

A Message from
The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer, Interim Rector

Belonging

“Christian community is not an ideal we have to realize, but rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate. The more clearly we learn to recognize that the ground and strength and promise of all our community is in Jesus Christ alone, the more calmly we will learn to think about our community and pray and hope for it.” —Dietrich Bonhoeffer *Life Together*

Years ago, a priest came to interview for a position at Calvary. She found herself overwhelmed by the size of the space and the stunning architecture. I tried to convince her to focus on the people – to see that the essence of this place would be found in the faces of the gathered congregation, in the ministry shared together. Even though she was not persuaded, I stand by that claim. Drawn together by God in Christ, we are above all a community of people engaged together in the life of faith. Some elemental things mark the life of our community – things worth thinking about, praying and hoping for.

We are a community of prayer. Week by week we gather at the table, celebrating the Eucharist and offering our lives and the life of the world to God in prayer. We are fed and sustained in our common life. Day by day, Morning and Evening Prayer invite us to frame our lives within sacred time, to live with a sense of God’s presence in every moment.

We are a community of caring and compassion. From our welcome of strangers to our varied ministries in our neighborhood and beyond, we live the commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. We do this not simply to do good, but because we are the Body of Christ, shaped and formed by Christ’s love among us. We serve with humility in response to God’s call.

We are a community of learning. Young and old alike come together to hear the ancient story of our faith and to understand God more deeply. Questions are welcome, wondering is encouraged, insights are discovered by exploring together, spiritual practices are passed on.

We are a community concerned with justice. We are unafraid to ask difficult questions, to go where others may fear to go. We see all God’s children as worthy of respect and dignity. Our prayer and witness reflect that commitment.

Much is being written these days about where Christianity is going, about how we see the profound change that is unfolding around us. Community has a central place in this discussion. People are seeking authentic community. Diana Butler Bass, in *Christianity after Religion*, says that belonging is the starting place. She observes that Jesus began by forming a community, not with questions of belief.

Because of the enduring community which God creates at Calvary, we are ready for those who come seeking a genuine expression of faith, a place to belong. We have the capacity for conversation about profound questions – beyond the Pirates (even in a winning season) or where we shop on the way home from church or the latest events at Calvary. We are asked to listen – to hear what others are thinking, what curiosity they bring, what concerns them most. We can extend this attentiveness to those beyond our doors. We can share the faithful life of this community. Calmly centered in Christ, we can pray and hope together.



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A G A P E

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Help Us Launch a New Small Group at Calvary: the Next Step Group of the Sam Shoemaker Community



The Sam Shoemaker Community Steering Committee is a group of people in the diocese interested in sharing the insights of Dr. Shoemaker.

When: Saturday, September 21, 2013, 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon in the Parish Hall

What: Our initial sessions will be introductions and a small group discussion on: a topic suggested by a member of the group, or one of the six spiritual steps taught by Dr. Shoemaker, or a reading from one of the texts we may use for the group (i.e., *Courage to Change* (selections from Dr. Shoemaker) or *Breathing Underwater* (by Fr. Richard Rohr), among other resources. We will begin and end with prayer.

Why: Have you ever felt your life was unmanageable? Do you want to re-direct your life toward God's will for you instead of practicing self-will? You are not alone!

How: Through group interaction and fellowship based on the spiritual principles of the Reverend Dr. Sam Shoemaker, former Rector of Calvary Church and inspiration to Bill Wilson, founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, millions have solved some of life's toughest problems together. We can, too!

In order to achieve greater spiritual wholeness, our journey may use the founding principles of twelve step programs as a bridge that all can cross and benefit from, those in 12 step programs and those who do not have a church, as well as those in a church looking to take the next step in building a spiritual foundation in their lives.

Dr. Shoemaker believed that a person must undergo a spiritual awakening that is, the surrender of any kind of self-will that blocks the flow of spiritual power. Once people have faced such shortcomings in their own lives they can have something of real substance to use and pass on to others.

After addressing such issues, we seek God's will for us, developing a greater sense of purpose which we can take into the world. For many, we hope that our groups will function as home base for support and feedback and models for living.

Who: You. Bring a friend. Ask a newcomer. Invite someone who doesn't have a church community but may be curious about our group. **Everyone** is welcome whether or not you have a religious affiliation.

Join us! For more information, contact:

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John Horchner, johnhorchner@gmail.com; or
Sondra Krimmel, krimmss@yahoo.com.

MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



The start of the new program-year is always an exciting time, with Celebration Sunday launching us into a season of new beginnings. Welcoming the choirs back is a particularly happy aspect of this, and I am delighted by their return

after the summer's less rigorous schedule. (Warm thanks to those who sang on during the summer months, in the Summer Choir, and to our corps of willing and able Garden Service players, who helped adorn the great outdoors – and, on several rainy days, the great indoors – with song.)

A brochure outlining various musical events in the coming months is enclosed with this *Agape*. I would draw your attention particularly to the service of Evensong being offered on October 6 at 5 p.m. A beautiful fusion of scripture, prayer, and music, Evensong is as old as Anglicanism itself – and far older, if one counts the medieval monastic services that the first *Book of Common Prayer* consolidated to create the service. It is a service in which the Protestant-Reformation influenced translation of the Greek word *Leiturgia* (for Liturgy), “work of the people” gives way to another (and older) sense of the word, “work for the people.”

Whereas, in most of our liturgies, the congregation plays an active part in the prayers and singing, at Evensong, most of the “work” is done by the choir, with the people thus freed to listen prayerfully and engage with both words and music in a different way than when we are rendering them together. There is always a risk that this turns into mere listening in, passively, but, at its best, it can make for a marvelous, if different, way of experiencing musical worship together. (That it falls in the late afternoon also offers us an opportunity to experience our beautiful church in a different light (literally) than is possible on Sunday mornings.)

Whether you've been experiencing the Daily Office in our Chapel, praying it on your own, or have never encountered this aspect of our common heritage, I encourage you to join us for Evensong on October



Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Calvary's Parking Lot. Bring in your computers, monitors, office equipment, consumer electronics and accessories. In an effort to maximize our recycling efforts older tube televisions will not be accepted at the event. LCD and Plasma TVs are welcome. Older sets can be recycled for free at Construction Junction in Point Breeze.

Women of Calvary 2013 Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 9, 2013
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Photo by Josh Munsch

Our annual holiday bazaar, now in its 54th year, benefits women and children in need in the East End, and we need your support to make this our most successful event ever. You'll find everything from homemade baked goods and gourmet soups to fine linens and seasonal items like wreaths and advent calendars. Naturally we want you to shop 'til you drop, but we also need your donations. If you make a mean apple pie, consider baking one for us to sell. We're also looking for homemade candy, soups, pasta sauce, salad dressing and other items for the Gourmet Table. New and vintage jewelry is always appreciated, and we sell a lot of it. Of course, Attic Treasures offers everything from china and silver to small lamps and other household items that are in good repair, and we'll be happy to accept items you no longer need. Our Silent Auction was a huge

success last year, so if you'd like to offer a pair of tickets to the symphony or a Steelers game, we'll be more than happy to take them off your hands. For information on how you can become involved, contact Marianne Dougherty at marianne.dougherty@gmail.com. You can also visit us on Facebook at [facebook.com/CalvaryHolidayBazaar](https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryHolidayBazaar).

Be Crafty

Are you handy with a knitting needle? Are your homemade Christmas wreaths or ornaments the talk of your neighborhood? Do you put up preserves? If so, the Women of Calvary want you to join us in McClintic Hall on September 21 from 9 a.m. to noon as we work on items that can be sold at our annual holiday bazaar on November 9. We won't have access to the kitchen that day, but Susie Prentiss has offered hers if you need one. Email her at prentiss1942@gmail.com to let her know if you're coming so she can order enough coffee for everyone, and if you want to bring a treat, that would be delightful.

"New To You"

The Nature's Gift's table at this year's Holiday Bazaar will be adding a new feature, a garden flea market with donated items for sale, "New To You".

Please put aside any items you will want to donate, including pretty pots and planters, garden statuary, small fountains, bird feeders, and any other garden décor you may no longer need.

We will begin collecting items two weeks before the bazaar. Look for future *Agape* communication regarding where in the church you can bring your donations. Recycle those things that have been sitting in your garage! They will be "new" to someone else.

Cook-a-thon for Soup Group

Please mark your calendars. On Friday, October 18, the Soup group will be in Calvary's kitchen at 10 a.m. We will be making soup to be sold at the Women of Calvary Bazaar. Many recipes will be made as we will also make soup to be taken to members of our parish family and other friends and relatives. First time soup chefs are always welcome! Contact me if you have a tasty soup recipe and I will purchase the ingredients



Please email me if you have a "tried and true" recipe that would be a good one to include with our recipe cards that will be sold at the Holiday Bazaar.

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

Homeless Children's Awareness Week is October 13–20, 2013



This "invisible" problem in our community impacts children from infancy throughout their school years. Can you help? Needed are donations of school supplies, backpacks or small wheeling luggage pieces (gently used is okay), checks to Homeless Children's Education Fund, and volunteer tutors to help children in shelters. A box for donations is located in the Parish Hall on the table near the shopping cart.

Need more info? Contact Judi Eversman at 412.683.0906 or juditheversman@gmail.com.

The Calvary Calendar: September 15 – October 13, 2013

Sunday September 15, 2013

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. Choristers' Warm-Up
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 A.M. Hospitality Hour
12:45 A.M. Calling Committee
1:00 P.M. Calvary Youth Group – off site

Monday September 16, 2013

Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430

7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
10:00 A.M. Organ Artist Series Committee Meeting
5:30 P.M. Bookstore Committee Meeting
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
6:00 P.M. Dinner for visiting musicians
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
7:00 P.M. Personnel Committee Meeting
7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday September 17, 2013

Hildegard, 1170

7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
6:30 P.M. Diocesan Growth Fund
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday September 18, 2013

Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
3:30 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
4:30 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday September 19, 2013

Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. EfM
5:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Board Meeting
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
6:00 P.M. Women of Calvary Meeting
7:00 P.M. Diocesan Social Justice and Outreach Committee
7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday September 20, 2013

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

Saturday September 21, 2013

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 A.M. Women of Calvary Bazaar Workshops
10:00 A.M. Acolyte Training and Lunch
10:00 A.M. Centering Prayer
10:00 A.M. The Next Step
10:00 A.M. Calvary Camp Steering Committee Meeting
10:00 A.M. Alpha House Car Wash

Sunday September 22, 2013

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. Choristers' Warm-Up
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
10:00 A.M. Sisterhood Meeting
10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour

Monday September 23, 2013

7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
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
7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday September 24, 2013

7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday September 25, 2013

Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
3:30 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday September 26, 2013

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

7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. EfM
5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday September 27, 2013

Vincent de Paul, Religious, and Prophetic Witness, 1660;

Thomas Traherne, Priest, 1674

5:30 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday September 28, 2013

Richard Rolle, 1349, Walter Hilton, 1396, and Margery Kempe, c. 1440, Mystics

5:00 P.M. Kidwell/Hyde Wedding

Sunday September 29, 2013

The Nineteenth 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. 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

Monday September 30, 2013

Jerome, Priest, and Monk of Bethlehem, 420

- 7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday October 1, 2013

Remegius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 530

- 7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday October 2, 2013

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. Beginnings Coffee
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 4:00 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 6:00 P.M. EfM
- 6:30 P.M. Beginnings Board Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Inquirers' Class

Thursday October 3, 2013

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

- 7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
- 9:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. Welcome Committee
- 7:00 P.M. Diocesan Social Justice and Outreach
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday October 4, 2013

Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226

- 5:00 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday October 5, 2013

- 9:00 A.M. Centering Prayer
- 9:00 A.M. E-Waste Recycling Event
- 10:00 A.M. Blessing of the Animals
- 10:00 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert
- 11:30 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert
- 3:00 P.M. Harbison/Petrie Wedding

Sunday October 6, 2013

The Twentieth 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. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 5:00 P.M. Choral Evensong & Organ Recital
- 6:00 P.M. Reception

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous;
EfM: Education for Ministry;
FLMH: Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti;
OA: Overeaters Anonymous

Monday October 7, 2013

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Lutheran Pastor in North America, 1787

- 7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
- 5:00 P.M. Diocesan Life Committee Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 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. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday October 8, 2013

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

- 7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 12:30 P.M. Tuesday Musical Club Concert
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday October 9, 2013

Wilfred Thomason Grenfell, Medical Missionary, 1940

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:30 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday October 10, 2013

Vida Dutton Scudder, Educator and Witness for Peace, 1954

- 7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN)
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday October 11, 2013

Philip, Deacon and Evangelist

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

Saturday October 12, 2013

- 9:00 A.M. FLMH
- 10:00 A.M. Alpha House Car Wash
- 5:30 P.M. Men's Shelter Dinner Preparation
- 8:00 P.M. Stile Antico Choral Concert

Sunday October 13, 2013

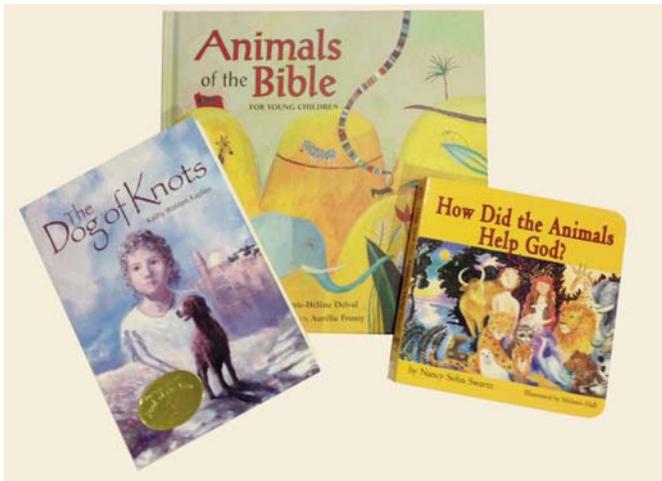
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

- 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. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Sisterhood Meeting
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour

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

Children's Corner Book Reviews

by Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation



We will have Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 5 at 10 a.m. in the Garden. Here are some books that can be purchased in The Bookstore at Calvary that are about animals.

Animals of the Bible for Young Children by Marie-Helene Deval; illustrated by Aurelia Fronty. \$16.50. This selection of Bible stories uses simple language and imagery appropriate for young readers while remaining faithful to the spirit of the biblical text. Jonah's giant fish, tiny ants, and a plethora of animals in between are included in this beautifully illustrated book that is appropriate for children age 4-8.

How Did the Animals Help God? by Nancy Sohn Swartz; illustrated by Melanie Hall. \$7.99. Spiritual development experts say that children develop an image of God by the age of 5, with or without religious instruction. This book takes both parent and child an imaginative journey designed to open mind, heart and soul.

The Dog of Knots by Kathy Walden Kaplan. \$5.00. This book is a middle grade novel and is set in Israel in 1973, during the time of the Yom Kippur War. It tells the story of Mayim, a nine-year-old girl who struggles to find her voice during the terrors of the war. This book touches on many emotions, but focuses on the compassion for a stray old dog.

Deadlines for Publication

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, October 4, 2013**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypg.org or deliver it to the church office.

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sunday School

There was something "fishy" going on in our Christian Formation classes that started on September 15th. Children in all classes had goldfish crackers. Pictures of "opening day" can be seen on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall and on our website www.calvarypg.org.

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? Please email ideas to me. If you would be willing to be a part of the group that brainstorms ideas, let me know.

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

Don't miss the **November 3** Adult Forum:

Harry Potter and the Gospel

John Fetterman, our theologian in residence, welcomes Harry Potter fans of all ages to this intergenerational discussion. Some key issues in the stories, especially the first book, *The Sorcerer's Stone* will be addressed. The topics will include the problem of evil (What's fair?); salvation (What's it take?) and grace (How in the world?).

CROP Walk Sunday, October 6, 2013

Church World Service (CWS) and several Pittsburgh East congregations sponsor the CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds for hunger programs in our community and around the world.

This will be the Pittsburgh East CROP Walk's 36th year. It's an easy neighborhood walk (no big hills!) and great fun for people and dogs of all ages. Calvary walkers have been a major contributor among the East End churches. This year the walk doesn't conflict with a Steeler's game or Columbus Day weekend, so we expect our biggest team of walkers ever.

What: 10K walk, ~2.5 hours (or 5K)

When: Sunday, October 6, registration 1 p.m., walk 2 p.m.

Where: South Avenue United Methodist Church

Contact: Colleen Sari, 412.441.9734, sari@highlandta.com



Beginnings started its 33rd year on Tuesday, September 10, 2013. We welcomed fifty three new and returning students and their families. We also welcome Lisa Wolfe as lead teacher in Class 4 and Thilini Wanigaratne as a volunteer assistant teacher. We welcome back Erin O'Toole as an assistant teacher in Class 3. Happy New School Year to everyone!

With the cooperation of the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council and the kind participation of Adele Eley, Anne Kamstra Keeler and Mary Riley, Beginnings will again offer English as a Second Language (ESL) class for parents with young children. Classes are free and will meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays when Beginnings is in session. Participants must attend an orientation session which will be scheduled at Calvary for later in September. Please call Peggy at 412.661.3025 for more information.

Beginnings is 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 (75% of the catalogs products are \$12 or less). They also offer an eco-friendly program. All the standard rolls of wrap, sales brochures and collection envelopes are printed on recycled paper. Over 70% of the items in the Innisbrook catalog are made in America.

Our sale dates will be from September 17 through October 12. We will be selling the products after services in the parish hall in early October. You can also order online at www.innisbrook.com and using the school number 101537. Beginnings receives 50% of the proceeds from the sale, which will be used for our scholarship and equipment replacement funds.

Thank you for your support!

–Peggy Morycz, Beginnings Director

Acolyte Training / Refresher Course

Please save Saturday, September 21 from 10 a.m. until Noon for this year's Acolyte Training and Refresher course. It will again be led by Geoffrey and Alix Dixon-Ernst. Returning Acolytes will focus their time on the unique qualities of the 9 o'clock service. New acolytes will learn about carrying the candles and the gospel book. Pizza lunch will be served! Please let Laurie Heinricher know if your acolyte will be attending by calling 412.855.8902.

An Evening of Sherwood Songs: A Retrospective Recital of the solo literature of John W. Becker

On Thursday evening, September 26 at 7:15 p.m., Susan Toth Shafer, contralto, will sing her rescheduled program in the Sherwood Oaks Community Center auditorium. Last May she was forced to postpone her recital because of unexpected surgery. Her recovery was remarkably fast, which made it possible for her to appear in two operas, Peter Grimes and Romeo and Juliet, with the Des Moines Metro Opera in June and July.

Susan is frequently heard as soloist and choral singer here at Calvary, and has performed to great acclaim with opera companies throughout North America and Europe. She and her husband Richard live in New Wilmington.

In Susan's program she is singing songs, settings and lullabies composed by resident John Becker, who will accompany her on the piano. Several of these pieces are being presented for the first time.

The recital is free and open to the public. Sherwood Oaks is located off Rochester Road, which is about a mile north of the main intersection in Cranberry off Route 19. The guard at the gate will direct you to the Community Center.

New Class Offering

Beginning on Sunday, September 29 at 9 a.m. a Bible study will be held in the Conference Room. David Eichelberger has volunteered to lead this class. Please join "eight o'clockers" and others interested in this class.



Please contact David at davidEOSL@yahoo.com or Anna Brophy at acb621@windstream.net for more information.

Sisterhood Meetings

Have you found yourself looking for a group of women with whom to share experiences of faith and our accumulated wisdom from our life experiences – both happy and sad, and best of all to make new friendships and to laugh together? "The Sisterhood" will include Bible study and would enrich our prayer life. We would learn from each other.

We will meet at 10 o'clock in the Parlor on these Sundays: September 22, October 13, November 3 and December 1.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

–Charlotta Ross, 412.361.3862

On-going at Calvary _____

■ The Daily Office

For where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them. —Matthew 18:20

The Daily Office – Morning Prayer (7 a.m.) and Evening Prayer (5:30 p.m.) – will be prayed in the Lady Chapel Monday through Thursday. (Holy Eucharist will continue to be celebrated on Wednesday mornings at 7 a.m.). The Daily Office is our Prayer Book's liturgy for the reading of Psalms and Scripture and prayer that unites the church, past and present, in *common* worship. We will use the Rite I form that includes some of the church's most beautiful language ever composed in English. Also, we will use Thomas Cranmer's 30-day psalter, reflecting and praying on the entire book of Psalms each month. As Christians, prayer is one of the most important and powerful things we can do with the time God has given us. All are welcome to join as we attend to God through prayer and remember our story through the reading of Scripture.

■ 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. Prayers for healing will be offered at the 11 a.m. 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.

■ Coventry Circle

The Coventry Circle has changed its meeting dates to the **second Tuesday** of each month. This book study group for women reads and discusses short religious works. Contact Joan Dytman at 412.441.2263 for more information.

■ Book of Common Prayer in Pew Racks

Consider donating a new BCP to the church. The Bookstore at Calvary has copies available at the discounted price of \$20, tax included. 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. **Thank You** to all who have already donated to this project; we have replaced over 500 prayer books!

Calvary Ambassadors: Companions on the Path From Visitor to Member



Calvary Ambassadors is a brand new ministry at Calvary with the objective of cultivating potential new members and helping them integrate into our community. When a visitor completes a card and receives a welcome note and welcome packet of information about Calvary, an Ambassador will be assigned to that visitor. The role of the Ambassador is to contact the visitor on a periodic basis to invite them to Calvary events, providing a critical link into the life of our parish, offering additional information and introducing a prospective member to relevant ministries and parishioners. In general, these folks will build a bridge between visiting Calvary and becoming a member, in the warm and inclusive manner we all have come to appreciate. So, if you love to chat with new people, love Calvary and our parish life, and have some time to help grow our parish, please contact Jim Southwood at jim.southwood@gmail.com or call 724.494.7475.

Integrity USA–Pittsburgh

Integrity USA is a national group for LGBTQ and straight Episcopalians and their families, friends and allies. The Pittsburgh chapter is looking for ideas on how to help our diocese and churches do outreach to the LGBTQ community, and to collect information to help in this ministry. For more information, please visit the website at www.integritypittsburgh.org, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/integritypittsburgh. (For future reference, meetings will be held on the fourth Sunday of every month, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill, unless otherwise announced.)



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