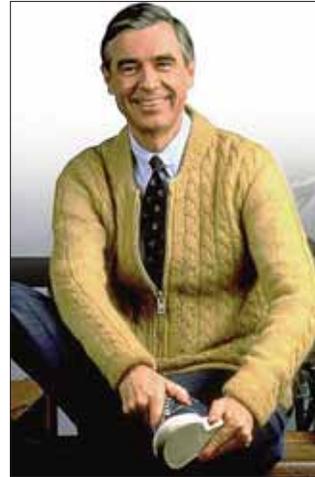


From The Interim Rector

Let's think of something to do while we're waiting
While we're waiting for something new to do.
Let's try to think up a song while we're waiting
That's liberating and will be true to you.

Let's think of something to do while we're waiting
While we're waiting 'til something's through.
You know it's really all right;
In fact, it's downright quite bright
To think of something to do
That's specific for you.
Let's think of something to do while we're waiting.

—Fred McFeely Rogers. © 1982



In the culture of multi-tasking, we often feel pressure to make use of the time we spend waiting by checking our smartphones or otherwise checking in with our busy lives. In those down times, this wise song from Mister Rogers echoes in my head – as an invitation to find a more active and creative way to wait.

Calvary Church is in a time of waiting – a time of interim and transition between our farewell to Dr. Lewis and our welcoming of a new Rector. On one hand, we don't need to think of things to do while we are waiting. The life of Calvary continues – worship, music, Christian formation, fellowship, stewardship, and outreach. Strong and deeply committed lay leaders articulate the significance of Calvary's mission and parishioners clearly value Calvary's ministry. Opportunities like the search for a curate and a second Habitat for Humanity house sponsored by the diocese will add new dimensions to our on-going work. There is plenty to do.

On the other hand, this transition time will also be a time of vision and hope – a time when we can engage our imagination as we wait. The work of the Calling Committee for a new Rector asks for our full participation. We will collect the profoundly meaningful experiences of our life together at Calvary and dream together about where God will lead this community in the years ahead. We will look for an authentic sense of the gifts of this parish, and imagine who God is calling us to be as we move into the future. We will make space to invite a new Rector to join us in offering Christ's love to a waiting world. This is a time not of urgent activity, but of patience and attentiveness. It is a time to engage not only the mind, but most importantly the spirit. It is a time of conversation with one another and with God, a time of listening and discernment. We will hold the life of this congregation prayerfully in the presence of God. This will be a creative time – a time of openness to the new creation God brings. While we're waiting, let's enjoy this time together as we look for what is liberating, and true, and specific to us as Christ's people at Calvary Church.

Leslie

TRANSITION NEWS

and UPDATES



It has been a busy and joyous month in the life of Calvary, and I want to begin the New Year with announcements of changes during this transition period.

First and foremost, Leslie Reimer has graciously accepted the Vestry's invitation and request to serve as Calvary's Interim Rector. You should all have received my letter, but let me just reiterate that the Vestry unanimously and enthusiastically supported this decision, with the strong endorsement of Mary Lou Southwood, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, Russ Ayres, chair of the Calling Committee, and Bishop Dorsey McConnell. Leslie's many and various gifts as a pastor, preacher, and teacher are highly valued by us all.

Second, to assist Leslie and me during this interim period, I have asked The Rt. Rev. Robert H. Johnson to be a mentor and sounding board. Bishop Johnson is a good friend of Calvary and its congregation, having been the Assisting Bishop early in the rebuilding in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Bishop Johnson is a wise and experienced leader of the church, and we are delighted that he will be helping us in this way.

Third, to support Calvary's fantastic staff, we have formed a Personnel Committee, chaired by Greg Bradley, and made up of Jean Adams, Peggy O'Rourke, and Chip Reynolds. The Personnel Committee will advise the Senior Warden and Vestry on any staff-related matters during the interim, and we are grateful to them for their service.

Fourth, Nevin Woodside and Jennifer DeRosa have graciously agreed to co-chair the search committee for a new curate. Leslie will be deeply involved in this process, and she will be an outstanding mentor to a young priest. We want to attract someone with all round preaching and pastoral talent, but with a special interest in ministry to young adults and young families. The person we call may be a year or two out of seminary, rather than being a new graduate as in the past.

Fifth, Anne Keeler has agreed to serve as liaison between the Vestry and the Parish Council during this interim period, supporting communication and coordination between the two groups.

Sixth, and maybe most important, the Vestry's main responsibility during this period is communication with and accessibility to the parish. Communication is essential in this interim period. This column in *Agape*, as well as information in the bulletin, in Friday emails and on the website are efforts to do that. Photos of the Vestry, the Parish Council, and the Calling Committee will be posted

in the church so you can know who we are, and we encourage you to seek us out. Communication is a two way street – so ask questions, bring ideas, and share your visions of Calvary's future.

Finally, please mark your calendars: The annual Parish Meeting will be Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28, a little earlier this year than in recent years. We are repeating the format of last year, which you told us you appreciated – a Saturday morning meeting to discuss the budget and stewardship, including a period for questions and answers, and a Sunday morning meeting at 10 a.m. for election of new Vestry and Parish council members and the presentation of formal reports by the wardens, treasurer, and interim rector.

A special word about our Bishop. Although +Dorsey has many urgent priorities in rebuilding the diocese, he has extended himself to meet with and to support me, the Vestry, and Leslie, and has pledged to continue to do so during this transition period. This support comes with a challenge, though: he has told the Vestry quite explicitly that Calvary, as strong as it is, can be stronger and more vibrant, and he will continue to urge us to move forward. His sermon on Christmas Eve was extraordinary – moving, powerful, and inspiring. We give thanks “at all times and in all places” for his renewing presence among us.

I am very, very grateful for your many good wishes and the outpouring of support from the parish for the senior warden, the Vestry, the Calling Committee, and Leslie and our wonderful staff. Thank you for your enthusiasm for Calvary's mission and ministries. We are continuing to move forward.

With my best wishes for an Epiphany season where we grow together in recognizing and welcoming Christ among us.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Wilson, *Senior Warden*

Deadlines for Publication

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, February 1, 2013**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypg.org or deliver it to the church office.

Announcements for the Sunday service bulletin must be received by the end of the day on Wednesday.

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

THE CALLING COMMITTEE

Congregational Conversations: Share Your Thoughts about Calvary

As most of you know by now, the Vestry has appointed a Calling Committee to engage in the search for Calvary's next Rector. The members of the Committee, in addition to myself, are Jean Adams, Florence Atwood, Greg Bradley, Michael Braxton, Lee Hicks, Kathleen Farrington, Becky Randall, Mark Rust, Susan Shafer, William Stevens and Joe Wilson, *ex officio*.

During the early months of 2013, the Committee will be inviting the entire congregation to participate in the development of a parish profile and a list of selection criteria, using a question-and-answer process based on an organizational self-assessment method called "Appreciative Inquiry". The meetings will be fun and interactive, and will last about an hour. We have tried to schedule enough sessions for congregational input so that all of you, hopefully, will be able to attend one of them with little inconvenience to your schedule. Please note on your calendar the following:

January 13, at the 10 a.m Adult Forum;
January 20, 12:30 p.m.; **January 24**, 7 p.m.;
January 27, 12:30 p.m.; **January 28**, 6:30 p.m.;
February 3, 9 a.m.; and **February 7**, 7 p.m.
All sessions will be held in the Refectory.

Although not the primary channel of communications, there is now a "Calling Committee" box in the mail room next to the Bookstore, where your thoughts and suggestions for the Committee are most welcome.

We want and need the entire congregation to help us to develop a clear portrait of who we are as a people of God at this time in our life together, in order to identify the Rector who can lead us to fulfill our vision for Calvary and its community. We are grateful for your thoughts, prayers and participation.

Russ Ayres,
Calling Committee Chair



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Tour of Narthex Windows



As part of our worship at Calvary, we – parishioners and guests – inevitably absorb the interplay of theme and color from its glorious windows; and we participate in what glass artist Charles J. Connick referred to in the title of his book "Adventures in Light and Color." Indeed, the intense hues of Connick's windows are in evidence throughout Calvary's sacred spaces. However, there are many other striking examples of Connick's art in the niches of the church's more worldly places. Through the ten of his American history windows in the Narthex, for instance, Connick not only bridges the space of this portal area to the daylight presence of the street beyond, but narrates scenes from Calvary's Pennsylvania heritage.

For a closer look and a more detailed encounter with these distinctive examples of Connick's art, please join Anne Robb for a Narthex-window exploration after the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, January 27. A member of Calvary's Art and History Committee, Anne is also an active Pittsburgh History and Landmarks docent and former Carnegie Museum docent.

Albert M. Tannler's book "Charles J. Connick: His Education and His Windows in and near Pittsburgh" is available in the Bookstore at Calvary.

Soup Group for February

We always have a good time when we gather in Calvary's kitchen to make soup. Won't you join us? Our next cooking session is scheduled for Friday, February 1. If you are not available to cook, please consider delivering soup to a friend, neighbor or relative. Soup recipients do not have to be members of Calvary. We like to share! Any questions? Contact me.

–Adele Eley; Adele.eley@gmail.com; 412.371.6921

2013 Annual Appeal: 'Calvary At A Crossroads'

Thank you to everyone who has pledged for 2013 to support Calvary's mission and to help grow our ministries. As of January 4, 2013, our total pledge commitment is \$864,970, toward our goal of \$1,200,000.

If you have not already done so, please make your pledge as soon as possible. The Vestry will begin the budget process at the end of this month and we do not want to be faced with hard decisions about our on-going ministries and new initiatives.

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

-From the Thanksgiving section of *The Book of Common Prayer*

Alphabet Soup

You may notice in the announcement section of the service bulletins and on schedules and calendars the names of groups listed by the initials. Here is a brief list to who is who:



CLEAR: Coalition for Leadership, Education and Advocacy for Recovery; **LMH:** Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti; **NEED:** The Negro Educational Emergency Drive; **PIIN:** Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network; **PIMS:** Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science.

League of Christian Avengers – LOCA

Mission statement: We, the League of Christian Avengers, are a group of post confirmation teens and adults working for a better future locally and globally one mission at a time.



We are collecting non-perishables for EECM for late January, 2013. Their needs include canned foods like soup, beans, vegetables and fruit. Other necessities might include pasta and rice. We will be collecting cans and food after church in the Parish Hall until the last Sunday in January. We have boxes in the Parish Hall for any weekday drop offs. The EECM cannot accept any food in glass jars for safety reasons. Gift cards from Giant Eagle are also welcome and we ask that any gift cards dropped off during the week can be given to Marsha or Weezie. Thank you for your support!

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

During these cold winter months our classes will be staying warm by taking turns working in Calvary's kitchen on certain Sundays. The tentative schedule for this is:

January 20 – The PreK–K class will be turning water into hot chocolate with marshmallows.

January 27 – The first and second graders will make "Heavenly Hash."

February 3 – The third and fourth grade class will make "Daily Bread French Toast."

February 10 – Grades 5 and 6 will make "Love-Bread Pizza."

February 17 – Grades 7 and 8 will make soup for the "Soup Group."

On these Sundays all students should report to their regular classrooms. They will be escorted to the kitchen by their teachers.

Check the children's table at coffee hour to see and taste the finished products – if there are any leftovers!

Mark your calendars for:

Sunday, February 10 – Children's Charter Day. Our children and youth will be active participants in both the 9 and 11 o'clock services.

Shrove Tuesday, February 12 – After eating their pancakes and sausage at the Pancake supper the children will have the opportunity to make individual Alleluia banners. After completing their projects they will be placed in envelopes that will be mailed home in time for Easter Day. Lenten Calendars will also be available.

-Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation;
412.661.0120 x 116; aeley@calvaryppgh.org



SHEN YUN 2013 神韻晚會

Shen Yun presents stories from ancient China through Classical Chinese dance, a live symphony orchestra, and an animated digital backdrop. Through these stories, **Shen Yun** performances span China's dynasties and ethnic groups and live out the ancient belief that the arts are a means for exploring our connection with the greater universe and with the divine.

Shen Yun will be performing February 1-3 at the Benedum Center for the Performing Arts (237 7th Street, Downtown). Details and a video can be found at www.shenyunperformingarts.org/pittsburgh.

The Calvary Calendar: January 13 – February 10, 2013

Sunday January 13, 2013

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

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
9:00 A.M. Choir Parents Coffee
10:00 A.M. Rehearsal for Baptismal Candidates
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-up
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism
12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
2:30 P.M. Diocesan Committee on
Social Justice and Outreach

Monday January 14, 2013

6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
6:30 P.M. Parish Council Dinner and Meeting*
7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday January 15, 2013

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
6:30 P.M. Diocesan Growth Fund Meeting
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday January 16, 2013

*Richard Meux Benson, Religious, 1915, and Charles Gore,
Bishop of Worcester, of Birmingham, and of Oxford, 1932*

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. ESL
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
11:30 P.M. Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science
Graduation Rehearsal
3:00 P.M. CLASP
4:00 P.M. Choristers Study Hall
4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday January 17, 2013

Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356

8:30 A.M. Coalition for Leadership, Education and
Advocacy for Recovery (CLEAR)
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. EfM
9:30 A.M. ESL
4:15 P.M. Troubadors
7:00 P.M. Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network
7:00 P.M. Diocesan Committee on
Social Justice and Outreach
7:30 P.M. Diocesan Committee on
Constitution and Canons
7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday January 18, 2013

The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle

1:00 P.M. Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science
Graduation

Saturday January 19, 2013

Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester 1095

9:00 A.M. Breakfast for the youth of the diocese
9:00 A.M. Computer/Electronics Recycling
9:00 A.M. Centering Prayer for Peace

Sunday January 20, 2013

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
9:00 A.M. Choir Parents' Coffee
10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
12:30 P.M. Congregational Conversation
4:30 P.M. Calvary Youth Group

Monday January 21, 2013

Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
The church and offices will be closed this day.

Tuesday January 22, 2013

Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa, and Martyr, 304

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday January 23, 2013

Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. ESL
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
3:00 P.M. CLASP
4:00 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
4:30 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday January 24, 2013

*Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Woman Priest
in the Anglican Communion, 1944*

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. EfM
9:30 A.M. ESL
4:15 P.M. Troubadors
7:00 P.M. Congregational Conversation
7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday January 25, 2013

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

10:00 A.M. Musical Club

Saturday January 26, 2013

Timothy, Titus, and Silas, Companions of Saint Paul

10:00 A.M. Peanut Butter and Jam Concert
11:30 A.M. Peanut Butter and Jam Concert

Sunday January 27, 2013

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
9:00 A.M. Choir Parents' Coffee
10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
12:30 P.M. Congregational Conversation

Monday January 28, 2013

Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Theologian, 1274

6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
6:30 P.M. Congregational Conversation
6:30 P.M. Vestry Dinner and Meeting
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday January 29, 2013

Andrei Rublev, Monk and Iconographer, 1430

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday January 30, 2013

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. ESL
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
3:00 P.M. CLASP
4:00 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday January 31, 2013

*Juan Bosco, Priest, 1888; Samuel Shoemaker,
Priest and Evangelist, 1963*

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. EfM
9:30 A.M. ESL
4:15 P.M. Troubadors
7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday February 1, 2013

Brigid (Bride), Abbess, 523

10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday February 2, 2013

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

9:00 A.M. Functional Literacy Ministry
of Haiti (FLMH)
5:30 P.M. Chili Fest

Sunday February 3, 2013

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
9:00 A.M. Choir Parents' Coffee
10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
12:30 P.M. Calvary Youth Group

Monday February 4, 2013

*Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to
Denmark and Sweden, 865*

5:00 P.M. Diocesan Life Committee
6:00 P.M. Diocesan Budget Committee
6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
7:00 P.M. Diocesan Council
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
7:30 P.M. OA

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Calendar (continued)



Tuesday February 5, 2013

Roger Williams, 1683, and Anne Hutchinson, 1643, Prophetic Witnesses

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 7:00 P.M. Architectural History Committee
- 7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday February 6, 2013

The Martyrs of Japan, 1597

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP
- 4:00 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM
- 6:00 P.M. NEED Event

Thursday February 7, 2013

Cornelius the Centurion

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 4:15 P.M. Troubadors
- 7:00 P.M. Congregational Conversation
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday February 8, 2013

Saturday February 9, 2013

- 10:00 A.M. Peanut Butter and Jam Concert
- 11:30 A.M. Peanut Butter and Jam Concert
- 10:00 A.M. Alzheimers' Support Group
- 5:30 P.M. Men's Shelter Dinner Preparation

Sunday February 10, 2013

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 9:00 A.M. Choir Parents' Coffee
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 5:00 P.M. Evensong and Recital
- 6:00 P.M. Reception

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Beginnings Preschool
is in session on
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
starting at 8:30 a.m.
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**To make reservations for starred events, for which a meal is being prepared, please telephone the church office, 412.661.0120, extension 140*

AA – Alcoholics Anonymous
CLASP – Calvary Lincoln AfterSchool Program
EECM – East End Cooperative Ministry
EfM – Education for Ministry
ESL – English as a Second Language
OA – Overeaters Anonymous

Sunday, January 13: **Congregational Conversation.**

This is the first in a series of opportunities for the congregation to have input in the search process for a new rector. Join members of the Calling Committee to participate in a question and answer process for the development of a parish profile.

Sunday, January 20: **The Good Books – Diversity and Unity in the Bible.**

Dr Steven Tuell, James A. Kelso Associate Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will speak on this topic. He has received numerous awards for teaching excellence, and his particular research interest is the biblical literature of the early Persian period.

Sunday, January 27: **The Feast of Samuel Moor Shoemaker**

Remembrance. The General Convention (2009) included Samuel Moor Shoemaker in its new publication, *Holy Women, Holy Men*. Many of you may remember Sam as he was the 12th Rector at Calvary Church. Karen Plavan, Ph.D., Director of The Oasis and the Coalition for Leadership, Education, and Advocacy for Recovery (CLEAR) will speak to us. She will present to us an overview of his life and his many contributions, especially to Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and will invite people to share their remembrances of Sam.

Sunday, February 3: **Health, Wholeness, and Holiness.**

Today, healthcare is so compartmentalized! We have so many specialists, so many drugs, so many possible diagnoses it's mind boggling! There was a time when health was viewed more holistically. In the Middle Ages, the English language had just one word – "hal" – that meant not only "health", but "whole" and "holy" as well. This day we will look at Scriptural, historical, sacramental, and theological reasons to reclaim a holistic approach to well being. Led by The Rev. Carol Henley.

Sunday, February 10: **The Bible as Holy Word or Great**

Literature? Phil Kincaid will explore how textual criticism is used now to create meaning in literature and how it developed from scholars readings for seminary students. The use of reason on Holy Word is a powerful reminder of how we explain our beliefs. Two legs of the famous Episcopal stool will be examined to answer the question of Holy Inspiration of the Divine Word.

Sunday, February 17: **Praying the Labyrinth.**

Today, modern pilgrims walk the labyrinth as one of many ways to pray and meditate. The winding path into the center and back out again is a metaphor for the journeys of life and faith. Unlike a maze, which has many paths and is a puzzle to solve, the labyrinth is a single path in and a single path out, and is designed to quiet the mind for prayer and meditation. The Reverend Mary Lynn Callahan, from East Liberty Presbyterian Church, will talk about this form of prayer.

The Adult Forum begins at 10 a.m., in the Refectory.



The Season of Epiphany is, traditionally, focused particularly on a handful of events in the scriptural record: the visit of the Magi to the Christ-child, the baptism of Jesus at the River Jordan, the first miracle of Jesus at Cana, and his Transfiguration before the disciples. This year, the Lectionary provides us an opportunity to experience all of these events, along with the other usual theme of this season, the growing ministry of Jesus, through the calling of the first disciples. Though an early Easter makes this particular year's Epiphany-tide relatively brief, it will be full of opportunities to reflect on both the sudden, "epiphanic" revelations of God and on the more gradual process that is always-already underway.

A brochure outlining musical events for the coming months is enclosed. The next special musical occasions will be a service of Evensong on Sunday, February 10, at 5 p.m. Choral Evensong is one of the most distinctively Anglican services, the creation of Archbishop Thomas Cranmer when he drafted the first Book of Common Prayer in the mid-sixteenth century.

The service of Evensong, which has inspired analogues in Lutheran and other Protestant denominations, was crafted out of elements of the medieval Catholic liturgy, in which Cranmer had grown up. It fuses portions of *Vespers* and *Compline*, the two medieval "offices" or daily services for evening. It provides for the recitation of portions of the Psalter, the reading of Scripture, response to that Scripture through biblical canticles, and prayer, for the Church, the world, and ourselves. In its choral form, Evensong is largely offered by the Choir, on behalf of the congregation; the Choir sings the psalm(s), canticles, and responds to the officiant's versicles, with the congregation participating by listening. Prayer is no less possible in this manner—some would argue, it is easier to pray this way!—but it does take a bit of getting used to.

February 10 is the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, and the music for Evensong will reflect that. The Responses and Canticles will be sung in settings by Kenneth Leighton (d. 1988), a composer whose language is sometimes acerbic and challenging, but who also manages very effectively to get inside the meaning of the liturgical texts he sets. Craig Phillips (b. 1961) is the composer of an anthem on a bit of thirteenth-century Germanic poetry by Mechthild of Magdeburg, meditating on the Transfiguration of our Lord, the traditional Gospel lesson for this day in the church-year. I hope you will join us for this service, celebrating the light and glory of Epiphany-tide.

Alan

Each year the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh celebrates the life and work of Absalom Jones (1746-1818), the first African-American priest ordained in the Episcopal Church. In conjunction with this event, the diocesan Commission on Racism sponsors a literary contest named for the late Frank E. Bolden, a noted Pittsburgh-based African-American journalist.

The contest is open to all middle and senior high school students in Southwestern Pennsylvania. A cash prize of \$100 will be awarded to the author of the winning entry at the Absalom Jones Day Celebration to be held at Trinity Cathedral on Saturday, February 2, 2013.

The contest is on the subject of racism with a specific theme. This year's theme is "Reconciliation and Healing Through Knowledge."

Students are invited to submit a literary work that describes or gives an example(s) of the theme, either from the past, present or future. Entries may be essays, poetry, fiction or non-fiction, and will be judged on originality, clarity, and composition. The maximum length is 200 words and should be typed double-spaced.

Entries should include the following information: author's name, age, grade, school, teacher's name. Also include the author's home address, phone number, e-mail address, hobbies and interests, extra-curricular activities, and plans for the future. Entries may be submitted by email to dpowell2010@hotmail.com or by regular mail to Literary Contest, P. O. Box 419, Oakmont, PA 15139. Entries must be post marked no later than January 23, 2013.

If you have any questions about the contest, please call one of the following: Al Mann at 412.661.5947; Nancy Travis Bolden at 412.683.8888; or Darrell Powell at 412.828.0502.



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Children's Corner Book Reviews

by Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation



January 13 is the Baptism of Our Lord and also the day of Baptism here at Calvary Episcopal Church. Here are some great ideas for Baptism gifts.

A Gift for a Little Child's Baptism, by *Sophie Piper and illustrated by Caroline Williams*. \$14.99.

This book has a page in the front that a parent or godparent can complete with the date and place of the baptism. Prayers of love, joy, peace, patience and others are included. Colorful illustrations will be enjoyed by both adults and children.

I Belong – My Baptism Scrapbook, introduction by *Sarah Horton and Scrapbook by Valarie Gittings*. \$14.00.

The introduction explains to children a day they may not remember – the day of their baptism. Pictures of that special day may be added to this book. The Holy Baptism Service from the Book of Common Prayer is included.

At Your Baptism by *Carrie Steenwyk and John D. Witvliet; illustrated by Linda Saport*. \$8.00.

This board book uses clear and simple text and is paired with vibrant illustrations. It is the perfect way to show young children how baptism is a sign of God's love and promises.

Blessing on your Baptism is a framed print that would make an ideal gift. Measuring 4 x 4, it could be placed on a bookshelf or a dresser in the baby's room. \$12.00

Questions, Comments or Ideas?

If so, please stop by the Parish Council's information kiosk in the Parish Hall. A member of the Parish Council will be on hand every Sunday after the 9 and 11 a.m. services, and before the 8 a.m. service, to answer questions, discuss your concerns, connect you with Calvary activities, organizations, and people.

So stop by with whatever is on your mind – we'd love to hear from you!



Happy New Year from the students and staff of *Beginnings!*

We are actually learning to say the New Year greeting in eleven languages! Classes are back in session and students are busy learning and playing. We are pleased to welcome Paul Cosentino as our new music teacher. He will be working with all of our classes. Naturalist Verna McGinley will join us on January 9th to teach us about hibernation. Valentina Monferini and Francesca Sacchet, two of our moms from Italy, will share the story of La Befana, the Italian gift giver with our students on January 10th. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes resume this month on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Registration for the 2013–2014 school year begins this month for our current students and will open on February 1 for new students. *Beginnings* offers classes for children who will be 18 months through 4 years of age by September 1. Information can be obtained on the Calvary website or by calling Beginnings at 412.661.3025.

The *Beginnings* Annual Appeal letter will be mailed at the end of January. We know that there are many requests for you to share your resources, but we hope you will "Have a Heart" and be as generous as you can and send in your donations by Valentine's Day, February 14. The funds raised through this appeal will again be used exclusively for scholarships. About 35% of our families receive some financial aid and we are hoping to be able to continue offering this help with tuition. No amount is too small. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

–Peggy Morycz, Director



Calvary is always looking for persons interested in serving as ushers at either the 9 or 11 o'clock services, as well as on special occasions. Part-time service is welcome.

Training will be provided; no lengthy commitment required. Contact Henry Johnston at henryjohnston@gmail.com.

**Chinese New Year 2013
The Year of the Snake**
begins on Sunday, February 10.



Have you ever considered being an Acolyte?

Being a Calvary Acolyte is a wonderful way to serve God in your church.

Acolytes contribute to the beauty of our services by assisting the clergy, carrying banners, crosses, torches and the gospel book. There are important tasks for acolytes in third grade and up! If you are interested, please contact Laurie Heinricher at lauriebeth213@comcast.net or 412.855.8902.



29th Annual Martin Luther King Festival

You are cordially invited to the 29th annual Martin Luther King and Kelso Lecture in Honor of Dr. King, offered jointly by East End Cooperative Ministry and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The event will be hosted by East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Penn Avenue at Highland, on **Sunday, January 20, 2013**. In the continuing tradition of interfaith cooperation, the Celebration will be co-hosted by Missionary Temple Ministries, also in East Liberty. Music begins at 3:30 p.m., the service itself starts at 4 p.m.

The keynote speaker this year will be the nationally-known civil rights attorney John C. Brittain, currently Professor of Law at the University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law. Prior to this appointment Professor Brittain was Dean of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in Houston, a long-time law professor at the University of Connecticut, and Chief Counsel and Senior Deputy Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, DC. There will be refreshments and a question-and-answer session with Professor Brittain following the celebration service.

Admission is free, and everyone in the Pittsburgh area is cordially invited to attend. Parking is available on the surrounding streets and behind the public library (enter the lot from So. Beatty Street). Donations of canned goods or other non-perishable food for the EECM food pantry are strongly encouraged – they will be collected at the door.

The annual gathering provides a significant opportunity for people of different faith traditions to celebrate together, so please mark your calendars now. For further information, please contact East End Cooperative Ministry at 412.361.5549 or eecm@eecm.org.

E-Waste Recycling Event

Saturday, January 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Commonwealth Computer Recycling will be in our parking lot and we will accept all types of electronics (televisions, monitors, computers, etc.) from residents and businesses in the area. There would be no charge for residents or businesses to drop off these items.

Parish Register

Baptisms – November 4, 2012

Gabriella Tarek Abdalla
Quinton Christian Scott Bohna
McKenna Rose Daversa
Paxton Khan Teh

Marriages

Julia Gram Humphrey and David Joseph Parker,
December 29, 2012

Burials

Elizabeth Arthur, October 13, 2012
D. Grahame Smyth, October 22, 2012
Euphemia Craig Raisig, November 3, 2012
Garland Mackroth, November 9, 2012
Ann Fownes Hunter, November 20, 2012
Nathaniel Lockwood Jones, November 24, 2012
Suzanne Offill Wolfe, November 30, 2012

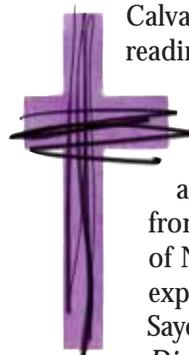
Transferred In

Joseph Gamble from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
McKeesport, PA on November 6, 2012

Transferred Out

Raymond and Marilyn Gindroz to Christ and Saint Lukes'
Episcopal Church, Norfolk, VA on November 11, 2012

Theological Reading Group for Lent



Calvary invites you to join a theological reading group for Lent this year. The last two years have brought together a broad range of participants into a deep and reflective conversation about both ancient and modern theology, moving from Rowan Williams in 2011 to St. Gregory of Nyssa in 2012. This year, we will be exploring a collection of essays by Dorothy Sayers (1893-1957) titled *Letters to a Diminished Church: Passionate Arguments for the Relevance of Christian Doctrine*. Although perhaps best known for her fictional mystery stories, Sayers was also a renowned theological essayist and her translation of Dante's *Divine Comedy* is still in print today. From the text: "It is only with the confident assertion of the creative divinity of the Son that the doctrine of the Incarnation becomes a real revelation of the structure of the world." The group will meet in Calvary's McClintic Hall (the choir room) from 7-9 p.m. on Monday nights beginning on February 18. Please email Jamie McMahan if you are interested, jamie.mcmahan@gmail.com. Copies of the book will be available in the Calvary Bookstore.

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CHILI FEST

Saturday, February 2, 2013

Sign up now in the Parish Hall on Sundays or in the Reception Area to bring
Chili, Salad or Cornbread.
You can also sign up to bring
Beer, Wine or Soft Drinks.