

Agape

The Newsletter of
Calvary Episcopal Church
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

MAY 15, 2022

McNulty Intern

Ms. Deanna Briody has accepted our invitation to become our new McNulty Intern at Calvary for the next year. The internship is to help a person be the best priest she or he can be. Calvary has an important role to form new people in ordained ministry to send them out to the world and Church.

At Calvary, Deanna will experience many aspects of priestly ministry with some particular areas of focus including preaching, pastoral care, administration, liturgy, outreach, and relationships in the broader community. She will be with us most Sundays and major feasts. Some of you have met her already as she has already preached once at Calvary.

The internship is named for the Rev. Arthur F. McNulty, Jr., fourteenth rector of Calvary Church (1985–94) who had deep and abiding commitments both to theological education and community outreach. At his death, a McNulty Memorial Outreach Fund was established, the income from which is used to fund the internship. The internship is for a postulant or candidate for holy orders in the Episcopal Church who has completed at least one year of seminary.

Deanna is a postulant for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. A native New Yorker, she has found a home in western PA and currently lives in Beaver among an intentional community of friends and two sweet pups, Wendell and Willow. She loves the green hills of the Pittsburgh area.



Deanna was our preacher on the Third Sunday in Lent

Deanna has a background in writing and literature and has made a habit of writing (mostly unanswered) letters to the living writers she admires. She graduated with an MA in Church History and Theology in 2017, and she spent a good portion of her seminary years crafting poetry in response to homework assignments. Deanna loves hymns and recently acquired an old church piano, which has tuned up miraculously well and is now adding its music to the hills that rise up on both sides of her home. She is looking forward to getting to know the congregation at Calvary and growing in the knowledge and practice of the priestly vocation during her time there.

Welcome to Calvary, Deanna.

—Jonathon ■

**The 167th Annual Parish Meeting of Calvary Church will be held
Sunday, June 5, 2022 (The Day of Pentecost)
at 10 a.m., in the Nave**

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. ■

Preachers at Calvary

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

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day

Sunday, June 5: Feast of Pentecost / The Annual Parish Meeting ■



Summer Hours

From Sunday, May 15 through Sunday, September 25, the 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Swan Garden (weather permitting). In the event of rain, the service moves to the Nave. The 8 and 11 o'clock services will continue in the Church.

The Parish offices will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Church and offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day), Monday, July 4 (Independence Day), and Monday, September 5 (Labor Day). ■

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 providing a meal for families with new children. When a family adds a new member, we will send a notice to the group of parishioners 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. ■

Please recycle this newsletter when you have finished reading it.

Donations of dish towels and dish cloths for the Calvary kitchen are always appreciated. You may leave items at the reception desk. Thank you! ■

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a unique four-year theological education program designed for lay people. It is based on the idea that each of us, through baptism, "is called" to ministry. This program of the University of the South in Sewanee, TN



has touched more than 100,000 people, including many people here, since it began 47 years ago. I'd like to share highlights of my personal journey and invite you to consider becoming a participant in EfM.

EfM is something that called me to join Calvary Episcopal Church when I started attending services here in 2016. My first two years in the program were in community here at the church where I got to meet people and make new friends. Triggered by the disruptions of the pandemic, I transitioned to a "virtual" EfM community this year where I will continue with my fourth year and anticipate graduating in 2023. I have enjoyed the new path, the chance to meet participants from other regions and the hidden time saving benefit of participating from home.

In both settings, I have experienced devoted leadership, meaningful friendships, and the consistent application of the core practices of the program. These include living in community, regular prayer and worship, theological reflection, study of the Christian tradition and vocational discernment.

While my transition from the building based EfM community to a virtual one was unanticipated, it turns out to be a place I love and continue to grow. In 2022, I completed the EfM Mentor Training Program and when I complete my four-year journey in 2023, hope to help lead a future EfM community.

If you have ever considered EfM or want to hear more about our Monday evening "virtual" community, I would love to speak with you. The program starts again in September with enrollment open now. You can find me at wenlom@gmail.com. —Wendy Lomicka ■



Monday, May 30, 2022

The Church and Offices will be closed this day

Amen TO ACTION

In 2016 and 2017, a number of Christian leaders met regularly to pray for Christian unity. Their hope was that this unity would prove to have more power for the good of the city of Pittsburgh than “all the coal in the hills and steel in the mills.” These leaders became convinced that their prayers should be turned into an act of community service – hence the name “Amen to Action!” The legacy continues to grow. In 2021, Amen to Action once again provided over one million meals to the Greater Community Food Bank. This year, you can make a difference. Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is hosting an Amen to Action site within city limits. We are working alongside the congregations in our neighborhood to raise \$20,000 to host Amen to Action in our neighborhood. We can make a difference together. Thank you for considering donating to our \$20,000 goal and please join us on campus at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on November 12, 2022 from 8:30 a.m.–Noon. Volunteer registration begins May 1, 2022 at www.amentoaaction.org. There is power in our commitment to unity. There is power in our commitment to service. Amen to Action is all about both! ■



An important part of our worship at Calvary is the opportunity to pray by name for people in need. We pray for members of our congregation

and for many others for whom our prayers are requested. On The Day of Pentecost, Sunday, June 5, 2022, we will make a fresh start with the Prayer List included in the Sunday bulletin. In order to keep our prayers current and focused, we are asking for your help. If there is someone whose name you would like to have on the list, please give that information to Kim Pieratt (kpieratt@calvarypgh.org). The renewed list will include only the names which have been sent to us. People may remain on the prayer list for as long as necessary, because we know and understand that many needs are on going. However, when someone is ready to be removed from the list, we ask that you let us know. Thank you for your help and for your understanding. ■

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. ■



East End Cooperative Ministry Celebrates 50 Years of Service

Calvary Church has been the initiator, first funder, advocate and partner for many of Pittsburgh’s important social service organizations. It played pivotal roles in the creation of Harmarville Rehabilitation Hospital, St. Margaret’s Hospital, Alpha House, Persad Center, Shady Lane School, Loaves and Fishes Coffee House, and Kingsley House (now Kingsley Association).

In the early seventies, Calvary was the leader in organizing a group of East End churches to open a breakfast program for Peabody High School students across Highland Avenue from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. From that modest beginning, EECM was formed drawing over twenty congregations as partners, sponsors and financial supporters.

Over the years, programs were located at many of the congregations; the homeless shelter was at East Liberty Presbyterian and the main office at Eastminster Presbyterian. The EECM Summer Camp was located at Calvary and Sacred Heart. Children and Youth services were located all over the East End.

Calvary has provided hundreds of volunteers as well as regular financial support over the years. Current projects include the Christmas Berry project, weekly food collection, food preparation, and homeless shelter dinners.

In the mid nineties, EECM saw the need for a new building to consolidate its scattered programs. Community House, in the heart of East Liberty, is a residential facility, a community center, and a feeding program housed in a \$15 million, fully funded building – bringing full circle the agency Calvary helped to start 50 years ago.

In 2021, EECM’s Community Food services provided 83,930 meals. The food pantry distributed 13,148 bags of groceries. The housing programs provided 14,390 shelter nights and assisted 54 families into supportive housing program. Over 1,000 children participate in the children and youth programs.

On EECM’s 50th anniversary, we can be grateful that we were given the opportunity to help build this enduring, incarnate, and communal expression of love and service to God through love and service to our neighbors.

–Phil Hallen ■



Neb-ulous Thoughts

Tanned, Rested, and ... Retired: Freed from previous years' Holy Week habits, Leslie Reimer+ benefits from Atlantic beach meditation and basking. Celebrates Easter remotely. Breaks bread with WOC upon

return, looking remarkably refreshed, then moves on to prepare for upcoming Calvary Camp season on Lake Erie beach. We haven't seen the last of her... just look toward the watery blue horizon.

Rooms Readied for Ramans: Relocating once not enough for the Reverend Neil. Having just repaired to new family lodgings, he now removes to office space in that which once was the Reverend Leslie's. New lighting. Repaired windows. First fresh paint in twenty years – and that's just at church. Now about that house...

Compher Crowned: Dedicated parishioner Judie receives "Volunteer of the Year" award for outstanding work at The Neighborhood Academy. Students love her – Staff love her – We love her. She was there – She was called – She did her duty. More elsewhere on this issue in this issue, but, well... Cary Grant never actually said it, nor will we, but it's a good bet that her triple-chanted name rings in her ears.

Readying Rispolis' Raised Beds: Youth city planting project, long delayed by whipsaw weather, prepared to receive seedlings propagated in nearly every window of Parish House. Partially funded by Diocesan grant as educational initiative, Vicki and husband Damian invest personal time, talent, and treasure to make grass roots effort viable, worthwhile, and fun. Loaded with nutrients from the Calvary gardeners' compost bed plus fresh topsoil, the homemade planters also sport timed watering system. Impressive!

Membranes and Flashings and Scuppers, Oh My!: Flat roof theory debunked. North transept entryway roof profile modified with gentle slope toward new rainwater discharge port, replacing higher overflow spillway. Ceiling seepage finally curtailed. Interior cleanup and restoration upcoming.

Confounded Covid Continues Causing Chaos: Two last-minute cancellations by guest preachers, now recovered, plus temporary suspension of Beginnings classes due to positive tests toss monkey wrenches galore at scheduled events. Though school year shortened, Beginnings expanded Summer Camp still to go as planned – Art, Music, and French!

Concerning Masks:

Please do the responsible thing
and
Be well.

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Status Report from the Treasurer

At its April 25 meeting, the Vestry approved the Treasurer's Report for the three months ended March 31, 2022. As the numbers below indicate, there is much good news to report on the financial front. Pledge and Non-Pledge Income are a combined \$58,400 greater than the budgeted amounts for the first three months of the year. Much of this positive Pledge variance is the result of several parishioners already paying their entire pledge for 2022. In addition, Calvary has received numerous Gifts and Grants for Operations, the total of which is well over the three month budget amount. Although our actual Operations Fund expenses are over budget at the end of March, the bottom line on March 31 is \$60,500 greater than the budgeted shortfall for the first three months of the year. This trend should continue for a good portion of 2022 until we once again have a third member of our clergy staff. The budgeted shortfall for fiscal year 2022 is \$48,400. The goal of the Vestry is to lower this deficit by year-end. In order to assist us in accomplishing this goal, please continue your EXCELLENT record so far of fulfilling your 2022 pledge commitment to Calvary Church.

Calvary Episcopal Church

Operations Fund (Operating, Outreach & Capital Budgets)
Year-to-Date Financial Results through March 31, 2022

	3-Month Actual 2022	3-Month Budget 2022
Income:		
Pledge / Non-Pledge Contributions	\$300,000	\$241,700
Gifts & Grants for Operations	32,600	13,800
Loose Plate and Special Offerings	2,100	6,300
Transfer from Endowment Fund	76,000	76,000
Beginnings (reimbursement)	4,900	4,900
Trust Income	6,500	6,500
Rental Income	15,000	15,000
Other Income–Outreach & Capital budgets	78,300	78,300
All Other Income	9,000	6,200
Total Income	524,400	448,700
Expenses:		
Salaries & Benefits	267,600	260,100
Diocesan Assessment	39,100	39,100
Maintenance & Operations of Bldgs.	70,000	49,000
Office & Administration/Finance	18,600	20,600
Taxes & Insurance	27,800	27,800
Hospitality & Parish Life	800	2,500
Christian Formation and Music	3,700	6,300
Pastoral Care & Outreach	2,200	6,100
Capital	46,400	49,500
Total Expenses	476,200	461,000
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	48,200	(12,300)

Sincerely, *Robert Eley, Treasurer* ■

Please remember Calvary Church
in your will.

The Bookstore at Calvary

Annual Used Book Sale 2022

Start gathering your unwanted books, CDs, DVDs, video/audio tapes, and vinyl records for donation to the Bookstore at Calvary's Annual Used Book Sale 2022. Consider donating whatever book titles you may have including bestseller, cookbook, hardcover, nonfiction, novel, paperback, and softcover! All donations will be accepted starting on June 1, however, please no encyclopedias, magazines, or textbooks. Be among the first to browse our huge collection of books at the **Preview Party on Friday, August 12** from 5 – 7 p.m. with an admission donation of \$10. Hours of the **Used Book Sale will be Saturday, August 13 through Sunday, August 21** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. All proceeds of the Used Book Sale benefit local educational and literacy organizations.

The Book Exchange

The Book Exchange is back! Outside the Bookstore you will find a cart with a selection of books you can borrow, read at your leisure, and then return. Parishioners can donate books to the Book Exchange so others can enjoy the same book for free. Please leave donations for the Book Exchange in the Bookstore or in the workroom (labeled for “Book Exchange”) rather than on the Book Exchange cart. Can't find a book? Then stop inside the Bookstore to view the selection of book offerings including children's, fiction, nonfiction, poetry, religious, spiritual, and young teen offerings.

Books on Calvary to Accompany the Virtual Tour

Have you experienced the 3D virtual tour of Calvary where you can virtually walk through almost the entire facility? It includes the church, parish hall, offices, preschool, 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>. The Bookstore has several books to compliment the virtual tour including:

- *The Architecture of Ralph Adams Cram and His Office* by Ethan Anthony
- *Calvary Episcopal Church: A Guide to the Art and Architecture* by Gillian Cannell and Roger Westman
- *Calvary Episcopal Church: The Reredos in the Lady Chapel of Calvary Church, Pittsburgh* by Ralph Adams Cram
- *Calvary Episcopal Church: The Rood Screen* by Philip Maye
- *Charles J. Connick: His Education and His Windows in and near Pittsburgh* by Albert M. Tannler
- *Master Carver Johannes Kirchmayer 1860-1930* by F. Shirley Prouty
- *William Willet in Pittsburgh 1897-1913* by Albert M. Tannler

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Calvary 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 featured items and upcoming events.

Visit 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. ■



Pittsburgh Episcopal Creation Care Network

This is a place for parish members from throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh to share information about energy saving and clean-up projects; share resources and ideas; ask questions and state concerns; and post information about environmental events. All Calvary members are welcome to join and contribute whenever they wish. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/1252049508868224 ■

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. ■

An expanded version of this issue of *Agape*, with additional content may be viewed on the Calvary website at www.calvarypgh.org

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Faith Formation

The last day of Faith Formation, **Sunday, June 5 (The Day of Pentecost), 10–10:50 a.m.** Students will meet in their regular classrooms to review what we've learned this year followed by treats and a small celebration.



Calvary Youth Garden Project Updates

It's growing season! The garden boxes are complete and planting is underway. We are grateful for the support of The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh Social Justice and Outreach (SJO) Committee for the recent grant which has enabled us to "grow" this ministry!



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.

Be on the lookout for details about our next get-together coming up soon! For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact vrispoli@calvaryph.org.

Children in Church

We joyfully welcome children and their parents to worship at Calvary!

The presence of young ones is a gift to the Church. They are vital members of our parish community here at Calvary, and a continual reminder that our parish is growing and thriving. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to the parents.

Some tips for parents of young children:

* Take a deep breath and relax! God put the wiggle and squeals in little children. They are welcome just as they are.

* If your children are joining you in service, consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little one to see and hear what's happening.

* Quietly explain the various parts of the liturgy such as the actions of the priest, deacon, altar servers, etc.

* Sing the hymns, pray aloud, and voice the responses. Children learn best by imitating.

* On the tables at the entrances, there are crayons, coloring sheets, and children's books to use during the service including copies of *Let Us Pray – A Little Kid's Guide to the Eucharist*, a book designed to help families participate in the liturgy.

* If you need to leave with your child, feel free to do so, but also feel welcome to come back.

* The way we welcome children in church directly influences the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home and welcome, embodying for their sake the hospitality of God's Kingdom. (Adapted from <https://goodshepherdnashville.org/kids>)



"Let the Little children Come to Me,"
painting by
Hubert Maurer

Raising Tweens, Teens, and Young Adults

Are you a parent or caregiver of a tween, teen, or young adult looking for a safe place to share your thoughts and feelings? If so, you are not alone! We are in the process of forming a group where we can support each other, share ideas, collaborate, and commiserate while discussing the challenges of raising older children in today's complex world. We are in this together! Please contact Vicki Rispoli at vrispoli@calvaryph.org for more information. ■



The Calvary Bazaar

Saturday, October 29, 2022

Anyone interested in getting involved with the 2022 Fall Bazaar, please contact Bazaar chairperson, Kathy Farrington, farringtonk@me.com, or Mary Ann Slater, slatersaur904@gmail.com. ■



It's hard to believe we're in the final few weeks of our 2021–22 school year but it's not over yet and we still have so much planned in all of our classrooms! Our Yellow, Purple, and Blue Teams are highlighted.

In the Yellow Team, the theme this month is “all things sensory.” As part of their *Bug and Insect* and *Garden* units, the Yellow Team's sensory tables are filled with a variety of plastic bugs along with water, dirt, sticks, leaves, flowers, pom poms, slime, black beans and even green spaghetti. The students made earth worms using pipe cleaners and cheerios, painted a dirt wall, created caterpillars with their handprints and dragonflies with recycled egg cartons. We've decided that our 2-year-olds can add googly eyes to pretty much anything recycled and turn it into a bug – how fun! To celebrate Earth Day, the Yellow Team took a wagon ride around Calvary and used their homemade recycled paper towel roll binoculars to observe the squirrels, birds, butterflies, bees, flowers, trees, green grass and blue skies. (See picture.) Even the teachers enjoyed the nature walk and fresh air.

Purple Team will finish the year with their *Tell Me a Story* unit. They have turned their dramatic play area into a pretend library and bookstore. The children are taking turns each day to work the cash register and the librarian's desk and to purchase and check out books. The team is learning about main characters, time and place, story sequencing, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, writing, and illustrating as well as how to act out a story. The students are “purchasing” supplies at their pretend store using toy money and, with the teachers' help, are making their own books. We will record each student sharing their stories with the class as a gift to the parents.

Our Blue Team delved into the magical world of patterns this month. They explored visual patterns in our world around us, patterns in numbers, letters and shapes, and auditory patterns on musical instruments. They learned how the pattern of the rainbow is formed and enjoyed finding repetitive patterns in stories, songs and rhymes. They studied the water cycle and the life cycles of plants, birds and butterflies in nature and will conclude with the life cycle of frogs. The inspiring story of Frank the Frog in “A Frog Thing” by Eric Drachman imparts the message to our Blue Team members as they leave for kindergarten that “You can do anything you set your mind to.”



During our final few days, we are focusing on the importance of friendships we have made over the year and are reinforcing the values of being kind and compassionate. We are also preparing for our end of year performance which will take place on the last day of school, Thursday May 26 at 12:15 p.m. in the Nave. To stay safe, we will have cookies-to-go for our families after the program rather than having a potluck luncheon.

We have two local artists on our teaching staff who submitted artwork to *Art All Night: Pittsburgh* last month. Brie Ross and Caroline Marchl both teach in the Yellow Team. We feel blessed that they contribute their artistic talents with our students at Beginnings.

It's not too late to sign up for summer camp! The themes are *World Music*, *Wearable Art*, and *French Culture and Cuisine*.

Important dates:

Music Camp: May 31 – June 3, June 6 – 10.

Camp-end Musical/Reception is June 10 at 4 p.m.

Art Camp: June 13 – 17, June 20 – 24.

Camp-end Fashion Show/Reception is June 24 at 4 p.m.

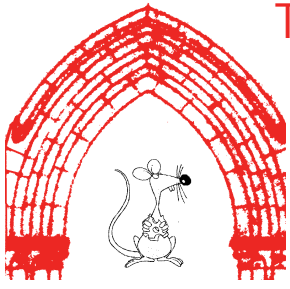
French Camp: June 27 – July 1. Camp-end French Tea Party is July 1 at 12:30 p.m. in the Refectory.

Have a very happy and healthy spring!

–Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■

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. ■



The Church Mouse

Legacy Leader: Judie Compher:

What should I do with this life I've been given?" is what Judie asked herself after suffering an aortic aneurysm at the age of 35. She realized at this young age how precious life truly is. What

legacy could she leave with the time she was given?

Judie has used her years to the fullest, serving as Vice President and President of the Board for the Pittsburgh Aids Task Force, being actively involved with Calvary Episcopal Church, and working for H.J. Heinz Company for 34 years. After retiring at the age of 56, Judie went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in English from Westminster College at the age of 62 (graduating summa cum laude.)

Now-a-days, if it's Thursday, you can bet Judie is at The Neighborhood Academy tutoring students.

Before becoming a regular TNA volunteer, Judie was involved at The Neighborhood Academy during Calvary Episcopal Church and Rodef Shalom Congregation's Mitzvah Days. The Hebrew word "mitzvah" means "good deed," and the day revolves around local volunteer work.

"I was familiar with The Neighborhood Academy. I clearly remember scrubbing lockers during the Mitzvah Day," said Judie. "Not only that, but I am friends with Dr. Beverly Harris Schenz and contributed to her Mary Martin Tinsley (MMT) Scholarship Fund." The MMT Scholarship fund is an endowed scholarship that helps outstanding TNA students in their pursuit of higher education.

Judie decided to further her volunteering efforts with TNA back in 2019 after attending The Nancy & Paul O'Neill Speaker Series featuring Mark Whitaker.

"I noticed in the event program that TNA was looking for tutors, and I knew I was ready to commit my time to helping students... plus I was able to put my English degree to good use!" said Judie. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic halted volunteering soon after the event, but Judie was able to begin her in-person tutoring in September 2021. "When I see the school – the model – and what it does for the students, I'm happy to be a part of it," she continued.

Judie attended TNA's latest Speaker Series event in September 2021 that featured Wes Moore: bestselling author, combat veteran, former CEO of Robin Hood, and current candidate for Governor of Maryland. After attending this event, Judie decided it was time to become a member of TNA's Legacy Society to make a long and lasting impact on the school.

"For some time, I have been flirting with the idea of changing my will to add The Neighborhood Academy, and listening to Wes Moore speak and being part of the benefit really sealed the deal for me... My husband, Keen, was a professor at

Westminster College, and education meant so much to him... He passed away over three years ago of ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. This donation will keep Keen's legacy alive by giving others the gift of education."

On April 18, 2022, The Neighborhood Academy had the pleasure of honoring Judie Compher with the 2021 Volunteer of the Year. ■



Art in Honor of Leslie Reimer

Calvary Church has received a beautiful work of art in honor of the ministry of the Rev. Leslie Reimer. The piece is titled "Jacob's Ladder" and is by Croatian artist Maritza Morgan, the Countess Leskovar, from 1960. She was an artist-in-residence at both Chautauqua Institution and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The painting now hangs outside the clergy offices. The gift is from the Altman, Bumsted, and McSorley families honoring Leslie's retirement. On behalf of Calvary Church, thank you for your beautiful gift. (A larger version of the artwork can be viewed on the online version of Agape.) ■



Easter Flower Arrangers

With sincere and heartfelt gratitude I want to say thank you to the following parishioners who did such a magnificent job in arranging the flowers at Easter and helping with setting up the altars at Calvary for our Easter services. Doug Chaffey, Tom Faciszewski, Barbara Hicks, Abby Schauf, Emma Schauf, Anoo Verghis. –William Stevens ■

Easter Monday Flower Delivery

A very grateful thank you to the 20 volunteers who came to the Parish Hall on Easter Monday, April 18, 2022 to help with the delivery of 75 Easter flowers to Calvary parishioners who had been on the Calvary Prayer List during the last year.

This was the first time in two years that the Easter Flowers have been delivered to Calvary parishioners. It was not a pleasant day to deliver the flowers with the cold temps, rain and some snow at times. Hopefully each of the volunteers were able to have a hot cup of tea when they returned to their warm homes after doing the flower delivery.

The following volunteers helped to accomplish this wonderful outreach ministry of Calvary Church. Several of these parishioners volunteered for the first time, and we welcome you to this Easter tradition of Calvary Church.

Thank you.....

- Michele Bender, Mary Jane Bent, Sherry Bloom, Nancy Carpenter, Kathy Deis, Lucy Douglas, Tom Faciszewski, Ellen Graff, Donna Hallen, Pam and William Hess, Thomas Koehler, Sandy Levis, Lyn Orr, Phil Parr, Kim Pieratt, Susie Prentiss, Pat Strandring, Diane and Doug Styles and Judy Wootten;

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–Church Mouse, continued

- Kim Pieratt, Parish Administrator who prepared the recipients cards with their addresses and phone numbers that made the delivery task very easy.
- James Knight, Church Sexton, who transferred the flowers from the Sanctuary to the Parish Hall. James was at the church at 6:15 a.m. to start this task and then cleaned up the Parish Hall after all the flowers had been picked up by the volunteers.
- Clergy who made announcements during the season of Lent encouraging parishioners to volunteer for Easter Monday flower delivery.

William Stevens and I are very grateful for those who volunteered. We hope that it was a meaningful experience for the volunteers and to know that you, the volunteers, brought joy and beauty to those who received the flowers.

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

Reception Helpers

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 24, 2022, was a beautiful day of celebration with our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Ketlen A. Solak. Many thanks to Lucy Douglas and her outstanding kitchen crew, Barbara Hicks, Judy Wootten, and Sandy Levis, for preparing the lovely reception. The tables looked festive and the food was delicious. Thanks as well to Susan Petrie, Joan Haley, and Judy Wootten for pouring coffee and tea.

–Kim Pieratt ■

MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



Even as we round the midpoint of Eastertide, I want to express public thanks to the choir, whose dedicated labors helped adorn and deepen the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. More than one singer observed to me afterward that, after the three-year hiatus since our last Easter together, it felt both a bit more arduous than they remembered, and even more deeply meaningful.

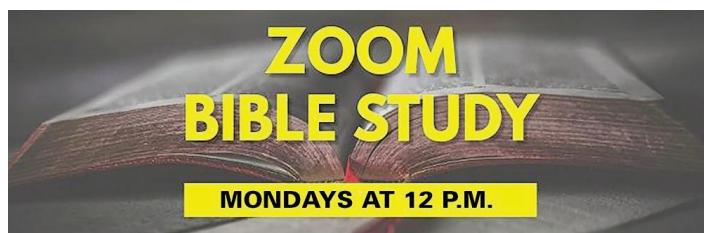
The classic (and perennial) Easter Vigil anthem, *Sing ye to the Lord*, by Bairstow, which we have sung together for many years, and which binds us in memory not only one to another, but in spiritual communion even with those who are no longer with us, has never felt more deeply powerful to me than it did that Saturday evening. And the jubilation of Easter Day, with the return of brass (and even with only a small fraction of the organ working!) was memorable and deeply stirring, after the two much quieter Easters since last we gathered in person for that occasion.

It is easy to reduce Easter to a metaphor – to find the symbolism of resurrection only as comforting as, say, the return of Spring, rather than actually life-changing and

life-restoring. As we find ourselves, both as a parish family, and as a national and global community, poised hopefully on the cusp of renewed life, after such a long season of news-overload and interaction-deprivation, perhaps metaphor can break through into reality in a new way. It seems to me important that, when the apostle Thomas missed the appearance of the risen Jesus to the other disciples on that first Easter evening, he expressed doubt and hesitation, but not estrangement. He came together with them the next week, and was there to greet his risen Lord, his doubts forever dispelled by the encounter.

What courage it must have taken for Thomas to overcome his feeling of exclusion, and come inside again! With the resurrection, as with other aspects of Jesus's life, the writers of the Gospels record quite different angles of the same events, which come together rather like a cubist painting, presenting their multiple vantage points at once. The disciples who saw angels at the empty tomb had a quite different experience on Easter morning than they did when gathered that same day with the others in the upper room, and yet again from Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus. Likewise, when we talk together, we may not always agree on the signs and portents of resurrection. I suspect that new life looks a bit different to each of us.

It is so difficult to leave behind our own tombs of fear, or of anger at the loss of so much in these last two years. But never before in my life, personal or professional, has it seemed so crucially important to engage, across lines of party or conviction—to talk with one another and share the good news we bear within us. It is so much easier to sit outside and disagree: “I didn't see that, I don't believe it.” The hard work of faithful discipleship is to seek the signs of what has been promised, and to live into them together, in community. May we find ways to do that, in all the days ahead – to live into the deepest implications of the truth we love to proclaim so boldly in song: “Jesus Christ is risen today: Alleluia!” ■



Led by The Rev. Geoffrey Royce, Deacon

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

This will be a discussion study lasting about one hour.

We are starting to read The Book of Esther. ■

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Spiritual Reflection – *Julian of Norwich*

Adult spiritual formation may be described as the step-by-step discovery of God's presence in our lives and our personal transformation along the way. Calvary's Spiritual Reflection meetings continue to be a regular and familiar forum for small group peer ministry. We share, reflect upon and discuss inspirational ideas that develop and deepen our personal relationships with God and with one another. Meetings are group-led, and no preparation is required. Our interactions follow the Principals for Contemplative Dialogue of the Merton Institute for Contemplative Living.

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.

This Spring we will use the writings of Julian of Norwich (1343–1416). Julian was a Middle Ages mystic who is best known for authoring for first book written in English by a woman author. Her *Revelations of Divine Love* describes a series of visions of the passion of Christ Julian received when on her deathbed with a serious illness. She recovered and, over many years, wrote of her visions and her understanding of their meaning. Julian's theology was optimistic and spoke of God's omnibenevolence and love in terms of joy and compassion. A characteristic element of her mystical theology was a daring likening of divine love to motherly love. For our meetings, we will use the book, *Enfolded in Love: Daily Readings with Julian of Norwich* by Robert Llewelyn.

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. Our next meeting will be on May 17. 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 at any time. ■



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, June 1, 7 p.m.

"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. ■

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. ■



Soup Group Delivery

We need volunteers to deliver our delicious soups and casseroles! If you know a fellow parishioner, neighbor, relative, or friend that would have their day brightened by receiving a delivery PLEASE go to the freezer in the pantry to select a soup or casserole and take it to that person. Our cooks are happy to make more, as needed.



The Soup Group does not have a scheduled date to cook in June. Please watch the bulletin for further updates.

Any questions? Contact me.

–Adele Eley, adele.eley@gmail.com, 412.719.9637 ■

Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, June 3, 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. ■



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A Quest at Calvary or A Virtual Scavenger Hunt

Calvary Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh was designed by Ralph Adams Cram in 13th Century English Gothic style and first used for worship in 1907. This holy and liminal space, seating 1,000 people, is simultaneously grand and intimate.

We have partnered with a local company (www.kiskerproductions.com) to create a 3D virtual tour of Calvary by digitally merging over 1,000 (360 degree) photos. You are encouraged to explore virtually every part of the church and facilities, most of the 40,000 square feet. Throughout are “tags” that will give you more information or history. You can simply enjoy the experience.

If, however, you are among the brave few who seek a quest to solve a series of mysteries (or are bored during the pandemic)... an adventure awaits you.

Below are twenty clues to find objects (window, statue, photo, etc.) throughout the entire building. A few are obvious and easy enough for a child to find. Most will take some work. A few will require multiple steps to solve. At least one hint is hidden in this invitation. You will have to explore everywhere to locate all the objects. Use the Web or wise women and men for help in research. You don't have to be a member to start the quest.

You must answer *What* the object is and *Where* it is located. For example, a clue might be “Go fly a kite.” The answer is What: Benjamin Franklin window. Where: North side of the narthex. Note: The stained glass window subject is Ben Franklin flying a kite in Philadelphia. It is part of a Pennsylvania-themed window collection in the narthex of Calvary.

If you solve *all* the mysteries, your name (first name and city) will be welcomed into glory in the great company of saints who completed the quest also known as the “HIGH SCORES” for all to see. You will also receive a golden key to unlock a magical view from Calvary experienced by only a brave few. The sixteenth Rector has seen it only once and barely lived to tell the story.

Send your responses (and first name and city) to quest@calvarypgh.org when complete. Let the quest begin...

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TWENTY CALVARY MYSTERIES

Clue 1 “If no mistake you have made, losing you are. A different game you should play.”

WHAT: WHERE:

Hint: Use the Force and look for a treasure trove of books.

Clue 2 A Bishop and his pet swan

WHAT: WHERE:

Hint: Follow “all the saints” to this one.

Clue 3 A unicorn on a cross

WHAT: WHERE:

Hint: You might walk right by it, where the priests change, and never notice.

Clue 4 James 2

WHAT: WHERE:

Hint: Look up leaving the Morning Chapel.

Clue 5 Leviticus 25:10 39.9496° N, 75.1503° W

WHAT: WHERE:

Hint: It's in the clues

Clue 6 She founded Calvary in 1855 in a drug store in East Liberty

WHAT: WHERE:

Hint: 50 feet from the Rector's office.

Clue 7 Psalm 126:1

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: If you are near a place with a unicorn, you're not warm you're on fire.

Clue 8 Fred the Tyrannosaurus Rex?

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: He's wearing a red cardigan with a trolley on his tail. We keep old photos and sermons, Vestry minutes, and newsletters here.

Clue 9 26 and 493

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: It's where one "enters" the Church. 26 are in gold.

Clue 10 The Gettysburg Address

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: Honest. You know this one.

Clue 11 Angel, Lion, Ox, and Eagle under the Mensa

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: It's not the genius group.

Clue 12 Arms of Pittsburgh, Armagh, and York.

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: Sursum corda in the choir room.

Clue 13 Leviticus 23:23-25

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: You have come "so far" you can't give up now.

Clue 14 Jesus' mother and grandmother

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: Mary and Anne

Clue 15 Clark Bar, Civic Arena, and Cathedral of Learning

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: They are with 50 other images of old Pittsburgh.

Clue 16 I Stand by the Door by Sam Shoemaker

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: Sam's poem using Psalm 84:10 as the refrain

Clue 17 Daniel in the panther's den?

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: Find an elevator and you are close.

Clue 18 A grandfather in the Ladies' Parlor?

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: There is a time for everything...

Clue 19 A hug by a kitchen in the castle

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: Go all the way down, in, and around where the children are.

Clue 20 Follow the music to Mister Rogers' Neighborhood

WHAT:

WHERE:

Hint: It's iconic but not an icon. This is the hardest one. You may have walked right by the coded clue in church on the virtual tour and never noticed.

Art in Honor of Leslie Reimer

Calvary Church has received a beautiful work of art in honor of the ministry of the Rev. Leslie Reimer. The piece is titled “Jacob’s Ladder” and is by Croatian artist Maritza Morgan, the Countess Leskovar, from 1960. She was an artist-in-residence at both Chautauqua Institution and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The painting now hangs outside the clergy offices. The gift is from the Altman, Bumsted, and McSorely families honoring the retirement of the Reverend Leslie G. Reimer. On behalf of Calvary Church, thank you for your beautiful gift. ■



On-Going at Calvary

EECM Food Pantry

East End Cooperative Ministry Food Pantry is still operating during the pandemic, with appropriate plans to protect those receiving food. Donations can be dropped off at Calvary during office hours: Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday mornings. Below is a list of items particularly requested at this time. **Thank you to all who have continued to donate to the EECM food cart.** Your support is greatly appreciated.

- Bottled Water
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned tomato sauce, vegetables, beans
- Spaghetti and macaroni pasta
- Canned soups
- Mac & Cheese boxes
- Oatmeal and whole grain cereals
- White and brown rice
- Disposable utensils (fork, spoon, knife)
- Disposable plates
- Disposable bowls
- Ziploc bags, any size
- Napkins
- Paper Towels
- Sugar
- Salt ■

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!) ■

Stay in Touch with the Diocese

Visit the diocesan website at

www.episcopalpgh.org

Submissions for publication on the diocesan web site, calendar, and the *Grace Happens* weekly e-newsletter should be sent electronically to

info@episcopalpgh.org.

Please be sure to include your complete contact information with any submission. ■

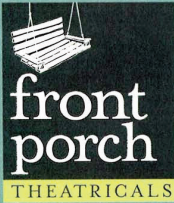
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The East Liberty Valley Historical Society

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”

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