

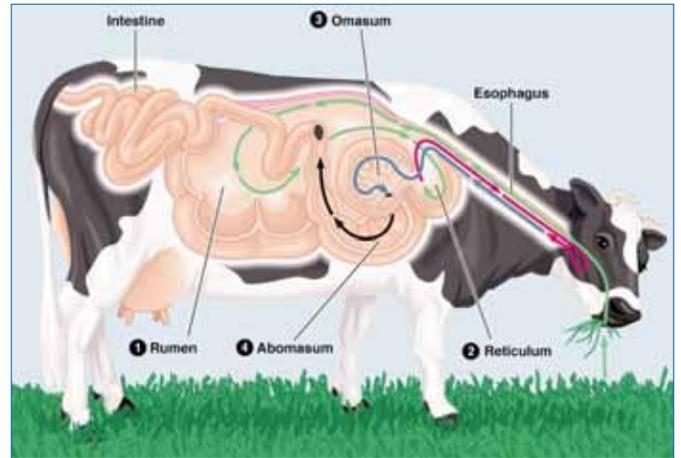
## The Rector's Ruminations

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

One of the difficult adjustments in the retirement process has been going through a series of "lasts." Long before my last sermon on November 25th, I shall have experienced, *inter alia*, the last vestry meeting, the last staff meeting, the last Wednesday morning healing service, and the last hospital visit. The words that I pen here will, alas, constitute my last "Rumination."

If you look up "rumination" in the dictionary, you will find that while the word has come to mean "the act of pondering or meditation," its root meaning is "the act of processing or chewing cud." Indeed, a ruminant is a mammal with a stomach with no fewer than four compartments, one of which, the rumen, is responsible for "chewing" --- by means of microbial fermentation --- food already digested. (You were dying to know!)

In these columns, for the past decade and a half, I have endeavored to "chew over" with you many matters that have affected our common life. We have offered commentary on the deliberations of such bodies the Diocesan and General Conventions, the Anglican Consultative Council, the Primates of the Anglican Communion, and the Lambeth Conference. We have considered the sometimes painful but always instructive lessons learned during "the recent unpleasantness" in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. On other occasions we have weighed the impact of words spoken from Calvary's pulpit by such archiepiscopal visitors as George Carey, Desmond Tutu and Katharine Jefferts Schori. At times, we have expatiated on matters fiscal, with regard to the capital campaign, the annual appeal or the



performance of our portfolio. We have meditated, not infrequently, on the mysteries of the Faith --- the Incarnation, the Transfiguration, the Resurrection --- and, guided by the Anglican dictum *lex orandi lex credendi*, we have immersed ourselves in studies of the church's liturgical expression. Mindful of Paul's warning to the Romans about thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, we have, through it all, tried to maintain a sense of humor.

Through these Ruminations, we have experienced joy and sorrow, elation and disappointment. We have considered matters of great weight and have entertained ourselves with not insignificant doses of trivia. I trust that we have been able to "equip ourselves for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ" (Eph. 4:13).

Affectionately, your rector and scribe,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Harold +".

## 2013 Annual Appeal: 'Calvary At A Crossroads'

Our 2013 Annual Appeal is well underway and we have been receiving pledge cards, both paper and electronic, once again showing the generosity and commitment of our parish community. As you know from the parish meetings, our 2013 plans are to maintain our many ministries and broaden them when possible, hire a new curate and complete minimal capital repairs and maintenance. These plans are only possible through a successful pledge campaign. We are tracking the pledge activity in the Parish Hall with a display of both the number of pledges and our progress to this \$1.2 million goal.

So, if you have already pledged, thanks so much for your timely response. If you haven't yet pledged, please prayerfully consider your commitment and if possible, please respond as soon as you are able. You can easily join the pledge process by:

1. Bringing in the pledge card you received in the mail and dropping it in the Collection Plate or at the Stewardship Booth in the Parish Hall.
2. Mailing the pledge card – there are extra envelopes at the church and Stewardship Booth.
3. Download the PDF version of the pledge card from the website ([www.calvarypgh.org/appeal/appeal.htm](http://www.calvarypgh.org/appeal/appeal.htm)) and email to [stewardship@calvarypgh.org](mailto:stewardship@calvarypgh.org).

When you pledge, I will send an email so that you can be assured your pledge was received and included in our totals. If you do not have an email, I will confirm receipt by phone. A more formal Thank You will follow, of course!

However you choose to pledge, we invite you to pledge by Dedication Sunday on November 11. We'll be announcing our preliminary totals on that day and you will want to be included. After November 11, the Stewardship Committee members will be having a 'Calvary At A Crossroads' phone day—we will be contacting parishioners who haven't yet pledged as a follow-up. We will answer questions, provide additional pledge materials and in general, act as a warm reminder for you. Our ultimate goal is to have a finalized pledge total by the end of December. If you are a person who plans to make a commitment, but cannot do so until after December or early 2013, please let us know – we'll take you off the phone list and give you a reminder when that time comes. If you would like a personal visit or a phone call to discuss questions or concerns you may have before you pledge, please contact me at 412.901.6669 or [stewardship@calvarypgh.org](mailto:stewardship@calvarypgh.org), or Tony Macklin at 317.250.3805 or [tonymacklin1@gmail.com](mailto:tonymacklin1@gmail.com).

*Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and forever.*

-From the Thanksgiving section of BCP

## "What Does Calvary Mean To You?"

During my life I have attended or been a member of 7 – 8 churches. They range in size and style from a tiny, wooden chapel in the woods on the coast of Maine, to a small brick church in Geneva, Switzerland, to a simple stone building in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, to the large gothic grandeur and beauty of Calvary. All very different, but all having one key thing in common: a community of caring, devoted members, who have chosen to follow and love Christ. I think that's what we read in the words from 1 Corinthians 12:12, 14:

*For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For the body is not one member, but many.*

The question of what Calvary means to each of us was posed in this year's Annual Appeal Brochure. As a member of the Stewardship Committee, I helped design the brochure, and in that process I went through hundreds of photographs of Calvary's people and activities. More recently I have been collecting the gratitude cards that have been completed. Both of those tasks have clarified that what Calvary Church means to me, is you.

Certainly, I love Calvary's physical beauty and grandeur. She is at her glorious best when decked out in times of great pomp and circumstance such as Bishop McConnell's recent consecration, and when decorated for Easter and Christmas. It is almost magical when the sun suddenly comes shining through Calvary's magnificent stained glass windows after endless days of overcast skies.

However, what really makes Calvary so important to me is the love of God that abounds among us there, and that we share both within and without our community. That love is present during worship services, musical performances, meetings and social gatherings. Calvary supports, encourages and instructs how to live in a spirit-filled manner, to live like Jesus, and the people of Calvary take that love and compassion and share it. It is awesome, in the best and truest sense of the word.

I encourage you to take a few minutes to contemplate not just what Calvary means to you now, but what it will mean to you down the road. Then, if you have not already done so, please put a value to your answer and make your pledge for 2013 accordingly.

I am profoundly grateful for all that I have received from you and from Calvary. Thank you.

–Sarah Williams Wilson

# The Calvary Calendar: November 11 – December 16, 2012

## Sunday November 11, 2012

*The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

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

## Monday November 12, 2012

*Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836*

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 P.M. Rector's Discussion Series
- 6:30 P.M. Parish Council Dinner and Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:30 P.M. OA

## Tuesday November 13, 2012

- 7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle
- 7:00 P.M. AA

## Wednesday November 14, 2012

*Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1796*

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. CLEAR
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute Annual Meeting
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

## Thursday November 15, 2012

*Francis Asbury, 1816, and George Whitefield, 1170, Evangelists*

- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 4:15 P.M. Troubadors
- 5:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Board Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Social Justice and Outreach Meeting
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday November 16, 2012

*Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093*

## Saturday November 17, 2012

*Hugh, 1200, and Robert Grosseteste, 1253, Bishops of Lincoln*

- 10:00 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert
- 11:30 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert

## Sunday November 18, 2012

*The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

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

## Monday November 19, 2012

*Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231*

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 P.M. Rector's Discussion Series
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:30 P.M. OA

## Tuesday November 20, 2012

*Edmund, King of East Anglia, 870*

- 6:30 P.M. Diocesan Growth Fund
- 7:00 P.M. AA

## Wednesday November 21, 2012

*William Byrd, 1623, John Merbecke, 1585, and Thomas Tallis, Musicians*

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP

## Thursday November 22, 2012

*Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c. 280; Thanksgiving Day*

- 9:30 A.M. Thanksgiving Day Service

## Friday November 23, 2012

*Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100*

The church offices will be closed this day.

## Saturday November 24, 2012

- 11:00 A.M. Funeral Service for Ned Jones

## Sunday November 25, 2012

*The Last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King)*

- 10:00 A.M. Pontifical Eucharist
- 11:30 A.M. Reception in honor of Harold and Claudette Lewis

## Monday November 26, 2012

*Isaac Watts, Hymnwriter, 1748*

- 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 November 27, 2012

- 6:30 P.M. Diocesan Growth Fund
- 7:00 P.M. AA

## Wednesday November 28, 2012

*Kamehameha and Emma, King and Queen of Hawaii, 1864, 1885*

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

## Thursday November 29, 2012

- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 12:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 4:15 P.M. Troubadors
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. Social Justice and Outreach Meeting
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday November 30, 2012

*Saint Andrew, the Apostle*

## Saturday December 1, 2012

*Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637; Charles de Foucauld, Hermit and Martyr in the Sahara, 1916*

- 9:00 A.M. Poetry Group Meeting
- 9:00 A.M. FLMH

## Sunday December 2, 2012

*The First Sunday of Advent*

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

- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 4:00 P.M. Choir Call
- 5:00 P.M. A Service of Lessons and Carols
- 6:00 P.M. Reception

## Monday December 3, 2012

*Francis Xavier, Missionary to the Far East, 1552*

- 5:00 P.M. Diocesan Life Committee
- 6:00 P.M. Diocesan Budget Committee
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 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 December 4, 2012

*John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760*

- 5:00 P.M. EECM Board Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Architectural History Committee
- 7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle
- 7:00 P.M. AA

## Wednesday December 5, 2012

*Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210*

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

## Thursday December 6, 2012

*Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342*

- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 4:15 P.M. Troubadors
- 7:00 P.M. Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network
- 7:30 P.M. Social Justice and Outreach Meeting
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday December 7, 2012

*Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397*

## Saturday December 8, 2012

*Richard Baxter, Pastor and Writer, 1691*

- 5:30 P.M. Men's Shelter Dinner Preparation

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AA – Alcoholics Anonymous  
CLASP – Calvary Lincoln AfterSchool Program  
EECM – East End Cooperative Ministry  
EfM – Education for Ministry  
OA – Overeaters Anonymous

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

\*To make reservations for starred events, for which a meal is being prepared, please telephone the church office, 412.661.0120, extension 140

**Sunday** December 9, 2012

*The Second Sunday of Advent*

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

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

**Monday** December 10, 2012

*Karl Barth, Pastor and Theologian, 1968; Thomas Merton, Contemplative and Writer, 1968*

- 5:30 P.M. Amnesty International Write-A-Thon
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 P.M. Parish Council Dinner and Meeting\*
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:30 P.M. OA

**Tuesday** December 11, 2012

- 3:00 P.M. CLASP
- 7:00 P.M. AA

**Wednesday** December 12, 2012

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. Thomas Merton Reading Group
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

**Thursday** December 13, 2012

*Lucy (Lucia), Martyr at Syracuse, 304*

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

**Friday** December 14, 2012

*Juan de la Cruz (John of the Cross), Mystic, 1591*

**Saturday** December 15, 2012

*John Horden, Bishop and Missionary in Canada, 1893; Robert McDonald, Priest, 1913*

- 10:00 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert
- 11:30 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert

**Sunday** December 16, 2012

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

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

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

**Deadlines for Publication**

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, December 7, 2012**. Please e-mail your text to [calvary@calvarypgh.org](mailto:calvary@calvarypgh.org) or deliver it to the church office.

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

**Christmas Pageant Sign Up**

Look for the flashing lights on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Parish Hall. There you will find the sign up sheet for Calvary's Annual Christmas Pageant! There is also an information sheet there that contains details about costumes and rehearsals.

The children and youth of Calvary will be presenting the 2012 Pageant on Sunday, December 23rd at the 11 a.m. service. The usual cast of cattle, shepherds, and angels will be there, as well as the camel, donkey and other live animals. The youth will once again play the main characters. You won't want to miss it!

It is important for you to sign your child up (or sign yourself up if you are a youth) so that we can communicate all the pageant details to you in an effective manner. Please email or me call if you can not sign up in person.

The Christmas Pageant is a wonderful tradition here at Calvary, and a great opportunity to invite relatives and friends to come and experience this great place.

**The First Sunday in Advent**

All students in grades PreK through Grade 8 are invited to join their teachers in the Parish Hall at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 2. We will hear an Advent story and make some items that will be sent to members of our parish that are shut in. Hot cocoa and chocolate chip cookies will be served.

-Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation;  
412.661.0120 x 116; [aeley@calvarypgh.org](mailto:aeley@calvarypgh.org)

**Thanksgiving Day Service**

Come and express your gratitude at our Thanksgiving Day Service, November 22 at 9:30 a.m. This will be a simple, quiet service with communion. Come just as you are - nothing fancy - just real thanks. The Reverend Carol Henley will be the preacher. All are welcome.



All women members of Calvary are invited to a social gathering and Home Eucharist on Wednesday, December 5 from 6-8 p.m., at the home of Charlotte Broome, 611 Summerlea

Street in Shadyside. Refreshments will be served. Please note that parking is limited in this part of Shadyside so consider carpooling and plan on walking a few blocks. If walking is a problem, we can arrange some rides from the Calvary parking lot. RSVP by Monday, December 3 to [charlotte.a.broome@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte.a.broome@gmail.com) or 412.362.1297.

## MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



With Bazaar-tide giving way to Thanksgiving, can Advent be far behind?

The First Sunday of Advent, the Church's "new year's day," falls on December 2 this year – one of the few times in the calendar-cycle that the fourth Thursday of November (Thanksgiving Day) and the fourth Sunday before December 25 (Advent I)

are not crowded into a single four-day span. That is, the structure of this year's calendar allows us to observe the First Sunday of Advent after the cultural chaos of the Thanksgiving weekend subsides.

On that day, we begin a new liturgical and lectionary cycle, this one grounded in the Gospel of St. Luke. Luke's Gospel, the longest of the four Biblical accounts of Jesus' life and ministry, is notable for its number of stories about Jesus as a healer (giving rise, at one time, to a theory that its author was a physician), and for its inclusion of narratives absent from the other Gospels – including the Zechariah / Elizabeth / John the Baptist story, the story of Jesus' Annunciation and Nativity, and two beloved parables, the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan.

Two of the Church's most important liturgical canticles likewise come from Luke's Gospel, namely, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, the Songs of Mary and Simeon. These two poetic utterances became fixed parts of monastic daily prayer, and were carried over into the Anglican service of Evensong from the earliest Book of Common Prayer: This latter fact has given rise to some of the most stirring music ever composed to the glory of God. Thank you, St. Luke!

In observance of the First Sunday of Advent, the choirs will offer the annual service of Lessons and Carols at 5 p.m. on December 2. The mixture of scripture, hymns, choral music, and what I can only call "atmosphere" have made this a favorite of many parishioners, myself among them. In addition to an imposing post-Victorian setting of the Magnificat by the English composer George Dyson, the music this year includes a variety of other perspectives on the season, and the Birth for which it prepares us. I hope you'll join us, and share it with your music-loving friends.

*Alan*

## Church Tours

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



As you know by now, our beloved Rector will be retiring on November 25, the Feast of Christ the King.

For Calvary a rector's retirement is a new experience, at least within living memory, given that our two previous rector searches occurred following the deaths of John Baiz and Arthur McNulty.

Our exclusive focus right now is on saying goodbye to Harold and recognizing the grace of his presence among us and the countless ways he has contributed to the building up of Calvary. He is leaving this parish in remarkable shape, and we are very grateful to him. On November 25, Bishop McConnell will preside over a Eucharist to honor Harold and Claudette, in thanksgiving for all they have done among us.

During this time, little or nothing is traditionally done to search for a new rector. That may seem odd to those accustomed to the more rapid-fire pace of searches in the business world, but there is great wisdom in setting such intentional boundaries. To every thing there is a season, and this is the season for saying farewell.

We have, however, appointed a wonderful Calling Committee, chaired by Russ Ayres. The members are Jean Adams, Florence Atwood, Greg Bradley, Michael Braxton, Kathleen Farrington, Lee Hicks, Becky Randall, Mark Rust, Susan Shafer and William Stevens. I will be keeping the parish informed about the next phase, which will be the hiring of an interim rector. Russ Ayres and the Calling Committee will be communicating with us about the calling process as that evolves.

Thank you for your prayers, your questions, and your good wishes, and I look forward to our communications in the year ahead.

–Joseph D. C. Wilson, III, Sr. Warden



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# Children's Corner Book Reviews

by Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation



The Bookstore at Calvary has more than books. Here are some wonderful items that would be perfect gifts.

## **Mealtimes Prayer Cube - \$12.50**

Here is a simple way that children of all ages can lead the family in prayer before each meal. Young ones will love rolling the die. A different grace is printed on each of the six sides.

## **The Lord's Prayer Cube - \$12.95**

This sturdy and colorful manipulative will help children engage with one of the key prayers of the Christian faith. It can be used during church or at home to learn and appreciate The Lord's Prayer.

## **The Baptism Cube - \$12.95**

This cube is sturdy enough to cope with little hands. It is brightly colored and beautifully illustrated. It takes the children through liturgy symbols and structure of the baptism service.

## Food Pantry "Food of the Month"

Each month, East End Cooperative Ministry makes a special appeal for a particular food pantry staple; however, donations of all non-perishable foods are always welcome! Leave your donation in the shopping cart in the Parish Hall. **The Food for November:** Instant Mashed Potatoes; **for December:** Rice. *Thank You!*

## Soup Group

The Women of Calvary Soup Group will meet on Friday, November 30 at 10 a.m. in Calvary's kitchen. New recipes and cooks are always welcomed. Looking for an easy job? Please be a soup delivery person to one of our parishioners, a friend, neighbor, or relative. Warm soup on a chilly day can be good medicine. There is no need to ask permission from anyone. The soup is in the freezer in the pantry. *-Adele Eley; Adele.eley@gmail.com; 412.371.6921*



## 2012 EECM Holiday "Berry" Program

This Christmas, Calvary has committed to helping 75 participants of East End Cooperative Ministry programs (Children and youth program participants, clients of the Food Pantry, and residents of the Orr Center). Each person has requested three items: something they want, something they need, and a book or calendar. These requests have been coded onto individual berries, which will be posted in the Parish Hall. These gifts relieve the financial burden on many East End families at Christmas, and brighten their holidays. Calvary has been a strong supporter of this program, and we request your help again this year. To participate, please:

- Choose one or more berries and sign out each berry on the corresponding sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.
- Bring each wrapped gift, with the berry securely attached (code showing) to the Parish Hall between Sunday, November 25 and Sunday, December 2, 2012. Please include a gift receipt for clothing items. The gifts will be taken to the "Christmas Church" for delivery to the families on December 4. The deadline is so early because EECM needs to deliver these gifts before they start their massive holiday food distribution.

In addition, we are collecting \$25 Giant Eagle gift cards for distribution to families that participate in the EECM Food Pantry program. Gift cards should be dropped off at the Calvary reception desk by December 2.

We need a few volunteers to sort and bag the gifts from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. on Sunday, December 2. We also need two volunteers with cars or vans to deliver the gifts to the "Christmas Church" down the street from Calvary mid-day on December 4.

Thank you for your support of this EECM program. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Ros Stone (Roslyn@pitt.edu or 412.781.9329) or John Wilson (jww@pitt.edu).



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## East End Cooperative Ministry Needs Volunteers

EECM is in need of volunteers as the needs of our community increase. The Soup Kitchen is now serving up to 145 per day. Meal on Wheels now has 94 clients. The tutoring program has more students than tutors. 575 families now shop at the food pantry.

Think about volunteering for any of the following areas:

**Children and youth:** after school tutors, 1st TEE program, and extraordinary tutoring.

**Hunger programs:** Meals on Wheels needs drivers Monday–Friday from 10 a.m.–12 p.m.; Food Pantry: to assist clients filling out orders or filling food bag orders, Monday–Friday, 10-11:15 a.m. or 1:30 to 3 p.m.

**Housing Programs:** Men's shelter needs volunteers to prepare breakfast, lunch or supper; ORR Compassionate Care center to visit clients or help prepare and serve food Monday–Friday anytime between 9 a.m.–7 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday 2 p.m.–7 p.m.; Drop in Center, to visit with clients; Safe Haven, to visit with clients.

Find out more by going online at [www.eecm.org/volunteers](http://www.eecm.org/volunteers) or call Tracy Hudson, volunteer Coordinator at 412.361.5549 ext. 403.



Sunday, November 11: **Veterans Day** – Dr. Mary Jo Guercio, a professor at Allegheny Community College will speak about services and programs that offered to our veterans.

Sunday, November 18: **Five Wishes: Planning Care at the End of Life** – Five Wishes is a living will document written in everyday language that allows you to make choices that best support your wishes at the end of life. Using this document helps start and structure important conversations about care in times of serious illness. During this education session we will discuss the value of advanced care planning and understand how to complete Five Wishes. Doing this important work is a great gift to yourself and your families.

Sunday, November 25: *No Adult Education classes.*  
Dr. Lewis' Retirement Service at 10 a.m. only.

Sunday, December 2: **Noah's Pudding** – A few members of the outreach committee from the Turkish Cultural Center of Pittsburgh (TCCP) will visit us to share a traditional Noah's Pudding. This special, extremely rich and delicious dessert is prepared in Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean to celebrate the divine rescue granted to Prophet Noah, peace be upon him, and the safe landing of The Ark after the Great Flood. There will be a short presentation on the Pudding and the significance of the day on which this pudding is prepared will be discussed. TCCP is a non-profit organization located in Greentree. It is involved in intercultural outreach and dialogue, and has organized thousands of events to bring together people from all walks of life to celebrate our common universal values and appreciate our diversity.

Sunday, December 9: **Sing a Song of Christmas** – Alan Lewis leads an exploration of some of our musical traditions associated with Christmas, focusing on the *carol*, ancient and modern.

Sunday, December 16: **The True Meaning of Christmas** – Christmas is the feast of the Incarnation – our celebration of the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. How do we understand the great mystery of God's love made real in our world? Leslie Reimer will offer theological reflections for this Advent season of expectation.

Sunday, December 23: *No classes* – Christmas Pageant during the 11 o'clock service.

The Adult Forum begins at 10 a.m., in the Refectory, unless otherwise noted. For more information, please contact Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation, at 412.661.0120, ext. 116; [aeley@calvarypggh.org](mailto:aeley@calvarypggh.org).



Beginnings would like to thank Blythe Davis, our Innisbrook representative, and everyone who helped to make our Fall Giftwrap and More sale a success. We raised more than \$700 for our scholarship fund.

Students in all classes will be learning about families and food and feasts as we prepare for Thanksgiving. We will all be practicing some vocabulary words in several languages as we continue to focus on dual language learners. Many thanks to the parents and grandparents and nannies who have helped us with translating books and word lists and to everyone who is helping us with our pronunciations. Keep on correcting us!

All of the staff members, students and families of Beginnings join with the entire Calvary parish community in bidding farewell to the Rector and our friend, Dr. Harold Lewis. His enthusiasm and support for our efforts to provide a quality early education program have been appreciated by all of us. We wish him and Mrs. Lewis a healthy, interesting and fun retirement!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

–Peggy Morycz, Director



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God willing  
The Right Reverend Dorsey W. M. McConnell,  
Bishop of Pittsburgh  
will preside at a Pontifical Eucharist  
offered in thanksgiving for the ministry of  
the Reverend Canon Harold Thomas Lewis,  
Ph.D., D.D., D.C.L.  
as fifteenth rector of Calvary Parish  
on the Feast of Christ the King  
Sunday the twenty-fifth of November  
two thousand and twelve at ten o' clock in the morning  
Calvary Episcopal Church  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Your prayers and presence are requested

Reception following. R.S.V.P. 412.661.0120, extension 140