

## Our Neighbors at Tree of Life

A man asked Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus's response was to tell him to follow what the Scriptures say to love God and love your neighbor. The man, being a lawyer, asked a follow-up question. "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus told a parable in response. The story is commonly known as the Good Samaritan. (Gospel of Luke 10:25-37)

A man on a journey was robbed, beaten, and left for dead. Two people, who would have been expected to help, passed by the one who was hurt. A third man was traveling by, the last person one would expect to give aid, and helped him generously and graciously. Jesus asked, "Which one proved to be a neighbor to the person in need?" Who is my neighbor was turned into the question, who acted like a neighbor?

How are we, at Calvary, called to continue to be good neighbors? I am always mindful of that question. One important way has presented itself.

Calvary Episcopal Church will host this year's Jewish High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur of the Tree of Life congregation.

In early February, we were contacted by a member of Tree of Life to explore the possibility of Calvary sharing space to host the services. I said yes, immediately, because it seemed like the right thing to do and was another tangible way to put our prayers into action. Partnering with our neighbors, for the good of the community, is the type of thing we have always done. I was also invited to join Tree of Life for worship at a sabbath service and accepted the gracious invitation.

After some tours of the space and lots of practical questions, we agreed to move forward together and work out some final details. Calvary's regular schedule of worship and ministries will remain mostly unaffected. There will be a number of services during this time with an expected peak attendance of approximately 800 people. More details will follow later.

Rosh Hashanah is the beginning of the Jewish New Year that commences ten days of penitence leading to the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur. These are also known as the Ten Days of Repentance.

In 2019, Rosh Hashanah begins sundown on Sunday, September 29, and ends at sundown on Tuesday, October 1.

Yom Kippur begins at sundown on Tuesday, October 8, and ends at sundown on Wednesday, October 9.

Sharing space is what neighbors do. The Tree of Life congregation is located less than a mile away on Shady Avenue. They are literally down the street, but a neighbor is more than a geographical category. Being a neighbor is about a relationship, sharing a story, bearing one another's burdens, praying and serving together for the good of the city we all call home.

Please join with me in welcoming our neighbors of the Tree of Life to Calvary Church.

—Jonathon ■

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## Outreach: Anytime, Anywhere, by Anyone

In the west we are a little too entranced by format or the frame or staging of an experience or project. We can mistake the platform or the scaffolding for the actual project. In contemporary language we “roll out” everything from new products in the financial field to new displays in museums. An event has to happen within certain parameters, perhaps being conducted by certain trained or credentialed experts. This is even more curious in an era where the various guilds of human skill seem to be dwindling. Carpentry will probably never be replaced, but we can now build homes using 3D software and 3D “printers.” Everything is certainly changing faster than we can completely understand, or as it seems at times, begin to control. Perhaps this is a lesson about what we can envision rather than control.

Christianity embodies many challenging and enriching opportunities. Among the many directives to be discovered within the Bible are some that we often tend to neglect to our impoverishment. Essentially, being a Christian is supposed to result in personal and corporate transformation. We are promised that following our baptism, our maturation in the Christian life will result in a new self, possibly an ongoing discovery of new facets and manifestations of that self. Primarily these manifestations are supposed to be “actions” or at the very least new behavior.

Our prayer life is part of the scaffolding and part of the transformation. It is clear in the Gospel accounts that Jesus is stepping across boundaries that have been fixed by religious authorities. He is challenged by those authorities and sometimes by the people he helps. The woman he encounters at the well asks him, “Are you greater than our Father Jacob?” (John 4:4-26) This question becomes necessary because Jesus has asked for a drink from the well given by Jacob. Further, the woman notices that Jesus has no bucket and the well is deep. This woman is a Samaritan out in the midday sun. Jesus speaking to a woman, especially a woman not of his tribe who is unescorted by a male member of her family, is out of order. Her being there at midday, probably to avoid others, is also out of order. So, I think the point is clear here. The occasion where mercy can accomplish much is often fraught with disorder (which is not to say that the occasion is not governed by a system, albeit a broken one). It doesn’t resemble a “roll out” by any stretch of the imagination. So, for the encounter to result in any benefits there has to be a trust in the ultimate assurance

of God’s grace; a trust that transcends all of the offense and disruption caused by the truth bearing power of the inbreaking God.

All outreach is incarnational. The One who became other in order to save the other is present in both the helper and the one in need. In this relation the roles can reverse and often they become transferable. Vulnerability is necessary to the agency and efficacy of this relation. Offering mutual vulnerability requires not only resolve but a deep level of peace. I believe that the presence of God is revealed when we recognize our own limits clearly and honestly, allowing others to bring comfort and encouragement. The kingdom of God is made of human souls. God will fit us to the need and task we are to fulfill. We may not recognize it right off because God hasn’t fully assembled it yet. It will come. This is really what prayer is for. Get ready!

—Geoffrey Royce ■

## PIIN Banquet News

Calvary members Bob King and Steve Shandor were recognized for their “tireless contribution to the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network and to building a more just Southwestern Pennsylvania” at PIIN’s annual banquet held on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

The Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN) is unique in bringing together people of different faiths to act powerfully on essential local and regional issues, including living wages, affordable housing, sustainable environmental solutions, public transit, equity in public education, and reducing gun violence.

Calvary Episcopal Church is a member congregation of PIIN and Calvary’s members support PIIN financially by purchasing tickets and attending the annual banquet, taking out ads for the banquet ad book and by making donations as banquet patrons and through the PIIN Individual Donor Campaign.

Please contact Bob King (rking52717@aol.com) or Steve Shandor (steve.shandor@gmail.com) for more information about how you can get involved. Visit [piin.org](http://piin.org) for more information about PIIN. ■



Bob King, left, and Steve Shandor received awards from Jamaal Craig, the Executive Firector of PIIN

## Spiritual Reflection – Mary Oliver

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 Principles for Contemplative Dialogue of the Merton Institute for Contemplative Living.

Each quarter we will use as a guide the writings of a different writer. A short reading or poem will serve each meeting as a catalyst for reflection upon, and discussion of, God in our daily lives.

This summer, we will follow the poet Mary Oliver as our guide. "I don't know exactly what a prayer is. I do know how to pay attention." Though an Episcopalian, she evaded organized religion. Though a student of poetry, she broke the rules of formal schooling and of poetry. Though an advocate of nature, she resisted the dogma of politics or science.



National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize winning poet Mary Oliver spent most of her life in rural Ohio and Provincetown, MA, before making her home in Hobe Sound, FL, where she died early this year at the age of 83. She often wrote with deep, personal reference to her beloved dog Percy or her partner of 40 years Molly Malone Cook, but has such universal appeal that readers can step into her poems as though they were our own spiritual reflections. Oliver published more than 30 volumes of poetry along with several books of essays. At each meeting we will use for reflection and discussion excerpts from Mary Oliver's *Devotions* and *New and Selected Poems Volumes I and II*.

**Meetings will be held 7-8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month: June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16, and August 6 and 20.** Email Matt Muldoon (mattmuldoon@msn.com) or Sondra Krimmel (sskrimmel@gmail.com) for more information or to be added to the email list. Please feel welcome to join at any time. ■

## Staying in Touch

Please contact Calvary's Parish Administrator Kim Pieratt in 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. ■



## Trex Recycling: Plastic Film Recycling Update

**As of June 2, we have collected 164 pounds of film products** that were taken to the Giant Eagle for recycling. If we recycle 500 pounds of film over a 6-month period, we can earn a park bench valued at \$500. If you have not already started, please bring your recyclable plastic film products to the Parish Hall for collection. You are invited to recycle newspaper sleeves, bread bags, cereal liners, dry cleaning bags, grocery bags and plastic overwrap that enables you to carry beverages out of a store. Contact Wendy Lomicka at wenlom@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you! ■

## Pack to School Project

This is just an early reminder that the Women of Calvary will once again sponsor its Pack to School project for Lincoln Elementary School in Homewood.

The program, which the WOC has sponsored for many years, provides much needed school supplies, uniforms and other items for students at Lincoln, which is also our partner in CLASP, the Calvary Lincoln After-School Program.

This year, the school seeks the following items: basic school supplies (such as pencils, crayons, notebooks, scissors, etc.), sanitizers, tissues, and school uniforms, ranging in sizes 5 to 18/20. Pants or skirts should be blue. Shirts should be collared, in colors blue or white, and can be either long or short-sleeved.

**A basket for donations will be placed in the parish hall beginning in early July.** Donations will be taken to the school in late August, just before classes begin for the 2019-2020 school year.

Monetary donations are also appreciated. Checks can be sent in or dropped off at the church, and should be made out to Calvary Episcopal Church; please add "Pack to School program" in the memo line.

To volunteer to help, or for more information, please contact Mary Ann Slater at 724.840.5477 or slatersaur904@gmail.com. ■





## MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



Thought it's only the dawn of summer, I'm already looking forward to the September visit of the Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge. This choir, made up of undergraduate men and women, has been known for excellence for decades, a stand-out amongst its "Ox-bridge" peers for its mixed-gender makeup (rather than the men-and-boys make up of the other elite college and cathedral choirs of England). And under the remarkably versatile direction of Stephen Layton, across the past thirteen years, the Trinity Choir has soared to the stratosphere of the choral elite.

Grammophone Magazine listed them fifth in a ranking of the world's best choirs (tellingly, numbers 1 through 6 are all based in the U.K.) – ahead of King's College, the Tallis Scholars, and Westminster Abbey – and they have only improved, if anything, since then. They record at a breath-taking pace, spanning styles and idioms with remarkable ease. (Recent entries in their catalogue include discs of Stanford, Howells, Bach, Handel, the Latvian composer, Ešennvalds, Britten, and surprisingly many others.) Unusually for a choir that sings as much repertoire as they do, they often perform from memory when in concert – a remarkable feat, and one that subtly transforms the experience for both singers and audience.

They last sang in Pittsburgh in 2015, and the opportunity to bring them back in their tour this fall was one I was keen to seize. We had an essentially full church present to hear them last time, and I hope we will once more: this is an opportunity to welcome a huge number of visitors into our beautiful church, for a transcendent musical experience that they will long remember, and associate with this place.

I hope you will share word of this concert – on Friday, September 20, at 8 p.m. – with your family, friends, and neighbors, and anyone else who occurs to you! Tickets will be available on-line through the Calvary website a bit later in the summer, and also in person at church, either during office hours, or after services, as the date approaches.

I am also eager to know of potential hosts for bed-and-breakfast home-stays for our guests. They travel in pairs, but they're all college-age, which makes them pretty self-sufficient; hosts have found them uniformly pleasant and engaging guests over previous stays. If your home and schedule would accommodate such guests for the nights of Thursday and Friday, September 19-20, I hope you'll let me know, and that we can once more offer memorably warm hospitality to these young musicians. (The best way to reach me is to email me at the parish office: [alewis@calvarypgh.org](mailto:alewis@calvarypgh.org).) And if lodging isn't convenient or possible for you, but you'd like to engage in some other way – helping with group meals during their stay, or with other

aspects of logistics for the concert itself, for instance – please likewise let me know. It's a big undertaking, but one I am confident will more than repay the effort it represents, from the moment the Choir sings its first note. I hope you'll be there to hear them, too! ■

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## Holy Baptism



**The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered on the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 18, at the 9 a.m. Garden Service.**

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



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## Summer Soup Group

**On Friday, June 7**, the Soup Group will meet in the kitchen at 10 a.m. The cooking session scheduled for Wednesday, July 10 has been cancelled. We will not meet in July.

Our August cooking session will be on **Friday, August 2 at 10 a.m.**

Please join us for any or all of these dates! New cooks and recipes are always welcome.

–Adele Eley, [adele.eley@gmail.com](mailto:adele.eley@gmail.com), 412.371.6921 ■

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## Summer Hours

Through Sunday, September 22, 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.

Weekday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist will take place on Wednesdays only at 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The Eucharist will also be celebrated at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 24, before the Vestry meeting.

The regular weekday Eucharist schedule will resume on Monday, September 9.

Through Friday, August 30, the Parish offices will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Church and offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4 (Independence Day), Friday, July 5, and Monday, September 2 (Labor Day). ■



The Rev. T.J. Freeman, Rector of Trinity Church in Ft. Wayne, left, and the Rev. Jonathon Jensen, Rector of Calvary Church in Pittsburgh. Jonathon was the preacher at Evensong to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Trinity Church on May 25, 2019. T.J. was a Curate at Calvary Church from 2014 through 2017. Read the sermon preached on the web version of this issue of *Agape*.

## Women of Calvary Spring Eucharist



We invite you to join us for our Spring Eucharist hosted by Diane Styles at her home, located at 137 Ryan Drive, Pittsburgh 15220, on **Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.** The Rev. Leslie Reimer will be the celebrant.

Please RSVP by June 14 and plan to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. Diane will provide the entrée.

If you wish to carpool from the church parking lot, mention this fact in your RSVP and carpooling will be arranged. RSVP's will be taken by phone at 412.343.2067 or by email: dianestyles137@gmail.com. ■



## SHELDON CALVARY CAMP HOLY EUCHARIST at CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sheldon Calvary Camp service, an informal celebration of the Holy Eucharist, will resume at Calvary on **Sunday, September 22**, after spending the summer at camp. The Rev. Leslie Reimer is the celebrant, and we use music from the Camp songbook. Mark your calendars and join us when you can! ■

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## Sunday School & Nursery

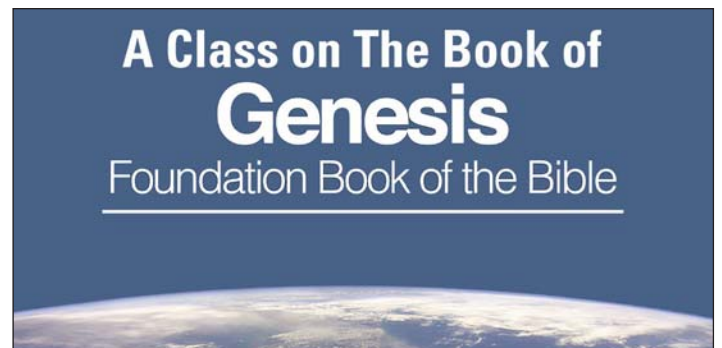
Please join me in thanking and congratulating parishioners Pamela Abdalla, Emma Blakley, Kelly Glass, Sue Jones, Steve Kinsel, Leila Knight, Tammy Lewis, Laura Marchl, and PJ Williamson for their faithful service as Sunday school teachers this year, as well as Ali Axtman, Sophie DiCarlo, and Amanda Lewis for their dedication and care in staffing our Sunday morning nursery!

Nursery care and Sunday school, including a Confirmation preparation class for 8th and 9th graders, will resume in September.

## Thank You

It has been a wonderful privilege to serve as the Coordinator for Christian Formation for the last four years. I have loved being a part of Calvary's staff, and am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside children and families in the same community where I grew up. I am equally grateful that this is not goodbye – as Leslie said, this is “home” for me; after spending the summer at Calvary Camp, I'll be back in the pews in the fall!

—Susan Roth, Coordinator for Christian Formation  
sroth@calvarypgh.org, 412.661.0120 ext. 116 ■



This fall, we will have a guest teacher for the “Rector's Class” on Sunday mornings. Prof. Robert Owens will lead a class on the Book of Genesis. Bob and his wife, Mary Ann, have been regular participants in the Rector's Class.

Look for full details on this class in the August *Agape*.

**The first class will convene on Sunday, September 8 at 10 a.m. in McClintic Hall.** The study of Genesis will conclude on Sunday, December 15.

In January 2020, the Rector will begin a study on the Gospel of Mark that will continue through the spring. ■

**Please remember Calvary Church  
in your will.**





## Super Senior Lunches

On Sunday, March 10, 52 Calvary Super Seniors gathered in the Refectory for the first Super Senior Lunch. These Calvary seniors enjoyed fellowship together and a delicious lunch of homemade tomato soup made by the Calvary Soup Group, sandwiches of chicken salad and egg salad and a variety of delicious cookies donated by Calvary parishioners. A team of 12 volunteers prepared the food and served the lunch. This lunch was created and sponsored by the Pastoral Committee of Calvary Church.

From the "Feedback" sheets received from participants at the first lunch, the Planning Committee has decided to arrange for two more luncheons in 2019.

**The second lunch will be held during the week on Wednesday, July 10 at 11:30 a.m.,** following the 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion and Healing Service. This would be an opportunity for those of you who would not ordinarily attend the 10:30 service to join together and then come to the Refectory to share lunch. It is not a requirement that you attend the service – you can just come for lunch at 11:30 a.m. The menu for the July 10 lunch will be Virgin Marys, Quiche, Salad, Rolls/Butter, Fresh Fruit, Brownies, Ice Tea and Coffee.

Reservations for the July 10 Calvary Super Senior Lunch can be made with Kim Pieratt, Parish Administrator, by phone at 412.661.0120 or by emailing Kim at [kpieratt@calvarypgh.org](mailto:kpieratt@calvarypgh.org). There will also be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Parish Hall. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, July 7. When making your reservation for lunch, please indicate any individual dietary restrictions that need to be observed.

**The third Calvary Super Senior Lunch will be held on Sunday, November 10,** immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. This lunch will also be held in the Refectory – details will be coming in early fall. Please put this date on your calendar and watch the service bulletins and *Agape* for announcements.

Thank you to the seniors who made this new event for Calvary Church such a success and a time to share with other Calvary members. If you know of any others who would enjoy this event, please give them a phone call to bring this event to their attention.

If you have any questions, please feel to Contact Judy Wootten at 724.733.1660 or by email at [jcwootten@comcast.net](mailto:jcwootten@comcast.net). ■

## Too many books at home?

Gather up your used books and donate them to

### The Bookstore at Calvary's **2019 USED BOOK SALE**

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 15 & 22  
10 AM – 2 PM**

**SUNDAY  
JUNE 16 & 23  
9 AM – 1 PM**

**PREVIEW PARTY  
FRIDAY, JUNE 14  
5-7 PM  
ADMISSION DONATION \$10**

Proceeds of the Used Book Sale  
benefit literacy programs in our Community



## The Bookstore at Calvary

Mark your calendars for the Used Book Sale which will start with a preview party on Friday, June 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. with an admission donation of \$10. Enjoy a glass of wine and light hors d'oeuvres and be among the first to browse our huge collection of books. Come see the large selection of bestsellers, children's, cookbooks, hardcovers, nonfiction, paperback, travel, and self-help book selections along with audiotapes, DVDs, and vinyl records. Hours will be Saturday, June 15 & 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, June 16 & 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds of the Used Book Sale benefit literacy programs in our community.

The Bookstore is open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the week, the Bookstore is open Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® are accepted. ■

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 school year has come to an end, and what an amazing time we've had!

We would like to thank Jonathon, Leslie, Neil, Calvary Staff, Beginnings' Board Members, Beginnings' Teachers, Calvary Parishioners, our ESL Program, and Beginnings' families for helping make our school year so wonderfully successful. It really does take a village to enable children to come together and learn in a warm, welcoming, and safe environment.

This school year, we enrolled 72 children, with 26 families being from countries outside of the U.S. Our maximum enrollment is 61, so we did have some turnover because a few families moved back to their home countries in the middle of the year. Because of the relationships we have continued to build at Beginnings, we have broadened what we consider to be our community. We are so thankful to have so many friends across the globe - Japan, China, Korea, Nepal, India, Sri Lanka, Russia, France, and Mexico to name a few - and with those friendships, we hold a responsibility to advocate for inclusion - to spread love and kindness to others far and wide. I hope that all of you share this sentiment.

We mentioned in last month's article that we would provide more details of this year's Spring Fling. We had 2 winners of our Trivia Pursuit contest: Holly Best (Calvary Parishioner) and Maria Mangano/Dave Rollinson (parents on our Purple Team). We sold \$380 in 50/50 raffle tickets and Caroline Chaddad (parent on our Red Team) had the winning ticket. Congratulations to all of you! Our raffle winner donated \$100 of the \$190 she won back to Beginnings. Our Silent Auction brought in \$1,220.

Thank you to the following local businesses and friends of Beginnings who supported our Spring Fling event:

All About Dance	Sports World Specialties
Beautycounter	Ten Thousand Villages
Calvary Bookstore	Ben & Kate Anglin
Legume	Josh Antinopoulos &
Maria Mangano, artist	Patricia Graham
Miguel A. Hoyos, artist	Holly Best
Modern Dog	Jason & Danielle Bezeredi
The National Aviary	Sherry Bloom
Philip Pelusi	Corinne Branquet
Phipps Conservatory &	Maria Burgwin
Botanical Gardens	Caroline Chaddad
Pittsburgh Center for	Karen Chambers
the Arts	Evan & Nicole DeVallance
Pittsburgh Contemporary	Andy Dilts
Concepts	Bob Dilts

Nina Dore'	Kathleen O'Brien
Brittany Dukes	Tomio & Yorie Ohtsuki
Richard Ekstrom	Erin O'Toole
Robert & Adele Eley	Edwin & Ashley Peralta
Mark & Katy Frey	Sharon Peters
Kranti Gawade	Kim Pieratt
Michael & Kelly Glass	Jean Robinson
Priya Gopalan &	Dave Rollinson & Maria
Ramkumar Krishnan	Mangano
Jessica Holcomb	Susan Roth
Trevett & Sarah Hooper	Cathy Rutter
Anne Keeler	Kelly Saavedra
Michael Kennedy &	Kris & Kristi Senko
Lindsay Dragan	Steve Shandor
Jeremy Kimmel &	Bennett Sherry &
Jennifer Corbelli	Noel Tague
Sondra Krimmel	Dennis Simon,
Ena Lebel	Catalina Hoyos &
Dora Magovern	Garzon Family
Laura Marchl	Kenneth Smith
Marsha Morris	Anita Solman
Tadao & Remi Nagasaki	Satoshi & Manami Takeuchi

Our total fundraising efforts this school year brought in \$7,550. We are in the process of soliciting bids for the resurfacing of our playground this summer. If you have a recommendation, please email Beginnings at [Beginnings@calvarypgh.org](mailto:Beginnings@calvarypgh.org).

On May 30th, we celebrated our year together by having an all-school potluck picnic in the Parish Hall. We began with a short program where each team sang their team song: "If You're Wearing Red Today", "Hello Yellow Team", "We are the Orange Team", "Who are we? P-U-R-P-L-E", and "Blue Team, Sing a Song" each followed by a team favorite: "Itsy Bitsy Spider", "Love Grows", "The Goldfish", "Friends, Friends 1-2-3", and "If You're Happy and You Know It?" We also recognized and gave certificates to those members of the Blue Team who completed the preschool program at Beginnings.

Thank you for all your support! We hope you have a very safe, healthy, and happy summer!

—Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■

## Email Scam

**Please be advised:** Someone is trying to impersonate the Rector and/or other church staff asking for help or a favor that will result in a request for gift cards. These requests do not come from Calvary. Note the email address when receiving emails that you deem questionable or out of character. No one from Calvary will ask you for money or a gift card by email. Any request like that will either be in person or from an official letter. Sorry for any confusion. Please simply delete the email. Thank you! ■





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The Reverend Carol Henley, *Assisting Priest*  
The Reverend Dr. Moni McIntyre, *Assisting Priest*  
The Reverend Dr. Harold T. Lewis, *Rector Emeritus*  
Geoffrey Royce, *McNulty Intern*  
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Jon Tyillian, *Assistant Organist*  
Jamie McMahon, *Senior Warden*  
Sue DeWalt, *Junior Warden*  
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## Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, August 2, 2019**. Please e-mail your text to [calvary@calvarypgh.org](mailto:calvary@calvarypgh.org) or deliver it directly to the church office.

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## Noted

**Membrane Makes Light of May Monsoon:** Timely flat-roof replacement over Alan Lewis' office proves sound as rubber resists rumbling rainstorms' fiercest efforts. Interior touch-up to follow.

**Nine o'clock niche:** The Reverend Raman lucks out as sunny, hour-long, respite from storms permits celebration of first garden service of year.

**Beginnings to Books:** Children commence, teachers clear out, tables go up, and books go in on the annual level A transition day. Pre-school year ends and Used Book Sale ramps up. Exertion and edification and for all ages.

**Follow the Fold:** First, feel the fine spine of this folio. Next, imagine finishing 750 multi-page *Agape* newsletters each month by hand. Finally, fete our frugal Communications Director for resurrecting a vintage 1962 folding machine to take the place of a previous antique device, no longer repairable... and doing it mere days before this issue was due. Yay, eBay!

**Verger Vestry Takeover Verified:** Four persons now carry the Virge in procession at major services. One is also Senior Warden. One is also Secretary to the Vestry. Following vote at annual meeting, the remaining two have taken seats on that august body. Coincidence or conspiracy? You decide.

**Choir Nibbles at the Big Apple:** Calvary to present its musical soul at St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue within the week. Alan Lewis to join the crew enroute from over-the-pond visit. An altogether fitting way to finish out the season before a more relaxed summer of singing in mufti.

**Car Care Comes Again:** Alpha House car washing returns to the Calvary parking lot on designated Saturdays. Good cause. Good service. And a sure sign that "Sumer Is Icumen In." -30- ■



## Shelter Dinner Volunteers Needed this Fall

Calvary volunteers provide dinner one Saturday each month for residents of the homeless shelter at East End Cooperative Ministry in East Liberty. We are looking toward the Fall dates of **September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14**. This is a meaningful, short term community service opportunity – new volunteers are especially encouraged! If you can help, please contact Weez Kay Woodside at 412.478.2087 for details. ■





## News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

### A New Future for Trinity House

June 3, 2019

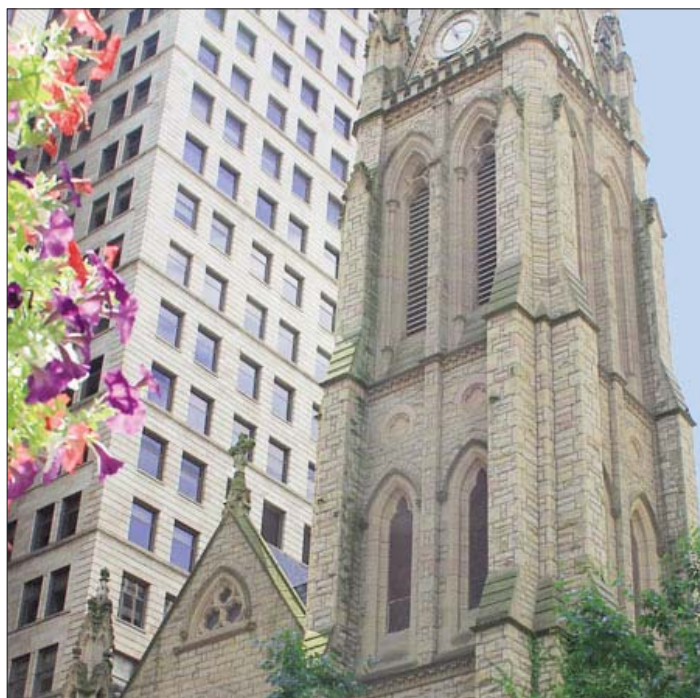
Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

During my time as your bishop, among my utmost concerns has been the vitality of Trinity Cathedral, and its rightful place in the heart of our diocese and the downtown community in which it is situated. This concern was a primary factor in the decision to return the diocesan offices from Monroeville to the Cathedral in 2015, and two years later, to form a Trinity Cathedral Working Group to discern the best steps forward for the Cathedral and its mission.

The Working Group brought together 15 professionals in the fields of architecture, construction, real estate development, and finance. Each of them held a deep respect for the mission of the Episcopal Church, a love for the Cathedral, and an appreciation of its potential. The group worked closely with the Cathedral Chapter, the Cathedral clergy, and the diocesan Board of Trustees, and through these deliberations two major outcomes emerged: First, a solid commitment to the vision of Trinity as a “cathedral for the city and the diocese, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the arts, education, and social empowerment,” and second, the realization that the adjacent office and meeting space – Trinity House – is a largely under-utilized asset that could be of great value in a robust real estate market such as downtown Pittsburgh now enjoys.

So today, I am pleased to announce that the Chapter has entered into a partnership with Colliers International, a leading commercial real estate brokerage and advisory services firm, to market the Trinity House space to interested parties. Colliers International will pursue two alternatives simultaneously: finding a tenant under a mid- to long-term triple net lease, or identifying a developer to convert the site to make it more attractive for commercial use. Still to be investigated is whether a potential development could utilize air rights above the property to expand the available space.

With either alternative, it is our resolve that the Cathedral itself and its mission would not only be preserved, but prosper. As the plan is executed, the existing Cathedral building can properly handle the current and future needs of the congregation, and there will be no interruption to the worship, meetings and services offered there.



I am grateful that this partnership was approved by the Chapter and Provost Aidan Smith, who are poised to take advantage of the residential growth downtown and in the nearby Strip District, and endorsed by the Trustees, who have already helped stabilize the Cathedral’s finances. And, I thank Colliers International, which emerged as a clear leader among other prospective partners through their grasp of the importance of Trinity’s position in the city and the diocese, their enthusiasm for our stated vision, and their excellent reputation as brokers.

Finally, I ask for the prayers of all who love Trinity Cathedral and the City of Pittsburgh, that the Lord may use our efforts for the good of all God’s children in this region, that they may prosper, in body, mind and spirit, through the love of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Faithfully your bishop,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Dorsey W.M. McConnell".

(The Right Reverend) Dorsey W.M. McConnell, D.D.  
VIII Bishop of Pittsburgh ■

### Bishop’s Visitation Schedule

<b>June 9</b>	Christ, North Hills (Pentecost)
<b>June 16</b>	Trinity Cathedral
<b>June 23</b>	St. Michael’s, Ligonier
<b>June 30</b>	St. Barnabas, Brackenridge ■

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[Anglican Communion News Service] Scam emails designed to look as though they have been sent by Secretary General of the Anglican Communion Josiah Idowu-Fearon have been used to acquire iTunes gift cards from unsuspecting recipients. At least one recipient of the emails was taken in by the fraudsters and ended up £200 out of pocket. The scammers used a Gmail account. The victim who fell for the scam was targeted mere hours after the Anglican Communion Office informed Google that the email account was being used to commit fraud. ■

[Episcopal News Service] Tornadoes continue to rip up parts of the Midwest this week, and Episcopalians are assessing the damage to their communities as they look for ways to help their neighbors. For the fourth straight day, destructive storms strafed the middle of the country May 23, the Associated Press reported, with most of the storms concentrated in sparsely populated panhandles of Oklahoma and Texas. The National Weather Service received reports of more than a dozen tornadoes, along with numerous reports of large hail and torrential rain, according to the AP. Tornado season is just beginning, the weather service warned. ■

[Episcopal News Service] Dale Penrose is no Johnny Appleseed, though he's played that role before, on the church lawn last fall for preschoolers. The lawn, a grassy wedge just east of the parking lot at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves, Missouri, isn't much of a lawn anymore, but rather a budding apple orchard. It's a fitting addition to a neighborhood known as Old Orchard, where apple cultivation once was prevalent, and the congregation hopes someday to reap the full fruits of what Penrose has sown. "This year we might get a bushel or two," Penrose said when Episcopal News Service caught up with him by phone to ask about the orchard he planted for Emmanuel in spring 2016. A church with an apple orchard? Feeding ministries (Emmanuel has one of those, too) aren't unusual. Many churches have gardens, though an orchard is a unique twist. This one has more trees – 15 – than Jesus had apostles. So far, no serpents have tempted young couples here with forbidden fruit. ■

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

**June 9:** Christ Episcopal Church, North Hills, the Rev. Canon James Shoucair, the Rev. Christine McIlvain, and the Rev. Lorena Ringle.

**June 16:** Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, the Rev. Philip Wainwright, and the Rev. Wade Lawrence; the Cathedral Chapter; and the Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry.

**June 23:** St. Michael's of the Valley Episcopal Church, Ligonier, and the Rev. Dr. James Simons; and Sheldon Calvary Camp, Tim Green executive director, the Rev. Leslie Reimer, director of spiritual life, summer staff and campers.

**June 30:** St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Brackenridge, and the Rev. Dr. Frank Yesko.

**July 7:** Coal Country Hangout Youth Center, the Rev. Ann Staples, executive director.

**July 14:** Clergy licensed in Pittsburgh, including the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Byers Walter, the Rev. Dr. Will Lawbaugh, the Rev. Elizabeth Locher, the Rev. Marjorie McCarty, the Very Rev. Canon John Park, the Rev. Dr. William Pugliese, and the Rev. Rodgers Wood.

**July 21:** The Community of Celebration, Bill Farra, director, and the Rev. Steven McKeown, chaplain.

**July 28:** Historic Old St. Luke's Church and the Very Rev. Canon Scott Quinn; and the Social Justice & Outreach Committee.

**August 4:** The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell.

**August 11:** Non-parochial clergy, including the Rev. Andrew Ray, the Rev. Dr. Charles Starr, the Rev. Dr. Henry Thompson, the Rev. Alyse Viggiano, and the Rev. Christine Visminas. ■

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**Sermon Preached by The Rev. Jonathon W. Jensen,  
Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
at Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana  
on the 175th Anniversary of Trinity Parish**

Matthew 28:16-20  
Feast of Jackson Kemper

In the year 1835, The Episcopal Church changed its name. In so doing we focused, we refined our identity. At our General Convention that year, we renamed ourselves the “Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.” That is still the corporate name of the Episcopal Church. Every member, by nature of his or her baptism, was a member of this new Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. That is, every baptized member was and is a missionary. Our neighborhood and the world are the mission field, *domestic and foreign*. We began to reorganize, to reorient ourselves to that mission. We kept the old name, too, for good measure.

One of the first things we did was to create the office of a missionary bishop. This was a new way to share gospel... to go forth and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Their model for this was St. Paul with the whole world as the mission field, particularly the expanding west.

In that same year of 1835, Jackson Kemper was consecrated as the first missionary Bishop of the Episcopal Church. We celebrate his feast today. His initial areas of focus were Indiana and Missouri. Indiana had just become a state in 1816, nineteen years before. As if that area was not vast enough, Kemper soon added Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, and Nebraska. That was before the internet, phones, airplanes, cars or even trains were widespread. He took boats, rode in carts and on horses, and often walked.

David Jackson Kemper was born in New York on Christmas Eve in 1789. His father had been an aide de camp to General George Washington. He entered Columbia University at age 15 and became the valedictorian of his class. From an Episcopal family, he was ordained in 1811 and served with Bishop William White of Philadelphia for twenty years as his assistant. Kemper encouraged and accompanied White to visit the wilds of Western Pennsylvania, now Pittsburgh and surrounding areas. After serving briefly as a rector in Connecticut, he was consecrated as bishop and headed west to go and make disciples of all nations.

Bishop Kemper found one missionary in Indiana but no building. Other areas were largely the same. He recruited young priests to serve but found many of them not accustomed to the harsh, frontier life. So with patience, perseverance, and prayer, he got to work.

Kemper preached and taught. He raised money and recruited. He baptized, confirmed, and ordained. He started schools to train people for ordination in the west. He ministered with the Native Americans and had the Gospel translated so it could be heard in their own language. He raised up ministers wherever he was including ordaining the first Native American.

Kemper must have spent a lot of time in prayer on the back of a horse. He did this for 24 years starting with two clergy, no dioceses, and a vast mission field. Some say he traveled more miles than the Apostle Paul. By the time he retired, he left seven organized dioceses, hundreds of missionaries, and had confirmed thousands of people. He laid the cornerstone for this church building and consecrated the church where I used to serve as rector in Lawrence, KS.



Kemper first came to Ft. Wayne in July 1840. He noted in his diary the abundance of “heat, rain, and mosquitos.” He wrote to his daughter about his experience of conducting his first services in Ft. Wayne. “The prospects for the church are... encouraging, and I believe it will be an excellent station for a missionary.” The population of Ft. Wayne, that was just incorporated as a city a few months before, was a few thousand people.

The first attempt at an Episcopal congregation in the city lasted only a few years. In short order, God found a way to bring resurrection, from an unexpected source. Peter Bailey was a 31 year old man from New York City who moved to Ft. Wayne to start a business, a hardware store. He had been a member of Trinity Church on Wall Street and missed his Prayer Book services. He sold Prayer Books from his hardware store. With the help of women and men, he organized Sunday Schools and worship services and ministered to the needs of the people. In time, there was a thriving congregation. On May 25, 1844, these leaders formally organized Trinity Episcopal Church. It is likely the name comes from Trinity Church in New York, as a nod to Bailey’s home church. A missionary was sent, as promised, from Bishop Kemper in May 1844.

Kemper wrote that his visits to the people in Ft. Wayne had “greatly cheered and encouraged” him. “I believe that notwithstanding all the difficulties of the mighty west, the church will yet be firmly established on this soil. The constant exercise of the three Ps- patience, perseverance and prayer, will doubtless be necessary.” Patience, perseverance, prayer, *and a lot of hard work* have born much fruit over the last 175 years for this community. What can we learn from Bishop Kemper about how that mission might continue to thrive?

First, Kemper went where the people were meeting them face to face, often over meals. His method was to do so through personal contacts. He looked for Episcopalians... because those were the people he knew and could relate to.

His field mission was vast but ours is our neighborhoods and city. Who do you know, not only Episcopalians, that could benefit from the amazing work for the Gospel you share at Trinity Church? A personal invitation always works best. We can tell people about a great book we read or movie we saw or restaurant we tried. Can you tell them about the church community you love? You have a story worth telling. There aren’t many places like this.

Second, Kemper was highly adept at putting the language of the Gospel in ways people could understand. In his case, the obvious ones were having the Scriptures translated into various Native languages. Less obvious, but just as important, is that he met people where they were. He did not expect people to come into church but went out to meet them... in their homes, in town, or on the road. He listened to their story and learned what they cared about.

For us, that does not mean to jettison our tradition of our prayer book or peculiar terminology and customs. I love words like nave and biretta, Anglican chant and Evensong, and Prayer Books that magically open to page 323 or 355. These parts of our tradition are authentic, real, and timeless in a world yearning for meaning... yearning for connection and community... looking for hope beyond what we experience each day. You already have that.

From your impressive parish history, I learned you have always been that way. That’s what Jackson Kemper, Peter Bailey, and the first organizers of Trinity Church did; they shared what they loved with those they knew and invited them to be a part of it. They did so with patience, perseverance, prayer, and a lot of hard work.

From the beginning, they were clear. God has a mission. To fulfill that mission, God has a church. That's us. The church is the people of God on God's mission to bring hope, healing, and redemption... to go and make disciples of Jesus Christ. Our corporate name, the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, reminds us who we are called to be. Like Bishop Kemper, we are all missionaries, sharers of that good news.

There is nothing you need that is not already here. You have a wonderful and gifted priest and family of whom I am immensely proud. You have talented and faithful leaders and members. You have a healthy diocese and a great bishop. Trinity has stunning music and worship, a beautiful facility, financial resources, and 175 years of witness of saints who have gone before you. Do you realize how richly God has blessed this congregation? There is a hurting world that needs the abundance of Good News you have. And they're right outside your doors.

Consecration sermon of Jackson Kemper <http://anglicanhistory.org/usa/gwdoane/kemper.html>

Beatty, John. D. *Beyond These Stones: A History of Trinity Episcopal Church Ft. Wayne, IN.*

Note: The first Native American ordained in the Episcopal Church was Enmegahbowh in 1859.

# Starting English Conversation Groups For Immigrants

## Background and Planning

Monday June 17

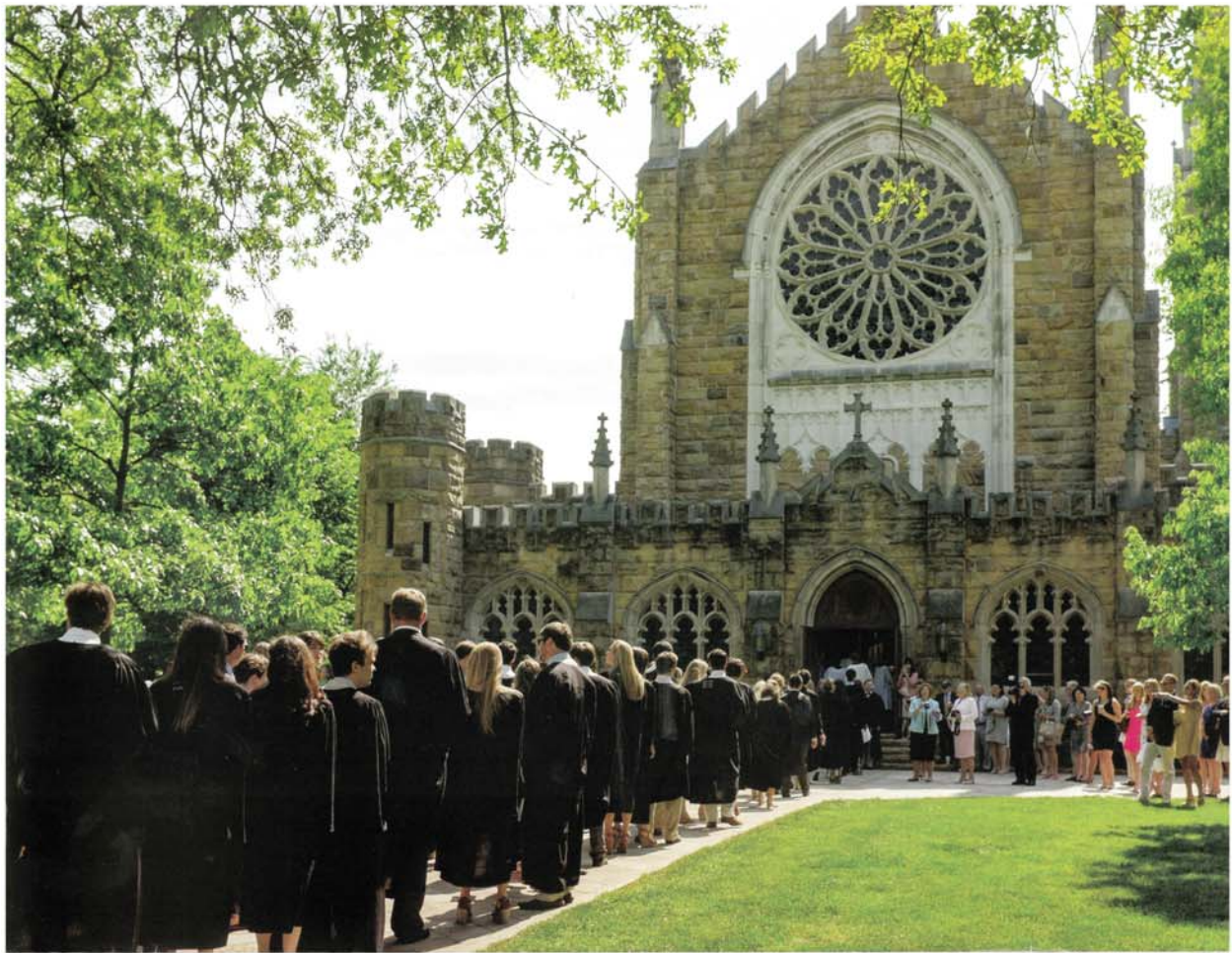
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People interested in helping to lead English conversation groups are invited to learn from Opal Middleton about immigrants in Pittsburgh, especially those she assists through New Sanctuary Pittsburgh, and about strategies for helping them become more comfortable speaking English and feeling that they belong. Experience teaching ESL is not required for volunteers but would be an asset.

For more information contact Marianne Novy ([mnovy@pitt.edu](mailto:mnovy@pitt.edu)) or Opal Middleton ([newsanctuarypittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:newsanctuarypittsburgh@gmail.com)).





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## Healing Communities Training

**Saturday, June 22, 1-6 pm**, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkinsburg, 600 Pitt Street, Pittsburgh 15221.

At a time when one out of every 28 Pennsylvanians are under criminal justice system control, whether in prison, jail, on probation or parole, it is likely that every congregation has members impacted by crime or the criminal justice system, whether as victims, accused, offenders, or families of people in all those groups. Shame and stigma often isolate those affected, preventing them from seeking help. How can congregations create a culture of safety and support for those who need it?

Healing Communities training, a proven national model, equips congregations to become stations of hope by building relationships of healing, redemption, and reconciliation. Here is a link that describes the results of this training elsewhere in powerful detail: [www.aecf.org/resources/balancing-justice-with-mercy/](http://www.aecf.org/resources/balancing-justice-with-mercy/)

The training is open to all and free to Episcopalians, and no one will be excluded for inability to pay.

The training, arranged through the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, will be given by Rev. Sandra Strauss, Director of Advocacy and Ecumenical Outreach for the PA Council of Churches. She is ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She can be reached through email at [s.strauss@pachurches.org](mailto:s.strauss@pachurches.org) or through phone at 717.545.4761.

*—Marianne Novy  
Chair, Episcopal Diocese Social Justice  
and Outreach Committee*

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## Alpha House Car Washes

**In Calvary's parking lot – 10 a.m. – on these Saturdays:**

June 15; July 20; August 10, 17, 31;  
September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 12, 19. ■

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