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The Newsletter of
Calvary Episcopal Church
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Welcome Back to Calvary

Calvary has a full, familiar fall schedule. We have many offerings to worship, deepen our faith, serve our neighbors, and gather as a community for social time in the upcoming months. Some of the events in September and October are highlighted below.

We are very pleased to announce that coffee hour returns weekly on **Sunday, October 1 after the 11 a.m. service.** We invite everyone to join us in the Parish Hall after worship. This is a great time to meet old friends and make new ones from the many people who have visited and joined the congregation over the last six months.

Our regular schedule of services on Sunday at 8, 9, and 11 a.m. continue throughout the year. The 11 o'clock service at the High Altar with choir, acolytes, and vergers in procession resumes on **Sunday, September 24.** The last Garden service at 9 a.m. this season will take place on **Sunday, September 10.** We also offer a weekly service of Holy Eucharist with healing each Wednesday at noon in the Lady Chapel.

Mah Jong resumes in the Refectory on **Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. each week.** This is a social activity with people from Tree of Life, Calvary, and the wider community. All are welcome. No experience is required.

Training for ushers, adult acolytes, vergers, chalice bearers, lectors, and members of the altar guild will be offered on **Saturday, September 9 at 1 p.m.**

Yappy Hour, a social time for humans and dogs of all ages to renew friendships and make new ones, will take place in the garden on **Saturday, September 9 at 4 p.m.**

A Priest and a Rabbi Walk into a Classroom resumes weekly on **Sunday, September 10 at 10 a.m.** in McClintic Hall. Rabbi Bisno and the Rector will focus on the great stories of Judaism in the Book of Genesis.

Tree of Life High Holidays at Calvary begin with Rosh Hashanah on Friday, September 15. To welcome our friends who have morning services on Rosh Hashanah,

Calvary will have one service only on **Sunday, September 17, at 5:30 p.m.** Rabbi Jeff Myers will be our preacher, on forgiveness, that evening.



Weekly Christian formation for children and youth resumes on **Sunday, September 24 at 10 a.m.**

Rally Day Sunday with a cook out and parish picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 24**, thanks to the leadership of the Parish Council. This is an opportunity to learn about the many ways one can be more involved and sign up for the ministries of Calvary after the 9 and 11 a.m. services with the picnic at noon. All are welcome.

St. Michael's Day, our patronal feast, will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 1.** We will dedicate the renovated Mini Narthex, in honor of the Rev. Robert and Barbara Baur, after the 11 a.m. service. That is the space between the Parish Hall and church.

Blessing of the Animals, in honor of St. Francis Day, will be held on **Sunday, October 8 at 3 p.m.** in the Garden.

Guest preachers: Sister Cheryl Clemons, a Roman Catholic nun, will preach at 11 a.m. on **Sunday, October 8.** She is in town to lead a workshop Calvary is hosting for the Pneuma (Spirit) Institute on the Spirituality of the 12 Steps.



Bishop Chilton Knudsen will preach at 11 a.m. on **Sunday, October 15.** Bishop Knudsen is the retired Bishop of Maine. She was graduated from Chatham College and is returning to Pittsburgh for a class reunion.



The Calvary Bazaar, one of the highlights of the church year and led by the Women of Calvary, will take place on **Saturday, October 28.** Set up begins the week before. We anticipate so many donations, we will have two pods for storage this year.

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The Creation Care Team at Calvary will lead an adult forum on environmental stewardship on **Sunday, October 29 in the nave at 10 a.m.**



Tree of Life High Holiday Services

Thank you to the many people who wrote notes and cards to our friends at the Tree of Life synagogue as they moved through the trial process. They are greatly appreciated. They were given weekly to Stacey Hausman, head of the Sisterhood (like Women of Calvary), who shared them with the congregation. Stacey also leads the Mah Jong group on Thursday nights at Calvary.

Each Sunday, as a congregation, we asked God to support all those affected by the attack in 2018 as we prayed, “For all members of the Jewish community, particularly our friends of the Tree of Life Congregation, that they may find courage and strength as the penalty phase of the trial continues.”

We can further support our neighbors by sharing much needed space with Tree of Life congregation for their high holiday services. This year, part of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, falls on a Sunday morning. In their tradition, the service times cannot be moved meaning it is the same time as our Sunday morning services. I do not like cancelling services, and have even walked to church to celebrate communion during a blizzard, but this seems like a special case for very good reasons.

To be good neighbors to our friends during the trial period and because it is nearing the five-year mark since the attack, **Calvary will not have any morning services on Sunday, September 17. Instead, we will have one service that day, in person and livestreamed, at 5:30 p.m. with full choir, acolytes, and verger.** Rabbi Jeffrey Myers, from the Tree of Life, will be our preacher. He will be speaking on forgiveness.



Chatham Baroque

For well over twenty years, Calvary has partnered with Chatham Baroque as our Ensemble in Residence. They have played numerous concerts at Calvary and often collaborate with Alan Lewis.

Their mission is to connect diverse audiences to the passion and depth of the music of the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Baroque, and Early Classical periods through vivid and compelling performances and educational experiences.

In August, this partnership will deepen. They are moving their offices of three musicians and two employees to Calvary for a period of one year. They will be in three rooms in the lower level at the west end of the building. This will not affect classes for children’s formation on Sunday mornings or the nursery. The Rector and Vestry are

evaluating how best to use the space, which may or may not include a preschool, for the long-term. This is a great match for one year for both the church and Chatham Baroque that will pay a reasonable rent.

Chatham Baroque has long offered a program to introduce children to classical music called Peanut Butter and Jam. That has often met at Calvary. They are also planning new programming with children and classical music to flow from Calvary in the coming months.



Violins of Hope

Violins of Hope is an international exhibition of over 70 stringed instruments played by Jewish musicians before and during the Holocaust. They have been restored and now travel from city to city to use the power and beauty of music to tune-out anti-semitism.

The program will be in Pittsburgh this October-November with arts and civic organizations throughout the city taking part. There will be numerous concerts, exhibits, and educational offerings as part of the program. Calvary Church, thanks to the introduction of Rabbi Aaron Bisno, will be one of the locations for a concert on **November 6.** Andrew Fouts, from Chatham Baroque, will play one of the violins accompanied by our own Alan Lewis.



Sexton Ron Johnston

Our faithful sexton has been with us many years. In thanksgiving for his work, and because we knew he loved it so much, he was presented with a “Not-Retirement” bench to go in his backyard. The bench is one of those earned from recycling plastic bags. His has a plaque in thanksgiving for his work and was signed, on the back of the bench, by staff members. *–Jonathon* ■





Dear Calvary Church,

Thank you again for allowing us to use the Calvary Episcopal Church parking lot for our World Kindness Day drive. Thanks to your kind heart, open doors, willingness to promote this project from within, and the kindness of your congregation, we have collected 92 instruments in total, with a few more promised to be dropped off during the coming week.

The outpouring of your congregation along with that of the greater Pittsburgh community has been so rewarding. With one more drive scheduled for the North Hills on September 9, we will be able to share the joy of music with dozens of young people in our area.

We are so grateful to Jonathon Jensen, Neil Raman and, of course, Aaron Bisno, for the wonderful support. We are looking forward to joining you for the Chatham Baroque Chamber Music concert at Calvary on November 6 as part of the Violins of Hope in Pittsburgh during which one of the violins saved from a concentration camp in World War II will be played.

We hope that you and your congregation will join us at Heinz Hall on November 19 for the World Kindness Day (free) concert so that we might welcome you as a group and honor your efforts that evening.

We are also happy to schedule a private tour of the Violins of Hope exhibit for Calvary Church. Let me know if that might be of interest and we will block off the time for you.

There are lots of “we’s” in the above: they include co-chairs for World Kindness Day, Barbara Parker and Lynn Farber (their husbands Lester Parker and Lance Farber) and, of course, Pat Siger, co-chair and Lynn Zelenski, project manager.

With more gratitude than I can find words to express. . .

Sandy Rosen, Co-Chair

Violins of Hope Pittsburgh

<https://violinsofhopepittsburgh.com/>

Instruments collected at Calvary were:

Violins 28, Violas 3,
Cellos 2, Saxophones 3,
Clarinets 11, Recorders 4,
Flutes 3, Ukuleles 2,
Guitars 3, Trombones 4,
Trumpets 5, Drums 1,
Cymbals 1, Banjos 3,
French Horns 2, and
Bongo drums 2. ■



Dear Community Members,

Do you have a passion for music, history, and the power of art to inspire change? If so, we invite you to join us as a docent for the “Violins of Hope Greater Pittsburgh” exhibition! This extraordinary event will bring together individuals of all nationalities and religions to honor the universal message of hope, resilience, and unity through the shared language of music.

About Violins of Hope Greater Pittsburgh:

Violins of Hope is a unique exhibition that showcases a collection of restored violins that survived the Holocaust. These remarkable instruments serve as poignant symbols of the human spirit's triumph over adversity. The exhibition aims to educate, enlighten, and foster dialogue around the darkest chapters of history while celebrating the strength of the human soul.

We Need You – Become a Docent:

As a docent, you will play a vital role in guiding visitors through this moving exhibition. Your passion and dedication will help create an immersive and meaningful experience for all who attend. Whether you have a background in music, history, or simply a desire to learn and share, we welcome individuals of all nationalities and religions to join our team.

Why Volunteer with Us:

- Be part of an impactful and transformative exhibition that touches hearts and minds.
- Contribute to preserving and sharing the stories of the Holocaust and its survivors.
- Engage with diverse visitors, exchange ideas, and foster a sense of unity within our community.
- Gain valuable experience in education, public speaking, and historical interpretation.

How to Get Involved:

Joining our team as a docent is easy! Simply visit our website at www.violinsofhopepittsburgh.org/volunteer and fill out the volunteer application form. We will provide comprehensive training and support to ensure you feel confident and empowered in your role as a docent.

Let us stand together, representing all nationalities and religions, to honor the resilience of the human spirit and spread the message of hope. By joining as docents for Violins of Hope Greater Pittsburgh, we can make a profound difference in our community and beyond.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Rev. Neil Raman (nraman@calvarypgh.org). Together, let's create an unforgettable experience for all visitors, celebrating the power of music to heal and inspire.

Thank you for being the driving force in making this exhibition a resounding success! ■



THE CALVARY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PRESERVE • SUSTAIN • SHARE

Coming Soon to a Neighborhood Near You...

As the early stages of Calvary’s major fundraising campaign move forward, a series of *Awareness Gatherings* is being planned. The committee, co-chaired by Laurie Tocci and Jim Cassaro, is beginning to recruit hosts and hostesses for the events to ensure that all members of the church have an opportunity to hear the vision of the campaign and to have their questions answered before being asked to consider financial support of the campaign.

These *Awareness Gatherings* will be small, informal events, to encourage open conversation. There will not be any solicitations at these gatherings. Subsequent to the gatherings, a series of tours will be scheduled, highlighting the areas of the church which require investment from the campaign. To accomplish all of this, it is likely that *Awareness Gatherings* and tours will continue well into 2024.

For any questions related to the *Awareness Gatherings* please contact Laurie Tocci at lollyb13@gmail.com, or Jim Cassaro at jpcassaro@gmail.com.

Campaign Cabinet

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

Monday, September 3 - Labor Day

The Church and offices will be closed this day

Friday, September 8 – Agape Deadline

Sunday, September 17 – One Service at 5:30 p.m. only

Sunday, September 24 – Rally Sunday

Sunday, October 1 – The Feast of St. Michael

Sunday, November 5 – Return to Eastern Standard Time

Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day ■

MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis

The “dog days” of summer – the twenty days on either side of the annual conjunction of the “dog-star,” Sirius, in the constellation Canis Major, with our Sun – are now behind us, and Autumn looms, with its welcome resumption of routines.

Some of these routines, of course, concern our common life at Calvary. The Choir resumes Thursday rehearsals on September 7 (7:30-9:30), and I’m excited to have everyone back from the lighter pace of the summer, to dive into a variety of projects. These include preparations for two much-loved larger works, the Fauré *Requiem*, for November 5, and Handel’s *Messiah*, for December 8, as well as our usual range of music for Sunday services. New singers are welcome that evening, and in the season to come; any questions can be directed to Jon Tyillian, who will be filling in during my annual August absence.

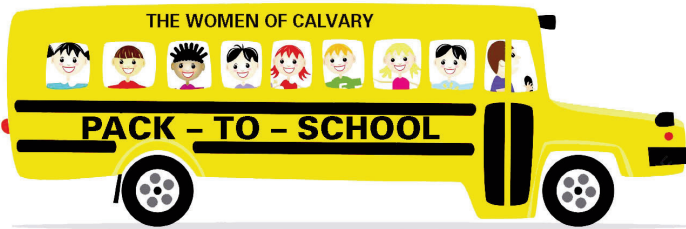
On Sunday, October 1, we will observe our “patronal festival,” centered around the feast St. Michael and All Angels. (Abundant images of the archangel around the building led to St. Michael’s adoption as our patronal figure sometime in the relatively ancient past.) That afternoon the choir will sing Evensong as part of our celebration. And on Sunday, October 8, a renaissance wind-ensemble, Forgotten Clefs, will be with us from Bloomington, Indiana, presenting a 5 p.m. concert of sacred and instrumental music by William Byrd, greatest of the Elizabethan composers, whose quadricentennial falls this year. (The vocal ensemble that afternoon will be a small schola of voices from the Calvary orbit, the sort of forces well-suited to this intricate and transparent music.)



May the waning days of summer afford you rest and refreshment, and may we all come back together renewed and ready to lift our voices in joyous song. ■

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. ■

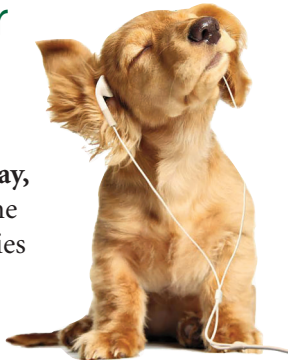


The Women of Calvary is again sponsoring the Pack to School project for Lincoln Elementary School in Homewood. The program provides much needed school supplies, uniforms and other items for students. The school seeks the following items: basic school supplies such as pencils, crayons, notebooks, scissors, etc.; sanitizers; tissues and school uniforms, ranging in sizes 5 to 18/20. Pants or skirts should be blue. Shirts should be collared, in colors blue or white, and can be either long- or short-sleeved.

It's not too late to contribute. A basket for donations is in the Parish Hall. Donations will be taken to the school in late August, right before classes begin. Money donations are also appreciated. Checks can be sent in or dropped off at the church, and should be made out to Calvary Episcopal Church; please add "Pack to School program" in the memo line. To volunteer to help or for more information, contact Kathleen Farrington at farringtonk@me.com. ■

It's time for another "Yappy Hour!"

Humans and dogs of all ages are welcome at Yappy Hour on **Saturday, September 9 from 4 to 6 p.m.** in the **Swan Garden at Calvary**. No worries if you don't have a dog! Come and enjoy nibbles, drinks, and other people's dogs. If you get the chance, please let Cameron know you'll be attending (csoulis@calvarypgh.org), but even if you don't RSVP, we still want to see you on the 9th! ■



Clergy Contact Information

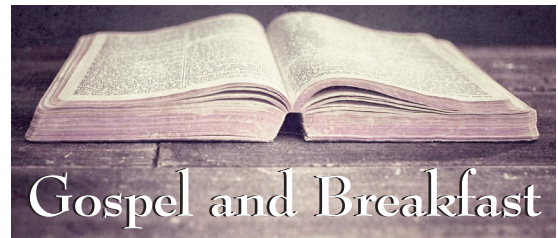
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Calvary in your will?



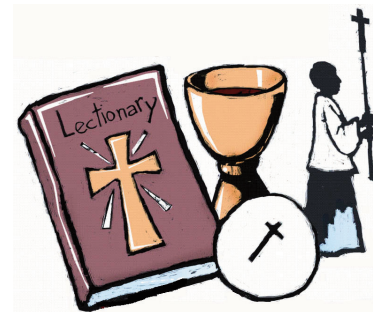
East Liberty Valley Historical Society

September Social: Join us from 7 to 8:30 p.m. **Wednesday, September 6 in the Parish Hall**, for an East End history pub quiz (minus the pub). You can play solo or in teams; there will be prizes and light refreshments. No featured speaker that night but stick around and tell us what topics you'd like future speakers to cover, what stories you'd like to read in the newsletter, and what projects you'd like us to work on in 2024. ■



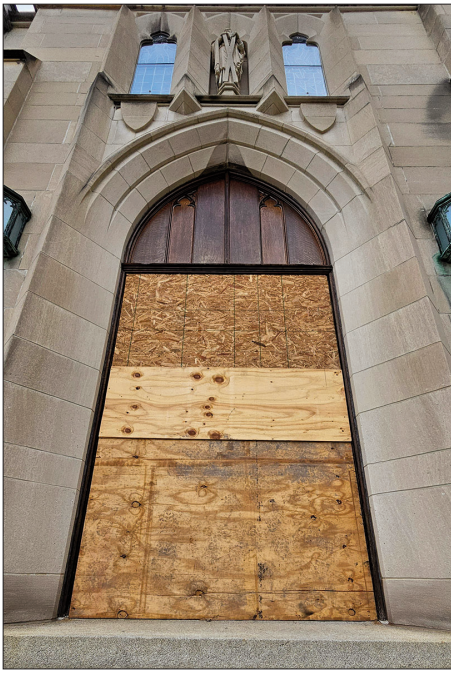
Gospel and Breakfast (GAB) resumes on Sunday, September 24! The Parents of Young Children and Calvary Young Adult Ministry co-sponsor this time to meet for fellowship, light breakfast, and a discussion of the Gospel passage appointed for the day. We gather in the Evans Room on Sundays during the Christian Formation hour (10–10:45 a.m.). The nursery will be open at that time, or you can bring your little one(s) along if you prefer. If you are a young adult and/or the parent of young children, please join us at any time! No prior knowledge needed.

Questions? Please contact the Rev. Cameron Soulis (csoulis@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120, ext. 123). ■



Liturgical Training

Saturday, September 9, from 1 – 4 p.m. We will have an afternoon of training and retreat for ushers, adult acolytes, vergers, chalice bearers, lectors, members of the altar guild, and anyone interested in these ministries. The afternoon will consist of prayer, reflections on the spirituality of liturgical service, and refresher training to prepare us for the coming program year. RSVPs are not required. If you have questions contact the Rev. Neil Raman (nraman@calvarypgh.org) ■



Concerning the North Narthex Doors

They have been removed to a restoration firm's shop for repair and refinishing. Years of sun and water weathering had lifted the grain and warped portions of them. They will be rehung within weeks, at which

point the South Narthex doors, which need refinishing only, are expected to go the same route. The work is being done with the aid of a matching grant from the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation. ■



Thank you so much to the Calvary community for your incredible support of the Allderdice Rowing Carwash! On Saturday, June 10 we raised \$1,181, our best ever! We appreciate your hospitality and generosity on the day, and enthusiasm leading up to it. These funds will go towards our scholarship fund to offset the cost of a season for our rowers who love the sport, but can't afford it on their own. ■



The Church and offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023

A Message from Deanna Briody

To the people of Calvary,

In a few short weeks I'll be starting a four-month program of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). CPE focuses on preparing ordinands and other spiritual caregivers to minister to people of all faiths and ideologies, typically in the context of a hospital or rehabilitation facility. I have chosen to complete my CPE unit at a hospice in Beaver, near my home.



While I am completing my CPE unit, I won't be able to make it regularly to Calvary, as I will have to give my Saturdays and Sundays to my work at the hospice. In light of this upcoming hiatus, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past 12+ months that I have spent with you as the McNulty Intern and to thank you for your overwhelming support of me as I move toward the final stages of the ordination process.

Calvary has been a wonderful place to learn more about priestly ministry among God's people. I have never before had the opportunity to preach so regularly to the same congregation. This has been a great joy. As the months went by, I felt that I was coming to know the people to whom I preached, and this knowledge gave new beauty and delight to the proclamation of the Gospel.

A less obvious but equally vital part of my internship so far has been the time I've gotten to spend with the Rector and the other clergy: practicing the different liturgies, working through various pastoral questions, reflecting on the innumerable ways to invest as a congregation in one's local community, and learning about the machinery that churns on behind the scenes in every church – vestry meetings and budgets and boilers alike. For whatever reason, they don't teach these things in seminary! My time here has been an invaluable addition to my education. I am so grateful, especially to Jonathon and to the vestry. They have given of their time with joyful generosity.

Lastly, my months so far at Calvary have been marked by great encouragement. Your kind words after sermons, your endless notes and letters, your hellos at coffee hour, your prayers for my future ministry – I must say I did not expect the abundant warmth that has met me here. Calvary is a special place. It is here, at Calvary, through your ministry to me, that I have come to a clearer vision of what my life as a priest might look like. I am more ready, more eager, more able because of the ways you have loved and served me over this past year. Thank you.

The ordination process can be difficult to predict, but after my CPE unit is complete at the end of December, I hope to return to Calvary and join again in the life of this congregation as I anticipate the beginning of my own ministry as a priest. I will also drop in once or twice throughout the fall to preach – I am glad there will be no need for long goodbyes!

God bless you.

–Deanna ■

The Calvary Bazaar NEWS

The Calvary Bazaar is set for Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The annual event will feature special gifts for all – jewelry, collectibles, baked goods, fine linens, boutique items, holiday flowers and a Silent Auction.

Volunteers and donations are needed for this worthy cause, which annually brings in about \$20,000 for local agencies that support women and children. All donations should be carefully packed in boxes labeled with the name of the area for which they are intended. Donations should be clean, in good condition and in working order. Further details for when and how to bring in donations will be announced later.

Please check out the list below and see how you can help out! Your donations are appreciated.

Café Table – Needs donations of simple treats and light refreshments to serve Bazaar attendees on October 28. Someone is needed to help set up and serve treats on Bazaar day. If you can donate or volunteer, contact Kathy Farrington (farringtonk@me.com) or Madison Stellfox (madison.stellfox@gmail.com).

Nature's Gifts – Offers holiday flower bulbs (potted Amaryllis bulbs that will bloom in time for the holidays and Paperwhites in glass containers/or take home paper bags of bulbs to plant later) and a few indoor plants. Please consider volunteering your time for Bazaar set-up on Friday, Saturday (1 or 3 hour shifts), or Sunday (1/2 hour after late services). Please contact Michele Bender (mbbender@gmail.com) or Anoo Verghis (apverghis@gmail.com).



Attic Treasures – Requests donations of clean, gently used items such as china, knick-knacks, glassware, holiday decorations, small appliances, sports equipment and small furniture. Gently used and complete children's games and toys also welcome. Mark packed donations "Attic Treasures." Volunteers will be needed for the following times: to set up the week of October 23; the day of the bazaar, and especially to help clean up on Sunday, October 29, after the 11 o'clock service. It's a wonderful chance for camaraderie. Contact Joan Dytman (joandytman@gmail.com), Mary Jane Bent (maryjanebent@gmail.com) and/or George Knight (george.knight2@verizon.net).

Baked Goods – If you like to bake and want to share a favorite recipe, consider making your specialty for the table. Breads, coffee cakes, regular cakes, cookies, brownies, pies, novelty items are all welcome. Contact Chairperson Maryann Moore (mpmoore456@gmail.com).

Silent Auction – Chairwoman Sandy Ekstrom seeks tickets to sporting events, theater, opera, ballet, symphony etc.; hand-created gift baskets or donations of decorative arts or free passes to stay at your vacation home. Contact is sandyeks@verizon.net or 412.721.9764.

Handmade Table – Welcomes a variety of handmade gifts. Past popular items include fingerless gloves, scarves and hat, Steelers items, sachets, children's sweaters, Cabbage Patch dolls and stuffed animals. Any handmade gifts from your skills and interests are welcome. Contact is Nancy Carpenter (ngcarpenter@hotmail.com).

Linens Table – Seeks donations of vintage as well as new tablecloths, placemats, dresser and table runners, dish towels and cloths, hankies, doilies, coasters, bed linens. All linens should be in good condition. Hand-embroidered items and unique contributions are always welcome. Contact Margie Muldoon (margiemuldoon@msn.com)

The New to You Room – Features an eclectic collection of new and gently used merchandise: china, glassware, kitchen items, artwork, home decor, etc. Volunteers are needed to unpack and stage the Evans Room the week before the Bazaar. Contact Kathy Ayres (412.404.8921 or kayres@chatham.edu) or Bonnie Weiss (Janekeenaweiss@gmail.com).

The Gourmet Table – Seeks donations of homemade preserves, sauces, candy, dips, mixes, and frozen items. Please package items securely in containers or wrapping. For preserves and sauces, please use 8 oz jars when possible. If you want advice on pricing your item, please leave a note with your donation or call Leigh Gallagher at 412.400.2032.

Boutique – Looking for donations of scarves, purses, wallets, belts, gloves, hats and ties. Contact Laura Marchl (412.363.2167 laura.marchl@yahoo.com) or Tracy Morris (412.715.8851 tlmorris56@yahoo.com).

Jewelry – The jewelry table is looking for quality jewelry. Personal stories behind jewelry donations are appreciated by customers. Table contact is Liz Exler at elizabethexl@msn.com.

PODS – There will be a storage POD, located in Calvary's parking lot, for furniture donations. Volunteers will be needed to staff the POD from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact

THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

(observed)

Sunday, October 1, 2023

The Holy Eucharist will be
celebrated at 8, 9, and 11 a.m.

Choral Evensong
at 5 p.m.





ESL Conversations Returns

On **Wednesday, September 6**, our English as a Second Language Conversations will resume in the Evans Room. We will meet on Wednesdays from 10–11:30 a.m. Parents with young children may bring them to class. All are welcome! If you have any questions please contact one of the teachers:

Adele Eley (adele.eley@gmail.com),
Anne Keeler (apkk777@gmail.com),
Peggy Morycz (pmorycz70@gmail.com), or
Marie King (marie.king@gmail.com). ■

EECM Food Pantry

East End Cooperative Ministry operates the second largest food pantry in Pittsburgh. Donations can be dropped off at Calvary during office hours: Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday mornings. Below is a list of items particularly requested at this time. **Thank you to all who have continued to donate to the EECM food cart.** Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

Holy Baptism

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



Staying in Touch

Please contact Calvary's Parish Administrator Kim Pieratt at the Church office if you have any questions about flower memorials, prayer list additions, or scheduling of events. Kim can be contacted at 412.661.0120, ext. 111 or send an email to kpieratt@calvarypgh.org. We ask that you keep us informed if you have a home address, phone or email change. ■



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 The Rev. Carol Henley, *Assisting Priest*
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Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, September 8, 2023**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

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Children's Faith Formation

2023-2024



When:

Sundays, 10:00-10:50 AM
Beginning Sept 24th

Where:

Level A
Classrooms
and
Conference
Room

Scan here to
register



Or visit

www.calvaryfaithformation.org



Registration for Children's Faith Formation is now open!
Class descriptions below.

Sign up online at www.calvaryfaithformation.org

Level I – The Good Shepherd. Ages 3-6 or Pre-K through



Kindergarten. The theme for this level is the Good Shepherd who loves his sheep and gives everything for them. The child is introduced to Jesus, the Good Shepherd,

and discovers who the sheep are. The enjoyment of the gift of God's own self to the child is the foundation of further religious insight and moral development. This Level could be characterized as a "time of joy and wonder" in the lives of the children.

Level II – The True Vine. Ages 6-9 or 1st through 3rd grade.

The overall theme for these years is the image of Christ as the True Vine, focusing on both relationship and responsibility. The History of the Kingdom of God is an important framework for introducing and illustrating God's work and planning on behalf of humanity. As the children

begin to discover the vast cosmic history of God's plan of salvation, they begin to realize that they have something to contribute to it. Moral sensitivity/awareness begins here and grows as the work is presented.

Level III – Joyful Journey. Ages 10-12. This level

incorporates creative, developmentally appropriate lessons organized in the categories of Self, Society, and Spirituality. Bible study, prayer, service projects, activities, reflection, and discussion are part of the weekly lessons.



Level IV – Faith Foundations. Ages 12+ (7th - 9th grade).



Faith Foundations provides an introduction to the Old and New Testament, a brief history of Christianity, and an overview of Episcopal beliefs and practices for those who want to know more about the essentials of the faith. Students will engage in thought-provoking discussions, prayer, and Bible study.

Safe Church, Safe Communities

With the beginning of Faith Formation and other programs for children and young people, please remember the importance of child abuse prevention.

As Christians, we are called to care for and protect children and to create a community where all are safe. Abuse of children and youth in congregations, institutions, agencies, or programs of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is wrong and will not be tolerated.

All who minister in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, lay and ordained volunteers and paid, are entrusted with the care of God's people and are responsible for preserving that trust. This training is mandatory for anyone working directly with children and is also available to anyone who would like to learn more about safeguarding our most vulnerable community members.

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh provides no-cost training for child abuse prevention through the Church Pension Fund's Safeguarding program. This online training can be completed anywhere there is high-speed internet access. The short, focused courses can be completed in 30 – 45 minutes. Certificates are available upon completion of the training.

Request access to the Episcopal Church's "Safe Church, Safe Communities" training, on the Praesidium Academy online platform, by completing the form found at <https://episcopalpgh.formstack.com/forms/safechurch>

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rev. Canon Kimberly Karashin 412.721.0853 ext 254, or kkarashin@episcopalpgh.org.



"Taste and see that the Lord is good! ~Psalm 34:8

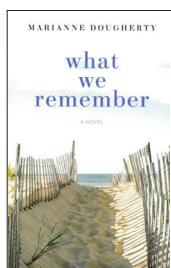
The Bookstore at Calvary

Used Book Sale

The Bookstore at Calvary's 2023 Used Book Sale continues daily through Sunday, August 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Fill a bag for \$15 with a huge selection of books including art, bestsellers, children's, classics, cookbooks, hardcovers, nonfiction, paperback, poetry, religion, travel, self-help, and young adult book selections along with CDs, DVDs, and vinyl records. All proceeds benefit literacy programs in our community.

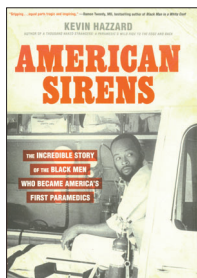
September Coventry Circle

The Coventry Circle selection for September is *What We Remember* by Marianne Dougherty. As young wives and mothers, four women find comfort in friendship, and then life begins to unravel. There is a 20% discount to all purchasers on the book designated for Coventry Circle.



Books with Pittsburgh Connections

Journalist and former paramedic Kevin Hazzard tells the dramatic story of a pioneering group of young, undereducated Black men who became America's first paramedics in 1970s Pittsburgh in *American Sirens: The Incredible Story of the Black Men Who Became America's First Paramedics*. It is an inspiring saga of how the paramedic profession was born in Pittsburgh's Hill District via the Freedom House EMS, which not only saved lives, but changed the course of emergency medicine around the world while also dealing with racism.



Alibris

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

Indie Next: Find Your Next Great Read

Stop by the Bookstore to pick-up a free copy of the All Indie Next List fliers from the American Booksellers Association including:

August 2023 Indie Next List: trifold provides inspired book recommendations from Indie Booksellers including the #1 pick for the month. Hardcover and paperback titles are listed along with a brief summary and release date.

July/August 2023 Kids' Indie Next List: tri-fold features the top 10 children's titles for July/August and additional titles

organized by age group. Each flier includes a brief synopsis of each book highlighted.

All Indie Next List picks are based on recommendations from booksellers at independent bookstores across the country and include a bookseller quote and full bibliographic information.

Want a specific book but can't find it? The Bookstore can special order a requested title for you at no charge or order via www.bookshop.org (see below on how to order via Bookshop.org).

Support our independent Bookstore via Bookshop.org

You can support the Calvary Bookstore both in-person and now online. Instead of using Amazon to find books that are of interest to you, please go to Bookshop.org, type zip code 15206 in the Bookstore Near Me box, click on Calvary Bookstore, then the red Support this Shop! box. You will be taken to the Calvary Bookstore homepage where you will find book suggestions. You can also use the search bar to find book titles. Come into the Bookstore for a FREE bookmark to navigate to Bookshop.org.

Bookshop.org will ship your books directly to you, usually within 2-3 days. When you order books through the Calvary page on Bookshop.org, the Calvary Bookstore receives a portion of the profits that can then be used to help with literacy programs in our neighborhood. Help the Bookstore maintain its presence not only as an Episcopal bookstore, but also an independent bookstore with a share of direct-to-home online book sales.



The Bookstore is open on Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the week, contact the Bookstore at 412.661.0120 ext. 133 (please leave a message) or by email at bookstore@calvarypgh.org and we will contact you. ■



We are calling everyone ages 5 to 105 to join the Acolyte Guild! Acolyte service provides valuable assistance to clergy and the congregation throughout our worship. It also gives you a front row seat to our beautiful building and liturgy. Whether you are new to Calvary or a seasoned acolyte, please consider joining this important ministry. It is a fun way for you or your family to meet new people and learn more about worship.

Please contact the Rev. Neil Raman (nraman@calvarypgh.org) or the acolyte coordinator Adam Bailey (atfbailey@gmail.com) to sign up for acolyte training. ■

Education for Ministry: Fall Enrollment

- Monday Evenings – Wendy Lomicka and Gaines Campbell will be co-mentoring the Monday evening group. Gaines is a long-standing EfM Mentor and an EfM mentor trainer. Wendy is a recent EfM graduate who completed her mentor training in 2022. For more information, contact Wendy at wenlom@gmail.com or call at 412.334.0981.
- Thursday Mornings – Barbara Brooks and Diane Santoriello will continue co-mentoring the Thursday morning group, which has enjoyed active participation over the past several years. For more information, contact Barbara at tipark4me@aol.com or call/text 412.726.9811.

Don't miss this opportunity to embark on a transformative journey of faith and knowledge! Join Education for Ministry today and unlock the doors to a deeper understanding of your spirituality. ■



The Votive Stand at Calvary

Calvary has a votive stand in the All Saints' Chapel. The term "votive" comes from the Latin "votum" meaning a vow or promise. For centuries, Christians have lit candles and offered prayers. It is, in effect, a physical and visual way of praying.

The stand, made by the Rev. Geoffrey Royce, is a wooden frame that holds a metal basin, filled with sand, that became a base to place candles. The 6" candles are made from yellow beeswax, burn evenly, do not drip, and are extinguished when the flame reaches the sand. As an added bonus, they smell like honey.

The idea is to light a candle and offer a prayer to God for someone, living or dead, or for some other need. A donation of \$1 per candle is suggested but not required. All proceeds will go to purchasing more candles so all might offer their own prayers. ■



A Priest and a Rabbi Walk into a Classroom

Rabbi Aaron Bisno and the Rev. Jonathon Jensen will continue to teach a class together. We will focus on the great stories of Judaism in the Book of Genesis. The classes will be in person in McClintic Hall, also known as the choir room, on **Sundays at 10 a.m. beginning on September 10**. Sessions are recorded and available on Calvary's YouTube page with a link in the Friday email. All are welcome to attend.

September 10: An Introduction to the class

September 17: *No class due to Rosh Hashanah services*

September 24: Creation of the World (Genesis 1:1–2:3)

October 1: Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:4–25) ■



ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR

The Tree of Life Congregation will be at Calvary for their High Holy Days the weekend of **September 15 thru the 17**. Due to security concerns, the offices will be closing at 3 p.m. on Friday, September 15, and will not be open on Saturday, September 16.

On **Sunday, September 17**, Calvary will have no morning services that day. Instead, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. Rabbi Jeffrey Myers will preach. The service will also be livestreamed.

On **Sunday, September 24**, Yom Kippur services will begin at 5 p.m., ending on the evening of September 25.

We welcome our friends from Tree of Life Congregation and are happy to share our worship space with them. ■



The Fall equinox arrives on **Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 2:50 a.m. DST**. (We return to Eastern Standard Time on Sunday, Nov. 5)



Mahjong Returns!

Last year, our friends at the Tree of Life Synagogue formed a Mahjong group and invited Calvary members to participate. Fun and laughter ensued and friendships formed.

The Mahjong group meets at Calvary on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. While the group has been playing off-campus this summer, Mahjong returns to Calvary on Thursday, September 7.

New members are always welcome! The world might not be changed by playing a game invented in Asia in the 19th century, but you may make a new friend that will change you both.

If you are interested, please contact Stacey Hausman at sisterhood@tolols.org. No experience necessary. ■



The Lay Eucharistic Ministers

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM) are lay members of the congregation who have completed a training program to deliver Holy Communion and visit with parishioners who are unable to attend regularly scheduled services at Calvary due to illness, injury or similar circumstances. This important and sacred ministry allows homebound parishioners to receive the Sacrament and remain connected to our parish.

Please email or call Cameron (csoulis@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120, ext. 123) if you or someone in your family would like a visit from a LEM, or if you are interested in learning more about becoming one. ■



Save the Date:
Sunday, October 29 at 10 a.m.

Laura Everhart will lead an Adult Forum in the Nave on environmental stewardship. ■



Altar Flowers

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

A Thank You from



Greetings and good morning Kim and the Executive Staff at Calvary Episcopal Church. Thank you for the continued love and support that you show towards the people of Haiti. The Power of Love Open Market was a success because you and your Executive Staff blessed us by allowing us to use the parking lot and services free of charge. We also thank you for the relationship that we have ongoing with meetings at your beautiful church. Look forward to God's will, next year around this time to host our annual Power of Love Open Market at Calvary Episcopal church.

Blessings and love, in His Service,
Bishop Leon and Sister Rozelle Pamphile and Diane Neely ■





Brown Bag Lunch and Literature



Starting in the fall we will begin again our Brown Bag Lunch and Literature series. Come and join us. Listen and be nourished by the writing of the world's best wordsmiths.

We are continuing to offer this ministry to members of Calvary and the community beyond, inviting people to enjoy their lunch breaks in the beauty of Calvary's nave as short samples from great literature are read aloud. One guest at our lunchtime reading described it as "the perfect reset" in the course of one's workday.

This year each month will be devoted to a special theme. Some examples are "Banned Books", "The End of All Things", "Not Only for Children", and "Memoirs".

In previous eras and circumstances through illiteracy and other limitations like censorship or intimidation human freedom has been challenged. Calvary supports several literacy programs and celebrates the joy of reading through our annual used book sale and the bookstore at our church.

We can always use more volunteer readers. So, if you think you have a clear voice and enjoy reading aloud, please contact Deacon Geoffrey Royce at groyce@calvarypgh.org for more information on how you can get involved. ■



A new semester opens up for Calvary in autumn; Join us in the Parish Hall from 7-9 p.m., followed by a brief discussion with Clint Van Dusen.

September 23: "HER." (2013) Artificial Intelligence: Can a human being and computer being fall in love? Starring Joaquin Phoenix and Scarlett Johansson. On Rotten Tomatoes, the film has an approval rating of 94%

October 19: "THE GREAT DICTATOR." (1940) Charlie Chaplin's first talkie. This unusual comedy combines slapstick, satire and social commentary, as Chaplin plays dual roles of a Jewish ghetto barber and dictator Adenoid Hynkel (Hitler) of Tomania (Germany). Jack Oakie portrays Benzino Napaloni of rival country Bacteria (Italy).

November 16: "THE COUNTRY GIRL." (1954) Director George Seaton received an Oscar for his screen adaptation of Clifford Odets' play. Starring Bing Crosby, William Holden and Grace Kelly. This was one of the biggest box-office hits of 1954 with another Oscar for Best Actress for Grace Kelly. Song Tributes to Ira Gershwin and Harold Arlen. ■

Ethiopian Americans Build a Home Away From Home in Pittsburgh

Saturday gatherings at Calvary Episcopal Church help local Ethiopians sustain communal ties. By Ervin Dyer. It's 8:30 on Saturday morning, and a close-knit group of Ethiopians is gathering in the refectory, a small hall in Shadyside's Calvary Episcopal Church. Members of the local Ethiopian community have been welcomed into this longstanding church for the past two years. Previously, they met in the basement of a coffee shop in New Kensington, just outside of Pittsburgh. *Read the full story at blackpittsburgh.com* ■



Christian-Jewish Dialogue

A series of Christian-Jewish dialogues based on the book *The Bible With and Without Jesus*, has begun at Beth Shalom Synagogue, and continuing at least until September. A Christian-Jewish Dialogue group has long met on the first Thursday of each month, 12-1:25 p.m. Now on summer break, it will resume on September 6 at Rodef Shalom, 4905 Fifth Avenue. September-December, the group will take up one chapter of the Book of Jonah each session. For more information, contact Nancy Conaway at 412.421.9715, ext. 115, or Nancy@TempleSinaiPGH.org. ■



Plastic Recycling

Thank you to the many people who are recycling plastic film and bags to the box located in the Parish House lobby across from the reception desk. We will continue our practice of recycling here at Calvary. You are helping to keep thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills. (And, yes, bubble wrap is recyclable!) ■



Gun Safety Legislation

This past February, the Episcopal bishops of the five dioceses in Pennsylvania issued a joint pastoral letter calling for the enactment of sensible gun legislation to help reduce the illegal trafficking of handguns and unsafe use of guns in Pennsylvania. In May, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives passed two gun-safety bills with bipartisan support. For these bills to become law, they must advance to the Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee for hearings and then voted upon by the full Senate.

The first bill under consideration (HB1018) will create Extreme Risk Protection Orders to allow a judge to order authorities to temporarily seize firearms from someone if documented evidence shows them to be a danger to themselves or others. The second bill (HB714) will expand background checks to all firearms buyers in Pennsylvania, thus ending the exception during private sales.

If you would like to join our Bishops in the effort to pass this sensible gun safety legislation, please call or write your state senator. To help interested parishioners with this, a table of information and supplies will be set up in the Parish Hall on three successive Sundays in September. Look for the table on **September 10, 17, and 24** before and after each service.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Cameron (csoulis@calvarypgh.org), or Theresa Chalich (tchalich@gmail.com). ■



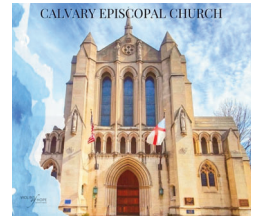
TWO Soup Group Sessions in August

The Soup Group will be cooking on **Friday, August 25** and **Thursday, August 31** at 9 a.m. in Calvary's kitchen. If one of these dates fits into your schedule please join us.

I will select our recipes depending on the available cooks, so it will be very helpful if I know in advance those that will be attending.

Any questions? Please contact me.

—Adele Eley, adele.eley@gmail.com,
412-371-6921 - home, 412-719-9637 - cell ■



Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Hope Across the Centuries

A Free Concert at Calvary Episcopal Church

Music exists only in its sounding moment – but that moment can happen again and again, across time and space, even as everything around it changes. This concert focuses on instrumental and vocal music from the Sephardic tradition and seventeenth-century Venice. Pittsburgh-based ensemble Chatham Baroque plays instruments from the Violins of Hope collection in bringing fresh life to music by the Jewish Venetian composer Salamone Rossi, including Psalm-settings for soprano and mezzo-soprano, and sonatas for two violins. Pittsburgh composer David Stock's musical memorial, *Elegy for Emily*, rounds out the program. Paul Miller, violin, Elizabeth Gassler, cello, Sarah Nadler, soprano, and Raquel Winnica, mezzo-soprano, join Andrew Fouts, violin, Patricia Halverson, viola da gamba, and Scott Pauley, lute.

Visit violinsofhopepittsburgh.com for more information. ■



Coffee Hour after the 11 o'clock Service

Coffee Hour will return beginning on the Feast of St. Michael, **Sunday, October 1**. We will have some light nibbles for you to enjoy with your coffee and tea. There will be snacks and juice for the little ones, too. Please consider hosting a Sunday to mark a special occasion honoring a particular event or person, or ask your group or organization to host a Sunday. Please contact Kathy Farrington at farringtonk@me.com to schedule a Sunday, or sign up on the chart in the Parish Hall. ■

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Mid-Week Bible Studies



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Start the day with coffee and Bible Study each Wednesday morning at 7:15 at the Panera in Bakery Square. Beginning on **Wednesday, September 6** the Rev. Neil Raman will lead classes on Saint Paul's letter to the Romans. Join us each week or drop in when you can.

Wednesday Lunch Bible Study

Join us in the Evans Room each Wednesday after the Eucharist at noon (approximately 12:30) for a brown bag lunch Bible Study. Beginning on **Wednesday, September 6** the Rev. Neil Raman will lead classes on Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans. Join us each week or drop in when you can.

RSVPs are not required. If you have questions contact the Rev. Neil Raman (nraman@calvaryph.org).

Note: Both Wednesday Bible Studies will be looking at the same passages of Scripture. ■

PIIN CHAMPIONS RECEPTION
fine wines, hors d'oeuvres, sweets, and a silent auction

CHAMPIONS FOR JUSTICE SOCIETY

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Save the Date

September 30th • 5 pm - 7 pm

THE WOODRIDGE CONDOMINIUMS CLUBHOUSE
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Save the date for the PIIN Champions' Reception with fine wines, hors d'oeuvres, sweets, and a silent auction. Register below to receive updates on the event as we get closer to the date! You may also invest in PIIN today by visiting the website: <https://piinpa.org/donate/> ■

Calvary's Office Hours are
Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Calvary Young Adult Ministry has a number of events scheduled for the fall, including the resumption of Gospel and Breakfast (GAB) and Holy Happy Hour. See the calendar below for dates, times, and locations. Please contact Cameron if you have any questions or want to be added to the Young Adult Ministry email list. She can be reached at csoulis@calvaryph.org or 412.661.0120 ext. 123.

Saturday, September 9, 4–6 p.m.

Yappy Hour in the Swan Garden at Calvary (in the Refectory if it rains)

Wednesday, September 20 at 5:45 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour @ Urban Tap (216 S. Highland Ave., 15206)

Sunday, September 24, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary

Sunday, October 1, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary

Sunday, October 8, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary

Sunday, October 15, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary

Wednesday, October 18 at 5:45 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour @ Lorelei (124 S. Highland Ave., 15206)
Followed at 7 p.m. – Taizé Prayer Service at East Liberty Presbyterian Church (116 S. Highland Ave., 15206)

Sunday, October 22, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary

Sunday, October 29, 10–10:45 a.m.

No Gospel and Breakfast this week due to the Bazaar

Sunday, November 5, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary

Sunday, November 12, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary

Wednesday, November 15 at 5:45 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour @ The Church Brew Works
(3525 Liberty Ave., 15201)

Sunday, November 19, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary

Sunday, November 26, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary ■



Have a Happy Fall



It's with a sad heart that I write my final article for Beginnings. It has been an honor and a privilege to be the Director of Beginnings.

I would like to thank Calvary's staff, Vestry, the Beginnings Board, teachers, families, parishioners, and community for the amazing support these last 5 years.

My sincere appreciation and a heart-felt thank you goes to the following individuals for their time, energy, love, and dedication to Beginnings during the 2022-23 school year:

Beginnings Board Members: Jonathon Jensen, Charles Altman, Maria Burgwin, Adele Eley, Laura Marchl;

Blue Team: Elizabeth Barbush, Daniel Hayashi, Ann Norman, Eunjoo Oh;

Purple Team: Joniesha Gaines, CG Marchl, Cassandra Wilson;
Orange Team: Aline Freire, Kranti Kc, Yuko Neubig, Sarasa Tsunoda;

Yellow Team: Winfrey Mandarino, Brie Ross, Hanna Seong;

Red Team: Lizu Garcia Ramirez De Arellano, Hiwot Habtegabriel;

Substitutes: Elizabeth Gassler, Vicki Rispoli;

Sextons: Jim Gubash, Adam Augustine, Ron Johnston, James Knight, Mary Ann Packer, Eric Walker;

Calvary Staff: Lynda Kennedy, Kim Pieratt, Ken Smith;

Cleaning Service: Jose Roblero.

We had the most enjoyable final day of school. We began with a bouncy house/double slide combo and our teams took turns jumping and sliding during the school day. Our families joined us in the Nave for a summer-themed year-end program. The Red and Yellow teams wore shark headbands while moving to *Pinkfong's* "Baby Shark." The Orange Team performed, with colorful ribbons, "The Wiggle Dance" by Danny Go! – an all-time school favorite. The Purple Team wore hula skirts and leis while dancing to *Lilo & Stitch's* "Hawaiian Roller Coaster Ride" and "Macarena." The Blue Team had a mini fashion show to *Moana's* "How Far I'll Go" wearing costumes of "What they want to be when they grow up" followed by an enthusiastic dance to *Lego Movie's* "Everything is Awesome." The program ended with a family sing-along to *Zootopia's* "Try Everything." We said our goodbyes during our ice cream sundae party in the Swan Garden and planned future play-dates. The sunshine and cool temperatures made for a perfect day!

I have gained life-long friendships in this position, for which I am grateful. These years have been some of the most

challenging and rewarding years of my life. I will continue as a Calvary Parishioner and I look forward to seeing many of you in the future.

I hope everyone is enjoying these beautiful summer months. Please also enjoy some of my favorite pictures from this past school year.

I'd like to end with a prayer: *Lord God, thank you for your abundant love and care for our teachers, families, and children at Beginnings all these years. Moving forward, please fill us with your wisdom and compassion for others. May you bless us with good health, happiness, and your never-ending love. Amen.*

–Tammy Lewis, Former Director of Beginnings ■



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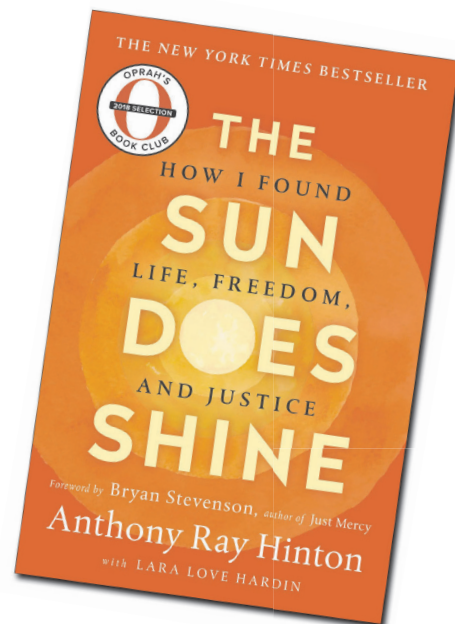
The Nancy and Paul O'Neill Speaker Series

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ANTHONY RAY HINTON

Author of

THE SUN DOES SHINE



Wednesday, September 27, 2023

The Neighborhood Academy

709 N Aiken Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

**Registration is now open at
theneighborhoodacademy.org**

Featuring **Anthony Ray Hinton**:
bestselling author, activist, and former death
row inmate who was exonerated after
30 years for a crime he did not commit.

**IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL
TICKETS AVAILABLE!**



**Social Justice and Outreach Committee, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh
and Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN)**
present a Zoom Panel

Inhumane Conditions at the Allegheny County Jail Causes and Solutions

Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 7 p.m.



Opening Prayer: **Minister Ella Scales**, Union Baptist Church, VP PIIN

Panel:

Chair: **Leah Kozak**, PIIN organizer

Brittany Hailer, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Sister Barbara Finch, former nurse at ACJ

John Kenstowicz, social worker, on surveys of jail corrections officers
and health care workers

Concluding Prayer: **Rev. Julie Smith**, Hospice Chaplain, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Approximately four-fifths of Allegheny County Jail residents have not yet been convicted of a crime. Yet they are all given mostly inedible food, often denied prescribed medicine or offered it at the wrong time, and forced to spend nights in conditions too uncomfortable for sleep. Since April 2020, 20 have died, more than twice the average per year for jails of similar size. Health care workers have supervisors without medical credentials who order them to violate best practices, putting their licensure at risk. 90 staff positions are vacant and employees are forced to work excessive overtime. Warden Harper will retire September 29. How can we assure conditions will improve under the next warden?

Register **in advance** for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEscOypqj0sGdyZwiEZSI97cwDR1btL076C>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information
about joining the meeting.

Season 45: Thomas Gaynor



OAS November 27, 2023

Dinner at 6, Concert at 7:30
Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh
Tickets on sale 8.11.23 at organseries.com





2023 Share the Warmth

You can help those in need by donating new or gently used winter coats to the EECCM Coat Drive!

Drop off new coats (with tags), and gently used coats, by October 13 at East End Cooperative Ministry, 6140 Station Street, Entrance A, or Highmark Whole Care at 6033 Broad Street, Pittsburgh 15206.

You can also drop off used winter coats at Strong II Dry Cleaners between September 5 and October 13 to have them cleaned for free. Strong II will deliver the cleaned coats directly to EECCM!

Drop off the used coats in plastic bags and tell the clerk that they are for the EECCM Coat Drive. Bring in your own dry cleaning or laundry at the same time – please, no leather, suede, fur, or alterations – and receive 50% off when you pre-pay!



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Questions? Contact Tracy Hudson (412) 345-7124 | tracyh@eecm.org



40th Anniversary Celebration

YOU'RE INVITED TO

HOPE ON THE MOVE 5K.

Saturday, September 9, 2023 • 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM • In Highland Park



Location: Lake Point Shelter @ Highland Park Lake Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15206



Registration: www.flmhaiti.org/walk Only \$30.00

Registration 9:00 AM EST
Warm Up 9:30 AM EST
Walk Start 10:00 AM EST

BIKE

Led by Roland Ford
Exercise and Fitness Coach

Official T-Shirts Available!

CALL: 412-784-0342

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To Donate Text "donate" to 4125935089

2023 SCHEDULE



PRESEASON

FRI. AUG. 11	@ TAMPA BAY	7:00 PM
SAT. AUG. 19	BUFFALO	6:30 PM
THU. AUG. 24	@ ATLANTA	7:30 PM

REGULAR SEASON

SUN. SEPT. 10	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00 PM
MON. SEPT. 18	CLEVELAND	8:15 PM
SUN. SEPT. 24	@ LAS VEGAS	8:20 PM
SUN. OCT. 1	@ HOUSTON	1:00 PM
SUN. OCT. 8	BALTIMORE*	1:00 PM
BYE WEEK		
SUN. OCT. 22	@ LA RAMS*	4:05 PM
SUN. OCT. 29	JACKSONVILLE*	1:00 PM
THU. NOV. 2	TENNESSEE	8:15 PM
SUN. NOV. 12	GREEN BAY*	1:00 PM
SUN. NOV. 19	@ CLEVELAND*	1:00 PM
SUN. NOV. 26	@ CINCINNATI*	1:00 PM
SUN. DEC. 3	ARIZONA*	1:00 PM
THU. DEC. 7	NEW ENGLAND*	8:15 PM
TBD	@ INDIANAPOLIS*	TBD
SAT. DEC. 23	CINCINNATI*	4:30 PM
SUN. DEC. 31	@ SEATTLE*	4:05 PM
TBD	@ BALTIMORE*	TBD

*SUBJECT TO FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING | ALL TIMES EST

 HOME  AWAY

Deadline (Friday):

Publication Date (Sunday):

January 6	January 15
February 3	February 12 [Lenten Issue]
March 10	March 19 [Easter Issue]
April 7	April 16 [End of Program Year]
May 5	May 14
June 2	
June 11 [Summer Issue]	
August 11	August 20 [Beginning of Program Year]
September 8	September 17
October 6	October 15
November 3	November 12 [Advent Issue]
December 1	December 10

2023 CALENDAR

January	February	March	April
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