

From The Interim Rector

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. (Acts 4:33)

It is tentative at first, as the disciples begin to understand the reality of the resurrection. From the empty tomb to encounters with the risen Jesus, they gradually move to full recognition of Christ's presence among them. Fear and grief give way to faith and joy. Those who were scattered on the day of the crucifixion are drawn together. Jesus stands with them, eating, fishing, blessing, breathing his spirit on them, urging them to be witnesses to all that they have seen. A community is forming; the community of those who have experienced the risen Lord.

Soon, empowered by the Holy Spirit, this community begins to have an impact. They continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and the prayers. They are known by their generosity to those in need. In the name of the risen Christ, they offer healing. They teach the story of God's love, and invite others to believe. They declare the message that God shows no partiality, and preach peace through Jesus Christ. The hope of the resurrection is made real by their witness.



As we hear again the proclamation of Easter – Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia! - we are still that community. We have come to believe through their testimony and are sustained by the life of the risen Christ. We are not isolated in despair or hopelessness, but drawn together by the stunning good news that Christ has destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

Our community, the community of Calvary Church, continues to have an impact. As individuals strengthened by prayer, worship, and Eucharist, we bring healing, forgiveness, teaching, and generosity in countless places each day. As a congregation gathered, we open the door to welcome all those who seek Christ's presence and peace. Resurrection hope is made real by our witness to the world around us.

In this week's Metropolitan Diary in the *New York Times*, there was a story which might be a parable for the power of simple witness in the world. It is a description of a food truck at the corner of 38th Street and Fifth Avenue: "On the side panel just below the container filled with pink-and-blue packets of processed sugar was a sign that read, "Take a Smile (They're free)," with smiley-faced slips of paper to take. Next to it read another sign, "Take What You Need," with slips of paper for "Passion, Courage, Strength, Motivation, Forgiveness" — other options were apparently already taken... "I feel it's my role to bring hope to people," said the soft-spoken merchant when I asked him why he put up the signs."

Let our presence in the world be a source of courage, strength, and forgiveness for those who need them, and a sign of hope in the name of the risen Christ.

Leslie

United Thank Offering



On Sunday, May 12th, you will find a blue envelope in your service bulletin marking the spring ingathering of UTO, the **United Thank Offering**. WoC (Women of Calvary), which coordinates this collection, wholeheartedly encourages members of the congregation as well as visitors to make a contribution to this worthy charitable undertaking.

For those of you unfamiliar with the organization, UTO is a program of The Episcopal Church founded by women in 1889, and administered since then by women for the mission of the whole church. As such, it is both a spiritual and financial partner in the church's mission, and it works through the generosity of individuals – every person in every pew of churches throughout our own diocese and throughout the country. Over the years since its founding, the offerings and prayers of its donors have built churches and schools, made needed renovations, fed the hungry, clothed the poor, provided shelter for the homeless, and provided care and support for those with physical, mental and emotional challenges. It is entrusted with promoting thank offerings, receiving them, and distributing the money raised through a variety of grants distributed in our own diocese, as well as nationwide and abroad. In the recent past, organizations in this community have benefited from these modest-to-substantial grants.

Please look for the blue envelope in your service bulletin in which to make your donation at the offertory, or at such time in the near future which is convenient for you. Checks may be made out to Calvary Episcopal Church and designated for UTO.

UTO Spring Ingathering

This year the UTO Spring Ingathering will be held at Trinity Cathedral on Saturday, May 11. Participants from every parish in the Pittsburgh Diocese are invited to share the day's activities and to formally submit their parish UTO contributions to the total offerings from donations placed in the familiar blue envelopes this season.

Of course, this Ingathering event marks a historic point in the Diocese as we welcome Bishop Dorsey McConnell to his first Pittsburgh UTO Ingathering and he welcomes its participants to his own Cathedral in the heart of downtown Pittsburgh.

The schedule of proceedings on May 11 is as follows: Registration with breakfast snacks, 9:30 a.m.; ECW business meeting, 10; guest performers, 10:30; Holy Eucharist, 11; luncheon, noon.

Bishop McConnell will celebrate the Eucharist, and City Charter High School Choir will perform. There will also be a procession at which representatives of the parishes – displaying their parish banners – will carry their envelopes to be combined with other parish contributions.

Since the Ingathering this spring is an important celebration of Diocesan solidarity, and since the event promises to be a great opportunity to socialize with new and old friends and hear UTO news, WoC would like to encourage as many Calvary parishioners as possible to participate.

The cost of the luncheon is \$15, and advance registration is required for planning. If you would like more information and/or are interested in registering, please contact Anne Robb at 412.521.7545 or annerobb1@verizon.net. The registration deadline is May 3.

Save The Date

Women of Calvary Sponsors Retreat in September

Recharge, reflect and relax with us at the Kearns Spirituality Center, a ministry of the Sisters of Divine Providence in Allison Park on Saturday, September 14, 2013. We'll be providing more details in the coming months, but mark your calendars now for this day of spiritual renewal.

Curate Search

Calvary has placed the job description for a new Curate on our website: www.calvarypgh.org. You can read it by following the link on the home page.



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
158TH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH WILL TAKE PLACE
ON SATURDAY 27 APRIL AT 10 A.M.
IN THE PARISH HALL AND
SUNDAY 28 APRIL AT 10 A.M. IN THE NAVE**

Saturday's session will take the form of detailed reports on the state of the parish and an update of parish activities, with ample time provided for questions and answers. At the Sunday session, the election of members of the Vestry and Parish Council and other business will be conducted. **Please make every effort to attend both sessions.**

News from Zack Drennen and the Elewana Project

Building on the successful Kenyan national election, and the growing staff, support and infrastructure in Kenya, Elewana is offering a NEW initiative for the Summer of 2013: **The Elewana Service and Leadership Academy (ESLA)**, open to all students and educators at least 15 years of age. Participants may choose between one of two different 15-day programs: July 7–21 or July 28–August 11. For more information go to www.elewana.org and click on the newsletter tab.

Faith, Fellowship and Fun – A Sisterhood?

Have you found yourself looking for a group of women with whom to share experiences of faith and to share our accumulated wisdom from our life experiences – both happy and sad, and best of all to make new friendships and to laugh together?

A “Sisterhood,” as I envision it, would include Bible study and would enrich our prayer life. We would learn from each other. Maybe we would attend movies together (like *Quartet*) about our stage in life. Everyone in the group would share in leading discussions and more than one group could be formed including groups at different stages of life. Of course we would have tea, etc. Every group at Calvary has food!

If you are interested in being a part of this group please feel free to contact me.

–Charlotta Ross, 412.361.3862, rosscello@aol.com

Warmer weather? Warm Soup!



I am hoping warmer weather has arrived, but soup can still be a satisfying meal in all types of weather. On May 5 the Soup Group will be cooking in Calvary Kitchen at 10 a.m. Please think about joining us to cook. Also consider delivering soup to a friend, neighbor, family member, or co-worker. Our deliveries are not restricted to Calvary members. We are happy to share! The recipe for May has not been selected so if you have an idea, please contact me.

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



Please recycle this newsletter when you have finished reading it.

Holy Baptism

There will be a celebration of Holy Baptism on **Pentecost, Sunday, May 19** at the 11 a.m. service.

Please contact the church office if you would like to have a child baptized, or if you would like to be baptized.

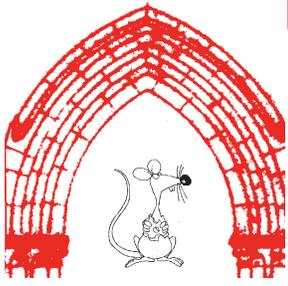


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The Church Mouse

*A Message from
Mary Ellen Leigh –*

On Saturday morning, February 16 while taking my dog, Alice, for a walk I was hit by a car and knocked down. I sustained a concussion, damage to my right foot and left knee, shoulders and neck. Alice was about five feet ahead of me on her leash and she came back to me and tried to lick my face. Several young men who were across the street came running over and one of them picked up Alice's leash and called 911 on his cell phone. The police came immediately and took information from me and the young lady who was driving the car. The police asked who owned the dog and the young man said the lady who had been hit by the car. The police said they would have to take Alice. I started to cry and asked them not to take her to the pound. One policeman came over and said he would take her to whomever I wished. I mentioned the name of a friend of mine living on the South Side. He asked her address but I could not remember it or her phone number. I started to cry again. He said don't worry, we'll find her. The paramedics arrived at this point and put me on a board, then a stretcher and by the time I was in the ambulance I was unconscious. I mention this because the police did find my friend. They went out of their way to help me. I get tired of hearing the police maligned. Alice has been staying with friends. I want to thank Calvary Church, the many people who brought me food, sent cards and emails and prayed for me.

Focus Tour: 'Saints Preserve Us'

On Sunday, April 21 at 12:30 p.m., Jim Cassaro of the Architectural History Committee will give a focus tour of the South Transept windows in the church. These brilliant and magnificent examples of the art of stained-glass are dedicated to the history of the early Christian Church in the British Isles, portraying in particular British and Welsh saints, martyrs and missionaries of the first ten centuries, A.D. The tour will last approximately 20-25 minutes. Those interested in hearing and learning about these windows and the saints that inhabit them should meet in the South Transept directly after the 11 o'clock service.

Deadlines for Publication

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, May 3, 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.



Special Service Times on May 4 & 5

Saturday, 4 May at 5:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

A service at the Crossing Altar in the Church

Sunday, 5 May at 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

A simple service of Holy Communion in the Chapel

Because the Pittsburgh marathon route limits access to Calvary on Sunday morning, May 5, our principal service that weekend will be a Eucharist at 5 p.m. on Saturday evening, May 4. We will take this opportunity to enjoy a pot-luck dinner following the service.

If your last name begins with a letter between **A and L**, please bring an entree to feed 8 to 10 people. If your last name begins with a letter between **M and Z**, please bring a salad or side dish. Calvary will provide dessert and a beverage. Please let us know how many are coming by phoning 412.661.0120, extension 40, so that we will know how many places to set.

Save the Date for *May Magic*

The Women of Calvary (WoC) will host *May Magic* on May 15 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. It's an evening of food, fun and libation, and it's just for us girls, so mark your calendars now and watch this space for more details.

Book of Common Prayer in Pew Racks

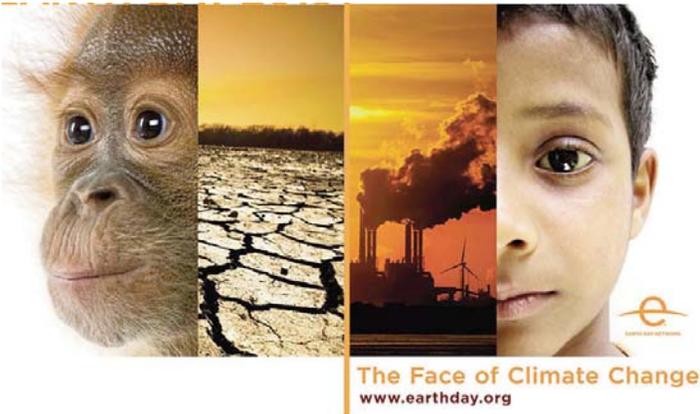
There are over 1,000 copies of *The Book of Common Prayer* in the pews here at Calvary. Many of them have torn or missing pages and cracked spines. They have lasted over 30 years, but we need to start replacing them. Consider donating a new BCP to the church.

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.

Many Thanks to those who have already responded! The list of donors is growing week by week.



**REUSE
REDUCE
RECYCLE**

See the story on the back page of this issue
for information on the
E-Waste Recycling Day
on Saturday, April 20, 2013

Sunday, April 22, 2013 is Earth Day

Recycling Facts

17 trees are saved by every ton of existing paper that is recycled.

The average person generates over 4 pounds of trash every day and about 1.5 tons of solid waste per year.

Over 75% of waste is recyclable, but we only recycle about 30% of it.

We generate 21.5 million tons of food waste each year. If we composted that food, it would reduce the same amount of greenhouse gas as taking 2 million cars off the road.

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to listen to a full album on your iPod. Recycling aluminum cans saves 95% of the energy used to make one can from new material. It takes between 80 and 100 years for an aluminum can to decompose. A used aluminum can is recycled and back on the grocery shelf as a new can, in as little as 60 days. That's closed loop recycling at its finest! Used aluminum beverage cans are the most recycled item in the U.S., but other types of aluminum, such as siding, gutters, car components, storm window frames, and lawn furniture can also be recycled. Because so many of them are recycled, aluminum cans account for less than 1% of the total U.S. waste stream, according to EPA estimates. There is no limit to the amount of times an aluminum can be recycled. An estimated 80,000,000 Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day, using enough aluminum foil to cover over 50 acres of space – that's almost 40 football fields. All that foil is recyclable, but not many people realize it.

Americans throw away 25,000,000 plastic bottles every hour. Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator

Over 87% of Americans have access to curbside or drop-off paper recycling programs. In 2010, paper recycling had increased over 89% since 1990. If every American recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we could save about 25 million trees each year. The average household throws away 13,000 separate pieces of paper each year. Most is packaging and junk mail. **There are two paper recycling bins in Calvary's parking lot. Please use them!**



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The solution to the word search puzzle will be printed in next month's *Agape*.

Did you know... Calvary Church recycles. We have the two Paper Retriever bins in our parking lot for the recycling of all paper waste. We also use a smaller dumpster for our cardboard and glass waste.

Children's Corner Book Reviews

by Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation



These two books are new to The Bookstore at Calvary. Take a look!

This Is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen. \$15.99.

This book is the 2013 winner of the Caldecott Award, given to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. This book follows a little fish who tries to get away with stealing a small, blue hat from a slumbering big fish. Will he get away with it? Read and enjoy the wonderful illustrations to find out.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. \$16.99.

This is another award winning book, receiving the Newberry Award for 2013. This award is given to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children. Our narrator, Ivan, is an easygoing gorilla. Readers will know his of his friendship, artwork and hopes for the future. This a great book to read with your child or grandchild.

Bookstore Ministry

The Bookstore at Calvary needs sales people and a girl – or guy – Friday.

Sales help is needed during the week (Tuesday-Thursday) 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and on Sundays. There are two shifts on Sunday, 8:45–10:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.–1 p.m. The store is closed during the 11 o'clock service.

If sales isn't your thing, perhaps coming in to the store sometime on Friday to make the bookstore both attractive and ready for busy Sundays, is.

Make this your Calvary ministry! Please contact Pat Standring (412.481.8613; pstandring@verizon.net) for further information and/or to set up a time for training. We look forward to having you become a part of our bookstore staff.



Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Palm Sunday Bake Sale one of the best ever! We collected over \$1300 for our scholarship program. We could not have done it without the help of the many parents, grandparents, teachers and parishioners who donated ingredients or items to sell or participated in the group cooking sessions or helped to sell or purchased items on the big day. We hope everyone enjoyed the treats!

At last spring is in the air! Everyone at **Beginnings** is excited to learn about changes in the weather and the new life in plants and animals and especially to get back outside to the playground! We will investigate ways that we can care for the Earth and celebrate Earth Day. Everyone is invited to join us in the courtyard on April 18 at 10 a.m. for our annual celebration of our planet.

We are also learning about Korea and their famous kites in preparation for Spring Fling. All students will be making items for the student art show and contributing to the décor for **Seoul Soul: a night in Korea**. Please join us for a chance to sample Korean food and music and to bid on wonderful prizes! Admission includes a chance to win the \$500 cash prize. Childcare is provided with reservations by April 23. All proceeds benefit Beginnings scholarship fund.

We are very grateful to all of the vendors and individuals who have already made donations to Spring Fling, but we are still collecting auction items. If you have any items or services to donate or have any questions, please call the *Beginnings* office: 412.661.3025. –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 continue to meet from 7–9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in 2013: 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.

The Calvary Calendar: April 14 – May 12, 2013

Sunday April 14, 2013

The Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Holy Baptism and 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
- 12:45 P.M. Curate Search Committee Meeting
- 4:00 P.M. The Very Reverend Perry Williams Memorial Lecture, Session One
- 5:30 P.M. Reception

Monday April 15, 2013

Damien, Priest and Leper, 1889, and Marianne, Religious, 1918, of Molokai

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. OA

Tuesday April 16, 2013

Mary (Molly) Brant (Konwatsijayenni), Witness to the Faith among the Mohawks, 1796

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 6:30 P.M. Diocesan Growth Fund Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday April 17, 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-off site
- 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 April 18, 2013

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 4:15 P.M. Troubadors
- 5:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Board Meeting
- 6:00 P.M. Third Order of St. Francis
- 7:00 P.M. Diocesan Social Justice and Outreach
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday April 19, 2013

Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Martyr, 1012

Saturday April 20, 2013

- 10:00 A.M. E-Waste Recycling Event
- 10:00 A.M. Diocesan Workshop
- 10:00 A.M. Centering Prayer

Sunday April 21, 2013

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 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
- 4:00 P.M. CYG
- 4:00 P.M. Organist Martin Neary in Recital

Monday April 22, 2013

John Muir, Naturalist and Writer, 1914, and Hudson Stuck, Priest and Environmentalist, 1920

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 P.M. Vestry dinner and meeting*
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. Crop Walk Meeting
- 7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday April 23, 2013

George, Soldier and Martyr, c. 304. Toyohiko Kagawa, Prophetic Witness in Japan, 1960

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings
- 7:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday April 24, 2013

Genocide Remembrance

- 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 April 25, 2013

Saint Mark the Evangelist

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

Friday April 26, 2013

Robert Hunt, Priest and First Chaplain at Jamestown, 1607

Saturday April 27, 2013

Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894

- 10:00 A.M. Annual Parish Meeting, Part One

Sunday April 28, 2013

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 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. Annual Parish Meeting, Part Two
- 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. Oberlin Collegium in concert
- 6:00 P.M. Reception

Monday April 29, 2013

Catherine of Siena, 1380

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

Tuesday April 30, 2013

Sarah Josepha Buell Hale, Editor and Prophetic Witness, 1879

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday May 1, 2013

Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles

- 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-off site
- 4:00 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM
- 7:00 P.M. Inquirers' Class

Thursday May 2, 2013

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 4:15 P.M. Troubadors
- 6:00 P.M. Beginnings Spring Fling
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday May 3, 2013

- 7:00 P.M. LOCA Pizza Party

Saturday May 4, 2013

Monnica of Hippo, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

- 9:00 A.M. FLMH
- 10:00 A.M. Centering Prayer
- 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:15 P.M. Pot-Luck Supper*

Sunday May 5, 2013

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 4:00 P.M. Four Choirs Festival (at East Liberty Presbyterian Church)



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The Calvary Calendar: April 14 – May 12, 2013

Monday May 6, 2013

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

Tuesday May 7, 2013

Harriet Starr Cannon, Religious, 1896
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle
7:00 P.M. Architectural History Committee Meeting
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday May 8, 2013

Dame Julian of Norwich, c. 1417
7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:00 A.M. Coalition for Leadership, Education and Advocacy for Recovery (CLEAR) Meeting
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. ESL
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
3:00 P.M. CLASP-off site
4:00 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. EfM
7:00 P.M. Thomas Merton Study Group

Thursday May 9, 2013

Ascension Day
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. ESL
9:30 A.M. EfM
4:15 P.M. Troubadors
6:30 P.M. Choir Call
7:30 P.M. Evensong

Friday May 10, 2013

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, Prophetic Witness, 1760
10:00 A.M. Musical Club

Saturday May 11, 2013

5:00 P.M. Men's Shelter Dinner Preparation

Sunday May 12, 2013

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day
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. Christian Formation Classes
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour

AA – Alcoholics Anonymous
CLASP – Calvary-Lincoln Afterschool Program
CYG – Calvary Youth Group
EfM – Education for Ministry
ESL – English as a Second Language
FLMH – Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti
LOCA – League of Christian Avengers
OA – Overeaters Anonymous

Events At-A-Glance

THE VERY REV. PERRY R. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL CONVERSATION SERIES ON SAME SEX BLESSINGS

Sunday, April 14, 2013 • 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 19, 2013 • 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
158TH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SATURDAY 27 APRIL AT 10 A.M.
IN THE PARISH HALL
AND SUNDAY 28 APRIL AT 10 A.M.
IN THE NAVE

MUSIC AT CALVARY

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 at 4 p.m.

Martin Neary

Calvary joins the Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh in presenting British organist Martin Neary in recital. Sometime Organist of Winchester Cathedral and of Westminster Abbey, Neary now travels the globe as a conductor and solo-performer. *Dr. Neary will also direct the Calvary choirs in the 11 a.m. service on April 21.*

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 at 5 p.m.

The Oberlin Collegium Musicum in concert

Steven Plank leads his exquisite *a cappella* choir in a program of Victoria's *Missa Gaudeamus*, along with motets and chants associated with the commemoration of all the saints.

SUNDAY, MAY 5 (MARATHON SUNDAY) at 4 p.m.

Four Choirs Festival

Calvary joins with the choirs of East Liberty Presbyterian, Shadyside Presbyterian, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches in presenting a choral concert featuring music by Britten (*Rejoice in the Lamb*), Walton (*The Twelve*) and others, directed by internationally acclaimed conductor David Hill. *This event takes place at East Liberty Presbyterian Church, South Highland Avenue at Penn Avenue; all are welcome.*

To check for late breaking changes or additions to the calendar, visit our website at www.calvarypg.org.

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. Many have expressed appreciation for the healing prayers during Lent, so prayers for healing will continue to 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.

Flower Delivery "Thank You"

The Altar Flower Delivery Committee would like to extend a very grateful thank you to all the **17 volunteers** who came to the Parish Hall on the Monday after Easter to help with the delivery of the **54 flowers** to Calvary parishioners.

A thank you to the following volunteers who gave of their time to accomplish this wonderful ministry of Calvary Church: **Lucy Douglas, Donna Hallen, Lee Hicks, Ron Johnson, Sue Jones, Jan McKeag, Lee O'Nan, Sung Wha Oh, Lyn Orr, Susan Petrie, Susie Prentiss, Anne Robb, Jean Robinson, Carol Shultis, William Stevens, Clint Van Dusen** and **Louise Kay Woodside**.

Thank You also to....

Weezie Wells, who prepared the cards, addresses and directions that made the delivery task very easy. **James Knight** and **Ron Johnson**, our sextons, who transferred the 100+ flowers from the Sanctuary to the Parish Hall. James comes in around 6 a.m. to start the setup of flower transfer. Thank you **Ron** for the delicious pastries you contributed to accompany the coffee available for the volunteers before they started their flower deliveries and for also coming into work on your day off to help with this task; **Ken Smith** who published the announcements of this special flower delivery event in the Sunday Bulletins and Agape prior to Easter Monday; **Clergy Staff** who made announcements on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday encouraging parishioners to volunteer.

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



Clothing Donation Basket

Calvary is accepting donations of gently used clothing. 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. Thank you.

Red Geraniums for Pentecost

Would you like to donate red geranium plants in honor or memory of your loved ones for Pentecost, Sunday, May 19th? As is the tradition, the plants will be in the front of the rood screen for the services and then planted in the



Calvary gardens. With your donation of \$10, you will be able to buy two geraniums. You may take one home to be planted there or opt to have both planted at Calvary. Calvary's gardeners will be helping children from the Sunday School plant the geraniums after the 11 o'clock service. Others are welcome to help!

Red Geraniums for Pentecost

In Memory of In Honor of

Donor's name:

Donor's telephone: (_____) _____

Please check here if you would like BOTH geraniums to be planted at Calvary

Please mail to: Arleen Walter
Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206-4388

*Please make checks payable to Calvary Episcopal Church and write "Geraniums" on the memo line. Your donation of \$10 for the 2 red geraniums is needed at Calvary by **Monday, May 13** so we can place our order with the greenhouse. **Thank You!***

THE VERY REV. PERRY R. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL CONVERSATION SERIES ON SAME SEX BLESSINGS

Sunday, April 14, 2013 • 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

A LEGAL AND SOCIAL PERSPECTIVE

with **Paul M. Smith**, noted civil rights attorney

Sunday, May 19, 2013 • 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

A THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

with **the Rev. Stan Baker**,

Deacon at the Cathedral Church

of St. Paul in Burlington, VT,

and **Rabbi Aaron Bisno**,

Senior Rabbi, Rodef Shalom Congregation, Pittsburgh

Both sessions will be held here at Calvary

On Human Sexuality

Sundays, June 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2013 at 10 a.m.

The Rev. John Fetterman will lead a special series of forums exploring the church's response to same-gender relationships – how the Anglican tradition approaches these significant questions. Presentations will include stories of human experience as well as theological reflection. The series will draw from a book titled *Reasonable and Holy*, written by Tobias Stanislas Haller. The book may be ordered through the Calvary Church Bookstore (412.661.0120 x133). Reading the book is not required for participation. A list of other suggested readings will also be available during the series. Join us for as many of the sessions as you can – it is not necessary to attend all of them. We look forward to this opportunity for learning and conversation.

In Search of...Members for the Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee is looking for energetic and creative people who love Calvary and its many ministries and want to help make the Annual Appeal successful. There are many tasks involved in the Stewardship process which take place long before the formal Appeal process. If you are a good 'planner', like to write, have marketing skills, have verbal communication skills or enjoy talking to people, join us! If you would like to participate, but don't have time or the inclination to come to meetings, we still have a place for you! Call me at 412-901-6669 or email me at stewardship@calvarypggh.org.
—Mary Lou Southwood

MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



Heartfelt thanks to all the singers who helped our Holy Week and Easter services take the wings of song. By my count, those who took part in all the services sang as many as 30 choral pieces, ranging from relatively brief psalms to “normal”-length anthems and motets to a two-hour Passion setting in the Good Friday evening concert. And I've stopped logging the hours of rehearsal and services they took part in, lest I discourage membership! Yes, Holy Week and Easter are a big commitment of time and effort for the choir...but it's that very commitment, that investment, that helps the experience to be so powerful (I hope on both sides of the Rood Screen). “Nothing ventured, nothing gained,” as the secular proverb runs; its corollary might be, “Pour in your heart and soul, and find both nurtured.”

There's lots going on musically in the coming weeks. On April 21, the distinguished English organist Martin Neary visits Calvary, leading the choirs in the 11 a.m. service, and playing the McVay recital at 4 p.m. (Dr. Neary has been the Organist of Winchester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, and now tours the world as a sought-after recitalist and conductor.) Free tickets are available from me after Sunday services, or at the reception desk during the week.

On Sunday, April 28, at 5 in the afternoon, the Collegium Musicum of Oberlin College returns, presenting a program of *a capella* choral music by Palestrina, Victoria, Byrd, Schütz, and others. This excellent group of students has performed almost annually at Calvary for some years, and is well worth a listen. Admission is free, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Music.

And on Marathon Sunday afternoon, May 5, at 4 p.m., the Calvary Choir joins choirs from Shadyside and East Liberty Presbyterian and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches in presenting a festival service of praise and prayer, much of it choral, at East Liberty Presbyterian Church at South Highland and Penn Avenues. David Hill, another very distinguished English conductor (also a former Organist of Winchester Cathedral!) leads the combined choirs in Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Randall Thompson's *The Peaceable Kingdom*. This is a first-time collaboration amongst these choirs, and we're all quite excited about it. Please come enjoy the fruits of our partnership!

Alan

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The Calendar may be found as a separate insert in this month's newsletter.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Mark your calendars:

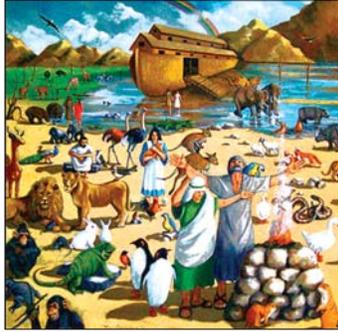
Pentecost Red Geraniums

On Sunday, May 19, after the 11 a.m service all parents and children are invited to help the Calvary gardeners plant red geraniums on Calvary's property. Bring your garden tools and join in the fun. Additional details may be found in this issue of *Agape*.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held from June 17-21. Children four to ten years of age (or completing 5th grade) are invited to be part of our program **All God's**

Creatures. Each day will focus on a different Bible story. The children will expand on what they've learned by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects, singing songs, participating in games and activities, and enjoying healthy snacks. Our program will begin at 9 and conclude at 11:30, Monday through Thursday. On Friday, June 21, we will meet at the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium. We will visit various exhibits as a group and eat our packed lunches before entering the Education Complex for a special presentation, *The Wonders of Wildlife*. Applications are in the tracts racks and on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and on Calvary's website. This program is open to children ages 4 through Grade 5. The cost is \$30. Scholarships are available. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.



VBS Volunteers

PLEASE consider volunteering to assist any or all of the days for VBS. You may call or email me.

—Adele Eley; aeley@calvarypg.org; 412.661.0120 x 116

The Day of Pentecost

Strawberries and Ice Cream
will be served after the 11 a.m. service on May 19.



Sunday, April 14: Religion: Where is it Going? part 2. Some sociologists of religion say that the recent fifty years of religious history have witnessed more change than any other. The point may be arguable but it is eminently worth considering. From the vantage point of fifty years of ordained ministry, Father John Fetterman can testify that the current religious climate is vastly different than it was fifty year ago. He will talk about the changes with a view towards affirming purpose and meaning in them as distinguished from chaos, confusion and collapse and how he believes that God is still creating and hasn't yet reached the Amen.

Sunday, April 21: 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. As a special observance of his feast day, 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. This forum was rescheduled from January 27.

Sunday, April 27: Annual Meeting – *No Adult Forum*

Sunday, May 5: Marathon Sunday – No Formation Classes.
We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist on Saturday, March 4 at 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 5 at 8 a.m. only.

Sunday, May 12: Choosing the Better Part – Biblical Models of Motherhood. Biblical mothers suggest a range of parenting follies such as favoritism, territoriality as well as good Jewish mothers who look out for their boys. On Mother's Day, we will briefly consider biblical examples such as Sarah and Rebekah as well as Mary and the mother of James and John who provide robust images for us today of celebrated human maternity. Dr. Sandra Collins, faculty in biblical studies and library director at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary on Pittsburgh's North Side, will be the presenter.

Sunday, May 19: Tour the Garth. Between the 9 and 11 o'clock services, you will have an opportunity to tour the church gardens, learn about the memorials and hear some of the history of changes that have taken place, primarily in what is now called the Swan Garden. The courtyard was once the "Choir House Garth". So grab a Sunday morning beverage and meet the gardeners outside the Refectory.

Please support the East End Cooperative Ministry's **Hunger Programs** with contributions of groceries and non-perishable items; just bring your items to church on Sunday or drop them off in the Parish Hall cart anytime.

Please bring whatever is convenient or easy for you to carry or share. All items are welcome. **Thank you!**

Desmond Tutu Wins 2013 Templeton Prize with \$1.7 Million Award



by Jaweed Kaleem, *The Huffington Post*

Desmond Tutu, the former Anglican archbishop of Cape Town who rose to international fame as he helped lead the fight against apartheid in South Africa in the 1970s and 1980s, was named the 2013 Templeton Prize winner on Thursday, April 4.

The honor, which comes with a \$1.7 million award, is given annually by the West Conshohocken, Penn.-based John Templeton Foundation. It has, in recent years, been awarded to academics who work at the nexus of religion and science.

Tutu is being awarded for his promotion of what the foundation calls “spiritual progress,” including love, forgiveness and human liberation, especially after the fall of apartheid when he chaired South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The commission addressed tensions between perpetrators of the apartheid state and reformers, and granted amnesty on both sides to hundreds of requests out of thousands that were submitted. It is considered key to the nation’s democratic transition in the 1990s.

“When you are in a crowd and you stand out from the crowd it’s usually because you are being carried on the shoulders of others,” Tutu said in response to receiving the prize in a video on the Templeton website. “I want to acknowledge all the wonderful people who accepted me as their leader at home and so to accept this prize, as it were, in a representative capacity.”

Tutu, 81, has not said what he will do with the award money, although past winners have used it for charitable causes.

Giving the annual award to a man whose life’s work has revolved around fighting racism, poverty and government corruption continues a shift that began last year when it was given to the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibet. That award marked the first time in more than a decade that the Templeton Prize was given to an international spiritual and political figure, rather than a theologian or physicist. The award also has been given to the Rev. Billy Graham and Mother Teresa, its first recipient in 1973.

Tutu will formally accept the award in London on May 21.

—Read the complete article at huffingtonpost.com.

Desmond Tutu was hosted by Calvary Church on October 25, 2007 at an Interfaith Service for Justice and Peace, where he received a joint Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, from the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University.

FREE* E-Waste Recycling Event

*Donations Accepted

Sat. April 20, 2013 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Calvary Episcopal Church Parking Lot

315 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh 15206 • www.calvaryppgh.org



Bring in your computers, laptops, servers, hard drives, cell phones, Consumer electronics including VCR, DVD players, radios, keyboards, desktop printers, circuit boards, cables, CD, DVD, hard drives (on-site destruction is available for \$10), phones.

In an effort to maximize our recycling efforts televisions will **not** be accepted at the event. Free recycling for televisions will take place at the Greensburg warehouse located at 1628 Roseytown Road, Unit 8, Greensburg, PA 15601.

Commonwealth Computer Recycling, who was here at Calvary this past January, reported that they collected **6,292 pounds of e-waste** on that day!