

MARCH 13, 2022

A Message from The Rev. Leslie Reimer

Dear People of Calvary,

Overwhelmed doesn't even begin to capture my response to the wonderful retirement celebration on February 27!! It was a day I will never forget. The carefully designed large cards, with so many kind and meaningful notes, gave me plentiful reading material for my first few days at home. The signatures of



some of Calvary's youngest members especially made me smile! I have carefully read all the individual cards and messages, and appreciate the beautiful and thoughtful gifts I received. Your words will stay in my heart. I was warned to sit down before looking at

the gift of the purse, and that was indeed good advice. Your extravagant generosity took my breath away, and I am beyond grateful. The gift is a clear reflection of the open and giving spirit of Calvary Church.

Above all, I was deeply touched by your presence, both online and in person. It was good to have a reason to gather while COVID worries had eased a bit, and to be together. (I valued all of Jonathon's words at the celebration, but note that I am not actually stronger

than the coronavirus.) The congregation that day included three and four generations of Calvary folks, as well as people I have just met. It reminded me of the remarkable privilege of serving among you for so many years, and reaffirmed the strength and continuity of the Calvary Church community. Your love and care for me has both humbled and moved me, throughout the years and particularly on the day of my retirement. With all my being, I thank you.

Peace, Leslie ■



The reception for Leslie on February 27, 2022

New Senior Associate Rector



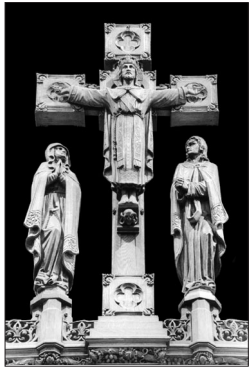
With the retirement of the Rev. Leslie Reimer, I have appointed the Rev. Neil Raman as the new Senior Associate Rector. Neil has been with us at Calvary for three and a half years and has done an excellent job.

Neil and I will share in the priestly ministry at Calvary until we call a new Associate

Rector. We will also have the capable support of many guest preachers and our own Carol Henley, volunteer Priest Associate at Calvary, who will assist from time to time.

We have been working since May, with the guidance of the Rev. Leslie Reimer, to call a new Associate Rector for Calvary and hope to have someone in place by mid-summer. We are very close to finalizing this new relationship. I can't say yet who it will be but she will share with Neil and me in all priestly aspects of ministry. Stay tuned.

—Jonathon ■



LENT and EASTER at CALVARY 2022

SUNDAYS IN LENT:

March 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.*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

**April 10, The Sunday of the
Passion: Palm Sunday**

Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, 8 A.M.
Procession, Liturgy of the Palms, Holy Eucharist
and Sermon, 9 & 11 A.M.*

April 11, Monday in Holy Week

*On this day our Lord returned from Bethany of Jerusalem.
He cleansed the courts of the Temple, and declared that His
father's House should be a house of prayer for all nations.*

The Holy Eucharist, in the Chapel, 6 P.M.

April 12, Tuesday in Holy Week

*On this day our Lord met and answered the subtle attacks
of the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and a certain lawyer
who sought to "catch something of his mouth, that they
might accuse Him." He foretold the destruction of Jerusalem,
and described the Final Judgment.*

The Holy Eucharist, in the Chapel, 6 P.M.

April 13, Wednesday in Holy Week

*On this day our Lord remained withdrawn in silence
in Bethany. Judas was bargaining with the chief priests
to betray his Master.*

The Holy Eucharist, in the Chapel, 6 P.M.

April 14, Maundy Thursday

*On this day our Lord went again from Bethany to Jerusalem.
In the evening, in the Upper Room, He washed the feet of the
disciples, and instituted the Sacrament of the Last Supper.*

*He retired to the Garden of Gethsemane,
was betrayed by Judas and arrested by his enemies.*

The Holy Eucharist, in the Chapel, 12 NOON;
The Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar,
7:30 P.M.*

April 15, Good Friday

*On this day our Lord was tried before the Sanhedrin,
then by Pilate, thereafter by Herod and then by Pilate again;
was scourged, mocked, and condemned to death;*

He was led to Golgotha and there crucified.

He died and was buried.

Good Friday Liturgy and

Musical Meditation, 12 P.M.*;

Tolling of the Tower Bell, 3 P.M.

Good Friday Sacred Concert, 8 P.M.*

Freewill offering.

April 16, The Great Vigil of Easter

On this day the body of our Lord lay in the tomb.

**Lighting of the Paschal Candle,
Scriptural Prophecies, Baptisms, and
the First Eucharist of Easter**, 8 P.M.*

**April 17, Easter Day
(The Sunday of the Resurrection)**

On this day Jesus rose from the dead!

Holy Eucharist and Homily, 8 A.M.

Festal Holy Eucharist and Sermon, 9 & 11 A.M.*

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 A.M.

Children of all ages are invited to find eggs
hidden in the Swan Garden and courtyard.

Please come and bring friends.

*** INDICATES THE SERVICE WILL BE LIVESTREAMED**

Please recycle this newsletter
when you have finished reading it.

Preachers at Calvary

Listed below are the preachers scheduled at Calvary for 11 a.m. and holy days. Unless otherwise noted, we will offer services every Sunday at 8, 9, and 11 a.m., with an Eventide service at 5 p.m. (except Palm Sunday, April 10 and Easter Day, April 17).

March 13, Lent II – The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, *preacher*

March 20, Lent III – Ms. Deanna Briody, *preacher*

March 27, Lent IV – The Rev. Neil Raman, *preacher*

April 3, Lent V – The Rev. Carol Henley, *preacher*

April 10, Palm Sunday – The Rev. Liddy Barlow, *preacher*

April 14, Maundy Thursday – The Rev. Charles Fischer, *preacher*,
at 7:30 p.m.

April 15, Good Friday – The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, *preacher*,
at Noon

April 16, Easter Vigil – The Rev. Neil Raman, *preacher*, at 8 p.m.

April 17, Easter Day – The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, *preacher*

April 24, Easter II – The Rt. Rev. Ketlen Solak, *preacher*

May 1, Easter III – The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, *preacher*, at 5 p.m.
(Marathon Sunday)

May 8, Easter IV – The Rev. Dr. Asa Lee, *preacher*

May 15, Easter V – The Rev. Liddy Barlow, *preacher*

May 22, Easter VI – The Rev. Carol Henley, *preacher*

May 29, Easter VII – The Rev. Neil Raman, *preacher*

June 5, Pentecost – The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, *preacher*

Notes

Sunday, April 24: Bishop's Visit for Confirmation /
Nominating Sunday

Sunday, May 1: Marathon Sunday (Services at 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. only)

Sunday, May 8: Mother's Day

Sunday, May 15: Final Eventide service of the season /
first Garden Service of the summer

Sunday, May 22: The Annual Parish Meeting

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day

Sunday, June 5: Feast of Pentecost

The Preachers



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.



The Rev. Dr. Asa Lee is the new President of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is ordained in the Progressive National Baptist Convention and has a Doctor of Ministry degree from Virginia Theological Seminary.

Dr. Lee and our Bishop, Ketlen Solak, met when they began the program together at VTS which is also the alma mater of our Rector. ■

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. ■



Spring Ahead on Sunday, March 13
Set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m.



Spring is in the air and we're getting a glimpse of what used to be normal! We continue to follow our strict COVID safety protocols, but we are also welcoming visitors into our classrooms.

On Shrove Tuesday (also known as Fat Tuesday), the Purple Team brought in as a special guest, a Beginnings' parent from Brazil, Vivian Dias Santos, who shared part of her culture with the class. Carnival in Brazil is like Mardi Gras in the United States, a festival celebrated over the several days leading up to Ash Wednesday – the beginning of the season of Lent. After the presentation, the students and teachers all dressed in costume and paraded through the halls of Beginnings. What an exciting event for all!

The Purple Team rocketed into their Space unit by bringing in another parent as a special guest, Kris Rockwell. He discussed Rockwell International's participation in America's space shuttle rollout as well as its contributions to North American aviation. He showed our students an Apollo 11 Medallion, commemorative space stamps, and a Genuine Skylab Fragment authenticated by NASA. We were all fascinated by his family's involvement and were thrilled that he shared so many artifacts, pictures, space toys, and stories. The students are making parachutes, paper airplanes, and rockets and are using real telescopes and binoculars to observe the sky and moon. A space tent was added to their dramatic play area and now our children all want to be astronauts – for the time being at least.

Before heading back to Japan, a Beginnings family of 3 years joined us in the classroom and helped our students make paper balloons and cherry blossoms. Two dogs and a bunny have also visited, bringing much joy to our students.

As our families are so special to our program, we need your prayers and support for our Ukrainian family – Ms. Daria (Orange Team teacher), her husband, and daughter (Blue Team student) are experiencing first hand the devastating impact of the War. Their country needs our help. We have begun a humanitarian aid drive to collect items for those in bomb shelters and for the soldiers who protect them. Please donate non-perishable food, water, formula, diapers (men, women, and children), thermal clothing, hand warmers, tourniquets, plastic gloves, crayons, coloring books, stickers, etc. We have two collection bins, one each in the Parish Hall and in Beginnings. We'll use Meest Express to deliver these items. We thank you in advance for your compassion and generosity. Photos from Ms. Daria's family in Ukraine are posted on the online version of this *Agape*.

We are now enrolling for the 2022-23 school year. We will continue offering our 5-day and 3-day programs for children between the ages of 18 months and 5 years. We will also have summer camp during the month of June. If you have friends and/or family members who are interested, please have them contact me at beginnings@calvarypgh.org or call 412.661.3025. –Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■



Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!

The Trex bag and film recycling program here at Calvary includes grocery bags, newspaper sleeves, bread bags, produce bags, dry cleaning bags, clean ziploc bags, retail bags, bubble wrap and air pillows. **PLEASE NOTE:** When our recycling volunteers see that water bottles and food containers have been put in a bag, they must automatically put it in the dumpster, which ends up going to landfill. For health and safety reasons, neither our volunteers nor the handlers at Giant Eagle will accept the bag with unapproved materials. Thank you for recycling. We have collected more than **3,500 pounds** of plastic film and have earned and distributed seven garden benches on our campus and shared out in the community. ■

EASTER EGG HUNT

- Easter Day -
Sunday, April 17, 2022
at 10:15 a.m.

MEET INSIDE IN THE HALLWAY TO THE GARDEN
ALL ARE WELCOME!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sunday School

The Nursery will be open and Sunday School in-person with Zoom option (hybrid):

- 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

There will be no Christian Formation classes on Easter Sunday. The Nursery **will** be open.

Calvary Youth Garden Project

It's coming along! Please join us on Saturday, March 26, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. as we continue building the raised bed gardens. We will meet in the Swan Garden before beginning work. Lunch will be provided. Bring a friend! (In the case of inclement weather, we will discuss garden sustainability strategies while eating pizza in the refectory.)



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 a.m. service. 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 will last approximately 30 minutes.



Parents of Little Ones

Bagels and Coffee

Sunday, March 27th

10:00-10:45 AM
in the Evans Room

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 save the date for our next event on Sunday, March 27 from 10 – 10:45 a.m. for bagels and coffee in the Evans Room. The nursery will be open at that time or you can bring your little one(s) along if you prefer. This will be an informal event so feel free to stop in as convenient. Hope to see you then! For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact vrispoli@calvarypgh.org.

Easter Egg Hunt

Children of all ages are invited to find eggs hidden in the Swan Garden and adjoining courtyard. Please come and bring friends!

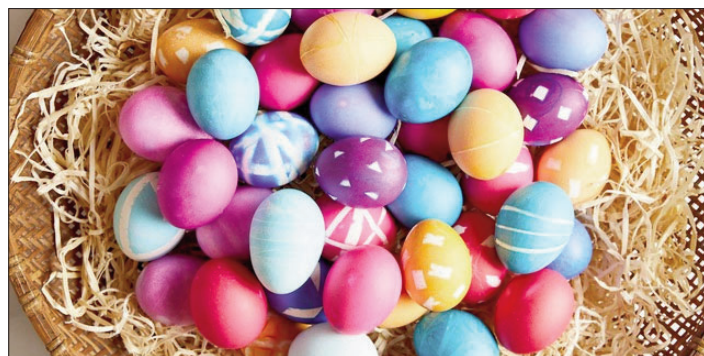
Egg Hunt Preparation

Middle and high school students are invited to help plan and prepare for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 in the conference room to fill eggs with candy and go over details of the event.

PLEASE NOTE: Youth events are open to all middle school/high school students. Enrollment in Sunday school is **NOT** required. Verification of community service hours will be provided upon request.

Did you know?

“The tradition of dyeing and decorating Easter eggs is ancient, and its origin is obscure, but it has been practiced in both the Eastern Orthodox and the Western churches since the Middle Ages. The church prohibited the eating of eggs during Holy Week, but chickens continued to lay eggs during that week, and the notion of specially identifying those as Holy Week eggs brought about their decoration. The egg itself became a symbol of the Resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolized new life emerging from the eggshell. In the Orthodox tradition, eggs are painted red to symbolize the blood that Jesus shed on the cross.” (Source: Ray, Michael. “What Do Eggs Have to Do with Easter?” – Encyclopedia Britannica)



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

Visit the Calvary website at
www.calvarypgh.org

The Bookstore at Calvary

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 supported many worthy causes in 2021 including donating a portion of the proceeds from the 'yincer' related items available at the Bookstore to Sheldon Calvary Camp located in Conneaut, OH. Established in 1936, Harry E. Sheldon Calvary Camp is a camping ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. To learn more, please go to www.calvarycamp.org.

The Bookstore sponsored 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, City of Asylum, Homeless Children's Education Fund, Homewood Children's Village, Braddock and Homestead Libraries, Literacy Pittsburgh, The Neighborhood Academy, and Pittsburgh Prison Book Project.

A donation was made to the Women of Calvary to support the Calvary Bazaar in October, 2021. In addition, a pledge was given to Calvary Episcopal Church on behalf of the Bookstore.

The Beloved Community Initiative (BCI) in Pittsburgh received a donation for each Pittsburgher for Jesus shirt sold. The BCI seeks to promote the liberating and reconciling love of Jesus Christ, particularly as it relates to racial justice and reconciliation. The BCI serves specifically to develop strategies, as informed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Baptismal Covenant and our diocesan mission. For more information, please go to www.bcipittsburgh.org.

Finally, on behalf of the Bookstore volunteers, a Christmas gift donation was made to the Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Volunteers Needed

The Bookstore at Calvary is an all-volunteer entity. Volunteers are greatly needed to work in the Bookstore and the time commitment is not large. Perhaps you have an hour you can give after Sunday services. Most of our volunteers don't have a weekly time slot but work when it is convenient for them. Scheduling is very flexible and volunteers are always willing to help each other out in a pinch. Training is provided on how to complete sales transactions and is easy to learn. If working with books and great people is something you might enjoy, please give some thought to helping in the Bookstore. We are always looking for volunteers. Can't make a monthly commitment? Then consider volunteering during the annual used book sale or during the annual inventory count. Contact Pat Standring at 412.481.8613, email her at pstandring623@gmail.com, or stop into the Bookstore and ask any staff how you can help.



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 275 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.

Website link to The Bookstore at Calvary

Go to <https://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. ■

The Nominating Committee of the Vestry
will receive nominations in the parlor
for Vestry and Parish Council members
on Sunday, April 24, 2022
after all services.



**The 167th Annual Parish Meeting
of Calvary Church will be held
on Sunday, May 22, 2022
at 10 A.M., in the Parish Hall**

Election of members of the Vestry and Parish Council
will take place and reports from the Wardens,
Treasurer and others will be given.
Please make every effort to attend.

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Treasurer's Report–2021 Results

Summarized below is the Calvary Episcopal Church Operations Fund Financial results for the twelve (12) months ending December 31, 2021, as prepared by Treasurer Bob Eley and approved by the Vestry at its February 28, 2022 meeting.

Calvary Episcopal Church
Operations Fund – Consolidated

Financial Results For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

<u>Income</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>
Pledge Income	\$820,600	\$877,500
Non-Pledge Contributions	115,800	115,000
Gifts & Grants for Operations	213,000	200,000
Loose Plate Offerings	5,000	15,000
Special Offerings	11,500	15,000
Endowment Fund	283,800	284,700
Other Outreach & Capital Receipts	43,400	34,000
Trust Income	23,100	22,200
Beginnings – reimbursement to Calvary	16,000	15,900
Rental Income	15,000	0
All Other	20,200	21,100
Prior Year Carryforward	58,500	58,500
Total Income	1,625,900	1,658,900
<u>Expenses</u>		
Personnel:		
Salaries	648,100	627,000
Benefits	378,400	398,200
Diocesan Assessment	164,600	164,600
Christian Formation/Pastoral Support	4,300	13,500
Hospitality/Parish Life/Outreach	21,900	41,000
Music	10,000	16,500
Maintenance/Operations of Buildings:		
Utilities & Maintenance	109,400	109,000
Supplies and Repairs	22,100	29,000
Landscaping and Snow Removal	21,500	20,000
Office and Administration:		
Supplies and General Office	16,500	14,500
Equipment Rentals & Maintenance	41,400	39,000
Telephone	8,400	9,000
All Other	3,600	6,300
Finance:		
Professional Services	18,000	18,000
Various Bank and Investment Fees	7,100	10,100
All Other	9,400	11,900
Insurance and Taxes	107,000	108,000
Capital Expenses (A)	39,500	55,000
Total Expenses	1,631,200	1,690,600
Net (Expenses) over Income	(5,300)	(31,700)

A) 2021 Actual results include \$39,500 of qualified expenses capitalized at year-end by reclassing them to the appropriate fixed asset account on the Balance Sheet. ■

Treasurer's Report–2022 Budget

Summarized below is the Calvary Episcopal Church Operations Fund Budget for fiscal year 2022, as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Vestry on February 28, 2022.

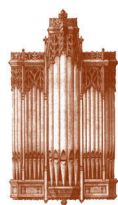
Calvary Episcopal Church
Operations Fund – Consolidated
For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022

<u>Income</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Pledge Income	\$851,000
Non-Pledge Contributions	120,000
Gifts & Grants for Operations	220,000
Endowment Fund	303,800
Other Outreach & Capital Receipts	84,300
Trust Income	25,800
Loose Plate Offerings	10,000
Special Offerings	15,000
Beginnings - reimbursement to Calvary	16,200
Rental Income	30,000
All Other	25,100
Total Income	1,701,200
<u>Expenses</u>	
Personnel:	
Salaries	656,800
Benefits	375,300
Diocesan Assessment	156,500
Christian Formation & Pastoral Support	13,300
Hospitality/Parish Life/Outreach	44,000
Music	18,100
Maintenance and Operations of Buildings:	
Utilities & Maintenance	123,500
Supplies and Repairs	21,500
Landscaping and Snow Removal	23,000
Office and Administration:	
Supplies and General Office	16,200
Equipment Rentals & Maintenance	37,800
Telephone	10,000
All Other	4,800
Finance:	
Professional Services	19,000
Various Bank and Investment Fees	8,100
All Other	11,400
Insurance and Taxes	108,000
Capital Expenses	102,300
Total Expenses	1,749,600
Net (Expenses) over Income	(48,400)

Submitted by: Robert Eley, Treasurer ■

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MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



With a partial return post-pandemic normality, it is a joy to be able once again to plan for a choral concert on the evening of Good Friday, April 15. Chatham Baroque will join us, and we will present an array of vocal and instrumental music from the seventeenth-century that focuses on the Passion, including an intensely-felt setting of the Seven Last Words from the Cross by Heinrich Schütz, and two pieces by Dieterich Buxtehude, *Jesu, meine Freude* and *Jesu, meines Lebens Leben*. (To accommodate preparations for that concert, the Eventide Evensong on April 3 will be sung, not by the full choir, but by an augmented “Quarantet” of about a dozen singers.)

We are still waiting for the much-lamented supply chain to furnish the necessary components for repairs to the organ, after lightning damage last June. As anyone who has needed repairs to anything from a toaster to a washing machine (let alone a car) will have experienced, delays are everywhere, and I appreciate everyone’s patience as we await the return of our accustomed musical resources.

On a more cheerful note, the I have eagerly accepted an invitation for the Choir once again to sing services at Washington National Cathedral on Sunday and Monday, July 17–18. As chance would have it, that is the beginning of the very week in which we were to have sung at Worcester Cathedral in England (a trip initially delayed by the pandemic from 2021, and then regretfully cancelled in light of ongoing uncertainties about travel that precluded the sort of long-horizon planning that that trip would have required). While Washington may be too close to afford the exotic feeling of traveling abroad to sing, the Cathedral is always a wonderful place to visit, and singing services there is a real thrill, so I am really excited that we have the opportunity to return there.

I wish everyone a powerful Lenten journey to the Passion, and to a joyous Easter beyond it. ■

A Thank You

Dear Father Jensen,



Thank you for your generous \$500 sponsorship of the **2022 Allies Ball and Free for All**. Your support for this very special event enables Allies for Health + Wellbeing to provide integrated medical and behavioral health care, supportive human services and community-based education for those living with or at risk of HIV, viral hepatitis, and sexually transmitted infections.

Sincerely, Sean DeYoung, Chief Executive Officer ■

Please remember Calvary Church
in your will.

Easter Monday Flower Delivery: April 18

Calvary Church will resume the delivery of Easter flowers that adorn the Sanctuary on Easter, which has been our tradition.

This is a one-day volunteer task and only requires that you give time on Monday, April 18 to deliver the Easter flowers to parishioners.



Volunteers are asked to arrive at the Parish Hall between 8:30–9:30 a.m. The list of recipients will be sorted by neighborhood and zip code. Kim Pieratt will prepare the delivery tag which will include the name, address and telephone for each of the recipients. We suggest you call the recipient before leaving the church to let them know you will be delivering an Easter flower to them and where you should leave the flower.

If you are interested in volunteering, or have any questions regarding Easter Monday Flower Delivery, please call Barbara Hicks (412.242.1469) or send her an email at barbleeh@verizon.net by March 20.

Please remember that while in the church and picking up your flowers for delivery, it is requested that you wear a mask.

William Stevens and Barbara Hicks will be available in the Parish Hall on April 18th to be helpful in anyway as you pick up the flowers you will be delivering.

–Barbara Hicks & William Stevens
Co-Chairs, Easter Monday Flower Delivery ■

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.

Name (as you would like it to appear):

Donor's name: _____

Donor's telephone: (_____) _____

Please mail to: Lynda Kennedy
Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206-4388

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 Kim Pieratt in the church office at 412.661.0120, ext. 111. ■

Beware of Email Scams!

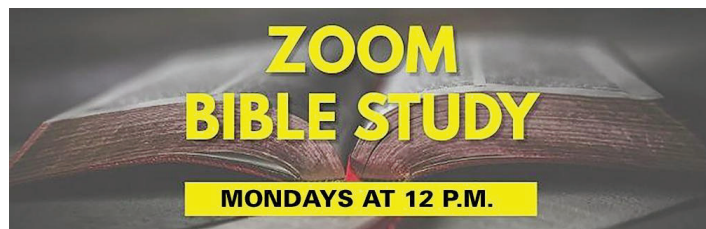
Always be careful when you check your email since scams are on the rise again. Never give out your personal information. Your bank, utility companies, the Social Security Administration, and the IRS will never contact you for that information. Emails that appear to come from Rector, and requests “a favor” or gift cards are still happening. Don’t respond, simply delete it. Any email from Calvary always uses @calvarypgh.org, never gmail.com. ■

Staying in Touch

Please contact Calvary’s Parish Administrator Kim Pieratt at the Church office if you have any questions about flower memorials, prayer list additions, or scheduling of events. Kim can be contacted at 412.661.0120, ext. 111 or send an email to kpieratt@calvarypgh.org. We ask that you keep us informed if you have a home address, phone or email change. ■

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. ■



Led by The Rev. Geoffrey Royce, Deacon

Sign-up for receiving the Zoom link
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Virtual Tour of Calvary

Experience the place you love in a whole new way. We have partnered with a local company, kiskerproductions.com, to produce a 3D virtual tour of Calvary. One can virtually walk through almost the entire facility. More than 1,000 (360°) images were taken and “stitched” together to create a seamless tour. It includes the church, parish hall, offices, pre-school, refectory, choir room, and most of the building. The link is on the front page of the Calvary website and at <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=e41bDiCoFpB>

Links at the bottom of the tour page allow one to move from room to room, or one can simply walk around virtually. On the bottom left, one can navigate the space using a 3D “dollhouse” view or choose among floors or the floorplan.

“Tags” with more information or photos of particular objects such as the pulpit or windows are throughout. Because of the technology, one can see things more clearly this way, a window up high for example, than one could see in person. Make sure to check out the images from high up in the church. Please feel free to explore Calvary and share the link. In the near future, we will reveal a virtual scavenger hunt we have created using the tour.

The tour was made possible by a gift from the Robert and Barbara Baur Trust. ■

A Calvary Lenten Challenge for the Food Pantry



Patrons of the East End Cooperative Ministry have long benefitted from the grocery items which the Calvary community generously donates each week. But many folks are also in need of simple household cleaning items that the food pantry cannot usually stock.

During Lent through the first week of Easter, we are asking Calvary friends to pick up 1–2 basic cleaning supplies to add to your regular food donations:

- Dishwashing soap
- Laundry detergent
- Microfiber cloths
- Magic Erasers

Questions? Please contact Anne Keeler (412.687.1429) or Catherine Davidson (412.874.7345). Our regular contributions make a powerful difference to our neighbors in the East End, especially the elderly and disabled. Please give generously! ■

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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@calvarypgh.org / 412.661.0120 ext. 112.

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

Wednesday, March 30, 7 p.m. – Caste Book Study via Zoom

Wednesday, April 6, 7 p.m. – Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m. – Caste Book Study via Zoom ■



East Liberty Valley Historical Society

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, April 6, 7 p.m.

“The Art of the Landscape in Mellon Park”

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The complete Easter Catalog is posted as a PDF

Orders must be placed by April 10, 2022 ■

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Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, April 1, 2022**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.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.calvarypgh.org. Contact the Parish office at 412.661.0120 for details. ■

An expanded version of this issue of *Agape*,
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News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh



Allegheny
Health Network

Volunteers Needed to Provide Spiritual and Pastoral Care

The Palliative Medicine division of the Allegheny Health Network is currently recruiting volunteers for 2022 to provide spiritual/pastoral care to inpatients. Palliative care focuses on helping to alleviate the suffering which accompanies serious illness. These symptoms may be physical, emotional, psychological, or spiritual. Training will be provided by the health network, by palliative care clinical staff, the palliative care spiritual care coordinator, and local hospital chaplains. Anyone 18 years of age or older is invited to apply. No prior experience needed, though it is welcomed. Schedules are arranged at the volunteer's convenience.

West Penn Hospital, Jefferson Regional Hospital, Forbes Regional Hospital, Allegheny Valley Hospital, and Allegheny General Hospital all have palliative care inpatients. The patients whom we serve are at all points along the continuum of their illness, from initial diagnosis, through aggressive treatment, to comfort measures only and referral to hospice. It is a rewarding experience serving patients and their families who are facing spiritual crises and a host of existential questions.

For more information, please contact Chaplain Kim Rapczak at Kimberly.Rapczak@ahn.org or 412.738.4650. You may also fill out the volunteer application found at www.ahn.org/volunteer-application. Make sure you indicate at which hospital you are interested in working, and under the category of 'other,' fill in 'palliative care/spiritual care.' ■



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Saluting the Rev. Leslie G. Reimer

The Rev. Leslie Reimer retired from active parish ministry this past Sunday, February 27, 2022. Until then, she was the longest serving non-retired priest in the Pittsburgh diocese. In 1980, she became the third woman ordained to serve as a priest here. She began with short stints in Penn Hills, Indiana and Mt. Lebanon before moving on to hospital chaplaincy at Presbyterian and Children's. Since 1998, she has been full-time at Calvary Church, East Liberty, eventually becoming Senior Associate Rector. But generations of children and adults have come to know her through her involvement with Sheldon Calvary Camp, a service she plans to continue.

Leslie has shared her life with this diocese, and in recognition of her retirement, we asked her to share some thoughts on her unique ministry. You can read the interview on our website at www.episcopalpgh.org/saluting-leslie-reimer. ■



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EPISCOPAL NEWS SERVICE

Newly formed House of Deputies caucus takes up the mantle of LGBTQ+ advocacy

By Egan Millard

Among the groups with a presence at this year's General Convention will be a new self-organized caucus of LGBTQ+ members of the House of Deputies. The group of over 100 members is working in small groups as the July 7-14 convention scheduled to take place in person in Baltimore, Maryland, approaches, identifying priorities and developing potential resolutions that could advance the cause of LGBTQ+ inclusion across the church.

The LGBTQ Caucus, one of several groups of deputies who have organized themselves around common identities and interests, was formed around the idea that "there's still plenty of work to do in The Episcopal Church" for LGBTQ+

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people, the Rev. Susan Russell told Episcopal News Service. Russell, a longtime advocate for LGBTQ+ Episcopalians, is one of seven members of the caucus's planning team.

Among the caucus's priorities are issues relating to transgender and nonbinary people – such as introducing gender-expansive language and opposing anti-transgender laws – and ensuring that existing canons on equal access to the sacraments are consistently followed across the church.

In some ways, the caucus is taking up the work that was pursued by Integrity USA, the former LGBTQ+ advocacy organization that has been essentially defunct since 2018, when General Convention approved a resolution granting full churchwide access to same-sex marriage rites. That resolution marked the achievement of Integrity's decades-long goal of full inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the sacraments – at least on paper – some LGBTQ+ Episcopalians point out that some dioceses and parishes are still not LGBTQ+-affirming in practice.

The Rev. Charles Graves IV, another member of the planning team who is not a deputy but a member of Executive Council, hatched the idea for the caucus last summer after being interviewed by ENS for a story about the next phase in the campaign for LGBTQ+ inclusion. With General Convention approaching, Graves asked himself, "Is there anybody who's organizing around policy?"

After asking the office of the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, president of the House of Deputies, he got his answer: "No, nobody's doing that. But would you like to?"

There are several other caucuses organized around ethnic identities, which also work together under the Deputies of Color caucus. The caucuses are self-organized, not official branches of the House of Deputies or General Convention "because they need to be able to maintain independence," Graves said. "Fortunately, we have in Gay a president who's an incredible advocate."

"Caucuses are the lifeblood of General Convention," Jennings told ENS, adding that she owes her ordination as a priest to the now-defunct Episcopal Women's Caucus, which pushed General Convention to open the priesthood to women in 1976.

General Convention "needs to include the voices and perspectives of LGBTQI+ people, whose journey to full inclusion has been slow and is still unfinished," Jennings said. "Caucuses help ensure that those voices are heard."

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

March 20: The Love+Teach+Heal Academy, the IONA School at Trinity Cathedral, and the Anglican Track at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

March 27: All Saints Episcopal Church, Brighton Heights, and the Reverend Dr. Bruce Robison.

April 3: Non-parochial clergy, including the Reverend Kathryn LaLonde, the Reverend William Miller, the Reverend Thomas Prichard, and the Rev Charles Fischer.

April 10: St. Brendan's Episcopal Church, Franklin Park, the Reverend Dr. Julie Smith, and the Reverend Darrell Johnson.

April 17: Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, the Reverend Aidan Smith, the Reverend Dr. Wesley Hill, The Reverend Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan, and the Cathedral Chapter; and the Walk-In Ministry at Trinity Cathedral. ■

Bishop's Visitation Schedule

March 13: St. James, Penn Hills
March 20: House of Bishops
March 27: All Saints, Brighton Heights
April 3: No Visitation
April 10: St. Brendan's, Franklin Park
April 17: Trinity Cathedral (Easter) ■



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Beginnings

As our families are so special to our program, we need your prayers and support for our Ukrainian family – Ms. Daria (Orange Team teacher), her husband, and daughter (Blue Team student) are experiencing first hand the devastating impact of the War. Their country needs our help. We have begun a humanitarian aid drive to collect items for those in bomb shelters and for the soldiers who protect them. Please donate non-perishable food, water, formula, diapers (men, women, and children), thermal clothing, hand warmers, tourniquets, plastic gloves, crayons, coloring books, stickers, etc. We have two collection bins, one each in the Parish Hall and in Beginnings. We'll use Meest Express to deliver these items. We thank you in advance for your compassion and generosity.



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The East Liberty Valley Historical Society

Spring 2022 Marilyn Evert Lecture Series

**Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Avenue, 15206**
Free and Open to the Public

Wednesday, March 9

**“Pittsburgh’s Little Italy: Memories from the
Italian American Community of Larimer”**

Melissa Marinaro, director of the Italian American Program at the Heinz History Center, traces the social history of a vibrant ethnic East End neighborhood that thrived from the late 19th century to the 1960s.

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.

Deadline (Friday):

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