

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

The season of Lent brings us to what is elemental. Fire reduces palm to ashes, and we contemplate what is left when everything else is burned away. The gritty cross on our forehead evokes what Walter Brueggemann calls simply “the facts of human life.” Ashes express our mortality – both the lightness and the substance of what remains. Ashes remind us that we are created, like Adam, made from the dust of the earth, sharing his dirty face and his vulnerable humanity.

The starting place for keeping Lent is this stark realization of our dependence on God. We begin with what is basic. We strip away the pretense of self-sufficiency and immortality. We come into the presence of God, who called us into being. We place our selves openly and honestly before God, fully aware of the facts of our human existence.

From that place of humility and radical dependence, we offer our observance of this holy season. Our prayer can acknowledge the full range of our human limitations, failings, and separation from God. The Ash Wednesday Litany of Penitence (Book of Common Prayer, page 267) captures our need for God’s help in sometimes chillingly specific words, perhaps worthy of being prayed more than once a year. Our fasting can represent a letting go of things that are not essential, and a trust in God to sustain our lives. Our giving to others can be rooted in the profound sense that we are joined by our common origin in the dust of the earth. Sharing the resources given to us by God helps us to consider the significance of our connection to one another in the human community.

In this time of returning to what is elemental, we will discover the One who, in Christ, responds with love and mercy to the facts of human life. Where those facts seem to lead to death, God insists on new creation. Psalm 103 echoes both the clear reality of our human existence, and the transforming hope of new life. From the dust and ashes of our mortality we are led to forgiveness and grace:

*“The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness...
He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him...
For he himself knows wherof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust.”*

Leslie

Illustration: The Graveyard of Rosyth Old Parish Church, Bruce Haven Road, Limekilns, Fife, Scotland. Now ruinous, this church was in existence from the middle of the twelfth century. www.scottishchurches.org.uk.



THE CALLING COMMITTEE

Update: Questionnaires Now Available On-line and by Mail

We are extremely encouraged by the congregation's enthusiastic response to our series of 'Congregational Conversations' and have received over 100 completed questionnaires thus far. Many people have told us how much they enjoyed the process of sharing their vision and hopes for Calvary with friends and with new acquaintances.

For those who were not able to participate in one of the sessions, whether due to absence, illness or other reasons, we want your input as well! Copies of the questionnaire are on the church's website: www.calvarypgh.org. You can download and print the questionnaire and mail it back to Calvary anonymously. Please mark your envelope to the attention of the Calling Committee so that it lands in the right mailbox. Those who prefer to work with paper copies can call or e-mail Marsha Morris at Calvary: 412.661.0120, secretary@calvarypgh.org and one will be mailed to you. If you've received a paper copy from Marsha, just mail it back to Calvary in the same manner.

To complete the questionnaire on-line, click the link on the front page of our website and follow the simply directions. Questionnaires will be available until Ash Wednesday, February 13. If you have questions about how to use the on-line version, please call Ken Smith at Calvary or email him at calvary@calvarypgh.org.

Thanks to all for your participation in this important phase of the calling process. We will be reading and compiling all of the answers in February with the goal of publishing the parish profile right after Easter.

—Russ Ayres, *Calling Committee Chair*

A Prayer for the Calling Committee

We encourage everyone to pray regularly for the work of the Calling Committee.

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift:
Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the
minds of those who shall choose a rector for this
parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who
will care for your people and equip us for our
ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Praying Our Lives

This Lent the Brothers of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE) will offer a daily video series on prayer called *Praying Our Lives*. "Prayer is what we are about," Br. Geoffrey Tristram explains, "and I believe that prayer is what people deep down are longing for." Each video will invite viewers to think deeply (yet briefly) with the Brothers about the joys and challenges, practices and patterns of prayer that bring us close to the heart of God. The series will include practical tips, personal stories, and questions for meditation. To receive these offerings please visit their website at www.ssje.org/prayer and enter your email address. During Lent you will receive a short daily video via email.

Coventry Circle

On Tuesday, February 5, Susie Prentiss will lead our discussion of *I Told My Soul to Sing – Finding God with Emily Dickinson* by Kristin LeMay. It is currently available in the Calvary Bookstore. As Coventry Circle members, we receive a 10% discount on the purchase price. Read before you come, brush up on Emily, and enjoy!

Looking ahead, Anna Brophy will lead our March discussion of *A Prayer for the Damned* by Peter Tremayne. It is also now available in the Calvary Bookstore.

Clothing Donation Basket

Calvary is accepting donations of gently used clothing. This isn't your average clothing drive. It isn't a one-time request, but an on-going opportunity to serve your community and benefit people. There is a clothes basket sitting in the Parish Hall near the shopping cart, available for you to drop off donations anytime: Sunday when you come to worship, or during the week when you are here for a meeting or to attend a class. Donations will be taken to The Thomas Merton Thrift Store on Penn Ave. in Garfield, which works with The East End Cooperative Ministry to provide items free to those who are in dire need of help. The store also sells items to the local community. Whenever you decide to clean out a closet or dresser, bag the items up and bring them to church. One item or many, it all helps. (Please save your household goods for donation to the Women of Calvary's Bazaar later in the year.) Thank you.

Deadlines for Publication

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, March 8, 2013**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.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.

Parish Council

LENTEN OUTREACH PROJECT

In Lent 2013, the Parish Council invites Calvary members to support ministries for children in our community. This year, we hope to encourage volunteer participation as well as financial contributions. In the Lenten season, volunteering can help us reflect on the way Jesus walked in the world.

Our focus this year is on three programs:

CLASP: Calvary Lincoln After School Program

a meaningful arts enrichment program for students at Lincoln School. Former principal Dr. Holley spoke eloquently at Dr. Lewis' retirement celebration about the impact of this program in the lives of Lincoln students.



Volunteer Opportunities: Bring snacks for a group of twenty students; Volunteer to bring works of art into classrooms. **Contact:** Kitsy McNulty. **Contribute:** To Calvary Camp scholarships for CLASP students

Sheldon Calvary Camp

A camping ministry which began at Calvary Church and now provides recreation and community for about one thousand campers each year.



Volunteer Opportunity: Spring Work Weekend at Camp. **Contact:** Leslie Reimer. **Contribute:** Scholarship funds for CLASP students and others

Homeless Children's Education



Provides direct support to meet the educational needs of the area's homeless children.

Volunteer Opportunity: Tutors to work with individual children. **Contact:** Judi Eversman or Outreach and Volunteer Services Manager, Susy Robison, at 412.562.0154, srobison@

homelessfund.org. **Contribute:** Funds to support the mission of providing hope through learning

To contribute to any or all of these projects, make checks payable to Calvary Episcopal Church and include Lenten Project and the organization in the memo line. For more information, stop by the kiosk in the Parish Hall.

Let's see what we can do together to give of ourselves in Christ's Name for the sake of children in our community.



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E-Waste Event a Big Success!



On Saturday, January 19, Commonwealth Computer Recycling (CCR) of Greensburg, PA, set up in our parking lot to receive all types of electronics for recycling. **6,292 pounds of e-waste were dropped off!**

CCR has been awarded the prestigious R2 certification, meaning that they have met very specific and strict standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to safely recycle and manage electronics. At the owner's request, computer hard drives were removed and crushed to keep the data from ever being read again for only \$10.

The Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010 was passed by then Gov. Ed Rendell and went into effect on January 24, 2013. You can no longer set out televisions and computers for your local trash collection. Electronic devices – televisions, monitors, laptops with a screen larger than five inches, computers, printers, keyboards and peripherals attached to a computer – must be recycled. They are not permitted to be disposed of in Pennsylvania landfills due to the lead and mercury they contain. Items with a cord – DVD/VCR/CD players, stereos, speakers, tape players, answering machines, telephones, cellphones – should be recycled but are not required in the new law.

Hold onto those old electronics that you still have around the house: we will be hosting another E-Waste Recycling event on **Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in Calvary's parking lot, just in time for Earth Day 2013. Please mark your calendars.



Prayer List Update

An important part of our worship at Calvary is the opportunity to pray by name for people in need. We pray for members of our congregation and for many others for whom our prayers are requested. **On the first Sunday in Lent, February 17, 2013,** we will make a fresh start with the Prayer List included in the Sunday bulletin. In order to keep our prayers current and focused, we are asking for your help. If there is someone whose name you would like to have on the list, please give that information to Weezie Wells (Iwells@calvarypgh.org) or Leslie Reimer (Ireimer@calvarypgh.org). The renewed list will include only the names which have been sent to us. People may remain on the prayer list for as long as necessary, because we know and understand that many needs are on going. However, when someone is ready to be removed from the list, we ask that you let us know. Thank you for your help and for your understanding.

More Photographs from the E-Waste Event



2013 Annual Appeal: 'Calvary At A Crossroads'

Our 2013 Annual Appeal is coming to a close. As of January 29, 2013, there were a total of 328 pledges for a balance of \$913,708, showing the generosity of our parish community. We had a challenging goal this year of \$1.2 million to enable us to complete some necessary capital repairs, so our current pledge total is short of that goal. However, we still haven't heard from a number of people who have been faithful contributors in the past. Therefore, the Stewardship Committee is making a last 'push' to complete the 2013 Annual Appeal so that the Finance Committee can finalize the budget for the current year. If you haven't yet pledged, we would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. Members of the Stewardship Committee will also be contacting parishioners to aid in this process. A brief, final analysis of the pledge numbers will be published in the March *Agape*, with detailed analysis presented at the end of April as part of the Annual Parish Meeting.

—Mary Lou Southwood, *Stewardship Chair*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Burning of the Palms: Making of the Ashes

If you have palm fronds you received last year on Palm Sunday, bring them to church to use in our Burning of the Palms ritual in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Baskets for palms will be available in the Parish Hall on February 10 or you can bring them to the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 12. After eating pancakes, we will burn palms in the courtyard at 6:30 pm.

Alleluia Banners

Children of all ages and their parents are invited to come to the Parish Hall on Shrove Tuesday, February 12. After eating their pancakes and sausage at the Pancake Supper there will be an opportunity to make individual Alleluia banners. After completing the projects they will be placed in envelopes that will be mailed home in time for Easter Day. Lenten calendars will also be available.

Vacation Bible School – All God's Creatures

Mark you calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School, June 17 through June 21. We will be in session at Calvary from 9 to 11:30 Monday through Thursday. There will be a trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium on Friday, June 21. More details can be found in next month's *Agape*.

—Adele Eley, *Coordinator for Christian Formation;*
412.661.0120 x 116; aeley@calvarypg.org

THANK YOU to all who donated money to EECM on Sunday, February 3. The Youth Group collected \$1,048 in their soup pots on Souper Bowl Sunday

Stewardship Notes

From time to time the Stewardship Committee plans to bring to your attention opportunities that could enhance your stewardship activities. Many, perhaps most, of these opportunities involve federal tax programs, so thorough review by your tax advisor is important.

Gift Annuities. Unusual Interest Rate Opportunity

Interest rates for gift annuities are set periodically by the government. Today rates are 6.00% at age 70 and go as high as 9.00% at age 90. The rates are paid until death at which time the principal goes to a charitable beneficiary (Calvary in our case).

The gift annuity provides for an income tax deduction in the first year and will accept appreciated stock without you incurring capital gains taxes.

If low interest rates are an issue for your savings, then consider a gift annuity. The minimum gift is \$10,000 and the program is underwritten by the Pittsburgh Foundation, which means they are responsible for your receiving the promised income.

Charitable Gifts from an IRA (Individual Retirement Account)

This program has been renewed for at least the 2013 tax year. It allows gifts of up to \$100,000 in total to be paid from an IRA to a charity without incurring income tax on the withdrawal. The donor must be at least 70 ½ and the gift may be used to offset the required annual minimum draw from the IRA.

This program will have particular appeal for those caught by some of the limitations on charitable giving found in the tax bill recently passed to avoid the "cliff".

Gifts from IRAs must be paid by the IRA administrator so one should not withdraw the funds and subsequently make a transfer to the charity.

Once again, be sure to consult with your tax advisor before making any distributions from an IRA.

**For more information
contact Phil Roberts 412.967.0732.**

Church Tours

If you would enjoy a close-up look at the splendor of our church building please let the Architectural History Committee know. Tours during the day or evening can be arranged. Call for more information: 412.661.0120.

Women of Calvary – Leadership Transition

I'm excited to announce that Kathy Farrington has agreed to take the helm of this very vibrant Steering Committee! Kathy joined Calvary a few years ago and has become a volunteer extraordinaire – by working in the Bookstore, serving on the WoC Steering Committee and Calling Committee for our next Rector.

It's been a privilege for me to have served as the WoC Coordinator for the past four years and Hospitality Chair for several years prior to that. In these roles, I've often had the opportunity to speak at our events and meet so many of you. Thank you for your tremendous support of our WoC programs and events.

I've had the pleasure of working with enormously dedicated women and want to offer a **special thank you** to my committee members Peggy O'Rourke, Margie Muldoon, Susie Prentiss, Kathy Farrington, Anne Robb, Michelle Rust and former committee members who served as my sage advisors: Harriette Carlisle, Jody Clarke-Walter, Louise Kay Woodside and Barbara Scruggs. I will remain on the WoC Steering Committee to assist where needed.

I encourage you to please get involved in WoC or one of the many other ministries at Calvary.

Warm regards,
Deborah Kelly

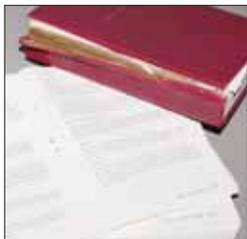
Book of Common Prayer in Pew Racks

There are over 1,000 copies of *The Book of Common Prayer* in the pews here at Calvary. Many of them have torn or missing pages and cracked spines. They have lasted over 30 years, but we need to start

replacing them. Consider donating a new BCP to the church.

The Bookstore at Calvary has copies available at the discounted price of \$20, tax included. If you would like to donate a copy, ask at the bookstore. We will be happy to

include a book plate inside the front cover noting your generosity. The prayer book will then be placed in the pews. Every purchase helps. We would like to replace as many of these as possible before Calvary calls a new Rector.



Children of all ages are welcome in worship services. Packets of materials for children are available from the ushers. *Nursery Care available during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.* The Infants' and Toddlers' Nursery is downstairs on the Christian Education level.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Prayer for healing has long been significant in the life of Calvary Church. At the invitation of Calvary's rector John Baiz, Emily Gardner Neal began a decade of healing ministry here in 1966, and healing services have continued since then. The Book of Common Prayer (page 455) provides for ministry to the sick, including prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing. Currently, the Wednesday morning 10:30 celebration of the Eucharist includes prayers for healing. During Lent, prayers for healing will be offered at the 11 a.m. Sunday Eucharist. After they have received Communion, those wishing to receive the laying on of hands may come to the altar rail in the Lady Chapel, where one of the clergy will pray for them. We invite all who seek healing of body, mind, or spirit to come for this sacramental sign of God's grace and Christ's healing presence.

Theological Reading Group for Lent



Calvary invites you to join a theological reading group for Lent 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. 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 are available in the Bookstore.

Is Your Family Membership Record Correct?

Please let us know if you have changed your phone number, snail mail address or email address. Calvary will be publishing a **Guide Book and Directory of Members** in the Spring. This book will contain information on Calvary, and a directory of members. We have partnered with *Guide Book Publishing* to produce this at no cost to us, including mailing a copy to each family. It is subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church office at 412.661.0120.

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LENT *and* EASTER at CALVARY 2013



Shrove Tuesday, 12 February Annual Pancake Supper

Dinner in the Refectory – 6 to 7:30 P.M.

After eating their pancakes and sausage, children will have the opportunity to make individual Alleluia banners. The banners will be placed in envelopes that will be mailed home in time for Easter Day. Lenten Calendars will also be available.

Please make reservations at 412.661.0120, ext. 140.

Cost \$5 per person/\$12 per family

ASH WEDNESDAY - 13 FEBRUARY

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at
7 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:15 P.M. and 7 P.M.
Imposition of Ashes at all services

Sundays in Lent

17, 24 February; 3, 10, 17 March

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, will be celebrated at
8 A.M., 9 A.M., and 11 A.M.

Laying on of Hands for Healing at 11 A.M.
(The Great Litany in Procession on Lent I,
17 February at 11 A.M.)

Sunday, March 10 at 5 p.m. Choral Evensong

The Calvary Choir, Alan Lewis, *director*, featuring music by Herbert Sumsion.

Saturday, March 16 at 8 p.m.

Pomerium – *Music from the Reign of Mary Tudor*

Calvary joins the Pittsburgh R&B in presenting this acclaimed New York-based ensemble, under the direction of Alexander Blachly, performing a program of music from the reign of England's last Roman Catholic monarch, including works by Thomas Tallis, Robert Parsons and Robert Whyte. *Tickets are available at the door, or from www.rbsp.org.*



Sunday, March 17 at 4 p.m.



Composer Linda Kernohan plays her piano-cycle, *A Book of Hours*, inspired by the writings of Thomas Merton, the great mid-twentieth-century Trappist monk and author. Readings from Merton

alternate with musical meditations.

Weekdays in Lent

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated
Mondays at 6 P.M.

Wednesdays at 7 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. (HEALING SERVICE)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday (*The Sunday of the Passion*) 24 March

8 A.M. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
9 & 11 A.M. Procession, Liturgy of the Palms, Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Monday in Holy Week - 25 March

Holy Eucharist at 7 P.M.

Tuesday in Holy Week - 26 March

Holy Eucharist at 7 P.M.

Wednesday in Holy Week - 27 March

Holy Eucharist at 7 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 7 P.M.

Maundy Thursday - 28 March

Holy Eucharist at 12 NOON

Holy Eucharist, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, and Stripping of the Altars - 7 P.M.

Good Friday - 29 March

The Three Hours' Devotion: 12 NOON – 3 P.M., with Passion, meditations, music, and Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament.

Good Friday Concert, 8 p.m.: Chatham Baroque, *ensemble-in-residence*, and the Pittsburgh Baroque Ensemble join the Calvary Choir and soloists in the first Pittsburgh performance of C.P.E. Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, a fusion of new and old built around elements of J.S. Bach's monumental *St. Matthew Passion*, mingled with the distinctive sound of the next generation.

Easter Even - 30 March - 8 p.m.

The Easter Vigil, Holy Baptism and First Eucharist of Easter, with The Rt. Rev. Dorsey W. M. McConnell, Bishop of Pittsburgh.

The Sunday of the Resurrection - 31 March

8 A.M. Holy Eucharist and Homily
9 A.M. & 11:15 A.M. Procession,
Festal Holy Eucharist and Sermon

The clergy will take Holy Communion to homebound parishioners during the Easter season. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to arrange a visit.



The Crucifixion. Andrea Mantegna. Oil on panel. Painted 1457–1459. Musée du Louvre, Paris.

Lenten Quiet Day

Saturday, March 23, 2013
9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.



The Feast Day of
Gregory the Illuminator
"You are the Light of the World."

—Matthew 5:14

Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Ave. at Walnut St., East Liberty

Join us for a day of meditations and quiet reflection on themes of God's light in our lives. Consider questions like "Who am I in Christ?" and "How much am I loved by God?" The day will close with a celebration of the Eucharist

Led by the Rev. Don Youse
Priest-in-Charge, Emmanuel Episcopal Church
on the North Side and
Chaplain to the Nomination and
Transition Committees in our recent
search for a Bishop – a gifted and insightful
spiritual guide and teacher

There is no cost for the day. A simple lunch will be provided, and donations will be accepted for the cost of lunch. To register, please e-mail Leslie Reimer at lreimer@calvarypgh.org or call 412.661.0120, ext. 123



The Twelfth Annual East End Parishes



Tuesday Night Lenten Preaching Series 2013

"Can these bones live?"

—Ezekiel 37:3

6 p.m. Dinner;
7 p.m. Holy Eucharist with hymns and sermon

February 19

St. Thomas - 378 Delaware Avenue, Oakmont
Preacher: Mr. Eric McIntosh

February 26

Calvary - 315 Shady Avenue, East Liberty
Preacher: The Rev. Kathryn LaLonde

March 5

Redeemer - 5700 Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill
Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell

March 12

St. Andrew's - 5801 Hampton St., Highland Park
Preacher: The Rev. Gwen Santiago

March 19

Holy Cross - 7507 Kelly Street, Homewood
Preacher: The Rev. Charles Hamill

Soup Group Marches On



The Soup Group will meet on March 1st at 10 o'clock in Calvary's kitchen. Won't you join us?

We welcome new cooks and are grateful for soup deliverers. Take soup to a fellow parishioner, friend, neighbor or family member. Soup is in the freezer in the pantry. Need more information? Contact me.

—Adele Eley;
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412.371.6921

Children's Corner Book Reviews

by Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation



February is Black History Month. Take a look at these books that would be a great addition to your child or grandchild's library this month or any month.

God's Dream by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams; illustrated by LeUyen Pham. \$7.99.

This board book has beautiful illustrations of children from many cultures and is for families and friends to share together. We all dream. What does God dream? It emphasizes the love and grace of God.

Papa Tells Chita a Story by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard; illustrated by Floyd Cooper. \$6.99.

A story about the Spanish-American War is told to a young listener who can hear this story many times. Our own Betty Howard explains what is true at the end of this lovely book that has soft chalk-like illustrations.

I Lay My Stitches Down - Poems of American Slavery by Cynthia Grady; illustrated by Michele Wood. \$17.00.

This collection of poems shares with us the various experiences of American slaves. Each poem is spoken from a different perspective: a house slave, a mother losing her daughter to the auction block, a blacksmith, a slave fleeing on the Underground Railroad. The poems are brought to life by vivid and colorful artwork. Each poem is followed by a historical note.

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!



February is here! We will be celebrating Groundhog Day, the lunar New Year, the Chinese year of the Snake and exchanging cards and treats with friends and loved ones on Valentine's Day.

We want to thank all of our friends who have responded to our Annual Letter and remind everyone that we are still accepting donations. Please "Have a Heart" and contribute. Your generosity helps families meet the cost of tuition by funding our scholarship program. We truly appreciate your support!

Registration for the 2013-2014 school year is now open for new students. Beginnings offers 3 days per week classes for children who will be 18 months through 4 years by September 1st. Information can be obtained on the Calvary website or by calling Beginnings at 412.661.3025. Please save the date of May 2, 2013 for our annual Spring Fling. This year's event will have a Korean theme and is going to be terrific!

—Peggy Morycz, Director

Inquirers' Class

To be a Christian means to live life in response to God, and the Episcopal and Anglican tradition offers a broad and comprehensive way to live out that life. This series of classes is designed for adults who wish to explore what it means to be a Christian in the Episcopal tradition. It is ideal for those who are new to Calvary and the Episcopal Church. Join us if you would like to engage your faith more fully, deepen your understanding of the Episcopal Church, or are considering being Confirmed or Received. The monthly class will meet from 7–9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in 2013: March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, September 4, and October 2. To sign up for the class or for more information, contact the Reverend Leslie Reimer at 412.661.0120, extension 123.

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If you wish to sign-up to receive e-mailed reminder messages and breaking news, please visit the website and click on "Sign up." It's easy to register.

Please report any change in your phone number, email or snail-mail address to the church office as soon as possible.

MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



This month marks the beginning of a year-long observance of the fiftieth anniversary of Calvary's organ's installation. The building's original organ, built in 1908 by the Moeller Company of Maryland, had aged rather

quickly, and by the mid-1950s, when Donald Wilkins became the Organist, was already in an advancing state of disrepair. But it was not until 1963 that a new organ was ready for installation, built by the Canadian firm of Casavant Frères. The new instrument reflected both the Organist's and the builder's state-of-the-art sensibilities, and was something of a landmark creation, both locally and on the broader musical stage. (Don Wilkins will reflect on that design and installation process in the Adult Forum on March 10.)

To mark this half-century milestone, a number of recitals will show off the instrument. The first of these comes on Saturday evening, February 23, when two young organists will play a program for four hands (and often four feet!).



Brian Harlow and Christopher Jennings are both graduates of Indiana University and of Yale University's School of Music, and appear frequently in recital, both singly and together. They'll play not only music for two players on one bench,

but also one of Handel's charming organ concertos, using our *continuo* organ in dialogue with the Casavant. The concert begins at 8 p.m., and all are welcome.

By the time you read this, we will be on the verge of Lent, and I hope that the various musical offerings of that season will help draw you into a deeper experience both for those forty days, and for the Easter Feast that follows. I'll write more about those in the March issue, but would, at this stage, point out the service of Choral Evensong taking place on March 10 at 5 p.m. Evensong invites us into a quieter, more introspective experience of worship than is common at the Eucharist; the "work" of the liturgy is largely done by the choir, with the congregation free to meditate on the texts of the service, and to discern the "still, small voice" that speaks through them.

Alan

Parking Reminders



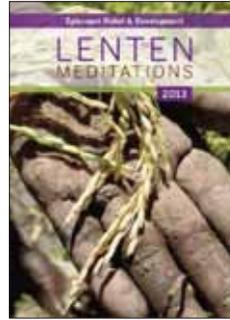
When parking in one of the designated handicapped spots please be sure that your vehicle has the required Person With Disability placard or license plate on display.

Also, don't leave electronics, purses or shopping bags in plain sight. Be safe and secure them in your trunk.

Celebrate Episcopal Relief & Development

On February 17, the first Sunday in Lent, we invite everyone to pray for people around the world who are struggling with poverty, hunger and disease. Episcopal Relief & Development works with local partners in over 40 countries to alleviate hunger and improve food supply, through integrated community-based programs that empower people to live healthier and more productive lives. You can support this work by making a donation online at www.er-d.org.

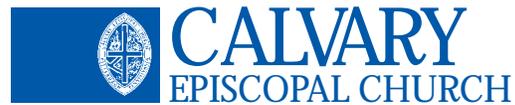
2013 Lenten Meditations



This year's Lenten devotional provides a particular focus on hunger while we prepare our souls for healing. It was written by a group of leaders from across The Episcopal Church with a variety of backgrounds and theological perspectives. Reflecting a range of diverse voices, the meditations provide

insights on Scripture passages and prayers, and how we might apply them to our lives as we face a world of need. Copies of the devotional are on the table in the Parish Hall. You may also sign-up to receive a daily devotional email from Episcopal Relief & Development. Follow the link from Calvary's website: www.calvarypgh.org.

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The Calvary Calendar: February 10 – March 17, 2013

Sunday February 10, 2013

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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

- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-up
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 5:00 P.M. Evensong

Monday February 11, 2013

Frances Jane (Fanny) Van Alstyne Crosby, Hymnwriter, 1915

- 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
- 7:00 P.M. Progressive Episcopalians of Pittsburgh
- 7:00 P.M. Personnel Committee
- 7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday February 12, 2013

Charles Freer Andrews,

Priest and "Friend of the Poor" in India, 1940

- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 P.M. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*

Wednesday February 13, 2013

Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818; Ash Wednesday

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.

- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday February 14, 2013

Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop,

Missionaries to the Slavs, 869, 885

- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 4:15 P.M. Troubadors
- 7:00 P.M. PA Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN)
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday February 15, 2013

Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730

Saturday February 16, 2013

Charles Todd Quintard, Bishop of Tennessee, 1898

- 9:00 A.M. Centering Prayer for Peace

Sunday February 17, 2013

The First Sunday in Lent

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

- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 4:30 P.M. Calvary Youth Group

Monday February 18, 2013

Martin Luther, 1546

- 5:30 P.M. Bookstore Committee Meeting
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. Lenten Theological Reading Group
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday February 19, 2013

- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 P.M. Lenten Preaching Series at St. Thomas, Oakmont
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday February 20, 2013

Frederick Douglass, Prophetic Witness, 1895

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:00 A.M. Coalition for Leadership, Education and Advocacy for Recovery (CLEAR)
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday February 21, 2013

John Henry Newman, priest and theologian, 1890

- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 4:15 P.M. Troubadors
- 5:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Board Meeting
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday February 22, 2013

Eric Liddell, Missionary to China, 1945

- 9:00 A.M. Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council Training Session

Saturday February 23, 2013

Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna, 156

- 8:00 P.M. Recital: Music for Two Organists

Sunday February 24, 2013

The Second Sunday in Lent

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

- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour

Monday February 25, 2013

John Roberts, Priest, 1949

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 P.M. Vestry Dinner and Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Lenten Theological Reading Group
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday February 26, 2013

Emily Malbone Morgan, Prophetic Witness, 1937

- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 P.M. Lenten Preaching Series at Calvary Church
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday February 27, 2013

George Herbert, priest, 1633

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

Thursday February 28, 2013

Anna Julia Haywood Cooper, 1964, and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright, 1904, Educators

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

Friday March 1, 2013

David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544

- 10:00 A.M. Soup Group Cooking

Saturday March 2, 2013

Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672

- 9:00 A.M. Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti (FLMH)

Sunday March 3, 2013

The Third Sunday in Lent

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

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

Monday March 4, 2013

Paul Cuffee, Witness to the Faith among the Shinnecock, 1812

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. Lenten Theological Reading Group
- 7:00 P.M. Personnel Committee
- 7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday March 5, 2013

- 3:00 P.M. CLASP
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 P.M. Lenten Preaching Series at Redeemer, Squirrel Hill
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday March 6, 2013

William W. Mayo, 1911, and Charles Menninger, 1953, and Their Sons, Pioneers in Medicine

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM
- 6:00 P.M. Coventry Circle
- 6:30 P.M. Beginnings Board Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Inquirers' Class

Thursday March 7, 2013

Perpetua and Felicity and their Companion Martyrs, Martyrs at Carthage, 203

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

Friday March 8, 2013

Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy, Priest, 1929

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Saturday March 9, 2013

Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 394
10:00 A.M. Alzheimer's Support Group
5:30 P.M. Men's Shelter Dinner Preparation

Sunday March 10, 2013

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.
9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
5:00 P.M. Evensong and Recital

Monday March 11, 2013

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

Tuesday March 12, 2013

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604
3:00 P.M. CLASP
5:00 P.M. Girl Scouts
6:00 P.M. Lenten Preaching Series
at St. Andrew's, Highland Park
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday March 13, 2013

James Theodore Holly, Bishop of Haiti and Dominican Republic
7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:30 A.M. ESL
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
3:00 P.M. CLASP
4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. EFM

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Beginnings Preschool
is in session on
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
starting at 8:30 a.m.
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Thursday March 14, 2013

9:30 A.M. EFM
9:30 A.M. ESL
4:15 P.M. Troubadors
7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday March 16, 2013

8:00 P.M. Pomerium Ensemble in Concert

Sunday March 17, 2013

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.
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
4:30 P.M. Calvary Youth Group

*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
EFM – Education for Ministry
ESL – English as a Second Language
OA – Overeaters Anonymous

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. No pop quiz at the end!

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. Thousands have walked the labyrinth at East Liberty Presbyterian Church since the Labyrinth Ministry began in 1996. The Reverend Mary Lynn Callahan, from East Liberty Presbyterian Church, will talk about this form of prayer.

Sunday, February 24 – Models of Spiritual Guidance in the Christian Tradition. What is it? What happens in a session? Who can benefit from it? What forms can Spiritual Guidance take? What kinds of training do Spiritual Counselors have? How do I find a Spiritual Counselor? Come explore with us key theological and practical dimensions underlying the ancient Christian practice of Spiritual Guidance or Spiritual Counseling. Dr. Martha Robbins is our presenter.

Sunday, March 3 – Calvary's Rood Screen: Gateway to the Sacred. Our rood screen is a beautiful, richly carved work of art separating nave and chancel. Come and learn about the origins of our design, its beautiful features, and controversies over its original construction and whether to remove it in the late 1960s, with Philip Maye, Chair of the Architectural History Committee.

Sunday, March 10 – Calvary's Organ at the Half-Century Mark. In observance of the Calvary organ's first half-century, organist emeritus Donald Wilkins discusses the instrument's genesis, purpose, design, and installation.

Sunday, March 17 – Who Killed Jesus? With renewed interest in discovering the "historical Jesus" during the past few decades, what was traditionally considered one of the basic "facts" about Jesus of Nazareth has undergone critical analysis by both historians and literary critics. The focus of these studies is set on understanding the trial and crucifixion of Jesus, not as an independent source in its own right, but as an integral theme within the entire context of the gospel of Mark. We will explore contemporary, historical evidence for this most famous story, the contextual background of Mark and his community, and the way in which this story ultimately serves several emerging concepts in early Christianity in the first century. Dr. Rebecca Denova, the presenter, is a Lecturer in the Early History of Christianity in the Religious Studies Department at the University of Pittsburgh.

Miracle on Penn Circle: Update on EECM Community House



This photograph of EECM's Community House shows we are now well into its second floor construction. What you see is the skyline of East Liberty and the tower of East Liberty Presbyterian Church, reminding us of how central our building is to the neighborhood. How linked it is to all the congregations which make up EECM. How the forty year scattered history of EECM is now becoming a physical presence at the center of East Liberty's housing and retail explosion. And how EECM will continue to serve our neediest neighbors through new programs and improvements in existing services.

The campaign for Community House is nearing completion, and occupancy of the building scheduled for December,

2013. We are indebted to the hundreds of congregational members, volunteers and donors, from the EECM family who have brought us to this place in history. Calvary was one of the founders of EECM and is one of its major supporters, including a significant outreach commitment to the capital campaign.

If you would like to hear more about the final phase or take a hard hat tour of the building, please contact me at phallen630@aol.com or 412.681.5159.

–Phil Hallen, *Chairman, The Campaign for Community House*

