

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

A recent venture into iTunes led me to some Simon and Garfunkel, including the album *Parsley, Sage, Rosemary, and Thyme*. (music from the 1960s which might be particularly familiar to that group of us sometimes characterized as aging hippies.) Listening to that album, I rediscovered a song called *7 O'Clock News/Silent Night*, where the first verse of the Christmas carol is sung quietly over the words of a newscast. The news from August 3, 1966 includes a battle in the House of Representatives over President Johnson's fair housing legislation, the drug overdose death of comedian Lenny Bruce, Dr. Martin Luther King reaffirming plans for a civil rights march in the Chicago suburb of Cicero, the indictment of Richard Speck in the strangling of eight student nurses in their beds, hearings into anti-Vietnam War protests, and a speech by former

Vice-President Richard Nixon urging increased efforts in that war, calling anti-war sentiment the greatest weapon against the United States. The words of the carol "all is calm, all is bright...sleep in heavenly peace" synchronize in strikingly ironic ways with the news of conflict, death, and war. While the specifics of the news stories would be different in 2013, the themes of injustice, war, and tragedy remain. We still feel the contrast between the glorious vision of Christmas and the plain reality of human existence. Where is the "Son of God, love's pure light...with the dawn of redeeming grace"?

Jesus was born into a world where the headlines wouldn't have been so different from 1966 or 2013. Emmanuel, God with us, comes to dwell with us in the world as it is. In the mystery of Incarnation, God in Christ comes as Word made Flesh, intertwined with the words of the human story.

The Bidding Prayer from the beloved service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas helps us to bring the headlines of our world today together with the eternal Word of love:

"Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger...Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this holy Child...But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth... And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children..." (*The Book of Occasional Services*)

In this season, as we hear the sound of Silent Night over against news of strife and struggle, let us pray for the calm, brightness, and peace of Christmas to touch our world in new and saving ways.



Leslie

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MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



Warm thanks, in these chilly days, to the members of our Choirs for their great outpouring of song in the first week of Advent. Just to give you a peek behind the curtain, they expended many hours (and evenings) in their

preparations for Lessons and Carols and *Messiah*, and I am grateful indeed to them, and to the family members so many of them leave at home to come rehearse and sing. Thanks, too, to all whose attendance for those occasions helps encourage our singers on their way.

It's worth observing something not everyone may know: that, with the exception of (at the moment) three singers who receive (very!) modest stipends as section-leaders, our choir-members are all volunteers, most with countless other demands on their time. I continually have cause to be deeply grateful for their generous service. I'd encourage all who enjoy their musical offerings to take a moment sometime soon to give one or more of them a hug of thanks!

The music for Christmas Eve will include an extended Prelude, in the half-hour before each service, for choir and brass. Three of the pieces are by Giovanni Gabrieli, who

was the principal musician at St. Mark's Basilica in Venice in the decades straddling the turn of the seventeenth century. There he cultivated a style already formed by previous incumbents, taking advantage of the many distinct locations in that remarkable building in which choirs could be placed; his *polychoral* pieces pit two or more ensembles against one another, often with instruments and voices mingling. (Into this mix we will stir pieces in a similar idiom by Palestrina and Samuel Scheidt, which likewise allow the voices and brass-choir to combine and alternate effectively.)

The music during the Christmas Eve services will include choral and congregational carols that I hope will give everyone an opportunity to engage with the miracle of the Nativity. Christmas would surely be possible without carols, but it is one of the few remaining occasions in our culture at which music, and, in particular, group singing, can still tap into fairly deep wells of common familiarity. I hope you will take joy in joining the glad chorus of praise as we come to adore the newborn Savior. May your Christmas celebration be bright, and your New Year safe and full of good new beginnings.



Fresh Holly Sale

LOCA, the post confirmation class, is selling fresh holly bunches in 2 sizes— small (\$5) and large (\$10). Orders can be placed until **December 18** and delivery will be after each Service (8, 9 and 11 o'clock) on December 22 in the Parish Hall. There is 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!**

Celebrating Baptism

Holy Baptism will be celebrated at Calvary Church on **Sunday, January 12, 2014** 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.

The Envelope Please...

Offering envelopes for those who have requested them are available in the Parish Hall. Please pick them up to help defray the unnecessary costs of mailing.

Classic Peanuts

By Charles Schulz



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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

It is never too late to join in the fun of Calvary's 2013 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 21, just make your way to the Refectory on Sunday morning, December 22 at 10:30. 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.



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

Calvary [Youth] Group

Looking ahead: following the January 5 CYG meeting from 1–3:30 p.m. we ask CYG parents join us at 3:30 to discuss planning for the trip to the Elewana Education Project in Kenya in 2015. There is more information about

Kenya available on Calvary website or contact Geoff or Julie Dixon-Ernst.

CYG had a busy and activity filled fall, including rock climbing and ziplining as well as church scavenger hunts and dressing up CYG leaders as Halloween mummies. At each of our gatherings there is always time for sharing a meal together, making new friends or enjoying the fellowship among the group. If you haven't come to CYG or it has been awhile make a New Year's resolution to join us in January. A calendar of events for the coming term is on the Calvary website: www.calvarypgh.org, choose Youth Group from the "Programs" drop down menu.

Small Group at Calvary

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

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.

For information contact: Reverend David Else, 412.653.4585; John Horchner, johnhorchner@gmail.com or Sondra Krimmel, krimmss@yahoo.com.



ADULT FORUM TOPICS

Sunday, January 5, 2014:

Epiphany: A Season of Light for the World

Beginning with the arrival of the Wise Men at the stable, we see that the birth of Christ is meant for all the peoples of the earth. How do we live that reality as Christians today? The Rev. Leslie Reimer will offer reflections for the season of Epiphany.

Sunday, January 12, 2014:

Light in the Gothic Tradition and at Calvary

The Gothic style of architecture was conceived as a way to open up the dark, fortress-like Romanesque church to allow light to pour in. The effect of such light on stone was to seem to dematerialize it, to transform it into something not of this world. Abbot Suger invented this style at St.-Denis in Paris in 1140, believing that contemplation of the physical fabric of the church dissolving in light was a means to Christian spiritual enlightenment. This illustrated talk will discuss the basis of Gothic structure in its original European context, as well as show how Cram adapted it to create Calvary's light-filled design. Gillian Cannel, of the Architecture and History Committee, will be the presenter.

Sunday, January 19, 2014

The Neighborhood Academy

Jodie Moore, co-founder and president of The Neighborhood Academy, will trace their trajectory from the youth group that Calvary supported to the fully formed and fledged high school, on its own campus, that it is today. Thanks to the grace of God, and members of Calvary and the wider Pittsburgh community.

Sunday, January 26, 2014

In Celebration of The Reverend Samuel Moor Shoemaker

Sam Shoemaker served as the twelfth rector of Calvary Church from 1952 to 1961. In addition to outstanding work at Calvary, he founded The Pittsburgh Experiment and was the acknowledged "spiritual mentor" in the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous. He is recognized as the spiritual father of the now famous *Twelve Steps* in AA. Sam has been included in that most distinctive book of the Episcopal Church entitled *Holy Women, Holy Men*, a compilation of the lives of men and women from a great variety of spiritual commitments who have been exemplary in their love of God and service to neighbor. The day assigned for the celebration of Sam Shoemaker is January 31. In his honor, Father John Fetterman, our theologian in residence, will offer reflections on Sam's life and work. The reflections will focus on particular item in the *Twelve Steps* as excellent spiritual guides for everybody whether members of AA or not. Emphasis will be given to the following topics with numbers corresponding to the *Twelve Steps*: (1) Powerlessness, (3) Turning to God "as God is understood", (8) Making Amends when feasible, (12) Spiritual Awakening throughout ones life.

The Calvary Calendar: December 15, 2013 – January 19, 2014

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. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Read-through for Pageant
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 12:15 P.M. Choristers' Christmas Lunch

Monday December 16, 2013

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

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

Tuesday December 17, 2013

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

- 9:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 P.M. Calvary PIIN Team
- 6:30 P.M. Diocesan Growth Fund
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday December 18, 2013

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 11:30 A.M. Beginnings Holiday Lunch
- 3:30 P.M. CLASP
- 4:30 P.M. Finance Committee Meeting
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday December 19, 2013

Lillian Trasher, Missionary in Egypt, 1961

- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 4:30 P.M. Troubadors
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday December 21, 2013

Saint Thomas the Apostle

- 9:00 A.M. Centering Prayer for Peace
- 10:00 A.M. Pageant Rehearsal
- 10:30 A.M. The Next Step

Sunday December 22, 2013

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
- 10:30 A.M. Cast Call for the Pageant
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist and Christmas Pageant
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour

Monday December 23, 2013

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

Tuesday December 24, 2013

The Eve of the Nativity

The church offices will be closed this day.

- 2:30 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

Wednesday December 25, 2013

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The church offices will be closed this day.

- 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Thursday December 26, 2013

Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

The church and offices will be closed this day.

Friday December 27, 2013

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

The church and offices will be closed this day.

Saturday December 28, 2013

The Holy Innocents

- 9:00 A.M. E-Waste Recycling Event
- 10:30 A.M. The Next Step
- 11:00 A.M. Calvary Camp Staff Reunion

Sunday December 29, 2013

The First 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. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour

Monday December 30, 2013

Frances Joseph-Gaudet, Educator and Prison Reformer, 1934

The church and offices will be closed this day.

Tuesday December 31, 2013

Samuel Ajayi Crowther, Bishop in the Niger Territories, 1891

The church and offices will be closed this day.

Wednesday January 1, 2014

The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- 12:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist

The church offices will be closed this day.

Thursday January 2, 2014

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

- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:30 A.M. Beginnings Staff Work Day
- 4:30 P.M. Troubadors
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday January 3, 2014

William Passavant, Prophetic Witness, 1894

- 10:00 A.M. Soup Group Cooking

Saturday January 4, 2014

Elizabeth Seton, Founder of the American Sisters of Charity, 1821

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

Sunday January 5, 2014

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. The Sisterhood
- 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
- 1:00 P.M. CYG
- 3:30 P.M. Kenya Trip Informational Meeting

Monday January 6, 2014

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:00 P.M. Diocesan Budget and Assessment Committee Meeting
- 6:30 P.M. Vestry Dinner and Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday January 7, 2014

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday January 8, 2014

Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969

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
 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
 6:00 P.M. EfM

Thursday January 9, 2014

Julia Chester Emery, 1922

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

Friday January 10, 2014

William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645

Saturday January 11, 2014

9:00 A.M. Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti
 10:30 A.M. The Next Step
 5:30 P.M. Men's Shelter Dinner Preparation

Sunday January 12, 2014

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

Monday January 13, 2014

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367

6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
 6:30 P.M. Parish Council
 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
 7:00 P.M. AGO Meeting
 7:30 P.M. OA

Tuesday January 14, 2014

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
 7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle
 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday January 15, 2014

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
 9:45 A.M. ESL
 11:30 A.M. Pittsburgh Institute of
 Mortuary Science
 Graduation Rehearsal
 3:00 P.M. CLASP
 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
 6:00 P.M. EfM
 7:30 P.M. Chamber Music Concert

Thursday January 16, 2014

*Richard Meux Benson, Religious, 1915, and Charles Gore,
 Bishop of Worcester, of Birmingham, and of Oxford, 1932*

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
 9:30 A.M. EfM
 9:45 A.M. ESL
 4:30 P.M. Troubadors
 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday January 17, 2014

Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356

1:00 P.M. Pittsburgh Institute of
 Mortuary Science Graduation

Saturday January 18, 2014

The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle

9:00 A.M. Centering Prayer for Peace
 10:00 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert
 10:00 A.M. WoC Planning Committee
 10:30 A.M. The Next Step
 11:30 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert

Sunday January 19, 2014

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
 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
 1:00 P.M. CYG



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

THE BOOKSTORE AT CALVARY

Store Hours:

Sunday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.,
 Tuesday through Friday:
 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Located at the entrance
 to the Parish House.

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

Let's Wrap It UP!

The 2014 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 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 'wrapping it up' on **December 15**. That is, we hope to 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! 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.

The Stewardship Booth will only be in the Parish Hall until December 15. Stop by to watch the tree 'bloom' with pledges – our progress is amazing. After that date, you can still contact me at stewardship@calvarypgh.org or at 412.901.6669. We will publish 'final' campaign figures just prior to Christmas.

A BIG thanks to all for your participation in making this year's campaign a grand success! We have shown our commitment to Sustain, Grow, and Rejoice our parish, providing a warm welcome to our new Rector! –Mary Lou Southwood

**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.

VESTRY MOTIONS

The Vestry unanimously voted to approve a formal motion at the November 25, 2013 meeting to thank Russ Ayres and the entire Calling Committee for their excellent and efficient work in finding our new Rector. The Committee worked with incredible dedication over the last year: their deliberations were marked by careful concern and attention to the needs and concerns of the entire Calvary community. We are thankful to God for inspiring them with a wise and prayerful discernment that led to their recommendation of The Very Rev. Jonathon Jensen.



The Vestry unanimously voted to approve a formal motion at its November 25, 2013 meeting to thank Arleen Walter for her twelve years of outstanding service to Calvary. Her dedication, patience, resourcefulness, and skill in managing Calvary's financial affairs have earned the abiding gratitude of the entire parish, and the Vestry offers its best wishes to Arleen in her retirement.

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Women of Calvary 2013 Bazaar “Thank You’s”

Many thanks to the following people who made this year’s bazaar a real success:

Calvary Staff members Marsha Morris, Ken Smith, Weezie Wells, Arleen Walter, Jeff Rutkowski and his staff.

Bob Eley and his volunteers who handled the check out process and the counting of the Bazaar’s proceeds.

The table leaders and those who worked with them:

Liz Exler, Elsie Reeby, Betty Carlson, Leigh Gallagher and Maria Burgwin, Robin Kamin and Barbara Hicks, Nancy Carpenter, Adrienne Ingram Boslau, Margie Muldoon, Charlotte Broome who made 10 new red aprons for the workers, Weeze Kay Woodside, Sandy Ekstrom and Sara Woodside, Judy Wooten and Lyn Orr.

The Luncheon chefs under the leadership of Gary Shultis and the fabulous Singing Waiters and the Calvary Café under chairs, Aileen Keyes and Kathy Kincade.

All of us worked so very hard and we are most grateful to our customers who turned the fruits of our labors into money so that all of us can help meet the needs of the needy women and children in our neighborhood.

—Susie Prentiss, Bazaar Chair

2013 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 **Monday, December 16.**

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:

Arleen Walter, Financial Secretary
Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Children’s Corner Book Reviews

by Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation

There are some wonderful “stocking stuffers” in The Bookstore at Calvary.



Prayer Cubes, \$12.50. If your children or grandchildren want to say a new prayer here is the right gift. Roll the die and read one of six prayers. There is a “bedtime prayer” cube and a “grace at meals” cube.

Crosses staring at \$4.00. There are crosses in many styles and made of various materials. Come take a look at the gift that will be treasured for years to come.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – \$18.00. This small plaque can be a welcome addition to a child’s bedroom. “Bless the bed that I sleep on.”

There are also many Bibles and books that may not fit into a stocking but are great gifts to remember our Savior’s birth.

Deadlines for Publication

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, January 10, 2014.** Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypg.org or deliver it to the church office.

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

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.



The students are busy in all classes anticipating and preparing for the holidays and learning how children in other cultures celebrate. For the 10th 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 12th.



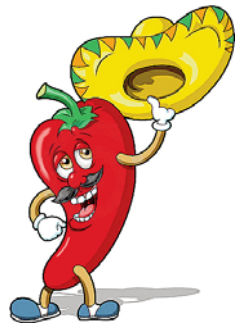
The Christmas break will begin after our **Holiday Program and Luncheon on Wednesday, December 18**, at 11:30 a.m. Teachers report for CPR training on January 2, 2014. Classes for all students will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes will begin again on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. 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, Director

Save The Date:

Saturday, February 8, 2014 will be the Chili Fest. All parishioners and their children are invited to this event. And especially, we invite new members of the church. Watch for more information and the posted sign-up sheet.



Soup Season

We will not meet in December to make soup, but deliveries continue! We are stocked and ready for the cough and cold season so we encourage everyone to be a soup deliverer. Soup is located in the freezer in the pantry.



We will meet again on **January 3, 2014** in the Calvary kitchen at 10 a.m. to make more soup. Please join us. If you have a favorite recipe, bring it along. Email the ingredients to me, and I'll be happy to do the shopping.

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

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.



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