

JUNE 14, 2020

Green Means Go When the Way is Clear

The Governor of our Commonwealth has announced that we have moved through the progressive phases of reopening Allegheny County. We have moved from Red to Yellow and now Green as of Friday, June 5.

We know from driving that red means stop, yellow means caution, while green means go. That's not entirely accurate but many seem to be heading that direction in our region and country. According to the PA Driver's Manual (I looked it up), "**A STEADY GREEN LIGHT** means you may drive through the intersection, if the road is clear." Green means "go" only when it is safe to do so.

There is still no cure or vaccine with none in sight. There is no "herd immunity." There has not been a significant decrease in the number of new cases even though our area is less affected than others. Many healthcare workers and the system are strained. That does not sound like "the road is clear" just yet. Everything, in many ways, is not back to normal.

Rather than race off on green, we are taking a cautious and deliberate approach to reopening Calvary. We are mindful of many issues and are trying to balance all of them with the concern for the wellbeing of people, physical and spiritual.

Please understand this is a tentative, working plan that is subject to change as circumstances change. If the road is not clear, we will slow down and proceed to open when there is greater clarity.

When on the church grounds, we ask everyone to practice social distancing, wear a mask, and observe any guidelines for best practices from the Centers for Disease Control. We have masks and hand sanitizer available in abundance.

Sunday Worship

For the Sundays of June, we will maintain our current pattern of worship with one service streaming at 11 a.m. We will wait a month to learn if there is a significant increase in the number of cases of the virus.



We plan to add a Garden Service with a congregation at 9 a.m., no sooner than Sunday, July 5. When we initiate the Garden Service, we invite people to bring blankets to sit on in the lawn adjacent to the Swan Garden. This will effectively double our space. At this service, we are prepared to celebrate Communion, with modifications, or share Morning Prayer depending on circumstances and recommendations of the CDC. We will announce this in the regular Friday email blast.

We will not offer an 8 a.m. service at this time, until we are able to plan for cleaning and social distancing appropriately.

We do not have a date set for resuming our three regular services on Sunday morning but expect that no sooner than early September.

If you feel unsafe or unwell, we invite you to participate in worship online at 11 a.m.

Being Church

We have not ceased being Church and have been learning to do that in new ways. While some of them are not ideal in that we cannot be together in person as a community, we are working towards the day when we can do so safely.

We are very mindful of physical health but also of spiritual health. I know you want to see one another. It is difficult to be apart, particularly in the time our culture is undergoing so much stress with a world-wide pandemic, a financial crisis, and racial injustice. We need to wait a bit longer to be together in person to make sure the way is safe and the road is clear.

—Jonathon ■



George Floyd

We are heartbroken by the killing of George Floyd and countless others. This act of hate reveals the depth of racial injustice systemic in our society.

We ask your prayers for George and his family, for all those who suffer injustice, and for all of us to repent for our part in it. We strongly support peaceful protests to force needed change in our society to end this violence.

We commend the statement of our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, who shared the following:

“This crisis reflects deep sores and deep wounds that have been here all along. In the midst of COVID-19 and the pressure cooker of a society in turmoil, a man was brutally killed. The basic human right to life was taken away. His basic human dignity was stripped by someone charged to protect our common humanity. And perhaps the deeper pain of this is the fact that it’s not an isolated incident. The pain of this is that it’s a deep part of our life. It’s not just our history. It is American society today.

We are not, however, slaves to our fate ... unless we choose to do nothing.”

The way of Jesus is always one of love and peace but also always the way of justice. If one is not free, no one is free. ■

The Calvary Bazaar

The Women of Calvary are planning changes to this year’s fall bazaar due to the coronavirus. Because of the uncertainty with COVID-19 in coming months, Bazaar chairperson Kathy Farrington and Jonathon discussed concerns about holding the event at the church and together decided that it was unrealistic to have an open Bazaar as in previous years. Organizers are meeting on Zoom this month to discuss how to proceed so “stay tuned” for details which will be announced throughout the summer to find out how you can help this important Calvary fundraiser. All proceeds from the bazaar support local organizations that benefit women and children in need. ■

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Notes

Home Communion

If you would like to have Communion (bread) brought to your home, the clergy are happy to do so. It will be prepared and placed in a sealed plastic bag and brought to your door. Please contact the clergy or the church office to make arrangements.



Church Office

The church office will remain open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All staff members are working their normal hours, except at the front desk, and are ready to help.



Meeting Space

Small groups from church are invited to use the space for meetings or their program. We also have the ability to set up Zoom meetings. Please contact the church office if you need help with this. The Vestry and young adults group have been meeting regularly by Zoom.



Rector’s Class

We intend to resume the Rector’s Class in early September, focusing on the Gospel of Matthew, and will record the series on video available through the Calvary website. ■

Communicating with the Church and Clergy

Each Friday, Calvary will send out an email with some brief announcements, a reflection, and a full-text bulletin for the upcoming Sunday service. The email will have a direct link (one to click on to take you to the page) to the Calvary website and Calvary Facebook page where the service will be streamed and another link to the Calvary YouTube page that has an archive of high resolution videos of services and older sermons. A direct link is far easier than typing the addresses below which also work.

Calvary Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryEpiscopalChurch/>

Calvary YouTube Page

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAsWoq8c-yqHDFay_hWtkyQ

Clergy Contact Information

Please feel free to contact any of our clergy. We are ready to help.

- The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, jjensen@calvarypgh.org
- The Rev. Leslie Reimer, lrreimer@calvarypgh.org
- The Rev. Neil Raman, nraman@calvarypgh.org
- Deacon Geoffrey Royce, groyce@calvarypgh.org ■

Province III Bishops Respond to the Death of George Floyd

June 4, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

It has now been over a week since the death of George Floyd at the hands of a white police officer in Minneapolis.

We have seen this before. And, as leaders in a predominantly white denomination, our responses are all too familiar.

We write letters and make public statements. We hold vigils and pray for reform. We urge our clergy and people to become better educated concerning the realities of institutional racism and implicit bias. We reach out to black community leaders and express our sorrow and our solidarity.

Then, gradually, we get busy with other things, until the next murder, the next video, the next spasm of racial violence, when we repeat the cycle.

And nothing changes.

We are heartbroken and angered by this pattern, by our complicity in it, above all by the thought that we might let this moment pass us by without responding with vigor, zeal and persistence to its challenge.

We are determined, with God's help, not to let this happen again. And yet, we need the participation of our communities in Christ to join in the movement of transforming our society with its sinful way of oppression, into Jesus' loving, liberating and life-giving Way of Love. Our baptismal promises compel us to act.

As bishops of Province III of the Episcopal Church, we resolve:

To seek, first, the guidance and wisdom of people of color as we look for ways to dismantle racism in our dioceses

To formulate a plan, each in our context, to build relationships with leaders in the black community offering our support, committing to partnership, and working together to address racial injustice in our localities.

To offer ongoing support to leaders in communities of color, local politicians and local law enforcement, in building healthy culture in our police departments, ensuring safety for all our citizens and fostering trust between police and people in all our neighborhoods.

To name the reality of systemic racism in our own dioceses and local contexts, and to recognize and address the white privilege imbedded in our Episcopal Church culture.

To be fervent in prayer for the coming of the day when all of God's children are free.

In all of this, and we pledge ourselves to the work of overcoming the sin of racism. We ask for the prayers of our fellow bishops, and of all the people of God, that this resolve may remain strong for as long as it takes to bear fruit. May God help us all.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Bishops of Province III of The Episcopal Church

The Rt. Reverend Mark Bourlakas
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson
Assistant Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Delaware

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff
*Bishop Suffragan and Ecclesiastical Authority,
Episcopal Diocese of Virginia*

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez
Bishop, The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Robert W. Ilhoff
Assisting Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

The Rt. Rev. W. Michie Klusmeyer
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knusden
Assisting Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Washington

The Rt. Rev. Santosh K. Marray
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Easton

The Rt. Rev. Dorsey W. M. McConnell
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

The Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Maryland ■

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



Our school year came to a close on May 28. For the past 2½ months, our teachers provided a very special and unique virtual learning experience for our students using technology, teamwork, and creativity.

To make distance learning successful, our teachers maintained a routine and provided online calendars so families knew exactly what to expect each week. During the month of May, our two themes were “Oceans and Water” and “Growing up Wild.” In order to engage all of our students with different learning preferences, we sang songs, played musical instruments, read books, danced, experimented, took nature walks, created scavenger hunts and team challenges, played games, made arts and crafts, and held team Zoom sessions so our students could learn about creatures in the ocean, salt vs. fresh water, the water cycle, wild vs. domestic animals, different types of birds, and the importance of trees for survival. We also virtually celebrated birthdays, Cinco de Mayo, Mother’s Day, World Bee Day, and National Paper Airplane Day.

Even though we all greatly missed being together in the classroom, the positive feedback we received helped keep us motivated. A few quotes from our parents are shared below:

- “Truly, these videos have been one of the few things we can count on in an unpredictable time and our whole family is so grateful for them. We will miss them when summer begins.”
- “I included some pictures of the stuff we have been doing – the scavenger hunt, the painting of a face using things from outside, planting seeds for spring, our house/family, and our butterflies.”
- “Thank you for sending the videos! We always speak Japanese at home, but when she was watching the video, she spoke English fluently. I’m so happy.”
- “Thank you for making this daily plan possible for the remainder of the school year!”
- “Thanks for all the love and care you are putting in to these little classes; it is nice for kiddos to stay connected to you even from afar!”
- “Teachers – we miss you. You are all the best!”

Thank you to our Beginnings teachers this school year:

Red Team: Kranti Gawade, Meagan McGill, and Cathy Rutter.

Yellow Team: Corinne Branquet and Elizabeth Gassler.

Orange Team: Kranti Kc, Daria Loshak, Erin O’Toole, and Susan Roth.

Purple Team: Sweta Bichhawat, Brittany Dukes, and Elizabeth Rubash.

Blue Team: Mary Ann Packer, Sharon Peters, and Anita Solman.

Music: Sharon Peters.

We are currently enrolling for the 2020-21 school year, which is scheduled to begin in person on September 9. We are limiting the number of students so that we can take every state-mandated precaution to keep our children safe and healthy. If you know of a family with a child between the age of 18 months and 5 years who is looking for a wonderful part-time preschool experience, have them contact me at 412.661.3025 or 412.661.0120 or by email at beginnings@calvarypgh.org.

Have an amazing summer! –Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■

The Bookstore at Calvary

This is a reminder that even though the Bookstore is not open to visitors, we are still available to meet your needs. Be able to follow along with the live streamed weekly Sunday service broadcast at 10:50 a.m. (available via Facebook and www.calvarypgh.org) with your own *Book of Common Prayer* and Hymnal. The Bookstore has the BCP in multiple binding options, print sizes, and price points. If you are interested in obtaining these items or any other items, please leave a message for the Bookstore at 412.661.0120 ext. 133 or email bookstore@calvarypgh.org and we will contact you.

The Used Book Sale

Please gather your used books and donate them to The Bookstore at Calvary’s Used Book Sale. Whatever the subject (bestseller, cookbook, hardcover, nonfiction, novel, paperback, softcover) – save it for us! CDs, DVDs, video /audio tapes, and vinyl records too! The sale is scheduled for August. Complete details will be announced! **You may drop off donations at the Church office Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** ■

Church Finances: A Reminder

You are encouraged to make every effort to keep up with your pledge payments during this time of the Church not holding public worship. Our expenses continue apace. Every staff member is paid during this time. They are all busy at Calvary in different ways than usual. You may send payments by mail or electronically. The Church office receives mail delivery daily. Many thanks. ■



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CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Age 3 – Kindergarten and Grades 1-6:

Many of our children participated in Zoom Sunday school sessions during the month of May. We focused on the events of Holy Week, Jesus's Resurrection and Ascension, Pentecost, and the Trinity. We read Bible stories, sang songs, prayed together, and made crafts, including an Easter garden, tissue paper made to look like stained glass with a dove to represent the Holy Spirit, red flowers, and a Trinity triangle.

The Journey Group (Middle – High School):

Several of our older youth participated in Journey Group sessions on Zoom every Sunday afternoon in May. A typical session would begin with an ice breaker and then we would all share the "hills and valleys" of our week. Following that were the week's readings from the Lectionary and a group discussion of their meaning for each of us as Christians and in our daily lives. We also prayed together, shared positive quotes, and listened to meaningful songs dealing with hope and love. Each session also included Bible Trivia, a game everyone enjoyed!

The Journey Group is planning "Movie Night in the Swan Garden" (if weather permits) on Saturday, June 27. The movie is *The Shack*, which is about a father's journey of healing and forgiveness, featuring characters symbolic of the Holy Trinity. More details will follow.

Confirmation Class

Classes are still on hold due to social distancing. We will let you know when classes are scheduled to resume.

Christian Formation classes are on summer break and should start again in the fall on the first Sunday after Labor Day.

We are planning to open our playground to the children of those parents who attend the Garden Service, which is tentatively scheduled to begin on July 5. Unfortunately, for safety reasons, parents will not be able to join their children in the playground. We will be checking their temperature at the gate and will have several safety protocols in place. Our intent is to provide them with as enjoyable an experience as possible, without putting them or any of the other children at risk. There will be additional staff present to ensure adequate supervision. Please make plans to attend and see what you think.

–Tammy Lewis, *Director of Children's Christian Formation*,
tlewis@calvarypgh.org, 412.661.0120 ext. 116 ■

Please recycle this newsletter
when you have finished reading it.

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 (nraman@calvarypgh.org / 412.661.0120 ext. 112).

Over Zoom:

June 17 at 7 p.m. CYAM Bible Study

June 18 at 5:45 p.m. Holy Happy Hour

June 24 at 7 p.m. CYAM Bible Study

July 1 at 7 p.m. CYAM Bible Study

July 2 at 5:45 p.m. Holy Happy Hour ■

Soup Group

I am not sure when we will be able to cook together, but we have a sufficient supply of soup in the freezer. Soup can still be delivered to fellow parishioners, friends, and family members. Please call the Calvary Church office (412.661.0120) to check on the times that access is available to the kitchen and the soup. Because of "social distancing," I continue to recommend that the soup be left outside the door of the recipient. Then call to let that person know the soup is there.

Contact me if you have any questions.

–Adele Eley, adele.eley@gmail.com, 412.371.6921 ■

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 1 p.m. Below is a list of items particularly requested at this time. Thank you for your on-going support of this ministry.

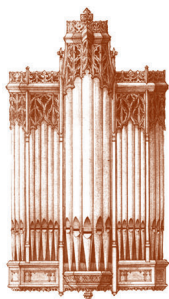
- * Bottled Water
- * Canned tomato sauce, vegetables, beans
- * Spaghetti and macaroni pasta
- * Instant mashed potatoes
- * Canned soups * Oatmeal and whole grain cereals
- * Mac & Cheese boxes * White and brown rice
- * Disposable utensils (fork, spoon, knife)
- * Disposable plates * Disposable bowls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

Plastic Recycling

Thank you to the many people that are recycling plastic film to the collection boxes. We will continue our practice of recycling here at Calvary. ■



MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



I think there is fairly wide awareness within the Calvary community that our Choir began, about 18 months ago, to form plans to travel to England in the summer of 2021, to sing a week of services at Worcester Cathedral. I learned last month that the Three Choirs Festival, an annual music festival of some 300 years' standing that rotates among Worcester, Hereford, and Gloucester Cathedrals, is being postponed by a year due to COVID-19. (It was to have taken place in Worcester this summer.) As it happens, the dates onto which it has been moved for 2021 overlaps with our anticipated week in Worcester; preparations for that festival are so all-encompassing that stirring a visiting American choir into the mix is logistically impossible.

This might be seen as a disappointment – and, in many ways, it is, since we had been looking forward to and indeed were already preparing for the musical challenges of such a trip. But against the background of the pandemic, planning for group-travel even that far in the future had given me some qualms, not least since it is at this point not even clear how soon we will be allowed to assemble as a choir and sing here at home! I am very grateful to set aside those concerns, without being burdened by any sense of having failed in the obligation we had taken on. Another opportunity will arise, at a time in which we can more fully engage with it, and I look forward to making plans for that and sharing news of it when the time comes. ■



Greetings to our Calvary Super Senior Lunch Group

It was only 13 weeks ago that we held our first Calvary Super Senior lunch of 2020! So much has happened since March 8 and our world has certainly changed in so many ways. We hope you and your family are well and have stayed well during these last few weeks. We miss seeing you at the Calvary Church services and hope you have been able to join Calvary's Sunday Worship service online at 11 a.m.

The Super Senior Lunch on July 15 has been canceled. As the church clergy continue to explore ways of gathering in a safe way for all, we are hopeful that perhaps by the next scheduled SSL on October 4, we might be able to gather to share lunch and a time of being together again.

Stay well as we enter into our summer season and enjoy being able to be outdoors. Hopefully you will enjoy some small gatherings with a few friends while practicing social distancing.

On behalf of the Pastoral Care Committee,
Judy Wootten & Barbara Hicks ■

Inside, Outside, Upside, Down

The Neb

Reredos Flowers Return: Pentecost! Annual geranium sale provides first High Altar floral display since mid-March. Some traditions are strong enough to persist even now. Did you read the Gospel

aloud at home in a language other than English? Did you have your strawberries and ice cream? Did you wear red?

Gardeners Garner Geraniums: From Sanctuary to rich Calvary soil. A super-abundance of blazing flora. You can't keep a good gardener down. Social distancing is easy when planting in the great outdoors.

Missing the Garden Nine O'clock? Aren't we all. Thoughts being given to future gatherings for worship in widely spaced chairs, lawn chairs, and blankets further back in the garden. A little Tanglewood in East Liberty. Maybe even parishioner Lectors again. Stay hopeful.

From Duet to Quartet: In a sign of careful easing of restrictions, expanded choir offerings presented for

streamed Pentecost service. Four-part harmony! S A T B! What a joy.

Tech Talk: Web link bolstered for greater upload speeds. Typical service posting on YouTube following a live stream which once took longer than service itself now possible in less than half the time. An important improvement since we're in this for the long haul, folks.

Supplemental Sexton Services Seen: Kitchen emptied, walls and equipment detailed, floor stripped and refinished in hard terra cotta epoxy finish. Beautiful! Refectory woodwork thoroughly cleansed with Murphy's oil soap. Leslie's office plaster repaired and painted. The place sparkles!

Returning Beginnings Belongings and Other Below-Stairs Business: School year ends. Teachers reunite students with shoes, bags, lunch boxes, and toys. Some items picked up – others delivered to porches by self-same teacher/couriers. Videos commemorating a challenging year produced by and for Beginnings staff as a farewell 'til the fall.

Seriously Interesting Times: Recent upheavals in the world, the nation, Pittsburgh, and in East Liberty mercifully spare Calvary any unhappy occurrences. Just looking at our mission statement for some reason. Check it out on the church web page. Good stuff.

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Parish Register

BAPTISMS

Charlotte Regina Lau, April 20, 2019
Shanley Ricky Clerfe, June 9, 2019
Ian Francis Kirby, June 9, 2019
Caroline Lynn Sinclair De Rosa, August 18, 2019
Jael Svetlana Zeiset Olshefski, August 18, 2019
Grace Katharine Giotto, November 3, 2019
Olivia Eileen Horne, November 3, 2019
Margaret Eileen McCloud, November 3, 2019
Ezekiel John O'Brien, November 3, 2019
Ruby Josephine Santo, November 3, 2019
Davis William Parker, November 30, 2019
Zelda Rone Webb, December 14, 2019

CONFIRMED ON MAY 5, 2019

Bev Beebe
Zane Long
Daniel Pieratt
Alexander Swain

RECEIVED ON MAY 5, 2019

Daniel Beckham
James K. Beebe
Lindsay Dragan
Katie Riordan
David Hooks
Michael Kelly

MARRIAGES

Carrington Coeburn Schade North and
Douglas Quirk Holmes, September 6, 2019
Cynthia Gabriela Alvarado and
Christian James Beebe, November 10, 2019

BURIALS

John Donald Stanier, April 13, 2019
Carole Ann Kennedy Stanier, April 13, 2019
Karen Anne Curto, April 13, 2019
Roland Edward "Jack" Rominger, Jr., May 13, 2019
Cynthia Naughton McCormick, May 22, 2019
Teresa Fusca Rozewski, June 20, 2019
George F. Buerger, Jr., July 20, 2019
Paul A. McWilliams, September 5, 2019
Joshua Rispoli, October, 13, 2019
Carol Ann McKelvey Henderson, November 9, 2019
Catherine M. Fullerton, November 9, 2019
Frances Lockwood Morgan, November 13, 2019
Aileen M. Keyes, November 21, 2019
Charlotte Anne Dickerson, December 6, 2019
A. Margaret Kelly, December 20, 2019
Mary Oates Davis, December 27, 2019
Julia Howard Grimstead, February 8, 2020
Taylor Chambers, May 15, 2020

TRANSFERRED IN

David and Ashley Riehl, Harvey and Lenora, April 18, 2019
from St. Peter's Catholic, Pittsburgh, PA
Sally Wiggin, April 18, 2019
from Fox Chapel Episcopal, Pittsburgh, PA
Peter and Wanda Hughes, April 25, 2019
from St. Andrew Lutheran, Pittsburgh, PA
Kim Pieratt, May 5, 2019
from The Episcopal Church of the Ascension,
Knoxville, TN
Joanne Luchsinger, May 16, 2019
from St. Andrew's Episcopal, Pittsburgh, PA
Ian and Laura Everhart, May 17, 2019
from St. Andrew's Episcopal, Pittsburgh, PA
Jackie Spagiare, May 22, 2019
from Good Shepherd Catholic, Braddock, PA
Christopher Olshefski and Caitlin Zeiset, Judah,
July 28, 2019 from
City Reformed Presbyterian, Pittsburgh, PA
Bob and Jane Bukk, July 31, 2019
from St. Bede Catholic, Pittsburgh, PA
Heather Santo, August 21, 2019
from St. Raphael Catholic, Pittsburgh, PA
Will Woods, October 19, 2019
from Christ Church Cranbrook,
Bloomfield Hills, MI
Will Ruthrauff, October 21, 2019
from St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh,
Ft. Washington, PA
Susan Adams, October 24, 2019
from St. Luke's, Mechanicsburg, PA
Daniel Geroni, November 3, 2019
from the Episcopal Church of the Ascension,
Middletown, OH
Clark Webb and Kate Pieratt-Webb, Vera,
November 6, 2019 from Christ Episcopal,
North Hills, Pittsburgh, PA
Nancy Perkins, November 18, 2019
from St. Paul's Cathedral, Pittsburgh, PA

TRANSFERRED OUT

Colleen Sari, July 11, 2019
to St. John's Episcopal, Sandwich, MA
Wilder and Nancy Bancroft, August 12, 2019
to St. Brendan's, Sewickley, PA
Alex Swain, December 4, 2019
to St. Philip's in the Hills, Tucson, AZ
Greg Galford, February 11, 2020
to Christ Church, Blacksburg, VA
Melissa Nevola, April 2, 2020
to St. Alban's, Washington, DC ■



Lambeth Conference Postponed Until 2021

The Lambeth Conference, which gathers bishops from across the Anglican Communion about once a decade has been postponed until 2021 in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said in a video message that he had consulted with a wide variety of stakeholders in recent weeks, including some of the Communion's forty primates.

Welby said that international travel restrictions have factored into the decision, as well as a need for bishops to be present to their people at a time of crisis. "The place of a Bishop at a time of difficulty is a place of a shepherd when the wolf is attacking the flock," he said. "It is to be with them. To be alongside them. To love them. To suffer with them.

"Because of the Coronavirus, travel around the world is deeply restricted and the amount of time that we will face these limitations is unknown. For these reasons, so that we may be good shepherds as bishops in the Anglican world, and encourage the church to be there for God's suffering world, we have decided to reschedule and postpone the conference and to put it forward till 2021 at pretty well the same time."

Welby said that new dates were not yet available, but that conference attendees would be notified as soon as possible.

On March 20, GAFCON announced that its Kigali 2020 Bishop's Conference, a gathering designed especially for Anglican bishops from more conservative provinces that would not be attending Lambeth, would also be postponed "until such a time as it becomes practical to reconvene."

—Anglican Communion News Service ■

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with additional content may be viewed
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www.calvarypgh.org

Agape Deadline

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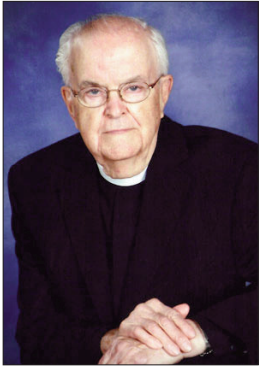
The Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen, *Rector*
The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer, *Senior Associate Rector*
The Reverend Neil K. Raman, *Associate Rector*
The Reverend Ruth Bosch Becker, *Assisting Pastor*
The Reverend Carol Henley, *Assisting Priest*
The Reverend Dr. Moni McIntyre, *Assisting Priest*
The Reverend Geoffrey Royce, *Deacon*
The Reverend Dr. Harold T. Lewis, *Rector Emeritus*
Dr. Alan Lewis, *Director of Music*
Jon Tyillian, *Assistant Organist*
Jamie McMahon, *Senior Warden*
Sue DeWalt, *Junior Warden*
Robert Eley, *Treasurer*
Lynda Kennedy, *Director of Finance*
Tammy Lewis, *Director, Beginnings;*
Director of Children's Formation
Kim Pieratt, *Parish Administrator*
Louise Wells, *Special Assistant to the Rector*
Kenneth Smith, *Director of Communications*
Jim Gubash, *Head Sexton*
Adam Augustine, Andy Dilts, Ron Johnston,
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Robert Dilts, Mary Ann Slater, *Archivists*

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News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

The Rev. Canon Richard W. Davies, 1927-2020: An Appreciation



The Rev. Richard Davies, one of the most senior priests in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, died peacefully on May 7th. Canon Davies – as he was affectionately known at St. Paul’s, Mt. Lebanon, where he served for several decades – was 93 years old and in his 65th year as a priest.

His life and ministry produced a lasting effect on life in western

Pennsylvania, including the preservation of its colonial history and immigrant roots, and the establishment of a renowned program for the care of young people with special needs.

It was often said that Richard Davies had many loves in his life, “but only one woman!” as he would quickly interject whenever the subject come up. That woman, his wife of 68 years, Doris, would partner with him in serving his admitted first love, the Lord and His Church.

Newly ordained in 1955 by Bishop Austin Pardue, Richard was sent to St. Paul’s, Monongahela, which because of its small size provided a training ground that was typically afforded to young clergy of that period.

“The people knew that and honored that. They did a good job with Richard and kept him out of trouble. The place prospered,” said the late Rev. Charles Martin, an ordination classmate, speaking in Richard’s honor a few years ago.

Within a short time, Richard became rector of St. Peter’s, Brentwood. There, in 1958, he helped establish the St. Peter’s Child Development Center in response to several parishioners who were dealing with developmental delays in their children. At the time, the center was one of a few schools offering ministry and therapy for children with special needs. It eventually outgrew the St. Peter’s facility and evolved into TELI – The Early Learning Institute, which today provides pediatric care in the form of physical, occupational, speech, hearing, vision, and developmental therapy at multiple locations. The Early Learning Institute honored Richard with its Founder’s Award at its 50th anniversary celebration in 2009.

After a 25-year stint at St. Peter’s, Bishop Alden Hathaway tapped Richard to be his executive officer, a position known in the church as Canon to the Ordinary, and during those years he interacted with every parish and clergy member in the diocese.

By 1987, Richard had stepped away from diocesan work to become the associate rector of St. Paul’s, Mt. Lebanon, and soon took on the additional responsibilities of Vicar of Old St. Luke’s Church in Scott. This historic church presented a great challenge that would soon become another of Richard’s great loves. Tracing its roots to the 1760s – it’s the oldest Episcopal Church west of the Allegheny Mountains – the church stood empty for more than 60 years when Richard stepped in.

“How do you keep a church with no congregation going, and what do you do with it?” Richard once pondered in an interview for Mt. Lebanon Magazine. He answered his own question: “Be creative.”

That creativity sprang out of Richard’s newfound interest in history. The more he read about Old St. Luke’s connection to the French and Indian War, the American Revolution and the Whiskey Rebellion, the more consumed he became. He authored books and plays about the period. He started offering tours and lectures. He secured a Commonwealth Historic Site recognition. He undertook renovations of the building and its centuries-old graveyard. And, he brought the church back as a place of worship by hosting weddings, baptisms and other religious services on a regular basis. St. Paul’s, Mt. Lebanon, uses Old St. Luke’s as a satellite location in spring and autumn.

“He loved history, but he really loved the church and everything about this building,” said Norma Cappello, an Old St. Luke’s board member and its wedding coordinator. She remembers that he trusted and always expressed appreciation to those who worked to make the setting perfect for the bride and groom and their families. “He just wanted them to be happy,” she added.

His love of history and culture extended beyond the roots of western Pennsylvania. He tapped deeply into his own Welsh ancestry, and for nearly 20 years served as secretary of the St. David’s Welsh Society of Pittsburgh. During his tenure, the group funded and oversaw the installation of a Welsh nationality classroom in the University of Pittsburgh’s Cathedral of Learning. The room was dedicated in 2008. Consistent with Richard’s faith and interests, the classroom is modeled after a church built in the late 1800s in Cardiff.

“He loved everything Welsh,” said the Rev. Sandy Ritchie in recalling how Richard would attend Welsh hymn-singing events. That recollection brought up what she calls her fondest memory of him. “He sat at the bedside of a dying woman whose family was not able to be present, and he sang hymns to her, just ever so softly.”

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After serving more than 50 years as a priest, Richard Davies began contemplating retirement. "This time for real," Richard would say on more than one occasion. Each attempt was short lived. In the late 2000s, he became part of "Team Clergy" in Mt. Lebanon when the parish entered an interim period between rectors.

"He and the late Rev. John Thomas called themselves 'Frick and Frack' and they were quite a team," said the Rev. Nano Chalfant-Walker. "Richard was wise and very funny. He was a tremendous help to me when I later served there as interim."

Richard Davies finally did retire from active ministry in 2010, but maintained his interest and involvement in all that he made possible over the years. Then-provisional Bishop Ken Price honored him on the occasion: "Richard stands as an example of how ordained ministry is lived out over a lifetime."

In addition to his wife, Doris, he is survived by their daughter, Glynis, and her husband, Robert Carlson; son David, and his wife, Nancy; two grandchildren, and a great granddaughter.

Richard's love for Doris goes back to when they were youngsters at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkesburg. He was an altar server, and as luck would have it, he needed to wait behind a stained glass partition before services began.

"There was a small hole in the glass where you could see clearly into the congregation," he said, telling a story he loved to tell. "I would position myself so that I could peer through and see the most beautiful girl in the world. That was Doris."

That hole remains today, as does Richard's saintly legacy. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

A Memorial service will be held at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, when such gatherings are permitted. ■

Condolences may be sent to Doris Davies, 300 Madison Ave., Apt 309, Pittsburgh, PA 15243-1087

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Old St. Luke's Church, 330 Old Washington Pike, Carnegie, PA 15106 or St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1066 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

June 14: Christ Episcopal Church, Indiana, and the Rev. William Geiger; and the Rev. Marc Jacobson, missionary

June 21: St. Michael's of the Valley Episcopal Church, Ligonier, and the Rev. Dr. James Simons; and Sheldon Calvary Camp, Tim Green, executive director, summer staff and campers

June 28: St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Brackenridge, and the Rev. Dr. Frank Yesko

July 5: Coal Country Hangout Youth Center, the Rev. Ann Staples, executive director; Retired clergy, including the Rev. William Haslett, the Rev. Lloyd Hays, the Rev. Louis Hays, the Rev. Austin Hurd, and the Rev. Dr. Jared Jackson

July 12: 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 Rev. Catherine Munz, the Very Rev. Canon John Park, the Rev. Dr. William Pugliese, and the Rev. Rodgers Wood.

July 19: The Community of Celebration, Bill Farra, director, and the Rev. Steven McKeown, chaplain

July 26: Historic Old St. Luke's Church and the Very Rev. Canon Scott Quinn; and the Social Justice & Outreach Committee

August 2: The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell

August 9: Non-parochial clergy, including the Rev. Andrew Ray, the Rev. Dr. Charles Starr, the Rev. Dr. Henry Thompson, and the Rev. Christine Visminas

August 16: The Commission on Ministry; Education for Ministry; the Disciplinary Board; and the Committee on Constitution & Canons ■

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Kitchen Floor Renovation

The sextons have done an excellent job with giving the kitchen new life. The concrete floor has been repainted and sealed. All the appliances and surfaces, including underneath all the cabinets, have been thoroughly cleaned. The back of the kitchen has been reorganized with new storage racks. Thank you to Jim Gubash, James Knight, Andy Dilts, Adam Augustine, and Mary Ann Packer. Thank you also to Adele Eley for helping initiate the project.

—Jonathon ■



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Across the Anglican Communion, leaders speak out on racial justice and defend protesters

The killing of George Floyd by police officers in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 25 – and the pattern of police brutality against African Americans nationwide – have reverberated around the world, with protests spreading far beyond the United States, from New Zealand to Syria to Brazil.

Leaders from across the Anglican Communion have spoken out, condemning racism, supporting the protests and urging a renewed commitment to racial justice.

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, head of the Anglican Communion, released a statement – along with Archbishop of York John Sentamu – calling racism “an affront to God” and saying it “must be eradicated.”

“Systemic racism continues to cause incalculable harm across the world,” Welby and Sentamu wrote. “Our hearts weep for the suffering caused – for those who have lost their lives, those who have experienced persecution, those who live in fear. God’s justice and love for all creation demands that this evil is properly confronted and tackled.”

Welby also tweeted his support for Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and joined him in criticizing President Donald Trump’s photo op holding a Bible in front of St. John’s Episcopal Church, across from the White House, preceded by the forcible removal of nonviolent protesters and clergy from the area.

“I pray that those of us who are white Christians repent of our own prejudices, and do the urgent work of becoming better allies to our brothers and sisters of color,” Welby added.

Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams had strong and specific criticism for Trump, saying the Bible photo op was “an act of idolatry ... using the text that witnesses to God’s disruptive majesty as a prop in a personal drama.”

“In a context where racial privilege itself has long been an idolatry, where long-unchallenged institutional violence has been a routine means for the self-defense of that privilege, the image of the president clinging to the Scriptures as if to an amulet is bizarre even by the standards of recent years,” Williams wrote.

The Scottish Episcopal Church also condemned Trump’s actions, calling the photo op and the use of force against protesters a “blatant mis-use of both a church building and holy scripture.”

In an interview with BBC Radio, Sentamu said that if he weren’t staying at home to avoid contracting COVID-19, he would be out protesting.

“The problem is America has not been listening to the real problems of African Americans and people of color,” Sentamu said.

In South Africa, the Most Rev. Thabo Makgoba, archbishop of Cape Town and primate of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, said he was “shocked by the death by homicide of George Floyd.”

“George Floyd’s killing flies in the face of the solidarity evident in the

world’s response to the pandemic, and we condemn the brutal treatment he was subjected to,” Makgoba wrote. “May Mr. Floyd rest in peace.”

In a tragic coincidence, Floyd was killed during the Anglican Church of Australia’s observance of the National Week of Prayer for Reconciliation, which focuses on racial justice and unity in light of Australia’s oppression of Aboriginal peoples.

The Rt. Rev. Chris McLeod, the church’s national Aboriginal bishop, used the sad irony of the situation to affirm support for the Black Lives Matter movement and draw attention to similar injustices faced by Aboriginal Australians.

Floyd’s death “has triggered off a series of protests and riots around America, and protests here in Australia,” McLeod wrote. “It also reminded us that since the findings of the ‘Aboriginal Deaths in Custody’ report (1991) there have been a further 432 deaths in [police] custody. Just in the last few days we have also witnessed the violent arrest of an Aboriginal teenager in New South Wales. We can see quite clearly that reconciliation means far more than saying the right words and uttering the right prayers for one week of the year. Something is very, very wrong with racial equality in both American and Australia, and needs to be changed.”

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, wrote a letter along with her counterparts in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and the United Church of Canada calling on all their members to dismantle systemic racism.

“Centuries of anger at injustice and anti-Black racism are literally bursting into flames as people stand for political and cultural change to address these deep-seated systems that work to oppress so many members of our communities,” they wrote in the letter, which included suggestions for taking action. “We want to affirm our commitment to ending our silence about and working towards the dismantling of anti-Black racism.”

The Anglican Church of Canada also reiterated its call, issued in late March, for its congregations to do more to address racism.

The Church in Wales expressed its support for Black Lives Matter in a statement that acknowledged the church’s historic complicity in racial injustice.

“Current events in the USA have brought to the attention of the world the extreme injustice of white supremacy and racism. In challenging racism, the church has much to learn and to repent of,” the statement said. ■



People protest in Sydney, Australia, on June 2 in solidarity with those in the United States protesting police brutality and the killing of George Floyd. Photo: Loren Elliott/Reuters

All I need to know I learned from Noah's Ark



11:45 pm



12:30 am



2:15 am



3:45 am



5:45 am



6:00 am

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember, we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you are 600 years old someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage.
The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. Remember the Ark was built by amateurs,
the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with
God there's always a rainbow waiting. ■

George Floyd Mural

[Episcopal News Service] The mural honoring George Floyd near where he died May 25 has become a prominent visual landmark among the sprawling makeshift memorials at East 38th Street and Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis, Minnesota. One of the mural's lead artists, Cadex Herrera, 45, is a member of St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Herrera immigrated to the United States from Belize when he was 19. Herrera works as an elementary school behavioral specialist who creates art on the side, specializing in social justice art. ■



Prayers requested

The Diocesan Standing Committee has offered up the following prayer through the period of search and discernment up to the Special Convention:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, and those who offer themselves as candidates, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ■

Sale and Future of Trinity Church, Beaver

A closing is anticipated during the week of June 15th on the sale of property that has been home to Trinity Church in Beaver. Bishop McConnell will conduct a short service of "deconsecration" on June 11.



Historically, Trinity was an Episcopal parish that held legal title to its church buildings and land, but since 2008, its congregation has affiliated with the Anglican Church in North America. The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh obtained legal title to the property earlier this year when the congregation voluntarily decided to close its doors.

The buyer is a worshipping community that has no previous association with the property. Sale proceeds will be invested in a board-designated fund held by the Episcopal Diocese Board of Trustees, with the income available to support future ministries that are specific to the Beaver County area, and that operate under the auspices of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh or the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh. This arrangement was approved by the Episcopal Diocese's Trustees and the Standing Committee in the spirit of "mutual blessings" that have emerged from agreements with other ACNA congregations.

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