

JUNE 12, 2022

## Meet Our New Associate Rector

The Rev. Cameron Soulis is delighted to join Calvary as the associate rector. Since her ordination eight years ago, she has served as the lower school chaplain at National Cathedral School, an Episcopal girls' school for grades 4 to 12 on the grounds of Washington National Cathedral. Before becoming a priest, Cameron taught high school chemistry in independent schools in the District of Columbia, Santa Monica, California, and near Baltimore, Maryland. She is excited to get to know the people of Calvary and share ministry with them.

Cameron holds an M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary, in Alexandria, Virginia, and a B.A. in chemistry and religion from Hood College, in Frederick, Maryland. In her free time, Cameron enjoys reading, going for walks, traveling, and singing. She is married to Michael Salmon, a fifth-grade teacher who is also a part-time church organist and choir director. Michael will be retiring from teaching at the end of this school year after 39 years in the classroom. He plans to continue



Photo by Andréa Meireles

making music in retirement.

Cameron and Michael are both looking forward to life in Pittsburgh! They are eager to explore Pittsburgh and the surrounding area, to discover the many cultural offerings in the city, and to get to know its neighborhoods and people. She begins on September 1. Her email address is [csoulis@calvarypgh.org](mailto:csoulis@calvarypgh.org).

Welcome to Calvary, Cameron and Michael. ■

## Meet Our New Rabbi-in-Residence

Aaron Bisno has been appointed, by the Rector, as our new Rabbi-in-Residence. This voluntary position will be a new partnership for Calvary but Aaron is known to many of us from our relationship with Rodef Shalom, the oldest Jewish congregation in western Pennsylvania and our neighbors on Fifth Avenue.

For the last eighteen years, Aaron has held the Frances F. and David R. Levin Senior Rabbinic Pulpit at Rodef Shalom. He will continue to be a part of that congregation teaching, writing, and being available to members.

At Calvary, he will be among us to teach, preach, and develop new initiatives to put our faith in action. In the early stages, he is planning to offer



classes to learn basic Hebrew, to delve into the Scriptures and help us get in touch with our Jewish roots, and is scheduled to preach twice this summer, on July 3 and July 31.

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He has plans to develop a speaker series, called Faith in Pittsburgh, to bring together diverse voices from differing religious traditions to bear on the questions of the day. He is also working to create, with the support of Dr. Alan Lewis, a concert series near the Jewish High Holidays. Many more wonderful plans will emerge how we can know, serve, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Aaron is a graduate of Washington University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, where he was ordained in 1996 and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 2021 for his 25 years of rabbinic service.

Aaron already has an office at Calvary. If you would like to contact him, his church email address is [rabbi@calvarypgh.org](mailto:rabbi@calvarypgh.org) or you may use the church main line at 412.661.0120, extension 110. He is welcome to participate in Calvary life as much as he desires and his schedule allows.

Aaron was the first clergyperson to welcome our Rector to Pittsburgh. Please join in welcoming Rabbi Aaron Bisno to Calvary Church. ■



## Summer Hours

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 11 a.m. service will be livestreamed.

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

## 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](mailto:kpieratt@calvarypgh.org). We ask that you keep us informed if you have a home address, phone or email change. ■

## Foyer Groups Return to Calvary

Are you tired of Zoom meetings? Foyer Groups, which are re-starting this fall after a long absence, are a great way to meet with and get to know fellow parishioners over an in-person meal.



For those new to Calvary or new to Foyer Groups, here's how they work. Groups of 8-10 people gather for an informal dinner in someone's house or apartment 2 to 3 times between September and May. Dinners are simple, potluck style with the host providing the main dish and others bringing appetizers, wine, salads, bread and desserts. Unlike the many instructional programs offered at Calvary, Foyer Groups have no assigned reading and no prescribed (or proscribed) topics of conversation. They are purely and simply about building friendships across a large parish where many people, new and old, see their fellow parishioners rarely or not at all.

Foyer Groups originated at Coventry Cathedral, and a simple liturgy from Coventry is read by the group before the meal, taking turns so that all get to read. Foyer Groups are a wonderful way for both new and old parishioners to get to know people they may not have met on Sunday. The groups are intentionally organized to include newcomers and old-timers as well as a mix of ages, neighborhoods and backgrounds.

Russ and Kathy Ayres, Adam Hallowell and Catherine Davidson have volunteered to act as organizers for this year's Foyer Groups. If you'd like to host a group or participate in a group, or if you have questions before deciding, please get in touch with either Russ at [rwayresiii@gmail.com](mailto:rwayresiii@gmail.com), Kathy at [kayres@chatham.edu](mailto:kayres@chatham.edu), Adam at [adam.hallowell@gmail.com](mailto:adam.hallowell@gmail.com), or Catherine at [cmd402@gmail.com](mailto:cmd402@gmail.com).

Because the original organizers have retired from active parish life, Foyer Groups have been absent from Calvary since before COVID arrived, and we're excited to see them returning. We hope many of you will join us this fall. ■

## 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](mailto:nraman@calvarypgh.org) / 412.661.0120 ext. 112. ■

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## Staff Retirements



Our beloved Treasurer of Calvary for the last 22 years, **Bob Eley**, has retired from that volunteer position. Bob has worked tirelessly to make sure the finances at Calvary have been managed well in a professional and transparent manner. He worked with two staff members in the role of Director of Finance, Arlene Walter and Lynda Kennedy, and served as the key link in all financial matters in everything from monthly reporting, annual budgets and audits, endowment and funds, to helping with the Calvary Bazaar and Used Book Sale.

Bob has been a treasure as Treasurer to Calvary Church. He and Adele will still be a part of our congregation but in new roles as they are able to visit grandchildren in Wisconsin. Bob has been a joy to work with in his professional, knowledgeable, friendly, faithful, and level-headed approach to his ministry of Treasurer. Well done good and faithful servant.

Note: With Bob's blessing, Lauren Ernst has been elected Treasurer by the Vestry.



**Weezie Wells** has worked at Calvary, off and on, for almost 50 years. She has served with several rectors and people in a variety of roles as a minister of hospitality.

A few years ago, she decided to retire. The Rector asked her to stay on suggesting that if she worked less could she work longer.

She became the Special Assistant to the Rector in a very part-time capacity. Recently, she decided to retire fully from the staff although she still graces her presence with us at worship. Thank you to Weezie for teaching and embodying the Calvary Way for all of us.



**James Knight** plans to retire this upcoming February after more than 42 years of service as a full-time sexton at Calvary. James is irreplaceable. He first brought his amazing presence and personality to Calvary as an 18-year-old. He knows where every light switch is located, how every candle is made,

how to clean any floor, and every story about people at Calvary. I am hoping to encourage James to stay on, in a very part-time way, after his retirement to share his knowledge and stories with us on Sunday mornings. Thank you James for being such a valued part of Calvary for so long. ■

## Annual Parish Meeting

The 167th Annual Parish Meeting of Calvary Church was held on Sunday, June 5, 2022 at 10 a.m.

### Vestry Election Results

Elected to a four-year term on the Vestry were:



**Michael Kennedy**



**Wendy Lomicka**



**James Manning**



**Vanessa Sterling**

### Parish Council Election Results

*For a one-year term:* Adele Eley and Alison Wardrop;

*For a two-year term:* Jean Carr, and Emma Schauf;

*For a three-year term:* Ann Augustine, Mary Jane Bent, and Barbara Hicks;

*For a four-year term:* Michelle Bender, Sue DeWalt, Stanley Nevola, and David Riehl.



**Jennifer De Rosa** was appointed by the Vestry, at our last regular meeting, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of member Daphne Retter.

Jennifer grew up singing in an Episcopal choir and found Calvary because she was looking for church with a good music program. In addition to singing in Calvary's choir since 2009, she has served as a member of Parish Council, a co-chair of a curate search committee, and a youth group leader. She worked as a private tutor before becoming a full time parent to Michael (a homeschooled third grader) and Caroline (a student at Beginnings). ■



## MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



As I mentioned several months ago, the Choir has been invited to return to sing at the Washington National Cathedral in a few weeks' time. Our first choral visit there was in May, 2001, singing the choral Prelude to a service in which Pennsylvania was being foregrounded for what was then a regular feature of Cathedral life, the "state's day" celebrations (long since discontinued, alas). A nice memory of that visit was being invited on the spot to join with the Cathedral Choir in their rendering of Tallis's *If ye love me*, during the service itself.

Soon after that trip, a "visiting choir" program evolved at the Cathedral, to allow willing and able choirs to come sing for services during the Cathedral choristers' summer break. Six times across the last 20 years, we have returned, to sing for the Sunday services, and for Evensong on one or two of the flanking weekdays. The last time, I was shocked to realize, was in 2017, and I've been eager for us to renew our acquaintance with that beautiful and holy building, and to take part in its liturgy.

(The webcast of the Sunday morning service in 2017 is still archived, at <https://youtu.be/Bdctsq-Bf30>. You'll note that, after singing an Introit from the rear of the Nave, the choir was arrayed on platforms across the Crossing, facing the congregation – audible, yes, but a bit "showy." I was happy to learn that, in light of pandemic cautions, the choir has been restored to its former position in the Great Choir, behind the Rood Screen, where we are accustomed to being at Calvary!)

This time, we'll sing in the Sunday morning service on July 17, and at Evensong that day and on the following Monday. I'm grateful to all the singers who are so willingly giving of their time and making the personal investment in having this weekend away together.

Meanwhile, work on repairing the organ-damage from last summer's lightning strike continues (and with it, the silence of the organ itself, for several more weeks). Some photos of the work in progress may be viewed here and on the music page of the Calvary website ([www.calvarypgh.org](http://www.calvarypgh.org)). ■

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## Holy Baptism

If you, or someone you know, desires to partake in this sacrament, please contact the Reverend Neil Raman at [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. ■

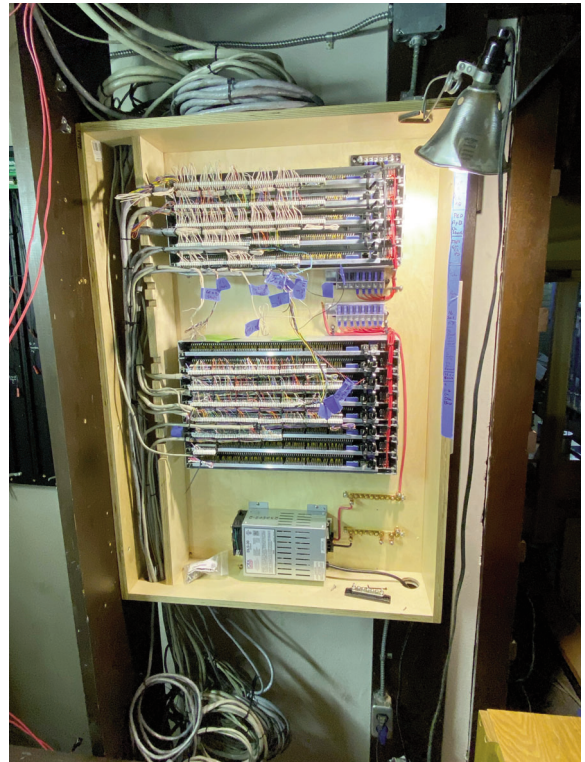


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Ed Helgerman installs the console input boards and prepares over 800 wires to be individually attached to quick connectors that will allow for ease of access for future service work.



In the North Transept, output driver boards have been installed, and around 750 wires have been attached to quick connectors and await testing and final trimming. Every board is individually fused for added electric surge protection. Each location that contains pipes (North, South, Reredos, and Antiphonal) will have a panel similar to this. Fiberoptic cabling will transmit data between each location.

# The Bookstore at Calvary

## Items to Celebrate Father's Day

The Bookstore has a wide selection of items to celebrate Father's Day on June 19 including cards, books, Episcopal themed clothing including belts, hoodies, ties and t-shirts, along with the board game Episcopopoly, a fun way to learn about stewardship. This unlicensed spin off of Hasbro's Monopoly puts a religious twist on the board game, which places the player in charge of the stewardship of an Episcopalian church.

## Annual Used Book Sale 2022

Save trees by donating your books! The Bookstore is now accepting donations for the Bookstore at Calvary's Annual Used Book Sale 2022. Gathering your unwanted books to donate including cookbooks, fiction, hardcovers, nonfiction, novels, paperbacks, and softcovers, along with CDs, DVDs, video/audio tapes, and vinyl records, however, please no encyclopedias, magazines, or textbooks. Save the date to be among the first to browse our huge collection of books at the Preview Party on Friday, August 12 from 5 to 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. Volunteers are needed to sort the book donations, please contact Pat Standing at pstanding623@gmail.com or at 412.481.8613.

## Indie Next: Find Your Next Great Read

Stop by the Bookstore to pick-up a free copy of the June 2022 Indie Next flier. This trifold flier provides inspired book recommendations from Indie Booksellers including the #1 pick for the month. Hardcover and paperback titles are listed along with a short synopsis and release date. Want a specific book but can't find it? The Bookstore can special order a requested title for you at no charge.

## New Notecards Supporting Restoration of Calvary United Methodist Church

The Allegheny Historic Preservation Society has produced two different sets of notecards with the proceeds supporting the restoration of the Calvary United Methodist Church in the Allegheny West neighborhood of Pittsburgh. The church was built from 1892 to 1895. Each set includes eight cards with envelopes for \$10. Each set of notecards depicts a stained glass window from the church. "The Ascension Window" card displays the window made by the Tiffany Studios, NY that was installed in 1893. The "Angel with Lillies" card is attributed to the Rudy Brother Studios. Well-known in Western and Central Pennsylvania in the early 20th century for their stained glass, the Rudy Brothers originally came to Pittsburgh in 1893. The Rudy Brothers experienced substantial success designing windows for Peabody High School, the Sarah Heinz House, Allegheny General Hospital and various churches and mausoleums.

## Spotlight on New Titles

*Different after You: Rediscovering Yourself and Healing after Grief and Trauma* by Michelle Neff Hernandez serves as a compass for widowed people and those who have experienced any kind of trauma, guiding us on a journey to our true selves.

Kate Bowler offers a compassionate, intelligent, and wry series of Christian daily reflections on learning to live with imperfection in a culture of self-help that promotes endless progress in *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*. Also by Kate Bowler, *No Cure for Being Human*, gives us an intimate look into her cancer journey— from her diagnosis to the days, months, and years that follow. She challenges many of the go-to responses to our mortality – carpe diem, bucket lists – and asks: When there just isn't enough time, how does one spend it?

In *Translating Your Past: Finding Meaning in Family Ancestry, Genetic Clues, and Generational Trauma*, author Michelle Van Loon helps readers uncover how patterns and gaps in family histories, generational trauma, adoption, genetic clues and surprises, spiritual history, and the church help us translate our own pasts and understand why these stories matter. Each chapter includes questions designed for individual reflection or small group discussion, as well as an appendix of helpful tools readers can use to translate their own pasts and create meaning in order to transform their unique family history into living, faith-filled heritage.

## Alibris

Alibris is an online store that sells new books, used books, out-of-print books, rare books, and other media through an online network of independent booksellers since 1997. Calvary has over 300 mostly out of print, donated books available online at <http://hymnal82.alibrisstore.com>. The collection of offerings includes art, bibles, children's fiction, comics, and graphic novels, fiction, history, literary collections, literary criticism, nature, poetry, and travel to name just a few. Each title listing includes the edition, binding, publisher, date published, description, and condition. Checkout the unique offerings that are reasonably priced.

## Calvary website link to The Bookstore at Calvary

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

## How to access The Bookstore at Calvary

The Bookstore is open on Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the week, contact the Bookstore at 412.661.0120 ext. 133 (please leave a message) or by email – [bookstore@calvaryppgh.org](mailto:bookstore@calvaryppgh.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. ■

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION



A big **thank you** to all the Faith Formation teachers and helpers who made our year a great one. Please note that there are no Faith Formation classes and the nursery is closed during the summer months. *See you in September!*

## 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.

### SAVE THE DATE: Food and fun with little ones!

Join us for a Potluck BBQ on **Saturday, July 23 at 5 p.m.** in the Swan Garden. Be on the lookout for details coming soon. For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact [vrispoli@calvarypgh.org](mailto:vrispoli@calvarypgh.org).

## 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 rapidly changing and complex world. We are in this together!

Join us on **Wednesday, June 22 at 7 p.m.** for an informal Zoom meeting to check-in and connect. Feel free to drop in anytime during the session. Zoom Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83455952186?pwd=ZGNaaVY3N0FvWDRtMUtHNGp0SG8yZz09>

Meeting ID: 834 5595 2186 | Passcode: 825278

## Faith Formation Highlights

### Liturgy of the Light

Last month, Faith Formation students of all levels came together for the Liturgy of the Light Celebration. Father Neil joined us as we prepared our Paschal candle and then processed together for prayer and the lighting of the individual candles. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the Easter Season!

*"May this flame be found still burning by the Morning Star: the one Morning Star who never sets, Christ your Son, who, coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns forever and ever."*

-Liturgy of the Light Closing Prayer

Photos of the celebration are available for viewing on the web version of this issue of *Agape*.

## Join the Calvary Faith Formation Team!

We are excited to begin planning for the 2022-2023 Faith Formation Year! There are many different ways to become involved in Children's Christian Formation. Here are just some of the ways you can help. No experience necessary! For more information and details on the various roles, contact [vrispoli@calvarypgh.org](mailto:vrispoli@calvarypgh.org)

Advisors – Classroom Helpers – Teachers –  
Assistant Teachers – Substitutes –  
Special Event Assistants – Photographers

## Summer Book Study

Looking for some inspirational summer reading? Join us for a book study on *The Religious Potential of the Child* by Sofia Cavaletti

When: Thursdays @ 7 – 8 p.m. starting June 30, 2022

Location: Remote (Zoom)

This book study is for anyone interested in learning more about the spiritual life of children and how we, as adults, can help children foster their relationship with God.

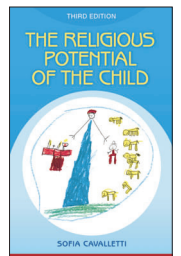
Aims:

- Reflect upon the great mysteries of the faith, especially the mystery of God and the mystery of the Child
- Discover/re-discover the treasures of the Bible through the Parable Method
- Gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of our faith tradition and the Paschal Mystery

Questions? Please email [vrispoli@calvarypgh.org](mailto:vrispoli@calvarypgh.org) to learn more and sign up.

*The Religious Potential of the Child* describes the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori-based style of catechesis that focuses on the child's independent journey to God by working with materials in a specially prepared place called an atrium. Written by Sofia Cavaletti, the Italian scripture scholar who developed the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, this classic work demonstrates the profound spiritual capabilities of children as brought forth through their engagement in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This book is important for anyone desiring to learn about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and/or the spiritual life of children ages 3-6.

*"If we want to help the child grow near to God, we should, with patience and courage ... seek to go always closer to the vital nucleus of things. This requires study and prayer. The child himself will be our teacher if we know how to observe him."* Sofia Cavalletti ■



A reminder:

**Agape is not published in July.  
Look for our next issue in August.**

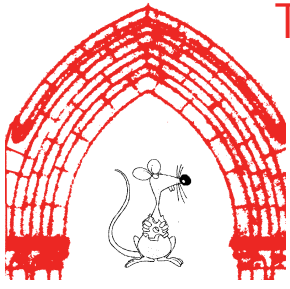


**BEGINNINGS**  
CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
**CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!**

The only thing more exciting than summer is summer camp at Calvary! Music camp began May 31 with 40 campers the first week and 42 the second week. World Music was our theme and we all enjoyed our many special guests that included a Brazilian singer and guitarist, Spanish Salsa dance teacher, Venezuelan singer/dancer, and Peruvian Cajonist. Columbian music from Disney's popular *Encanto* was also included in our program. Water play and tasty cool treats added to the summer time fun.

—Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■





## The Church Mouse

**Carter** has been our acolyte since we returned to worship in person. He had wanted to serve two years ago but had to wait because of the pandemic.

When he grows up, he wants to be a professional hockey player or a priest or both. He has graciously let the Rector win against him in several ice-skating races in addition to being an acolyte.

At the ribbon cutting of the Hunt Armory in November, 2021, the Rector was given the blade of a hockey stick used by Sidney Crosby in thanksgiving for Calvary's role in helping the Pittsburgh Penguins establish a seasonal ice rink in Shadyside to benefit the community and to be the hub of their diversity programming to serve local children. That gift now belongs to Carter for his service at Calvary Church. ■



A Beginnings student says goodbye to the green 'Slow Down' crossing sign every day at the Parish House doors. ■



**Shoes for Ethiopia.** Thank you to all who donated shoes to the Salayish Abo Menz region village in Ethiopia. They are much appreciated. ■

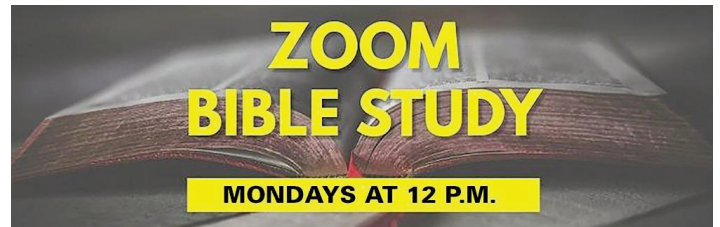


## Soup Group Cooking

We will meet in Calvary's kitchen on **Friday, June 24 at 9 a.m.** Please come if you would like to cook or help with a reorganization in the pantry. We also need volunteers to deliver our delicious soups and casseroles! You can stop by that day to get a casserole or some soup to take to a fellow parishioner, neighbor, relative, or friend. We love sharing.

Any questions? Please contact me.

—Adele Eley, [adele.eley@gmail.com](mailto:adele.eley@gmail.com), 412.719.9637 ■



*Led by The Rev. Geoffrey Royce, Deacon*

Sign-up for receiving the Zoom link by writing to [groyce@calvarypgh.org](mailto:groyce@calvarypgh.org)

This will be a discussion study lasting about one hour.

We are starting to read The Book of Esther. ■

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1252049508868224) ■



## Updates from Faith Formation

The Pentecost / End-of-the-Year celebration went well. We enjoyed a much-too-large cake (which was gladly shared at coffee hour) and then released 1,500 lady bugs into the Swan Garden followed by time on the playground. It was a great way to finish up a year of COVID-related challenges all together, in person! ■



## Well, That Happened

**Red Letter Day.** Bright ruby geraniums adorn church and garden. Scarlet garments predominate. Parishioners invite the Holy Spirit into their midst for the Feast of Pentecost. Eleven o'clock service delayed as Ten o'clock Annual Meeting in Nave returns to more appropriate season for first time in three years. No strawberries and ice cream this year - no foods for coffee hours yet (but for the cake!). But next year? ... Ya gotta be thinkin'.

**Stepping Into the Stream.** Sexton Adam absent from normal audio and streaming duties on Pentecost due to personal commitment to "Friends of Gettysburg" yearly site cleanup/fixup. A laudable busman's holiday. No stranger to the technical, parishioner Steve Kinsel admirably flies solo for first time, in birth of fire, for Garden Service, Annual Meeting, and service after.

**Organic Remedies Arrive.** The clump of console coverings clumsily cleared. The clipped sound of cables snipped. The hiss of glass fiber cables hoisted. The squinch of connectors clinched. The bzzzt of zip-ties tightened. The organ control retrofit has begun. Slowly they return – chest by chest, pipe by pipe... Prepare, in future days, to be amazed!

**Whack-A-Mole.** Not so much game as theory of roof-leak control. For every one that pops up and is quashed, another rears its fluid head in never-ending water tension. Recent aerial visual examinations reveal previously unknown areas of concern. Some repairs already begun. Mallets not recommended.

**"Faust" For the Fun of It.** Discerning Devil-May-Care devotees of literature of the could-be damned band together to read and discuss Goethe's version of the infamous legend. Has your soul been sought or have you bought in? A cautionary tale of temptation and consequence, not without humor.

**Rabbits' Habits.** As Youth Group box garden project begins to put forth impressive produce, furry local residents take notice. Next project: Varmint Control ... naturally.

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## Spiritual Reflection – C. S. Lewis

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.

For the current term, we will use the writings of C. S. Lewis (1898-1963), a British writer and lay theologian. An atheist until age 32, Lewis came to his Christian faith reluctantly. In his memoir, Lewis wrote, “You must picture me alone in that room in Magdalen [College, Oxford], night after night, feeling, whenever my mind lifted even for a second from my work, the steady, unrelenting approach of Him whom I so earnestly desired not to meet. An author of 30 books, Lewis is best known for his children’s stories in *The Chronicles of Narnia* and his summary of the Christian faith, *Mere Christianity*. The later contains many of his arguments for God’s existence given as radio broadcasts in England during World War II. Lewis’ floor stone at Poet’s Corner, Westminster Abby, is inscribed: “I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it but because by it I see everything else.” For our meetings, we will use *C.S. Lewis: Readings for Meditation and Reflection*.

Meetings are held in the Evans Room from 7–8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month. The meetings are hybrid, allowing “in person” conversation while using Zoom so others can join remotely. Upcoming meetings will occur on June 21 and July 5 and 19. 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. ■



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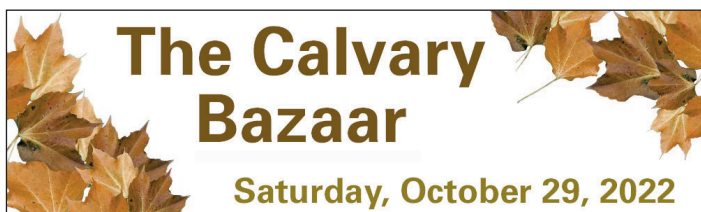
- The Rev. Jonathon W. Jensen, *Rector*
- The Rev. Neil K. Raman, *Sr. Associate Rector*
- The Rev. Ruth Bosch Becker, *Assisting Pastor*
- The Rev. Carol Henley, *Assisting Priest*
- The Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre, *Assisting Priest*
- The Rev. Geoffrey S. Royce, *Deacon*
- Ms. Deanna Briody, *McNulty Intern*
- Aaron Bisno, *Rabbi-in-Residence*
- Dr. Alan Lewis, *Director of Music*
- Jon Tyillian, *Assistant Organist*
- Lynda Kennedy, *Director of Finance*
- Tammy Lewis, *Director, Beginnings*
- Vicki Rispoli, *Director of Children’s Formation*
- Kenneth Smith, *Director of Communications*
- Kim Pieratt, *Parish Administrator*
- Jim Gubash, *Head Sexton*
- Adam Augustine, Ron Johnston,
- James Knight, Mary Ann Packer, *Sextons*
- David Jeong, *Senior Warden*
- G. Frederic Roth, *Junior Warden*
- Lauren Ernst, *Treasurer*

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## Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, August 12, 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](http://www.calvarypgh.org). Contact the Parish office at 412.661.0120 for details. ■



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An expanded version of this issue of *Agape*, with additional content may be viewed on the Calvary website at [www.calvarypgh.org](http://www.calvarypgh.org)



## Studying Scripture Through the Lens of The Beloved Community

The Pittsburgh Episcopal Beloved Community Initiative (BCI) invites everyone to an online Bible Study that looks at scripture through an African-American lens. The study occurs at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month with an open discussion of Biblical texts on the third Wednesday. Come explore the insights to be gained when looking at scripture through the lens of the love of Jesus as we come together to pray for healing, reconciliation and racial justice.

To grow through this ministry, visit <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/prayer-share/> ■



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. 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](mailto:kpieratt@calvarypgh.org)). 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. ■

## 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](mailto:shannonwarchol@gmail.com). ■

## 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!) ■

## Altar Flowers

Help us keep the church in full bloom by donating flowers in memory of, or in honor of, someone special. If you would like to place a memorial listing, please contact Kim Pieratt in the church office at 412.661.0120, ext. 111. ■

## Stay in Touch with the Diocese

Visit the diocesan website at [www.episcopalpgh.org](http://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](mailto:info@episcopalpgh.org).

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

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# Liturgy of the Light



—more photos on the next page





Prime Stage Sprouts



# the AMAZING lemonade girl



A true story inspired by the life of Alexandra Flynn Scott

by James DeVita

*With the permission of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation*

**Directed by Allison Weakland**

Alex Scott wasn't going to let her rare childhood illness get her down, she started a frontyard lemonade stand to raise funds to help other kids. Based on the book written by her parents, this regional premiere shows how a single person can change the world one act, or even one cup at a time.

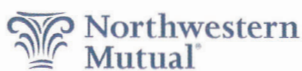


**June 16 - 19, 2022**

at the New Hazlett Center for Performing Arts



Tickets online at [www.primestage.com](http://www.primestage.com)





EAST END  
COOPERATIVE  
MINISTRY

opportunity. transformation. hope.

May 5, 2022

Rev. Jonathan W. Jensen  
Calvary Episcopal Church  
315 Shady Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206-4301

Dear Rev. Jensen:

On behalf of East End Cooperative Ministry and our Board, staff and volunteers, I wanted to thank you for your generous gift of \$250.00 on 5/3/2022 for our Golden Gala. Your generosity makes East End Cooperative Ministry not the end, but the beginning for so many in our community. *Together, we create a space of opportunity, transformation, and hope.*

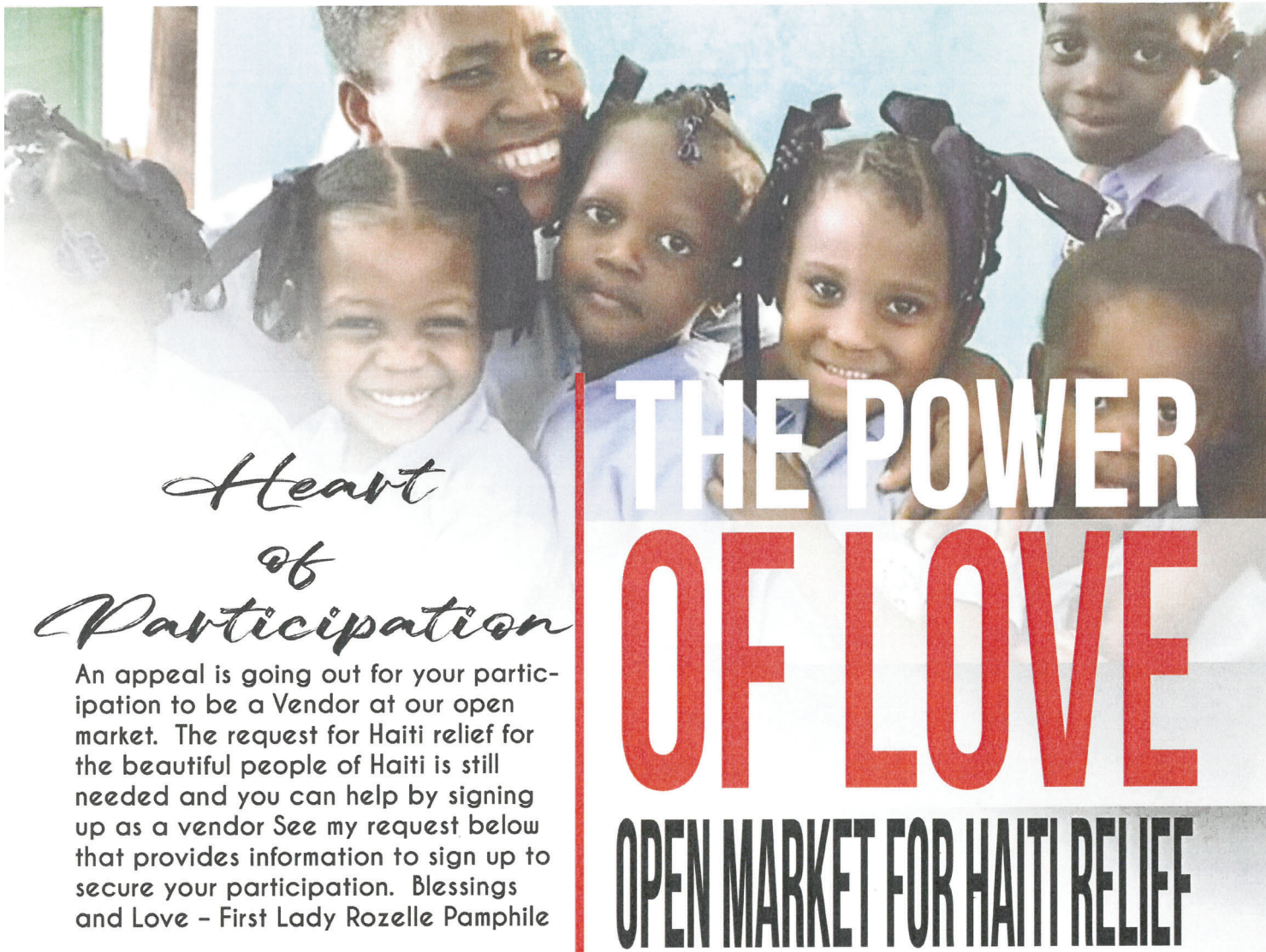
EECM is always here. We were here during the first year of the pandemic when our services tripled in a matter of days. We remain here, where needs have doubled as compared to years prior. Your support has never been more vital than it is right now.

Due to the domino effect of inflation and supply chain issues as a direct result of the ongoing pandemic, the number of food insecure community members remains elevated. The rising issue of homelessness has been caused by increasing home prices as well as rent and mortgage moratoriums being lifted. Though, through it all, East End Cooperative Ministry continues to meet these rising needs, because of you and your belief in our mission to change the lives of people facing the impacts of poverty

The EECM Golden Gala promises to be a hot ticket and memorable event for our partners. In the weeks and months ahead, please visit [www.eecm.org](http://www.eecm.org) to find many more announcements about the May 21, 2022 Golden Gala at Rodef Shalom.

Gratefully,

Michael Bartley  
Director of Development and Public Relations



*Heart  
of  
Participation*

An appeal is going out for your participation to be a Vendor at our open market. The request for Haiti relief for the beautiful people of Haiti is still needed and you can help by signing up as a vendor See my request below that provides information to sign up to secure your participation. Blessings and Love – First Lady Rozelle Pamphile

**THE POWER  
OF LOVE**  
**OPEN MARKET FOR HAITI RELIEF**

The Power of Love Open Market for Haiti Relief will be held on **Saturday, July 30, 2022** at the **Calvary Episcopal Church** **315 Shady Avenue (at Walnut Street), Pittsburgh, PA** from **12 noon** (set-up time at 10:30 am) until **6:00 pm** in the **church parking lot**.

The cost for **vendors will be \$50** and for **food trucks - \$100**. This is a flat fee (non-refundable). **Vendors will receive table cloths, if needed** and refreshments. The fee is tax deductible and check/money order made payable to **FLM/open Market** or you can **send to our Zelle account**. The fee is due when you sign-up to participate as a vendor. If it's raining outside – the open market will move inside to the church dining room.

Please email Diane Neely at: [mp\\_services@verizon.net](mailto:mp_services@verizon.net) and she will discuss payment options and answer any additional questions

**OPEN MARKET | 315 SHADY AVENUE, PITTSBURGH, PA 15206**

**CASH ONLY**

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# 2022 SCHEDULE

## PRESEASON

SAT. AUG. 13	SEATTLE	7:00 PM
SAT. AUG. 20	@ JACKSONVILLE	7:00 PM
SUN. AUG. 28	DETROIT	4:30 PM

## REGULAR SEASON

SUN. SEPT. 11	@ CINCINNATI	1:00 PM
SUN. SEPT. 18	NEW ENGLAND	1:00 PM
THURS. SEPT. 22	@ CLEVELAND	8:15 PM
SUN. OCT. 2	NEW YORK JETS	1:00 PM
SUN. OCT. 9	@ BUFFALO*	1:00 PM
SUN. OCT. 16	TAMPA BAY*	1:00 PM
SUN. OCT. 23	@ MIAMI*	8:20 PM
SUN. OCT. 30	@ PHILADELPHIA*	1:00 PM
BYE WEEK		
SUN. NOV. 13	NEW ORLEANS*	1:00 PM
SUN. NOV. 20	CINCINNATI*	8:20 PM
MON. NOV. 28	@ INDIANAPOLIS	8:15 PM
SUN. DEC. 4	@ ATLANTA*	1:00 PM
SUN. DEC. 11	BALTIMORE*	1:00 PM
SUN. DEC. 18	@ CAROLINA*	1:00 PM
SAT. DEC. 24	LAS VEGAS	8:15 PM
SUN. JAN. 1	@ BALTIMORE*	1:00 PM
JAN. 7 - 8	CLEVELAND*	TBD

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Deadline (Friday):	Publication Date (Sunday):
January 7	January 16
February 4	February 13 [Lenten Issue]
March 4	March 13 [Easter Issue]
April 1	April 10
May 6	May 15
June 3	June 12 [Summer Issue]
August 12	August 21
September 9	September 18
October 7	October 16
November 4	November 13 [Advent Issue]
December 2	December 11

## 2022 CALENDAR

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