

The Book of Genesis has always been one of the Old Testament books most loved and esteemed by Christians. Do you wonder why? Perhaps it is because Genesis is a book of stories, rather than laws, essays, or sermons. But it may also be because these stories treat topics that are always important to people of faith: God's creation of the world; the origin of evil and suffering; the social and environmental results of personal sin; the hopeful examples of faithful and moral persons; the promise that God will save the world from its brokenness. Genesis is a complicated, sometimes dark, but ultimately hopeful book. Here is the story of the human fracturing of the once-beautiful creation; here also is the story of God's intention to create a new goodness for the world via the lives of Abraham and Sarah and their descendants.

For Christians as well as Jews, Genesis is a compendium of our earliest spiritual family history. All of us are heirs of our physical genealogy, and it often helps us to know who we are today by knowing something about our ancestors. As Christians we are heirs of Abraham and Sarah and their descendants; we have been grafted into their family tree by spiritual adoption. Knowing this part of our spiritual family history can help us take our bearings today as persons of faith.

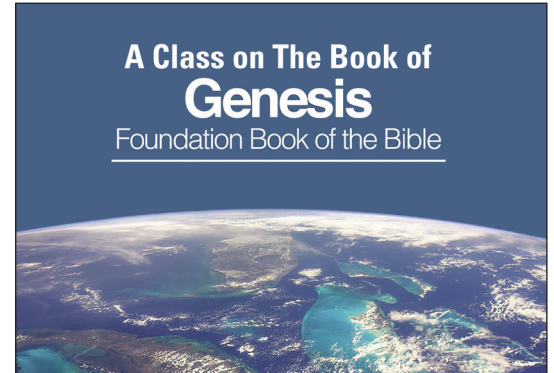
The Book of Genesis is in fact the gateway into the great document of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament called *The Torah*—that five-part narrative (Genesis-Exodus-Leviticus-Numbers-Deuteronomy) which is the foundation of the entire library of Sacred Scriptures of both Jews and Christians. The Genesis stories all present, in some way, the idea of God's *promise* to recreate the wholeness of the world. They raise several big questions:

- Will God allow the rebellion of the first humans forever to distort and degrade the world?
- Will the faithful response to God's call by Abraham and Sarah provide a sufficient pivot-point for God's grace to reverse the dark course of human history?
- Or will the repeated violence and sinfulness within Abraham's family finally block God's promise to make them into a special instrument of salvation for the whole world?
- Will there be a future for this people, or does it all come to a sad ending as slaves in Egypt?

To put it differently, Genesis asks in various ways, "Can the brokenness of the world be healed by God's grace, or will it remain forever marred beyond the reach of redemption?"

Our thirteen Sunday sessions will discuss a selection of the most important Genesis stories (We will not have time for all 51 chapters, of course.) Our primary focus will be on how the big theological themes move forward as the book unfolds. As Christians, we will consider the stories in the light of their significance in ancient Israel/Judaism prior to Jesus, and we will consider them in the light of the life, and death, and resurrection of Jesus.

—Robert Owens ■



**A Class on The Book of
Genesis**
 Foundation Book of the Bible

This fall, Prof. Robert Owens will lead a class on the Book of Genesis beginning **Sunday, September 8 at 10 a.m. in McClintic Hall**. The study of Genesis will conclude on Sunday, December 15.

Class members who wish to make use of an extra resource are encouraged to read John Goldingay, *Genesis for Everyone* (2 vols.). These small paperbacks include a modern English translation of Genesis in addition to the interpretative discussions, and are available in The Bookstore at Calvary.

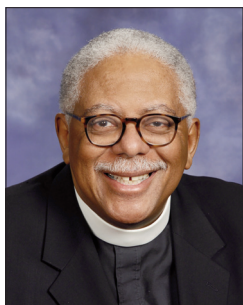
Katie, Ilhan and Emma: Three Women Offer Timely Advice on Civility and Civil Rights

by *The Reverend Dr. Harold T. Lewis*

Perhaps some of my fellow TCM aficionados will remember a 1947 film entitled “The Farmer’s Daughter,” with Loretta Young in the title role. In it, Miss Young portrays Katie Holstrom, a Swedish immigrant who has left her father’s farm in the wilds of Minnesota to seek her fame and fortune in the Big City. To this end, she lands a job as housemaid in the home of a prominent congressman. Katie endears herself to the entire household, from attic to parlor to scullery, and in the process demonstrates equal proficiency at whipping up scrumptious Swedish meatballs and administering therapeutic Swedish massages! But wait; there’s more! Her homespun approach to life proves applicable to her developing politics, and in her assiduous preparation for citizenship, Katie becomes enamored with a wonderful thing called freedom of speech. She insinuates herself into the conversations between her boss and his colleagues, and in due course (*mirabile dictu!*) her opinions are not simply tolerated but solicited. When a congressional seat falls vacant, Katie wins it handily, and – because it’s Hollywood, after all – she arrives in Washington on the arm of her new husband, her former employer’s rich (and handsome) son.

The story of Ilhan Omar, a real-life Minnesota congresswoman, is completely bereft of the fairy tale-like characteristics of Katie Holstrom’s sojourn to the halls of Congress. Notably, Ilhan, unlike Katie, is not of Nordic stock, but is a woman of color, and therefore cannot enjoy the protection that is a by-product of white racial homogeneity. Instead, she is deemed to be, even by a high-ranking government official, part of the “dark underbelly of American society.” Moreover, Ilhan does not hail from a prosperous European country, but from Somalia, a poverty-stricken, war-torn country, among the nations of Africa described by the President of the United States in a phrase unfit for inclusion in a church publication. As she went about exercising freedom of speech, she was accused of “hating America” and of plotting Islamist threats. But the most unkindest cut of all came when her very identity as an American citizen and a lawmaker was called into question when the contempt of the crowd at a rally in North Carolina was reduced to three monosyllables: “Send her back!”

When I heard these words, I immediately thought of the antithetical message in Emma Lazarus’ poem “The New Colossus,” with its immortal words of welcome literally



chiseled in stone on the base of the Statue of Liberty:
Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

Christianity is not a spectator sport. It was for good reason that James wrote, “Faith without works is dead.” We have a choice: We can either stand idly by, inciting others to riot, as we ensure that there will always be a divided America, or we can take turns lifting the lamp beside the golden door, ensuring that all sorts and conditions of people may enter it, bringing about a veritable salad bowl of a new America.

H.T.L.+ ■

Dr. Lewis is the Rector Emeritus of Calvary Church.

Volunteers Needed for Calvary’s Altar Flower Delivery Ministry

Would you like to participate in one of Calvary’s oldest ministries? Do you have 60 to 90 minutes on a Sunday after an 11 o’clock service (once a quarter)? Would you find it meaningful to carry a tangible reminder of Calvary’s caring and concern to a fellow parishioner who needs to know we are with them in times of illness, sorrow or joy?



Barbara Hicks (co-chair, 1st and 2nd Quarters) and I (co-chair, 3rd and 4th Quarters) are looking for some new volunteers to replenish our faithful cadre of Calvary altar flower delivery volunteers, several of whom have retired after many years of service or have moved away.

If you would like to have more information about how you can become part of this ministry, please contact me. The procedure is not complicated, training is provided and you would be scheduled with an experienced volunteer the first time you are scheduled.

The schedule for the Third Quarter (July, August and September) is already out – you would not be needed until the Fourth Quarter (October, November and December).

We really need your help – and the people to whom you deliver the flowers which have graced Calvary’s altars will be very grateful. Thank you.

–Judie Compher, Co-Chair, Calvary Altar Flower Delivery
jmcompher@aol.com, 412.441.8688 ■



The Bookstore at Calvary

The Bookstore at Calvary would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make the 2019 Used Book Sale one of the most successful in our history! This includes the donations from parishioners, the helpers who spent countless hours sorting and organizing all the items, the volunteers who assisted on the selling and/or clean-up days, and those who supported the used book sale with their purchases.



A question parishioners often ask is what happens to all the books that didn't sell? Unsold used books were given to the following organizations:

Better World Books: A box of books was placed in a Better World Books drop box. Books are sold online to help raise funds for nonprofit literacy organization changing the world through teaching kids, supporting families, building schools and filling libraries. To find a drop box and learn more about this organization, visit betterworldbooks.com.

Little Free Libraries: Joe Coohill of Pittsburgh East Rotary Club (PERC) took seven boxes of children's books for PERC's Little Free Library program, which operates seven little free libraries in Homewood and Perry Hilltop, which are underserved communities. Three additional Little Free Libraries received donations by Jeannie Farina to help spread the joy and power of sharing books including locations at Monroeville United Methodist Church, West View at Chalfonte Avenue, and Wilkinsburg at Penn Avenue and Wood Street. To learn more, please visit littlefreelibrary.org.

New Dimensions Full Gospel Ministries: Dorothy Drennen donated Bibles to this organization.

The Salvation Army of Clearfield, PA: The Mobile Lunch and Literacy program takes volunteer-prepared lunches to a nearby low-income housing development. Lunch is provided along with the children choosing books to be read to them. Jeannie Farina presented Linda Swatsworth, Children's Program Director, with three boxes of children and young adult used books to support the Mobile Lunch and Literacy program. In addition, she will provide each child with one or two books to keep.

eQuip Books: An initiative based in Aliquippa whose goal is to empower local youth through a variety of retail, library and donation services, took away all the remaining materials. Visit www.equipbookstore.com to learn more about this worthwhile organization.

During the month of August, the Bookstore will be open *only* on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Normal week day hours will resume starting the week of September 1, with the Bookstore being open Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® are accepted. ■

Interfaith Symposium Held at Calvary

On Tuesday, July 23 and Wednesday, July 24, Calvary had the honor of hosting a group of international fellows. The nine-person delegation was made up of people from religious minorities from Burma, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Each of the fellows is engaged with working towards peace and understanding in their respective countries. Their time at Calvary was part of a larger exchange run by the U.S. State Department and World Learning. A member of the Tree of Life Congregation coordinated the Pittsburgh leg of the exchange and suggested Calvary as a venue. The goal of the exchange was to build connections between spiritual and community leaders who work to promote moderation, build tolerance, and prevent conflict (from the program summary). Before arriving in Pittsburgh the fellows spent a week in Washington D.C. After their time in Pittsburgh, the fellows attended events in New York before returning to their home countries.

While in Pittsburgh the fellows met with various civic and religious leaders and toured houses of worship. The fellows also spent time discussing trauma, resilience, compassion, and the role social media plays in promoting both tolerance and extremism.

On Tuesday, Gillian Cannell led the delegation on a tour of Calvary. The tour and the discussion that followed helped connect the grandeur of our building to the wonderful community that gathers in it. The fellows spent all of Wednesday at Calvary. The morning's program was facilitated by Global Switchboard. Our time was dedicated to understanding the role that "fear of other" plays globally, locally, and personally. Throughout the morning, the participants, including close to 30 people from the wider Pittsburgh community, shared stories about how "fear of other" had affected their lives. The fellows shared some moving stories about the work that they do and the challenges that they face. The account of Christians and Muslims working to make peace with Buddhists in Sri Lanka was particularly compelling. Wednesday afternoon was dedicated to a round table discussion on the role of social media in radicalization and ways in which the intentional use of compassion in online discourse can change hearts and minds and open the door to understanding. The conversations with the fellows were nothing short of inspiring and the work that they are engaged in gives me hope for the future of inter-religious dialog and cooperation.

—The Rev. Neil Raman ■





Stuff and Nonsense

“Hey Gardeners! Yinz Hacked Yinz’s Yews to Sticks!”: Front yard hedge row trimmed severely for future healthy growth. See Blenheim Palace Parish Hall poster for more info.

Two Tree Limbs Tumble in Two Weeks: Two factors: Advanced age and inclement weather. Future feared grim for fabulous flowering cherry tree by entry driveway.

Storm Clouds and Seeding; Franklin and Appleseed Return: North Narthex history window pair removed, repaired, replaced, and protected in record time. Thanks, PHLF, for the grant.

Director of Music Takes Vacation - Organ Does Same: An “Ancient and Honorable Tradition” - Storms followed by electrical outages eerily coincide with Alan Lewis’ summer away plans. Jon Tyillian closes ranks. Repairs ensue. You never knew.

More Parish House Locations Lit by Less Expensive LED Lumens: Candelabra bulbs replaced in all relevant fixtures. Rector’s office now “warmer” and brighter. Hallway pendants and sconces glow, y’know?

Plastic Bag/Film Initial Collection Project Nears Wrap-up: Donations steadily increase since inception. Five-hundred-pound goal within reach. Next five hundred a breeze! Save the environment - win a bench!?

Beginnings Never Ends: Book sale but a memory. EECM day camp closes out season. Much shared school space now scoured in preparation for fall return to normal. Staffing secured. Playground to receive artificial turf and other code-required updates. Tammy Lewis beams elsewhere in this issue.

But Seriously: After visits to other communities of faith in Pittsburgh, participants from five Southeast Asian countries, India, and the U.S. are hosted by Calvary for a symposium on Religious Freedom and Interfaith Dialogue, sponsored by the State Department. Neil Raman represented us and explains in these pages.

And

Rested and Ready Rector Returns: Calvary’s beloved Sabbatical Son dives into fall season preparations. He writes of his experience in this Agape. (Anyone know where to find a fatted-calf Piñata?) -30- ■



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Fall Cooking Schedule

The following dates have been added to Calvary’s calendar: **Friday, September 13, Friday, October 11, and Friday, October 25.** There are two dates scheduled in October to prepare the soup that will be sold at the Fall Bazaar. We will meet in Calvary’s kitchen at 10 a.m. Please join us for any or all of these dates! New cooks and recipes are always welcome.

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

East Liberty Valley Historical Society September Lecture

“Amazing Women You’ve Never Heard Of: Stories from The Homewood Cemetery”

Friday, September 6, 7:30 p.m.

East Liberty Presbyterian Church Chapel



Jennie Benford, director of programming for The Homewood Cemetery Historical Fund, has been searching cemetery records and other sources for stories Pittsburgh has forgotten. Her illustrated talk features some of the most interesting women at rest within the cemetery. Wigmaker to temperance worker, singer to college dean, a countess from Spain and a Persian princess – Jennie will introduce you to more than a dozen women of note. ■

Summer Hours Winding Down!

Through Sunday, September 22, the 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Swan Garden (weather permitting). In the event of rain, the service moves to the Nave. The 8 and 11 o’clock services will continue in the Church.

Weekday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist will take place on Wednesdays only at 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The regular weekday Eucharist schedule will resume on Monday, September 9.

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

Social Security and Email Scams

There's another scheme to watch out for: a consumer gets a call from someone claiming to be with the Social Security Administration. That person tells the victim that their Social Security number has been suspended because it was stolen or was involved in some crime. They ask for the usual personal information so they can steal your identity and drain your bank account. Sometimes they even already have your real Social Security number so they gain your trust and trick you. The caller almost always asks for payment to "unfreeze" your account. They'll probably ask you pay in an unusual way, like with gift cards or crypto-currency like bitcoin. Don't trust caller ID. These days scammers can easily make the call look like it's from the Social Security Administration. All they do is "spoof" the number. Don't answer any calls from numbers you don't know.

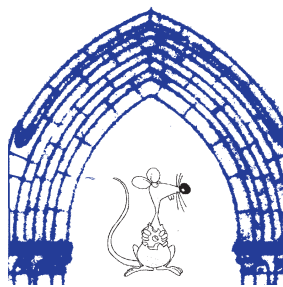
Instead call the Social Security Customer Service number at 800.772.1213 and see if they were actually trying to reach you. *Social Security will never suspend your number, nor will they call and demand you wire money.* If you get a call like this they are trying to steal from you. Just hang up!

—Pittsburgh Police and WDBJ7.com

A Reminder: A number of people have contacted the church informing us they have received emails from the rector or another staff member asking for a favor or for gift cards. Please know that no person from the Calvary staff will send any such email. Simply delete the it. ■



Work on the North Narthex history windows has been completed.



The Church Mouse

After an extensive search, the Educational Foundation of the Community College of Allegheny County has selected **Jamie McMahon** as its new chief executive officer. He will begin his tenure at CCAC on

Monday, August 19. Jamie currently serves as advancement director for Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, where he has been successful in raising funds for both Carnegie Museum of Natural History and Carnegie Museum of Art. Prior to his tenure with the museums, Jamie was a director of development with the Medical and Health Sciences Foundation of the University of Pittsburgh and UPMC. He also spent a number of years as a fundraising consultant for Ketchum, where his clients included leading nonprofit organizations throughout the United States whose fundraising goals ranged from \$3 million to upwards of \$550 million.



Jamie is currently Calvary's Senior Warden, and has served on the national Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development of the Episcopal Church USA, spending three years as its chair. ■



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annual Fall

BAZAAR

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, November 2, 2019

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The bazaar will feature once again a silent auction; separate rooms for Attic Treasures and New to You gifts; gourmet food, baked goods and handmade tables, and an assortment of plants and flowers at the Back to Nature table.

Also returning is the gourmet luncheon hosted by the Calvary Choir and prepared by expert chef Gary Shultis. The choir will also provide musical entertainment.

More details will be provided in future issue of *Agape* and Sunday service bulletins.

Proceeds from the bazaar support local agencies that benefit the needs of women and children. ■



Prayer List Update

An important part of our worship at Calvary is the opportunity to pray by name for people in need. We pray for members of our congregation and for many others for whom our prayers are requested. **On Sunday, September 8,** we will make a fresh start with the Prayer List included in the Sunday bulletin. In order to keep our prayers current and focused, we are asking for your help. If there is someone whose name you would like to have on the list, please give that information to Kim Pieratt at kpieratt@calvarypgh.org – or to Leslie Reimer at lreimer@calvarypgh.org, or by phone at the church office. The renewed list will include only the names which have been sent to us. We are glad to keep people on the prayer list for as long as necessary, because we know and understand that many needs are on-going. Whenever someone is ready to be removed from the list, we ask that you let us know. Thank you for your help. ■

Hosts Needed

Would you or your group be a host for Hospitality Hour? Consider hosting a Sunday to mark a special occasion, honoring a particular event or person or asking your group or organization. Please sign up on the display in the Parish Hall or contact Judy Wootten at 724.733.1660 or by email – jcwootten@comcast.net – to schedule a Sunday. Thank you! ■



♦ GABRIEL FAURÉ ♦

Requiem

Sunday, November 3, 2019
at 5 P.M.

**A Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed**

The Calvary Choir sings the beautiful
and beloved *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré,
presented in its liturgical context
with Sermon, Necrology, and Holy Communion.

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“Leave No Trace” stars Ben Foster as Will, the father and veteran, and Thomasina McKenzie as his daughter. After years of living illegally on public land, war veteran Will (suffering from PTSD) and his daughter Tom find their way back into society. Set outside Portland, OR, this film is a coming of age drama which also tells the plight of America’s mistreatment of veterans. Forced into Portland, Tom realizes that what is broken in her father is *not* broken in her. She witnesses friendship and community that extend the care she learned in the small circle of her father’s love. This is not a political movie. There are no easy solutions to the systems that fail Will and Tom. We each have a lot to learn from Will and Tom’s journey in and out of the woods. From Debra Granick, academy award nominated writer and director of *Winter’s Bone*.

Come for a salad supper (prepare for 2) in the Refectory (at 6 p.m.) Film starts promptly at 7 p.m. followed by a brief discussion led by Clint Van Dusen, in the Parish Hall. **Please RSVP to Clint by Sunday, Sept. 22** at apax4cmvd@msn.com or 412.660.2297.

The film is rated PG. ■



Saint Michael's Society "The Heart of Calvary's Future"

Save the Date! On Sunday, September 29, 2019, we'll celebrate the Feast of St. Michael, Calvary's patron saint. Following the 11 o'clock service, there will be a special hospitality hour to express our gratitude to all past, present, and future members of our legacy society. We invite the entire congregation to join us for this event.

In addition, to honor our legacy society members, we will publish and post in the Parish Hall a list of all current St. Michael's members, except for those who wish to remain anonymous.

The Rector and I are tremendously grateful for those who have and continue to include Calvary Church in their estate plans. These gifts become part of our church's endowment and the 5% interest they produce each year helps to support our ministry, music, building maintenance, and community outreach. Without these gifts, Calvary's impact would drastically shrink. **Please consider including Calvary in your will and remember, whether your gift is \$1,000 or \$100,000, it will become part of your legacy and help to ensure that Calvary will continue to welcome all in the name of Christ for many years to come.**

If you have questions about including Calvary Church in your will, please contact Deborah Kelly at 412-688-9299 or dc1kelly@gmail.com. ■

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION

As the new Director of Children's Christian Formation, I am really looking forward to September. Nursery care and Sunday school will resume on September 8 at 10 a.m. We will be having a Confirmation preparation class for 8th and 9th graders. There will be signs directing you to the appropriate classrooms.

We're trying something new on the 8th. Families of children are invited to gather in the gym on Level A for a few minutes of socializing right before Sunday school begins (around 9:50 a.m., immediately following the 9 o'clock service.) We will provide donuts, coffee, and juice. If we have a good turnout, we'll continue to meet every week, same time.

In another effort for families of children to feel a greater sense of community and form lasting friendships, we are planning events outside of church throughout the year – either in our homes or at local entertainment spots. Weather permitting, our first event will be a pool party/picnic for ages 3–grade 4 at the DeRosa's home on September 7. Details will follow in weekly service bulletins and email blasts.

Also starting in September, we are planning to have formation classes for parents once or twice a month so that families can build on lessons their children learn in Sunday school. Stay tuned for dates, times, and topics.

If you have any questions and/or wish to volunteer, please contact me.

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



SHELDON CALVARY CAMP HOLY EUCHARIST at CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Holy Baptism



The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered on All Saints' Sunday, November 3, 2019 at the 11 o'clock service.

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

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



Super Senior Lunches

The second Calvary Super Senior Lunch was held on July 10, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. with 40 parishioners enjoying Virgin Marys, Quiche, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Fresh Fruit and delicious Brownies baked by Michele Bender and Sandy Ekstrom.

This was the second event for Calvary's Super Seniors and all attendees enjoyed sharing time together, a delicious lunch and a very special treat of lovely harp music presented by Carol Henley prior to the lunch. Thank you, Carol, for joining us and sharing your gifts of music. It was a delightful way to spend a Wednesday afternoon.

A very grateful thanks to all those who worked in the kitchen preparing the food and serving: Michele Bender, Karen Kapsanis, Nancy Kenny, Stephanie Matiak, Lyn Orr, Susan Prentiss, Jean Robinson, William Stevens, and Judith Wootten.

The Rev. Leslie G. Reimer offered the Blessing and we were delighted to have The Rev. Neil K. Raman with us too.

The next Calvary Super Senior Lunch will be held on **Sunday, November 10 immediately following the 11 o'clock service.** Please mark your calendars and join us for the final Super Senior Lunch of 2019! ■



Plastic Film Recycling Update

As of August 1, we have collected 400 pounds of film products that were taken to the Giant Eagle for recycling. We are well on our way to earn a park bench valued at \$500. If you have not already started, please bring your recyclable plastic film products to the Parish Hall for collection.

You are invited to recycle newspaper sleeves, bread bags, cereal liners, dry cleaning bags, grocery bags and plastic overwrap that enables you to carry beverages out of a store. Contact Wendy Lomicka at wenlom@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you! ■

"As We Age" 101



In October, the Pastoral Care Committee will present a three-part series on aging. Arising from the desire to help seniors at Calvary with both practical and spiritual considerations that we face as we age, the committee has reviewed and discussed a wide range of information and distilled it to several topics that we hope will be helpful.

Aging is a journey! Please join us as we start the conversation to take steps that will make the path easier for you and those in your life as we age. We will meet at 10 a.m., in the Refectory.

Sunday October 6: Be Prepared for Emergencies. *Presented by Tracy Morris, RN BSN, UPMC Community Provider Services, Geriatric Outreach Nurse, Living-at-Home Program.* Make it easier to receive proper care in the case of emergency by initiating some basic steps. Medication cards, apps for your cell phone, emergency forms, life alert and home safety will all be discussed. There will be forms and other materials available.

Sunday October 13: Wills and Power of Attorney, POLST/Advanced Directives and Calvary's St. Michaels Society. *Presented by Gordon Fisher, Attorney, and Deborah Kelly, St. Michaels Society*

Sunday October 20: Palliative care vs. Hospice / Funeral Planning. *Presented by Calvary Clergy and Alan Lewis, Director of Music at Calvary.* We will discuss when to make the decision to use hospice and what constitutes palliative care. And we will talk about planning one's funeral at Calvary, including the service, music and reception. ■

Honoring Saint Francis of Assisi

Blessing of the Animals



All Are Welcome!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 at 3 p.m.

Join us in the Courtyard (off Walnut Street)



While our Beginnings families have been enjoying their summer break, our classrooms have been utilized in other ways benefiting our church and local community. The month of June was dedicated to Calvary's Annual Used Book Sale, and July to a summer camp of young children from East End Cooperative Ministry. We're now busy getting ready for school to start back on September 4th.

We are very pleased with all the support Beginnings received this past school year. We raised enough money to resurface our playground with artificial grass – a plush, safe, clean, durable, low-maintenance, green (both in color and for the environment) alternative to the rubber mulch we currently have in place. After extensive research on products and companies, we accepted a bid from Sunshine Surfacing, a local business owner. The project will be done in stages and should be completed by mid-September. We hope to have our playground open for play as much as possible during the installation process. Be on the lookout for pictures next month!

We are still enrolling students for the upcoming school year. With only a few spots left, please recommend our preschool program to your friends and neighbors with children, 18 months through 5 years of age. Our email address is beginnings@calvarypgh.org and phone is 412.661.3025.

Thanks again for all your support! Happy summer!

–Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■



Shelter Dinner Volunteers Needed this Fall

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

Alpha House Car Washes

In Calvary's parking lot – 10 a.m. – on these Saturdays:
August 17, 31; September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 12, 19. ■

What I Did on My Summer Sabbatical

by Jonathon Jensen

Thank you very much for a restful and fulfilling sabbatical. I took part of the time away this early summer and will complete it next summer. I greatly appreciate this gift of rest and reflection. While I love being a priest at Calvary, it is good to take a step back to think about ideas and problems with more distance than doing so during the daily ebb and flow of parish life.

Many people have asked what I did during the sabbatical and if I had fun. Mostly I stayed in Pittsburgh and did have fun acting like a tourist, engaging and learning new things, and spending a lot of time with my wife and dog. Some of things I did are listed below.

- Rested.
- Read some books.
- Walked the dog a lot.
- Started ice skating again and did 2-3 times per week.
- Realized I need reading glasses and bought several pairs.
- Worshipped at Christ Church Cathedral, my home parish in Lexington, KY.
- Toured the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH.
- Visited a friend in Georgia.
- Welcomed friends for visits to Pittsburgh.
- Investigated ways to video record sermons for trial use in the fall.
- Preached at Evensong at Trinity Church in Ft. Wayne on their 175th anniversary of founding as a parish. The Rector at Trinity is the Rev. T.J. Freeman, a former Curate at Calvary.
- Preached and celebrated at a memorial service for Cynthia McCormick.
- Accomplished many projects around the house and garden including learning how to fix the gas stove. Bought a new refrigerator and dishwasher to replace 17 year-old appliances. Painted several rooms and cleaned out the garage.
- Learned how to make a "Hot Brown," a Kentucky dish.
- Completed an agreement to welcome the Tree of Life congregation to Calvary to observe their high holy days.
- Thought and read a lot about how churches have funded their ministry and consider what the church and its funding of ministry might look like in the future.

Thank you to Neil, Leslie, and the staff who provided excellent leadership. It never occurred to me to worry about anything while gone. Thank you also to the Senior Warden, the Vestry, and all of you for offering me this gift of dedicated rest. I greatly appreciate it and am proud to be your rector. ■

Weekly Offering Cards

Cards that say "My gift comes electronically or by mail" can serve as a visible sign of your gift. Look for the purple cards in a basket in the Narthex or by the North Transept door each week, take one, and place it in the offering plate. ■

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with additional content may be viewed
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Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, September 6, 2019**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

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Spiritual Reflection – Mary Oliver

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

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

At each meeting we will use for reflection and discussion excerpts from Mary Oliver’s *Devotions* and *New and Selected Poems Volumes I and II*.

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



Pack to School Project

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

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

A basket for donations is in the Parish Hall.

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

For more information, please contact Mary Ann Slater at 724.840.5477 or slatersaur904@gmail.com. ■



Fall begins on **Monday, September 23**
at 3:50 a.m.

The Sun shines directly on the equator and the length of night and day are nearly equal.



News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Welcome (Back) Bishop Price

As many of you know, I will be on sabbatical from August 1 through November 3rd.

I am grateful that the Right Reverend Kenneth Price has agreed to return to Pittsburgh to fill in as our Assisting Bishop during my time away.

Bishop Ken and Mariann are well known in the diocese, and I know you will enjoy them as much as they delight in being back in our region.

If you need immediate assistance, please be in touch with Bishop Price at kprice@episcopalpgh.org or my Executive Assistant, Andy Muhl, at amuhl@episcopalpgh.org. You may also connect with Andy by phone at 412.721.0853 ext 251.

Faithfully your bishop,

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

Bishop Price's Visitation Schedule

September 8: St. Michael's, Wayne Township

September 15: St. Thomas, Oakmont

September 22: St. Matthew's, Homestead

September 29: St. Mark's, Johnstown ■

2019 Fall Clergy Conference

Wednesday, September 25 - Friday, September 27, 2019

Antiochian Village and Conference Center,
201 St. Ignatius Trail, Bolivar, PA 15923

Facilitator: The Rev. Nathan Humphrey,
St. John the Evangelist, Newport RI ■

Last Chance for Nominations for Elections at Diocesan Convention



Our diocese has navigated through significant challenges over the past ten years and we are now ready to define our future in terms of new/renewed mission and streamlined governance, reflecting who we are and strive to be.

Our governing bodies need to better reflect the diversity of our parishes and their congregations with all opinions and imaginations having voice in who we are becoming as a diocese. Project CREED has begun that process and we want and need everyone to consider playing an active role. This is OUR CHURCH and this is your opportunity to shape it! Please consider becoming a candidate, especially if you never have before!

We are now welcoming nominations of clergy and lay persons for election to membership on various governing bodies and committees of the Diocese. Information about the positions to be elected at the 154th Diocesan Convention, November 15 & 16 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, are available on the diocesan website at www.episcopalpgh.org.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

August 18 – The Commission on Ministry; Education for Ministry; the Disciplinary Board; the Growth Fund Committee; and the Committee on Constitution & Canons.

August 25 – Campus Ministry, the Rev. Dan Isadore, University Chaplain; and the Children's Ministry Team.

September 1 – Retired clergy, including the Rev. Dr. Canon Harold Lewis, the Rev. Richard Pocalyko, the Rev. Sandra Ritchie, the Rev. Vicente Santiago, the Rev. Dr. Steven Smalley, and the Rev. Dr. Richard Stinson.

September 8 – St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Wayne Township, and the Rev. Arthur Dilg.

September 15 – St. Thomas Memorial Episcopal Church, Oakmont, the Rev. Jeffrey Murph, and the Rev. Dr. Norman Koehler; and the Chapel at UPMC St. Margaret. ■

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November 15 & 16

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616 N Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206



Archbishop of Canterbury to visit site of Indian massacre

[ACNS, Rachel Farmer] Pilgrimage, prayer and pastoral concern will form the key elements of the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to the United Churches of North and South India this September.

The Archbishop, Justin Welby, will be joined by his wife Mrs Welby, for the 10-day visit, which will include taking part in 100th anniversary commemorations of the massacre in Amritsar.

Archbishop Justin said: "My prayer is that this visit will first and foremost provide opportunities for me to pray with local Christians; secondly, I want to listen to the stories of local people, to hear the joys and challenges they face in their daily life; and, finally, I am looking forward to visiting key places of worship and significance. India has a long and distinguished Christian history, going back as early as the first century when Saint Thomas is said to have travelled to Kerala. I am looking forward to learning from the Church in India and sharing in their worship."

The India trip, planned following an invitation from the two Churches, will begin on the 31 August, following a visit to Sri Lanka where the Archbishop will stand in solidarity with Christians and the victims of the Easter bombings.

Starting in the south of India, in Kerala, the Archbishop plans to visit Kottayam, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Medak with the Church of South India and then move on to Jabalpur, Kolkata and Amritsar with the Church of North India.

Archbishop Justin will visit the Golden Temple in Amritsar and will be the first Archbishop to visit the site of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. He will join in commemorations
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for the tragedy, when thousands of unarmed Indians of many different faiths were shot by British troops in 1819.

Speaking about the event, the Archbishop's inter-religious affairs adviser, Dr Richard Sudworth, said Justin Welby would be giving a statement including a "transparent account" of what happened. "We regard this with real soberness," he said, "as a moment for recognising some of the sins of our history, in order to move forward with good will and mutual flourishing."

According to Dr Sudworth, there were currently no plans for the Archbishop to meet with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to talk about rising levels of persecution against Christians. He said the Archbishop will be visiting the country as a church leader, not a political leader and would be there first and foremost to meet with and listen to local Christians. Dr Sudworth said, "The constitution of India gives freedom of religion and belief to all groups and it's the responsibility of all leaders, both political and religious, to affirm and implement what is already there in the constitution."

Both the Church of South India and the Church of North India have many millions of members despite them being minority churches within India and only making up about 2.5% of the total population.

Other highlights of the visit are expected to include a visit to Jabalpur in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, when the Archbishop will be part of the formal opening of a brand new Christian school demonstrating how a minority Christian community is being a 'force for good' in wider society. ■

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

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The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge

in concert



Friday, September 20, 2019 – 8 P.M.
at Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Ave. at Walnut St., 15206

Advance tickets may be purchased at
www.calvarypgh.org

The world-renowned ensemble of undergraduates, directed by Stephen Layton, returns to Pittsburgh with a program of exquisite and glorious choral music, ranging from the Tudors to contemporary masters, including Ešenvalds, Lauridsen, and Tavener, and closing with music by Herbert Howells.

The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge



Voted the fifth best choir in the world in Gramophone magazine's '20 Greatest Choirs', The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge comprises around thirty Choral Scholars and two Organ Scholars, all of whom are students at the University. The College's choral tradition dates back to the all-male choir of the fourteenth century, when former Chapel Royal choristers studied in King's Hall which later became part of Trinity College. Directors of Music have included Charles Villiers Stanford, Alan Gray, Raymond Leppard and Richard Marlow. Female voices were introduced in the 1980s by Richard Marlow, in a new departure for Cambridge choral music. Stephen Layton has been Director of Music since 2006.

During term the Choir's main focus is the singing of the liturgy in the College Chapel, exploring a wide-ranging repertoire drawn from both Catholic and Protestant traditions. Outside term, the Choir's programme of performances and recordings recently included BBC broadcasts of Bach's *Mass in B Minor* and *Christmas Oratorio* with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment in London, Haydn's *Nelson Mass* with the City of London Sinfonia in Aldeburgh and Cambridge, Poulenc's *Gloria* with Britten Sinfonia in Norwich Cathedral, and Handel's *Dettingen Te Deum* with the Academy of Ancient Music in London and Cambridge.

Recent additions to the Choir's extensive discography include Howells' *Collegium Regale*, which won Australia's Limelight Recording of the Year in 2016; Howells' *Requiem & other works*, which won a Gramophone Award in 2012; and *Beyond All Mortal Dreams*, settings of contemporary American a cappella music, which was nominated for a US Grammy Award in the same year. Five of the Choir's recordings have been nominated for Gramophone Awards, including two releases from 2015: *Northern Lights*, a recording of the choral music of the Latvian composer Eriks Ešņvalds, and Kenneth Leighton's *Crucifixus & other works*.

A recording of choral works by Finzi has just been released. Other recent releases include a recording of the music of Owain Park, former Organ Scholar at Trinity, which was nominated for Choral Disc of the Year by BBC Music Magazine; David Briggs' *Mass for Notre Dame*, described by Gramophone as 'one of the finest CDs of sacred choral and organ music you'll ever hear'; Handel's *Chandos Anthems*, named by Gramophone as one of the 50 greatest Handel recordings of all time; Bach's *Mass in B Minor*, hailed by The Sunday Times as 'wonderfully fresh and athletic'; choral music by Charles Villiers Stanford; Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*; *Baltic Exchange*, choral music from the Baltic region; Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols & St Nicolas*; Handel's *Dettingen Te Deum*; new works by Polish composer Paweł Łukaszewski; and *Yulefest!*, a selection of sacred and secular Christmas music, all released on the Hyperion label.

Its ambitious programme of tours has taken the Choir to destinations in Europe, the USA, Canada, South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Peru. Recent concerts in North America include sold-out performances at the National Conventions of the American Guild of Organists and the Royal Canadian College of Organists, and the Choir has now undertaken two month-long nationwide tours of Australia as part of the Musica Viva International Concert Season, in 2010 and 2016, and will return there in 2021.

All services from Trinity College Chapel are webcast live and available to listen again on the Choir website. A searchable archive of over 6,000 musical tracks recorded live in services over the last few years is now also available on the website: www.trinitycollegechoir.com.

Stephen Layton



Stephen Layton is one of the most sought-after conductors of his generation. Often described as the finest exponent of choral music in the world today, his ground-breaking approach has had a profound influence on choral music over the last 30 years. Fellow and Director of Music at Trinity College Cambridge, Layton is also Founder and Director of Polyphony and Music Director of Holst Singers. Former posts include Chief Conductor of Netherlands Chamber Choir, Chief Guest Conductor of Danish National Vocal Ensemble, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of City of London Sinfonia, and Director of Music at the Temple Church.

Layton is regularly invited to work with the world's leading choirs, orchestras and composers. His interpretations have been heard from Sydney Opera House to the Concertgebouw, from Tallinn to São Paulo, and his recordings have won or been nominated for every major international recording award. He has two Gramophone Awards and twelve nominations, five Grammy nominations, the Diapason d'Or de l'Année in France, the Echo Klassik award in Germany, the Spanish CD compact award, and Australia's Limelight Recording of the Year.

Layton is constantly in demand to première new works by the greatest established and emerging composers of our age. Passionate in his exploration of new music, Layton has introduced a vast range of new choral works to the UK and the rest of the world, transforming the music into some of the most widely performed today. Longstanding composer partnerships include Arvo Pärt and Sir John Tavener; in the Baltic, Eriks Ešņvalds, Uģis Prauliņš and Veljo Tormis; and in America, Morten Lauridsen and Eric Whitacre, of whose music Layton made two Grammy-nominated recordings.

Other award-winning discs include recordings of Britten, James MacMillan, Bruckner, Handel (including BBC Music Magazine's "Best *Messiah* recording" with Britten Sinfonia), and Bach's *St John Passion*, *Christmas Oratorio* and *B Minor Mass* with Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. Layton's recordings have consistently broken new ground, creating a new sound world in British choral music.

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May 13, 2019

Dear Calvary Episcopal Church:

This letter is to acknowledge and thank you for your generous contribution to our Diocesan UTO Ingathering.

Please share, with your fellow parishioners, my gratitude for your ongoing support of this vital ministry. Every cent donated is given away through grants, making true the UTO slogan: *"Your change changes lives."*

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darrell".

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