

The Gatherings

Soon after my arrival as rector in February, we began a series of neighborhood gatherings, in the homes of parishioners, in small groups as a way to get to know one another and discern what the people of Calvary most valued about our parish.

We had twenty-six different gatherings from February 10 – April 10 that encompassed fifteen zip codes all over metro Pittsburgh. A driver took me to each home and took notes. About two hundred-fifty people attended.

Thank you to all the hosts, the drivers, Weezie Wells and Marsha Morris and Ken Smith from the parish staff, and Michael Saporito who organized the whole enterprise. It was an extremely helpful process to me as I hope it was for all of us. Thank you for participating.

At each meeting, we had about twenty-thirty minutes of social time gathered in a living room then about an hour's worth of conversation about Calvary guided by several questions.

What do you love most about Calvary?
What is God calling Calvary to be?
What does your priest need to know?

The responses to these questions were as diverse as the people of Calvary but a pattern emerged early on that remained consistent throughout all the meetings. It was also evident the calling committee who compiled the profile during the rector search had a good sense of the pulse of the parish.

An Area of Emphasis

It was clear from the meetings that we want to make the ministry with people in the 18-30 year old age range stronger than it has been. With 50,000 or more college students within five miles of Calvary this makes sense. We have already made efforts in this area with our curate (assisting priest) T.J. Freeman who has reconvened a young adults group averaging 16-18 people every other

week. We will also have a couple of exciting announcements, in the next several months, about new initiatives to help focus us on ministry with young adults.

What we love or value most about Calvary is...

1. Our traditional worship and music.

What we offer each week is some of the finest traditional Anglican/Episcopal liturgy and music in the country. The worship is formal but not stiff. The Garden service is great, too.

2. Our long-time commitment to outreach and serving the city.

From Sheldon Calvary Camp to the Pittsburgh Experiment to Alpha House to Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute to East End Cooperative Ministry to the Holiday Bazaar among many others.

3. Space, both the beautiful facilities and the way we share it with the community.

The architecture of Cram is magnificent but the way we offer it to the community and the diocese is important to us with forty different groups using our space.

4. An appreciation for the mind with a broad and generous way of being Christians.

We can be thinking people and people of faith who appreciate learning.

5. We seek to be a church in which all types of people are welcome.

While we have amazing buildings and traditions, liturgy and music, programs and ministries, the most important gift at Calvary is the people.

Thank you to all who participated and all who help envision and incarnate what God is next calling Calvary to be for the city.



Novelist Gregory Maguire Interviewed by Grace Randall

Grace Randall is ten years old and in the 5th grade at the Environmental Charter School at Frick Park, which was started by two of our parishioners, Barbara Hicks and Phil Parr. Grace's principal, Mr. Justin Aglio, learned that she would like to be an author when she grew up, so he contacted Ms. Eryn Morgan at Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures to help Grace connect directly with famous authors who visit our city. She happily agreed to let Grace interview two of this season's Children and Teen series authors. Grace's first interview was with Mr. Gregory Maguire, her second will be with Ms. Andrea Pinkney in February. Congratulations, Grace.

I met with the novelist Gregory Maguire best known for his adult novel *Wicked* last weekend at the Carnegie Lecture Hall. I was led backstage by Eryn Morgan, the Director of Marketing for Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures. When I came into the room, I saw four chairs, a standing lamp, and a couch, which was piled high with copies of *Egg & Spoon*, Mr. Maguire's newest young adult novel. Seated in two of the chairs were Mr. Maguire and a woman photographer. Mr. Maguire greeted me warmly and shook my hand. I asked him first about the metaphors (yes, that's metaphors plural) of "the egg" and "the spoon" in the novel.

One of "the egg" metaphors, he said, was creation. Many cultures use an egg as their symbol of the beginning of all life. In the book, it also represents goods and food. There are other, physical eggs, like the Faberge and Firebird eggs, in *Egg & Spoon*. On the subject of the spoon, however, he said, "You're probably thinking, 'There's a bunch of eggs in the book, but not one spoon! Why is it even called *Egg & Spoon*?!'" Here's why: "the spoon" is truly, purely metaphorical. It is the vehicle, the power to share our resources. He also said that it was a metaphor for rich people. The egg and the spoon, really, are goods and the power to share them.

Next, I asked him about the environmental issues in the book, and what issues interested him. I had remembered from his Pittsburgh Post-Gazette interview (by Julie Hakim Azzam, November 5, 2014) that he had touched on his character of an ice dragon that melts the polar ice caps. I was surprised to learn that the melting of the caps was in

fact a real concern of his, which is why I think he included the dragon in the book. He told me he was also interested in the California drought, global warming, and weather patterns. "We shouldn't lecture people about these issues," Maguire said, "but they're important to think about."

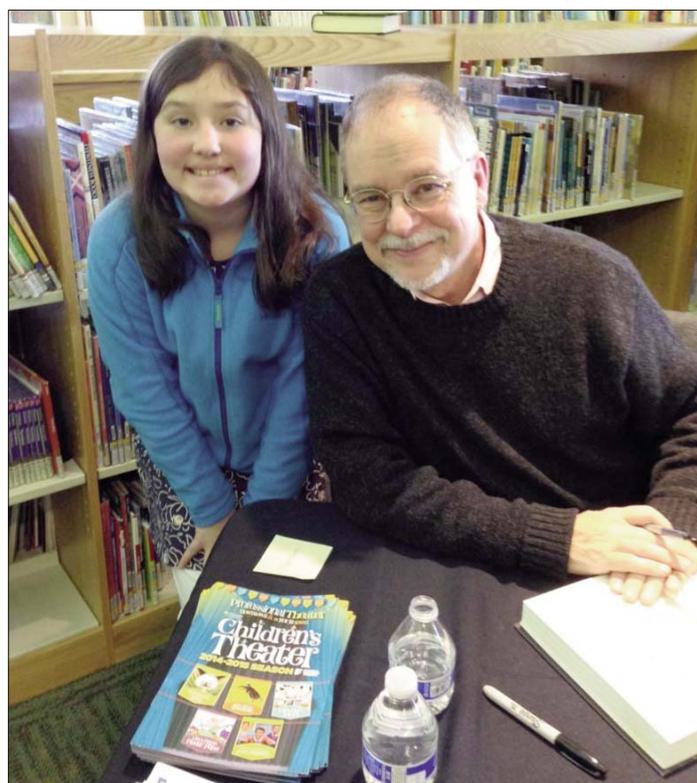
My final question for Mr. Maguire took a more silly turn. I asked him if he had a favorite joke, and, if so, what was it. "I actually don't know too many jokes." Mr. Maguire said to me, but he did have a favorite.

"What goes Ha Ha Ha Bonk?"

"A guy laughing his head off!"

We ended talking about *Wicked*, which is one of my all time favorite musicals. "You probably shouldn't read *Wicked* yet!" Mr. Maguire said. "But I'm glad you read *Egg & Spoon*!"

To get tickets to the next Pittsburgh Arts & Lectures Kids and Teens event go to pittsburghlectures.org/order-tickets/. See you there!



Parish Office Closing Dates

Calvary's offices will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23 and re-open on Monday, December 29 at 9 a.m. We will close again at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31 and re-open on Friday, January 2, 2015.

**The Clergy, Vestry, and Staff
of Calvary Episcopal Church
wish you a Blessed Advent
and Merry Christmas**

Nativity Displays

Please honor those parishioners who shared their own Nativity sets, crèches, and figures with us for Advent by visiting the display cases on levels B, E and F of the Parish House. The scenes come from many locations and cultures around the world.

Visit the Calvary website at

www.calvarypgh.org

MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



The end of this month marks the 95th birthday of Sir David Willcocks, one of the great figures in Anglican church-music of the past century. Nearly, indeed, *all* of the past century: he began his musical career as a choir-boy at Westminster Abbey in 1929, and was in world-wide demand as a guest-conductor until his retirement just five years ago! But it is his seventeen-year term as Organist of King's College that most firmly put

Willcocks on the world's musical map.

Those years saw the invention of long-playing records, and Willcocks and the recordings he made with the choir had a huge impact on the wider classical musical culture. Those years also saw the rising popularity of the Christmas Lessons & Carols radio-broadcast, and a growing demand for the carols Willcocks arranged for the choir to sing in that service. Four volumes of "Carols for Choirs" eventuated under his editorship, and those arrangements (and countless others they inspired) have shaped our experience of Christmas carols ever since.

Carols will abound in our own services on Christmas Eve, both in the half-hour that precedes the 4 and 11 p.m. services, and in the services themselves. Please, come early, and sing joyfully! (The precise definition of a Christmas carol is somewhat nebulous; there are medieval pieces called *carols* with both seasonal and non-yuletide texts; carols proliferated in Germany after the Reformation, but most of what we know now as English carols originated in the nineteenth century, when so many of the trappings of "Christmas tradition" were invented or encouraged.)

The annual live broadcast of the Christmas Eve carol-service from Kings airs at 10 a.m. EST; it can be heard on WQED-FM, 89.3, or it can be streamed live through American Public Media.

Just after Christmas, two alumni of the Calvary Choristers, Alix Dixon-Ernst and Emma Schauf, will join an auditioned corps of about 30 Americans in singing several days of services at Westminster Abbey under the auspices of the Royal School of Church Music in America. I wish them safe travels and happy singing!

A merrily tuneful Christmas to all,

Calvary's main organ was built in 1963 by Casavant Frères Limité, as their Opus 2729 (Lawrence Phelps, designer). Modifications since then have been by Casavant (1991) and by Luley & Associates, 2004–14. It has over 100 stops, 132 individual sets of pipes, and nearly 7,500 pipes.



Seems like we hardly digested our turkey before we were back and in full speed ahead mode preparing for Christmas! The students are having fun preparing for the holidays and learning how children in other cultures celebrate. Again this year, our families are pairing with the Little People Day Care Center in Clairton to help provide holiday gifts for children in that program. Mrs. Norma Hairston, the center director and the parents of her students are most grateful for this project. Gifts are due by December 11. A new project for us this year is collecting new hats and mittens for the children at Jeremiah's Place, the crisis nursery that is located at Kingsley House. These items are due by December 16.

Our new program, Music for Babies and Toddlers with Ms. Sharon is off to a good start. Classes will continue to meet for the next two Fridays in December.

The Christmas break will begin after our Holiday Program and Pot Luck Luncheon on Wednesday, December 17, at 11:30 a.m. Teachers report back to school on January 6, 2015. Classes for all students will resume on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. ESL classes will begin again on Wednesday, January 7, 2015. We always welcome new students to ESL!

On behalf of the Board, the staff, the students and families of Beginnings, I wish everyone in our Calvary parish family a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

—Peggy Morycz

EAST END COMMUNITY MINISTRY
**MEN'S SHELTER
DINNER**
AT COMMUNITY HOUSE

We need a few people to serve dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry's Community House on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 6 p.m. If you have done this before, you know what a blessing you provide and receive. If you haven't, this is a wonderful opportunity to provide a valuable service that is easy to do. Please contact either Tom or Mary Ann Slater at tslater@iup.edu or saurslater@yahoo.com or call us at 412.793.8371 if you are willing to help.

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* an addiction recovery group but we do borrow guidance from the wisdom of *The Twelve Steps* as well as from spiritual leaders such as Dr. Sam Shoemaker (Calvary's 12th Rector), Father Richard Rohr, and others, to help strengthen us on our spiritual journeys. Some of us in the group have undergone a "spiritual awakening", that is, a transformation from within due to some major event/s in our lives; others are still seeking it or are in the midst of that profound change, now. **Join us on Saturdays and Tuesdays.**

Every 1st and 3rd **Tuesday** of the month (**December 16 and (January 6, 20, 2015)**) from 7:30–8:30 p.m. *Format:* We use excerpts from Father Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations to reflect upon as we share the week's events in our personal spiritual journeys. No leaders and no prepared material. We begin and end with prayer.

And every 2nd and 4th **Saturday** of the month from 10:30–11:30 am. *Format:* Our small group discussions revolve around the spiritual principles of conversion, self-examination, moral inventory, witness, spiritual awakening, and helping others, birthed by our former rector, Dr. Sam Shoemaker. Our leaders are members of our group and the topic is the member's choice: **December 27:** "Grace," group member, Elizabeth Slaymaker; **January 10, 2015:** "Humility," group member, Jenifer Mulé (Mew-Lay).

Meetings are held in the Conference Room, Level E, here 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.*

For more information, please contact co-founders, John Horchner, johnhorchner@gmail.com or Sondra Krimmel, sskrimmel@gmail.com.



Be a Light in the World Epiphany Luncheon and Baby Shower at Calvary Church

Saturday, January 10, 2015 – 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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.



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. The afternoon promises fun, fellowship, and some (optional) baby-shower games that Episco-gals won't soon forget - and no one has to wrap their gift! Childcare/children's activities will be available by reservation. If you plan to attend the luncheon, please register as soon as possible, by visiting the diocesan website: at www.episcopalpgh.org. There is no cost to attend.

Gift Giving Suggestions - If you would like to give a gift, here are four suggestions: **Buy a needed item(s):** Jeremiah's Place is signed up with the gift registries at Target and Babies'R'Us. Please purchase items from the registry and bring them to the shower or put them in our parish's collection box; **Buy a Gift Card** in any amount from Giant Eagle, Target, or Costco and bring to the shower; **Write a check to Jeremiah's Place** to help cover their operating costs; or **Give any amount towards one large diocesan gift** of high quality child-size soft furniture for the Cozy Corner Reading Nook.

Full details about the luncheon and a link to registering may be found at www.episcopalpgh.org. More information about Jeremiah's Place may be found on their website, www.jeremiahsplace.org.

Thank you again for your interest and support for Pittsburgh area children and their families.

Electronics Recycling Event

We will host another recycling event in Calvary's parking lot on **Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.** If you have a computer, printer or other electronics you need to drop off before the event, please call Ken Smith at the church office to make arrangements for the items to be stored for you.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Sunday, January 18, 2015 beginning at 3:30 p.m.
at St. Paul's Baptist Church, 6701 Penn Avenue, 15208
East End Cooperative Ministry's Council of Congregations and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary invites you to the 31st celebration, with keynote speaker Cecile Springer.

FAITHFUL IN OUR OWN TIME

The End is Near!

The 2015 Annual Appeal campaign has been underway now for several weeks. Our parish community has responded most generously and in a most timely way. One of our goals was to conclude the campaign prior to year-end so we can prepare the budget for the coming year and concentrate on the ministry work our pledges fund. While it is never too late to make a pledge, we are formally ending the campaign on December 19. That is, we will have contacted all parishioners who have not yet pledged, hopefully encouraging the completion of commitments.

If you haven't yet made a pledge, please do so as soon as you can! Return your paper pledge card one of several ways:

- Mail the pledge card in the envelope provided;
- Drop your pledge card in the weekly collection basket;
- Give your pledge card to the person in the Stewardship Booth;
- Drop your pledge card in the Stewardship mailbox in the mail room at Calvary.

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.

The Stewardship Booth will only be in the Parish Hall until December 14. Stop by to check out the building of the Ark and the new animals which appear as pledge numbers grow. After that date, you can still contact me at stewardship@calvarypgh.org or at 412.901.6669. We will publish 'final' campaign figures after Christmas.

A BIG thanks to all for your participation in making this year's campaign a success! As we each play a part in being Faithful in Our Own Time, we ensure the continuation of our current ministries and a bright future for those who follow us.
—Mary Lou Southwood

Celebrating Baptism

Holy Baptism will be celebrated at Calvary Church on **Sunday, January 11, 2015** during the 11 o'clock service. If you have a child to be baptized on that day, or are an adult interested in baptism, please call the church office to let us know.

2014 Christmas Memorials

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in the Christmas Eve Order of Service, please fill out this form and return it, with your donation, to the church office by **Friday, December 19, 2014**.

Name (as you would like it to appear): *please print*

Donor's name: _____

Donor's telephone: _____

Please circle your preference:

Flowers Music Where needed

Please clip and mail to:

Lynda Kennedy, Financial Secretary
Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

The Chili Fest is Coming!

Save the Date! The Calvary Chili Fest will be on **Saturday, January 31, 2015**. Now is the time to get those chili recipes out and start planning which one you will make for the Chili Fest. More details and the Sign up Sheet will be announced soon!



Thank you Gardeners

The grounds are secure for the Winter. We express our church's and our community's thanks to those who worked so diligently week after week caring for our gardens: Mike Broome, Nancy Carpenter, Catherine Davidson, Bob Dilts, Bill Gentz, Donna Hallen and, when able, Ann Knoop. "Can Spring be far behind?"

We also received gifts from Russ and Kathy Ayres, Prentiss Orr and his family, and Holly Swan Wright, and all those people who contributed red geraniums on Whitsunday.



Free Piano

If you have always wanted to take piano lessons – or if the youngster in your family is ready to start, I have the right instrument for you. Looking up modified upright piano on Google shows a photo of a plain personal front. This one is a Whitney of Chicago, a subsidiary of Kimball.



You are welcome to come with a piano-knowledgeable friend and play a scale or a tune. You haul. Please contact Genivieve Garvin-Isaac at 412.731.7879.



These informal concerts, presented by Chatham Baroque, are specifically designed for pre-schoolers and their adults and are fun, interactive, and educational ways to experience Baroque music. Next on the schedule is *Meet the One-Keyed Wonder, the Baroque Flute* on **Saturday, December 20, 2014**. Two shows: 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. \$5 for children, \$8 for adults; in McClintic Hall here at Calvary. For more information: 412.687.1788 or www.chathambaroque.org.

THE BOOKSTORE AT CALVARY

**Advent and Christmas Gifts
for everyone on your list.**

A feast of offerings for every taste!

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- Christmas books & ornaments
- Crosses & jewelry • Children's books
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Store Hours: Sunday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.,
Tuesday through Friday: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Saturdays (thru Christmas) 10 a.m. – Noon

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. Bike Racks (*done*)

Thank you Donors! Because of your generosity four new bicycle racks have been mounted on the railing near the entrances to Beginnings and the Parish House. Although this may not seem to be the best weather for pedaling, some do so year round – and Spring is not that far off.

2. Narthex entry railing (*done*)

The iron railing which had been buckled by construction equipment some years ago has now been straightened.

3. Preservation of west entrance steps (*any day now*)

As promised before, sealing of the thresholds of the narthex entryways will be taken care of ... as soon as the weather cooperates.

4. Lighting (*done*)

Motion sensing light controls in the restrooms has been installed.

5 Restroom signage (*done*)

New signs have been installed above the restrooms on the entry and parish hall levels which are visible from a distance. Visitors should have a much easier time locating the rooms and parishioners should have a much easier time directing visitors.

6. Water pressure (*upcoming*)

In order to replace the defective pressure regulator for the toilet in the ♿ restroom in the parish hall, the water supply for the whole building will have to be interrupted. That should happen at the end of the year – those few days when things are especially quiet. A cut-off valve will also be installed for future convenience in maintenance.

But enough about restrooms...

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

The Other Church Mouse



Be sure to keep us informed if you have a home address, phone or email change. Contact our Parish Secretary, Marsha Morris, at 412.661.0120, ext. 111 or send an email to: secretary@calvaryepgh.org.

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, January 9, 2015**.

The Calvary Calendar: December 14, 2014 – January 18, 2015

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

Monday December 15, 2014

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

- 12:00 P.M. Planning Committee for Lenten Preaching Series
- 2:30 P.M. Clergy visit to Sherwood Oaks
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 P.M. Vestry Dinner and Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. SLAA/St. Augustine's Fellowship

Tuesday December 16, 2014

Ralph Adams Cram, 1942, and Richard Upjohn, 1878, Architects, and John LaFarge, Artist, 1910

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 6:00 P.M. Calvary's PIIN Team Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. AA
- 7:30 P.M. The Next Step

Wednesday December 17, 2014

William Lloyd Garrison, 1879, and Maria Stewart, 1879, Prophetic Witnesses

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 11:30 P.M. Beginnings' Holiday Lunch
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP (at The Carnegie)
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday December 18, 2014

- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 7:00 P.M. PIIN Board Meeting
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday December 19, 2014

- 7:00 P.M. Young Adult Ministry Yule Ball

Saturday December 20, 2014

- 9:00 A.M. Centering Prayer for Peace
- 10:00 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert
- 10:00 A.M. Pageant Rehearsal
- 10:30 A.M. The Next Step
- 11:30 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert

Sunday December 21, 2014

The Fourth 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
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist and Christmas Pageant
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour

Monday December 22, 2014

Saint Thomas the Apostle (tr. from 11/30)

- 2:00 P.M. Clergy visit to Longwood at Oakmont
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. SLAA/St. Augustine's Fellowship

Tuesday December 23, 2014

- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday December 24, 2014

The Eve of the Nativity

Please note:

There will be no 7 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Eucharist this day.

- 2:45 P.M. Choir Call
- 3:30 P.M. Musical Prelude
- 4:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:30 P.M. Choir Call
- 10:30 P.M. Musical Prelude
- 11:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist

Thursday December 25, 2014

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Friday December 26, 2014

Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

The church and offices will be closed this day.

Saturday December 27, 2014

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

- 10:30 A.M. The Next Step

Sunday December 28, 2014

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour

Monday December 29, 2014

The Holy Innocents (tr. from 12/28); Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. SLAA/St. Augustine's Fellowship

Tuesday December 30, 2014

Frances Joseph-Gaudet, Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934

- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday December 31, 2014

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (observed);

Samuel Ajayi Crowther, Bishop in the Niger Territories, 1891

The church offices will close at 1 p.m. this day.

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

Thursday January 1, 2015

The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The church and offices will be closed this day.

Friday January 2, 2015

Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, First Indian Anglican Bishop, Dornakal, 1945

The calendar continues on the back

Saturday January 3, 2015
William Passavant, Prophetic Witness, 1894
9:00 A.M. Centering Prayer

Sunday January 4, 2015
The Second Sunday after Christmas 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

Monday January 5, 2015
6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
6:00 P.M. Diocesan Committee on Budget and Assessment
7:00 P.M. Diocesan Council
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
7:00 P.M. SLAA/St. Augustine's Fellowship

Tuesday January 6, 2015
The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ
8:30 A.M. Beginnings' Staff Work Day
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

Wednesday January 7, 2015
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
6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday January 8, 2015
Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. EfM
9:45 A.M. ESL
7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday January 9, 2015
Julia Chester Emery, Missionary, 1922

Agape Deadline
10:00 A.M. Soup Group Cooking

Saturday January 10, 2015
William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645
9:00 A.M. FLMH
9:00 A.M. WoC Planning Meeting
9:30 A.M. Choir Work Day
10:30 A.M. The Next Step
12:00 P.M. Epiphany Lunch for Jeremiah's Place*
5:30 P.M. Men's Shelter Dinner Preparation (at EECM Community House)

Sunday January 11, 2015
The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
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

Monday January 12, 2015
Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167
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. SLAA/St. Augustine's Fellowship
7:00 P.M. AGO Board Meeting

Tuesday January 13, 2015
Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
1:00 P.M. Beginnings' Extended Day Program
7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday January 14, 2015
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 (at The Carnegie)
3:30 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday January 15, 2015
Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights Leader and Martyr, 1968
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. EfM
9:45 A.M. ESL
7:00 P.M. Welcome Committee Meeting
7:00 P.M. Diocesan Committee on Social Justice and Outreach
7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday January 16, 2015
Richard Meux Benson, Religious, 1915, and Charles Gore, Bishop of Worcester, of Birmingham, and of Oxford, 1932
10:00 A.M. AGO Meeting

Saturday January 17, 2015
Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356
9:00 A.M. Centering Prayer for Peace

Sunday January 18, 2015
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
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

*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.calvarypg.org.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



It is never too late to join in the fun of Calvary's 2014 Christmas Pageant. If you would like to participate in a non-speaking role, please contact me and I will add your name to the cast list. If you cannot come to rehearsal on Saturday, December 20, just make your way to the Refectory on Sunday morning, December 21 at 10:30 a.m. I will help you get in line with the rest of the cast members. The costumes and more information can be found outside my office on Level E. Please call me with any questions.

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The Reverend Ruth Bosch Becker, *Assisting Pastor*
The Reverend John J. Fetterman, *Theologian-in-Residence*
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Marsha Morris, *Parish Secretary*



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

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

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Sunday, January 4, 2015 – And the Word was made Flesh.

Any word is an external manifestation of the mind and heart of the speaker. The internal spirit takes on external form in a word. We get to know the mind and heart of God by studying the life and witness of Jesus, the Christ. These reflections will show how God in Christ values our humanity by taking it on completely. We will study Christ's humanity to learn more about God's vision for our humanity. The presenter will be our theologian in residence, John Fetterman.

Sunday, January 11 – Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute 50th Anniversary.

Learn about the history of PPI and its relationship to Calvary. Find out what this organization is doing now and their plans for the future. Michelle Snyder, the executive director of PPI, will be the presenter and Calvary board members, Kate Burroughs, Gary Abbs, Matt Muldoon and Chip Reynolds will add to the conversation.

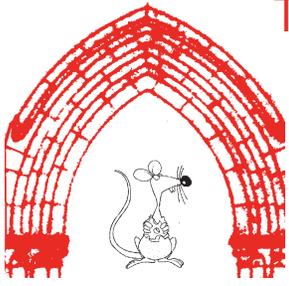
Sunday, January 18 – Many, Many Manifestations.

The celebration of the Epiphany is but one of the many manifestations of God to the creation. The story of the Magi presenting gifts hold in it much tenderness and sweetness, but the real significance is much greater than this story. Since the very beginning, in the creation, God has wanted to be known by the people he has called into existence. Our theologian in residence, John Fetterman, will be the presenter.

Book Exchange on Vacation

We know you enjoy sharing your books, and the Book Exchange will return after New Year's. If you have books to return to the Exchange, please leave them in the workroom with a note. Thanks!

In the meantime, the cart outside the bookstore features \$1 sale books. New additions to the selection each week.



The Church Mouse

A Note from Judi Eversman:

To my Calvary Friends – I want to thank you for your prayers and good wishes as I underwent lung surgery on October 17. I'm getting better every day, and know your prayers were

heard. At this season of thanksgiving, I am thankful for all of you! Please stay in touch, juditheversman@gmail.com. Love and blessings, Judi.

Hannah Johnstonbaugh recently held a food drive at her softball banquet to benefit the EECM. Her teammates and their families donated 114 items of food and paper products. Hannah is in 11th grade at Hampton High School in Allison Park.



Soup Group Cooking



On January 9, 2015 at 10 a.m. in Calvary's kitchen, the Soup Group will be making soup for the Epiphany Luncheon and Baby Shower that is scheduled for January 10. This luncheon, hosted by Betsy McConnell, will benefit

Jeremiah's Place. (More details can be found in this *Agape*.) I am in search of a hearty, vegetarian, gluten free soup for this occasion. Please let me know if you have a good recipe.

At this same cooking session we will also replenish our stock of soup for Calvary parishioners, friends, family and others who may benefit from this ministry.

We welcome all of our regular cooks and new cooks, too! No experience needed. Being a soup delivery person is also an easy way to help. Please contact me if you need more information.

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

Silence as an Advent Spiritual Practice

Centering prayer is a contemporary name for an ancient Christian contemplative practice dating back at least to the 4th Century. It is a simple form of meditation, and, in this Advent season, it could be a way to “prepare ourselves in heart and mind to hear again the message of the angels” as the Advent Lessons and Carols bidding prayer encourages us to do.



Here are the basic instructions:

1. Choose a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within.
2. Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within.
3. When engaged with your thoughts, return *ever-so gently* to the sacred word.
4. At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

You can practice on your own (even a few minutes a day makes a difference) and/or you are welcome to sit with the Calvary group on Mondays at 7 p.m., in the Evans Room, where we will have some beginner-oriented meetings during Advent season. Questions: Catherine Davidson 412.874.7345. All are welcome!

Chairs in Refectory Given New Life

On behalf of Calvary Church, I offer my thanks to a parishioner who made a generous gift to preserve and renew part of our heritage. Seventy-nine of the chairs in the refectory have been recovered, refurbished, and been given new life. They are the metal chairs, dating from the 1930s, with green upholstery that are sturdy and surprisingly comfortable. They are now attractive again.

Thank you also to this anonymous donor and to William Stevens who donated new, and much needed, linens for the altars at Calvary. Your gifts, to the Glory of God, are much appreciated.

–Jonathon

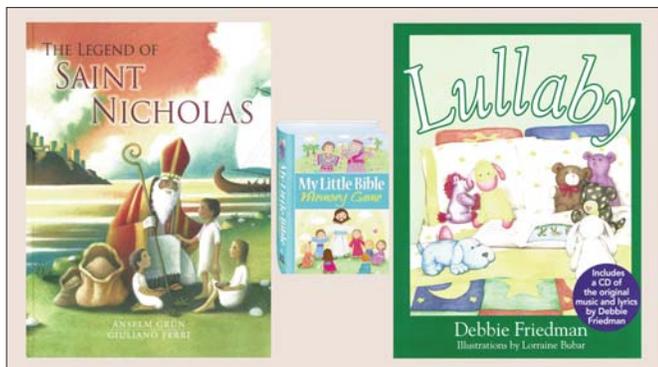
New Signs for Restrooms

To practice good hospitality and help parishioners and guests to Calvary navigate the facilities better, new signage has been placed outside the restrooms on levels B & D. The new signs are perpendicular to the doors so they might be easily read.

Children's Corner Book Reviews

by Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation

There are plenty items that would make great gifts and stocking stuffers for children. Here are some suggestions from The Bookstore at Calvary.



My Little Bible Memory Game, \$9.99. Enjoy Bible stories and develop early learning skills with this fun-to-play card game featuring delightful artwork. Pairs of cards are color-coded, as well as matched together with a biblical link, making the game more or less complex depending on the age of the players. Comes in a gift box complete with magnetic clasp.

The Legend of Saint Nicholas, written by Anselm Grun; illustrated by Giuliano Ferri, \$16.00. This warm, inviting book tells stories about Saint Nicholas's generosity and concern for those in poverty, both familiar and lesser-known. Grun's simple, graceful text and Ferri's beautiful paintings combine to provide the perfect way to introduce young readers to the rich life of this beloved saint.

Lullaby by Debbie Friedman, illustrated by Lorraine Bubar, \$18.99. Debbie Friedman's lyrics and her soothing music come alive for children, parents, and grandparents in this charming adaptation of her bestselling and beloved song Lullaby. The beautiful, full-color art will capture the imagination and delight all of them. They all will appreciate the comforting text that is sure to make bedtime a peaceful and enjoyable experience. The book contains a CD of original music and lyrics.

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

On December 19, Calvary Young Adult Ministry will hold its first Yule Ball in the Refectory here at Calvary. The ball will begin at 7 p.m.; there will be appetizers, drinks, and music. For those with children we will be providing child-care, please RSVP to tjfreeman@calvaryphg.org so that I can make appropriate arrangements. Please throw on your favorite fancy dress clothes and join us!

Thank you for gifts

Thanks to the generosity of parishioner Alan Frank, the rector's office has received some recent upgrades. The gift is offered "In loving memory of Cecelia Frank, God's love on earth" by Barbara Frank Dane and Alan F. W. Frank who originally renovated the rector's office in 1971.

A third generation furniture maker has created new, built-in maple bookshelves to match the others in the office. He was given three parameters; make something beautiful for God, make it look like it has always been at Calvary, and make budget. He surpassed all three expectations.

Thank you to Phil Maye, a parishioner and architectural photographer, who donated four of his photos of Calvary to adorn the walls of the rector's office. Phil did much of the work in the architectural guide book for Calvary. This year's Christmas card front cover photo is also courtesy of Phil.

Thank you to Alan Frank and Phil Maye for their generosity to help preserve and enhance the beauty of Calvary.

—Jonathon



The 2014 Holiday Bazaar was great because...

- * There were so many hard working volunteers
- * The Calvary Staff out did themselves helping
- * The products were so attractive
- * The Luncheon and Café were outstanding
- * The donors were so generous
- * The customers were so plentiful and ready to buy

How glad all of us who worked so hard are to have so much to give to our grant recipients!

—Susie Prentiss, Bazaar Chair

EECM Food Pantry

East End Cooperative Ministry operates the second largest food pantry in Pittsburgh. On their "Wish List" in December is Rice. Other essential items they can always use include **Reusable Grocery/Tote Bags, Disposable Grocery Bags, Individually Wrapped Rolls of Toilet Paper, and Diapers and Baby Wipes** (many of the over 500 families we provide groceries for each month have infants).

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: www.eecm.org.

Advent & Christmas at Calvary Episcopal Church 2014

Weekday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist
Monday 6 p.m.; Wednesday 7 & 10:30 a.m.



Third Sunday of Advent, December 14

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

The Reverend T.J. Freeman, *preacher*



Young Adult Ministry Yule Ball

Friday, December 19 – 7 p.m., at Calvary



Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21

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

The Reverend Leslie Reimer, *preacher*

Christmas Pageant in the 11 o'clock service

The children of the Sunday School, assisted by a live menagerie of sheep, goats, a donkey, and a camel, re-enact the story of Jesus' birth.



Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

4 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Holy Eucharist and Sermon, with carols and special music for choir, brass, harp and organ. *Music begins 30 minutes before each service. Childcare will be provided during the 4 p.m. service.*



Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25,

at 9:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist with sermon and Christmas carols.



First Sunday after Christmas Day December 28

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

No Christian Formation classes; the Nursery will be closed.

Bishop McConnell Joins us for Christmas Eve

Bishop Dorsey McConnell will join us at Calvary to preside at the Holy Eucharist at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The rector will preach at both the 4 and 11 p.m. services on Christmas Eve. The bishop will be at Trinity Cathedral for their midnight Mass.

Children invited to walk in Procession on Christmas Eve

This year at the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service, children are invited to walk in procession with the clergy. A creche or nativity scene will be placed in the front of the church. Each child will be invited to carry a small, plastic animal and place it in the creche to adorn the manger with the Christ child. Animals will be provided. You are also invited to bring your own to add to the collection.

They need not be period specific. We welcome all at Calvary. Parents and adults are also invited to shepherd the children to and from the creche.



**Please add some straw
to the manger as you offer
a prayer for peace.
Help us prepare to welcome
the child who comes as
Prince of Peace.**



For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government
shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.