

Agape

The Newsletter of
Calvary Episcopal Church
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Remembering to God

Calvary has many opportunities to remember and honor loved ones who have died or, in the older parlance, entered the nearer presence of God. Remembering is an act of “re” meaning “again” and “member” from “memorari” meaning “to be mindful of” or “bring to mind” like “memorial.” We bring to mind again the presence of those we love but see no longer and remember we are all connected through the one body of Christ.

A weekly way we remember loved ones is in the praying for those who have died during the Prayers of the People that occurs after the Nicene Creed and before the Confession. We pray for parishioners, those requested to be remembered by parishioners, and those we share in the common life of the community. Generally, we pray for the deceased over two Sundays. This is in case family is not present at church the first Sunday after a relative has died and for more people to hear the person remembered to God by the community.

As we pray aloud for those who have died, you are invited to remember silently those in your own life most dear to you. A sad fact of getting older is that my own list of the deceased for whom I pray grows longer each year. Every week, I bring to mind again ten people and two dogs. Saying their names brings them to mind, why they are important to me, and how I was and am to them. If they matter to you, they matter to God.

On the two holiest days of the year, Christmas and Easter, we recall the presence of loved ones in a tangible way. We invite members to submit names of those they want remembered in print in the bulletin. One may make a contribution for flowers and/or music for the holiday.

On the first Sunday of November, for All Saints’ and All Souls’ Days, we name the deceased aloud during the service. Those days have traditionally been set aside for that purpose. It is quite moving to be surrounded by the Great Cloud of Witnesses as we approach the altar to receive communion we believe connects the living with the dead through the resurrection of Jesus. Before these services, ample notice is given to submit names.



All around the church, one may see brass plaques. These “memorial” plaques are a way to mark a gift in memory of someone such as the renovation of a room or window. Almost every eucharistic vessel, missal stand, vestment, and even the platform has some inscription of who gave the gift and in whose memory it was offered. Think of them as telling a story and offering a glimpse into a relationship that mattered enough to be marked in stone, glass, or wood. For those who have died, the traditional wording is “To the Glory of God and in loving memory of John and Mary Smith.” For those who are still living, the traditional wording is “To the Glory of God and in honor of (or thanksgiving for) John and Mary Smith.”

A new way at Calvary to remember loved ones who have died and to pray for those in the world and ourselves is the votive stand in the All Saints Chapel. One lights a candle, places it in the sand, and offers the prayer.

Another weekly way we remember loved ones is through the gift of altar flowers. In many cases, a family will make a donation to the church for flowers on a particular anniversary of death, birthday, wedding, sobriety, or something similar. The names of the donors and loved ones are read aloud during the prayers of the people. Some weeks have multiple donors of flowers while other weeks have none. This allows us to have flowers to beautify the space year-round, and to be enjoyed by all so we are always mindful of those who come before and those who will come after us. We are all remembered to one another and to God.

—Jonathon ■



Tree of Life Trial

As we enter the time of jury selection and later trial for the worst Anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history, please remember our friends and neighbors at the Tree of Life synagogue down the street. When I was at a Passover Seder with several members there, they shared some feelings about the shooting and how they have processed that event over the last four and a half years. The trial, and the very public nature of it, is likely to cause many to re-experience those events. This, as I understand it, is further complicated by the fact that witnesses are not able to speak to one another about it. At the very time one would want to rely on their fellow members for support, some cannot do so.

What can we do to help?

1. Please pray for all the people involved. We will include this in our Prayers of the People through the trial.
 2. I also encourage you to write notes and cards of encouragement to Tree of Life members, our friends and neighbors, and send them to Calvary's office. We will share them with their congregation.
 3. Part of the reason we have partnered with Rabbi Aaron Bisno in creating a new Center for Interfaith Collaboration is to learn about, with, and from one another to deepen our own faith and to stand up to discrimination or hate against Jews, Muslims, Christians, and people of any faith or none simply for being who they are. Learn more about this new initiative and how we can make a lasting impact.
 4. Do some small good deed because you are a person of faith, a mitzvah, each day to make the world a better place for all.
- Jonathon ■

Have you remembered
Calvary in your will?



ANNUAL MEETING

The 168th Annual Parish Meeting
of Calvary Church will be held
on Sunday, May 21, 2023
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.

Election Slate

CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY

SLATE PROPOSED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For Four-year Term:



John Allison



Elaine Effort



Ian Everhart



Lisa Nevola

CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL

SLATE PROPOSED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For Four-year Term:



Charles R. Altman



Diana Page



Ray Richter



Anoo Verghis

Visit Calvary's website to read the candidate bios:
www.calvarypgh.org



MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

The church and offices
will be closed this day.

Ministry Spotlight on the Pastoral Care Committee: Lay Eucharistic Ministers

This month we highlight another ministry program of the Pastoral Care Committee. The Lay Eucharistic Ministers, also known as Eucharistic Visitors, are lay members of the congregation who have completed a training program to deliver Holy Communion and visit with parishioners who are unable to attend regularly scheduled services at Calvary due to illness, injury or similar circumstances. This important and sacred ministry allows homebound parishioners to receive the Sacrament and remain connected to our parish.

Are you interested in pastoral care and visiting the sick or homebound? Would you like to be part of this sacred work? Please email or call Cameron (csoulis@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120, ext. 123) to learn more and sign up for the training.



If you or someone in your family would like a visit from a Eucharistic Visitor, please email or call Cameron, using the contact information above. ■



Coffee with Cameron+

Now that we are settling into the more relaxed pace of late spring and summer, it is time again for me to learn more about Calvary's wonderful people. I want to get to know each of you and hear your stories. I invite you to email or call me to find a time for us to get together over coffee or tea. Whether you've already met with me or you've been meaning to do so, please contact me! I'd love to visit with you. I can be reached at csoulis@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120, ext. 123. ■

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Sunday, May 21 – Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, May 28 – The 9 a.m. Garden Service resumes

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day

The Church and offices will be closed this day

Friday, June 2 – Agape Deadline

Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day

The Church and offices will be closed this day ■



“Changing Face of Faith” an interfaith panel with (l-r) Rabbi Aaron Bisno, The Rev. Liddy Barlow, Imam Abdullah Antepli, The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin, at Launch of Rabbi Bisno's new Center for Interfaith Collaboration (C4IC) on Sunday, April 16 at Calvary Episcopal Church.



Our McNulty Intern, Deanna Briody

Our wonderful Intern, Deanna Briody, has graced us with her presence for a year and is primarily known to us through her preaching that is fresh and insightful. Deanna completed a two-year degree in theology and is in the process for ordination as a priest in the Episcopal Church. As part of that process, she must complete an internship in a parish and chose Calvary. Deanna and I have worked on her preaching (it's all her), pastoral ministry, liturgy, administration, and other parish ministries.

She must also complete a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in a hospital or similar setting doing chaplaincy work in preparation for ordination. Because she works full-time in the technology field, she has been required by the Diocese to complete this by doing a program of every Saturday and Sunday from September through December. Therefore, she will not be with us during that time but plans to return in January. Deanna has agreed to return once in the fall to preach and will write the sermon ahead of time.

To support Deanna while she is gone and in the ordination process, I encourage you to send me emails or letters of encouragement and support that we will send to her. We will also collect them all and share with the Diocese for the ordination process to show our support of her becoming a priest (the more letters the better).
—Jonathon ■

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. ■



Don't Miss It!

FINISH LINE PARTY

Saturday, May 20, 2023

from 5-7:30 p.m.

There are sign-up sheets for volunteers to bring food and help with the events in the Parish Hall.

The Parish Hall will be decorated in a horse racing theme. Everyone is encouraged to dress for the occasion. We're planning a Hat Parade and Best Hat Contest. Wear a bowler, fascinator, fedora, or whatever headpiece you want – small or large, frilly or silly ... bows, feathers, flowers, ribbons. Your creativity will be recognized!

Activities include a photo station, outdoor games like cornhole (beanbag toss), "icebreaker bingo," and more.

Children's activities include a fascinator station (make your own) and a Noodle Race (ride a swimming-pool noodle decorated like a horse).

We'll gather at 6:50 p.m. to watch the Preakness, the second race of the Triple Crown.

WTAE-TV Interview

Rabbi Jeffrey Myers and the Rector appeared on WTAE-TV on Sunday, May 7. They were interviewed about the relationship that developed between the Tree of Life congregation and Calvary Church since 2018. The interview may be seen at the following link:

<https://www.wtae.com/article/wtae-listens-healing-after-the-pittsburgh-synagogue-shooting/43806021> ■

Pledging and Giving to Calvary

Oops! Several members who thought they were giving regularly to Calvary learned that has not been the case because of a security measure in the electronic giving system. One must re-authorize electronic giving each year. If you give to Calvary electronically, please take a few moments to check. Lynda Kennedy, the Director of Finance at Calvary, is happy to assist and verify. She may be reached at lkennedy@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120, ext. 113. ■

Thank you for attending the Ethiopian Food Sale Fundraising

THANK YOU! Calvary Episcopal community for being a church that is led by God. Special thank you to Father Jonathon Jensen, Rabbi Aaron Bisno for your encouragement and kind words. Thank you for Peter Lewis, Ken Smith, Kim Pieratt, Ron Johnson, and Adam Augustine for all your help and assistance. The Ethiopian Food sale was a successful event. I'm happy to announce that we raised \$1,173. You just didn't purchase food at the Ethiopian food sale fundraising event. You contributed hope and resources for the rural poor farmer villagers in Northern Showa, Ethiopia to rebuild their church.

The total estimation of the Salayish Abo church rebuilding costs is about \$25,000. Achieving our goal is difficult. But your support is a big part of making that goal come true. The church rebuilding progress is slow due to lack of transportation, resources, communication, and also security issues in the area. Shown is the Salayish Abo Church construction update photo.

Thank you again for your support and contribution

—Alem Gebeyehu, President of EZKBGO

(Ethiopian Zekre Kidusan Bete Gubae Organization) ■



Additional photos are in the online version of this issue.



April 28, 2023

Dear Beginnings Community,

After much discussion and reflection, we have made the difficult decision for the Beginnings preschool to go on hiatus after this school year concludes. The school will continue with regular hours, early birds, and the extended day program through late May.

Beginnings started as a mothers'-day-out program forty years ago and evolved into a preschool serving children from 18 months through 5 years. We have sought and succeeded in creating a safe, fun, and diverse environment for children to develop socially, emotionally, and intellectually.

The pandemic brought challenges to schools everywhere. Specific issues include adjusting to ever-changing protocols for health, online teaching, fluid needs for schools during and after the pandemic, and rising costs. There has been a constant struggle to recruit and maintain excellent teachers, that we have done, with an average of two out per day and the stress on staff members to provide a safe and nurturing environment in the midst of all that.

Thank you to teachers and Directors including Peggy Morycz, Ann Martino, and Tammy Lewis. Each contributed greatly to the life of the school. Thank you to all the parents, children, volunteers, board members, and staff who have made this such a special community.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause for your families. Tammy Lewis, our Director, can help recommend other schools for the fall.

If you would like to share your thoughts about what form of pre-school would best serve the community, please email them to BeginningsProgram@calvarypg.org.

Starting in June with the hiatus, we will work to discern the future of the school, the needs of the community, and how we might best meet those. Thank you again for forty wonderful years serving children and families.

*The Rector, Board of Beginnings,
and Vestry of Calvary Church* ■

Beware of Email Scams!

Fake emails are again circulating to Calvary members. The email appears to come from the Rector, and requests "a favor" or gift cards. Don't respond to the email, simply delete it. Any email from Calvary always uses @calvarypg.org, never gmail.com. ■

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

The last day of Children's Faith Formation will be **Sunday, May 28**. We will celebrate Pentecost and the end of a wonderful school year. Hope to see you there!



Faith Formation Highlights

Good Shepherd Sunday was a joyful opportunity to reflect on the Parable of the Found Sheep. Our students focused on these key points:

- Jesus knows each sheep by name, knows when one is missing, searches for, finds, cares for the sheep, and brings it home.
- Jesus rejoices when a lost sheep is found and invites us to rejoice with him.
- The sheep belong to the Good Shepherd.
- The love between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the source, model, and reason for the Good Shepherd's love for us.
- One day, all, including the lost, will be gathered into one flock.
- Jesus has a great, unconditional, forgiving, never-ending, joyous love for the sheep.

The children enjoyed decorating paper sheep outlines as a fun activity to finish up the lesson. Sharing this beautiful parable about God's enduring and unconditional love with our youngest learners was one of the highlights of our Faith Formation year. May this message remain secure in their hearts and comfort them throughout their lifetimes.



Our older students have been learning about the sacraments with a recent focus on the Eucharist. Father Neil explained that this very special visible sign of Christ's body and blood is the principal act of Christian worship (also known as Holy Communion). The term "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word for "thanksgiving." The Eucharist is based on the Last Supper where Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples. Jesus identified the bread and wine as his body and blood and explained that they are symbols of the new life he came to bring us. The Last Supper provides the basis for the fourfold Eucharistic action of taking, blessing, breaking, and

sharing. Christ's body and blood are really present in the sacrament of the Eucharist and received by faith. Christ's presence is also known in the gathered Eucharistic community. Students were also given an up-close, "behind the scenes" look at the altar and aumbry where they talked about the meaning of the vestments and how the altar is set up and why. Thank you, Father Neil, for presenting such an important lesson in an interactive and memorable way!



When is my child old enough to receive Communion?

The short answer is, "Any baptized person is welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church." That includes children and even infants. It may help to think of receiving Communion this way: As we gather to be fed with the spiritual food of Christ, we are, in a very real sense, gathering for a family meal. In this way, a child who receives the sacrament is being treated as a member of the family of God – being nourished in much the same way that we feed our families at home. In the Episcopal Church, in keeping with the practices of the ancient church, the emphasis is placed upon Baptism. Once an individual is baptized, they are viewed as full members of the Body of Christ with access to the sacraments. Nothing "completes" Baptism – neither First Communion, nor Confirmation, nor reaching a certain age. This is why children are welcome to receive Holy Communion. This doesn't mean that children are fully formed as Christians; none of us are. We spend our entire lives living into our Baptismal vows and entering into the mystery of Christ's "real presence" in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. On a practical level, instruction about Communion occurs at various points throughout the Faith Formation year. If you would like more information about helping your child understand and receive Holy Communion, please contact vrисpoli@calvarypg.org.



Life in the Vine

Be sure to check out the Children's Faith Formation Blog for updates about what's happening in our classes and reflections on nurturing the spiritual life of children.

www.calvaryfaithformation.org ■

MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis

Whatever one's view, (if any) of the English monarchy, the broadcast of the recent royal event in Westminster Abbey was a feast for those who appreciate of pageantry and perfectly-choreographed liturgical ceremony – and for lovers of church-music, as well. The service – for a service it unmistakably was, not merely a regal ritual – was a virtual time-capsule of English (and, intentionally, more broadly British) sacred music from across the last four-and-a-half centuries. It gave a particularly deep and well-deserved nod to William Byrd (d. 1623), a favorite of Elizabeth I, and other composers, ancient, more modern, and contemporary, were well-represented and beautifully executed. (Andrew Nesthinga, the Abbey's Organist and Choirmaster, took office only this past January, so the service made a particularly impressive start to his tenure.)

By now-somewhat-venerable tradition, the anthem, *I was glad*, by C. Hubert H. Parry, composed for the 1902 coronation of Edward VII, accompanied the entry of the royal party into the Abbey. Most of this piece is familiar enough to Calvary-goers (though I never program or perform it without gratitude that I get to work in a place where it can be done, and works so well!). But even those familiar with it through periodic hearings at church might have sat up and taken notice at one point, roughly halfway through.



When the Queen, near the end of the procession, crossed through the massive stone Rood Screen and entered the spectacularly ornate area where the Choir sings, the tempo and texture suddenly changed, and the choir, unaccompanied for the first time, began to sing the words “*Vivat Regina Camilla!*” (Long live Queen Camilla). As Charles and his attendants followed his consort into the Choir, the singers went on, “*Vivat Rex Carolus.*”

This passage, commonly called “the Vivats,” is newly adapted, reign by reign, for the names of the current monarch(s). It is properly heard only at coronations, and it was a bit of a thrill to have it come to life for the first “real” time in my lifetime. After a bit more instrumental fanfare, the music resumed its normal course, the Psalm-text praying for the peace of Jerusalem, as the Church has done for all these twenty centuries (and for a thousand years and more before that). It was a lovely instance of making “purpose-built” music from another era, a century ago, serve a new moment, in complete accord with its author's intention.

Ascension Day, May 18, is just around the corner, and with it the Choir's offering of a service of Choral Evensong at 7:30 p.m. We hope you'll join us; the music includes dramatic canticles by William Walton (whose *Te Deum* was

part of the Coronation) and the extended anthem *Rejoice in the Lamb* by Benjamin Britten, a piece that is joyful good fun anytime, but which feels especially at home in Eastertide, with its quietly jubilant “Hallelujah” refrain. After the service, the Choir hopes you'll join us for baked goods (what could be more appropriate for Ascension Day than goodies that have “risen” in the oven?); perhaps the weather will even permit us to enjoy them outdoors? Please come. ■



Sidewalk Repair

We have completed a small project to repair the entrance to the parking lot at Shady and Alder. The concrete sidewalk and entrance were both in need. All the concrete was replaced and a “lip” added so the angle from the street to the parking lot is less steep. Nothing says welcome to church quite like scraping the bottom of your car every time you enter. This will not need to be redone when we replace the parking lot in the future.



—Jonathon ■

Soup Group Session in June

The Soup Group will be cooking on **Friday, June 16, 2023 at 9 a.m.** in Calvary's kitchen. We will be making a few casseroles and cookies that day, too. We will NOT cook as a group in July.

All are welcome to cook, clean up or suggest a new recipe! Please consider delivering soup to a friend, family member or neighbor. Soup is a comforting meal even in warmer weather.

Our soup is not limited to Calvary members. We like to share and are happy to make more. Any questions? Please contact me.

—Adele Eley, 412.371.6921 home or 412.719.9637 cell, adele.eley@gmail.com ■



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. ■

The Bookstore at Calvary

Baptism

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered on the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 28, 2023, at the 11 o'clock service. The Bookstore has a wide selection of gifts to commemorate the Sacrament of Baptism including Baptism albums, toy cubes, and a variety of Bibles, books, cards and jewelry.

Spotlight on:

Autobiographies, Biographies, and Memoirs

Officer Clemmons: A Memoir by Dr. Francois S. Clemmons is the story of Mister Rogers' most groundbreaking and endearing "neighbors," Officer Clemmons. The autobiography offers a firsthand account of his work on Rogers' show along with exploring the power of friendship, race, sexuality, talent and identity.

Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker movement, and one of the most prophetic voices in the American Catholic church, has recently been proposed as a candidate for canonization. In this lavishly illustrated biography, Jim Forest provides a compelling portrait of her heroic efforts to live out the radical message of the gospel for our time in **All is Grace: A Biography of Dorothy Day**.

The Good Neighbor: The Life and Works of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King is the first full-length biography of Fred Rogers, telling the story of this utterly unique and enduring American icon.

Paul Newman: A Life, Shawn Levy provides the ultimate behind-the-scenes examination of the actor's life, from his merry pranks on the set to his lasting romance with Joanne Woodward. This expansive biography is a portrait of an extraordinarily gifted man who gave back as much as he got out of life.

His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope is an intimate and revealing portrait of the civil rights icon and longtime U.S. congressman by Jon Meacham.

Poet, writer, activist, labor organizer, legal theorist, and Episcopal priest, Pauli Murray's **Song in a Weary Throat: An American Pilgrimage** is her posthumous memoirs of an extraordinarily accomplished African American woman.

Trevor Noah's **Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood** is an autobiographical comedy book written by the South African comedian and host of The Daily Show with Trevor Noah.

The Spencers of Amberson Avenue: A Turn-of-the Century Memoir by Ethel Spencer introduces the family of Charles Hart Spencer and his wife Mary Acheson: seven children born between 1884 and 1895. It also introduces a large Victorian house in Shadyside and a middle-class way of life at the turn of the century.

Indie Next: Find Your Next Great Read

Stop by the Bookstore to pick-up a free copy of the following fliers from the American Booksellers Association:

- *May 2023 Indie Next List*: this trifold provides inspired book recommendations from Indie Booksellers including the #1 pick for the month. Hardcover and paperback titles are listed along with a brief summary and release date.
- *Spring 2023 Reading Group Indie Next List*: includes books that are dazzling debuts, family and coming of age, historical fiction, nonfiction and memoir.

Each flier includes a brief synopsis of each book highlighted. Want a specific book but can't find it? The Bookstore can special order a requested title for you at no charge or order via www.bookshop.org (see below).

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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 www.calvarypgh.org/the-bookstore-at-calvary. You will find a monthly newsletter along with pictures of featured items available.

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 – bookstore@calvarypgh.org and we will contact you. ■

Plastic Recycling

Thank you to the many people who are recycling plastic film and bags to the box located in the Parish House lobby across from the reception desk. We will continue our practice of recycling here at Calvary. You are helping to keep thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills. (And, yes, bubble wrap is recyclable!) ■

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Thank You

My sincere and heartfelt thank you to Karen and David Charonis, Tom Faciszewski, Barbara Hicks, Karen Kapsanis, Abigail Schauf and Emma Schauf my fellow parishioners and members of our Calvary family who worked with me early Holy Saturday morning. We worked together in preparing our Calvary home to again welcome and celebrate the Resurrection our Lord Jesus Christ.

An additional thank you to Emma and Abbey Schauf for returning to Calvary before 8 a.m. Monday morning to help us remove all the flowers from the sanctuary especially the flowers they so thoughtfully arranged above the reredos.

One more thank you to one of our sextons Ron Johnston for helping on Saturday morning transporting the flowers from the parish hall to the sanctuary and helping remove all of them early Monday morning. Ron always brings danish and donuts from Oakmont Bakery for the volunteers.

—William Stevens

Easter Monday Flower Delivery

A grateful thank you to the 21 volunteers who came to the Parish Hall on Easter Monday to help with the delivery of Easter Flowers to 94 Calvary parishioners who had been on the Calvary Prayer List during the last year.

Many thanks to Abigail and Emma Schauf and Ron Johnston, who came early on Monday to help bring the flowers from the Nave into the Parish Hall. Many trips were made for this transition and they did a great job in having the flowers ready by 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall for the volunteers who had signed up to deliver flowers.

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped to accomplish this special outreach ministry of Calvary Church...

Mary Jane Bent, David Charonis, Kathy Deis, Lucy Douglas, Laura Everhart, Tom Facisewski, Denise Fantazier, Maryanne Fello, Ellen Graff, Donna Hallen, Pam Hess & William Jones, Thomas Koehler, Sandy Levis, Kitsy McNulty, Lyn Orr, Phil Parr, Kim Pieratt, Mary Ann Slater, Bonnie Weiss and Louise Kay Woodside.

And a thank you to...

Kim Pieratt, Parish Administrator who prepared the recipients cards with their addresses and phone number that made the delivery task very easy.

Ron Johnston, Sexton, who made the coffee and brought delicious pastries from the Oakmont Bakery for the volunteers to enjoy before they started their delivery of flowers. Bringing in the goodies from Oakmont Bakery has been a long tradition with Ron.

Clergy Staff who made announcements during the season of Lent encouraging parishioners to volunteer for Easter Monday Flower delivery.

With grateful thanks to all the volunteers. We hope that it was a meaningful experience for each volunteer as they brought joy and beauty to those who received the flowers.

—William Stevens and Barbara Hicks ■

Nourishment for New Families

Adding a new member to a family brings many challenges. Something like getting a simple meal on the table can suddenly take two or three times as long when you're constantly being pulled away for childcare. In light of this, we are looking to add to our list of parishioners who would be interested in periodically (once or twice per year) providing a meal for families with new children. When a family adds a new member, we will send a notice to the group with an opportunity to sign up for a specific day to deliver a meal.

If you are interested in joining the distribution list for providing meals or if you're anticipating adding a new family member soon, please contact Shannon O'Brien at 612.670.1082 or shannonwarchol@gmail.com ■

Notes from the Archives

Calvary Episcopal Church has a rich musical tradition. According to a pamphlet in Calvary's Archives, organist and choirmaster Harvey Gaul directed well-regarded men's and boys' choirs in the first half of the 20th Century. Later in the 1950s, a fine mixed choir led music at Sunday services. A Youth Choir and a High School Choir were also eventually formed.

Music was important at Calvary in other ways too. Musically-inclined adult parishioners staged various performances to entertain their fellow congregants. In the 1980s, the High School Choir put on several shows for church members.

The High School Choir was started in 1981 by Cindy Pock, then assistant organist, and continued by Patricia Crosby.

In the spring of 1983, the High School Choir staged "Heaven and Earth in Little Space," a revue that featured scenes from "H.M.S. Pinafore," "Hansel and Gretel," "Noye's Fludde," and "Godspell." Their show was so popular that the following spring, the students performed "Heaven and Earth in Little Space Part 2." That year, members acted, danced and sang excerpts from "Kiss Me Kate," "The Tender Land," and "Bel and the Dragon."

Patricia Crosby promoted the show in the April 18, 1984 issue of the *Agape*: "The choir room will be transformed into a mini-theater with stage lighting. Costumes, make-up and plenty of action will complete the production... Tickets will be available at the door. Last year, we had an overflow crowd – so this year we're expanding our seating arrangements. Be sure to bring your friends!"

Donations were collected at each show, and money raised helped choir members tour in the summer to sing at churches in New York and Washington DC. ■

PERSONALITY PROFILE

BY DANTEL CASCIATO

Phil Hallen

A Veteran Leader in Pittsburgh's Foundation World, He's Always Started at the Grassroots.

Read the story published in Shady Ave magazine in the online version of this issue of *Agape*.



The Day of Pentecost: May 28

Holy Baptism at the 11 o'clock service.

Starting on May 28, the 9 a.m. service will be celebrated in the Swan Garden (weather permitting).

Strawberries and Ice Cream will be served after the 9 o'clock service this day.

Everyone is encouraged to wear red on May 28.

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@calvarypg.org. We ask that you keep us informed if you have a home address, phone or email change. ■

Rowing Team Car Wash on June 10

The Allderdice High School Rowing Team will be hosting a car wash in the Calvary Parking Lot on **Saturday, June 10 from 12–4 p.m.** The Allderdice Rowing Team hosts several fundraising events per year to fund its scholarship program. We believe that rowing should be available to anyone who wants to participate, no matter the cost. Our team receives no funding from the school itself, all of our rowers pay dues every season. We offer several full and partial scholarships to families who can't fund the whole year for their child and that would not be possible without events such as the car wash this June. Please consider stopping by to have your car washed by one of the rowers and contributing to a sport that changes lives. ■

Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, June 2, 2023**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypg.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

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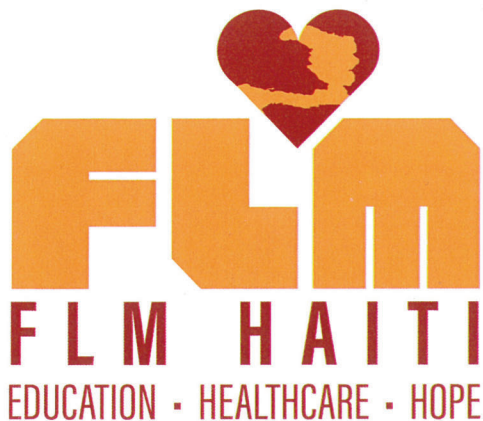
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PERSONALITYPROFILE

BY DANTEL CASCIATO

Phil Hallen

A Veteran Leader in Pittsburgh's Foundation World, He's Always Started at the Grassroots.

Phil Hallen has spent six decades at the intersection of Pittsburgh's philanthropic and policymaking circles. Officially retired but still active at 92, the Shadyside resident is everyone's hip uncle in the nonprofit world.

As president of the Maurice Falk Medical Fund for over 35 years, he helped steer the foundation's focus toward social issues, such as community mental health, urban planning, and child development. The foundation, which closed in 2014, became one of the few national organizations that directed the majority of its resources to minority issues, civil rights, and racial justice.

Hallen, a Buffalo native, got his start at street level. While studying for a doctorate in English at Syracuse University in the 1950s, he took a side job as an ambulance driver. That experience kindled an interest in health care policy, so he pivoted to the Yale School of Public Health for a master's and came to Pittsburgh in 1960 to join the Hospital Planning Association. The Maurice Falk Medical Fund had just been chartered. Within a few years, he was named its leader.

In the 1960s Hallen played a role in advancing high-quality emergency medical service (EMS). From his position at the Falk Medical Fund, he partnered with the Hill District-based Freedom House Enterprises to combine an ambulance service with a program to train unemployed and underemployed Black men and women as medical technicians. In 1968, with the support of pioneers in emergency medicine, Freedom House paramedics began operating from bases in Presbyterian and Mercy hospitals, marking a major milestone in the development of emergency medical services. Earlier this year, WQED spotlighted the lasting local, national, and international impacts of Freedom House in a half-hour documentary, "Freedom House Ambulance: The First Responders."

Hallen's impact is felt today through the Philip Hallen Chair in Community Health and Social Justice at the University of Pittsburgh.

He spoke to *Shady Ave* about his life's work in Pittsburgh, the value of getting out of the office, and why he drives a convertible.

It's widely accepted that, after the industrial collapse in the 1980s, Pittsburgh's major foundations saved the region with forward-thinking grants, helping to build the "eds and meds" economy. Do you agree? What other factors were at play?

Most people agree the postwar period and public-private partnership between the Mellon family and political leadership under mayors David Lawrence and Joseph Barr significantly propelled the city ahead of other cities relying only on civic machinery to renew themselves. This partnership between the vast resources of private foundations, coupled and working in concert with the political machine, originated this movement, which has continued in Pittsburgh ever since.

Pittsburgh is one of the best examples in the country of foundations working with civic and political leaders to focus on the larger prize of long-term betterment.

Some critics of foundations ask: "Who elected you? Why should holders of generational fortunes set the agenda?" How do you respond to that?

American society has always had a tradition of charitable giving from individuals, churches, and other organizations. These groups saw needs they could specifically address and stepped up to the plate. It's not so much a question of who can put the mantle on you for this leadership. It's more of a systemic approach where society takes care of its own.

It becomes clear that anyone, whether an individual, corporation, or major foundation, can step in and help address a need. So, it's not a question of being elected to do it but seeing a need and stepping up to address it.

You led the Maurice Falk Medical Fund for 35 years. What were the fund's key achievements? How did you stay in one place for so long?

You stay in one place because you have the best job in the world, so why leave? The foundation's history in Pittsburgh dates back 80 years to the early days of the Depression when the Falk Foundation made significant grants to research the causes and remedies of the Depression, both politically and economically. The foundation was known as the father of the Brookings Institution in Washington, because it gave the first grants in the country to support and create it, which examined the political and economic factors of that time.

As time passed, the foundation tilted more toward human rights. In the 1940s and 1950s, it looked at discrimination in the Jewish community and antisemitism. Later, the foundation established the Medical Fund, which focused on civil rights issues and minority affairs related to medical practice. The foundation is proud of its long history and the impact it has had in these areas.

How did the idea for Freedom House Ambulance Service come about? What impact do you believe it had on the civil rights movement and subsequent EMS training programs?

The idea for the ambulance company arose because of the foundation's interest in working with marginalized communities,



Phil Hallen (left) in the 1960s with Dr. Peter Safar, co-founder of Freedom House Ambulance Service.

Photo by Ben Spielgel, courtesy of Pitt Med magazine.

specifically the Hill District, to address poverty, unemployment, unfair housing, and civil rights issues of the 1960s. The desperate need for adequate medical care in the area added to the situation's urgency.

As someone who had experience as an ambulance driver early on in my college career, I saw the opportunity to create a job track in the health field, which could help with unemployment and improve access to medical care in the Hill District. The foundation's role in many of these initiatives is to initiate ideas; in this case, that's what we did. I called a few people and shared my idea, and it took off from there.

The ambulance company was a perfect example of a foundation initiative making a difference in an area. It had a significant civil rights impact by demonstrating anyone, regardless of skin color, could be trained to be a health care worker. Additionally, it set the standard for all other EMS training and operations, serving as a template for cities across the country.

The clinical care and design of the vehicle, including the use of a truck box, were all experimented with and pioneered in Pittsburgh under the direction of Dr. Peter Safar. It was all initiated by the Falk Foundation grant.

How do you see the role of philanthropy in addressing social issues, particularly in civil rights and health care?

The Falk Foundation's approach over the years was to identify problems or injustices and use its platform to mount an activity

in advocacy, publication, or communication, through media and film. With the flexibility of private philanthropy, there are no restrictions or limitations, allowing the foundation to think big, out of the box, and create coalitions to address the problem. Several foundations in Pittsburgh practice this style of philanthropy, with Falk being a leader in this area.

Although I had an office high above the city, I spent most of my time on the street, working with community groups and developing ideas and organizations that could be presented to the foundation. This approach is organic philanthropy, where social policy grows out of deep roots in the community, on the street, and in the church basement. The best ideas and most appropriate ideas come from there.

What cause are you most passionate about today?

I have many interests, and one of them is recognizing the field of mental health is still in the dark ages in many ways. This issue still surfaces through incidents such as mass shootings. Racism has also exacerbated mental health issues in the Black community.

Issues with access to care and understanding the cultural aspects of mental health care have yet to be addressed. While things are better than they were, there's still no clear solution to make this problem go away.

How has your faith and involvement with your church influenced your work in philanthropy and social justice?

The origins of philanthropy are rooted in the church. Every religion has a mission to care for the less fortunate, whether Christianity, Buddhism, or the Jewish tradition, which has a solid imperative to care for the less fortunate.

Being involved with a socially positioned church [Calvary Episcopal] allowed me to combine spiritual direction with charitable programs in the foundation. These charitable impulses are first cousins of the charitable ideals in any religious group.

The Philip Hallen Chair in Community Health and Social Justice at the University of Pittsburgh was established to recognize your dedication and achievements in the human rights field. How does it feel to have your life's work honored this way?

It was humbling to have a fully endowed professorship named for me. It was particularly nice that I was still alive when it was created! Typically, chairs are named for people who long have been dead.

The Falk Foundation already had a reputation for working in the field of minority affairs, and this endowed professorship serves as a symbolic continuation of that work. It allows two departments at the University of Pittsburgh to hire someone to focus specifically on issues related to minority affairs and inclusion. The university has made significant strides in diversity and inclusion. This chair is part of that effort to meet its obligations to the underrepresented community.

What philosophy or approach to life has helped you navigate these times and continue to make a positive impact in your community?

My view on how to get things done is not to go from the top down but to get down to the grassroots, assess the needs, and work with people to tease out their best ideas long before any foundation program is in place. It's important to be among the people and involve them in creating proposals to be effective in foundation leadership.

This aligns with the teachings of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam about charitable giving. This approach allowed me to play a leadership role in the foundation and religious community.

What's your secret to staying young at heart?

At age 92, the secret to staying in the game is to be in it but not get in the way. Also, I work only with younger people, which goes without saying since everyone I work with is younger! And to drive a convertible.

What's your favorite part about living in Shadyside?

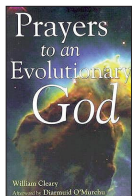
For me, it's about being close to a youthful and energetic community. I love seeing the hundreds of students walking up and down the street outside my window, heading toward their futures. Being surrounded by a younger

population in that environment is such a positive thing.

I couldn't imagine living in a remote suburb full-time. I love the country and the farm, but not full-time. Living in the heart of a dynamic intellectual, academic, and political environment is really important to me. ^{SA}

Spiritual Reflection—William Cleary

Every few months, we choose as a guide the writings of a different author. At each meeting, a short reading serves as a catalyst for reflection upon, and discussion of, God in our daily lives.



For this term we will continue using Joan Chittister's *The Breath of the Soul* and add William Cleary's *Prayers to an Evolutionary God*. Cleary is a former Jesuit priest, author, filmmaker and composer. In this book of prayers paired with short prose pieces, he reflects on the works of Teilhard de Chardin and particularly on Irish priest-psychologist Diarmuid O'Murchu's more contemporary, *Evolutionary Faith*. As one reviewer put it, "In Bill Cleary's book, the 'God of evolution' is not an abstract topic of theological reflection but the focus of meditation, prayer, and praise."

Meetings are held in the Evans Room from 7-8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month. The meetings are hybrid, allowing "in person" conversation while using Zoom so others can join remotely. Upcoming meetings are on May 16, June 6 and 20, July 18, and August 1. Email Matt Muldoon (mattmuldoon@msn.com) or Sondra Krimmel (sskrimmel@gmail.com) for information or to be added to the email list. Please feel welcome to join us at any time. ■

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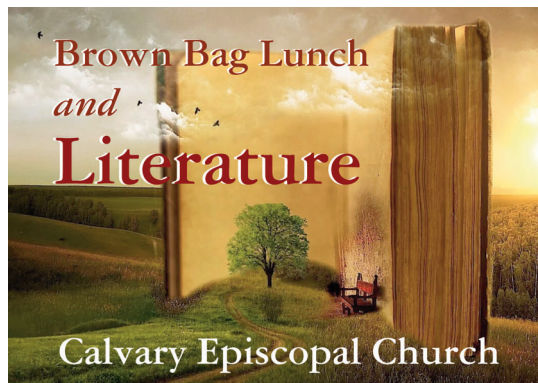
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Your donation of \$10 for the 2 red geraniums is needed at Calvary by **Tuesday, May 23, 2023** so we can place our order with the greenhouse.

Thank You!



Tuesdays at Noon, in the Nave

We are going to take a break for the summer. May will be the last month for these readings until the program year begins again in the Fall. So, I wanted to leave you all with something to think about for the season to come.

May 16 – Wendell Berry's *The Loss of the University*. This reading follows in the footsteps of St. John Henry Newman's *The Idea of a University*, claiming that the goal of higher education is to create of the student a moral instrument capable of recognizing good and evil.

May 23 – Jessica Hooten Wilson's *Reading for the Love of God*. This is a guide for how to read as a spiritual practice. We are not only what we read but how we read.

May 30 – Jacques Maritain's *The Aims of Education*. This great scholar of Thomas Aquinas' philosophy and theology believed that the purpose of education was to develop the human person into his or her full potential. To do that it is crucial that we define what it means to be human.

Contact The Rev. Geoffrey Royce at
groyce@calvarypgh.org for more information ■





The East Liberty Valley Historical Society

History Talks at Calvary

Marilyn Evert Lecture Series

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Avenue, 15206
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Wednesday, June 7
“Walter L. Roberts:
Black Modern Architect in Pittsburgh”

Martin Aurand, former architecture librarian and archivist at Carnegie Mellon University, will speak about Walter L. Roberts, who labored to attain and preserve a foothold in a city and professional culture that largely excluded him. This talk traces his training at Carnegie Tech, his work in New York City, where he helped plan the 1939 World's Fair, and his post-World War II career in Pittsburgh. As head of his own firm, Roberts was an accomplished designer whose buildings, including the Westinghouse Electric Vehicle Plant and the Hill House Center, embodied modern architectural materials, technology and practice and were conceived to benefit inner city communities.

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