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All things considered, we are doing well

The Rector's Report Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, PA Annual Meeting – August 30, 2020

This report is much longer than usual to document some of the life and ministry at Calvary leading up to and during the COVID-19 pandemic. I read parish registers, Vestry minutes, and other materials from Calvary in 1918-1919 to learn what happened in the parish during the Spanish Flu epidemic at that time. Someone may be interested in life at Calvary one hundred years from now.

Our last annual parish meeting was in May 2019. That seems like a very long time ago when you could gather in large groups... shake hands or hug without fear... worship in person... when wearing masks was something one did in hospitals or on Halloween. A lot has happened since then. Today, I will talk about where we have been. Relatively speaking, we are in a good and healthy position across the board.

We had an excellent program year in the fall and winter of 2019. There were a number of classes and groups learning and serving together, including Lenten programs, the Rector's Bible study on the Gospel of Mark, EFM, Spiritual Reflection, and Centering Prayer among others. The Calvary Bazaar and sale by the bookstore did good for the community by raising funds (over \$25,000) for women's and children's programs in the county and were fun to do together. Trinity Choir Cambridge visited Calvary in September to augment our music program that is a jewel in the crown. The choir and music were superb throughout the year. Advent and Christmas were glorious from the opening notes of Once in Royal David's City to a reluctant camel during the Christmas pageant to the awe-inspiring Christmas Eve services. Geoffrey Royce was ordained a deacon on December 21, 2019 at Trinity Cathedral and now serves with us.

The Beginnings Pre-School had an enrollment at maximum capacity of 61 children. They finished with a budget surplus, now for several years in a row. Director Tammy Lewis and the teachers have done an excellent



job. In addition to children learning together (25 of them were born outside the USA) in a safe and caring environment, we significantly upgraded the playground and made improvements to the classrooms for utility and safety.

We have cultivated numerous relationships with non-profits throughout the region; many are long-term friends and some are new. One of the primary ways Calvary serves the community is through sharing our space for free. Many groups (thirty or more) partner with us to share space throughout the year. They range from a week-long staff planning retreat for the Neighborhood Academy, summer-long children's camps for the East End Cooperative Ministry, to weekly meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous and Alpha House car washes, to an annual Amnesty International Write-a-Thon, among many others.

Along the way in 2019, I completed a two-year class for new clergy for the diocese I designed and taught, became friends with the new Imam at the Islamic Community Center, and started a term on the diocesan Standing Committee (somewhat similar to a vestry for the Diocese of Pittsburgh).

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A highlight of the year, a defining moment some have said, was the Tree of Life synagogue accepting our invitation to come to Calvary for their high holidays in September and October. I could not imagine being prouder of a congregation as I was at that time.

For the historical record, the Tree of Life congregation (and two partner congregations sharing space) were attacked in their synagogue on October 27, 2018 killing eleven people. They are located less than a mile away from Calvary on Shady Avenue. We kept extensive files on the Tree of Life at Calvary in the parish archives.

We developed a relationship that was at a deeper level more quickly than any I have ever experienced. This relationship and offer of hospitality were consistent with who we have been for over 100 years. Before and after their time with us several interesting things happened:

✦ the leadership of each congregation spent time together building trust and members of each congregation began to know one another

✦ Rabbi Jeffrey Myers came to Calvary to talk about the meaning of the high holidays

✦ an assessment of buildings for safety and security by the Dept. of Homeland Security

✦ TOLOS invited me (representing Calvary) to sit with them at the one-year anniversary of the shooting at the service at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial

✦ hosted a joint Hannukah party and Christmas pageant with Tree of Life

✦ Menorah lighting at TOLOS building

✦ The Rev. Neil Raman and I were in the TOLOS/Rodef Purim spiel at Calvary and Rodef Shalom synagogue

✦ excellent local, national, and international coverage of the events.



The Rector has been asked over and over why Calvary reached out to the Tree of Life to offer space. The response is because 1) they are our neighbors (in every sense) and 2) it is the right thing to do. The hospitality with them is a natural expression of who we are as a congregation.

2019 was really a great year all around. We even began the year with a projected budget deficit of about \$45,000 and ended with a \$10,000 surplus.

2020 started on a good note. We had another packed Chili Fest in January and pancake supper in February, followed by Ash Wednesday with our traditional services and Ashes to Go on the street that increases in attendance

each year. Then there was talk of some virus that many thought would fade away like the Y2K bug. It didn't.

In mid-February, I represented Calvary at the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal parishes conference in Louisville. Several clergy got sick with COVID at one meeting. I missed that meeting I was scheduled to attend, because of car trouble that has never reoccurred.

Just before the pandemic in early March, we signed a contract with consultants to explore a Capital Campaign. The last one was over fifteen years ago. The planned campaign is to preserve and repair the facilities for church use and to share with the community including the parking lot, roof, HVAC, windows, stained glass windows, Swan Garden, and similar projects. We do not anticipate any new construction. This is for preservation, not addition. The building is in remarkably good shape for the style and age. We want to keep it that way and think long-term. Any Capital Campaign is on indefinite hold.

On March 15, we decided to move to streaming a service on Facebook (and on YouTube) and have maintained that ever since, through Lent, Easter, and beyond. This is longer than worship was suspended in-person at Calvary during the Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918. That endured from sometime in early summer through mid-November.

We plan to stream and video record services indefinitely once in-person worship resumes. This is a new version of what we have always done. Calvary was the parish that had the first worship service broadcast over radio almost 100 years ago on January 2, 1921. Thanks to the generosity of many, we have ordered a system to do that and is now in place. This will allow all our worship to be shared for more to experience. It also allows us to share other services like the Tree of Life high holidays, the upcoming ordination of the next Bishop of Pittsburgh, concerts, or other special events. We intend to do this as unobtrusively as possible. The cameras are all seven inch cubes that are remote controlled and much smaller than the audio speakers. We anticipate a time when as many people will be worshipping with us online as are in person. New members have become a part of Calvary from finding us online.

Abruptly in March, almost all the meetings and groups sharing space at Calvary, in addition to corporate worship, stopped. A few went to Zoom but most have not resumed. Long traditions like the Calvary Bazaar were cancelled. The Beginnings Pre-School went to all online learning from March through May. They expect to resume in-person classes in September with about 30 children. Our endowment took a hit of about 10% but has since rebounded. Even without income from usual sources (such as Easter memorials), giving has been remarkably good. Thank you for your generosity. This has allowed all staff members to continue to work and be compensated

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at their previous number of hours. We are all thankful to receive income and contribute to something meaningful.

Many funerals, weddings, baptisms, and confirmations have been delayed. We have begun offering memorial services, weddings, and baptisms (with a limited number of people) and have the ability to record them to be shared with families and friends. This is not ideal, but a pastoral necessity that I have experienced personally. My father died during the pandemic. We will record a memorial service to share with family in Florida. In September, we are initiating a number of online (Zoom) classes to connect people to Calvary and one another.

During the pandemic, the sextons have undertaken a number of projects (detailed in the Junior Warden's annual report) including cleaning everything possible, polishing every floor, repainting the kitchen floors, repainting the fire escape, fixing old water damage in several locations, addressing issues on the roof and some AC units, and numerous small issues. The gardens look great thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers led by Bob Dilts. Several trees have died from age, with new ones donated by the Pennsylvania Conservancy or purchased. Everything we plant, trees and otherwise, we look at from a one-hundred year perspective.

The parish office has remained open. We continue to receive donations of food, clothing, books, and cleaning supplies. Many parishioners have made masks to share. All of the donations have gone to those in need. More and more people have stopped by the church to visit the columbarium, talk to people face to face, see the church, or spend time in smaller groups. James Knight (sexton who has been with us forty years) has lots of stories to tell. We welcome this. All who come to Calvary, for the time being, are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing. A few groups have met, including the restoration of weekly Alpha House car washes, but the buildings are mostly quiet.

Beginning in September, the church will be open from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additionally, we will be open on Monday nights from 5–9 p.m. for small group meetings. The church, Parish Hall, Refectory, Evans Room, and Parlor will all be available. A sexton will be present. These can be regular church groups or informal smaller meetings of friends. Please contact Kim at the parish office if you would like to enjoy the space.

The Calvary Bookstore had their annual book sale in August, this year in the Parish Hall and Refectory (rather than in the pre-school classrooms). Thank you to Sherry Bloom and the many volunteers. They raised \$4,500, the most ever for them. All the funds raised go to literacy programs in the area.

For a couple of years, we have been recycling plastic thanks to a program initiated and led by parishioner Wendy

Lomicka. Two benches, made from recycled plastic, are now in the Swan Garden. Another is at Calvary Camp. We have now recycled 2,000 pounds of plastic, mostly shopping bags, that has kept it out landfills, the ocean, or the streets.

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd, an African American man, was killed (in a string of killings) by police during an arrest sparking national protests raising the issue of racial justice. Cavalry has long had a commitment to social justice.

One way we worked towards this was to help with the creation of what became the Beloved Community Initiative in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.



The Rector, after speaking with the Rev. Eric McIntosh (one of a few African American clergy in the Diocese of Pittsburgh), recommended the idea to the Bishop of creating a new position for the Diocese and wrote the initial job description. This will be the first person of color on Bishop Dorsey McConnell's staff and will be a priest who works to help all of us promote racial equity and racial justice, particularly within the African American community. The Bishop called the Rev. Eric McIntosh as the first Canon for Beloved Community. Eric preached at Calvary in August. The Vestry of Calvary authorized \$10,000 to help make this a reality.

Our Bishop, Dorsey McConnell, announced plans for his retirement that were delayed by the pandemic. A Nominating (search) Committee chaired by Calvary parishioner Michael Braxton was formed. Elizabeth Gassler, another parishioner and spouse of the Rev. Neil Raman, is also on the committee. Bishop McConnell has had a more collegial and closer relationship to Calvary than any Bishop of Pittsburgh for quite some time. We are thankful for his leadership and wish him well.

One of the most challenging aspects of “being Church” during the pandemic is that we could not be Church together in person but saw each other through a computer screen. Another challenge, from mid-March on, is having to rethink everything (worship, pastoral care, administration, finances, education, etc.) from the ground up and trying to discern the future with constantly changing, and sometimes conflicting, information. Everything we knew how to do well and were prepared for (like Holy Week or the Calvary Bazaar or pre-school or flowers on the Altar) suddenly changed. How we engage our mission and serve the parish and broader community is different but who we fundamentally are at Calvary and what are mission has been will endure. We will have to figure out together how best to do that and be Church together in this next season of ministry.

Through all the time of the pandemic, the congregation and

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staff have been remarkably kind, patient, calm, generous, and hopeful. Thank you to the Vestry, Parish Council, staff, choir, volunteers, and parishioners for your commitment and faithfulness during this past year. I believe firmly that serving as Rector of Calvary Church in Pittsburgh is the best job in the Episcopal Church. For that, I am deeply thankful.

—Jonathon ■



Top photo: The Alpha House Car Wash in Calvary's parking lot;
Bottom photo: The Used Book Sale in the Parish Hall.

Small Groups at Calvary

This fall, in an effort to facilitate connection and deeper spiritual engagement in the midst of separation, Calvary will begin offering a variety of Small Groups. A Small Group consists of eight to fifteen people who gather together regularly, either in person or through Zoom, for a Bible Study, Book Study, or social time. The Contemplative Prayer Group, Education for Ministry, and the Calvary Young Adult Ministry are examples of Small Groups that already exist at Calvary.

The new Small Groups will meet regularly throughout the fall. This is not a permanent commitment and there will be an opportunity to select another group for the Spring. A list of the types of Small Groups can be found below.

If you would like to sign up for a Small Group, fill out the form that can be found at <https://www.calvarypgh.org/small-group-registration> before September 20. After September 20, those who have signed up will be placed in small groups and contacted by a member of the clergy about getting started.

If you have any questions about Small Groups or about signing up contact the Rev. Neil Raman at nraman@calvarypgh.org. ■



Fall Greetings to our Calvary Super Senior Lunch Group

On September 22, the Autumnal Equinox will occur. It has been 25 weeks (175 days) since we gathered as a group on March 8 – the last Calvary Super Senior Lunch held in the Refectory. In the June *Agape* we announced that the July 15 Super Senior Lunch was canceled. There was hope at that time the October 4 Super Senior lunch might happen as scheduled. It is with regret that the last scheduled SSL for 2020 is officially canceled. We hope to resume Super Senior Lunches next year.

We miss seeing you at the Calvary Church services and hope you have been able to join Calvary's Sunday Worship service online at 11 a.m.

Stay well as we enter the fall and winter seasons. Hopefully there will be a vaccine available by the beginning of next year, but until then our new normal life will include wearing of masks when in public spaces and social distancing.

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



St. Francis Pet Blessing: Drive-Thru

For many people, pets are part of the family. During times of quarantine, the bond between animal and human can become even closer. We have long acknowledged this relationship in a blessing of the animals service, usually on or near St. Francis Day.

Normally, each year we have gathered as a group in the Swan Garden and shared a liturgy with a blessing of each pet and person individually. This year, because of the pandemic, we will offer the pet blessing in a new way, drive-thru.

On **Sunday, October 4 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**, clergy will be offering the pet blessing in the driveway in front of Calvary just off Shady Avenue. You are welcome to stay in your car with your pet or stand together on the curb. There will be a brief prayer service followed by the blessing. No reservations needed. We ask everyone present to wear a mask as clergy will be doing. Wearing a mask is a practical way we can practice loving our neighbors. ■

How Can I Help? Here are 14 Ideas!

“When we make room for God, when we come to love persons in front of us rather than ignore or fear the idea they represent, rather than insulate ourselves from other people, we become open ...

“Our call is to take the generalizations of loving God and loving our neighbors and make them specific and incarnate in people we encounter in each moment....The kingdom of God is not made up of bricks and mortar but faith, hope, and love, and it is built one person, open to God, at a time.”

*–From the sermon preached by The Rev. Jonathon Jensen,
Pentecost 11, August 16, 2020*

In normal years, about this time, Calvary holds a “Sign Up Sunday” event to alert us all to volunteer opportunities in the parish and in the community. Not in 2020. But the Calvary community still wants to help during this pandemic – maybe more than ever. Supporting the health and safety in our community has ruled out a lot of things, but there is always something we can do. Here are a few reminders – and other ideas are welcome!

1. Buy something extra at the grocery store and contribute it to the EECM Food Pantry. With job losses spreading far and wide, more and more people need the extra help the Food Pantry provides. (Drop contributions off in the Calvary lobby).
2. Donate clothing in good condition to East End Community Thrift Shop (Collection box at Calvary)
3. Help ensure that all the children at Lincoln Elementary school have the tools they need for remote learning this fall. Send checks to Calvary’s Pack to School project for purchasing iPads.
4. Use less plastic, but what bags and other clear plastic “film” you do use, please recycle in the collection box at Calvary. Our awesome level of contributions – which have actually gone up during COVID! – have already earned two benches in the Swan Garden and two for Calvary Camp. Plus we saved 2000 pounds of plastic from going into landfills. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Wendy Lomicka (wenlom@gmail.com)
5. Consider the list of volunteer opportunities at Pittsburgh Cares (www.pittsburghcares.org)
6. You may have heard: a Presidential election is coming up. There is an expectation of a large turnout of both in-person and mail-in voting; additional poll workers are needed. Check out the Allegheny County Board of Elections (www.alleghenycounty.us/elections) (or the Board of Elections in your county) to learn more.
7. Join the Calvary Gardeners. Saturday mornings, Easter to Advent I. No gardening experience necessary, just charm and good looks. Bob Dilts (rjdjds@msn.com)

8. Carry extra water bottles and protein bars in your car to give to those in need.

9. Host a zoom happy hour, or drop a handwritten note to a friend whom you haven’t heard from in a while.

10. Uphold a beautiful part of our liturgical tradition by leading a service of morning prayer or evening prayer on zoom – invite the parish! Jonathon, Leslie or Neil can provide clergy guidance for lay service leaders.

11. Alternatively, organize a noonday prayer service in person at the church with a small group on Mondays. Maybe follow with a brown bag lunch, appropriately distanced, or in the garden. (Thanks to Barbara Hicks for this idea!)

12. Take action on dismantling racism and working for reconciliation – start a zoom discussion group to share some of the great readings recommended on the diocesan website: <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/resources-for-responding-to-racist-violence/>

13. Generous folks are really needed this fall for the EECM Homeless Shelter Dinner. While we are not serving dinners in person during the pandemic, we can still drop off food for the 40+ residents of the shelter for one Saturday dinner each month. You can also donate money for a takeout meal (which helps our local restaurants, too). Do this as a family or assemble a group of friends and neighbors. For more information or to volunteer, contact WeezKay Woodside (weezkay@aol.com)

14. ‘We prevent perfectly good food from entering the waste stream by redirecting it to those who are experiencing food insecurity.’ That’s the mission of 412 Food Rescue – they organize volunteers to pick up food from local sources and deliver it to soup kitchens or food pantries. To volunteer or donate to the cause see www.412foodrescue.org.

*–Catherine Davidson (cmd402@gmail.com)
on behalf of the Parish Council ■*

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. ■

www.calvarypgh.org



The Bookstore at Calvary

In last month's issue of *Agape*, we printed a list of titles available at the Calvary Bookstore to address Bishop Dorsey McConnell's letter to the Diocese on how we might change how we look at the world, and how we act in it, in terms of race, both as individuals and as the Church. We now have additional titles including:

In *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, Robin DiAngelo's 2018 book is about race relations in the United States and views racism as systemic and often perpetuated unconsciously by individuals.

A deeply researched and fast-moving narrative, *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*, author Ibram X. Kendi chronicles the entire story of anti-black racist ideas and their staggering power over the course of American history. Winner of 2016 National Book Award for Nonfiction.

Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi reveal the history of racist ideas in America and inspires hope for an antiracist future in *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning*. It takes the reader on a race journey from then to now, shows why we feel how we feel, and why the poison of racism lingers. It also proves that while racist ideas have always been easy to fabricate and distribute, they can also be discredited.

Isabel Wilkerson examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions in *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*.

In recognition of Pittsburgh's own Mister Rogers, several titles are available including *Officer Clemmons: A Memoir* by Dr. Francois S. Clemmons, which is the story of Mister Rogers' most groundbreaking and endearing "neighbors," Officer Clemmons. The autobiography offers a firsthand account of his work on Rogers' show along with exploring the power of friendship, race, sexuality, talent and identity. *Exactly as You Are: The Life and Faith of Mister Rogers* by Shea Tuttle looks at Fred Rogers' life, the people and places that made him who he was, and his work through Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. She pays particular attention to his faith – because Fred Rogers was a deeply spiritual person, ordained by his church with a one-of-a-kind charge: to minister to children and families through television. The only authorized picture book of Fred Rogers, *Hello Neighbor! The Kind and Caring World of Mister Rogers*, by Matthew Cordell provides lively colorful illustrations exploring Fred Rogers' early life and the events that led him to create his enduring show.

The Coventry Circle book selection for the month of October is *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* a historical study of the Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson published in 2010. There is a 20% discount to all purchasers on the book designated for Coventry Circle.

Christian Formation Titles

The Rector will lead a class on the Gospel of Matthew beginning Sunday, September 20, *Matthew for Everyone, Part 1: Chapters 1-15* and *Matthew for Everyone, Part 2: Chapters 16-28* by N.T. Wright will be used.

The Rev. Leslie Reimer will be facilitating *Sacred Ground – A Dialogue Series on Race and Faith* and will use two core books *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving and *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman. The group will meet by Zoom on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m., every other week beginning September 17.

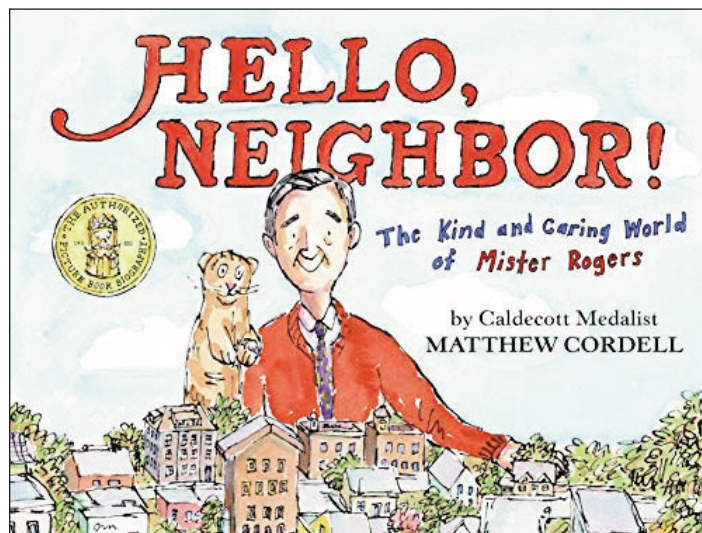
All of the above titles are available at the Bookstore at Calvary and are discounted to all purchasers.

How to access the Bookstore at Calvary

This is a reminder that even though the Bookstore is not open to visitors, we are still available to meet your needs. If you are interested in obtaining these book titles or any other items, 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. In addition, we can arrange for contactless pick-up of your items. Consideration is being discussed about opening the store with COVID-19 protocols (social distancing, masks, hand sanitizer, and occupancy limits of one customer). Further updates to come.

Thank You for Another Successful Used Book Sale!

Despite the pandemic, the 2020 Used Books Sale was a triumph! The Bookstore at Calvary would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make the 2020 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, the sextons who helped buyers haul away their many boxes of books, and those who supported the used book sale with their purchases. The Bookstore at Calvary Board will be determining what literacy programs and underserved community organizations will be receiving the proceeds. ■





On September 9, we opened Beginnings for the 2020-21 school year. Needless to say, it has been a challenge to adapt to the new realities of COVID-19. Here is what we've done:

Back-to-school Team orientations were held via Zoom prior to our first day of the school year. Being back in school is more exciting than ever, as 27 of the 32 enrolled are returning students who experienced 2½ months of online learning last school year. We are so happy to be with them in person once again! We also welcome our 5 new students and their families to our Beginnings community.

In order to create a safe classroom environment, we have instituted several new precautionary measures, including the following:

- 4 teams and 32 children, a decrease from 5 teams and 62 children
- Minimum age of 2, up from 18 months
- 8 teachers, a decrease from 15
- Staggered drop-off and pick-up times
- Designated entrances per team based on location of classroom
- Health checks at the door before entering
- Limited visitors, including parents
- Early Bird and Extended Day programs are being held in each classroom rather than in our gym, minimizing exposure across the school environment.
- Converted the gym into a temporary classroom for our new Green Team, to take the place of our 2 smallest classrooms (Red and Yellow Teams.)
- Beginnings will use the Refectory and Parish Hall during school hours for additional space as needed.
- We will clean/sanitize/disinfect our school and play ground frequently throughout each day following CDC guidelines.
- Our ventilation system has been cleaned. Our HVAC filters have been replaced with Merv 13 filters, which are highly rated to protect us against airborne viruses.
- Our students and teachers will wear face masks and/or face shields during the school day.

We feel honored that our Beginnings parents have put their trust in us to provide their children with a warm, nurturing, safe, educational and playful environment this school year. With new iPads in each classroom, our teachers will use team emails and a school app called ClassDojo to stay connected with families each day.

We would like to thank Alan Hausman from the Tree of Life Synagogue who graciously donated preschool tables, chairs, wooden shelves and toys to Beginnings. Because of these

items, we were able to transform our gym into a classroom and turn the Refectory into a mini cafeteria so that our students can socially distance and eat safely. We look forward to sharing our space again with the young Tree of Life congregants in the near future.

I promise to keep you updated on this very challenging 2020-21 preschool year. I hope you continue to read this article each month. Thank you for your continued support of Beginnings!

—Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■

Many, Many Thanks!

A most heartfelt “Thank-You” to all the Calvary Church parishioners who were part of the Calvary Outreach Project during April, and then again in July. Approximately 500+ parishioners were contacted by phone calls, e-mail or handwritten notes during the two sessions. We had to leave messages for some, but we had many good interactions and positive responses to the outreach. One goal was to identify people with whom we should stay in regular contact.

The following parishioners participated in the Calvary Outreach Project: Pamela Abdalla, Ruth Becker, Michele Bender, Mary Jane Bent, Adele Butterfield, Betty Carlson, Nancy Carpenter, Theresa Chalich, Melissa Crimmins, Joyce Dorman, Lucy Douglas, Joan Dytman, Adele and Bob Eley, Kathy Farrington, Tom Faciszewski, Gordon Fisher, Andria Gusmar, Donna Hallen, Barbara Hicks, Sue Jones, Karen Kapsanis, Deborah Kelly, Nancy Kenny, Bob King, Paula King-Smith, George Knight, Sandy Levis, Tammy Lewis, Terra Merkey, Lyn Orr, Kathy Ostergaard, Mary Ann Owens, Elise Power, Susie Prentiss, Kirk Redmond, Anne Robb, Jean Robinson, Barbara Scruggs, Steve Shandor, William Stevens, Diane Styles, Laurie Tocci, Anoo Verghis, Lucy Weingartner, and Judy Wootten.

To those who contributed their wonderful sewing skills and provided masks to Calvary parishioners when requested. Weezie Wells was the Coordinator of this part of the Calvary Outreach Project. Nancy Carpenter and Diane Styles were the leadership team who worked with the volunteers to provide supplies and patterns when needed by a volunteer who was willing to sew masks. When masks were requested by a parishioner, Kim Pieratt, Parish Administrator, mailed the masks to the recipient by USPS...thank you Kim for being an important part of the team, along with Nancy Carpenter, Betty Carlson, Sheila Conklin, Karyll Davis, Kathy Farrington, Sue Jones, Deborah Kelly, Jan McKeag, Kitsy McNulty, Margie Muldoon, Kathy Ostergaard, Erica Pettinicchi, Vicki Rispoli, Diane Styles, and Veronica Wojnaroski.

With grateful thanks,

Outreach Team, Calvary Pastoral Care Committee ■

Fall Return unFazed by Fate

Re-Imagined Late Summer Used Book Sale Singularly Successful: All signs of event disappear by Labor Day. Record income to provide funds to charities associated with literacy and

reading readiness. Excess inventory sent to Aliquippa company which trains local workers in retail operations through on-line and brick-and-mortar book sales.

The Web Is With Us. It's Not Just For Sundays Anymore: Zoom, Facebook, YouTube, and the rest also being used for:

- Administration: Bishop nominating committee conversations, annual meeting, Vestry meetings...
- Teaching: Classes by Jonathon Jensen+, Leslie Reimer+, Neil Raman+....
- Groups: EfM, YA, Centering Prayer, Ad Hoc, Et Al, You Name It.

Streamed Service to Stay, surreptitiously: As corporate worship is contemplated, plans are afoot to create non-invasive coverage of 11 a.m. Eucharist. A/V control room created in crypt niche. Discreetly deployed robotic cameras' arrival eagerly anticipated. Cabling already in place.

Live Lector Added to Line-up: In first small step toward returning to corporate worship, a person not wearing a robe has read the Lessons in the Church during Sunday's webcast. More will follow, then more...

Limited In-Person, In-Building Business: Building open weekdays with expanded hours for normal operations, council, and contemplation. Bookstore re-opens to spaced-out browsers. Staff meetings resume – in large Parish Hall. Small groups permitted to gather on Monday evenings. First up – Book group, Coventry Circle, increases in circumference.

Beginnings Begun Again: With enrollment halved out of the necessities of space, and gym turned into oversized classroom to achieve distancing, stalwart teaching crew returns to as near normal a fall semester as is possible.

Water – Can't Live Without It, But...: Recent exceptionally heavy, wind driven downpours reveal areas of concern in the offices of the clergy, and the music director. Also affected were: the Bookstore, the Parish Hall, an organ chamber, the mini-narthex, and a number of pews in the church proper. A sort of Sacred-Space-Sieve. Roof sections (both slate and flat), flashing, gutters, downspouts and aging window frames being reassessed.

Second Medieval-Looking Chair Finished Being Refinished: gold-toed pair return to Parish Hall and await your return.

Soon.

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Geraniums: Dual Thanks

The Whitsunday geraniums given in memory of a loved one or to honor someone were greatly appreciated and will brighten the Shady and Walnut gardens for another two months. So “Thank you” to those who contributed. Acknowledgements were included in the service bulletin on May 31.

And in like fashion, thanks needs to go to the Calvary Gardens crew for planting and caring for them as well as caring for all the other gardens. This has been a particularly hard season with wide swings in heat and moisture levels. This year's active crew consisted of Charlie Atwood, Ruthanne Bauerle, Mike Broome, Nancy Carpenter, Cathryn Davidson, Bob Dilts, Lauren Ernst, Bill Gentz, Donna Hallen, Judy Kennedy, and Frank McStay.

Let all of them know that you appreciate their work.

The way this works is that, given the designated time slot of every Saturday (April – November), 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., whoever has time to devote shows up. Reminders and potential tasks are usually emailed on Thursday. We generally have 4-6 working for whatever length of time they can spare.

Some also work during the week. And once in a while, we even take a day off.

–Bob Dilts ■

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Virtual Pittsburgh East Crop Hunger Walk: Sunday, October 11

The Walk is virtual, but the need could not be more real! CROP Hunger Walks are happening in a new way! To keep everyone safe and healthy, Walks are going virtual – either walking alone, with immediate family or in small groups walking a safe distance apart. The work of CWS and our local hunger agencies continues – and with the possibility of a global famine on the horizon, raising money for vulnerable people is more needed than ever.

For more information, and to register, please visit www.crophungerwalk.org/pittsburghpa/

Get started NOW because the need is GREAT! ■

EfM

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

EfM 2020–2021

Thursday Mornings at Calvary: EfM, Education for Ministry, is a 36-week long course that encourages its participants to explore their beliefs and behavior through systematic study of the Old and New Testaments, church history, and theology. As part of each session, the group engages in reflecting theologically on a wide range of subjects and issues. Our multi-denominational, intellectually stimulating and committed, welcoming group invites you to join us for the next year starting on September 24, 2020 via Zoom!

Interested? Please contact Barbara Brooks by email at: tipark4me@aol.com, or by phone at: 412.726.9811.

The Wednesday evening EfM group is also recruiting new members. We meet weekly from 6-9 p.m. and will start on September 16. Our group currently plans to allow for both in-person and online participation. For more information on EfM, please see: efm.sewanee.edu/about/. For more information on the Wednesday group, please contact Anne Kamstra Keeler at apkk777@gmail.com or 412.687.1429, or Vanessa Sterling at vmsterling@gmail.com or 412.551.2042. ■

EECM Food Pantry

East End Cooperative Ministry Food Pantry is still operating during the pandemic, with appropriate plans to protect those receiving food. Donations can be dropped off at Calvary during office hours: Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Below is a list of items particularly requested at this time. Thank you 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 ■



CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

If you are in your 20s or 30s and new to Pittsburgh, Calvary, or CYAM, welcome! For more information, or to be added to our email list, please contact The Rev. Neil Raman at nraman@calvarypgh.org / 412.661.0120 ext. 112.

September 23 at 7 p.m.

CYAM Bible Study over Zoom

September 24 at 5:45 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour in the Swan Garden at Calvary

September 30 at 7 p.m.

CYAM Bible Study over Zoom

October 7 at 7 p.m.

CYAM Bible Study over Zoom

October 8 at 5:45 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour in the Swan Garden at Calvary

October 14 at 7 p.m.

CYAM Bible Study over Zoom ■

Playground Update

Sadly, because of the pandemic, our playground will be closed to the Calvary and surrounding community until further notice. Beginnings will use our playground during school hours each week because our teachers and staff are able to monitor the health of our students, to ensure that face coverings are worn properly, and to clean, sanitize, and disinfect the playground surfaces frequently throughout each school day. We look forward to the time when we can unlock our playground gates for all children in the area to play safely. ■

–Tammy Lewis ■

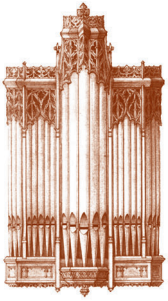
Soup Group Fall News

There will soon be some great “fall” soups added to the inventory. Butternut Squash and Pumpkin Bisque will be in our freezer in the next week or two. Chicken Noodle, Split Pea, and Tomato Rice, and others are available now. Although we are not cooking as a group, there is an ample supply available. Soup can still be delivered to fellow parishioners, friends, and family members.

Please call Calvary to check on the times that access is available to the kitchen and the soup. Because of “social distancing,” I continue to recommend that the soup be left outside the door of the recipient. Then call to let that person know the soup is there. Contact me if you have any questions.

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

MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



We will mark our Patronal Feast, St. Michael and All Angels, with a service of Choral Evensong on October 4, the Sunday following the actual feast-day, September 29. The service will be live-streamed at 5 p.m. through the usual avenues – Facebook Live or on the parish website. Please join us!

Evensong is one of the most distinctively Anglican liturgies. Unlike the Communion service, which quite closely parallels the Roman Catholic liturgy from which it came, Evensong was a new creation in the first sixteenth-century *Book of Common Prayer*. It was designed to bring the daily prayer of clergy, monks, and nuns within the reach of the laity. (The same holds for the companion Office of Morning Prayer.) While monastic communities prayed eight offices spaced across the day, Thomas Cranmer, the Archbishop of Canterbury charged with drafting the first official English-language liturgies, consolidated aspects of those liturgies into two similarly-shaped services, one for morning and one for late afternoon or evening. Both can be prayed at home, by individuals or families, or, with more formality, in church, adding vestments, candles, and, of course, music.

One of the features of the sung Office is the musical rendering of the various “versicles and responses” that appear both at the beginning and toward the end of the service. (“Versicle” is the liturgical word for a short verse, typically drawn from the Psalms; the series of Versicles and Responses common to Morning and Evening Prayer, as on p. 67 of the BCP, are plucked from the Psalms, and constitute a comprehensive intercession for the needs of the Church and the World.)

Both the morning and evening offices are meant to include a substantial passage from the Psalms. (In the medieval monastic rite, the entire Psalter was prayed through each week; Cranmer’s design expanded the time-frame to thirty days, with varying numbers of Psalms read through, in order, day by day. This is the source of the notations, “*First Day: Morning Prayer*,” “*Fourth Day: Evening Prayer*,” and the like, which you may’ve noticed in perusing the Psalms in the Prayer Book.)

Also common to Morning and Evening Prayer is the reading or singing of *canticles* following the lessons. Canticles are typically drawn from Scripture, though there are a few – like the *Gloria in excelsis* and the *Te Deum* – that are of later origin. At Evensong, these canticles are nearly always the Song of Mary (or *Magnificat*), uttered by the Virgin Mary when she visited her kinswoman Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:39ff.), and the Song of Simeon (or *Nunc Dimittis*), from the account of Jesus’ Presentation in the

Temple (Luke 2:22ff.). The settings of these for October 4 are by the seventeenth-century composer Thomas Weelkes. Whether you are already familiar with Evensong, or are reading about it for the first time, I hope you’ll take the opportunity to pray with us during the livestream on October 4. ■

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Most ZOOM Sunday School classes will begin on September 20. This will give families time to settle in after schools are opening back up - some in-person, some on-line, and some hybrid.

Sunday School: Age 3 – Kindergarten

[Led by Pamela Abdalla and Tammy Lewis]

Sundays 9:30 – 10 a.m. over Zoom [Begins September 20]

Meeting ID: 827 1014 4348 Passcode: 442198

Sunday School: Grades 1 - 6

[Led by Tammy Lewis]

Sundays 10 – 10:45 a.m. over Zoom [Begins September 20]

Meeting ID: 885 8799 2230 Passcode: 747699

Sunday School: Youth, Grades 7+

[Led by Laura Marchl]

Sundays 10 – 10:45 a.m. over Zoom [Begins September 20]

Meeting ID: 812 6517 4553 Passcode: 839660

High School: The Journey Group

[Led by Katie Riordan, Paul Blitz, and Tammy Lewis]

Sunday 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. over Zoom

[Bi-weekly beginning October 11]

Meeting ID: 831 2778 2973 Passcode: 035864

The Journey Group is planning “Movie Night in the Swan Garden” (alternate location: Parish Hall) on Saturday, October 10, from 7:30 – 10 p.m. More details will follow.

POLO Group: *The Teaching Family* [Led by Geoffrey Royce and Tammy Lewis]. Tuesdays 6:30 – 6:45 p.m. [First and third Tuesday of each month]. We are using *The Path Family Storybook: A Journey through the Bible with Families* as our guide. Our goal is to help parents teach their children how individual Bible stories fit together into one greater story: the story of God’s incredible love for us. Please contact Tammy Lewis at tlewis@calvaryppgh.org to sign up. If you are interested, we’ll need your email address to send you the Zoom link. This is a great time to join the POLO Group, no matter what your child’s age!

Virtual Christmas Pageant

Due to the pandemic, we will have a virtual Christmas Pageant this year. If you are interested in participating, please contact me.

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

Women of Calvary Bazaar News

Dear Friends,

Concern about the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to reluctantly cancel our Annual Women of Calvary Bazaar. We realize that this is a disappointment to all of us – both church members who worked tirelessly each year to make the Bazaar a resounding success, and also to our devoted customers.

Each year we ask for your donations to help finance the Bazaar expenses, and your response is always generous. This year we are again asking for your help, but in a different way. We would like to be able to have grant money for next year even though we are unable to have the Bazaar. Although we cannot use the Bazaar as a way to raise funds, the needs of our grantees will still be there, and may even be more pressing due to the pandemic.

The proceeds from the Bazaar each year are used for grants given the following year to organizations that help those in need in our community. Last year we had about \$23,000 in grant money which will be distributed this year.

If you are able to make a monetary donation in any amount it would be a great help. Please make checks payable to Women of Calvary Bazaar and mail to The Women of Calvary, 315 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Note that all donations are tax deductible.

The Annual Bazaar has been held for more than 20 years and we will be back. We will miss seeing all of our friends but look forward to our 2021 Bazaar, which we plan to make better than ever. But during these difficult times, we find comfort and strength in our Calvary Church community.

Please contact me at bazaar@calvarypgh.org if you have any questions.

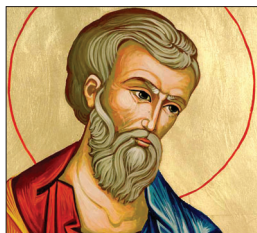
With thanks,

Kathleen Farrington, Chairperson ■

Pack to School Drive

The Women of Calvary is once again sponsoring its Pack to School drive to help students and teachers at Lincoln Elementary School begin the new academic year. But this time the annual campaign will have a different look. Instead of collecting backpacks and school supplies, the WOC is asking Calvary parishioners to make a monetary donation to the program. If you can help again this year, please drop off or send in a check, attention to Lynda Kennedy. The check should be made out to Calvary Episcopal Church; please add “Pack to School program” in the memo line.

The WOC thanks you ahead of your time for your concern and your contribution. ■



GOspel OF MATTHEW CLASS

The Rector will lead a weekly class on the Gospel of Matthew beginning on **Sunday, September 20** with a 20-30 minute video lecture on YouTube followed by a Monday at noon discussion on Zoom. All are welcome to participate. A link to the Zoom discussion will be shared in the Friday email. On www.YouTube.com, search for Calvary Pittsburgh to see the lectures, sermons, or whole services from the parish. Please read the Gospel of Matthew in preparation. The Calvary bookstore has resources available.

The Gospel of Matthew contains some of the best known parts of Scripture including the Beatitudes, the Lord’s Prayer, and the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. It is organized in five sermons or teachings (including numerous parables) of Jesus alternating with five blocks of narrative.

The authorship of the Gospel (written in Greek) was long ascribed to Matthew, the disciple of Jesus, who was a tax collector. We do not know for certain who wrote the book but know it was a Jewish male who could read and write Greek well and was versed in Jewish and Greek cultures. It was likely written to a community of early followers of Jesus, about the years 80-90 A.D., living in the city of Antioch in modern day Syria. At the time, Antioch (where followers of Jesus were first called Christians) was the third largest city in the empire. It was also the city from which St. Paul started his missionary journeys.

In some ways, the Gospel of Matthew is the most Jewish of the four canonical Gospels. It assumes a knowledge of Jewish customs, emphasizes Jesus as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, portrays Jesus as a type of new Moses, and begins with a genealogy of Jesus back to Abraham (not Adam and Eve).

The word “Gospel” means good news. In Greek thought, Gospel meant a message of communal or personal news that evoked joy (the battle is over, the victory is won, a child is born). The Gospel of Matthew is ultimately about God’s plan to bring restoration and redemption to the world through Jesus Christ. ■



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2020 Holidays and Observances

Tuesday, September 22: **First Day of Fall**

Sunday, September 27:

Patronal Festival of Saint Michael and All Angels
(observed)

Monday, October 12: **Columbus Day**
(Federal Holiday)

Sunday, November 1: **All Saints Day**

Tuesday, November 3: **Election Day** ■

Calvary Notes

Home Communion

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

Beware of Email Scams!

During the pandemic, scams are on the rise. Fake emails are again circulating to Calvary members. The email appears to come from the Rector, and requests “a favor” or gift cards. Don’t respond to the email, simply delete it. Any email from Calvary always uses @calvarypgh.org, never gmail.com. ■

Church Finances: A Reminder

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

Plastic Recycling

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

Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, October 2, 2020**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

Agape, the newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is published monthly (except July), and is mailed to active members and friends of the Parish. You may opt out of receiving a printed copy and read each issue online at www.calvarypgh.org. Contact the Parish office at 412.661.0120 for details. ■

Please remember Calvary Church
in your will.



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News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

The 155th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Saturday, October 17, 2020

An Online Convention with specific details to come.

Convention Cover Letter 2020

Canons Pertaining to Lay Deputies

Lay Deputy Certification Form

Resolution Submission Form 2020

Positions to be Elected 2020

Allocation of Deputies Chart 2020

Resolution to Permit Online Convention

Nomination Form 2020

The above forms are available as PDFs
on the diocesan website at www.episcopalpgh.org ■

God Willing
and the People Consenting

The Rt. Reverend Dorsey W. M. McConnell
Bishop of Pittsburgh

On behalf of

The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt
Bishop of Tennessee

will ordain

Wesley Allen Hill

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church

Saturday, September 5, 2020
at ten o'clock in the morning at

Trinity Cathedral

Your prayers are requested

[Facebook.com/trinitycathedralpgh.org](https://www.facebook.com/trinitycathedralpgh.org)

By the Grace of God and with the people consenting
The Right Reverend Dorsey W. M. McConnell
Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh
On behalf of the Right Reverend William H. Stokes
Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey
will ordain to the
Sacred Order of Priests

Luke Daniel Zerra

**On Saturday, the Nineteenth Day of September
Being the Feast of St. Theodore of Tarsus
In the Year of Our Lord 2020 at 10:30 in the Morning
In St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, PA**



As a general invitation cannot be extended,
You are invited to view the service online at:
<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalpgh/>
Your Prayers are Requested.



A church-run business incubator grows its community's own solutions to poverty

by Angie Jackson, September 2, 2020

By now, no concept or idea is too off-the-wall for the Rev. Barry Randolph and his congregation at Church of the Messiah in Detroit. More than 200 affordable housing units run by the church? Check. Free internet for residents who didn't have access? Done. A growing list of incubated businesses with products ranging from tea to deodorant to a clothing line? No problem.

This innovative Episcopal church anchors the Islandview neighborhood on Detroit's east side. In a city with an estimated poverty rate of 36%, more than three times the national average, Randolph is driven by a desire to foster an equitable community whose residents have a stake in its success. "You can't throw money at it. It's not about just getting somebody a job. Now you have to teach people how to keep the job," said 57-year-old Randolph. "And it's not about just bringing people up. Sometimes you gotta bring up the whole community."

This approach helped Randolph transform the church, once on the verge of shuttering, to a community hub that's now more than 300 members strong, racially diverse and majority young.

Randolph and his parishioners see the church as an incubation center. At the church, someone with a business idea can team up with accountants and attorneys to get it off the ground, and many have.

"You need your phone charged? Here's a charging station," said Bishop Bonnie Perry of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, referring to Church of the Messiah's four solar-powered community charging stations. "The entrepreneurial spirit, that kind of spirit, is what our church longs for."



The Rev. Barry Randolph in Detroit, Michigan.
Photo: Rebecca Cook/Faith & Leadership

People returning home from prison can seek help getting a job from the church's employment office. The church is also the home base for a marching band that secures college scholarships for teens who once thought they wouldn't graduate from high school.

To Randolph, it all ties back to providing people a path out of poverty. ■

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

September 13: St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Wayne Township, and the Rev. Arthur Dilg; All Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders

September 20: St. Thomas Memorial Episcopal Church, Oakmont, the Rev. Jeffrey Murph, and the Rev. Dr. Norman Koehler; and the Chapel at UPMC St. Margaret

September 27: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Homestead, and the Rev. Raymond Ursin (ELCA)

October 4: St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Johnstown, and the Rev. Nancy Threadgill; and Shepherd Wellness Community, Scott Peterman, director

October 11: St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Scottdale, and St. Francis-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church, Somerset, and the Rev. William 'Biff' Carpenter

October 18: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kittanning, Jonathan Rosnick, Lay Pastoral Associate ■



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Share The Warmth

Donate New or Gently-Used coats to the
EECM Coat Drive!

Drop off **NEW COATS** (with tags) at EECM
6140 Station Street Entrance A

Bring your **GENTLY-USED COATS** to Strong II
Dry Cleaners between August 10 and October 2
and have them cleaned for free. Strong II will
deliver the clean coats directly to EECM!

(Drop off all used coats in plastic bags, and tell
the clerk that the coats are for the **EECM Coat Drive**)

Bring in your own dry cleaning or laundry* at the same time
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**No leather, suede, fur, or alterations*

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