

Faithful in Our Own Time

As the Rector reminded us in a sermon last spring, this year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the consecration of our majestic church. As we reflect back on the story of the construction of this building, we know that there were many different kinds of commitments made by those who put their resources of time, talent, and treasure into this place. We have come to call Calvary our church home, but those commitments one hundred years ago were made by people with no knowledge of the generations to follow, those of us here today.

Those Calvary parishioners were faithful in their own time to God's promise that it was worth it to build an edifice, a holy place, which would stand the test of time and outlive all of them. We are not just the beneficiaries of their generosity, but more importantly the stewards of this place for those who come after us, whom we today cannot imagine. Part of the call to be faithful in our own time is to be as generous with our own resources as those people one hundred years ago were with theirs.

Calvary is certainly not just our physical space, however in the parish gatherings held earlier this year, there was much said about this building and all that goes on inside it. Worship at Calvary is one of our primary forms of evangelism to those outside the church, and many people have joined through an experience of our liturgy.

As we recently heard at T.J. Freeman's ordination to the priesthood, the liturgy can be seen as a reflection of God accomplishing the greatest of all possible public works at the highest of all possible private costs. As such, it is a means of evangelism to those of us inside the church as well. Each week as we go to the altar we participate together in our Christian community. We sing, we pray, we partake of the Eucharist, we talk to each other, and then we go out into the world, prepared to act as ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ in all that we are and in all that we do, to all of our neighbors. The work that we do outside of this building is just as important as what goes on inside, but it is inspired by what we do here, together.

We are at an exciting time in the history of Calvary. With a new rector, a new curate, the continuing



Calvary Church just after construction was completed.

ministry of our associate rector and numerous congregational volunteers, we are poised for growth and a new chapter in our life together. What is God calling us to do and to be as the people of Calvary over the next five or ten years? If we are to find out, we need to allow ourselves to be stirred up by God.

If we want to continue to let Calvary inspire us for this work in the world, we must be faithful in our own time and provide the resources necessary for the continued upkeep and maintenance of our building; the salaries for our clergy, musicians, office staff, and sextons; and those programs in Christian education that inspire us and our children to grow together in our life in Christ. The simple fact is that unless we each make a financial commitment to this parish, we will not have the resources necessary to carry out God's plan for our congregation. That commitment is different for every parishioner, based on the resources of each. We are simply called to be faithful with what we have been given.

We are not building a physical sanctuary as Calvary parishioners were one hundred years ago, but we are called to be faithful in our own time by building a Christian community. Working together, we can provide the tools needed to engage in the ministry to which God has called each of us, building together for the future, a future that we cannot yet imagine. Please give generously to support the mission and ministry of Calvary Episcopal Church in 2015.

A G A P E

Sabbatical Plan

Many of you have asked about my plan for a sabbatical. A three month sabbatical was included in the agreement when I served as Interim Rector. Now that we are settled in with three clergy at Calvary, and the summer at Calvary Camp has ended, the time has come for some rest and refreshment. I will be away from Calvary Church beginning Sunday, October 5, and will return for services on Sunday, November 30, the first Sunday of Advent. (You won't be surprised that I want to be back for the Advent season.) The remaining month will be used at a time to be determined later. I am grateful for the opportunity to take time away, and look forward to coming back renewed and ready to engage in the exciting ministry ahead for all of us at Calvary.

Leslie

Volunteers Needed

Off-the-Floor Pittsburgh is a local Christian volunteer ministry which, since 2004, has provided basic used furniture to disadvantaged families who lack these items. A team of 4-5 men or young adults are needed on a Saturday morning to load furniture and make deliveries to 3-4 needy Pittsburgh area families.

The next date for our service team is **Saturday, October 4**. We have one more date in 2014 which is November 15. If you want to add your name to the list of available volunteers, please contact either Matt Muldoon at 412.362.1780 or mattmuldoon@msn.com. or Gary Abbs at 412.963.8124 or gary_abbs@comcast.net. If you are a regular volunteer already, please let Matt or Gary know of your availability.

You can learn more about Off-the-Floor Pittsburgh by visiting their website at www.offthefloorpgh.org. Remember that Off-the-Floor Pittsburgh accepts donations of used furniture. You can arrange pick-up by calling 412.926.5053.

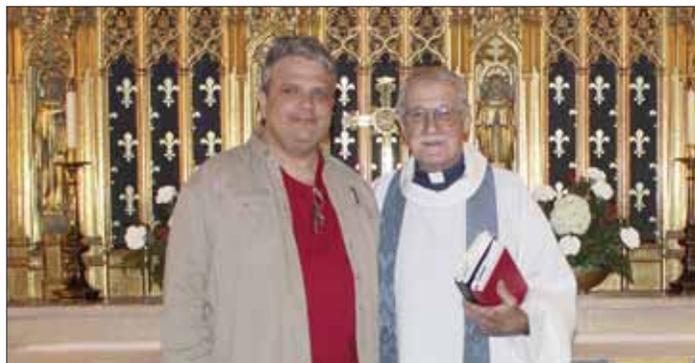
Thank you for your consideration of this very worthwhile ministry.

A Fond Farewell and Gracious Thank You

Walt Szymanski TSSF, Anglican Society of St. Francis

Since the days of accepting Harold Lewis' invitation to come on board as a Calvary assisting priest to the present, I have enjoyed the "good ride." I look back over those years with the Calvary community and wonder 'does it get any better!?' I think not. We laughed together, we wept, we embraced and you gave me the gift of a warm sincere smile when I said "hello;" and I knew I was among abiding friends. Now in these "senior years" I am moving on – not "retired" like "re-treads," but moving on with four new radials!

For the days ahead I will be focusing my ministry on smaller parishes in the diocese experiencing great need in different areas. Some of these parishes have seen a significant decline in church membership along with financial difficulties. The hire of even a part-time priest doesn't seem practical for the foreseeable future. I would like to provide some low cost stipendiary supply ministry to these parishes as needed. Pray for me, but even more important, pray for the more hopeful future of these parishes. Thank you all for being simply the good people of a great parish.



The Rev. Walt Szymanski, right, with Paul Marrocco.

Day to Honor the Rev. Arthur McNulty

On **Sunday, September 14** at all three services, we will honor the Rev. Arthur McNulty, 14th Rector of Calvary Church, who served from 1985 to 1994. Arthur entered the nearer presence of God on September 5, 1994.

On that Sunday, we will celebrate his life and ministry in song, sermon, and prayers. Please plan to join us.



Fall Worship Schedule

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on Sundays at 8, 9, and 11 a.m. in the church.

There will be celebrations of the Holy Eucharist on Mondays at 6 p.m., and Wednesdays at 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Parish offices are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Enclosed in this *Agape* you'll find a brochure – postable and sharable with friends! – outlining upcoming musical events at Calvary. For this to go out whilst the echoes of the memorial service for Don Wilkins seem still to be hanging in the air feels at once poignant and appropriate, for a hallmark of all the years since Don's retirement from Calvary, and especially once he returned to our pews from his "retirement job" in Fox

Chapel, was his gracious support and encouragement of the continuing music-making here at his church-home.

If you knew Don, you need no words from me to describe him. But if you arrived at Calvary after his retirement, in 1996, and happened not to get to know him from his seat in the North Transept, I hope you'll permit me a moment of appreciation of this brilliant, gentle, gracious man. So much of his long life was given to this parish, and so much of Calvary's identity in the community rested for so long, at least in part, on his presence within and beyond our walls, that it's easy to forget his true stature. Though he grew up at Calvary from childhood (as a boy-chorister of the fearsome Harvey Gaul), he was anything but parochial. As a student in Paris, he was recognized for exceptional talent, skill, and promise in the rarified atmosphere of the Paris Conservatory—and that not even as an organist, but as a conductor of world-class ability and potential. That he elected to exercise that potential here, in his home city and parish, speaks both to the undeniable attractions of these intertwined communities, but also to his passionate devotion to a family life often sacrificed by those pursuing international performing careers.

The New Testament frequently uses the phrase, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear" as a kind of intensifier, meaning, in effect, "I have spoken." As anyone who sang or played under him could readily attest, Don had ears to hear, in spades—and eyes to flash upon any offender. He told me once about a particular conducting exam in France, in which he led an orchestra through a staggering array of scores, entirely from memory. Part of the challenge was that individual players had been directed by the examiners to play discreet wrong notes at particular places, for the candidates to identify and correct. Done.

But he wasn't just prodigiously talented and impeccably trained. He was also a generous, kind, and eager sharer of his knowledge. Last November, he gave a lecture to the monthly gathering of the Pittsburgh chapter of the American Guild of Organists (of which he served as Dean from 1980-82). We sat, spellbound, as he wove together history, theory, and personal anecdotes in tracing a

particular musical motif across two centuries of music we all thought we knew, showing us that there was yet more to hear than we had previously realized.

A few months ago, in the course of beginning to tidy up his music-library, Don made a gift to Calvary of a number of scores, Bach's B minor Mass, Magnificat, Christmas Oratorio and complete organ works, among them. These were his personal copies of just some of the many, many works he conducted over the life of the Pittsburgh Oratorio Society, a fixture of musical life here for three decades that enriched and even changed the lives of singers and listeners alike. Having given this music to the community in sounding form over so many years, he has shared it with us in printed form, as well, a gift at once archival and practical.

I shall always wish I had known him better, for there would always have been more to learn. But I am enormously grateful for having had the opportunity to come to know this remarkable man over the past seventeen years. May his example continue to inspire music-making to the glory of God in this place.

Alan

Something's Coming . . . Something Good

Our annual Holiday Bazaar is unlike any other event of its kind so join us on **Saturday, November 15 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.** when the church will be transformed into a veritable winter wonderland. You'll find gourmet goodies, baked goods, seasonal plants and wreaths, handmade items, candles, vintage linens and more in the Parish Hall where Joyce Dorman will sit at the piano and play a selection of seasonal favorites sure to put you in a holiday mood. This is also where you'll find our Silent Auction, a hub of activity right in the center of the room. Here's where you'll bid on items like tickets to local sporting events, a week at a private home in the Berkshires, gift certificates to local businesses and an array of beauty products and services. Mosey out into the hallway and enjoy a chair massage or have a cup of coffee and something sweet to fortify you for a visit to Attic Treasures upstairs. This year we're expanding into the Evans Room so we have plenty of space to stage our inventory. But that's not all. Downstairs you'll find an entire room of jewelry on display at incredible prices so plan to start your Christmas shopping early. Of course, the piece de resistance is the Gourmet Luncheon in the Refectory where you'll enjoy a three-course meal while being served by our singing waiters. There's even a vegetarian option on the menu. How great is that? We'll keep you updated on Facebook from now until November 15 so visit us there at facebook.com/calvaryholidaybazaar.

Welcome Reception

Tuesday, September 16, 2014, 7 – 9 p.m.
at EECM Community House
6140 Station Street, Pittsburgh, 15206

Welcome The Reverend Jonathon Jensen,
Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church

Calvary Episcopal Church and East End Cooperative Ministry's
Council of Congregations invite you to join us
to welcome Jonathon and Natalie Jensen to Pittsburgh and
the East Liberty neighborhood.

Traveling Art Gallery (TAG) for Lincoln School (a part of the CLASP Program)

Calvary is hoping to purchase framed prints of major works of Art to share with the children at Lincoln School. Working with the art teacher, trained "docents" would visit Lincoln School during their academic year and give a brief history of the artist and overview of the paintings. The paintings will then stay in a classroom for a period of time. By exposing children to works of art, we hope to encourage and inspire them, and create an interest that could last a lifetime. It also allows CLASP to reach the entire student body. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of art prints or receive information on docent training, please contact Phil Parr at pbparr1@verizon.net.

EECM Food Pantry

East End Cooperative Ministry operates the second largest food pantry in Pittsburgh. **On their "Wish List" in September is Rice-a-Roni.** Of course, you can bring in whatever you wish to donate. Please leave your items in the shopping cart in the Parish Hall. Thank You!



A young man wishing to join a monastery was told by the Abbot, one of the tests he would be required to pass was that he would have to remain silent, only speaking two words each year for three years. After the first year the Abbot asked him what two words he wished to say. The young monk said, "Bed hard." After the second year, his two words to the Abbot were, "Food cold."

After three years, the Abbot asked him what two words he wished to speak. The young monk shouted, "I quit."

The Abbot answered, "I'm not surprised. All you've done since arriving is complain!"



The Next Step Group

Meets every Saturday from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Step Four: "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves." –*The Twelve Steps for Christians, 2012 edition.*

Related Scripture: Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord. (Lam. 3:40)

We all know we have done wrong things. Just what manner of "things" are we to honestly address in an inventory of self? In *The Conversion of the Church*, Dr. Sam Shoemaker said, "most people are up against some clearly defined sins – grudges, fears, selfishness, and dishonesty." He asked that we recognize these as blocks to God, and be "ruthlessly, realistically honest."

Throughout his book, *Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life*, Dutch-born Catholic priest and spiritual writer Henri Nouwen, emphasizes that the more we understand (and not simply deny) our inner struggles, the more fully we will be able to embrace a prayerful and genuine life that is also open to others' needs.

When we commence to take our own inventory, the **Next Step Group** believes we need to embrace Christ's message to have a nurturing and loving attitude towards self as well as others. "And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (*Matthew 22:39*)

Without self-compassion, facing our character flaws, our "darkest corners", may be too threatening, too scary and leave us only to engage in more self-critical thoughts and behavior, which is the opposite of the Christian message. While practicing kindness and patience toward ourselves, we need to remember that the *inventory we take is ours*, and is exclusive of any other person who may have been involved. It is for *our* benefit.

In his book *Breathing Underwater*, Father Richard Rohr reminds us that a "searching and fearless moral inventory is for the sake of truth and humility and generosity of spirit, not vengeance on the self of some kind of total victory over the self." Rohr states that Step Four is about "seeing the log in your own eye first", as Jesus would have us do, "so that we can stop blaming, accusing and denying and thus displacing the problem. It is about *seeing* (ourselves), truthfully and fully."

Can we honestly, willingly, and *compassionately* examine our own "darkest corners?" Isn't that what makes us human and most lovable in God's eyes?

Visit us on the Calvary website at www.calvarypgh.org;

Next Month: Step Five "Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."



The Calvary Calendar: September 14 – October 12, 2014

Sunday September 14, 2014

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 A.M. Coffee
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
9:00 A.M. Bible Study
10:00 A.M. Christian Education Classes
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour

Monday September 15, 2014

Holy Cross Day (tr. from 9/14)

11:00 A.M. AGO Meeting
6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
6:30 P.M. Personnel Committee
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship

Tuesday September 16, 2014

Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
6:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee Meeting
7:00 P.M. EECM Party in honor of Natalie and Jonathon Jensen*
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday September 17, 2014

Hildegard, 1170

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
4:30 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting
4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal

Thursday September 18, 2014

Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
5:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Board Meeting
7:00 P.M. PIIN Board Meeting
7:00 P.M. Social Justice and Outreach
7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday September 19, 2014

Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

10:00 A.M. Soup Group Cooking

Saturday September 20, 2014

John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

9:00 A.M. Centering Prayer for Peace
10:00 A.M. Peanut Butter and Jam Concert
10:00 A.M. Alpha House Car Wash
11:30 A.M. Peanut Butter and Jam Concert
10:30 A.M. The Next Step

Sunday September 21, 2014

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 A.M. Coffee
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Bible Study
9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
10:00 A.M. Christian Education Classes
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
1:00 P.M. CYG

Monday September 22, 2014

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (tr. from 9/21)

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

Tuesday September 23, 2014

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
11:30 A.M. Flower Delivery Committee Meeting
4:00 P.M. Commission on Ministry
6:00 P.M. Calvary Ambassadors Meeting
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday September 24, 2014

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
7:00 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

Thursday September 25, 2014

Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday September 26, 2014

Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626; Wilson Carlile, Priest, 1942

4:00 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday September 27, 2014

Vincent de Paul, Religious, and Prophetic Witness, 1660; Thomas Traherne, Priest, 1674

10:30 A.M. The Next Step
11:30 A.M. Sterling/McMahon Wedding
12:00 P.M. Wedding Reception

Sunday September 28, 2014

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 A.M. Coffee
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
9:00 A.M. Bible Study
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
10:00 A.M. Christian Education Classes
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
6:00 P.M. Choir Call
7:00 P.M. Gebauer/Krug Wedding
8:00 P.M. Gebauer/Krug Wedding Reception

Monday September 29, 2014

Saint Michael and All Angels

5:00 P.M. Choir Call
5:30 P.M. Bookstore Committee Meeting
6:30 P.M. Holy Eucharist
6:30 P.M. St. Michael's Society Reception
7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer

Tuesday September 30, 2014

Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420

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 October 1, 2014

Remegius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 530

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. Beginnings Global Coffee
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
6:30 P.M. Beginnings Board Meeting

Thursday October 2, 2014

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday October 3, 2014

George Kennedy Allen Bell, Bishop of Chichester, and Ecumenist, 1958; John Raleigh Mott, Evangelist and Ecumenical Pioneer, 1955

Agape Deadline

4:30 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday October 4, 2014

Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226

9:00 A.M. Centering Prayer
9:30 A.M. Braxton/Warner Wedding
10:30 A.M. The Next Step
11:00 A.M. Wedding Reception

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Sunday October 5, 2014

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 A.M. Coffee
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Bible Study
10:00 A.M. Sisterhood
10:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
10:00 A.M. Christian Education Classes
10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
1:00 P.M. CYG

Monday October 6, 2014

William Tyndale, Miles Coverdale, Translators of the Bible, 1536, 1568

6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
6:00 P.M. Diocesan Budget and Assessment
7:00 P.M. Diocesan Council Meeting
7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer

Tuesday October 7, 2014

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Lutheran Pastor in North America, 1787

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday October 8, 2014

*William Dwight Porter Bliss, Priest, 1926, and
Richard Theodore Ely, Economist, 1943*

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
4:30 P.M. Choristers Rehearsal

Thursday October 9, 2014

Wilfred Thomason Grenfell, Medical Missionary, 1940

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
7:00 P.M. PIIN Board Meeting

Friday October 10, 2014

Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator and Witness for Peace, 1954

Saturday October 11, 2014

Philip, Deacon and Evangelist

9:00 A.M. FLMH
10:00 A.M. Blessing of the Animals
10:00 A.M. Alpha House Car Wash
10:30 A.M. The Next Step
5:30 P.M. Men's Shelter Dinner Preparation
(at EECM Community House)
6:00 P.M. St. Andrew's Society Party

Sunday October 12, 2014

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 A.M. Coffee
8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
9:00 A.M. Bible Study
9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
10:00 A.M. Holy Baptism
10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
10:00 A.M. Christian Education Classes
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
5:00 P.M. Evensong
6:00 P.M. Reception

William Gebauer

&

Richard Krug

*invite you to share their joy
by witnessing the blessing of their
Lifelong Covenant and Civil Marriage
on Sunday, the Twenty-eighth of September
Two Thousand and Fourteen
at Seven O'clock in the Evening*

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CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
315 SHADY AVENUE
CORNER OF SHADY AND WALNUT IN SHADYSIDE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15206

A LIGHT RECEPTION FOLLOWS IN THE PARISH HALL
IN PITTSBURGH TRADITION, YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING COOKIES TO SHARE
ON THE COOKIE TABLE

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YOUR GOOD WISHES AND PRAYERS ARE GIFTS WE TREASURE
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RSVP (ENCOURAGED BY SEPTEMBER 15)
www.RichardandWill.com or (412) 434-6443

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous
AGO: American Guild of Organists
CLASP: Calvary-Lincoln After School Program
CYG: Calvary Youth Group
EECM: East End Cooperative Ministry
EFM: Education for Ministry
ESL: English as a Second Language
FLMH: Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti
OAS: Organ Artist Series
PIIN: Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network
WoC: Women of Calvary

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

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY CEILIDH

On **Saturday evening, October 11** the St. Andrew's Society of Pittsburgh, an organization interested in Scottish heritage and traditions, is hosting a ceilidh in Calvary's Parish Hall from 6 to 10 p.m. All Calvary parishioners are invited to attend regardless of whether they have any Scottish blood.

"Ceilidh" is a Gaelic word for a party or gathering at which music and storytelling are the usual forms of entertainment. During long evenings in the Scottish Highlands neighbors would gather at one another's crofts to share stories, play music and enjoy each other's company. That's the theme of this ceilidh as well. Advance reservations are required at \$10 per person (children under 10 are free) plus guests are requested to bring a hors d'oeuvre – warm or cold, savory or sweet - for sharing. The society will provide soft drinks, coffee, tea, plates and utensils. You are quite welcome to bring a bottle of your favorite adult beverage if you wish.

This is an informal event where entertainment is the focus. We will enjoy a variety of short performances from bagpipers, Highland dancers, and Celtic harpers while also encouraging anyone – yes, even you – to contribute some talent that you have. Maybe it's a story, a joke, a song, whatever. This is not a requirement to attend and there is no pressure to perform but the opportunity is available to you if you wish.

Information and an RSVP form are available on the St. Andrew's Society's website at www.standrewspittsburgh.org or contact the following fellow Calvary parishioners and St. Andrew's Society members for information: Dale McLeod at dalemcLeod1@comcast.net or 724.331.3265, Lyn Orr at lynreedorr@gmail.com or 412.782.2957, or Ken Stiles at krsphg@verizon.net or 412.362.2112. It is suggested to RSVP early due to the space limitations of the Parish Hall. *Ce'ad mile failte!* A hundred thousand welcomes!

CALVARY STITCHERS

To support members of the Parish who are going through illness or a difficult period in life, a prayer shawl group is being formed. We will be known as the **Calvary Stitchers**. You will be able to knit or crochet a shawl on your own or we may meet as a group. If interested, please contact Kathy Kincade at 412.519,2244. She will have patterns, ideas, and suggestions.

Poetry Out Loud at Calvary

Because of the enthusiasm of the Dantes' *Inferno* reading during Holy Week, the Poetry Out Loud Group has planned other poetry recitals. The Group is beginning with an Adult Forum on September 14 with readings of short poems with an Autumn and/or Harvest theme.

Planned are several other sessions including poetry readings by Calvary member Katherine Ayres and fellow Pittsburgher Judith Robinson as well as a possible children's program at Christmastime. Also planned for next year are "Murder in the Cathedral" by T. S. Eliot, more of Dante, "Paradisio", and selections from John Milton's "Paradise Lost".

Our Group welcomes new poetry lovers and any suggestions of individual poems or programs. Any further information can be had by contacting Kathy Farrington, farringtonk@me.com.

And Also With Yinz

Celebrating the spirit of the city and the diocese, new tshirts are available at the Calvary Bookstore. The black shirts are made of 100% cotton with yellow gold lettering. On the front they read, "And Also With Yinz." On the back they have the diocesan website, "episcopalpgh.org."

All profits will benefit Sheldon Calvary Camp. Shirts are available in short and long sleeves, XS-XXL, and cost \$20 each. A small stock will be available at the bookstore but more can be ordered. "And also with yinz" bumper stickers will also soon arrive. They are all printed locally at Commonwealth Press on East Carson St. on the South Side.



Pittsburgh East CROP Walk

Looking for a way to have fun, get some exercise and help your neighbor? Then consider signing up for the 2014 Pittsburgh East CROP Hunger Walk, which is set for **Sunday, October 12.**

The 10K walk will begin at 2 p.m. at the South Avenue United Methodist Church in Wilkinsburg and follow a fairly easy path through local neighborhoods. The walk path goes down Penn Avenue, across Braddock, past the Frick, into neighborhoods of Squirrel Hill, down Forbes Avenue and back to South Avenue United Methodist Church.

Members of many East End congregations participate in the walk, which is sponsored by the Church World Service. All walkers are asked to seek sponsors, and funds raised go to hunger programs both in our community and around the world. Twenty-five percent of local funds collected go to the East End Cooperative Ministry and the Wilkinsburg Cooperative Ministry.

In past years, Calvary walkers have been a major contributor among the East End churches. If you are interested in this year's event, please contact Mary Ann Slater, saurslater@yahoo.com, 412.793.8371. There will be opportunities to sign up for the walk following services on Sundays, September 21 and 28, as well as Sunday, October 5. Look for the registration table in the parish hall.

Blessing of the Animals (and people too)

On Saturday, October 11 at 10 a.m. in the Swan Garden, Calvary will offer a blessing of the animals in celebration of a St. Francis Day tradition. Treats will be provided for pets and people. The blessing of the animals service, about thirty minutes in duration, is an excellent opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to Calvary.

After you have your pet blessed you can also have your car washed. Alpha House, a local residential community giving people help and hope who struggle with addiction, will hold a car wash at Calvary on that day beginning at 10 a.m. as they have for most of the summer. They offer one of the best deals in town.

Deadlines for Publications

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, October 3, 2014.** Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvaryppgh.org or deliver it to directly to the church office.

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



Happy New School Year! September 9 was opening day for the 2014-2015 school year at *Beginnings*. We welcomed fifty new and returning students for what we hope will be an exciting learning experience. We also welcomed an enthusiastic faculty. Please take time to read their profiles on the board in the Parish Hall.

Beginnings is again participating in the Innisbrook Fundraising program this Fall. Innisbrook offers award winning gift wrap, Helen Grace chocolates, magazines and gifts. The products are beautiful and reasonably priced. 1 roll of paper wraps up to 13 shirt size boxes! Innisbrook is a family owned and operated business that has built its reputation on their commitment to quality and value (88% of the catalogs products are \$15 and under and 61% are \$10 and under). They also offer an eco-friendly program. All the standard rolls of wrap, sales brochures and collection envelopes are printed on recycled paper. Over 80% of the items in the Innisbrook catalog are made in America.

Our sale dates will be from September 15 through October 10. *Beginnings* receives 50% of the proceeds from the sale. This year, we are applying the profits from this sale for the purchase of an iPad to use with the students in Class 3 and Class 4. Thilini Wanigaratne, the mother of Rusali in Class 4 and an experienced computer/technology teacher, is again willing to donate her services. Last year we successfully piloted the program using borrowed iPads, but were limited by availability issues. Orders can be placed using the catalog (available at *Beginnings*) or online at innisbrook.com/friends. We will also be selling in the Parish Hall after services on October 5th.

Thank you for your support! -Peggy Morycz, Director

Happy Anniversary to the Soup Group

It is hard for me to believe that we have been making soup here at Calvary for more than 5 years! Time flies when you are having fun! We have received many thanks from parishioners and other friends of Calvary.

The Soup Group will meet again on **Friday, September 19 at 10 a.m.** in the Calvary kitchen. Please join us. If you have a recipe you would like to share, please contact me or come to our next cooking session.

-Adele Eley, 412.371.6921, adele.eley@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sunday School

We had a great “Seussical Sunday” on September 7 and classes are scheduled to start on Sunday, September 14. Pictures of both days can be seen on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and on our website www.calvarypgh.org.

A special thank you to our teacher volunteers:

PreK-K – Betsy Holden, Hannah Johnstonbaugh, and Kristin Klingenberg

Grades 1-3 – Pamela Abdalla, Andrea Erven Victoria, and Claire Mazur

Grades 4-6 – Steve Kinsel and Christina Ross

Grades 7-8 – Trudy O’Nan and Becky Randall

High School – Brianne Jacoby, Greg Norton and Tony Richardson

Laura Marchl will be acting as our floater and substitute when needed.

Noreen Sullivan and Jan McKeag have agreed to help with special projects. Susan Jones will be singing with the children in the primary grades. Madison Chontos will assist when she is available.

All children and youth are welcomed in our Sunday School classes, and it never too late to register and join in on the learning and fun. If you need more information please contact me.

Adult Education

Do you have any ideas for future Adult Forum classes? I am anxious to hear your suggestions!

–Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation,
aeley@calvarypgh.org, 412-661-0120 ext. 116

Calvary 20s/30s Group

As the 20s/30s group begins anew this year; we build our time together on the four principles of Prayer, Work, Study, and Fellowship. The kick-off event for the 20s/30s group at Calvary was held **Friday, September 12**. If you want information on this group, please contact The Rev. T.J. Freeman at tjfreeman@calvarypgh.org.

Visit the Calvary website at
www.calvarypgh.org

The Adult Forum

Sundays at 10 a.m., in the Refectory.

Sunday, September 14 – Poetry Out Loud

After the positive response to reading Dante’s *Inferno* a new group has emerged. Join Kathy Farrington, Sherry Bloom, Catherine Davidson and other members of the newly formed poetry group to learn more about the group and hear several poems with an autumn or harvest theme.

Sunday, September 21 – For All the Saints:

An Introduction to Calvary’s Three Reredoses

Phil Maye, chair of the Architectural History Committee, will present a brief history of reredoses and an illustrated guide to the art and history of the three beautiful ones in our church: the Main Altar (1907) and the All Saints’ Chapel (c.1919), both with our Lord and rows of saints and archangels, and the Lady Chapel (1912) with anonymous angels.

Sunday, September 28 and Sunday, October 5 –

The History and Theology of Marriage

These two presentations will provide an historical overview of the development of understanding of human sexuality and its use in the marriage relationship. The understanding has not always been identical with our current valuation. Both sessions will provide useful information on the topic and may be approached separately as well as jointly. The Rev. John Fetterman, our theologian in Residence, will be the presenter.

September 28 – From the garden in Genesis to the court of Henry VIII. A grand adventure in managing necessity, regulating usage, and assigning value to the outcome. The misunderstood Eve gave women a bad reputation and it took centuries to get that straightened out.

October 5. As late as the 16th century, the use of sexuality, even in legitimate marriage, was suspect of being sinful because it provided too much pleasure and this was deemed as a deterrent to adequately thinking of God and spiritual matters. A tipping point kind of change came in 1932 when the Lambeth Conference speaking for the Anglican Communion said that birth control was morally acceptable, without the intent of procreation. By the mid-20th century, homosexuals began to assert that their lifelong commitments met the modern definition of marriage and began to lobby for equal rights from both the church and the state.

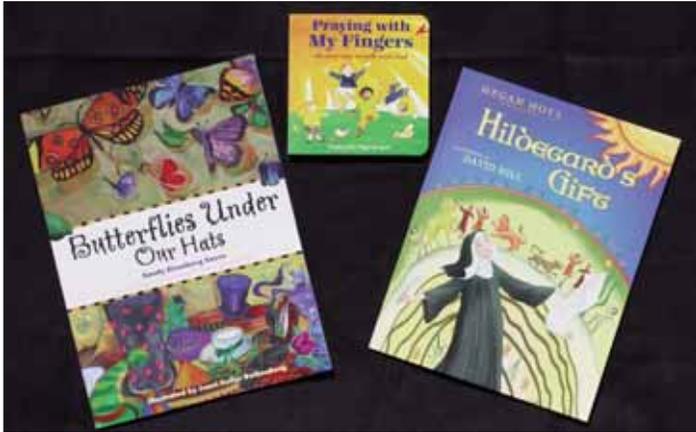
Weekly Email “Blast”

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

Children's Corner Book Reviews

by Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation

Here are some new books available for children.
Take a look at these and other new arrivals available in
The Bookstore at Calvary.



Praying with My Fingers, inspired by Pope Francis and published by Paraclete Press. \$7.99

Children love to count and finger plays are a good teaching tool. This book combines the two and children are taught "an easy way to talk with God." This board book is perfect for a toddler's bedtime.

Butterflies Under Our Hats by Susan Eisenberg Sasso and illustrated by Joani Keller Rothenberg. \$15.99

A beautifully illustrated book tells a tale of hope about the foolish people in a mythical village. A great book for readers and those reading to younger children. "There is hope for your future, says the Lord. Jeremiah 31:17."

Hildegard's Gift by Megan Hoyt and illustrated by David Hill. \$15.99

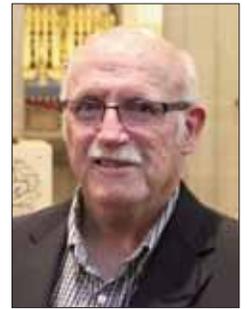
Hildegard was able to sing and draw and write, and as she grew older she learned that every child has a gift. Travel along with Hildegard in this colorful book. Children will see that there are various ways to express themselves.

CALVARY SISTERHOOD

The Calvary Sisterhood is a ministry to develop friendships and become a support group for women who are in their middle years and beyond. We share how our faith can grow as we face life's new challenges (health changes, loss of loved ones, etc.). The sisterhood meets the first Sunday of each month October through June. **Our first meeting will be Sunday, October 5 at 10 o'clock in the parlor.** For more information, contact Charlotta Ross at 412.361.3862.

Special Next Step Group Presentation

The Next Step Group is pleased to host The Reverend John Fetterman, Calvary's theologian-in-residence, who will present a talk on the teachings and writings of Richard Rohr, Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province. The presentation will take place on **Saturday, September 27** from 10:30–11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. **All are welcome.**



Rev. John Fetterman

Father Rohr founded the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1986, where he presently serves as founding director. He is the author of more than 20 books on spirituality including, *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps*, *Immortal Diamond* and *Falling Upward*, to name a few.



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Holiday Bazaar - Saturday, November 15, 2014