

# For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

—Gospel of Matthew 6:21

Dear People of Calvary,

Life at Calvary is better than I possibly could have hoped it would be. There is a renewed spirit in the community driven by the passion and faith of all our members. We have a strong vestry, staff, leadership, and parishioners and numerous, excellent programs serving our neighbors and city. The buildings are used for a diverse variety of ministries and are in relatively good shape considering their age and constant use. Visitors and guests are joining us each Sunday. The Holy Spirit is present at Calvary. Most things are very, very good.

One area of concern for me and the leadership of Calvary is the area of finances. We have worked hard to contain operating expenses while also reducing the percentage we withdraw from our endowment (which we plan to continue to do), nonetheless, we have run a deficit for a number of years. For 2014, the deficit was about \$175,000 on a budget of about \$1.6 million. I was not a part of the budgeting process for 2014 but wanted to experience the life of the community for most of a year before we made adjustments. My natural tendency and my consistent position are to be frugal whenever possible but not to undermine the integrity of the ministries and facilities. We have been under-budget (spent less than we planned) in 2014 in most areas we could control.

For the 2015 budget, most of the costs are the same with increases for health care and other items. The projected deficit, as is, would be just over \$200,000. This is not good for our sustained vitality as a congregation. Good stewardship is not just hoping for the best but planning and having the long-term discipline to be faithful recognizing that a budget is simply a plan to utilize expected resources to fulfill a mission.

The only ways to bring a budget into balance are to increase revenues and/or decrease expenses. We are already fairly "lean." My feeling is that it would negatively affect the whole system to cut the entire deficit in one year but we must take steps to be responsible as stewards of all parts of our lives as people of faith.

The plan for the 2015 budget is to cut the deficit by half and reduce it again, and hopefully bring it into balance, in 2016 while planning for a balanced budget in future years. This will include a reduction in expenses through targeted cuts and a reasonable expectation for increased revenues.

For the longer term, it is very likely within a year that we shall begin planning for a capital campaign to

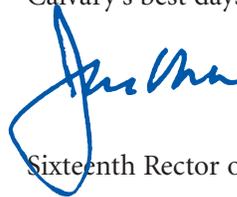
address the sustained integrity and use of the buildings and to increase our endowment for the care and maintenance of the facilities.

We currently have an endowment of approximately \$5,000,000. That is a great help but is about half of what it needs to be to care for the buildings and help provide for ministries. A good rule of thumb is to plan on having 5% of the total endowment (averaged over three years to account for fluctuations) available for funding each year so the principal is grown or at least preserved. At the current value, we could expect about \$250,000 per year in income from the endowment. A little math shows if our endowment were twice what it is, there would be no deficit at current spending.

Another type of endowment is our majestic, historic, and highly functional buildings. Our forbears gave them to us for ministry and the worship of God. There is no way we could ever build something approximating the space we enjoy but we do have a responsibility to care for it. Our truest endowment is not the money or buildings but the people of Calvary whom God has richly blessed since 1855.

Hoping or wishing for the best or claiming "God will provide" is all well and good but I believe God gave us minds and the community to address our problems together. Everything we need, God has already provided through us. That being said, we need a plan as a faith community that we follow in a disciplined way to be good stewards of our resources, buildings, and people that will be sustainable for the long term. The vestry is continuing to work in prayer and faith to make that happen.

Natalie and I have pledged our time, talent, treasure, and ourselves to serving God with you in this place. We are all in. If you are able, I ask that you consider increasing your pledge to support the mission and ministry of God through Calvary. Each gift matters. We hope you will join us as we serve the risen Christ and our neighbors together in this great city and parish that we might be faithful in our own time. Calvary's best days are yet to come.



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# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Youth Room

Please take a look at the new Youth Room here at Calvary. Formerly known as the Shoemaker Room, this space has been redecorated into a warm and inviting place for our youth group and Sunday School class to meet. Take a look! (The Shoemaker Room has been relocated to Level E. Read the story elsewhere in this issue.)

## The First Sunday of Advent

On **Sunday, November 30 at 10 a.m.** all children, youth and interested adults are invited to the Evan's room for a "Happy Church New Year" celebration. We will make Advent cards and gifts for the shut in members of our parish family. There will a story and snacks for everyone. Please join us.

## Christmas Pageant Sign Up

Look in the hallway outside the Parish Hall for the sign up sheet for the sign up sheet for Calvary's Annual Christmas Pageant. The children and youth of Calvary will be presenting the 2014 Pageant on **Sunday, December 21 at the 11 o'clock service.** There is a mystery at Calvary and we will have the famous team of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson here to help solve the case. The usual cast of cattle, shepherds, and angels will be there, as well as the donkey and other live animals. A camel will again join us. The youth will once again play the main characters.

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. You may also email or call to let me know of willing participants. There will be only one full rehearsal, on **Saturday, December 20.** Costumes may be picked up the week before the pageant. More details will be emailed and appear in the back page of this issue of *Agape*. Printed copies are also available on the bulletin board near the sign up sheet.

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.

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

## Weekly Email "Blast"

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

For more news, go to the Diocese of Pittsburgh website at [www.episcopalpg.org](http://www.episcopalpg.org) to sign up for their email notices.

# CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

*November 25*

Holy Happy Hour at The Sharp Edge on St. Clair

*December 7*

Brunch at Social in Bakery Square

*December 19*

Yule Ball at Calvary Episcopal Church



**Sunday, November 16.** Meet in the Refectory for lunch following church then we will go to the new Youth Room after lunch. Bring a friend to enjoy the afternoon of merriment and fellowship. 1 – 3:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 7** is the CYG the Christmas Party at church from 1 – 3:30 in the Refectory. Please plan to join us for an afternoon of merriment, fellowship and of course games. Lunch will be provided. Bring a friend.

**Early January:** Lock-In at Calvary with Youth from the Diocese. Look for details in the coming weeks.

## Advent/Christmas Displays

Do you have a Nativity scene with an interesting story about it that you would be willing to share during Advent and possibly into Christmas at Calvary? We have three secure display cases where we can enjoy and learn from each other. Of particular interest would be displays that represent other cultures. Height would be limited to 9–10 inches. We would need these along with rough copy of text about their histories or interest by November 23 (the Sunday before Thanksgiving). If you need it as part of your Christmas traditions, it could be picked up after the pageant on December 21.

Please let us know if you can participate by emailing [archives@calvarypg.org](mailto:archives@calvarypg.org) or calling 412.661.0120, ext. 126. Thank you. —Becky Randall and Bob Dilts, Archivists



## MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



With Thanksgiving looming, Advent is surely on the way as well...and with it, the annual service of Lessons and Carols on November 30. "Lessons and Carols" has become a very popular format for musical services at Advent, Christmas, and other times of year, since the "invention" of the service in the 1880s by an Anglican bishop as a Christmas Eve offering.

(Like so much in the Church, the "novelty" in the format actually harks

back to the medieval service of Matins, a lengthy and elaborate dark-of-night office in which readings and music alternate in a rather similar fashion.)

This liturgical format offers an opportunity to hear a wider-than-normal array of thematically-oriented passages from Holy Scripture (or, sometimes, readings of non-scriptural poetry or other literature), complemented and amplified by ample quantities of music.

As they often have done during their residency at Calvary, Chatham Baroque will join us for Lessons & Carols, accompanying several items and playing instrumental pieces of their own, as well. An hors-d'oeuvre reception follows. I hope you'll join us, and that you'll use the occasion to bring a friend along.

Looking just a bit further, on Saturday evening, December 13, the Friends of Music will co-present a concert here by a spectacular vocal group, New York Polyphony. Their concert is a collection of Christmas-oriented music from across seven centuries, and their sound is sure to be wonderful in our acoustics. The concert begins at 8; tickets can be purchased at the door, or by way of the Renaissance & Baroque Society's webpage, [www.rbsp.org](http://www.rbsp.org).



In November, we will be learning about Pilgrims, Native Americans, healthy foods and turkeys, turkeys, turkeys! Ms. Verna was here last week to make a presentation on Native Americans called "The Talking Circle". We will be giving thanks for our many blessings, including all of our students and their families and our faculty and the Calvary staff and all of our other friends and supporters.



We are very grateful to Blythe Davis, our Innisbrook representative, and all the parents and parishioners who helped to make our Fall Giftwrap and More sale a success. We sold more than \$1000 worth of products and raised enough funds to purchase an iPad for Ms. Thilini to use with the students in Class 3 and Class 4. She is excited to work with the teachers to introduce appropriate technology for the students in all the classes during the course of this year.

In an attempt to serve more of the students on our waiting list and to reach out to families with children too young for our regular program, *Beginnings* new program of Music for Babies and Toddlers with Parents or Caregivers. This program will meet for one hour on three Fridays starting November 21. The class will be limited to 8 students under age 3 and their accompanying adult. Ms. Sharon, the lead teacher in Class 3, will conduct the classes. The cost will be \$30 per child for the series. If this is a success, we will plan a longer series for the spring term.

*Beginnings* will take our annual Thanksgiving break this month. No classes will be held on November 25, 26 or 27.

Happy Thanksgiving from *Beginnings*!

—Peggy Morycz, Director

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## Join us at Trinity Cathedral for Light Up Night

The Parish Council is looking for 20 volunteers from Calvary to team up with Trinity Cathedral on Light Up Night, **Friday, November 21**, beginning at 5 p.m. (for set-up). The historic Cathedral will be open from 6–9 p.m. on Light-Up Night and will feature entertainment and refreshments. Calvary volunteers will don our "And Also With Yinz" attire, which the Calvary Bookstore will have for sale at the event.

The Cathedral is in a perfect location to access all the downtown events. Even if you are not able to volunteer,

everyone is invited to stop in and say "Hello!" or stay for the whole evening to kick off another great holiday season! If you would like to help, please contact Stephen Shandor at [steve.shandor@gmail.com](mailto:steve.shandor@gmail.com) or 412.951.6923. There is also a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



## The Next Step Group

The Next Step Group Invites you to Come...Sit...Listen...Share

The Next Step Group offers spiritual seekers a place where there are no problems too big or wrong answers. We are *not* a recovery group but we do borrow spiritual ideas and teachings from *The Twelve Steps*, Dr. Sam Shoemaker (Calvary's 12th Rector), Father Richard Rohr, Desmond Tutu, and even the Buddha, among others. To date, topics have ranged from forgiveness to the limits of worldly achievement. The group is a safe place to share what you like about the Christian experience and learn from the experience of others who are very similar or different in belief or outlook.

**NEW MEETING:** Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month (November 18); and (December 2, 16) from 7:30–8:30 p.m. Format: Open Forum at which members bring up whatever is on their minds relating to spiritual matters in their everyday lives. No preparation, no homework.

**AND** Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 10:30–11:30 am. Format: Small group discussion with suggested topic and leader as follows:

**November 22:** “*God-consciousness*,” Next Step co-founder, Sondra Krimmel;

**December 13:** “*Healing*,” group member, Nan Neureither;

**December 27:** “*Grace*,” group member, Elizabeth Slaymaker

Meetings will be held in the Conference Room, Level E, at Calvary Church. Join us for coffee and fellowship before and after each meeting.

You may attend any meeting you wish and at your convenience. The meetings may have a different format (as the group decides) and subject matter will vary. *Tuesday night meetings will not duplicate Saturday meetings and vice versa. Come early or stay a little later for coffee and fellowship.*

Visit us on the Calvary website at [www.calvarypgh.org](http://www.calvarypgh.org). Please contact John Horchner, [johnhorchner@gmail.com](mailto:johnhorchner@gmail.com) or Sondra Krimmel, [krimmss@yahoo.com](mailto:krimmss@yahoo.com) for more information about the Next Step Group.



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

### Sunday, November 16 – Violence in History

There is violence in most creation narratives; violence in founding most civil societies; violence for the sake of punishment and good order; and an epidemic of violence in the USA. There will be a brief presentation followed by open discussion. Our presenter will be the Reverend John Fetterman, our theologian in residence.

### Sunday, November 23 – Singing the Lord's Song, part 2

The Psalms frequently encourage us to “Sing to the Lord a new song.” Why? And how can we do that most effectively. Alan Lewis leads a conversation with sung examples for all.

### Sunday, November 30 – Pilgrimage

The Rev. Carol Henley will share reflections and pictures from her October 2013 pilgrimage in England and Scotland with a group led by the Rev. Herbert O'Driscoll, well known scholar and authority on Celtic Spirituality.

### Sunday, December 7 –

#### “My pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela”

T.J. Freeman, our Curate, will share pictures and stories from his time on the Camino de Santiago, reflect on the nature of pilgrimage as a Christian discipline and prayer practice, and facilitate a discussion on how to live the pilgrim's way in our modern context.

### Sunday, December 14 – Spiritual Development

The goal is intimacy with God and not perfection (an impossibility). This presentation will review some of the classical approaches to achieving this goal by learning how to use both sin and grace to bring us closer to God. Join the Reverend John Fetterman for this discussion.

### Sunday, December 21 – Christmas Pageant

No Adult Education or Children's Sunday School

### Sunday, December 28

No Adult Education or Children's Sunday School



## Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist

Thursday, November 27, 2014 at 9:30 A.M.

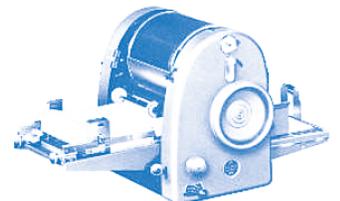
The Reverend T.J. Freeman, *preacher*;  
The Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen, *celebrant*

## Deadlines for Publications

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, December 5, 2014**.

Please e-mail your text to [calvary@calvarypgh.org](mailto:calvary@calvarypgh.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.



# FAITHFUL IN OUR OWN TIME

Do you remember the old slogan “give ‘till it hurts?” Forget it. We are talking church, we are talking faith, where Duty and Delight go hand in hand. Faith sometimes overflows; need sometimes overflows. We want to share. The spirit’s tether binds us, sometimes in joy, always in hope.

When our kids were in grade school, I was a clerk at the world's best toy store. Nothing was bubble wrapped. You could take a puppet off the puppet tree, insert your fingers and thumb and have a conversation with the clerk, or your mother. Same for marionettes: unhook one from the rack and make it lurch down the aisle. Toy cars? No problem, grab one and make it vroom around the counter. Just put it back or hand it to the clerk when you finished the test run.

One day a young boy came in. He was, maybe ten years old, tops. He wanted to buy Christmas gifts for his two brothers and one sister. He had about \$4.85 in ... earnings? ... savings? ... the widow’s mite? I led him to our five & dime shelves: bins of kazoos, water pistols, harmonicas, jacks, India rubber balls, yo-yos, fake mustaches. He was full of purpose and plans. He knew what his brothers and sister would like, what they wanted, and what he wanted to give them. So if the harmonica for one brother were \$2.50, the yo-yo for the other \$.89, and the set of jacks for his sister \$1.29, that was fine. He assessed gifts and giving with his resources with the only goal being the delight of people he loved and wanted to honor. He knew what something cost (in dollars and cents) and what it was worth (in terms of joy ... the recipient’s as well as his own).



It was the store policy to wrap all purchases if the buyer wanted them wrapped. I wrapped those gifts with the care and finesse usually saved for the \$69.00 dollhouse dining room set.

What does this story have to do with being faithful in our own time? Just a reminder that giving is indeed a Duty and Delight. It involves assessing, counting, loving, wanting and, yes, joy and expectation.



In November while we are in the cross hairs of planning for Christmas giving, our Vestry is planning for the next budget year at Calvary. Giving does not hurt; it is Duty, yes, and Delight, also. I wish us all purpose and joy in the processes and confidence in the choosing.

—The Reverend Ruth Bosch Becker

## St. Michael’s Society: “The Heart of Calvary’s Future”

We’ve added six new members over the past seven months! Some of these incredibly generous people included Calvary in their will and others chose to setup a charitable gift annuity (CGA) through the Pittsburgh Foundation. A CGA is a vehicle which provides the donor with fixed and guaranteed annual payments for their lifetime. The remainder of the annuity is used to support the Calvary endowment.



In addition, we have seven other parishioners who have committed to including Calvary in their estate plans and are exploring the best way to proceed, based on their personal circumstances. To grow our membership, I’m meeting one-on-one with people and speaking to small groups. Since May, we’ve had three neighborhood cocktail parties and a luncheon to discuss and encourage people to join the St. Michael’s Society. These events were held in Fox Chapel, Export, and Shadyside and included a brief presentation by the Pittsburgh Foundation.

Most new members of the St. Michael’s Society, including Kathy Farrington, are retired septuagenarians. Among those who’ve **verbally committed** is ‘thirty-something’ Matt Lancaster who understands why taking this action is so significant to Calvary’s future. Calvaryites are making it clear that no one is too old or too young to include Calvary in their estate plans now.

If you would like to meet one-on-one, host an event or attend an event, please contact: Deborah Kelly, Head of Planned Giving, [dc1kelly@gmail.com](mailto:dc1kelly@gmail.com) or call 412.688.9299.

**Together, we can ensure that Calvary’s doors will remain open far into the future to Welcome All in the name of Christ.**

**Please remember Calvary Church in your estate plans!**

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## Electronic Payments

If you have set up an electronic payment transaction for the 2015 Annual Appeal, we ask that you please also complete and return a pledge card so that we have a record for our accounting books.

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- If you stack one million \$1 bills, it would be 361 feet high and weight exactly 1 ton. A million dollars’ worth of \$100 bills weighs only 22 lbs.
  - TIP is the acronym for “To Insure Promptness.”

# The Calvary Calendar: November 16 – December 14, 2014

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## Sunday November 16, 2014

*The Twenty-third 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 Formation 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
- 12:30 P.M. CYG

## Monday November 17, 2014

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

- 5:30 P.M. Bookstore Committee Meeting
- 6:30 P.M. Personnel Committee Meeting
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 P.M. Parish Council Dinner and Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship

## Tuesday November 18, 2014

*Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:00 A.M. Association of Anglican Musicians
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 7:00 P.M. AA
- 7:30 P.M. The Next Step

## Tuesday November 18, 2014

*Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680*

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:00 A.M. Association of Anglican Musicians
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute Annual Meeting
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP (at The Carnegie)
- 4:00 P.M. Audit Committee
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 5:00 P.M. Finance Committee
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

## Thursday November 20, 2014

*Edmund, King of East Anglia, 870*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 7:00 P.M. Diocesan Committee on Social Justice and Outreach
- 7:00 P.M. PIIN Board Meeting
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday November 21, 2014

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

- 10:00 A.M. American Guild of Organists Meeting
- 10:00 A.M. Soup Group Cooking
- 10:00 A.M. Beginnings Music Group

## Saturday November 22, 2014

*Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.280; Clive Staples Lewis, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963*

- 10:00 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert
- 10:00 A.M. Inquirers' Class
- 10:30 A.M. The Next Step
- 11:30 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert

## Sunday November 23, 2014

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

- 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 Formation 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
- 7:00 P.M. An Evening with Christian Associates/Samaritan Ministry

## Monday November 24, 2014

- 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 25, 2014

*James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest and Monk, 1935*

- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 P.M. Diocesan Commission on Ministry
- 5:30 P.M. Young Adult Ministry (at The Sharp Edge)
- 7:00 P.M. AA

## Wednesday November 26, 2014

*Isaac Watts, Hymnwriter, 1748*

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

## Thursday November 27, 2014

*Thanksgiving Day*

**The church offices will be closed this day.**

- 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

## Friday November 28, 2014

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

**The church and offices will be closed this day.**

## Saturday November 29, 2014

- 10:30 A.M. The Next Step

## Sunday November 30, 2014

*The First Sunday of Advent*

- 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 Formation 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
- 5:00 P.M. A Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent
- 6:00 P.M. Reception

## Monday December 1, 2014

*Saint Andrew the Apostle (tr. from 11/30)*

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

*The calendar continues on the back*

## Tuesday December 2, 2014

*Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in China and Japan, 1910*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 7:00 P.M. Architectural History Committee Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. AA
- 7:30 P.M. The Next Step

## Wednesday December 3, 2014

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

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP (at The Carnegie)
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM
- 6:30 P.M. Beginnings Board Meeting

## Thursday December 4, 2014

*John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 1:30 P.M. St. Nicholas Tea
- 7:00 P.M. Welcome Committee
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday December 5, 2014

*Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210*

### Agape Deadline

## Saturday December 6, 2014

*Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342*

- 9:00 A.M. Centering Prayer

## Sunday December 7, 2014

*The Second Sunday of Advent; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day*

- 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 Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 12:45 P.M. Young Adult Ministry (at Social, Bakery Square)
- 1:00 P.M. CYG Christmas Party

## Monday December 8, 2014

*Richard Baxter, Pastor and Writer, 1691*

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

## Tuesday December 9, 2014

- 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
- 7:00 P.M. AA

## Wednesday December 10, 2014

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

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP (at The Carnegie)
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers Rehearsal
- 5:00 P.M. Amnesty International Write-A-Thon
- 6:00 P.M. EfM
- 7:00 P.M. Shadyside Dems

## Thursday December 11, 2014

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 10:00 A.M. International Association of Women Ministers
- 7:00 P.M. PIIN Board Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday December 12, 2014

## Saturday December 13, 2014

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

- 9:00 A.M. FLMH
- 10:30 A.M. The Next Step
- 5:30 P.M. Men's Shelter Dinner Preparation (at Community House)
- 8:00 P.M. New York Polyphony in Concert

## Sunday December 14, 2014

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

- 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. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 12:30 P.M. Choristers' Christmas Party

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

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous  
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  
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](http://www.calvarypgh.org).

# Status Report from the Treasurer

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

At its October 27th meeting, the Vestry approved the Treasurer's Report for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. As the numbers below indicate, there is both good news and not so good news to report on the financial front. The first good news item is that Pledge Income received is more than 97% of the budgeted amount for the first nine months of the year. Secondly, Calvary has received from various estates and foundations several generous non-budgeted Gifts for Operations which have totalled \$19,500. The not so good news is that our budgeted expenses have exceeded income by \$130,300. However, this amount is **less** than the budgeted nine month deficit amount projected for the Operations Fund. We are hoping to decrease this deficit amount considerably in the last three months of the year. In order to accomplish this goal, it is important to remind everyone to continue your **excellent** record so far this year and fulfill your 2014 pledge commitment to Calvary Church.

Sincerely, Bob Eley

Calvary Episcopal Church  
Operations Fund (Operations, Outreach & Capital Budgets)  
Year-to-Date Financial Results through September 30, 2014

	9-Month Actual 2014	9-Month Budget 2014
<b>Income:</b>		
Pledge and Non-Pledge Contributions	\$725,700	\$744,900
Loose Plate and Special Offerings	24,200	39,800
Transfer from Endowment Fund	203,700	204,800
Trust Income	16,200	16,200
All Other Income	59,700	31,400
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,029,500</b>	<b>1,037,100</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Salaries & Benefits	657,100	701,500
Rector/Curate Search & Relocation	32,100	30,000
Diocesan Assessment	110,000	110,000
Maintenance & Operations of Bldgs.	140,000	116,900
Office & Admin/Finance/Insurance & Taxes	132,400	129,400
Hospitality & Parish Life	10,800	17,000
Christian Formation and Music	13,300	23,100
Pastoral Care & Outreach	22,900	38,600
Capital	41,200	15,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,159,800</b>	<b>1,181,500</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(130,300)</b>	<b>(144,400)</b>



## About the House

Being an occasional presentation for your perusal of those seemingly mundane house keeping chores, repairs, modifications, and improvements which affect our worship and parish life experiences in Calvary Episcopal Church.

### 1. *The heat is on (done)*

“Lula Jane”, our older boiler was filled and fired just before the end of October, in time to take advantage of newer, lower, gas prices that went into effect on November 1. Maintenance of the other boiler is in process.

### 2. *Bike racks / railing repair (current)*

We missed the October date but are promised that the racks and narthex entry railing will be finished within the next week.

### 3. *Preservation of west entrance steps (current)*

Sealing of the thresholds of the narthex entryways will be taken care of within the month.

### 4. *Lighting/electrical (current)*

Defective daylight sensors controlling many of our exterior lights have been replaced and motion sensor switches will soon be installed in all restrooms on levels B and D. We're all about saving energy.

### 5. *Plaque clean-up (done)*

The Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation, at their expense, sent technicians from the Matthews Company to refurbish our plaque at the west entrance.

### 5a. *Possible new entry sign (?)*

The same company has done other signage around the property. Is there a driveway entry sign announcing our address and location of the parish house and bookstore in our future? Money would be involved.

### 6. *Woodwork (ongoing)*

Weezie's well-worn worktop has been refinished by our erstwhile parishioner craftsman.

### 7. *Woodwork walkabout (future)*

Another interested local craftsman requested and was given a tour of the church. He has proposed ideas for the cleaning and upkeep of our beautiful – and grimy – woodwork and will return to do some testing at the end of the year.

## Talking Turkey

- The turkey industry grosses over \$1 billion a year.
- The Average American consumes over 15 pounds of Turkey per year; Americans consume over 675 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving Day.
- The wishbone is a tradition of Thanksgiving. Allow the wishbone to dry. Then, two people grasp each end of the

wishbone. After making a silent wish, they pull it away. Whoever gets the joint portion, gets their wish.

- That long, loose skin that hangs down from a turkey's neck is called a “wattle.”

- Sleepy after the big meal? Turkey contains an amino acid called “Tryptophan” which sets off a chemical reaction that calms you down and makes you sleepy.

## The Thrifty Community Store on Penn Avenue Needs Donations

The Thrifty Community Store has a list of items that are in great demand: kitchen utensils (large spoons, spatulas, ladles, and pots, pans, and skillets), plus towels and wash clothes, and bed linens. Some new area residents in the East End are setting up households for the first time, and these items are always in need. Calvary has been involved with donating clothes to Thrifty on a weekly basis for more than two years now. You may place any small household items that didn't make it to the bazaar in the clothes basket in the Parish Hall.



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### Not Quite Right Church Bulletin Announcements

- The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.
- Women's Luncheon: Each member bring a sandwich. Polly Phillips will give the medication.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.



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The Reverend Carol Henley, *Assisting Priest*  
The Reverend Ruth Bosch Becker, *Assisting Pastor*  
The Reverend John J. Fetterman, *Theologian-in-Residence*  
Shane Siciliano, *Seminarian*  
Dr. Alan Lewis, *Director of Music*  
Bill Gesin, *Assistant Organist*  
Catherine Davidson, *Senior Warden*  
G. Frederic Roth, *Junior Warden*  
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Marsha Morris, *Parish Secretary*  
The Reverend Harold T. Lewis, Ph.D., *Rector Emeritus*

## The New Shoemaker Room

More than fifty years ago, The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer was formed thanks to the efforts of Helen Shoemaker.

Helen was the wife of Sam Shoemaker, the twelfth rector of Calvary Church in Pittsburgh. The organization grew from small groups to a network of prayer to strengthen the spiritual life of people across the United States and Canada. It is "Anglican" in the old and best sense of the word meaning Episcopalians in North America sharing a heritage from, and in communion with, the Church of England and some eighty million other Anglicans throughout the world.

"The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer is a lay ministry, aided by members of the ordained clergy, which serves the church and the world by encouraging, facilitating, and promoting the use, understanding and discipline of prayer." (From the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer website at [www.afp.org](http://www.afp.org))

Recently, the board of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer held its annual meeting at Calvary to plan for their future. As part of their visit, they donated many writings on prayer from Helen and hoped Calvary might house them as a resource for people throughout the city and diocese. They made a generous gift for us to purchase proper shelving to display the items for use. They also made a gift of a lovely image of Helen to go along those of the images of Sam.

We have had a room named for Sam Shoemaker, adjacent to the choir room, that housed many of his writings. Unfortunately, the space is not accessible most of the time.

When I was first approached by the AFP about a potential board meeting and offered the materials by Helen, I had just been in conversations with the youth who were requesting their own space. We desired a room for youth, more accessible space for Sam's writings, and room for Helen's writings as well. After conversations with various staff, youth leaders, and others, a simple and elegant solution presented itself.

The youth room, with appropriate furniture, is now where the Shoemaker room used to be in the back of the choir room with the generous blessing of Alan Lewis, Director of Music. The former space for the secretary outside the rector's office now houses the writings of both Helen and Sam Shoemaker and appropriate furniture so the room might be used for study or meetings of groups up to eight people. To give thanks for the couple who inspired Calvary and the city so much, the space is now called, "The Helen and Sam Shoemaker Room." It is time we honored both of them. The new room was blessed during the visit of the AFP. We thank them for their generosity and the witness of Helen and Sam. Well done good and faithful servants.



## 2014 EECM Holiday “Berry” Program

This Christmas, Calvary has committed to helping 75 participants of East End Cooperative Ministry programs. 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 are 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:

1. **Choose** one or more berries and **sign out** each berry on the corresponding sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.
2. **Bring** each wrapped gift, with the berry securely attached (code showing) to the Parish Hall between **Sunday, November 23** and 5 p.m. on **Sunday, November 30, 2014**. Please include a **gift receipt** for clothing items. The gifts will be taken to the EECM building for delivery to the families on December 2. 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 **5 p.m. on Sunday, November 30**.

A few **volunteers** are needed to sort and bag the gifts from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. and 5–7 p.m. on **Sunday, November 30**. We need at least one volunteer to make reminder phone calls on Sunday night (November 30), and a few volunteers with cars or vans to deliver the gifts to the EECM Community House at 12:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 2**.

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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## EECM Food Pantry

East End Cooperative Ministry operates the second largest food pantry in Pittsburgh. On their “Wish List” in November is **Instant Mashed Potatoes, and in December it’s Rice**. 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!

Visit EECM’s website for more information on ways you can help: [www.eecm.org](http://www.eecm.org).



## Be a Light in the World Epiphany Luncheon and Baby Shower at Calvary Church Saturday, January 10, 2015

Betsy McConnell joyfully invites you to “be a light in the world” at the Epiphany Luncheon and Baby Shower benefitting Jeremiah’s Place, a newly opened crisis-care children’s nursery for ages newborn to six years.

This nursery provides free, temporary short-term care to protect children and strengthen families experiencing a crisis or emergency situation. Their safe haven of respite, health, renewal, and support is located in the East Liberty neighborhood. More information about Jeremiah’s Place may be found on their website, [www.jeremiahsplace.org](http://www.jeremiahsplace.org).

Co-sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women and the Social Justice and Outreach Committee, the baby shower will be held at Calvary, beginning with refreshments at 12:30 and lunch at 1 p.m.

Childcare/children’s activities will be available by reservation. Details about gift registries and other ways to give a gift will be available soon.

*Fun with a Purpose You Won’t Want to Miss!*



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## Soup Group Cooking

The Soup Group will meet on **Friday, November 21 at 10 a.m.** in Calvary’s kitchen. Recipes and cooks are always welcome.

Please deliver soup 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 get permission from anyone. The soup is in the freezer in the pantry. We like to share our soup and are happy to make more. We will not be cooking at Calvary in December, so this is a great time to make some soup at home and bring it to Calvary. See me for labels and containers. Call or email me with any questions.

–Adele Eley, 412.371.6921, [adele.eley@gmail.com](mailto:adele.eley@gmail.com)



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- Nessie, the Loch Ness monster is protected by the 1912 Protection of Animals Acts of Scotland. With good reason—Nessie is worth \$40 million annually to Scottish tourism.
  - The word millionaire was first used by Benjamin Disraeli in his 1826 novel *Vivian Grey*. The book is a frequent touchstone for discussions of Disraeli’s political and literary career.

# Children's Corner Book Reviews

by Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation

The first Sunday of Advent is November 30. The Bookstore has Advent Calendars especially for children along with beautiful Advent wreathes and candle sets. Check out the new books that would make excellent gifts. Here are just a few of the many to choose from.



**Saint Nicholas and the Mouse of Myra** by Jay Stoeckl.  
\$15.99

This graphic novel illustrates – in vivid color and story-telling – the life of St. Nicholas of Myra. Readers will watch as he learns and practices the generosity that led to him becoming the father of Christmas giving. A Greek-attired philosopher-mouse by the name of Cicero is the fictional character that is added to this story. He questions many of Nicholas's actions, often hilariously, until the mouse himself converts to Christianity late in the story. This book is an excellent introduction to the life of one of the least understood and appreciated real characters in Christian history.

**Manger** by Lee Bennett Hopkins; illustrated by Helen Cann.  
\$16.00

There is a legend that describes how, at midnight on Christmas Eve, all creatures are granted the power of speech for one hour. In this rich collection, Lee Bennett Hopkins and a dozen other poets imagine what responses they might offer. The poems represent a diverse group of animals, but all come together with one singular purpose: celebrating the joy of the miraculous event. Not a silent night! This book is a perfect gift for the holiday season.

**The Story of Christmas** by Mary Joslin; illustrated by Alida Massari. \$14.99

This story is the heart of Christmas – the story of Mary and Joseph, the stable and the star, the infant Christ, and the good news of joy and peace. Celebrate each year with this timeless and beautiful retelling, illustrated throughout with a mixture of full page art, vignettes, and borders in sumptuous reds, purples, and majestic blues.

Visit the Calvary website at

[www.calvarypg.org](http://www.calvarypg.org)



All women are asked to fill out this short survey about the Women of Calvary. We need your valuable input to assist us with strategic planning. Please leave completed forms in the baskets located on the tables in the Narthex, the Parish Hall, or on the reception desk. You may also mail it to the church office.

1. What immediately comes to mind when you hear Women of Calvary (WOC)?
2. What immediately comes to mind when you hear Episcopal Church Women (ECW)?
3. Have you attended any WOC events? Yes / No  
If so, which ones? [A] Home Eucharist [B] Holiday Bazaar [C] Cocktail Party [D] Retreat [E] Other \_\_\_\_\_
4. Please share any feedback you may have about the event(s) you've attended.
5. Are there events or programs, not currently offered by WOC, that you would like to see us add? Yes / No If so, what are they?
6. Would it be appropriate for WOC to change its name to ECW? Why or why not?
7. Please circle your age range to help us analyze the responses. [A] 18–35 [B] 36–50 [C] 51–65 [D] 66–80 [E] 80 +

**Questions?** Contact Kathy Farrington, WOC Coordinator at [farringtonk@me.com](mailto:farringtonk@me.com) or 412.362.0862. Also, if you're interested in serving on this wonderful committee, please contact Kathy.

## CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# CHRISTMAS PAGEANT INFORMATION

### The ages for the cast in the 2014 pageant are

- Preschool/Kindergarten – sheep and cattle
- Grades 1 and 2 – angels
- Grades 3 and 4 – shepherds
- Grades 5 and 6 – townspeople
- Grades 7 thru 12 – main characters



All participants may pick up costumes on the parish office level on

**Sunday, December 14** – any time before or after church services

**Monday, December 15 – Friday, December 19** – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Saturday, December 20** - 10 a.m. – Noon.

- Costumes will be labeled and located on the filing cabinets and clothing racks outside the Christian Formation office. Please read the signs near the costumes.
- The pageant is on **Sunday, December 21 at the 11 a.m. service**. Plan to arrive by 10:30 a.m. with your costume and come to the Refectory. (No Christian Formation classes this day.)

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**For sheep and cattle, angels, and other non speaking roles there will be a rehearsal on Saturday, December 20 at 11 a.m. We will finish by noon.** [Note to parents of young children – especially pre-K and K – this rehearsal is a simple walk through. For some children, seeing and knowing in advance what to expect and what to do is helpful, and this rehearsal serves that purpose. For some children, it will work much better simply to come on Sunday morning and participate without a lot of anticipation. Your child will be able to participate fully in the pageant whether you come to the rehearsal or not – you can decide which approach works best for your child.]



For all characters with speaking parts, the script and cast list will be emailed to all participants the first week in December.

### Rehearsals for those with speaking parts –

**Sunday, December 14 at 10 a.m. in the Evans Room.** We will meet for a “read through”

**Saturday, December 20 at 10 a.m. in the church.** This will be a rehearsal without costumes but with the sound system and microphone coordination. Lines should be memorized. The characters with minor speaking parts may come at 10:30 a.m. Sheep and cattle, angels and other non speaking roles will join the rehearsal at 11 a.m. We will finish by noon.

**Parents** – Please call my cell phone (412.719.9637) if you have any questions on Saturday, as the church phones will not be answered.

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