

Agape

JUNE 12, 2016

Stories to Live By



In the last few weeks, I have spent a great deal of time sorting through old books. It is an annual ritual of spring cleaning to make room for the book sale at Calvary and to reorganize my library with the most useful texts. Each book is difficult to let go but room must be made. It was curious to me what was easier to let go of and what I felt needed to be kept. Many types of books fell into the giveaway pile; books on business, non-fiction, theology, church administration, essays, and preaching. (Some might suggest I should have held on to some of the latter category.) What I kept, without fail, were the novels, the stories. Those are the books I want to go back and mine again for meaning and read for pleasure.

Almost all the others contain things one can look up on Wikipedia or elsewhere. The stories are what stick with us because we connect with them in a deeper way than just facts. We remember good stories, we bring them to mind again. Great stories, especially, create a narrative we enter and take part in.

Joseph Campbell, the great professor of comparative religion and one of my favorite authors, called these epic stories, “myths.” He used the term myth not as a false tale but a story to live by, a story that shapes and guides meaning.

We exercise a form of this storytelling that shapes and guides identity and meaning in a secular sense on July 4th recalling the costs of freedom and its rights and responsibilities and on Thanksgiving Day in which we retell narratives about Natives and Pilgrims that call us to be mindful of our many blessings and what it means to cultivate a life of gratitude. We practice this storytelling that shapes and guides identity and meaning all the time in our families. Just think back to you family reunion and remember the stories that keep recurring about you and your relatives. They are a part of your story, your “hi-story.” They tell us who we are to a great degree. Some of them we probably need to let go and some we probably need to keep.

In a religious sense, we do this each week in the celebration of the Eucharist. We tell a chapter of God’s story that we take part in through readings, prayers, music, and being together. It all leads up to retelling a main part of the story of Jesus in the Last Supper that becomes the sacred meal we share that nourishes the soul even if we can’t explain it all.

The technical term for this is “anamnesis.” It is not just remembering something but bringing the past to the present in which we become actors and participants. We can become a part of them as the stories become a part of us. They shape our character from the inside out. “Do this in remembrance of me” recalls the story and forms us as a people who continue to act it out in our lives today.

In your life, what do you need to let go of and what do you need to take with you as we live out the Good News in our lives and in our city?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Newcomer Ministry Team Meeting

For the previous two years a large part of my ministry has been focused on the welcoming, meeting, and integrating of new members to our parish. The Welcome! Committee and the Ambassadors have been a huge part of that ministry. Would you like to be a part of that ministry? Calvary is growing and we need people like you to be the pleasant, warm, and neighborly faces who welcome newcomers into this parish.

As a part of the ever evolving process of newcomer ministry there will be a meeting on **July 5, at 6 p.m.** (most likely in the Evans Room) to discuss integrating and streamlining the ministries of these two groups. Further this is an opportunity for anyone not currently a member of either group to come and explore this exciting new ministry with us. The ninety minutes on the fifth will be a chance to share ideas and consider our current methods of inviting • welcoming • connecting potential new members. So... if you are a current member of either Welcome! or Ambassadors please join us; if you are interested in, passionate about, or just a little curious as to what it might look like to be a part of this redeveloped ministry please join us.

I hope to see you there. Blessings... T.J. ■

If you have any questions, please contact The Rev. T.J. Freeman at 412.661.0120 ext. 112, or tjfreeman@calvarypgh.org

Stewart O’Nan Book Signing

Please join us in the Parlor on **Sunday, June 12**, to talk with author – and Calvary parishioner – Stewart O’Nan. He will be signing his new book *City of Secrets*, after the 9 and 11 o’clock services. The novel is set in Jerusalem after World War II, in the underground resistance to the British Mandate of Palestine, where it traces the conflicting loyalties to communities and conscience underlie the moral choices of one survivor. ■

The (Not-so) Young Adult Group

After seeing the success of Calvary’s nascent Young Adult groups, some not-so-young Calvary members (who remember such things as computer punch cards, rotary phones and 45s) have decided it is their turn for fun.

So they are issuing an open invitation to all to join them for Happy Hour on **Friday, June 24, at the Wallace Tap Room in the Hotel Indigo**, 123 North Highland Ave. The fun starts at 5:30. The tap room offers traditional table sitting and a menu with appetizers, sandwiches and full entrees. There are also several comfy sofas where folks can sip their drinks and talk with friends, both old and new. Hope to see you there.

Please contact Mary Ann Slater at saurslater@yahoo.com if you have any questions. ■

Opportunity to Serve

Have you ever thought about serving as an usher? **We are in need of ushers at the 11 o’clock service**, particularly during the summer. It is a meaningful, useful, and enjoyable way to serve at Calvary.

What are the responsibilities?

- Arrive fifteen minutes before the service begins.
- Collect the offertory.
- Help direct people to Communion.

How does one receive training?

One of the clergy and/or experienced ushers will be available each Sunday to offer training or a refresher.

Who may serve?

Anyone who is able to fulfill the duties. You do not have to be a member. It would be appropriate for an individual, a couple, or a parent and child.

Is there a schedule?

We try, ideally, to have a schedule for those who serve but, especially during the summer, we welcome those who can be recruited to serve that day.

**If you are interested, please speak with
Jonathon (jjensen@calvarypgh.org)
or T.J. (tjfreeman@calvarypgh.org)
by email or in person. ■**



The Church Mouse

Congratulations to parishioner **Lynne Carvell** who recently was recipient of the 2016 Manny Gold Humanitarian Award at the Squirrel Hill JCC. Beginning in the 1960’s as either a volunteer or a paid professional, Lynne has been consistently involved with at-risk youth as well as children with special needs. ■

About Agape

There will be no issue of *Agape* printed in July. The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, August 5, 2016**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

Agape, the newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is published monthly (except July), and is mailed to active members and friends of the Parish. You may opt out of receiving a printed copy and read each issue online at www.calvarypgh.org. Contact the Parish office at 412.661.0120 for details. ■

MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



Calvary's South Transept is the new home of a beautiful piano, recently given to us by Russ and Kathy Ayres. Built by the German firm Beckstein, the instrument dates from 1889; it has been lovingly restored and beautifully cared-for, and its clarity and strength are a great improvement over the (already good) Baldwin piano that had occupied the same space for many years. Heartfelt thanks to Russ and Kathy for entrusting it us.

The Calvary community is invited to join Mildred Posvar and Opera Theater of Pittsburgh's Young Artists on Sunday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. as they present an evening of song in Calvary's McClintic Hall. Admission is free, but please reserve a seat at otsummerfest.org/summerfest-2016/recitals, as seating is limited.

This program is a part of Opera Theater's SummerFest, which draws singers from around the globe for a three week festival running from July 7–24. Based at the beautifully renovated Falk Auditorium at the Winchester Thurston School in Shadyside, SummerFest has something for everyone: Cole Porter's timeless classic *Kiss Me, Kate*, Handel's masterpiece *Julius Caesar*, Strauss' rarely-performed *The Silent Woman*, Bizet's passionate love story *Carmen*, Barab's children's opera *Little Red Riding Hood*, as well as a host of recitals, concerts, and cabarets – including the evening at Calvary. Use the discount code CALVARY2016 to receive a 25% discount on all summer season tickets (except *Little Red Riding Hood*). Visit www.otsummerfest.org to learn more.

McClintic Hall, on Level G of the Parish House, has lovely acoustics for a song-recital, and is pleasantly climate-controlled. Please, come and enjoy! ■

City Neighbors in our Neighborhood

On Tuesday, May 17, Calvary Church hosted a group of seventh grade students from City Neighbors Hamilton School in Baltimore. Twenty-five young people, along with their chaperones, used Calvary as home base for their field work experience which focused on the question "Why Place Matters?". The students spent time with documentary filmmaker Chris Ivey and with folks from the Young Preservationist Association, walking through East Liberty and learning about what has been happening in this neighborhood. They also visited the first home of the National Negro Opera House, and spent time creating at Vanessa German's Art House in Homewood. Of course,

no tour of the East End is complete without a tour of Calvary Church. The Youth Room and the Evans Room provided perfect spots for sleeping, and Club One opened their doors for showers. Weezie Wells and Andrea Edwards served a wonderful breakfast to fortify the group for their Pittsburgh explorations. We hope this may be the beginning of an ongoing collaboration. The principal of City Neighbors Hamilton is former Calvary Camp camper and staff member Obi Okobi, who sends along her profound thanks for the generosity of everyone at Calvary Church.
—Leslie Reimer ■



Mark Your Calendar!

**2016 Women of Calvary
Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, November 12
10 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Keep the 2016 Bazaar in mind while you're enjoying your Summer! As you garden, travel, craft, do needlework and down-size/de-clutter, consider how you can help make this year's Holiday Bazaar great. The funds raised during last year's very successful event will help many East End women and children this year. Thanks again to everyone who made this community outreach possible. And, keep the upcoming Holiday Bazaar in mind as you enjoy your summer! ■



**Please remember
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in your will.**



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The Calvary Calendar: June 12 – August 14, 2016

Sunday June 12, 2016

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Garden Service
- 10:00 A.M. Book Signing with Stewart O’Nan
- 10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour
- 12:00 P.M. Book Signing with Stewart O’Nan

Monday June 13, 2016

Gilbert Keith Chesterton, Apologist and Writer, 1936

- 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

Tuesday June 14, 2016

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379

- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday June 15, 2016

Evelyn Underhill, Theologian and Mystic, 1941

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Thursday June 16, 2016

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

Friday June 17, 2016

- 10:00 A.M. Soup Group
- 5:00 P.M. Preview Party for the Used Book Sale

Saturday June 18, 2016

Bernard Mizeki, Catechist and Martyr in Rhodesia, 1896

- 10:00 A.M. Used Book Sale
- 10:00 A.M. Alpha House Car Wash

Sunday June 19, 2016

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Father’s Day

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Garden Service
- 9:00 A.M. Bible Study
- 10:00 A.M. Used Book Sale
- 10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour

Monday June 20, 2016

- 5:30 P.M. Bookstore Committee Meeting
- 6:00 P.M. PIIN Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine’s Fellowship

Tuesday June 21, 2016

- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Spirituality Group Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday June 22, 2016

Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c. 304

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Thursday June 23, 2016

Friday June 24, 2016

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Saturday June 25, 2016

James Weldon Johnson, Poet, 1938

- 10:00 A.M. Used Book Sale

Sunday June 26, 2016

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Garden Service
- 9:00 A.M. Bible Study
- 10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Used Book Sale
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour

Monday June 27, 2016

Cornelius Hill, Priest and Chief among the Oneida, 1907

- 8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 P.M. Vestry Dinner and Meeting*
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine’s Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer

Tuesday June 28, 2016

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon, c. 202

- 8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. Diocesan Commission on Ministry
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday June 29, 2016

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 4:00 P.M. Audit Committee Meeting

Thursday June 30, 2016

- 8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp

Friday July 1, 2016

Harriet Beecher Stowe, Writer and Prophetic Witness, 1896

Saturday July 2, 2016

Walter Rauschenbusch, 1918, Washington Gladden, 1918, and Jacob Riis, 1914, Prophetic Witnesses

- 10:00 A.M. Alpha House Car Wash

Sunday July 3, 2016

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Garden Service
- 10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour

Monday July 4, 2016

Independence Day

The church and offices will be closed this day.

Tuesday July 5, 2016

- 8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 P.M. Newcomer Ministry Meeting

Wednesday July 6, 2016

John Hus, Prophetic Witness and Martyr, 1415

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Thursday July 7, 2016

- 8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp

Friday July 8, 2016

- 6:00 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday July 9, 2016

- 9:00 A.M. FLMH
- 4:00 P.M. Moyer/Tocci Wedding
- 5:30 P.M. Shelter Dinner Preparation (at Community House)

Sunday July 10, 2016

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Garden Service
- 10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour

Monday July 11, 2016

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

- 8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
- 7:00 P.M. Al-Anon Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine’s Fellowship

Tuesday July 12, 2016

Nathan Söderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala and Ecumenist, 1931

- 8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday July 13, 2016

Conrad Weiser, Witness to Peace and Reconciliation, 1760

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
- 9:00 A.M. CLEAR Meeting
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Thursday July 14, 2016

Samson Occom, Witness to the Faith in New England, 1792

Friday July 15, 2016

- 8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
- 2:00 P.M. Pittsburgh Opera Theater Rehearsing
- 6:00 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

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Saturday July 16, 2016

"The Righteous Gentiles"
3:00 P.M. Virag/Lutz Wedding

Sunday July 17, 2016

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
7:30 A.M. Coffee
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Garden Service
9:00 A.M. Bible Study
10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour
6:30 P.M. Opera Theatre of Pittsburgh
Young Artists

Monday July 18, 2016

Bartolomé de las Casas, Friar and Missionary to the Indies, 1566
8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship

Tuesday July 19, 2016

*Macrina, Monastic and Teacher, 379;
Adelaide Teague Case, Teacher, 1948*
8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday July 20, 2016

*Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1902, Amelia Bloomer, 1894,
Sojourner Truth, 1883, and Harriet Ross Tubman, 1933,
Liberators and Prophets*
7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Thursday July 21, 2016

Albert John Luthuli, Prophetic Witness in South Africa, 1967
8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp

Friday July 22, 2016

Saint Mary Magdalene
8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
5:00 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday July 23, 2016

4:00 P.M. Evans/Phillips Wedding

Sunday July 24, 2016

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
7:30 A.M. Coffee
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Garden Service
10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour

Monday July 25, 2016

Saint James the Apostle
8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer

Tuesday July 26, 2016

*The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (traditionally
identified as Anne and Joachim)*
8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
5:30 P.M. Diocesan Commission on Ministry
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday July 27, 2016

William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909
7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Thursday July 28, 2016

*Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750, George Frederick Handel, 1759,
and Henry Purcell, 1695, Composers*
8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp

Friday July 29, 2016

Mary, Martha [and Lazarus] of Bethany
8:00 A.M. EECM Day Camp

Saturday July 30, 2016

*William Wilberforce, 1833 and Anthony Ashley Cooper,
Lord Shaftesbury, 1885, Prophetic Witnesses*
10:00 A.M. Alpha House Car Wash

Sunday July 31, 2016

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
7:30 A.M. Coffee
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Garden Service and Holy Baptism
10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour

Monday August 1, 2016

Joseph of Arimathea
7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer

Tuesday August 2, 2016

*Samuel David Ferguson, Missionary Bishop for
West Africa, 1916*
11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday August 3, 2016

*George Freeman Bragg, Jr., Priest, 1940;
William Edward Burghardt DuBois, Sociologist, 1963*
7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Thursday August 4, 2016**Friday** August 5, 2016

*Albrecht Dürer, 1528, Matthias Grünewald, 1529, and
Lucas Cranach the Elder, 1553, Artists*

Saturday August 6, 2016

The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ
10:00 A.M. Alpha House Car Wash

Sunday August 7, 2016

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
7:30 A.M. Coffee
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Garden Service
10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour

Monday August 8, 2016

Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221
7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer

Tuesday August 9, 2016

Herman of Alaska, Missionary to the Aleut, 1837
11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday August 10, 2016

Laurence, Deacon, and Martyr at Rome, 258
7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Thursday August 11, 2016

Clare, Abbess at Assisi, 1253

Friday August 12, 2016

Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910
10:00 A.M. Soup Group

Saturday August 13, 2016

Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore, 1667
9:00 A.M. FLMH
10:00 A.M. Alpha House Car Wash
5:30 P.M. Shelter Dinner Preparation
(at Community House)

Sunday August 14, 2016

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
7:30 A.M. Coffee
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Garden Service
9:00 A.M. Bible Study
10:00 A.M. Choir Warm-Up
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:00 P.M. Coffee Hour

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous

CLEAR: Coalition for Leadership, Education and Advocacy for Recovery

EECM: East End Cooperative Ministry

EfM: Education for Ministry

ESL: English as a Second Language

FLMH: Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti

PIIN: Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network

The logo for Calvary Episcopal Church Pittsburgh + Pennsylvania. It features the word "CALVARY" in large, bold, green capital letters. Above the letter "A" is a small icon of a church steeple. Below "CALVARY" are the words "EPISCOPAL CHURCH" and "PITTSBURGH + PENNSYLVANIA" in smaller, green capital letters.

Pack-to-School Project

As you plan for your fun summer, please keep in mind that the Women of Calvary's Pack to School project will soon be gearing up. The program benefits students at Pittsburgh's Lincoln Elementary School by providing much needed school supplies and other items for students who attend the Homewood school, which is our partner in CLASP, the Calvary-Lincoln After-School Program.

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

Other needed items include socks, underwear and Tshirts.

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

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

For more information, contact Mary Ann Slater at saurslater@yahoo.com. Further details about the donations, and where and when to bring them, will be announced in the service bulletins, weekly emails and the August issue of *Agape*. We are hoping that Calvary's continued generosity and concern for others will make the 2016-2017 school year a successful one for the Pittsburgh Lincoln school. ■



New Oak Chairs in Lady Chapel

Calvary has received a gift of ten, new oak chairs for the Lady Chapel matching the other chairs in the Chapel and the Choir. They are located slightly behind the Chapel by the large baptismal font. The Chapel seats about twenty-five people but we have over thirty worshippers most Sundays at 8:00 a.m. so there is overflow seating by the font. The new chairs were made to look like they have always been there. They replace ones of a modern style that will be used elsewhere in the buildings.

For those who pay close attention to these things, we actually have three, distinct styles of oak chairs in the Chapel and Choir. The next time you are there, notice the small difference in details on the top and bottom supports and slightly different colors. They all blend together quite well. The newest ones are designed to look like the oldest style and will add beauty and functionality for years to come.

This is a small reminder that, while the original building was largely conceived and constructed as a whole with a unifying vision by the architect (Ralph Adams Cram), the faithful in every generation have loved and adorned the church to the Glory of God in their own time. Calvary is far from a museum but a living and growing dynamic community of faith to serve God and our neighbors from this place.

Thank you to the Lewis Stewardship Foundation for their generous and beautiful gift to all of us to the Glory of God. ■

“Conflict” in Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood

It's hard to imagine why one of the most wholesome shows in television history has episodes that are banned. But the neighborhood was not pleased with five Season 14 episodes that aired in 1983, which feature Mister Rogers telling stories about bombs, war and violence. These episodes were a response to the TV movie *The Day After*, to help kids cope with the threat of nuclear violence. Since April 5, 1996, PBS opted to pull the episodes from its regular rotation. ■

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Respectfully submitted by
G. F. Roth, *Junior Warden*



About the House

Being a presentation for your perusal of those seemingly mundane housekeeping chores, repairs, modifications, and improvements which affect our worship and parish life experiences at Calvary.

- A new tree should be evident in the entry circle by the end of this month. The five inch caliper Zelkova has been procured and is presently being acclimated to our area at a local nursery prior to planting.
- The parking lot re-lining has been done, including an additional space for those with special needs.
- The absence of the gallery division of the organ continues. If you must, blame parts deliveries and repairmen's schedules. But, as more people flock to the garden at 9 o'clock on Sundays, the size of the congregation at 11 shrinks, and if we all sit near the front, the lack in back isn't as noticeable. Full capability is expected this month.
- The long-anticipated board commemorating Calvary architect Ralph Adams Cram, unveiled at the recent "Cram Jam", has now been mounted in the Parish House lobby for the admiration and edification of all.
- The house on Walnut Street, adjacent to the Swann Garden, which had been on the market for some time – and which had been briefly considered as an addition to Calvary's property – has been sold. The new owners anticipate making needed repairs to the main building and perhaps adding a garage and fence. We look forward to an amicable relationship with our new neighbors.
- Within weeks a panel displaying the poem of former rector Samuel Shoemaker titled "I Stand by the Door" – which poem has often been cited by the present rector as proper rationale for our "open door" policy – will be hung in the Narthex, appropriately visible as one enters the great west portal.
- Under "Use of Space": Hours after Beginnings' closing ceremonies, their area began to be filled with tables and materials for the annual book sale; And please see Leslie's article, elsewhere in this issue, on unconventional use of the Evans and Youth Rooms. ■

Staying in Touch

If you wish to sign-up to receive our weekly e-mail blast, please visit the Calvary website at www.calvarypg.org and click on "Sign up."

Be sure to keep us informed if you have a home address, phone or email change. Contact our Parish Secretary, Marsha Morris, at 412.661.0120, ext. 111 or send an email to secretary@calvarypg.org. ■

Beginnings News

It rained on the morning of June 2, so our celebration was held in the Parish Hall, but no one's spirits were dampened as students, their families and friends celebrated the end of the 35th successful year of the *Beginnings* program. We bid farewell to the students and teachers who will not be returning in September. Anna Francescon, who has served as assistant teacher in Older and Middle 2s and Class 3, and Linda Lentz, lead teacher in Older 2s, were honored for their nine and thirty three years of service, respectively. We thank them for their commitment to their students and wish them all the best for the future.

As you know, I will be retiring this year on June 15. I am very grateful for having had the opportunity to be part of the Calvary community for the past 12 years. It has been a privilege to work with the children and their families and with so many wonderful people at *Beginnings*, on the church staff and in the parish. Thank you for your support of *Beginnings* and all of our efforts to provide an excellent early education program. It has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience for me. I look forward to the new opportunities of retirement, but I will miss the friends of all ages I have made here. I hope to maintain a connection by continuing as a volunteer teacher in ESL.

I am delighted to leave *Beginnings* in the capable hands of the new director, Ann Martino. I know you will show her the welcoming, cooperative spirit you have shared with me. May God continue to bless her and the good people of *Beginnings* and Calvary Church!

Your friend, Peggy ■

Thank You

Thanks to the many Calvary parishioners who expressed their thankfulness for our many blessings by giving generously to the United Thank Offering (UTO) this spring. Your response was gratifying, and your donations will help to fund innovative and humane ministries throughout our country and abroad. ■

From the Agape Archive – July 12, 1998

Calvary's Rector, Dr. Harold T. Lewis, reported that "**The Search is Over!** It is with great joy that I announce, that upon the unanimous recommendation of the search committee, I have appointed the Reverend Leslie G. Reimer as associate priest for pastoral care effective September 1. Leslie, who has been interim associate for the past several months, is no stranger to Calvary, having served in various capacities for most of the twenty years that have elapsed since her ordination to the diaconate by Bishop Robert B. Appleyard in 1977... We rejoice that Leslie will be a permanent member of the Calvary staff, and know that we will benefit from her experience, her sensitivity and her pastoral heart." ■

Status Report from the Treasurer

At its May 23 meeting, the Vestry approved the Treasurer's Report for the four months ended April 30, 2016. As the numbers below indicate, our year-to-date deficit is \$25,700 greater than the budgeted loss for the first four months of the year. Respectfully, *Bob Eley*

Calvary Episcopal Church
Operations Fund (Operations, Outreach & Capital Budgets)
Year-to-Date Financial Results through April 30, 2016

	4-Month Actual 2016	4-Month Budget 2016
Income:		
Pledge & Non-Pledge Contributions	\$323,300	\$346,600
Loose Plate and Special Offerings	15,200	18,300
Transfer from Endowment Fund	83,500	83,500
Trust Income	7,400	7,600
All Other Income	22,500	17,400
Total Income	451,900	473,400
Expenses:		
Salaries & Benefits	318,600	318,700
Diocesan Assessment	48,500	48,500
Maintenance & Operations of Bldgs.	61,300	51,300
Office & Administration/Finance	25,600	24,700
Taxes & Insurance	48,900	43,000
Hospitality & Parish Life	3,000	4,400
Christian Formation and Music	6,400	8,900
Pastoral Care & Outreach	9,900	15,600
Capital	3,800	6,700
Total Expenses	526,000	521,800
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(74,100)	(48,400)

Red Geraniums

A glorious thank you from all who appreciate the gardens to those who contributed geraniums on Whitsunday. Whether in memory of or in honor of someone or simply donated, the plantings around St. Francis in the courtyard or gardens along Shady Avenue will brighten our view well into autumn. ■

Sheldon Calvary Camp Worship in Pittsburgh



The Camp service at Calvary Church is held on the fourth Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. in the Refectory. We will be singing songs from the camp songbook. All are welcome – campers, families, staff, alumni, and friends. Please join us and spread the good news. Plan ahead for these dates in 2016:

Aug. 28 • Sept. 25 • Oct. 23 • Nov. 27

We hope to see you at Calvary Church! ■

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Tuesday, June 28 – Holy Happy Hour, 5:30 p.m.
(at Social Bakery Square, 6425 Penn Ave.)

Wednesday, July 20 – Holy Happy Hour, 5:30 p.m.
(at Arsenal Cider House, 300 39th Street)

Tuesday, August 2 – Holy Happy Hour, 5:30 p.m.
(at Mario's, 5442 Walnut Street)

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

Holy Baptism

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on **The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 31** during the 9 a.m. service in the Garden. If you have a child to be baptized on that day, or are an adult interested in being baptized, please contact The Rev. T.J. Freeman (tjfreeman@calvarypgh.org) at least two weeks prior to the Baptism. ■

Summer Soup Group

The Soup Group will not meet in July. Our next scheduled cooking date is **Friday, August 12** at 10 o'clock in Calvary's kitchen. New recipes and cooks are welcome. Don't forget to go to the pantry freezer if you want to take soup to a fellow parishioner, neighbor, friend, or family member.

Thanks to all who purchased soup at our sale in May. \$500 was raised and will be used to purchase prints by the artist He Qi. This artwork will beautify the space in the stairwell leading down to the Beginnings classrooms.

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