

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Becoming Beloved Community

In the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, we see news of the Beloved Community Initiative, led by the Rev. Canon Eric McIntosh and Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger. Online prayer and discussion on the third Wednesday of each month and Bible study on the first Wednesday of each month are among the latest efforts to bring people together and to deepen our understanding of reconciliation and justice (see www.episcopalpgh.org for details). Calvary Church can feel pride in this work, because both the framework and the funding for this ministry originated at Calvary, through the efforts of the Rector and Vestry. Tom Slater and Sheila Conklin are Calvary's liaisons to the Beloved Community Initiative.

The words Beloved Community resonate with our search for equity and inclusion. In them, we hear a clear connection to our most basic Christian call to love God and to love our neighbors. Let's take a moment to look further into the origin and meaning of the words that inspire our current commitment.

The phrase Beloved Community was first used by a philosopher named Josiah Royce in the early twentieth century. In the midst of the civil rights era, the theologian Howard Thurman wrote that if love is not operative, then community is impossible. Across the years, Thurman advocated for the necessity of working together nonviolently in spite of personal risk to bring about a common life where no one needs to be afraid. His influence on the thinking of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is indicated by the story that Dr. King always carried three books – the Bible, the U.S. Constitution, and Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited*.

It is in the words and witness of Dr. King that we have become most familiar with the vision of Beloved Community, a vision which both held and transcended



the work of racial justice in imagining a world where all people would be free. The King Center describes Dr. King's hope this way:

"The Beloved Community was for him a realistic, achievable goal that could be attained by a critical mass of people committed to and trained in the philosophy and methods of nonviolence... Dr. King's Beloved Community is a global vision, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. In the Beloved Community, poverty, hunger and homelessness will not be tolerated because international standards of human decency will not allow it. Racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry and prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of sisterhood and brotherhood. In the Beloved Community, international disputes will be resolved by peaceful conflict-resolution and reconciliation of adversaries, instead of military power. Love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred."

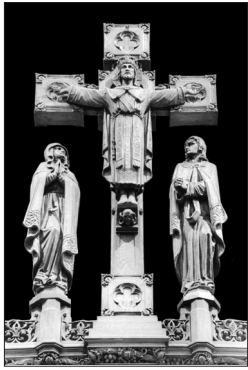
The people of Calvary Church share Dr. King's yearning for community and reconciliation. The life of our congregation reflects this, from those who have long fought for equality to those who have recently joined in the Sacred Ground conversations. We are grateful for this faithful encouragement as we do our part in becoming Beloved Community.

—The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer ■

Leslie's last day at Calvary will be on Sunday, February 27. We have created a large "farewell" card for everyone to sign. Look for it on the table in the Parish Hall. If you can't sign the card in person, you can mail a card of your own or send an email to Kim Pieratt in the church office (kpieratt@calvarypgh.org) and we will present it to Leslie on that day.



We will be having a reception celebrating Leslie for her service to Calvary after the 11 a.m. service on February 27. Please join us if you can. Thank you to the Women of Calvary for providing the reception. ■



LENT *and* EASTER *at* CALVARY 2022

ASH WEDNESDAY: **March 2**

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, will be celebrated at
7 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 7:30 P.M.*

Imposition of Ashes at all services

Ashes To Go will be administered at Noon by the Rector
on Shady Avenue at the West Doors



SUNDAYS IN LENT: **March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3**

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
will be celebrated at 8 A.M., 9 A.M., and 11 A.M.*;
Eventide, Rite I, at 5 P.M.*

The Great Litany in Procession on Lent 1, March 6,
at 11 A.M.*

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THE PREACHERS

We will welcome several preachers to Calvary
in the upcoming months:

Sunday, March 20 (Lent III),

Ms. Deanna Briody preaches at 9 and 11 A.M.

Sunday, April 3 (Lent V),

The Rev. Carol Henley preaches at 9 and 11 A.M.

Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday),

The Rev. Liddy Barlow preaches at 8, 9, and 11 A.M.

Thursday, April 14 (Maundy Thursday),

The Rev. Charles Fischer preaches at 7:30 P.M..

Sunday, April 24 (Easter II),

The Right Reverend Ketlen Solak
preaches at 8, 9, and 11 A.M.

Sunday, May 15 (Easter V),

The Rev. Liddy Barlow preaches at 8, 9 and 11 A.M.

Sunday, May 22 (Easter VI),

The Rev. Carol Henley preaches at 9 and 11 A.M.



The Rev. Liddy Barlow, ordained in the United Church of Christ, was the first woman installed as Executive Director of Christian Associates of Southwestern Pennsylvania in 2014.

For fifty years, Christian Associates has built relationships among Christians who are Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant; Black and white; liberal and conservative; rural and urban; from 28 church bodies in the 10 counties of greater Pittsburgh. It was started by the Rev. W. Lee Hicks, who was later a member of, and buried from, Calvary Church.



Ms. Deanna Briody is an aspirant for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. She loves being outside, writing, and listening to Jane Austen's novels on an endless loop. Deanna works as an operations manager at a software company based in Pittsburgh.



The Rev. Charles Fischer is Vice President for Seminary Advancement at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He was ordained an Episcopal priest in 2009.



The Rev. Carol Henley is a Priest Associate at Calvary Church, and will preach during Lent and Easter. She was ordained a priest in 1983.



The IX Bishop of Pittsburgh, the Right Rev. Ketlen Solak, was ordained at Calvary Church in 2021 and as a priest in 2005. She will preach here on the second Sunday of Easter. ■

Holy Baptism

If you, or someone you know, desires to partake in this sacrament, please contact the Reverend Neil Raman at nraman@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120, ext. 112) as soon as possible, so that the appropriate preparation and arrangements can be made. ■



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Beginnings Blue Team

Beginnings Blue Team Supports the Efforts and Ideas of the Beloved Community Initiative

We, the Blue Team of Beginnings Preschool, decided to embrace the essence of the Beloved Community Initiative back in September as our school year started. We are a group of 13 four-and five-year-olds and two teachers. We adopted the ideas of the BCI with adjustments to accommodate the essence of preschool hearts and minds. We devoted our first four weeks to learning about our likenesses and differences with the realization that all are special. We talked about the hurtfulness that happens when people decide to look at differences as making some more special than others. One of our lessons included a talk about the color of our skin. We enjoyed choosing paint from a wide variety of shades and painting sets of paper hands that closely matched our own skin. We saw many beautiful shades of tan, from light to dark, when we finished our project.

We thought about the idea of our skin being our outward covering, an important part of who we are, but certainly not the only part of us. We decided that it's important to learn about others' thoughts and feelings on the inside if we really want to know someone.

We did an experiment with two eggs, one brown and one white. We cracked each egg open and discovered that the inside of the brown egg looked like the inside of the white egg. This was a good experiment that helped us think more about likenesses and differences. We concluded that being human can be complicated. There is a lot to think about and it's important to take the time to think.

Every child on Blue Team acknowledged that not only is it ridiculous to think that one skin color is better than another, it is wrong and hurtful to think this way.

With this thought in mind and in the spirit of the Beloved Community Initiative, Blue Team decided that we would like to make this world a happier place. We made a pledge to do so by seeking goodness through kindness. To remind us of our path, our pledge, our promise, we keep a list of ideas hanging in our classroom. We refer to them often.

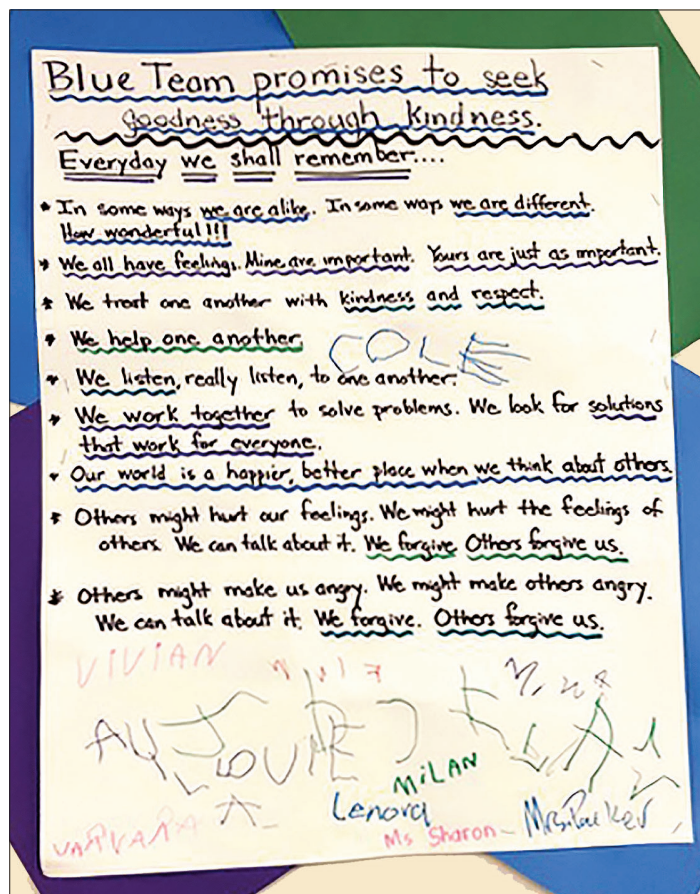
Blue Team would like to share our ideas of kindness, goodness, and making this world a better place. We share a picture of our pledge that hangs in our classroom. As we reach the half way point in our school year, we tell you that kindness is working. There are times it isn't easy; but we are learning that kindness is always worth the effort. Interestingly, we have realized that the forgiveness components of our kindness pledge can be difficult. Difficult doesn't defeat us. When we are determined, we accomplish.

At the end of each school day, we share the kindnesses we have offered, received, or realized and mark each one by

placing a cotton ball in our kindness bucket. It is good to see our kindness bucket fill with cotton balls.

We move forward, day by day, hoping that we are making this world a better place.

—Beginnings Blue Team: Ayla, Milan, Vivian, Joanna, Varvara, Cole, Jack, Finn, Lucy, Louie, Lenora, Mina, James, Ms. Sharon, Mrs. Packer ■



Bazaar News

The 2021 Calvary Bazaar, sponsored by the Women of Calvary, earned over \$26,000!

Many thanks to our Table Chairs, Volunteers, donators, and shoppers for helping make this such a success.

I'm sure that the recipients of the grants that use these funds will be grateful too! A list of the grant recipients can be found in the online version of this issue of *Agape*, and in the tract racks.

—Kathy Farrington ■

Have you returned your
2022 Pledge Card?



Happy Winter! In last month's *Agape* article we wished for snow and boy was our wish granted!

Our teachers and children are bundling up with sock hats, mittens, fluffy jackets, and snow boots to head outside for some winter fun. In the picture, you'll notice the sheer joy that three members of the Blue Team are sharing while putting their faces in the snow.

The children on our Yellow Team are still enjoying their ice play with little penguins and are practicing their penguin walk too! They are getting a real kick out of learning the "Snowman Freeze" song by The Learning Station. The bear cave they built out of cardboard and paper will stay up all winter long, as it's now a super cozy play space. The book "Bear Snores On" by Karma Wilson has been a class favorite and is the longest book these young 2's have listened to all the way through, and with excitement. It may be because Ms. Mary snores every time the bear snores!

We are grateful to have Ms. Elsa return to Beginnings as a teacher. She'll finish the school year with our youngest group, the Red Team. Please join us in congratulating Ms. Elsa for finishing her master's degree in Library Science at Pitt. This month, their team made little groundhog puppets out of paper bags while learning about winter. They also created snow paintings using white paint, clothes pins and cotton balls. For Valentine's Day, they made paper plate Love Bugs using heart shapes for different body parts. Personalized valentines were given to their loved ones.

The Orange Team is still learning about water. They've taken their water projects to a new level by making sail boats with tin foil; lava lamps using colored water, oil, and Alka-Seltzer; and bubbles using dish-washing liquid, corn syrup, and water. They even cleaned their toy dishes and doll clothes in their sensory table. To end their water unit, the students crushed their own ice and made lemonade. The students baked and decorated Valentine's cookies for their class party.

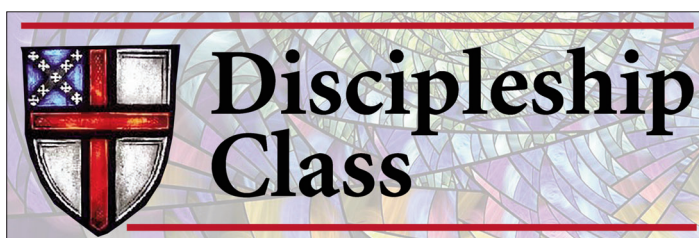
The Purple Team moved into their Feel the Love unit, which aligns well with Valentine's Day. The students are learning about emotions and will answer questions such as "How do I feel?", "How can I express my feelings", "How can I feel better?" "How do I know what others are feeling?" and "How does it feel (texture)?" They are singing and dancing to many songs with feelings titles to include "If You're Happy and You Know It" "Love Grows One by One" and "I Feel Good" by James Brown. They are making self-portraits and playing facial expression games.



The Blue Team wrapped up their exploration of winter with the approach of scientists. They talked about molecules of water when temperatures drop and rise. Using blocks of ice, colored water and salt, they experimented as to why salting roads and sidewalks when it sleet and snows helps keep us safe. Their most enjoyable experiment involved mixing hair conditioner with baking soda, as they discovered that it not only looks like snow but also feels like snow. Similar to the Purple Team, the Blue Team is learning about emotions but will focus more on visual expression through the arts. During their Great Artists unit, they'll be inspired by Andy Warhol, Claes Oldenburg, Seurat, Monet, Matisse, and Kandinsky, to name a few. They'll also explore the power of color and its connection to music.

We hope all our readers are also having fun while staying safe, healthy, and warm this winter season!

-Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■



This winter, Calvary will be offering a Discipleship Class. The class is an opportunity to take a deeper dive into who we are as Episcopalians and even more fundamentally who we are as Christians. The class is also an opportunity for those who are newer to Calvary to connect with others and learn more about Calvary. This class serves as preparation for those who are interested in confirmation or reception in the Episcopal Church and the reaffirmation of baptismal vows.

The Discipleship class will resume on Sunday, February 13 at 10 a.m. and will continue each Sunday, with the exception of Easter Day, through May 15.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions about the class or about Confirmation, Reception, or the Reaffirmation of Baptismal vows contact the Rev. Neil Raman (nraman@calvarypg.org). ■

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Calvary's Nursery: Orange Classroom, Level A. Open on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and for other church events as published.

Sunday School: 10 – 10:50 a.m., in person and on Zoom. If you plan to attend via Zoom, please make sure you have the correct Meeting ID and Password for your child's class. Please contact Vicki Rispoli at vrисpoli@calvarypgh.org for details.

- Ages 3–4: Purple Classroom, led by Elsa Buehler.
- Grades K–3: Yellow Classroom, led by Tammy Lewis.
- Grades 4–5: Blue Classroom, led by Peter Lewis.
- Middle and High School: Gym, led by Vicki Rispoli

Church Tour for Families. Children of all ages and their parents are invited to a special tour of our church on Sunday, March 13 after the 9 and 11 a.m. services. The Rev. Neil Raman will give families an up-close look at important areas and items used during the church service while explaining their significance. This “behind the scenes” walk-through will help foster participation in the liturgy and provide a greater understanding of the rich traditions of our faith. In addition, Neil will offer tips on how to help make the church more enjoyable and meaningful for both parents and children. The tour lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Parents of Little Ones (P.O.L.O.). Are you a parent of a baby or preschooler? Parents of Little Ones is a ministry that forges spiritual, supportive, and social connections for families with children aged newborn through kindergarten. Life changes a lot with that first newborn. It changes again sending that last Kindergartener to school. For those days and everything between, friendships within the P.O.L.O. community support the journey. Please watch for details about upcoming meetings and events. For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact vrисpoli@calvarypgh.org.

Children's Activity Bags. It's great to have children in church! To help keep them engaged, we offer activities bags which can be found on tables in the rear and side entrance next to the bulletins. Each bag is filled with quiet activities your child can work on during and after the service. The contents will change each week so be sure to pick one up each Sunday. There are also small clipboards as well as children's books you are welcome to borrow during the service and return when you're finished.

Easter Egg Candy Donations. Please consider donating small, individually wrapped, nut-free candy that can be used to fill the eggs for our annual Easter egg hunt. There is a basket in the Parish Hall where you can leave donations. If you would rather skip the shopping, checks made out to Calvary can be placed in the collection plates, marked with “Egg Hunt” on the memo line. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Calvary Youth Garden Project. Please join us on Saturday, March 5, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., as we begin work on the raised bed garden project. We will meet in the Swan Garden before reviewing the preliminary plans and preparing the site. Lunch will be provided. Bring a friend!

Calvary Easter Egg Hunt. MS/HS student volunteers are needed to prepare for and assist in the Calvary Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 17 at 9 a.m. Details forthcoming.

PLEASE NOTE: Youth events are open to all middle school/high school students. Enrollment in Sunday school NOT required.

Pretzels for Lent. Did you know? The pretzel is a traditional Lenten food that was actually invented to be a simple snack during the liturgical season of Lent. When early Christians would pray, they would cross their arms across their chest and touch each shoulder with the opposite hand. They also fasted very strictly during Lent, making their bread with only water, flour, and salt. A monk shaped this simple Lenten bread in the form of praying arms and served them to children. The pretzel was born! Here's a recipe you can use to make your own at home during the Lenten season.

Lenten Pretzel Recipe

A pretzel to remind us of arms crossed in prayer is a Lenten treat for us to share.

Ingredients	Directions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 package yeast (.25 oz)• 1 1/2 cups warm water• 1 tablespoon sugar• 1 teaspoon salt• 4 cups flour• 1 egg• Large pretzel salt for the topping	<p>Mix your yeast, water, sugar, and salt in a large bowl. Stir in the flour, and knead until the dough is smooth. Shape into the form of arms crossed in prayer and place it on a baking sheet. Brush the dough with a beaten egg to give it a shiny finish Sprinkle the top with large pretzel salt. Bake in an oven preheated to 425 degrees for 15 minutes.</p> 

—Vicki Rispoli, *Director of Children's Christian Formation*,
vrисpoli@calvarypgh.org, 412.661.0120 ext. 116 ■

SEEING THE FACE OF GOD IN EACH OTHER Race to Reconciliation



Seeing the Face of God in Each Other, our diocesan anti-racism workshop, is taking place online on **Friday, March 25** and **Saturday, March 26**. Registration information will be forthcoming. ■

The Bookstore at Calvary

Local Organizations Benefiting from the 2021 Used Book Sale

The Bookstore's mission statement is "to serve the parish and provide outreach to the wider community as we navigate our spiritual journeys and live out our faith". The Bookstore supports many worthy causes including being the sponsor of the 2021 Calvary Episcopal Church Used Book Sale netting \$6,500. The money raised from this fundraising event benefitted nine local organizations:

Kathy Garrison's Backpack Project focuses on the children of women in POWER: Pennsylvania Organization for Women in Early Recovery. Kathy personalizes each child's backpack with fun and educational materials that she collects on a child's interest, whatever it is, from dinosaurs or pandas to Louisa May Alcott or baseball. She fills the backpack with personalized notepaper, word searches, books and puzzles, on the child's topic, as well as school supplies like colored markers and Kleenex®. Further information is available at www.power-recovery.com.

City of Asylum builds a just community by protecting and celebrating creative free expression. They provide sanctuary to endangered literary writers, so that the writers can continue to write, and their voices are not silenced. They offer a broad range of free literary, arts, and humanities programs in a community setting to build social equity through cultural exchange. And by transforming blighted properties into homes for our programs, they anchor neighborhood economic development. More information is available at www.cityofasylum.org.

Homeless Children's Education Fund's (HCEF) mission is to advance the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness, guiding them to be productive, empowered citizens. As a national model for addressing the educational needs of unstably-housed children and youth, HCEF leads a collaborative effort among regional partners by providing educational programs and services in Allegheny County and advocating for policy and system improvement. To learn more, please go to www.homelessfund.org.

Homewood Children's Village has their own signature initiatives and with the help of partner organizations they are building a strong village of support for every child from cradle to career. Together they are working towards a future where all of our youth graduate from high school ready to thrive in college, career, and life. To learn more, go to www.hcvpgh.org.

Libraries: Braddock and Homestead: These libraries uplift and improve the lives of youth, families and the elderly, by serving as a community activities center for residents with Homestead serving the Mon Valley and Braddock serving Turtle Creek, East Pittsburgh, Braddock, North Braddock, and Chalfant.

Literacy Pittsburgh (formerly known as Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Association) offers literacy programs for adult and families in Allegheny and Beaver County. Free classes and tutoring move students from learning to earning and help them succeed as workers, parents, and neighbors. For more information, please go to www.literacypittsburgh.org.

The Neighborhood Academy (in honor of Phil Roberts) exists to provide a holistic college-prep education for students in grades 6–12 who come from families who demonstrate financial need. The Academy is dedicated to developing the minds, bodies and spirits of students so that they might become fully productive members of society. By so doing, students will break the cycle of generational poverty that has held them captive and deprived society of the full value of their lives. For further information, please go to www.theneighborhoodacademy.org.

Pittsburgh Prison Book Project (changed name from Book 'Em) is an all-volunteer project of the Thomas Merton Center which sends free books to prisoners in Pennsylvania. In addition to donating books, the Bookstore's monetary donation is used primarily for mailing costs. To learn more about the Pittsburgh Prison Book Project, please visit www.pghprisonbookproject.org.

Alibris

Alibris is an online store that sells new books, used books, out-of-print books, rare books, and other media through an online network of independent booksellers since 1997. Calvary has over 250 mostly out of print, donated books available online at <http://hymnal82.alibrisstore.com>. The collection of offerings includes art, bibles, children's fiction, comics, and graphic novels, fiction, history, literary collections, literary criticism, nature, poetry, and travel to name just a few. Each title listing includes the edition, binding, publisher, date published, description, and condition. Checkout the unique offerings that are reasonably priced.

Calvary website link to The Bookstore at Calvary

Go to www.calvarypgh.org and click on The Bookstore at Calvary located in the upper right corner or go directly to the site at <https://www.calvarypgh.org/the-bookstore-at-calvary>. You will find a monthly newsletter along with pictures of featured items and upcoming events.

How to access The Bookstore at Calvary

The Bookstore is open on Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the week, contact the Bookstore at 412.661.0120 ext. 133 (please leave a message) or by email at bookstore@calvarypgh.org and we will contact you. In addition, we can arrange for contactless pick-up of your items. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® along with touch-free payments are accepted. ■

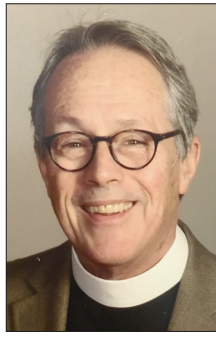
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Beyond and Beneath

In a recent conversation with a group of friends, one of us felt it was helpful to help people with a basic human need to “have something to look forward to”. This had to do with the ongoing seemingly endless conditions dictated by the pandemic. It occurred to me that looking forward is what the Christian faith is all about, essentially because nothing, not even death is final. I think while this sounds good it is missing the main point. The kingdom of God is always unfolding and not yet complete. God is making perfect in creation all that has not yet embraced God’s will (influence) and in that turned away from salvation. This influence is not always accompanied by banners and trumpets but is more often moving in secret, in silence, in hidden ways. It is revealed in our kindness and ultimate positive regard towards one another. It is also conveyed in ways of which we are not aware and were not our intent. From a more childlike perspective an adult faith needs to come alongside a more flexible, open appreciation of novelty, surprise and the unknown. Often a child’s interest and curiosity is stirred by another’s excitement about some possibility; like reading a story, or later getting a treat or a first visit to a museum. As adults our habitual patterns and expectations grind all the wonder and awe out of our experience. It is as adults that we need bigger and better and more, a theme park of the appetites and bling. Children rejoice when they see snow. When adults see snow they see obstacles like additional property maintenance, interruption to patterns of life, and cancellations. There is a reason that Jesus appeals to a child’s nature.

It is possible to come around to this more childlike perspective. It means having to surrender a few things to God. The first and most general category is knowledge. This is more a comparative grasp of knowledge. What do I know compared to what God knows? The range of what a limited human search can discover is quite different from what God knows. This becomes even more explicitly clear when we consider the more intimate knowledge God has of each of us than what we could ever know of ourselves or others.

The second category is the area of control. In its most powerful sense, it is almost always wise to simply agree that we are not in control. Natural anomalies that overwhelm, floods, tsunamis, tornadoes are beyond our control. In the case of changing the course of climate change there is much we can do to control its progress. In the case of the pandemic there is much we can do to limit the spread of the virus. We cannot control what other people do or do not do. Though I did hear recently of a commercial airliner returning to the airport from which it had just taken off,

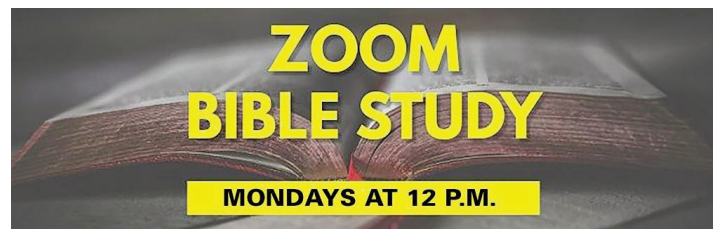


in order to disembark a passenger who refused to wear his mask. We can write and enforce laws to order our society, to sustain significant moral values. But we don’t seem to be able to control the human will to act above or beyond the law. Control requires power and here again the comparative model is helpful. Compared to God what is our power like? Especially when we consider how God clothed in flesh came teaching meekness and powerlessness. Children live in a world filled with the illusion of power in which they are powerless.

The third category involves all the things we associate with banking, like trust, investment, credit (credo), security, and saving. Trust is a reservoir of the possible. It depends on the right use of our imaginations, that believing is seeing. Trusting is an art that you practice by extending to others common gifts of understanding. People and events, by this logic, do not enter our lives by chance. Randomness is not a quality that can even be applied to inanimate objects. The material universe is ultimately and in the most complete sense of the word “organized”. And in many cases because it is organized it also has purpose. Seeing things as being random or ungoverned is simply a means to reduce or eliminate their meaning.

We can ask. What do I know? What can I control? How will I invest my trust? To me answering these questions without a faith that teaches us to recognize the character and activity of God is going to result in answers that are unsatisfactory to the human imagination and soul. In many circumstances we are tempted to settle for arranging our thoughts or ideas like they are nothing more than some kind of furniture, sitting in a room. We know there is something beyond those thoughts and the way they are organized. Because thoughts can become obsolete, they sometimes need to be set aside so we can wonder and explore and discover.

—Geoffrey Royce (groyce@calvarypgh.org) ■

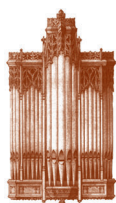


Led by The Rev. Geoffrey Royce, Deacon

Sign-up for receiving the Zoom link
by writing to groyce@calvarypgh.org

We will start with the Book of Hosea. Hosea is an 8th century prophet, preaching in a period of religious conflict. The Canaanite religion of Baal has been assimilated into the Israelite culture. Confusion between the idea of a national god and local provider gods has led Israel to worship Baal which involves cultic sacramental prostitution. The books containing the prophecies of the 8th century prophets are among the hardest teachings in the Old Testament. ■

MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



The final Sunday after the Epiphany – an occasion falling anywhere between February 1 and March 7, depending on the date of Easter – is February 27, this year. Fairly unusually among the Sundays of the Church year, its Gospel recalls the same incident in all three years of our lectionary. On this Sunday immediately

preceding Lent, we are invited into the moment when, just before Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem and his inevitable Passion, he allowed three of his disciples to join him for what proved to be a true “mountaintop experience,” known to us as the Transfiguration.

This story of an encounter with the unveiled glory of God, the momentary dropping-away of the veil that usually shrouds the Holy, is always thrilling to me. For in that the vision was granted to those three disciples, it was granted to us all. Even if we are limited to “beholding by faith the light of his countenance,” their experience, shared with their contemporaries and then transmitted through a hundred or more generations of believers since, can fire our imaginations with zeal to live in the light of that “vision fair.”

For me (perhaps too obviously) the avenue in which I can best experience or share that vision is musical. The capacity of organized sound to captivate our attention, to lead us to an ecstatic aural “vision,” is mysterious, but undeniable; when that sound is inspired by and carries the words of our faith, it can draw us deeper and deeper into a kind of theophany at once obviously different from that of those disciples on the holy mount, and yet also deeply akin to it. Those disciples encountered the unveiled divinity of Jesus, not in isolation, but as a group – the nucleus of a community. For me, as well, the musical analogue of that encounter is experienced, not alone, but in the midst of a singing, praying community, lifting their voices in praise of what is at once unknowable and yet deeply known.

May we encounter that vision, this year, with hope and joy, in the midst of a community united by hope, by love, and by yearning for the glory that is “unseen, yet ever near.” ■

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with additional content may be viewed
on the Calvary website at

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Please remember Calvary Church
in your will.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Dear sisters and brothers,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your dear and kind support and friendship when John, my husband died.

Yes, five days in the hospital seems like a short time, but it was long enough. And with the excellent care and communication by both the hospital staff and the Calvary staff, John, our kids and I were all able to “commend our spirits” into the Lord’s hands.

Your being with us at this time and your staying with us in the future blesses us. Peace,

—Ruth Bosch Becker, for the family. ■

A heartfelt thank-you to all those who participated in the 2021 EECM Berry Project! Together, we provided 210 gifts to brighten Christmas for 70 children who are part of the EECM food pantry program. In addition, we gave many Giant Eagle gift certificates that will help families buy groceries. Well done, everybody!

Calvary will need someone to lead our berry program effort for 2022. Please contact the church office if you are interested in making this important contribution.

—Jay Wilson ■

Beginnings would like to thank Geoffrey Royce for donating several drums from his personal collection to our preschool. These drums will be played by children during the school year as well as during Summer Music Camp for many years to come. This past summer, Geoffrey brought his entire drum collection into the Parish Hall and shared his musical talents and love for drumming with our campers.

We hope Geoffrey joins us again this summer.

Thanks again, Geoffrey!

—Tammy Lewis ■



The Letter to the Hebrews

Russ Ayres will lead an in-person Bible study class on Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Evans Room

This powerful text, by an anonymous author to an unknown Jewish-Christian community, is one of the least-read and least-appreciated books of the New Testament. Filled from start to finish with Old Testament quotations in strikingly new contexts, and written in some of the most evocatively poetic language in all of Scripture, it illuminates for every age the foundational claims of Christian faith

All are welcome. Please join us. ■



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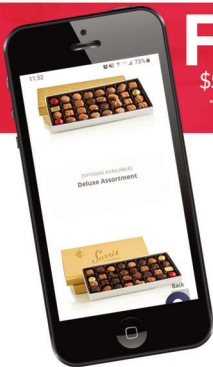
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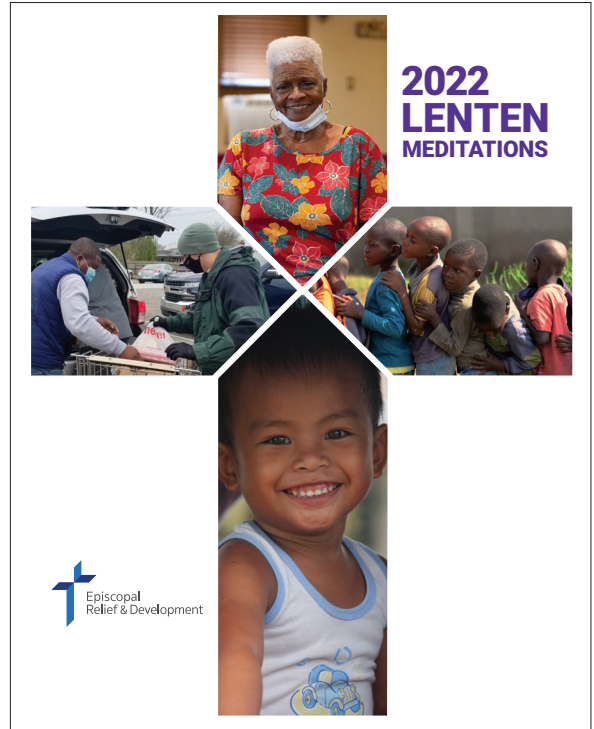
The complete Easter Catalog is posted as a PDF

Orders must be placed by April 10, 2022 ■

2022 Lenten Meditations

Episcopal Relief & Development's Lenten meditations focuses on those who were transformed. The 2022 Lenten Meditations are organized into ERD's priorities: Women, Children, and Climate. You will find a digital copy of the meditations at episcopalrelief.org/Lent

If you wish to support Episcopal Relief & Development, please visit episcopalrelief.org/lentengifts. Thank you. ■



EASTER DAY MEMORIALS

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in the Easter Day bulletin, please fill out this form and return it, with your donation, **no later than Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022.**

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If you are in your 20s or 30s and new to Pittsburgh, Calvary, or CYAM, welcome! For more information, or to be added to our email list, please contact The Rev. Neil Raman at nraman@calvarypg.org / 412.661.0120 ext. 112.

Thursday, Feb. 17, 5:45 p.m. – Holy Happy Hour at TBA

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m. – Caste Book Study via Zoom

Wednesday, March 2 – Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m. – Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday, March 20, 12:45 p.m. – Brunch at TBA ■



East Liberty Valley Historical Society

Marilyn Evert Memorial Lecture Series Spring 2022

All talks will be held in the Parish Hall of Calvary Church. Admission is free. Masks and social distancing are required. The lecture series is named for its late founder, the anthropologist, art historian and author Marilyn Evert, who died in 2018.

Wednesday, March, 7 p.m.:

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Words of Wisdom

In our Zoom Sunday school class (combined Elementary), we studied Luke 4:14-21. We made scrolls and wrote how we can share the good news of Jesus. This is what I received from sisters, Molly and Jane:

**Remember to love one another. Hope for the best.
Do your best. Care for each other. Be happy.
Make the world a better place.**

–Tammy Lewis ■

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Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, March 4, 2022**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypg.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

Agape, the newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is published monthly (except July), and is mailed to active members and friends of the Parish. You may opt out of receiving a printed copy and read each issue online at www.calvarypg.org. Contact the Parish office at 412.661.0120 for details. ■



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News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh



Registration is Now Open

Applications are now available for all 2022 camping sessions! You can register now at www.calvarycamp.org/

Staff Applications: The Staff Application for 2022 is also available. Apply at <https://sheldon.campintouch.com/ui/forms/application/staff/App>. If you have any questions about staff opportunities for the coming season, please call 440.593.4381. Please note that applicants for the 2022 Staff-in-Training program must be 17 years old by the start of the first session of the season. ■

Project Resource: Stewardship Training

Spring 2022 Training: Five consecutive Sundays, February 6 to March 6, 2022, 5 – 7 p.m. ET, via Zoom

Sponsored by the College for Bishops, Project Resource teaches culture and systems change around financial development in the worldwide Episcopal Church. Project Resource provides teaching, focus, and adaptable resources to equip clergy and lay leaders to develop their year-round annual stewardship campaigns and to plan, ask for, and receive major gifts.



Project Resource will:

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- assist your team in interpreting the training curriculum, session by session, relative to your cultural and regional context.
- empower participants to leave the conference with a working plan and measurable objectives tailored specifically for your own congregation.

Project Resource is not a curriculum. It is a way of understanding stewardship as a ministry, essential for the spiritual health of individuals and communities. It is a way of learning to be in right relationship to the resources in our hands.

Full details are available at <https://project-resource.org/spring2022> ■



Diocesan Transitions

Clergy Transferred to Pittsburgh

Welcome the Rev. Carter Hawley, the former Archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon. Carter and her husband, John, are living in Homestead.

Board of Trustees

Anelisa Tarrant, St. Brendan's Franklin Park, joins the Board of Trustees for a three-year term as an appointment by Bishop Solak.

Diocesan Growth Fund

Jim Cassaro, Calvary, East Liberty, is a Trustee appointment to the Growth Fund Committee for a three-year term. Jim also was elected by the Committee to serve as Growth Fund chair. Dana Phillips, St. Thomas, Oakmont, will serve as a Trustee appointment to the Growth Fund Committee to fill the one year remaining of Sheila Stagnitta's term. Sheila stepped down from the Growth Fund when she was appointed President of the Board of Trustees. ■

Save The Date

On March 12, at St. Paul's in Mt. Lebanon, a special event will be held to commemorate the life of Bishop Barbara Harris, the first woman consecrated a bishop in the Anglican Communion. She was elected Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, on September 24, 1988. The event is sponsored by the Commission on Race and Reconciliation and the Beloved Community Initiative. More details are to come. ■



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Oregon parish, diocese sue city for restricting feeding ministry

St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church in Brookings, Oregon, and the Diocese of Oregon are suing the city of Brookings, arguing that the city’s attempt to limit the church’s ministry of feeding the homeless and hungry violates its right to religious freedom. The parish and diocese filed the lawsuit in federal court on January 28 in response to a recent city law that cuts the weekly number of meals St. Timothy’s can serve in half.

“The restrictions imposed by the city target and interfere with the congregation’s free expression of their Christian faith which calls them to serve others in need,” the diocese wrote in its announcement of the lawsuit, which asks the court to declare the ordinance unconstitutional and block its enforcement.

On October 26, the Brookings City Council passed an ordinance that banned St. Timothy’s and other churches from operating any kind of food service unless they applied for a special permit, which would also limit meal service to twice a week. St. Timothy’s has continued to distribute meals four times a week, in defiance of the ordinance with the support of the diocese.

According to the lawsuit, the city stated it would begin enforcing the law on January 26, but the Rev. Bernie Lindley, vicar of St. Timothy’s, told Episcopal News Service on January 31 that it had not yet done so and had not told the parish or diocese what kind of penalties it would impose. In the city code, violations of the land use ordinances can be punished by fines of up to \$720 per day. City officials did not immediately respond to questions about enforcement. Lindley said he expects to get a written notice of violation soon.

“I don’t even understand why they don’t want us to feed people who are hungry, but clearly, that’s such a central part of the ministry of St. Timothy’s,” Oregon Bishop Diana Akiyama told ENS on January 31. “So much of the understanding of who they are as members of the Body of Christ is through their various ministries to those in need. So it would be such a wound for them to shut down the ministry, as if to say ‘This is not a good thing.’ That’s ridiculous. So we’re fighting it.”

Read more at <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/>

– Egan Millard is an assistant editor and reporter for Episcopal News Service. He can be reached at emillard@episcopalchurch.org. ■

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

February 13: The Disciplinary Board; the Committee on Constitution & Canons; Andrew Roman, Chancellor; and Suzanne DeWalt, Vice Chancellor.

February 20: St. David’s Episcopal Church, Peters Township, and the Reverend Kristian Opat.

February 27: St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Wilkinsburg and the Reverend Charles Esposito; and St. Mary Magdalene Lutheran Episcopal Church.

March 6: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Canonsburg, and the Reverend Canon Dr. Catherine Brall.

March 13: St. James Episcopal Church, Penn Hills, and the Reverend Canon Eric McIntosh; and the Beloved Community Initiative. ■

Bishop’s Visitation Schedule

February 13: College for Bishops

February 20: St. David’s, Peters Township

February 27: St. Stephen’s, Wilkinsburg

March 6: St. Thomas, Canonsburg

March 13: St. James, Penn Hills ■



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2021 Women of Calvary Grant Recipients

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Allegheny County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) train community volunteers who work with the complex child welfare system to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children. WOC's grant of \$1,000 supplies the funds to support the costs of advocacy for one child for a year.

Casa San Jose

Originally begun by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Casa San Jose provides support to recently arrived Latinos who are immigrants or refugees. WOC's grant of \$1,500 will supply ALDI gift cards for food, baby food and diapers to families in areas where distance has made it difficult to deliver items.

Homeless Children's Education Fund (HCEF)

The HCEF is a non-profit agency solely dedicated to supplying educational opportunities and experiences for over 1800 homeless children and youth in our area. WOC's grant of \$2,000 supports emergency funds for hotspots, laptops, hygiene, food, bridge housing and school supplies for youth from K – 12th grade.

Jubilee Association

Originally begun as the Jubilee Soup Kitchen, for over 30 years the Jubilee Association serves countless homeless and near homeless with meals, medical services, pantry services and aid in social services such as housing, healthcare and early child development. WOC's grant of \$2,000 to the John Heinz Child Development Center Scholarship Fund supplies tuition subsidies to children from low-income families, enabling them to receive high quality education.

Off the Floor Pittsburgh

Off the Floor is a local Christian ministry dedicated to supporting families who cannot afford basic furniture for their homes. They delivered needed furniture to 500 households this year, including over 2000 individuals, of which nearly 1,600 were children. WOC's grant of \$2,500 supplies funds to aid at least ten families on the long waiting list.

Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute (PPI)

The Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute is Western Pennsylvania's oldest interfaith counseling center supplying mental health services to over one thousand persons annually. The WOC grant of \$2,000 supports the Silent Samaritan Fund, supporting behavioral health care for women living in the East End of Pittsburgh who are experiencing difficult life transitions amid economic crises.

Shepherd's Heart Fellowship

Shepherd's Heart provides multiple services for veterans and others who are homeless, supplying services such as temporary shelter, drop-in center, food pantry, community gathering and worship. WOC's grant of \$1,500 supports the Emergency Fund which supplies rent and utility help, bus fare, debt relief and gift cards for clothing food and other critical needs.

Shepherd Wellness Community

Part of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Shepherd Wellness Community is the only HIV/AIDS community in Western Pennsylvania, offering a safe, compassionate community accepting and empowering people affected by HIV/AIDS to live with dignity. WOC's grant of \$1,500 will support the Frozen Wellness Meals Program, which last year served more than 8,800 meals during the pandemic.

Sojourner House

Sojourner House is a local organization that provides housing and mentoring to women who, with their children, are in recovery and homeless. The WOC grant of \$1,000 will support the construction of a covered outdoor shelter designed to enhance a safe, socially distanced outdoor learning environment for children supported by their program.

Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank

The Western PA Diaper Bank ensures that every baby in need has clean diapers and wipes to remain healthy and dry. One in three Pittsburgh families struggle with this expense, and no government aid is available to families of low-income or poverty level for these basic needs. WOC's grant of \$2,000 will support this program which estimates to supply at least 70,000 diapers to East End families by the end of 2021.

YMCA Homewood

The YMCA of Pittsburgh has set up the Homewood Y Achievers Program, a signature program of the Y-USA, designed to help teens of color set and pursue educational and career goals, resulting in graduation and acceptance into institutions of higher learning, skilled trades, and other careers. The WOC's grant of \$2,000 will support all aspects of this program, including workshops with successful role models of color who will supply academic and career-related mentoring and support.

Calvary Clergy Discretionary Fund

Throughout the year, our clergy minister to and counsel many people, and support a myriad of pastoral needs. As the Women of Calvary have done for many years, the annual grant of \$3,000 supplies monetary support to the clergy for the unanticipated needs of those who come to them for solace and support.



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The East Liberty Valley Historical Society

Spring 2022 Marilyn Evert Lecture Series

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Free and Open to the Public**

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Wednesday, April 6

“The Art of the Landscape in Mellon Park”

Architectural historian and historic preservation consultant Angelique Bamberg details the East End park’s evolution from grand private estates on both sides of Fifth Avenue to public landscape, a story that stretches from the Gilded Age to Renaissance Pittsburgh and beyond.

Wednesday, May 4

“Heinz Chapel’s Origin Story: A Fresh Look”

Historian and Heinz Chapel docent Frank Kurtik explores how H.J. Heinz’s 1914 wish to honor his mother led to a Gothic chapel on the University of Pittsburgh campus two decades later. Mr. Kurtik also will highlight the chapel’s construction and its Medieval symbolism in stone and glass.

Wednesday, June 1

“Sophie: The Incomparable Mayor Masloff”

Historian Barbara Burstin reveals how the daughter of Romanian immigrants in the Hill District rose to become the first woman and first Jewish mayor of Pittsburgh, and how her leadership continues to shape the city we live in today. Dr. Burstin is the author of the 2019 biography of Sophie Masloff.



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Dear Friends,

Diversity and inclusion – we keep hearing about it, but what does it mean?

According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), **diversity** is “any dimension that can be used to differentiate groups and people from one another. It means respect for and appreciation of differences”, while **inclusion** is “a state of being valued, respected and supported...ensuring the right conditions are in place for each person to achieve his or her full potential”.

At The Neighborhood Academy (TNA) our mission *to break the cycle of generational poverty by empowering youth and preparing them for college and citizenship* was founded upon the principles of our two co-founders more than twenty years ago. They believed that diversity and inclusion were paramount in education and that action needed to be taken to prevent the loss of value that our students could bring to the region.

For TNA Graduate Dajiah Allen '14, a City of Pittsburgh Police Officer in Zone 5, the lack of diversity and inclusion in the police force was apparent when she decided to join. In 2020, the Pittsburgh Police Force employed only 6 Black, female Police Officers, while in 2010, there were 27 – this equates to an almost **78% decrease**. While this statistic is jarring, we can now appreciate the value, and diversity, that Dajiah offers the Force even more.

Your gift of \$1,000.00 means that more students like Dajiah can be community changemakers and demonstrate the value they offer to society. Thank you again for being a critical member of our growing community, comprising TNA's DNA.

With gratitude,

Dr. Anthony P. Williams
Head of School

[A donation of \$1,000 was provided to
the Neighborhood Academy by The Bookstore at Calvary]



YOU ARE INVITED!

Pittsburgh Symphony Association presents House Calls, a virtual meeting with four musicians joining us from their homes: PSO Principal Harp Gretchen Van Hoesen; her husband, retired PSO Co-Principal Oboe James (Jim) Gorton; their daughter, Heidi Bearcroft, Toronto Symphony Orchestra Principal Harp, and Jeremy Black, PSO Principal Second Violin.

And we offer for your viewing pleasure a Signature Cocktail. Invite friends to watch with you on your smart TV, serve some appetizers and **Creamy Bailey's Irish Coffee Cocktail**.

Jim Gorton teaches music in the Osher program at University of Pittsburgh and will host the event.

This free program is scheduled at 7:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 15, through Zoom. Our license allows us to make only 100 links available to access the program. Please reserve your access with Cynthiacheny@gmail.com or call her at 412.952.5447. Near the date of the program you will receive your link to watch..

Jeremy Black will perform for House Calls the violin solo from *Ein Heldenleben* ("A Hero's Life") that will be part of the Feb. 18-20 weekend concert. The composition has a number of solo parts. Gretchen performs one of two harp solos; she and Heidi will play a duet and talk about their instruments.

See full details—and the cocktail recipe—on our website, <https://pittsburghsymphonyassociation.org/house-calls/>

Audience members are invited to email questions for the artists to PSA President Diane Unkovic. Diane.unkovic@gmail.com no later than Feb. 13.

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PRAY FOR HAITI DAY

Dear friends of FLM Haiti:

I extend to you my warmest greetings in the precious name of our Lord. What a privilege to begin 2022 with the Lord on our side! We are thankful for his preserving grace from Covid-19 and the disasters of 2021.



As we enter this new year, we are inviting you to fully ENGAGE WITH US IN PRAYER FOR HAITI. For we know that prayer is the powerful weapon to sustain us and our ministry. Prayer will help us to remain faithful to our mission of providing education, health care and hope to the less fortunate in Haiti. Over the last 39 years, this ministry has greatly contributed in making life better for them.

Help us pray for the leadership in Haiti, and for our workers and beneficiaries of our services to come to the realization that: "If my people who are called by name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chr. 7:14). **Let us pray for God's favor and provision. Let us pray for the security and protection of our workers, students and patients.**

Please consider prayerfully to send a gift to enable us to keep the ministry afloat. Your gift is even more meaningful these days in light of the dire socioeconomic conditions in Haiti. The country is beset by violence and kidnappings that block the travel of missionaries who usually bring with them medicines and much needed supplies. The cost of living is also higher with the rise of inflation on food, fuel, medicines and everyday items.

We continue then to count on your fervent prayers and generosity to keep the ministry going. It is so good to know that "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and he will reward him for what he has done." (Prov. 19:17).

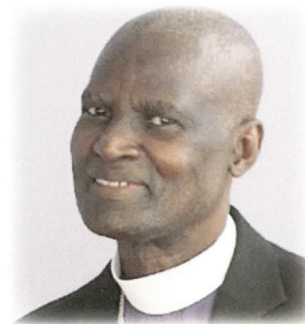
May the Lord continue to bless you as you remain a channel of blessings to our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

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Lenten Pretzel Recipe

A pretzel to remind us of arms crossed in prayer is a Lenten treat for us to share.

Ingredients

- 1 package yeast (.25 oz)
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups flour
- 1 egg
- Large pretzel salt for the topping

Directions

Mix your yeast, water, sugar, and salt in a large bowl. Stir in the flour, and knead until the dough is smooth. Shape into the form of arms crossed in prayer and place it on a baking sheet. Brush the dough with a beaten egg to give it a shiny finish. Sprinkle the top with large pretzel salt. Bake in an oven preheated to 425 degrees for 15 minutes.



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January 7	January 16
February 4	February 13 [Lenten Issue]
March 4	March 13 [Easter Issue]
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June 3	June 12 [Summer Issue]
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