

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

What happens when you put young people from the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, beautiful fall apples, and sidewalk chalk on Sixth Avenue in front of Trinity Cathedral? What happens when young people share the apples with those who pass by, and ask if there is anything they would like us to pray for as the church gathers? The dark stone retaining wall in front of the Cathedral becomes covered with petitions – “God protect this city” “For all the youth of Pittsburgh” “For the unemployed” “Fill this church with love” “For world peace”. This was the experience of the Pittsburgh Youth Initiative on the day of our diocesan convention and of those they met there on the sidewalk. Ask our young people more about it.

Speaking about the life of our diocese, Bishop McConnell has six guiding words for our work and ministry together: public Gospel, missional communities, leadership formation. The encounter of the young people of PYI with the folks downtown is an example of public gospel – finding ways to take the message of God’s grace and mercy out to the world. Another public gospel moment last winter caught the attention of many folks, and the media as well. On Ash Wednesday the Bishop and the Cathedral clergy brought “Ashes to Go” to Market Square. There, in an unexpected place in the center of the city, the ritual and prayer of ashes, repentance, and forgiveness was offered to anyone who desired it, and touched many who would not have entered a church on that day.

Looking ahead to public gospel moments in the life of Calvary, we imagine Bakery Square as a great East End location for “Ashes to Go” when Ash Wednesday comes around next year.

In the meantime, though, we will keep the wonderful season of Advent and Christmas and have thought carefully about what a public gospel approach to this sacred time might look like. This Advent, our hope is to make Calvary’s outdoor crèche a place where those who pass by can encounter the hope and mystery of the incarnation. From the beginning of Advent until Christmas Eve, the stable will contain simply the manger and a bale of straw. There will be an invitation for all who walk by to help fill the manger, encouraging them to place a handful of straw into the crib and to say a prayer for peace. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one called Prince of Peace, people who might never enter Calvary Church can express the deep, universal longing for the peace that only God can give. (Of course, the children and adults of Calvary are encouraged to help as well.) When the figure of the newborn Christ is placed in the manger on Christmas Eve, the hands and hearts of all those who have added straw to the bed and offered their prayers will be joined with ours as we welcome him. Right here on Shady Avenue, the One cradled in that manger will radiate love and peace to the world he came to save.

Leslie



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Advent is nearly upon us, and with it, a few musical events that I hope will help us to get into the mood for this special season.

On Sunday afternoon, December 1 (the First Sunday of Advent), the choirs will sing the annual service of Lessons & Carols. This service, though so different from the Eucharist-oriented experience of Sunday mornings, has come to feel like an important part of our collective experience: the orderly progression of Word and song articulates a journey from Fall to Redemption, and, for us as a congregation, helps us to enter into that journey as participants, as members of the pilgrimage. This year's music ranges from a Renaissance motet to modern musical expressions, and I think that the variety of ways that composers have approached the hope and expectation of the season is part of what makes this service so distinctive. Please join us.

On the following Friday, December 6, the choirs will make a quite different offering to the community, in the form of a complete performance of Handel's best-loved oratorio, *Messiah*. We'll be joined by our friends from

Chatham Baroque and the Pittsburgh Baroque Ensemble, and I'm very much looking forward to sharing this marvelous music with you once again.

Most *Messiah* performances are somewhat abridged, for practical reasons. And, yes, the whole thing, un-cut, does go on a bit: three hours, with intermission – but the experience of hearing it is all the more powerful for that. The story Handel tells is so much deeper than “Every valley” and “For unto us a child is born,” as vital as those moments are to the whole. Again, it represents a journey, this one from incarnation to suffering to glorification – in short, not merely the Messiah's story, but our fundamental story as Christians. Please, do join us, and share this offering (the only period-instruments performance of the piece in Pittsburgh) with your friends and music-loving neighbors. (A \$10 donation is asked at the door to help defray the not-inconsiderable expense of this event.)

May our observances of Advent bring you and yours into the nearer and fuller experience of the joys of Christmas.

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Small Group at Calvary

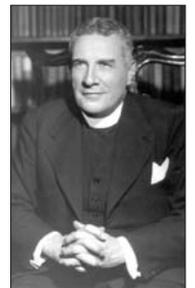
**Come and be with us, every Saturday,
10:30–11:30 a.m.**

Dr. Sam Shoemaker, well known as Calvary Rector and author, believed that small groups were important in order to bring people together in fellowship with each other for spiritual growth and renewal. **The Next Step** is a small group that uses the same spiritual principles that led to the founding of dozens of 12 step programs but we do this in a church setting that is open to all as a means to spiritual growth.

Dr. Sam believed that spiritual wholeness takes root with each person's willingness to live a changed life, be honest with themselves and others, share and listen with open-mindedness and in community with each other. Topics we have discussed so far are: “What's ‘conversion?’”, “How do you practice spiritual principles in all your affairs?”, “When is the self-surrender of a problem or character shortcoming to God, necessary?”, among other topics.

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2013 EECM Holiday “Berry” Program Starts November 17

This Christmas, Calvary has committed to helping **75 participants** of East End Cooperative Ministry programs (i.e., faith housing, safe haven, and children and youth 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 24 and 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 1, 2013**. Please include a **gift receipt** for clothing items. The gifts will be taken to the EECM building for delivery to the families on December 3. 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 certificates** for distribution to families that participate in the EECM Food Pantry program. Gift certificates should be dropped off at the Calvary reception desk by **5 p.m. on Sunday, December 1**.

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, December 1.

We need at least one volunteer to make reminder phone calls on Sunday night (December 1), and two volunteers with cars or vans to deliver the gifts to the EECM Community House at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3.

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).

The Calvary Ambassadors



Ambassadors are a new ministry, whose mission is to cultivate potential new members and to make them feel comfortable settling into our church community. Visitors who complete a card will receive a welcome note, a packet of information about Calvary, and will be assigned an Ambassador,

who will periodically contact them and invite them to church events. The Ambassador will also introduce the prospective member to other congregants with similar interests and the various ministries at Calvary, thus serving as a ‘bridge’ into our warm and vibrant parish life.

If you enjoy meeting new people and love parish life at Calvary, consider becoming a Calvary Ambassador. Interested parishioners should contact Jim Southwood at jim.southwood@gmail.com or 724.494.7475 to find out more information about this new ministry. If you cannot make a ‘full time’ commitment, but are willing to serve periodically as an information resource to help newcomers grow acquainted with life at Calvary, we still have a place for you in this ministry.

Soup Group in November

The Women of Calvary Soup Group will meet on Friday, November 22 at 10 a.m. in Calvary’s kitchen. Please join us!

We will not be cooking at Calvary in December, so this is a great time to make some soup and at home and bring it to Calvary. See me for labels and containers. Call or email me with any questions.

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 get permission from anyone. The soup is in the freezer in the pantry. We like making more!

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



Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist

Thursday, November 28, 2013 at 9:30 A.M.

The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer, *preacher*

“A sensible thanksgiving for mercies received is a mighty prayer in the Spirit of God. It prevails with Him unspeakably.”

—John Bunyan

THANK YOU!

to all those who worked, cooked, baked, cashiered, planted, collected, sewed, set-up, cleaned-up, and **shopped** at the Women of Calvary’s Holiday Bazaar on November 9.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Christmas Pageant Sign Up

Look in the hallway outside the Parish Hall for the sign up sheet for Calvary's Annual Christmas Pageant. The children and youth of Calvary will be presenting the 2013 Pageant on **Sunday, December 22 at the 11 o'clock service**. The usual cast of cattle, shepherds, and angels will be there, as well as the donkey and other live animals. A camel will once again join us. The youth will play the main characters. We never know what might happen, and 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. You may also email or call to let me know of willing participants. There will be only one rehearsal: Saturday, December 21. Costumes may be picked up the week before the pageant. More details will be emailed and will also appear in the Sunday bulletin.

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;
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Electronics Recycling Event

Save the Date:
Saturday, December 28, 2013
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Calvary Church Parking Lot



Drop off any unwanted electronic items such as computers, monitors, printers, telephones, adding machines, radios, speakers, VCRs. We will take most anything that has a power cord.

If you have an old tube television, it can be recycled for free at **Construction Junction**, 214 North Lexington Street, just off Penn Avenue in Point Breeze.



Fresh Holly Sale

LOCA, the post confirmation class, is selling fresh holly for the Christmas season. Bunches will be available in 2 sizes—small (\$5) and large (\$10). Orders can be placed until the 18th of December and delivery will be after each Service (8, 9 and 11 o'clock) on December 22 in the Parish Hall. We will have order forms, order form drop box and a fresh display in the Parish Hall each Sunday until delivery day. Orders can also be placed to patriciaschauf@gmail.com. Payment will be due on delivery day with cash or checks made out to Greg Norton.

Thank you for your support!

Calvary
[Youth]
Group

The past month has been busy for the Calvary Youth Group with exciting times at the *Go Ape Zipline Adventure* and rock climbing at the *Climbing Wall*. We also had a special guest, Bishop McConnell, at our Halloween pumpkin making session. The Bishop

enjoyed seeing the group's style talents dressing Julie and Jenn as mummies.

Sunday November 17 is the next CYG get together from 1–3:30 p.m. in the Refectory.

We are also busy planning for the **Christmas Party on Sunday, December 1** at church from 1–3:30 p.m. in the Refectory.



Please plan to join us for an afternoon of merriment and fellowship. We're working on lots of fun for winter and spring – a Pirate Baseball game is in the works. Look for updates in the Sunday bulletin and on the CYG website.

THE COLLECT FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Calvary Calendar: November 17 – December 15, 2013

Sunday November 17, 2013

The Twenty-sixth 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
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 12:45 P.M. Calling Committee
- 1:30 P.M. CYG
- 4:00 P.M. Robert Nicholls in recital
- 5:30 P.M. Reception

Monday November 18, 2013

Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680

- 7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
- 4:30 P.M. Gateway to the Arts
- 4:30 P.M. Audit Committee
- 5:00 P.M. Friends of Sheldon Calvary Camp
- 5:30 P.M. Bookstore Committee
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 P.M. Personnel Committee
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday November 19, 2013

Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary, 1231

- 7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
- 9:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 6:00 P.M. Calvary PIIN Team
- 6:30 P.M. Diocesan Growth Fund
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday November 20, 2013

Edmund, King of East Anglia, 870

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. Women of Calvary Grant Committee
- 3:00 P.M. PPI Annual Meeting and Dinner
- 3:30 P.M. CLASP
- 3:30 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 4:30 P.M. Finance Committee
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday November 21, 2013

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

- 7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
- 9:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 4:30 P.M. Troubadors
- 5:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Board
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. PIIN
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday November 22, 2013

Clive Staples Lewis, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963

- 10:00 A.M. Soup Group

Saturday November 23, 2013

Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100

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

Sunday November 24, 2013

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. 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

Monday November 25, 2013

James Otis Sargent Huntington, Priest and Monk, 1935

- 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. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday November 26, 2013

Isaac Watts, Hymnwriter, 1748

- 7:00 A.M. Morning Prayer
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 4:00 P.M. Commission on Ministry
- 5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday November 27, 2013

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

Thursday November 28, 2013

Kamehameha and Emma, King and Queen of Hawaii, 1864, 1885; Thanksgiving Day

- 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Friday November 29, 2013

The church offices will be closed this day.

Saturday November 30, 2013

Saint Andrew the Apostle

- 10:30 A.M. The Next Step

Sunday December 1, 2013

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. Bible Study
- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Sisterhood
- 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
- 1:30 P.M. CYG Christmas Party
- 4:15 P.M. Choir Call
- 5:00 P.M. A Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent
- 6:00 P.M. Reception

Monday December 2, 2013

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

- 4:30 P.M. Gateway to the Arts
- 5:30 P.M. Diocesan Budget and Assessment Committee
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. Diocesan Council
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday December 3, 2013

Francis Xavier, Missionary to the Far East, 1552

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 7:00 P.M. AA
- 7:30 P.M. AHC

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Wednesday December 4, 2013

John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:30 P.M. CLASP
- 3:30 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM
- 6:30 P.M. Beginnings Board
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday December 5, 2013

Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 4:30 P.M. Troubadors
- 7:00 P.M. Diocesan Committee on Social Justice and Outreach
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday December 6, 2013

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342

Agape Deadline

- 6:30 P.M. Choir Call
- 7:30 P.M. Handel's Messiah

Saturday December 7, 2013

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397

- 10:00 A.M. Centering Prayer
- 10:30 A.M. The Next Step

Sunday December 8, 2013

The Second 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. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour

Monday December 9, 2013

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 P.M. Amnesty International Write-A-Thon
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday December 10, 2013

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

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 11:30 A.M. Musical Club
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday December 11, 2013

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:30 P.M. CLASP
- 3:30 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday December 12, 2013

- 9:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 7:00 P.M. PIIN
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday December 13, 2013

Lucy (Lucia), Martyr at Syracuse, 304

Saturday December 14, 2013

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

- 9:00 A.M. FLMH
- 10:30 A.M. The Next Step
- 5:30 P.M. Men's Shelter Dinner Preparation
- 8:00 P.M. Chicago Motet Choir

Sunday December 15, 2013

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 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
- 12:15 P.M. Choristers' Christmas Lunch



AA: Alcoholics Anonymous;
CYG: Calvary Youth Group;
EfM: Education for Ministry;
ESL: English as a Second Language;
OA: Overeaters Anonymous
PIIN: Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network

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

Sustain, Grow, Rejoice!

The 2014 Annual Appeal

Through my work as chair of the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development, I often have opportunities to speak with people across our church. It has taken me several years in this ministry to comprehend the reasons why our commission includes both the words 'stewardship' and 'development' in its name. I have come to see it as an attempt to bring together a theological understanding of the stewardship of all creation with the grounded reality that, at certain times, the church still needs our treasure in a particular way to keep the doors open and the lights on. Of course, some might argue that Jesus calls us out into the world so why do we need to spend so much money on these old buildings?

I believe that this is too simple for Jesus. He knew the value of place and community and was protective of both as holy. Think about one of the few times when scripture records Jesus as reacting in anger, when he threw the moneychangers out of the temple. The place of the temple was, for him and for many people, a place of community and prayer and Jesus wanted to preserve that. It was not because he believed that the temple did not need those funds to survive, but rather that the buying and selling within the temple had become only about the money and not about what was being done with it to further God's work in the world.

As I reflect on the theme of our annual appeal this year – Sustain, Grow, Rejoice! – it seems to me that we are called to do the same in the way that we care for Calvary during this time of transition. Over the past year many leaders, both lay and clergy, have sustained our parish in new ways. We have also continued to grow. I found it interesting that the majority of those whom the bishop welcomed a few weeks ago were to be received into the Episcopal Church at Calvary, rather than confirmed. And I think that no one can doubt that we have been able to rejoice as we look towards the future and the calling of a new Rector.

In order to look towards that future with a clear vision, the Vestry needs everyone's help as we consider the budget for 2014. This budget is only one part of our parish life together, but at this time and in this place, it is the vehicle that will enable us to carry out all of the other significant ministries in our community. If you have not already pledged, please join Vanessa and me by prayerfully considering a pledge to Calvary. While you can make a pledge at any time, we would like to have pledges received by Dedication Sunday on November 17. Thank You.

–Jamie McMahon

Our 2014 Annual Appeal campaign has had a generous response from the parish community over the last several weeks. Our goals this year are to have 100% participation of our parish members AND conclude the campaign before year-end, so that we can concentrate on the ministry work. As of November 7, our Annual Appeal balance is \$610,348, with 205 pledges committed. The pledge commitment represents 40% of the potential pledges in the parish. Dedication Sunday is November 17, so if you haven't yet made your pledge, please let us hear from you soon.

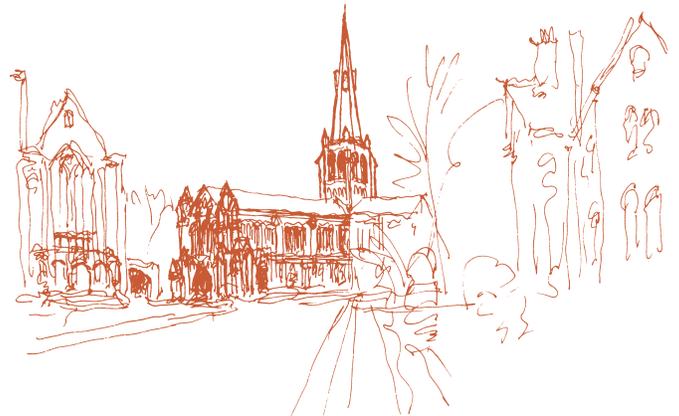
We have tried to make it as easy as possible to pledge. If you like to use the paper pledge card provided, it is easily stapled for confidentiality, so an envelope is not necessarily required. Return your paper pledge page one of several ways:

- Mail the pledge page in the envelope provided
- Drop your pledge in the weekly collection basket
- Give your pledge to the person in the Stewardship Booth
- Drop your pledge in the Stewardship mailbox in the mail room (Title is 'Mary Lou Southwood')

For those who prefer to pledge electronically, you can complete the pledge information online from the Calvary website. Please also consider following up your electronic pledge with an electronic donation option. Complete the authorization form in your packet and you can ensure that your pledge will be paid electronically, eliminating the need for envelopes or any other action from you.

If you have any other questions, or suggestions, please contact me at stewardship@calvary.org or at 412.901.6669. Many thanks in advance for your participation in our success to Sustain, Grow, and Rejoice in our Parish Community.

–Mary Lou Southwood



Children's Corner Book Reviews

by Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation



First, there are candles for your Advent wreath already bundled in sets of 5: 3 purple, 1 pink, and 1 white.

If you are just starting a tradition of using an Advent wreath, there are simple ones to cover with greens, or more elaborate pewter, brass, bronze, or enameled ones to use year after year.

Nativity sets are available in various materials, handmade and imported as “fair trade” goods, meaning the producers receive a more reasonable share of the price.



Advent calendars come in many styles, with stickers, envelopes for mailing, in “3-D,” and even

a fabric one with little cloth figures to add to the Nativity scene each week – sure to become a family heirloom.

Children's books recount the Christmas story for younger readers. CDs of sacred Christmas music and carols are also available in the Bookstore.

Lectionary Readings

To view a website that has a collection of Lectionary resources for the Episcopal Church go to www.lectionarypage.net

Listen to sermons preached at Calvary by going to our website: www.calvarypgh.org and click on “Sermons” from the front page.

On January 2, 1921, KDKA aired the first religious service in the history of radio. It was undertaken by Westinghouse to test its ability to do a remote broadcast far from a radio studio. Calvary Episcopal Church was chosen because one of the Westinghouse engineers happened to be a member of the choir and made the arrangements. The technicians (one a Jew, one Catholic) were outfitted with choir robes in order to keep them from distracting the congregation.

Bookstore Now Hiring



Well, the hiring part isn't quite true, but we do need volunteers! This is not a major commitment. If you can spare 3–4 hours one or two days a month, we'd love to have you. The bookstore is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and on Sunday mornings.

Please call or email Pat Standing at 412.481.8613, pstanding@verizon.net if you are interested. Thanks!

Women of Calvary Holiday Home Eucharist



Home eucharists are meaningful and memorable occasions for both a social and spiritual experience. Please come on **Wednesday, December 11** from 6:30–8:30 p.m. The Rev. Leslie Reimer will celebrate the eucharist and a light supper will be served. Hosted by

Margie Muldoon, 362 Lehigh Avenue, 15232. Please RSVP to Margie at 412.362.1780 by December 6.

The Daily Office

The services of Morning and Evening Prayer will be offered for the last time this season on Tuesday, November 26 at 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. We are grateful for Joe Sroka, the summer McNulty intern and for the lay leaders who have faithfully sustained this ministry of common prayer here at Calvary throughout the summer and the fall.



Deadlines for Publication

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, December 6, 2013**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.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.

The Calendar may be found as a separate insert in this month's newsletter.

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In November, we will be learning about Pilgrims, Native Americans, healthy foods and turkeys, turkeys, turkeys! 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 raised more than \$500 for our scholarship fund.



No classes will be held on November 26, 27 or 28.
Happy Thanksgiving from Beginnings!

—Peggy Morycz, Director

Wedding Invitation Email Scam

Have you received a wedding invitation email with a link from someone you don't know? Or someone you're not sure if you know? **Don't click the link.** This is a widespread phishing scam going around yet again.



The invitation comes from a “wedding agent” and contains the following:

“Please share our joy and be present at our wedding ceremony followed by a reception. The full text of the invitation may be read here. If the link is not working, please move the message to your inbox folder.”

The messages contains a copyright notice from White Wedding Agency, which does not exist.

If you click the link, your computer could be infected with a virus designed to steal your personal information. **Don't click the link, and make sure your anti-virus software is up to date.** The message can also infect smartphones.

There is additional information on phishing scams at www.onguardonline.gov.

Enclosed with this issue is Calvary's
Advent and Christmas brochure.
Please save as a reference
for all that will be happening
in the coming weeks.

Parish Register

BAPTISMS

Anders James Lerach – MARCH 31, 2013
Titus Logan Gesin – MARCH 31, 2013
Eleanor Virginia Davidson – APRIL 14, 2013
Brett Alden Fisher – MAY 19, 2013
Allison Nicole Wenger – MAY 19, 2013
Waverly Ellis Starks – JUNE 15, 2013
Michael Quinn DeRosa – AUGUST 11, 2013
Eliot James Eckel – AUGUST 11, 2013
Conor Matthew Rendulic – NOVEMBER 3, 2013
Anna Reed Tonti – NOVEMBER 3, 2013

MARRIAGES

Elizabeth Klein Ross and Jeffrey Michael Radigonda,
MAY 25, 2013
Jane Lawrence Keenan Conway and Thomas George Weiss, Jr.
JUNE 22, 2013
Kelly McLain Kidwell and Luke Williamson Hyde,
SEPTEMBER 28, 2013
Jessica Marie Harbison and Jonathan Richard Petrie,
OCTOBER 5, 2013

BURIALS

Lloyd Allen Cook – MARCH 6, 2013
Mary B. Poropatich – APRIL 25, 2013
L. Charles McKinley, Jr. – JULY 13, 2013

TRANSFERRED IN

Viju Verghis & Andoo Verghis, JULY 13, 2013
from St John's Lutheran, Summit, NJ.
Jan McKeag, MARCH 27, 2013,
from St. Andrews, Pittsburgh, PA
Dale McLeod, Susan McLeod, Carly McLeod,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013, from Christ Church, Greensburg, PA



“We found our donkey!”

On-going at Calvary

■ Sunday Morning Bible Study

Bible study will be held at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room. David Eichelberger has volunteered to lead this class. Please join “eight o’clockers” and others interested in this class.

■ 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.

■ EECM Food Bank

Please support the East End Cooperative Ministry’s **Hunger Programs** with contributions of groceries and non-perishable items; just bring your items to church on Sunday or drop them off in the Parish Hall cart anytime. Please bring whatever is convenient or easy for you to carry or share. All items are welcome. **Thank you!**

■ Flower Memorials

Help us keep the church in full bloom by donating flowers in memory of, or in honor of, someone special. If you would like to place a memorial listing, please contact Marsha Morris in the church office at 412.661.0120, ext. 111.

■ Clothing Donation Basket

Calvary is accepting donations of gently used clothing. It isn’t a one-time request, but an on-going opportunity to serve your community and benefit people. There is a clothes basket sitting in the Parish Hall near the shopping cart, available for you to drop off donations anytime: Sunday when you come to worship, or during the week when you are here for a meeting or to attend a class. Thank you.

■ 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!

■ Email “Blast”

If you wish to sign-up to receive our weekly e-mail blast, please visit the website and click on “Sign up.” It’s easy to register. Please report any change in your phone number, email or snail-mail address to the church office as soon as possible.

■ 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.

■ Recycling

There are two large green **paper recycling** dumpsters in the parking lot. Place any type of paper there, but no cardboard boxes please.

Books can be brought in and left in the workroom any time. The Bookstore will use current titles for their “*Take one, Leave One*” book cart at their front door. Other books will be held and used for their annual Used Book Sale.



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The Reverend Zachary Drennen, *Missionary to Kenya*
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