



# Agape

The Newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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## Let me know if there is anything I can do to help...

A coach of mine stopped me after ice skating last week. He wanted my advice on a situation with which he was struggling. He has given me advice on skating numerous times over the last few years. He taught me how to stop and how to fall well, two key skills in skating or life. I'll write more about that later.

My coach told me a friend of his had recently shared some devastating news. Her husband was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. Like any good friend, he listened and sat with her. There is nothing one can do to "fix it." He said he would pray for her and check on her. And he told her to let him know if there is anything he could do to help.

My coach was afraid he hadn't said or done all the right things. What is it she needed? To be heard, to be seen, to know she is not alone. He did almost everything right. Because he was my coach and had pointed out numerous things I could improve in skating, I had the authority to suggest something to do better next time.

"Let me know if there is anything I can do to help," is a kind expression. Sometimes, that is simply a polite thing to say. Often it is really meant because the person wants to help, to alleviate some struggle, but does not know what to do.

We are trying to practice what we preach and put our faith in action.

To the person who just took on a new burden... like an illness or loss or any tragedy, we inadvertently have added to the burden. The person has to discern if the one offering is simply being polite or truly wants to help. The one who is hurting has to think up something for you to do to help. And then, she or he has to come back to us to ask for help.

Put yourself in their shoes. What is the person likely to need in whatever it is they are facing. Offer ideas of specific ways to meet needs they might have. That shows you truly mean to assist and might spark an idea of a need you can meet. May I mow your grass once per week for the next month? May I go to the grocery for you? May I walk your dog or feed your cat? May I watch your kids or your house? You are welcome to call any time you need to talk... here is my number. That changes the focus from the one offering to the one in need, a form of empowerment.

This takes an investment and knowing the person as a neighbor. This is putting our prayer into action. That's what a person of faith, a follower of Jesus, is called to do. Practice that approach until it becomes natural. That's what I told my coach, anyway.

That basic approach or principle was the initial step in how the Tree of Life congregation and Calvary Church partnered to share space on their high holidays. We are trying to practice what we preach and put our faith in action.

After the tragedy, we made a large card, signed by many parishioners, and then took up a special collection that was sent to them with a letter from me, representing our congregation. In that letter, I offered our condolences, the financial gift, and promised our prayers.

We further offered our space to them as a gift we have some skill and experience in sharing. Specifically,

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I imagined they might need worship or meeting or office space and said it is theirs, as a gift, if they need it, hoping – but not expecting – they would be able to utilize our offer.

In the summer, we began to exchange emails that led to meetings that led to the beginning of a partnership, an emerging friendship, together. Tree of Life will share space at Calvary for five days of worship to observe Rosh Hashana through Yom Kippur, beginning on the evening of September 29.

Because I know that building planning and renovations can take a very long time, I reasoned (using the same principle of offering to meet specific needs) Tree of Life would not have their facility available to them for their high holidays in 2020. I offered Calvary's space to Rabbi Myers and the congregation for next year. He immediately and graciously accepted.

I do not know what will happen long-term, but I am already being transformed by this experience in ways I never imagined. For five years, Tree of Life \* Or L'Simcha was simply a building that I passed several times per week. Now, they are my neighbors. Together, we are seeking the good of the city and focusing on what unites us rather than our differences. That is what neighbors do. –Jonathon ■

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## About Tree of Life \* Or L'Simcha at Calvary

Our neighbors on Shady Avenue will observe their high holidays at Calvary Church this fall.

Tree of Life is a Jewish congregation founded in 1864. It emerged from Rodef Shalom, our neighbors on Fifth Avenue, as Rodef Shalom adopted more Reform practices. Tree of Life worshipped in several locations, early in its history, until they bought a former Lutheran church downtown at Fourth and Ross Streets.

In 1907, the same year our building at Calvary Church was completed, Tree of Life completed construction of a new synagogue on Craft Avenue in Oakland. That building later became the Pittsburgh Playhouse theater. Tree of Life worshipped there until they moved to their Shady Avenue location in 1953.

In 2007, a new congregation, Or L'Simcha (Light of Joy) formed, and shared space. By 2010, the two congregations merged taking the name Tree of Life \* Or L'Simcha. They have also rented space to two other Jewish congregations, Dor Hadash and New Light.

*What are the high holidays or holy days?*

Rosh Hashana is the Jewish new year, a time to look back on the past and look forward to the new. It begins at sundown on Sunday, September 29. Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement. This time is typically marked by fasting and

repentance. Yom Kippur begins at sundown on Tuesday, October 8.

*When are the services?*

### **Rosh Hashana 2019/5780**

September 29	6:45–8:30 p.m.	Maariv, first evening service of Rosh Hashana
September 30	9 a.m.–2 p.m.	Rosh Hashana first day
September 30	7:30–9 p.m.	Maariv, second evening of Rosh Hashana
October 1	9 a.m.–2 p.m.	Rosh Hashana second day

### **Yom Kippur 2019/5780**

October 8	5:45 p.m.	A musical prelude to Kol Nidre
October 8	6–8:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre
October 9	9 a.m.–8 p.m.	Yom Kippur services (with a short, late-afternoon break)

*May Calvary people attend Tree of Life worship services during the high holidays?*

Yes. Calvary members are invited.

*How do Calvary members obtain tickets?*

Call the Calvary parish office at 412.661.0120 or speak with Kim Pieratt, the Parish Administrator. The church will collect the names, addresses, and email addresses of each member who desires tickets. Tree of Life will deliver the tickets to Calvary for members to pick up at the parish office on September 25 through the Sunday morning of September 29. The last day to request tickets is Sunday, September 22 and may be done at church that morning.

*Are tickets for one service or all the services?*

A ticket is for all services but one does not have to attend all the services. Please note that tickets are not transferrable to another person.

*What about security?*

There will be extensive security at all services. To enter, one must have a ticket and a photo identification card (driver's license). All members will enter through the doors at the front office by the parking lot.

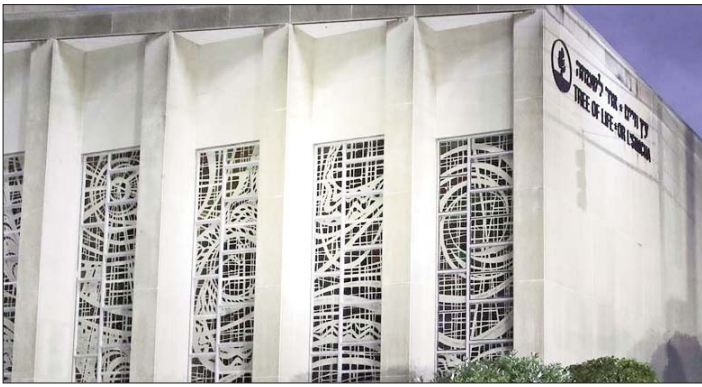
*Parking*

The parking situation will be similar to Christmas or Easter at Calvary at some of the main service times.

*Veiling of the Crosses*

As an act of hospitality, Calvary will “veil” several crosses in the church. These are the same crosses and the same veils we use for the season of Lent. The High Altar cross, the Lady Chapel Altar cross, the Christus Rex (Christ the King) statue as one enters the parish office, and the cross on the Rood Screen (rood means cross) that will be directly above where the Ark with the Torah scrolls is stored will all be veiled. This is not to deny who we are (there are numerous other crosses, statues, symbols, and windows all visible) but to make our neighbors feel more welcome. They have been

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displaced from their home on Shady Avenue for close to a year and will worship in yet a different space for their high holidays. This is a small gesture to help forge relationships that make strangers into neighbors and neighbors into friends.

*Will Calvary worship services be affected?*

Not on Sundays. The Wednesday morning 10:30 service on October 9 will move to the Refectory.

*Where may I learn more?*

A very helpful introductory website is My Jewish Learning. [www.myjewishlearning.com](http://www.myjewishlearning.com)

*Why is Calvary Church hosting high holiday services for Tree of Life \* Or L'Simcha?*

- Jesus calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Sharing space is one expression of that.
- Because it is the right thing to do. Do unto others as you would have them to do to you.
- Our love of God is expressed through prayer and worship but is also expressed through serving our neighbors. This is one expression of prayer in action.
- The Tree of Life members are our neighbors literally down the street, as Pittsburghers, as followers of the same God, and as human beings. We are seeking to focus together on what unites us rather than what divides us. We need more of that in the world.

—Jonathon ■

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**Sermon Preached by The Reverend Jonathon Jensen**  
**Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**  
**on the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 8, 2019, Proper 18, Year C**

**Luke 14:25-33**

Jesus would make a terrible politician. Who says to hate your entire family, take up your cross, give up all your possessions and expects to be followed? Imagine if someone running for office said you will work longer and harder for less... you may lose your home and family... you may have to give up everything... you might not even make it out alive... Who would vote for him?

In this story, Jesus is speaking to enthusiastic crowds. They liked what he had to say. They really liked the miracles...

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unlimited bread and wine and healing on demand. This might be someone they could support. He could get rid of the foreign invaders (Romans), restore national values, fix all the problems, and make us feel good.

We expect a politician to make all sorts of promises we know he or she won't keep. Instead, Jesus reverses this. He says not to make a promise to follow God if you can't keep it. Become my disciples only if you are willing to go all the way. Jesus was headed towards Jerusalem where he would die on the cross on Calvary hill. Neither the crowds nor the disciples understood this. He wanted everyone to be aware of the potential costs of discipleship.

Jesus overstates to make a point. Unless you hate your family and are willing to lose everything to follow me, don't start. The word hate, here, means "to turn away from" or "separate oneself." What are you willing to give up? He gives two examples to illustrate. No one should construct a building or go to war without first counting the costs... you might never be able to finish.

Jesus is not denying love and care of one's family. That is one of the Ten Commandments, honor your father and your mother. In a similar way, he is not arguing one must sell everything. Jesus is saying, if you are going to follow God, be prepared to go all the way. Will you follow wherever that mission to love God and love your neighbor as yourself may lead?

As a politician, Jesus would be a failure. Instead, think of Jesus here as inviting followers on a great expedition to deliver urgent medical care to a remote area. This is a mission to transform... to save people through acts of love. It will be difficult and dangerous. It will test your loyalties and all you believe. You will have to leave some people and things behind, but you'll never be alone. You'll be supported by those on the journey together. The mission might cost you everything... but it will change you from the inside out. Are you willing to go all the way... to love God and your neighbor as yourself? That is the invitation Jesus offers in this Gospel.

At Calvary, we have embarked on a new part of our mission to love God and our neighbors. We have partnered with the Tree of Life congregation. Today, I want to talk about why and what that might mean. The question I have been asked most by the Jewish community, from reporters to people on the street, is, "Why are Christians opening their church to Jews?" My responses are: Because it's the right thing to do. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Because they are our neighbors, and we are called to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. Because this focuses on what unites us rather than what divides us. Because sharing space with those in need is an expression of love in action. That is all second grader theology but all true.

But I'm going to tell you the main reason why. It's because of a man named Judah Touro. Touro's story has been in the

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back of my mind for twenty years. I worked at Christ Church in New Orleans and first heard about him. The story made a lasting impression. He is a symbol of loving God and neighbor, of putting prayer in action, that inspires me.

Judah grew up in New England. His father, who was the cantor in his synagogue, died, so the family moved in with his uncle, a merchant. Then his mother died. As a young man, Judah fell in love with someone, but his uncle did not approve. He was sent to the Caribbean in hopes of ending the romance.

In 1801, at age 26, he moved to New Orleans. He opened a shop selling fish, candles, and soap. The city soon experienced massive growth and prosperity with the Louisiana Purchase. His business flourished and expanded to real estate and shipping, making him one of the wealthiest people in the city... and one of its only Jews. At the time, there was only one non-Roman Catholic Church in the city. Christ Episcopal Church was founded in 1805 as the first Protestant church in the Louisiana Territory.

Touro's office on Canal St. was next to the office of a man named Rezin Shepherd. Shepherd was a businessman and on the vestry of Christ Episcopal Church. As fate would have it, being a Jew or a Protestant made them both outsiders. They were neighbors who became best friends.

Both friends enlisted in Andrew Jackson's army in the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. Touro was assigned to carry ammunition. During a battle, he was struck in the thigh by a 12-pound shot. He was left for dead by the doctors. His best friend heard about his injury. Shepherd found Touro, took him by cart to his own home, hired doctors, and nursed him back to health.

He was in bed for close to a year recovering. I always wondered what he thought about or what he and his best friend discussed for that year. From soon after his recovery until his death, Judah Touro rented a pew at Christ Church. This would be the equivalent of him making an annual pledge to an Episcopal church, from a Jew, for 25 years.

I knew of him for his philanthropy. He built libraries, an orphanage, a synagogue, and a church. He funded an infirmary that became the largest hospital in the state. He gave to help found what is now called Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York. He gave to Jewish, Christian, and other charities.

In 1840, Christ Episcopal Church was in great financial difficulty. They thought their only recourse was to sell the rectory. They were also selling cemetery plots but did not make enough except in epidemic years. Judah Touro came to the rescue and bought the property.

In 1847, Christ Church was again in financial trouble when they needed to move due to the building crumbling around them. Once again, Judah Touro was approached. He bought the church and lot for a generous amount. He remodeled the building and gave it to a Jewish congregation. He built a

Hebrew school next to it and then moved into the old rectory. He worshipped there the rest of his life. He lived modestly and always observed the sabbath.

At the end of his life, he gave half of his money to charities all over the country, mostly synagogues. He gave the other half to his best friend. Mr. Shepherd, in turn, gave it all to charities Touro supported. All walks of life of people from the city attended his funeral.

Why did Judah Touro do all that? Because it was the right thing to do? Was it because his best friend saved his life? Did they become friends because they were neighbors? Because they were both outsiders? People don't break out of our bubbles that much now, let alone 200 years ago. Was it because of his faith?

In a strange way, I think Judah Touro embodied what Jesus is getting at in this Gospel. He lost his father, then his mother, then his first love, then his home and family, and almost lost his livelihood and life in battle. He counted the costs and was not afraid to go all the way to know what it means to love God and his neighbor as himself.

He was changed from the inside out, in part, because he and Rezin Shepherd were strangers, then neighbors, then friends. Neighbors cross boundaries and redefine them. That relationship transformed both of them and the city for much good. The rest of his life became a type of mission to carry out acts of love with Jews, with Christians, with people he had never met.

I don't know where this relationship with Tree of Life might lead. It may be exciting or meaningful or costly or scary or inconvenient or lots of work. It may call us to question what we – and they – believe and why. This is an act that says we are stronger than hate. This is part of a mission to transform the world through acts of love. And you are invited to be a part of it. ■

*Notes: So Great a Good: A History of the Episcopal Church in Louisiana and of Christ Church Cathedral 1805-1955; The oldest synagogue in the United States is named for Judah's father, Isaac Touro. It is located in Newport, RI; Initial idea about Jesus as a politician or on a mission is from N.T. Wright.*

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## CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

**Tuesday, September 17, 24, October 1 at 7 p.m. –**  
Tuesday Theology in the Evans Room

**Tuesday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. –**  
Holy Happy Hour at Hofbrauhaus  
(2705 South Water St., 15203) ■

## Arbor Update



After 80 years of a good life, we lost a crab apple tree in front of Calvary to the right of the parking lot entrance. The tree was cut down because it was dying, with branches falling off, and had become a danger to people and cars passing by.

Knowing the tree was nearing the end of its life, our Head Sexton, Jim Gubash, began exploring options for replacement. Thanks to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Calvary will have four new trees free of charge. They will be planted in late October or early November.

We anticipate one will be a redbud and one will be a white dogwood (both grow to about 30 feet) that will go in the area of the lost crab apple. We are not certain about the type of the other two because the Conservancy provides trees appropriate to the area, from their stock. The red dots on the map below show the locations of the plantings.

Thank you to Jim Gubash for his foresight and to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy for the donation of the trees. ■



## Weezie Wells Title Transition

Weezie Wells continues to serve exceptionally well at Calvary and has done so for many years. This past year, she moved from full-time to part-time and now works about five hours per week. Weezie serves as the coordinator at weddings and funerals and assists the Rector in a variety of tasks, small and large. To reflect more accurately her current role, I have changed her title (with her blessing) from “Events Coordinator” to “Special Assistant to the Rector.”

Kim Pieratt is the full-time Parish Administrator combining most of the duties of Marsha Morris (Receptionist) and Weezie (Events Coordinator).  
—Jonathon ■

## Plastic Recycling Goal Met!

Thanks to many making a concerted effort, we met our goal of recycling 500 pounds of plastic bags, and did it eight weeks ahead of schedule. That is 500 pounds of plastic that will be kept out of oceans and landfills. This initiative also helps develop more sustainable practices and habits. We will continue the recycling project using the same containers in the Parish Hall.

Thank you to Wendy Lomicka who developed the idea and spearheaded the effort. She also was and is the one who makes a weekly collection to recycle. Thank you also to Tom Slater who initially raised awareness of the issue in the showing and discussion of a documentary film on the use of plastics. Well done.



We are ordering a forest green bench for Calvary. We will be eligible to host another campaign specifically for us starting in April, 2020.

Currently we are collecting plastic film for Sheldon Calvary Camp, under Leslie’s leadership. We encourage Calvary Church members to continue their recycling practices in support of Sheldon Calvary Camp to earn a bench with continued drop-offs in the Parish Hall containers.

Thanks for the continued support of Wendy Lomicka and Jim Gubash and the sexton staff for coordinating this project. ■



## Episcopal Dogs Rule

After years of struggles with the mad dog, Griffin finally started to do well in obedience. I took a big chance and entered him at the Admiral Perry Obedience trials at the Erie Convention Center. Four trials in 2 days. Between my health and his goofiness, I wasn’t sure if either one of us would survive. Wow! The kid came through. He qualified every time and was in the ribbons seven times. He finished both of his Novice titles, CD (Companion Dog) and PCD (Preferred Companion Dog). Also, the trial was great – club members were very hospitable, the site was clean and well organized – right on Presque Isle Bay. We will go there again!

—Jan McKeag ■

## The Bookstore at Calvary

Do you enjoy the music at Calvary? The Bookstore has two CDs available including *Lead Me to Calvary*, which offers 13 tracks of over 70 minutes of music under the direction of current Director of Music and Organist Alan Lewis and Organ Scholar Thomas P. Smith. In addition, *The Casavant Organ at Calvary Episcopal Church* presents nine organ scores by former Calvary Organist and Choir Master Donald Wilkins. There is also a selection of CDs by Chatham Baroque, whose mission is to connect diverse audiences to the passion and depth of the music of the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Baroque, and Early Classic periods through vivid and compelling performances and educational experiences. Additional music titles are available as well.



The Bookstore at Calvary is always looking for volunteers. Just a few hours once or twice a month is all it takes for this very worthwhile ministry. Contact Pat Standing at 412.481.8613, email her at [pstanding623@gmail.com](mailto:pstanding623@gmail.com), or stop into the Bookstore and ask any staff how you can help.

The Bookstore is open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® are accepted. ■

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## Blessing of the Animals

St. Francis lived his life in solidarity and service to the poorest among us. He called the church to look out for those on the margins and preached the gospel wherever he went. It has become common for churches to gather to bless animals in commemoration of St. Francis, because his preaching emphasized God's love for all of the created world. In tandem with calling Christians of his time to live more simply, he called them to remember that the natural world was no less God's creation than humanity. It was said that animals would flock to him and that he would from time to time preach to them. These depictions remind us that his message of care for our fellow creatures is inseparable from leading a life in imitation of Jesus.

**On October 6 at 3 p.m.** we will gather in the Swan Garden for our annual St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals. You are invited to bring your pets for a short service during which each animal will receive a blessing. ■



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

## MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



The 2019-20 musical "season" at Calvary begins with a bang, as the Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge, sings for us in concert on Friday, September 20, at 8 p.m. Tickets are still available through the Calvary website or at the door (advance purchase is slightly discounted over the at-the-door price). And a social gathering at the church on the preceding evening will give an opportunity to mingle with the Trinity Choir and enjoy some lighter musical fare, along with edibles and potables prepared by our choir; reservations are needed by Monday, September 16, and are \$50 per person (those holding Premium Plus tickets are discounted to \$25/person). Reservations are available at [reservations@calvarypgh.org](mailto:reservations@calvarypgh.org); please include name, the number in your party, and a contact telephone number.

On Sunday, October 6, the Calvary Choir sings Evensong at 5 p.m., featuring music by C.V. Stanford, one of the great figures in English choral music at the turn of the twentieth century. We'll be presenting his dramatic anthem, *For lo, I raise up*, a piece I've been itching to share for many years, based in part on a passage from that day's reading from the prophet Habakkuk; also on the menu are his canticles in C, in my opinion one of the loveliest settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis ever penned. A half-hour of concertos for dueling harpsichords follows the service, with my longtime friend and mentor, William Peterson, joining me from California to play music by Antonio Soler and J.S. Bach.

Also in October, CandleMass resumes its place in our monthly schedule, on the second Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. (October 13, November 10, and December 8, for starters). This service, with musical leadership from a schola of a dozen or so voices, offers a more intimate experience of the Eucharist, with seating within the *parclose* (the area bounded by the Rood Screen, closest to the high altar. (Note: stationary incense is used at this liturgy.) If you've not tried it before, please do join us.

On October 20 at 4 p.m., Oliver Brett, a young organist from the U.K. currently doing graduate study at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, will join us for the latest installment of recitals made possible by a gift from the Wilkins Family. Watch for more information in next month's *Agape*. ■



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Proceeds from the bazaar go to local agencies that support the needs of women and children in Pittsburgh. Last year's bazaar raised \$21,000 for 16 local groups.

Below is a list of tables slated for the bazaar. Information included describes the items that are available for sale at each. Contact information for the table organizer/s is also given. If you are interested in donating items or volunteering for a specific table, please contact one of the names listed. All donations should be in containers/boxes that are labeled for the location they are intended. Further instructions will appear in the October *Agape*.

### ATTIC TREASURES

Quality items include lamps, china, silverware, framed art, sporting goods, holiday decorations, small appliances in working order, small decorative clocks, table coverings, small unique garden items, and small furniture. For larger items, you will need to take a photo to post on a "For Sale Board." For questions or to help out, contact Joan Dytman at joandytman@gmail.com

### BAKED GOODS

All kinds of goodies – pies, cakes, cookies, breads are needed for this table. Contact Catherine Davidson, cmd15@andrew.cmu.edu

### CHILDREN'S TOYS & BOOKS

Needed donations include new or gently used, good quality children's books, toys and décor appropriate for a child's bedroom or playroom. Donations should be boxed and labeled for "Children's Toys & Gifts." Contact is Tammy Lewis at beginnings@calvarypg.org

### FINE LINENS

Needed donations include antique and fine linens, including tablecloths, placemats, pillowcases, hand towels or handkerchiefs that are in good condition. Margie Muldoon at margiemuldoon@msn.com is accepting donations.

### GOURMET FOODS

The table needs fruit preserves and jellies, dessert sauces and chutneys, various kinds of appetizers, homemade soups and decorated dry soup mixes. Contact Leigh Gallagher at leighfranksgallagher@gmail.com or Maria Burgwin at maria.burgwin@gmail.com

### HANDMADE ITEMS

The table seeks handmade scarves, sweaters, gloves and hats in both adult and children's sizes. Hats, scarves and mittens with an animal theme – such as ears on the hat and ears and tail on ends of the scarf – are particularly welcome. Other ideas are handmade purses, potholders, placemats and basket liners. Wooden puzzles and toys are good sellers. Items with a Steelers-theme are popular. For questions contact Nancy Carpenter at ngcarpenter@hotmail.com

### JEWELRY

The table is looking for quality jewelry. Personal stories behind jewelry donations are appreciated by customers. Table contacts are Kim Falk at kfalk22@comcast.net and Liz Exler at elizabethexl@msn.com.

### NATURE'S GIFTS

Table chairperson Diane Styles is seeking healthy indoor plants to sell. Donations should be brought the day before the sale. Donations or loans of fall tablecloths for the day of the sale will also be appreciated. Contact Diane at dianestyles137@gmail.com

### NEW TO YOU ROOM

The New-to-You features high-end collectibles and other items such as framed pictures, dishes, collector plates, table settings of good dishes, vases, bar items, glass paper weights, crystal goblets and glasses, small stained glass windows, lamps, small area carpets, kitchen cookware, serving plates, trays and unopened hostess gifts and small pieces of antique furniture. For further information, contact Barbara S. Hicks, 412.242.1469 or barbleeh@verizon.net

### SILENT AUCTION

Sandy Ekstrom is looking for donations for the bazaar's Silent Auction. Suggested items include tickets to the theatre; a musical event like the symphony or opera; or a sports event. Other suggested ideas: an art or craft gift; a stay at your vacation home; a gift basket that you create; or a special talent/skill you donate via a certificate. To help, contact Sandy at sandyek@verizon.net or 412.721.9764.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sue Jones is also looking for volunteers who can telephone parishioners with reminders about the fall bazaar. To volunteer to help Sue, susan.hellegers.jones@gmail.com ■



### GOURMET LUNCH RETURNS

The Bazaar Luncheon will be prepared and served by the Calvary Choir, with proceeds supporting their singing pilgrimage to Worcester Cathedral in England, planned for July, 2021. (Watch your mail for the luncheon reservation form.) The Choir will sing daily services in the Cathedral, a site where Christians have worshipped for fourteen centuries (though the present building was begun only in the eleventh century). Non-singing companion-pilgrims are welcome to join the Choir's travels...complete details will be coming.



## We're Baaack!

**Sermons Surface on Social Media:** Choices! Longstanding audio availability on church website joined by video! Click through and view on the Calvary website at [www.calvarypgh.org](http://www.calvarypgh.org) -> Worship -> Sermons -> then choose the date.

**Aliens Attack Attic Aperture:** Inaccessible main stair skylight glass shattered from above. No obvious cause found. Repairpersons suggest mini lightning strike. Mischievous Martian mayhem might merit a musing.

**Playground Perfected:** Trees trimmed, bushes planted, fence painted, soft faux grass laid. Spiffy. Lucky kids.

**"Thou Shalt Not...":** Posts sunk – gates hung – signage mounted. Traffic through parking lot from adjacent alley blocked for safety of all.

**Recycled Film Plastic Program Plows Past 500 Pound Mark:** That's a lotta bags! Green bench reward to grace Swan Garden in late fall. Don't stop now – new project begun for benefit of environment and Calvary Camp.

**Redbud and Dogwood to Take Place of Fallen Cherry:** Foreseen felling of beloved tree leaves space for new flowering species to gladden the hearts of future generations. Read Rector's ruminations re: this topic elsewhere in this issue.

**"Can You Hear Me Now?":** New wireless microphones for clergy and a powerful antenna system eliminate drop-outs, pops, and fuzzy speech during services. Forget the tech. Come prepared to hear the message without such distractions.

**"It's Alive!":** Calvary's buildings resound with worship, children, music, meetings, clanging pots and pans, and much more. Welcome back to Fall, Y'all. -30- ■

October 13, 2019



Want to volunteer for some community service? Learn more about Calvary's awe-inspiring architecture? Learn Christian meditative prayer or take part in shared spiritual reflection? On **Sunday, October 13**, after all services, Calvary group representatives will be on hand to tell you more about how you can get involved in the groups that interest you. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Davidson at 412.874.7345. Thank you. ■

## New Albs for Acolytes

This year we would like to refresh the albs (robes) worn by our acolytes in order to provide them with albs that fit well and are comfortable so that we can better "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." (Psalm 96:9)



We have identified albs that match much of what we currently have, are comfortable, and will wear well over time. Each alb will cost \$140; we are looking to purchase 15. The total cost will be \$2,100. If you would like to contribute, please make a check to Calvary Church with a line in the memo that reads, "Acolyte Robes."



If you have any questions, please contact The Rev. Neil Raman at [nraman@calvarypgh.org](mailto:nraman@calvarypgh.org) ■

## October Soup Group Cooking

The Soup Group has two dates scheduled in October: **Friday, October 11 and Friday, October 25**. We will prepare the soup that is frozen and sold at the Fall Bazaar and also make our dry mixes on these days. We will meet in Calvary's kitchen at 10 a.m.

Don't worry! Our soup ministry continues, and we will still have plenty of soup available to be taken to friends, family and neighbors.

It is helpful for me to know if you are planning to cook on these days. I like to have enough jobs for everyone that volunteers and not too many tasks that we can't finish in a timely manner. Please let me know if you are cooking on either or both of these dates. Thanks!

-Adele Eley, [adele.eley@gmail.com](mailto:adele.eley@gmail.com), 412.371.6921 ■



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

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

**Are You Present in Calvary's Future?**

Each week we all engage in several rituals during the church service – opening hymn, communion and offering to name a few. Have you ever thought about what happens when you aren't present to make your contribution to the church's financial needs? Sure, we have checks that are mailed and electronic transfers that are the modern day proxies for being present, but what happens after you are gone?

After that inevitable day of our passing, the Church's financial needs continue. We all plan for the wellbeing of our spouse and children to best of our ability, but what about Calvary? In planning for that "day," I began by listing all the people, organizations and institutions that made my life more fulfilled. Family came first, then the schools I attended, and finally hospitals, Calvary etc. However, I don't have a big enough estate to "take care" of the entire list. So, I needed to prioritize. My spouse and grandchildren came first. But, with the exception of Calvary, none of the other worthy recipients made the final list.

Calvary not only has made my life better, but also the lives of its members and the community it serves. If you are reading this, I'm sure you would say the same – we share a wonderful legacy that deserves to be sustained long after each of us has moved on. No one knows how much money they will eventually pass on to the next generation – but, even a small percentage of your estate earmarked for Calvary can insure that, though you may have moved on when the collection plate is passed on Sunday morning, you will still be present.

–Jim Southwood ■

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

*If you are interested in exploring a possible estate gift to Calvary Church, please contact Deborah Kelly at [dc1kelly@gmail.com](mailto:dc1kelly@gmail.com) or 412.688.9299. We would love to welcome you into the St. Michael's Society, our legacy group.*

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

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We invite all children and youth to join us for Sunday school from 10 – 11 a.m. We have 5 classes to choose from, depending on your age and/or grade. Classroom locations are listed below and signs will be posted to help you find your way. Newcomers and visitors are asked to fill out a registration card when they come into the classroom – no previous registration or church attendance is necessary.

Classes for Age 3 – Grade 7 use a lectionary-based curriculum, *Living the Good News*, as a guide. This curriculum uses the same readings each Sunday that are used in church at Calvary and around the world. Grades 8 and 9 use the book *Faith Confirmed: Preparing for Confirmation* by Peter Jackson and Chris Wright. Grades 10–12 incorporate other resources and service projects to deepen the conversation and connect what we say and do in church to daily life.

- Age 3 – Kindergarten (*Purple Classroom, Level A*)
- Grades 1 – 4 (*Blue Classroom, Level A*)
- Grades 5 – 7 (*Conference Room, Level E*)
- Grades 8 & 9 - Confirmation Preparation (*Shoemaker Room, Level E*)
- Grades 10 – 12 (*Evans Room, Level F*)

Families with children and youth are invited to gather in the **Gym on Level A** for a few minutes of socializing right before Sunday school begins (around 9:50 a.m., immediately following the 9 o'clock service.) We will provide donuts, coffee, milk, and juice.

**Nursery** (*Yellow Classroom, Level A*)

Our nursery will be open on Sundays from 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and for other church events as published. Our nursery is for children up to age 3 during the Christian Education Hour and through age 4 during the 9 and 11 o'clock services.

–Tammy Lewis, Director of Children's Christian Formation  
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## Worship at Calvary

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8, 9, and 11 a.m.

Join us for Evensong on First Sundays at 5 p.m.

CandleMass on Second Sundays at 5 p.m.

Weekday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist will take place on Mondays at 6 p.m., and Wednesdays at 7 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The Parish offices are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ■

## Spiritual Reflection

Adult spiritual formation may be described as the step-by-step discovery of God's presence in our lives and our personal transformation along the way. Calvary's Spiritual Reflection meetings continue to be a regular and familiar forum for small group peer ministry. We share, reflect upon and discuss inspirational ideas that develop and deepen our personal relationships with God and with one another. Meetings are group-led, and no preparation is required. Our interactions follow the Principles for Contemplative Dialogue of the Merton Institute for Contemplative Living.

We use as a guide the writings of different saints, authors or mystics. A short reading or poem will serve each meeting as a catalyst for reflection upon, and discussion of, God in our daily lives.

For the month of October we will use the book, *Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*. Written by David Brooks, a contemporary author and political/cultural commentator, the *Second Mountain* explores the four commitments that define a life of meaning and purpose: to a spouse and family, to a vocation, to a philosophy or faith, and to a community. Once adults achieve some degree of success and security, they often awaken to a dissatisfaction with their lives. Brooks writes that on the second mountain, life moves from self-centered to other-centered, and toward the things that are truly worth wanting, not the things other people tell them to want. People embrace a life of interdependence, not independence. Short excerpts will be used for reflection and personal sharing.



**Meetings are held 7-8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month** (upcoming on October 1 and 15). Email Matt Muldoon (mattmuldoon@msn.com) or Sondra Krimmel (sskrimmel@gmail.com) for more information or to be added to the email list. Please feel welcome to join at any time. ■

## Part-Time Building Sexton Needed

Calvary is looking for a responsible part-time sexton to maintain a clean and safe facility. Responsibilities include: Emphasis on general housekeeping, Room set-ups and break-downs as scheduled, Assist in general maintenance of grounds, Building security, Additional duties as needed.

Qualifications: Must be flexible - available days, evenings and some weekends, Punctuality is expected, Good communication and organizational skills, Work independently and/or as a team member, Attention to detail and conscientiousness a must, Act 33/34 clearances and federal background check required, Able to lift 50 lbs., Reliable transportation.

Compensation based on experience.

Please no phone calls. Interested/qualified applicants should e-mail their resume to: jgubash@calvarypgh.org ■

## “As We Age” 101



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

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

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

**Sunday, October 13: Wills and Power of Attorney, POLST/Advanced Directives and Calvary's St. Michaels Society.** *Presented by Gordon Fisher, Attorney, and Deborah Kelly.* Deborah Kelly, Planned Giving Chair, will talk about the St. Michael's Society and the importance of including Calvary Church in one's legacy. These generous gifts will sustain Calvary's ministry, music, outreach, and building long into the future.

**Sunday, October 20: Funeral Planning.** *Presented by Calvary Clergy and Alan Lewis, Director of Music at Calvary.* We will talk about planning one's funeral at Calvary, including the service, music and reception. ■

## Holy Baptism



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

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



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

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



We are thrilled to announce that this is Beginnings' 38th year serving children in our local community. We thank those who continue to recommend our preschool to family and friends so that we reach our maximum enrollment each year.

For those new to Calvary, Beginnings is located on Level A of our parish house. We close during the summer months and start each school year the Wednesday following Labor Day. Students, age 18 months to 5 years, attend on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays starting at 8:30 a.m. with our Early Bird program and ending at 3 p.m. with our Extended Day program.

Beginnings is well-known for diversity and inclusiveness. We use a team model that enables us to create an environment where children feel secure, supported, and connected to each other. This school-year, 25 of our 59 students speak a language other than English (2 - French, 1 - German, 2 - Hindi, 1 - Italian, 9 - Japanese, 5 - Korean, 1 Russian/Ukrainian, 1 - Sign, 2 - Spanish, and 1 - Tamil). And, 4 of our 15 teachers are from outside the U.S., namely England, France, India, and Ukraine.

Our preschool has 5 classrooms/teams: **Blue Team**, **Purple Team**, **Orange Team**, **Yellow Team** and **Red Team**, oldest to youngest respectively. Our curriculum and activities are based on themes/units so that our preschoolers at each age can make connections with the real world and have new experiences every day. Big ideas and essential questions guide our planning. For instance, our Yellow and Red Teams call their first unit "Teddy Bear Goes to School." They are getting to know their classmates, getting used to their routines, and building team spirit by doing things together. The older teams are learning that a team is a group of people who work together toward a common goal, that each person on their team is special and important, and that teams have rules that help us stay safe and healthy.

Speaking of safety, we raised enough money during the 2018-19 school year to resurface our playground. We hired Sunshine Surfacing, a local business, to first clean up the playground by trimming the mature trees, removing a few small dying bushes, and spreading evenly the rubber mulch that had become displaced over the years. They installed wood boarders with anchors and nailer-boards along the perimeter of the playground. In order to meet playground safety standards, they added and compacted 13,000 pounds of rubber mulch and installed a poly-pad over the concrete area before installing their *Playground Elite* artificial turf. This low-maintenance turf has a 15-year warranty with an

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expected life span of 20+ years. And, their products are "green" – both in color and for the environment. We thank you for your support during our fundraising events and we thank Sunshine Surfacing for a job well done!

*-Tammy Lewis, Director* ■



Beginnings Teachers

## Volunteers Needed for Calvary's Altar Flower Delivery Ministry

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



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

If you would like to have more information about how you can become part of this ministry, please contact me. The procedure is not complicated, training is provided and you would be teamed with an experienced volunteer the first time you are scheduled. We are preparing the schedule for the Fourth Quarter (October, November and December).

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

*-Judie Compher, Co-Chair, Calvary Altar Flower Delivery*  
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## Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, October 4, 2019**. Please e-mail your text to [calvary@calvarypgh.org](mailto:calvary@calvarypgh.org) or deliver it directly to the church office.

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## Super Senior Lunches

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



## SHELDON CALVARY CAMP HOLY EUCHARIST at CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sheldon Calvary Camp service, an informal celebration of the Holy Eucharist, will resume at Calvary on **Sunday, September 22**. The Rev. Leslie Reimer is the celebrant, and we use music from the Camp songbook. Mark your calendars and join us when you can: **October 27, November 24, or December 29**. ■

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## Thursday Morning EfM Group at Calvary

Are you interested in joining an EfM group but prefer a daytime group? There is a second EfM group at Calvary. Our friendly, vibrant group meets from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday mornings. We will meet for 36 weeks. No starting date has yet been set. For details, please contact Barbara Brooks at [tipark4me@aol.com](mailto:tipark4me@aol.com), or call and leave a message at 412.726.9811. We are eager to welcome you! ■

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

Led by Bob Owens, the class meets in  
McClintic Hall (on Level G) **Sundays at 10 a.m.**  
Please join us when you can. ■



## News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

### A Note from Bishop Price

September 6, 2019

My dear friends,

Last Spring, the Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell asked if I would be willing to return to Pittsburgh for three months while he was on sabbatical. I did not hesitate to accept his invitation, and so I am now back with you with the title of Assisting Bishop through the first Sunday in November.



After this diocese elected me Bishop Provisional in 2009, Mariann and I moved here until Bishop Dorsey was consecrated in late 2012. After that I moved back to Columbus, Ohio, and retired. After a time, the bishop of Southern Ohio, Thomas Breidenthal, appointed me as an Assisting Bishop, and I still make 20-24 visitations there each year.

As I now am in my fifty-second year of ordination, I can safely say those Pittsburgh years were some of the most satisfying of my career. When I arrived, the wounds of the split were still raw, and we were “clergy short,” but those remaining rose to the occasion mightily and retired clergy stepped up. In addition, I found some of the most dedicated lay leaders I have ever encountered, and together we were a God-centered community. Many of those clergy and laity are still active, plus there is a goodly group of people new to me. The fruits of Bishop Dorsey’s leadership are evident.

My charge for these three months is to provide episcopal support for our dedicated and hard-working staff and our official diocesan committees and commissions, and to visit congregations that were on Bishop Dorsey’s schedule during this time. Since these congregations are known to me and me to them, I will be eager to renew friendships.

My time here is part-time, and with the exception of a ten-day period later this month when I am here full-time, I will normally drive in from Ohio on Saturday and stay until Tuesday. During each of these times, I will have at least one day to meet with people as needed. I will be dividing those days between the Diocesan Office at the Cathedral, Calvary Church, and one day in Johnstown. I will normally

be at the Diocesan office every Tuesday. Anyone wishing to meet with me at any of those places can contact Andy Muhl in the diocesan office and he will schedule time.

My intention is to simply be a placeholder for your good bishop, who is taking well deserved time away. Since I am familiar with much here, my reentry has been easy, and it has been like a homecoming. However, we live in an uncertain world, and at any time unexpected matters can crop up. Please know that even when I am back in Ohio, I respond to e-mail and I usually have my cell phone with me. You are welcome to contact me directly or through Andy Muhl.

It is an honor to be back among you, and I look forward to personally seeing as many of you as possible.

+ Ken

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### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

**September 22** – St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, Homestead, and the Rev. Raymond Ursin (ELCA).

**September 29** – Church of the Holy Cross, Homewood, and the Rev. Torrey Johnson (ELCA).

**October 6** – St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, Scottdale, and St. Francis-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church, Somerset, and the Rev. Lennel Anderson.

**October 13** – Retired clergy, including the Rev. Walter Szymanski, the Rev. Mary Weatherwax, the Very Rev. George Werner, the Rev. Randy Younkin and the Rev. Agustin Zubieta. ■

### Bishop Price’s Visitation Schedule

- September 15:** St. Thomas, Oakmont
- September 22:** St. Matthew’s, Homestead
- September 29:** Holy Cross, Homewood
- October 5:** St. Bartholomew’s, Scottdale (Sat.)
- October 6:** St. Francis, Somerset
- October 13:** *No Visitation* ■

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## *Re-imagining Our Diocese*

Save the Date!

**2019 Diocesan Convention**  
**Love. Teach. Heal. Re-imagining Our Diocese**  
**November 15 & 16**  
**Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**  
**616 N Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206**

## 2019 Fall Clergy Conference

**Wednesday, September 25 - Friday, September 27, 2019**  
Antiochian Village and Conference Center,  
201 St. Ignatius Trail, Bolivar, PA 15923  
**Facilitator:** The Rev. Nathan Humphrey,  
St. John the Evangelist, Newport RI ■



## Diocese of Los Angeles heralds rebirth of closed church as new 'exploratory community'

[Pat McCaughan; September 5, 2019] Call it revival or resurrection, the Diocese of Los Angeles' St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church – which closed to official worship a year ago – is back as “St. Be” and is inviting the entire diocesan community to a Sept. 28 party to celebrate the launch of a reimagined, exploratory community in Los Angeles' Eagle Rock neighborhood.

For the Rev. Jaime Edwards-Acton, jump-starting the new ministry was part of being a good neighbor.

“I’ve lived in Eagle Rock for 20 years, and I wanted to explore something new, to re-energize the community, just because it’s my neighborhood and because I’d love to have a vibrant community here,” said Edwards-Acton, who is rector of St. Stephen’s Church in Hollywood and executive director of the Jubilee Consortium.

His work with the consortium, a collaboration of Episcopal churches formed in 2001 to provide leadership and enrichment programs to local communities, helped fuel the revitalization.

It also sparked the imaginations and captured the hearts of folks like Junmey Wang, 25, a 2018 Jubilee intern who asked to be involved when she heard about the St. Be’s initiative.

“Just the vision that we had for St. Barnabas’ was really attractive to me,” Wang told the diocese’s Episcopal News recently. “The idea of remaking a space for the Eagle Rock community, the idea of it being a diocesan-wide effort instead of just a St. Stephen’s effort – I wanted to help build something creative like that. A place to explore our faith and to journey together was something very beautiful and an effort in which I wanted to be involved.”

For Wang, St. Be’s represents personal transformation: “This is the first time I’ve been in a church community where the voices of young people are valued,” she said. “And not just valued, but we have the opportunity to impact the long-term vision of the church.

“The community that I know of in St. Be has been welcoming to me, in allowing me to exist in a gray space, where I am able to ask questions and to be creative. I am glad to have found a community that is seeking to create meaning but is also open to the mysteries of life, to not knowing together.”

Wang and Rodell Jefferson, 22, also a former Jubilee intern, are the church’s organizers – responsibilities that involve fluid job descriptions, patience, flexibility and a willingness to take on just about any task.

Like pulling out all the dead grass at the front of the 104-year-old church, tilling and composting to prepare for a big planting Sept. 28. At the evening launch party, guests will be invited to plant the first herb, vegetable and flower seeds for a Seeds of Hope garden. ■



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# Beginning as Beloved (in the Desert): Reflections on My First Month in the Episcopal Service Corps

by Alex Swain

Hello to all my Calvary friends and family from the desert in Tucson, Arizona! I lived in Pittsburgh from July of 2016 to July of 2019 where I earned a master's in systems biology at the University of Pittsburgh studying neuroscience. Around October 2017 I found, due to a deep need for community and Christian formation and through the machinations of the Holy Spirit, Calvary Episcopal Church around October 2017 and was immediately in love. It felt like a home, like I had been a piece of a puzzle and had finally fit appropriately into a community of deep Christian commitment, action, and faith formation.

As my roots began to develop more deeply through singing with the choir, participating in book studies, centering prayer, and worshipping on Sundays, a deep desire to live more fully into our faith awakened. As I drew close to graduating with my degree, I began talking with Jonathon, Neil and Leslie about some next steps, as I felt the possibility of being called towards the priesthood. Jonathon suggested I investigate the Episcopal Service Corps (ESC), a program of young adults that do a year of service, live simply in intentional community and work towards bringing about justice.

I took Jonathon up on that offer. It was, once more, like a puzzle piece fitting appropriately. It is a service year where I have the opportunity to live more fully into our Christian faith, to gain experience in working towards a more just society, and discern whether or not I was being moved by the Spirit to enter a year of formal discernment for ordained ministry. At my core I felt that this was (is) a response to “do justice and walk humbly with my God.” And that is how I ended up here in Tucson, Arizona, as member of the Beloved in the Desert Episcopal Service Corps. It's Beloved in the Desert's inaugural service year, and I'm hoping to highlight a bit about the amazing past month that has occurred in the rest of my writing!

The Beloved in the Desert program is run through St. Phillip's in the Hills congregation by a most wonderful priest, Mother Taylor Devine. It's a large Episcopal Church that has partnered with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, a smaller congregation.

I am living with four other people very close to downtown Tucson. We developed a household Rule of Life which helps to define boundaries that we are all comfortable with and defines how we will approach problems that invariably arise while living in community. As an important note, we are all



very competent cooks which has made for a joyous few weeks of delicious meals.

As part of our particular program, we pray the Daily Offices (Morning and Evening Prayer) together five days a week at St. Andrew's. At 7 a.m. we pray the morning office, rotating who officiates for the day and who is the reader of the lessons. We conclude our evenings at 8 p.m. with evening prayer. Praying the Offices consistently and in community for the past several weeks has been an utterly transformative experience. Our weekdays revolve rhythmically around prayer, which – perhaps unsurprisingly – has begun to mold my mindset into keeping the presence of God Almighty much more front-and-center. Slowly the idea of “praying without ceasing” begins to not feel like such an arduous and ominous task. I find myself being significantly more communicative through prayer – be it through praying of words silently or aloud, as well as prayer through action, or listening for movement of God in one's life.

As part of our Rule of Life, we've taken Fridays as penitential days. We chant the Great Litany, have learned about the needs of the migrant community, engage in book studies, have learned about monasticism, and participate in spiritual direction once per month.

Our primary place of worship is St. Phillip's in the Hills, a beautiful campus church near the foothills of the Catalina mountain range. The priests there are all incredibly kind and knowledgeable and make it feel very much like home (despite it not being Calvary). It has beautiful, traditional worship. I suspect folks from Calvary would be quite at home here!

Our life, though revolving around prayer and worship of God, also demands serving the community that we are a part of. We each serve at various locations in Tucson, and I happen to be at the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. I bike three miles there in the morning and work within their Community Engagement office. I'm very excited to engage in this work, as it's very new to me and will

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PHOTOS: The five of us Beloved in the Desert ESC members being commissioned at St. Phillip's by Mother Taylor. During this part of the service, we reaffirmed our Baptismal Covenant and were blessed to go forth and serve God by the community! Alex is second from the right.

undoubtedly help me grow in communicating with faith organizations and as means of growing in Christ to live out the call towards justice and action.

I have been reflecting deeply on how intensely wonderful this experience has been thus far. How the way I am living here is an answer to prayers, both spoken and unspoken, that I had uttered quietly for some time. Undoubtedly the hand of the Spirit of God is at work out here. All five of us have remarked on how transformative this experience has been, and how many things that we have been praying for individually are, quite simply, falling into place. For example, prayers as to my identity as one who desires to follow the Lord God, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, more fully is being united with a lifestyle that encapsulates that desire and moves it from the hopeful machinations of my mind to reality. I am evermore convicted that I should enter the process of formal discernment and look forward with great anticipation to what the future holds! Peace to all at Calvary, you're held in my prayers! ■



## PIIN Golf Tournament

The Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN) is proud to announce that PIIN will be hosting a Golf Tournament on **Saturday, October 19, 2019, 9 a.m.**, at the Westwood Golf Course, 825 Commonwealth Ave., West Mifflin, PA 15122 to benefit the PIIN Social Justice Internship Program.

The PIIN Social Justice Internship Program has been established to provide students from the communities in which PIIN works an opportunity to learn firsthand about social justice advocacy, leadership development, and ways to build power. Far too often students from these communities are not able to participate in internship programs that are social justice oriented due to their financial constraints. They are often required to work full-and/or part-time jobs to help make ends meet.

The PIIN Social Justice Internship Program will provide participants experience in the day-to-day struggles for social and economic justice at a fast pace. Participants will experience innovative ways that people of faith positively contribute to bringing about change in these struggles. They will work closely with PIIN's dynamic team to develop their professional skills and learn to solve problems with creativity and impact.

Head to [piin.org/piin-golf-tournament/](http://piin.org/piin-golf-tournament/) to register, become a sponsor, purchase a dinner ticket, or for more information. ■



# The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge

*in concert*



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

*Advance tickets may be purchased at*  
[www.calvarypgh.org](http://www.calvarypgh.org)

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



## VA Suicide Prevention Guest Speaker

Please join us for a public meeting  
**Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 6–8 p.m.**  
**Calvary Episcopal Church**  
315 Shady Avenue, East Liberty, 15206  
in the Parish Hall

We will have an informational session with guest speaker Tony Rivera, the Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. He will discuss how the veteran population is effected by suicide as well as outline how the Veterans Administration is addressing the issue.

Veterans are at an increased risk of suicide, and specifically for firearm related suicides. Warning signs and available resources will be discussed for the general population.

*Trigger Warning:*

*The topic that will be discussed at this meeting is gun suicide among the veteran population. This could be a trigger for survivors of gun violence.*

**For more information about Moms Demand Action visit**  
**<https://momsdemandaction.org/>**

**Together, we will end gun violence.**



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# sign up sunday

**October 13, 2019**

Want to volunteer for some community service?  
Learn more about Calvary's awe-inspiring architecture?  
Learn Christian meditative prayer  
or take part in shared spiritual reflection?

**On Sunday, October 13, after all services,  
Calvary group representatives will be on hand  
to tell you more about how you can get involved  
in the groups that interest you.**

If you have any questions,  
please contact Catherine Davidson at 412.874.7345.  
Thank you.





**The East Liberty Valley Historical Society**  
**Autumn 2019 Marilyn Evert Lecture Series**  
First Fridays This Autumn

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**September 6, 2019**

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

**Jennie Benford**

Director of Programming,  
The Homewood Cemetery Historical Fund

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**October 4, 2019**

Long Life, Loose Fit:

Renovations to East Liberty Presbyterian Church

**Rob Pfaffmann and Greg George**

Architects, Pfaffmann + Associates

**Jan Irvin**, archivist **Stefani Danes**, parishioner  
East Liberty Presbyterian Church

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**November 1, 2019**

“A Home and a Hub in Wilkinsburg:  
The Singer Mansion and the Pennsylvania Railroad Station”

**Anne Elise Morris**

President, Wilkinsburg Historical Society

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**December 6, 2019**

“Voices from the Attic:  
The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War”

**Dr. Carleton Young**

Historian

East Liberty Presbyterian Church  
116 South Highland Avenue, Chapel  
Each Lecture Begins At 7:30PM  
- Free and Open to the Public -

Sept 20-22

# The Four Nations Ensemble (New York) & Chatham Baroque

Foreign Accents

Sonatas and Cantatas by Bach, Handel, and Scarlatti



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Oct 5

# Sylvia Berry

(Philadelphia)

Haydn in London

Classical Sonatas on an  
Original 1806 Fortepiano



Emily Norman Davidson Memorial Concert

Nov 16-17

# Chatham Baroque

Welcome to All the Pleasures Henry Purcell's Odes to Saint Cecilia

Chatham  
Baroque

Honoring Saint Francis of Assisi

# Blessing of the Animals



**All Are Welcome!**

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

**Join us in the Courtyard (off Walnut Street)**

 **Human and animal treats served** 

**For their happiness and safety, please keep your pets leashed  
or otherwise in your loving care**

  
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The Women of Calvary presents

*Annual Fall*

# BAZAAR

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Saturday, November 2, 2019**

**10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**– Gourmet Luncheon –**  
Details Coming Soon!

Attic Treasures, Silent Auctions, Jewelry,  
Plants, Handmade Crafts, Baked Goods,  
Antiques & Collectables, and more...



*Proceeds benefit outreach to women's and children's groups in the East End*

**CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH** &





❖ GABRIEL FAURÉ ❖

# Requiem

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

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## A Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

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



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# Pittsburgh Global Town Hall

## CLIMATE, GENDER and SUSTAINABILITY: From LOCAL ACTIVISM to GLOBAL REFORM

### SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2019

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH | [pi.tt/globaltownhall](http://pi.tt/globaltownhall)

**ADDRESS TOUGH QUESTIONS** *and* **LEARN HOW TO TAKE ACTION**

**Is the UN up to the challenges of climate action and gender inequality facing our communities?**

**Find your role and make your voice heard at the local and global levels**

**OPENING LECTURE**  
**5:30 P.M. | THURSDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 19**

Humanities Center | Cathedral of Learning

**Paulo Magalhães**  
"Common Home of Humanity:  
Creating the Legal Environment to Meet  
Climate and Nature Emergencies"

**SCHEDULE**  
**FRIDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 20**

Alumni Hall | Connelly Ballroom

*with livestreaming*

**9 a.m. Welcome**  
**10 a.m. Expert Panel Plenary**  
**12 p.m. Lunch**  
**1 p.m. KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**  
Wanjira Mathai  
**2 p.m. Breakout Sessions**  
**4 p.m. Global Town Hall**



**Wanjira Mathai**  
Executive Chair, Wangari Maathai Foundation



**Paulo Magalhães**  
Common Home of Humanity



**Katharina Schulze**  
State Parliament, Bavaria, Germany



**Raquel Lagunas**  
United Nations Development Programme



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City of Pittsburgh



**Grant Ervin**  
City of Pittsburgh



**Earl James**  
Global Voice



**Richard Ponzio**  
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**Aurora Sharrard**  
University of Pittsburgh



**Nora Löhle**  
Heinrich Böll Foundation



**Eva Resnick-Day**  
Sierra Club, Pittsburgh Chapter

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**2019-20 SEASON**

**TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 1  
2019**



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**POWERS**

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DOROTHY PORTER  
SIMMONS REGENCY  
ROOMS

**12:30-1:30 PM**

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- FREE admission
- Donations gladly accepted
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- Enjoy an \$11 brown-bag lunch from The Common Plea, or bring your own
- To order lunch or for additional information call: **412.561.5682**, or email: **PSAmusic101@pittsburghsymphony.org**
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- Dates and times are subject to change
- Please visit our website for schedule, menus and the most up-to-date information

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# **SHELDON CALVARY CAMP** **HOLY EUCHARIST** at **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**Plan ahead for these service dates this fall:**

September 22 • October 27  
November 24 • December 29

**Join us at 3 p.m. in the Refectory**

**All are welcome!** Campers, families, staff, alumni,  
and friends – **Please join us and spread the good news**



Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network

# Golf Tournament

Benefiting PIIN's Social Justice Internship Program

**SATURDAY**  
October 19th  
2019

## Sponsorships

### Gold Sponsor

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Two Foursomes  
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Hole Signage

### Tournament Sponsor

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### Dinner Sponsor

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Dinner Sponsor Signage  
Hole Signage

### Hole Sponsor

\$150

### Golf Entry

\$100 per person  
\$400 foursome

### Dinner Only

\$50 per person



## Westwood Golf Club

825 Commonwealth Ave  
West Mifflin, PA 15122

## Schedule of Events

### Registration

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

### Shotgun Start

9:00 a.m.

### Dinner

2:30 p.m.

(at the conclusion of the  
golf tournament)

Prizes  
Raffles  
Giveaways

## Registration Deadline October 7, 2019

All sponsorships include tournament signage and hole signage

Make checks payable to: PIIN, 1620 Murray Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Register today online at [www.piin.org](http://www.piin.org) | Email to [www.office@piin.org](mailto:www.office@piin.org) | Call 412.621.9230



East Liberty Family Health Care Center Presents

# Joyful Noise

**Saturday, October 5** | 3:00 – 6:00 PM

**New location**

Calvary Episcopal Church  
315 Shady Avenue | East Liberty, PA 15206

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**Join us as we celebrate the blessings of the past year. We will share music, enjoy great food, and honor some very special people who have advanced the mission of our Health Care Center.**

**The celebration will be followed by fellowship, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts.**

Register online at [www.elfhcc.com/donate](http://www.elfhcc.com/donate) and enter "Joyful Noise" in the reason for donation box.

**Questions:** Please contact Jo Ellen Welsh at 412.345.0418 or [jwelsh@elfhcc.com](mailto:jwelsh@elfhcc.com).



**East Liberty  
Family Health Care Center**  
A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OF  
WHOLE PERSON HEALTH CARE

# Facing Addiction in Our Community

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## Let's get CLEAR about addiction

Coalition for Leadership, Education and **A**dvocacy for Recovery

CLEAR is comprised of a group of concerned individuals and organizations working together to combat addiction in our community. Started at the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation in 1979, CLEAR works to educate and advocate for people who still suffer from addiction.

*Please join us for our upcoming annual CLEAR lecture on October 16<sup>th</sup>*

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### **FLYING HIGH! -- Dr. Kevin McCauley**

**Wednesday, October 16, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

**The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh Lecture Hall - Oakland, PA**



Dr. Kevin McCauley has worked in the addiction field for over 20 years and has over 10 years of continuous sobriety. Kevin served as a Naval Flight Surgeon for the Marine Corps where he witnessed pilots self-report and recover from addiction.

This observation destroyed his medical school prejudice that “*addicts never ask for help and once an addict, always an addict.*” When he found himself addicted to opioid pain medications following a surgical procedure, he was imprisoned by the Marine Corps in solitary confinement, court-martialed, and transferred to the US Army’s maximum-security prison in Kansas. Once released, the Navy paid for Kevin’s treatment, for which he will be always grateful.

Currently, Kevin is The Director of Program Services at New Roads Behavioral Health and lecturers on the neuroscience of addiction and recovery management concepts. He authored books: *My Slice of Cheese: The Ultimate Sobriety Check-Off List* (2016); *Addiction: New Understandings, Fresh Hope, Real Healing* (2007) and numerous audio and CDs including: *Memo to Self: Protecting Sobriety with the Science of Safety* and the awarding winning *Pleasure Unwoven: An Explanation of the Brain Disease of Addiction*.

Kevin continues to assist pilots with substance use disorders through his collaboration with the Air Line Pilots Association’s HIMS Program. He is married and lives in Hawaii.

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**With your help, we can lessen the suffering from addiction.**

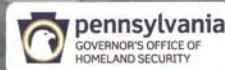
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# RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF TERRORISM-RELATED SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



## EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED THREAT

Threatening to commit a crime that could harm or kill people or damage a facility, infrastructure, or secured site



## PHOTOGRAPHY/SURVEILLANCE

Taking pictures or videos, or a prolonged interest in personnel, facilities, security features, or infrastructure in an unusual or covert manner



## THEFT/LOSS/DIVERSION

Stealing or diverting items—such as equipment, uniforms, or badges—that belong to a facility or secured site



## TESTING OR PROBING OF SECURITY

Investigating or testing a facility's security or IT systems to assess the strength or weakness of the target



## AVIATION ACTIVITY

Operating or interfering with the operation of an aircraft that poses a threat of harm to people and property



## BREACH/ATTEMPTED INTRUSION

Unauthorized people trying to enter a restricted area or impersonating authorized personnel



## ACQUISITION OF EXPERTISE

Gaining skills or knowledge on a specific topic, such as facility security, military tactics, or flying an aircraft



## ELICITING INFORMATION

Questioning personnel beyond mere curiosity about an event, facility, or operations



## MISREPRESENTATION

Presenting false information or misusing documents to conceal possible illegal activity



## CYBERATTACK

Disrupting or compromising an organization's information technology systems



## RECRUITING/FINANCING

Funding suspicious or criminal activity or recruiting people to participate in criminal or terrorist activity



## SABOTAGE/TAMPERING/VANDALISM

Damaging or destroying part of a facility, infrastructure, or secured site



## MATERIALS ACQUISITION/STORAGE

Acquisition and/or storage of unusual materials such as cell phones, radio controllers, or toxic materials



## WEAPONS COLLECTION/STORAGE

Collection or discovery of unusual amounts of weapons including explosives, chemicals, or other destructive materials



## SECTOR-SPECIFIC INCIDENT

Actions which raise concern to specific sectors, (e.g., power plant) with regard to their personnel, facilities, systems, or functions

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