

## *The Light Shines in the Darkness*

Shopping for Christmas tree lights has become complicated. The last time I bought lights, the choices were big bulbs or mini lights, all white or bright colors. It is very likely that I found the lights in whatever drug store was open on Christmas Eve, having discovered that the old ones no longer worked. This year, there is a baffling display of options – LED and incandescent, small and large, flashing and constant, bright colored, cool white or warm white – and it is clear that it wouldn't be a good idea to expect to find any of them left on Christmas Eve. We have entered the season of lights and decorations. Some are modest and tasteful, some are inflatable and outrageous. Some have been up since just after Halloween. Some people hold the line and won't decorate until after Thanksgiving. Some of us will wait for Christmas Eve. Some lights will be down and trees at the curb on December 26; some not until the twelve days of Christmas have ended and Epiphany has come. Whatever style we choose, and whatever timing makes sense to us, though, in this season of long nights, the lights pierce the darkness. As we walk or drive on these dark evenings, they catch our eye again and again.

Whether we are exhausted or exuberant, stressed or serene, the light breaks in – we cannot ignore it. In all their variety, the lights reflect our human yearning for a sign of hope. As we move through the season of Advent to the celebration of Christmas, the lights serve as a symbol of Christ, the One who came to dwell among us, to be the light which the darkness can never overcome. We are reminded



of the presence and power of that light each time our eyes are drawn to the holiday decorations around us.

I vividly remember returning home from a heartbreaking visit to the hospital late on a December night. My first reaction to the lights all around me was to resent the terrible dissonance between that sadness and the seemingly endless, inescapable twinkling. The words of an Advent hymn capture that moment well: “Dark is the season, dark our hearts and shut to mystery”. (*The Hymnal 1982*, Hymn 69) As I drove further, though, I realized with gratitude that the lights could draw me into the reality of God's love, born into the darkness of our world. The lights, sometimes unwittingly, invite us into the wonder of the Incarnation. In this season, as our eyes see the brightness of lights in the dark night, may our hearts may be opened to love and mystery.

*Leslie*

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

It has been a busy several weeks at Calvary – the Consecration of our new Bishop, the celebration of our Rector's ministry, Dedication Sunday, the launching of Advent, the Berry campaign and the many, many daily activities that take place in our sacred space. We now look forward to the Christmas celebrations, including Calvary's famous Christmas Pageant featuring the vibrant youth of our parish. None of this would be possible without the faith and financial support of each one of us as we participate in the Annual Appeal. The funds from the Appeal are the cornerstone to support the day-to-day life of Calvary, the spiritual formation of parishioners and the many branches of our parish and community outreach programs. It is an unparalleled richness from our personal sacrifice.

However, just weeks remain to 'finalize' the Annual Appeal. We must have a firm commitment of funds in order to proceed with the budget process for 2013. The budget process is always difficult, because, just as with your own personal budget, Calvary may not have the funds to perform all that we may be called to do. It is critical that each of us in the Calvary family participate in some manner to support our mission here, and in the community. We have asked many to prayerfully consider increasing their pledge this year and almost 50% of parishioners who have pledged so far have stepped up to this challenge. For others, an increase may not be possible, but they are still able to pledge some amount of their financial resources, for which we are very grateful. We are also fortunate that we have 28 new 'pledgers' this year, illustrating a desire to be a part of the wonderful work we do here.

The Annual Appeal goal of \$1.2 million is a challenging goal. As of December 7, our pledge commitment totals \$772,420, \$427,580 short of goal, but we haven't yet received everyone's pledge. We still hope to get to the goal to avoid a struggle with growth initiatives like the replacement of the curate and structural capital repair. Therefore, if you haven't yet made a commitment, please consider choosing to share your many blessings, like so many of our Calvary family members. We need participation by everyone to continue in our mission and to grow our ministries.

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

-From the Thanksgiving section of The Book of Common Prayer

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## A Message From The Rector Emeritus

Dear Friends,

Claudette and I wish to express our profound gratitude to all of you for the many expressions of love and affection you showed to us as we gathered for special services and other events to celebrate the ministry we have shared at Calvary over the past sixteen years. The service on the Feast of Christ the King was stupendous, demonstrating once again that one of Calvary's hallmarks is that we do indeed "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." The music was especially uplifting, and in this connection I wish to thank the Friends of Music for commissioning the stirring anthem composed by Dr. Dwayne Milburn; and Alan Lewis for his beautiful setting of George Herbert's "King of glory, king of peace."

I was humbled by the tributes offered on that day, and was taken by complete surprise when the Reverend Gay Jennings awarded me with the House of Deputies Medal! I was also moved by the comments made by our new bishop. They underscored the fact that the now not-so-recent unpleasantness is behind us, and that we have a bright future ahead in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and that the clergy and people of Calvary will be partners with Bishop McConnell in building up the kingdom in this place. In light of the struggles we have endured, nothing could do more to warm the cockles of my heart.

Thank you, too, for the outward and visible signs of your affection. The "high-tech" digital scrapbook will afford us the opportunity in the years to come to reflect on the many memories that we have shared. Finally, words cannot express our appreciation for your very generous purse.

Please keep Claudette and me in your prayers as we venture forth into the next chapter of our lives, and as we seek new ways to serve our Lord and his Church. Know, too, that you will be in our prayers as you add to the rich legacy of Calvary Church in the months and years ahead.

Faithfully,



Editor's note: *To contact Dr. Lewis, you may email him at [DrHTLewis@aol.com](mailto:DrHTLewis@aol.com).*

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**Children of all ages** are welcome in worship services. Packets of materials for children are available from the ushers. *Nursery Care available during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.* The Infants' and Toddlers' Nursery is downstairs on the Christian Education level.

# TRANSITION NEWS and UPDATES ❖ ❖ ❖

Advent is the ideal season to contemplate transitions, movement, and hope for the future. Calvary Church has entered such a period of transition now, as we begin the process of searching for a new rector.

Finding new leadership in the church does not occur at the same pace as it does in the secular world. The process is a little slower, a little more introspective, and a little more deliberate. Typically these searches take a year or more. More information on the process is provided below by Russ Ayres, Chair of the Calling Committee.

Calvary is blessed with a great staff who will provide continuity and stability. Leslie Reimer is continuing as our outstanding Associate Rector, leading with challenging preaching and devotion to pastoral care. Alan Lewis will continue his brilliant music-making with the choir. We expect everyone on the staff will keep doing what they do every day with undiminished energy and creativity. Parish life will continue at full speed throughout this transitional year, and Calvary will continue to be known for offering outstanding music and worship, for engaging in many forms of community outreach and service, and for welcoming all in the name of Christ.

We are also grateful for Bishop Dorsey McConnell, who has been incredibly generous with his time and attention, and responsive to everything we have asked of him – and all this at a time when he was assuming his new role in Pittsburgh. As well as continuing to lead one Wednesday Eucharist each month, he will be preaching and celebrating at the 4 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, and will continue to be a visible presence among us.

We are also at work finalizing interim clergy leadership to assist the parish through the time of transition, which should be in place early in 2013. We will keep you posted as this plan unfolds.

I am sure you have many questions and ideas about this, and I invite you to join me and Russ Ayres at an Adult Forum on Sunday, January 6, at 10 a.m., to discuss these and other matters relating to the transition and to respond to questions.

In the meantime, please keep the Vestry, the Calling Committee, and the Calvary transition in your Advent prayers, and accept our best wishes for a joyous Christmas.

*Joe Wilson,  
Senior Warden*

# THE CALLING COMMITTEE

As most of you know by now, the Vestry has appointed a Calling Committee to engage in the search for Calvary's next Rector. The members of the Committee, in addition to myself, are Jean Adams, Florence Atwood, Greg Bradley, Michael Braxton, Lee Hicks, Kathleen Farrington, Becky Randall, Mark Rust, Susan Shafer, William Stevens and Joe Wilson, *ex officio*.

During the early months of 2013, the Committee will be inviting the entire congregation to participate in the development of a parish profile and a list of selection criteria, using an interactive question-and-answer process based on an organizational self-assessment method called "Appreciative Inquiry". If that seems like a mouthful, rest assured that Joe and I will be prepared to explain it in plain English at the Adult Forum on January 6. We have tried to schedule enough sessions for congregational input so that all of you, hopefully, will be able to attend one of them with little inconvenience to your schedule. While dates and times could change, please note on your calendar the following:

- January 13, at the 10 a.m. Adult Forum;
- January 20, 12:30 p.m.; January 24, 7 p.m.;
- January 27, 12:30 p.m.; January 28, 6:30 p.m.;
- February 3, 9 a.m.; and February 7, 7 p.m.

Although not the primary channel of communications, there is now a "Calling Committee" box in the mail room next to the Bookstore, where your thoughts and suggestions for the Committee are most welcome.

As I wrote in my letter last July, we want and need the entire congregation to help us to develop a clear portrait of who we are as a people of God at this time in our life together, in order to identify the Rector who can lead us to fulfill our vision for Calvary and its community. We are grateful for your thoughts, prayers and participation.

*Russ Ayres,  
Calling Committee Chair*

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## Altar Flowers

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.

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## A Very Celebratory Farewell Indeed!

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to the entire parish for your collaboration in creating a special scrapbook of memories for Harold Lewis, our *Rector Emeritus*. The submissions for the scrapbook were **voluminous**, uniquely personal, artistic and humorous, and very reflective of our great esteem and affection for Harold and Claudette. Notes, letters, e-mails and many photographs came from current parishioners and dedicated staff as well as colleagues and friends from afar, including a lovely note from Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts-Schori! It was a great privilege to work on this special project for the Rector's retirement and we extend our appreciation for all the messages you provided to make it a reality. Special thanks to our partners in "crime," Margaret Ryan and Ken Smith, whose technological expertise and constant good humor made it all possible. **Everyone** deserves great kudos for keeping the secret which made for a lovely surprise....THANK YOU!

–Susan Shafer, Gordon Fisher, Lucy Douglas

## Crop Walk – By The Numbers

14 congregations; 123 walkers –  
(1 baby carriage) + 4 dogs;  
\$21,000 (**best ever**).



### Calvary:

20 walkers;  
\$3,678 (including \$1,220 online). The top money raisers:  
Susan Paczak \$480, Mary Ann Slater \$425,  
Matt Muldoon \$395.

Congratulations! We topped our goal of \$3,500 on 15 fewer walkers than last year when we raised \$3,100. You guys are great! Thanks so much for your dedication and work. God bless you!

–Colleen Sari

## 29th Annual Martin Luther King Festival

You are cordially invited to the 29th annual Martin Luther King and Kelso Lecture in Honor of Dr. King, offered jointly by East End Cooperative Ministry and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The event will be hosted by East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Penn Avenue at Highland, on Sunday, January 20, 2013. In the continuing tradition of interfaith cooperation, the Celebration will be co-hosted by Missionary Temple Ministries, also in East Liberty. Music begins at 3:30 p.m., the service itself starts at 4 p.m.

The annual gathering provides a significant opportunity for people of different faith traditions to celebrate together, so please mark your calendars now. We will publish more details after the beginning of the year.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### Reminders for Calvary's Christmas Pageant

The children and youth of Calvary will be presenting their Christmas Pageant for 2012 on Sunday, December 23, during the 11 o'clock service.

Costumes may be picked up on:

Sunday, December 16 – 9 a.m. to noon.

Monday – Friday, December 17 – 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 22 – 9 a.m. to noon.

Costumes will be located on the filing cabinets outside the Christian Formation Office.

### Rehearsals

Speaking parts will rehearse with the sound system and microphones on Saturday, December 22 at 10 a.m. Those with minor speaking parts may arrive at 10:30. Please be prompt. Lines should be memorized. Sheep, cattle, angels, and shepherds will join the rehearsal at 11 a.m. We will finish by noon.

Please plan to arrive by 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 23. Come to the refectory with your costume. There will be no Christian Formation classes this day.

*Please note:* There will be no Christian Formation classes on December 30.

Please remember to invite friends, neighbors and family members to come and enjoy our annual tradition. The camel will return to our animal menagerie.

–Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation;  
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## Lost but Found

Please check the coat racks near the Parish Hall. There are garments that have been left there and possibly forgotten.

## Shadyside Business District

The parking meters on Walnut Street in Shadyside have been removed and replaced with Pay by License Plate Number machines.

The machines are easy to use, just enter your license plate number and pay for time with coins or your credit card. No need to place a slip on your dashboard.



Beginning on January 1, 2013, parking will be enforced until 10 p.m. unless city council acts to end the current 6 p.m. enforcement. Be aware of this if you are shopping or dining in Shadyside.

## 2012 EECM Holiday Giving "Berry" Program Update

Calvary just completed another very successful "Berry" program. On 4 December, 225 gifts (3 per person) were delivered to 75 participants of East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) hunger and housing programs, including 42 children participating in the Food Pantry, 16 children and 13 adults participating in Families Achieving Independence Through Housing (F.A.I.T.H. Housing), 2 adults participating in Bridge Housing, and 1 child and 1 adult participating in Penn Free Housing.

What are these programs (and what do the codes on the berries mean)?

**Food Pantry (code FP):** provides individuals and families with emergency groceries and those household items not covered by food stamps; case management services; and referrals to appropriate social service agencies and entitlement programs.

**F.A.I.T.H. Housing (code FH):** provides multi-site permanent housing for single or married parents, and their children, who are homeless and have a physical or mental disability. This is the newest EECM program.

**Bridge Housing (code BH):** provides one year of safe, affordable living space to homeless men who are making the transition from crisis shelter to independent living.

**Penn Free Housing (code PF):** provides one year of rent assistance, as well as support and counseling, to men and women recovering from substance abuse.

The Giant Eagle \$25 gift certificate program also was very successful. Calvary collected a total of 64 \$25 Giant Eagle gift certificates that EECM will distribute to participants in their various hunger programs this Christmas.

It takes a parish, including the many parishioners who chose berries and brought the wrapped gifts back by the deadline; the Calvary sextons who collected all of the gifts; the clergy who provided the reminders; the Calvary staff who promoted the program; and the volunteers who helped to sort and bag the gifts and deliver them to the "Christmas Church". Thank you all for your support of this program!

—Ros Stone and John Wilson

## Deadlines for Publication

The deadline for submissions for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, January 6, 2013**. Please e-mail your text to [calvary@calvarypgh.org](mailto:calvary@calvarypgh.org) or deliver it to the church office.

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

## The Bookstore at Calvary

Now offering Advent and Christmas merchandise to make this important season simpler and more meaningful ---

- \* Advent candles, wreaths and calendars
- \* Christmas books for children and adults
- \* CDs of Advent and Christmas Music
- \* Nativity sets from many countries
- \* Ornaments, wall hangings, plaques
- \* Christmas jewelry
- \* Crosses, Anglican prayer beads
- \* Labyrinths, note cards

Always in stock: our large selection of Bibles, hymnals and prayer books, and a wide variety of religious and secular books including cookbooks, novels, and even a mystery or two!

### DECEMBER STORE HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.;

Saturdays (until Christmas) 10 a.m. to Noon

Sunday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Fair Trade *Bishop's Blend Coffee*  
(Medium and Dark Roast)  
now back in stock!

*Proceeds from the Bookstore  
go to support local outreach programs.*

The Bookstore is located at the entrance of the Parish House.

## Volunteer Literacy Tutors Needed

Help an adult in our community with literacy skills. These can include reading, writing, math, computer, or GED preparation. Become a trained literacy tutor by attending a free volunteer tutor training workshop sponsored by Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council. The next workshop will be held at East Liberty Presbyterian Church on January 12 and 19 from 9 am to 4 p.m. For information and/or to register, contact Anita at 412.393.7645 or [acohen@gplc.org](mailto:acohen@gplc.org) or visit [www.gplc.org](http://www.gplc.org). Thank you!

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If you wish to sign-up to receive e-mailed reminder messages and breaking news, 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.

## The Envelope Please...



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

## Celebrating Baptism

Holy Baptism will be celebrated at Calvary Church on Sunday, January 13, 2013 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.

We invite anyone who has been baptized at Calvary to join us at that service for a festive Baptism Reunion. If you have a picture from your baptism day, please bring it to share.

*one* LORD,  
*one* Faith,  
*one* Baptism....



It is that wonderful season of Christmas and the New Year again! We look forward to anticipating, preparing and celebrating the holidays in many ways. We are participating in a sharing project with Little People Daycare in Clairton, PA, providing gifts for children from ages 2 – 11. Ms. Verna will be joining us for a holiday presentation of “The Three Trees” on December 11th. All classes are practicing for our program for the Holiday luncheon on December 19th. Visit the Beginnings hallway to see the many projects and decorations created by the children in all classes and by Book Buddies, the Extended Day group.

Mr. Paul Cosentino, leader of The Boilermakers Jazz Band, has agreed to serve as music teacher at Beginnings. Paul is a singer and a musician who plays several instruments. He will maintain the existing schedule of music sessions for all classes on Thursdays starting on January 10th. We are so excited to have him join us to provide another musical opportunity for our students.

Beginnings will be closed for the holidays starting Thursday, December 20. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 8th.

On behalf of our students and their families, the Board of Directors and the staff at Beginnings, I wish all of the Calvary community a blessed, joyful holiday season and a peaceful 2013!

—Peggy Morycz, Director

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

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

Sunday, December 30: *No classes*.

Sunday, January 6: **Calvary in Transition**. Joe Wilson, Senior Warden, and Russ Ayres, Chair of the Calling Committee will provide an overview of the status of Calvary as we move toward the calling of our next rector. They will discuss the role of an Interim Rector and outline the work of the Calling Committee. This forum will include important information as we continue the current ministries of Calvary Church and discern leadership and vision for the future.

Sunday, January 13: **Congregational Conversation**. This is the first in a series of opportunities for the congregation to have input in the search process for a new rector. Join members of the Calling Committee to participate in a question and answer process for the development of a parish profile.

Sunday, January 20: **The Good Books – Diversity and Unity in the Bible**. Dr Steven Tuell, James A. Kelso Associate Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, will speak on this topic. He has received numerous awards for teaching excellence, and his particular research interest is the biblical literature of the early Persian period.

Sunday, January 27: **The Feast of Samuel Moor Shoemaker Remembrance**. The General Convention (2009) included Samuel Moor Shoemaker in its new publication, Holy Women, Holy Men. Many of you may remember Sam as he was the 12th Rector at Calvary Church. As a special observance of his feast day, Karen Plavan, Ph.D., Director of The Oasis and the Coalition for Leadership, Education, and Advocacy for Recovery (CLEAR) will speak to us. She will present to us an overview of his life and his many contributions, especially to Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and will invite people to share their remembrances of Sam.

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

## MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



The music of the Christmas season is so familiar, so evocative, and so intrinsic to our experience of this time of year that it's almost hard to imagine Christmas without carols – even though usually, by the time Christmas itself rolls around, I'm almost ready to, given the inescapability of the piped-in version of so many of the holiday's classics, in a non-stop loop from sometime before Thanksgiving!

The joyful and majestic sounds of many familiar carols will, as always, adorn our Christmas Eve liturgies. As a Prelude to the Christmas Eve services, though, we'll have something a little different this year. Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* is based on a series of fifteenth- and sixteenth-century carols. The settings are composed for treble voices, both choral and solo, with harp accompaniment, and they are, by turns, lilting, ethereal, and exciting. Britten, whose centenary falls next year, wrote the piece during a voyage from America back to England, in 1942. The texts are just unfamiliar enough to help us encounter the Nativity anew; the musical style is both approachable and just a little outside the norm, even after 70 years, allowing the piece to remain fresh and lively. I hope you'll enjoy hearing it.

I wouldn't quite feel as though I'd done my Advent duty without reminding everyone that the Christmas Lessons & Carols service from King's College, Cambridge, will be aired on Christmas Eve, at 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. At press-time, I was unable to confirm that WQED-FM, 89.3 would be carrying it, but I'm sure they will. The broadcast is a perfect antidote to the potential frenzy of Christmas-Eve preparations, and I highly recommend it.

Finally, my thanks to all the members of our choirs who give themselves so generously to preparing for and singing the services of this holy season. A merry Christmas to all!

## Charlie Brown Still a Favorite

Hitting a season high in the time period, ABC's annual rebroadcast of *A Charlie Brown Christmas* in November won the 8 o'clock hour in Adults 18-49, beating out CBS, Fox and NBC. The classic program, written by Charles M. Schulz, directed by Bill Melendez, and featuring music composed by Vince Guaraldi, was first broadcast on CBS in 1965. It was 1992 when it was first available on home video.

## League of Christian Avengers – LOCA



*Mission statement:* We, the League of Christian Avengers, are a group of post confirmation teens and adults working for a better future locally and globally one mission at a time.

We are collecting non-perishables for EECM for late January, 2013. Their needs include canned foods like soup, beans, vegetables and fruit. Other necessities might include pasta and rice. We will be collecting cans and food after church starting December 23rd in the Parish Hall until the last Sunday in January. We will have a booth the Parish Hall on Sundays and boxes in the Parish Hall for any weekday drop offs. The EECM cannot accept any food in glass jars for safety reasons. Gift cards from Giant Eagle are also welcome and we ask that any gift cards dropped off during the week can be given to Marsha or Weezie. Thank you for your support!

## Calvary Clergy

As Advent begins, we welcome The Rev. Ruth Bosch Becker to a new role at Calvary Church. Ruth, a Lutheran pastor, and her husband, John Becker, have been part of the Calvary community for several years. A covenant (Called to Common Mission) between the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America allows clergy of either denomination to serve fully in the other church. Ruth will join the Calvary clergy as Assisting Pastor. Along with Carol Henley and Walter Szymanski, her primary responsibility will be to assist in Sunday morning worship at Calvary. In this time of transition, we are confident that both worship and pastoral care will continue to be strong and we are grateful for the commitment of our assisting clergy.

## Congratulations to John Fetterman

The Rev. John Fetterman celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this month. He will mark the day by returning to preach at All Soul's Church in North Versailles, where he had been Priest-in-Charge. John served as an Associate here at Calvary, and we now have the joy of having him and Kate as members of the congregation. We give thanks for John's wise and faithful ministry and wish him every blessing on this significant anniversary.

Sunday, December 23, 2012

Annual Christmas Pageant

# Children's Corner Book Reviews

by Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation



Books are a perfect Christmas gift. No batteries required and they can be enjoyed for years to come.

**The Shepherd Girl of Bethlehem** by Carey Morning, illustrated by Alan Marks. \$14.99

This Nativity story is transformed into an original Christmas book that has a heartwarming message about love—between father and daughter, and God and his people. The pictures are beautiful and create a magical atmosphere as a young shepherd girl follows a star to the true light, the Christ Child.

**Why Christmas Trees Aren't Perfect** by Richard H. Schneider, illustrated by Elizabeth J. Miles. \$18.99

This special 25th anniversary edition includes a dressed up cover with glitter and a sticker sheet that children can use to decorate a picture of a pine tree in the back of the book. Young readers will want to read and reread the story of how Small Pine's love and charity for its friends helps make it the most "perfect" Christmas Tree of all.

**It Was Christmas Night** by Sophie Piper. \$8.99

This board book is interactive with "push and pull" tabs. It is the perfect way to tell the story of Christmas to younger children. Bright, yet simple, illustrations will delight children.

## Soup Season

This is the time of year when there are lots of coughs, colds and flu bugs. Let's keep our families, friends, neighbors, and fellow parishioners comforted with a warm bowl of soup. Be a soup deliverer. Soup is located in the freezer in the pantry. We will meet again on January 4 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 me, and I'll be happy to buy the ingredients.

—Adele Eley; Adele.eley@gmail.com

## Holiday Displays

Please check out the elevator lobbies on levels E and F for displays of Advents and Christmases Past at Calvary. There are photographs, messages, newspaper clippings and service bulletins. They will be on display until mid-January.

Your Calvary archivists wish you a blessed holiday season.

*Save the Date!*

# The Chili Fest

**Saturday, February 2, 2013**

This will be a fun social event with wonderful food (you cook it!) and fun entertainment for all ages.

Children are very welcome!

New members are especially encouraged to come and meet other members.

More details will be coming soon.



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# The Calvary Calendar: December 16, 2012 – January 13, 2013

## Sunday December 16, 2012

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

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

- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-up
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 12:15 P.M. Choristers' Christmas Party
- 4:00 P.M. CYG Christmas Party

## Monday December 17, 2012

*William Lloyd Garrison and Maria Stewart, Phophetic Witnesses, 1879*

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 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 December 18, 2012

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee Meeting
- 6:30 P.M. Diocesan Growth Fund Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. AA

## Wednesday December 19, 2012

*Lillian Trasher, Missionary in Egypt, 1961*

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 A.M. Beginnings Holiday Lunch
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP-off site
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

## Thursday December 20, 2012

- 12:00 P.M. Staff Lunch
- 7:00 P.M. Diocesan Social Justice and Outreach Committee
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday December 21, 2012

*Saint Thomas The Apostle*

## Saturday December 22, 2012

*Henry Budd, Priest, 1875;  
Charlotte Diggs (Lottie Moon), Missionary in China, 1912*

- 10:00 A.M. Pageant Rehearsal

## Sunday December 23, 2012

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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

- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Pageant Call
- 11:00 A.M. Christmas Pageant
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour

## Monday December 24, 2012

*The Eve of the Nativity*

### Church offices will be closed 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

## Tuesday December 25, 2012

*The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day*

### Church offices will be closed this day.

- 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

## Wednesday December 26, 2012

*Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr*

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

## Thursday December 27, 2012

*Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist*

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

## Friday December 28, 2012

*The Holy Innocents*

### Church offices will be closed this day.

- 3:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Staff Reunion
- 4:30 P.M. Wedding Rehearsal

## Saturday December 29, 2012

*Thomas Becket, 1170*

- 5:00 P.M. Humphrey/Parker Wedding

## Sunday December 30, 2012

*The First Sunday after Christmas Day*

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

## Monday December 31, 2012

*Samuel Ajayi Crowther, Bishop of the Niger Territories, 1891*

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

## Tuesday January 1, 2013

*The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

### Church offices will be closed this day.

- 12:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist

## Wednesday January 2, 2013

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

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

## Thursday January 3, 2013

*William Passavant, Prophetic Witness, 1894*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings Staff Work Day
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 4:15 P.M. Troubadors
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday January 4, 2013

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

- 10:00 A.M. Soup Group Cooking

## Saturday January 5, 2013

- 9:00 A.M. FLMH

## Sunday January 6, 2013

*The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

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

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

## Monday January 7, 2013

- 5:00 P.M. Diocesan Life Committee
- 6:00 P.M. Diocesan Budget Committee
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. Diocesan Council
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. Welcome Committee Meeting
- 7:30 P.M. OA

## Tuesday January 8, 2013

*Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Architectural History Committee
- 7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle
- 7:00 P.M. AA

## Wednesday January 9, 2013

*Julia Chester Emery, Missionary, 1922*

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

## Thursday January 10, 2013

*William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 4:15 P.M. Troubadors
- 7:00 P.M. PIIN
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday January 11, 2013

## Saturday January 12, 2013

*Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167*

- 9:00 A.M. Calling Committee Meeting
- 10:00 A.M. Alzheimers' Support Group
- 5:30 P.M. Men's Shelter Dinner Preparation

## Sunday January 13, 2013

*The First Sunday after the Epiphany:*

*The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

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

- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Baptism
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 12:30 P.M. Gathering for Congregational Discernment
- 2:00 P.M. Diocesan Social Justice and Outreach Event

*\*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 AfterSchool Program  
EECM – East End Cooperative Ministry  
EfM – Education for Ministry  
OA – Overeaters Anonymous



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## CHRISTMASTIDE

### Christmas Eve

**Monday, December 24, 4 p.m. & 11 p.m.**

Procession, Holy Eucharist, Sermon, and Blessing of the Crèche, with carols and special music for choir, brass, harp and organ. *Music begins 30 minutes before each service, with Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of the Carols. The Rt. Rev. Dorsey W. M. McConnell, Bishop of Pittsburgh, will be the celebrant and preacher at 4 p.m. Childcare will be provided during the 4 p.m. service.*

### Christmas Day

**Tuesday, December 25, 9:30 a.m.**

*The Holy Eucharist with sermon and Christmas carols.*

***The Parish Offices are closed  
from December 22 – January 1.***

*Please note that there will be no celebration of  
The Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, December 26.*

## The First Sunday after Christmas Day **December 30**

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

*No Christian Formation classes; The Nursery will be closed.*

## The Feast of the Holy Name **Tuesday, January 1, 2013**

***The Holy Eucharist, at Noon***

## The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ **Sunday, January 6, 2013**

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

*Christian Formation classes for all ages resume.*

## The First Sunday after The Epiphany **Sunday, January 13, 2013**

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

*The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered at 11 a.m.  
Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know  
wishes to be baptized.*