

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

Indifference is a moral failing: Be different

Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19

by Rabbi Aaron Bisno

Joke:

“What distinguishes ‘ignorance’ from ‘indifference?’”

Answer:

“I don’t know, and I don’t care.”

To be clear, ignorance is not knowing, while indifference is not caring. Moreover, ignorance can be corrected, whereas indifference must be rejected.

As a sign above the windshield in my grade school bus proclaimed, “Stupid is forever. Ignorance can be fixed.” In contrast, this week’s Torah portion, Ki Teitzei, unequivocally enjoins us to eschew all forms of apathy, declaring, “Lo Tuchal L’hitaleim! You shall not be indifferent!” (Deut. 22:3)

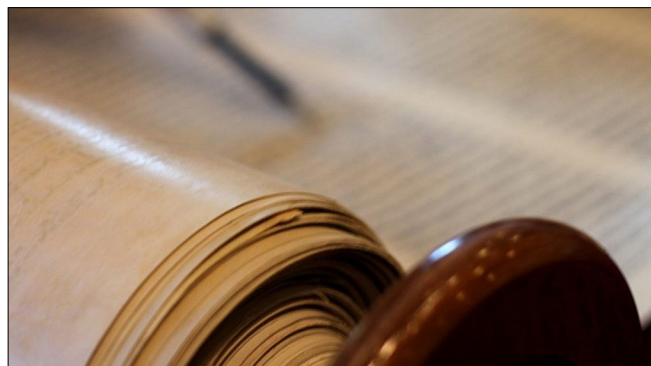
Our tradition has long understood “indifference” to mean acting as if one does not see what’s going on; hiding from one’s own share of responsibility; and withholding evidence of concern, or even assistance, from those who suffer in one’s midst — and, perhaps, who suffer all the more intensely as a result of folks’ silence and absence.

How casually we have learned to feign ignorance by looking away. How practiced we are at evading our emotions and quieting our conscience with whispered half-truths.

How clever the rationalizations we rely upon to excuse ourselves from true responsibility.

In the words of Shakespeare’s Puck in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” (Act 3, Scene 2): “Lord, what fools these mortals be!” Indifference to the experience of others, our rabbis taught, not only violates a divine command but also implicates such dissembling as part of an all-too-human problem.

Thirty years ago, the late former Yale chaplain William Sloan Coffin delivered a powerful sermon in which he declared, “Insofar as our ignorance stems from our indifference, ours is not an intellectual but, is rather, a moral failing.” The Rev. Coffin’s linking “ignorance borne of indifference” to “moral failure” made a powerful impression on me, while his deft ability to gently chide his audience for our society’s collective failure to recognize and give credence to the pain of others, never left me.



As I listened, I recall feeling implicated by Coffin’s amplification of Ki Teitzei’s charge *Lo Tuchal L’hitaleim*, for I wondered if I was an unwitting party to that collective indifference, and how might I correct for it. Now, older and wiser, I recognize Coffin’s charge to be, at once, a collective indictment, as well as a personal invitation — to each of us — to rectify our ignorance and to remedy the indifference we exhibit to neighbors, friends and family, often without even realizing it.

Consider someone you care about who is lonely or hurting; have you reached out recently? Or have you rationalized away your failure to be there for a friend?

Consider a family member or cherished loved one who has recently suffered a life reversal or loss; have you called to say, “I love you” or simply to reaffirm you care? Or did you determine not to bother this person just now — or yourself, ever — for all kinds of reasons, any one of which, to the wounded, would fall on deaf ears? To be human, it seems, is to be tempted to apathy. But Ki Teitzei clearly warns against our propensity to look away.

“*Lo Tuchal L’hitaleim*,” we are commanded, “You Shall Not Be Indifferent!”

What, then, to do?

Be different. No joke.

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THE CALVARY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

PRESERVE • SUSTAIN • SHARE

Coming Soon to a Neighborhood Near You...

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

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

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

If anyone has a need to make a gift or first payment on a gift during the current tax year, please contact campaign co-chairs Mary Lou Southwood at mlsouthwood@southwoodpartners-llc.com or Don MacLeod at donaldterryacleod@gmail.com. ■

Capital Campaign Awareness Gatherings

In October, our capital campaign at Calvary will begin to be introduced through a series of Awareness Gatherings in the homes of parishioners. If you were at Calvary ten years ago, when the Rector arrived, they will be similar in format to the initial meetings.

These Awareness Gatherings are about just that, raising awareness. They will be an opportunity for each person to learn about the case for support including what we hope to do and why, ask questions, and offer feedback. You will NOT be asked for a pledge of money at the meeting.

Each member will invited to an Awareness Gathering. The meetings will be located all over the city in different areas with at least a couple at church for whom that would be more convenient. We anticipate them occurring mid-week in the evening and, on occasion, Sunday after church.

We highly encourage you to participate and join us for a gathering. Your opinion and presence are valuable and needed. Invitations will be sent soon.

As part of the preparation for the capital campaign, we did a study of what families live in what zip codes in the area. Calvary has people come from all over the metro area in addition to those who watch in different parts of the country and globe.

Below are the results from the study broken down by neighborhood and zip code with the number of households. Note that is the number of households rather than the total number of people. Calvary is truly a parish that reaches across Pittsburgh.

Municipality	Zip Code	#Households
Gibsonia	15044	9
Monongahela	15063	2
Wexford	15090	5
Allison Park	15101	7
Bethel Park	15102	2
Coraopolis	15108	2
Glenshaw	15116	3
Homestead	15120	2
West Mifflin	15122	2
White Oak	15131	2
Oakmont	15139	9
Sewickley	15143	13
Turtle Creek	15145	2
Monroeville	15146	10
Verona	15147	18
Lawrenceville	15201	11
Avalon	15202/3	3
Crafton	15205	4
Highland Park, E. Liberty	15206	64
Hazelwood	15207	2
Point Breeze	15208	22
Point Breeze	15209	2
Point Breeze	15211	6
Point Breeze	15212	6
Oakland	15213	30
Summer Hill	15214	2
Fox Chapel	15215	28
Squirrel Hill	15217	61
Regent Square, Edgewood, Swissvale	15218	27
Regent Square, Edgewood, Swissvale	15219	2
Regent Square, Edgewood, Swissvale	15220	3
Wilkinsburg,		
Forest Hills	15221	34
Northside	15222	3
Bloomfield	15224	8
Dormont	15226	4

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Mt. Lebanon	15228	4
West View	15229	2
Shadyside	15232	46
Manchester	15233	2
Penn Hills, Churchill	15235	23
Franklin Park	15237	8
Fox Chapel, O'Hara	15238	25
Plum	15239	3
Upper St. Clair	15241	4
Cedarhurst	15243	9
Delmont	15626	3
Export	15632	3
Irwin	15642	2
Ligonier	15668	2
Murrysville	15668	11
Mars	16046	3
Cranberry Twp.	16066	6 ■

Tree of Life Move

Our friends at Tree of Life congregation are in the final stages of moving all their belongings from their building to keep in long-term storage. Soon, demolition will commence with construction of the new building to follow. Once demolition begins, it will take about 18 months for the new construction to be completed.



In preparation for the high holidays, they will move the Torah reading table (looks and sized similar to our platform Altar) and Torah Ark (cabinet that holds the scrolls) to Calvary in the church. To help with the transition, we will keep both religious items in the church while the elevator in their storage facility is being updated. We do not expect this to inconvenience anyone but wanted everyone to know how we are serving our neighbors and why the Ark and table will be present. ■

Elliott Oshry

It is never easy saying goodbye. It is especially hard when it is a last goodbye, which we now must say to our good friend, Elliott Oshry, who died on September 6th, 2023.



Elliott was a wise and trusted consultant to the Sheldon Calvary Camp capital campaign from 2012 – 2014, and to Calvary Episcopal Church's current *Preserve. Sustain. Share.* capital campaign. Elliott loved Calvary and stated more than once that, "Sinai is my Temple and Calvary is my Church." He was especially grateful ("overwhelmed," was his exact word,) for the many notes, cards and messages he received from Calvary parishioners during these past few months as he fought the reoccurrence of cancer that ultimately claimed his life.

Shortly after learning of that diagnosis, Elliott withdrew from the many non-profit boards on which he served, and terminated all of the consulting contracts he had – except for Calvary. He was determined to continue his work with our capital campaign as long as he could. He laid a strong foundation for all of us working on the campaign. That foundation, and his love for Calvary, will inspire us to continue the good work he initiated.

On a personal note, Elliott was a good friend and mentor to me for the 25 years that we knew and worked with each other. I shall miss him greatly.

May his memory be a blessing, and may God's Peace be with us all.

–Sarah Williams Wilson, Campaign Coordinator ■



A Priest and a Rabbi Walk into a Classroom

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

September 17: No class due to Rosh Hashanah services

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

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



THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

(observed)

Sunday, October 1, 2023

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

Choral Evensong at 5 p.m.

MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis

On October 1, we observe Calvary's "patronal feast," a day typically set aside in the life of a parish or cathedral to recall its history, and make particular note of the saint or historical or theological occasion from which the institution takes its name. Calvary, of course, is named after the hill of the crucifixion, so the most natural day for us to observe a "feast of title" might be Good Friday. But we have other priorities on that day, and so the custom arose sometime in the early years of our life together here at Shady and Walnut to claim St. Michael and All Angels as our "patronal" feast, even though we are not named after the angels at all. (The prolific appearance of images of the angels, and particularly St. Michael, in the architectural decoration of the church is usually credited with that choice.)

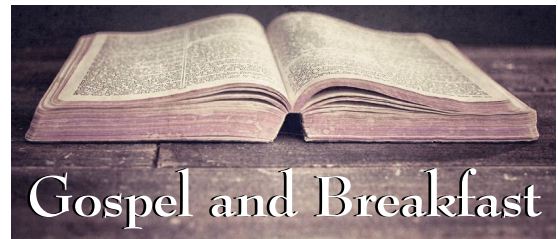
On that day, as we generally do, we will hear the reading from Genesis recounting Jacob's dream of a ladder from earth to heaven – a vision that prompted him to declare that the place upon which he stood was an "awesome" place, "the very gate of heaven." This vision is recalled in Jesus' words to Nathanael, early in John's Gospel (1:50-51, also heard on that day), with the proclamation that his new disciple would "see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." Images of angels suffuse the hymns and other music of the day, both in the morning services and at Evensong, at 5 p.m. I hope you'll be able to attend!

The following Sunday, October 8, also at 5 p.m., the Renaissance wind-ensemble Forgotten Clefs will join a schola of Calvary singers in music by William Byrd, the greatest composer of the Elizabethan age (ca. 1543-1623). Voices and instruments will sound separately and together in an array of English- and Latin-texted works illustrating some of Byrd's prodigious expressive and technical range. Please join us! A freewill offering will be received.

For the curious...The ensemble Forgotten Clefs takes its name from the array of moveable clefs that guide singers and players of music from earlier times – not merely the treble and bass clefs familiar to modern eyes, indicating the position of the notes G and F, respectively, but others as well, indicating the locale of the note C. All of these clefs were moveable and interchangeable at the composer's or the scribe's whim, to maximize legibility by minimizing the need for "ledger lines," the easily-mistaken signs that temporarily extend the standard staff upward or downward. By way of illustration, all the notes in the following line of music correspond to the same pitch – so-called "middle" C, the first two employing "ledger lines," the rest falling within the compass of the staff:



For the sake of efficiency and legibility, any of these clefs might be employed to indicate this pitch, depending on musical context and (perhaps!) the likely familiarity of a particular clef to players of a given instrument. ■



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

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



Crop Hunger Walk

Hi friends,

It's time for the Crop Hunger Walk and I am asking for your support. Would you please sponsor me in the Walk by making a donation? This event is sponsored by Church World Service and is held annually nationwide. **Our event here in Pittsburgh's East End is on Sunday, October 8.**

In 2021, our small Pittsburgh group raised \$24,000. In 2022 we raised \$40,000. 75% goes to CWS and 25% stays here and used to support our local community.

Church World Services is not just about hunger. CWS impacts Training, Disaster Response, Clean Water, Homelessness, Climate Change and so much more.

You can safely make a donation to support me here:
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/marsha-morris/donate>

Thank you!

–Marsha Morris ■

Weekly Offering Cards

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



Either Or

by the Rev. Geoffrey Royce

Ever since my conversion to Christianity, I have thought the particular line of reasoning that separates Christianity or the life of faith from culture, or some so-called secular sphere, unhelpful and unfulfilling. From a philosophical perspective the fact is that the great Christian intellectual tradition is steeped in systems of thought from diverse cultures. Like all of us, Jesus was not thinking, teaching and living in a sealed container. He knew who he was talking to. He knew them well enough to assess that they may not understand what he was trying to teach them. This is especially so when he was using experiences from their lives as examples of the kingdom.

It has always been clear to me that Jesus believed it was not only possible but essential that one base one's thoughts and actions on God's will. God's will was/is the governing paradigm of all life. God's will for Jesus was knowable, repeatable and learnable and in that comparable to, if not the same as, the truth. So far that has worked for me.

It may be the case that only Jesus was/is capable of assessing this conformity of God's will to the truth. Because Jesus is Lord, what is required of me, a believer, a follower, is to trust, honor and obey Jesus' word. This also entitles me to dwell in and ponder in a meaningful way his actions. I may not discover their truth, but seeking to find that truth has broadly helpful results. I believe that is so because Jesus, like me, is living, moving, and having his being in this same world, the same one in which I live. We both live/lived on the same planet, traveling around the same sun, followed on that path by the same moon, surrounded by the light of the myriad stars in all their stages of life.

In a similar way, human patterns of life are all under the same governance of God's will as the rest of the universe. As far as I can tell, one either believes that governance is a fact, or one doesn't. That fact doesn't alter or remove any particular subset of details from relevance or as an outcome of God's will. Either you see and relate to reality (all of it!) as a Christian or you don't.

God allows the unlovely, the evil, the failings, because God endorses freedom. These kinds of outcomes are not always intended though they may be the result of human activity. Some of even the worst of these outcomes are redeemable. Certainly, our response, especially collectively to these outcomes is potentially redemptive.

Like the influence of any truth or fact, the Resurrection is completely knowable, repeatable and learnable. It can be seen over and over again in the fabric of all cultures throughout the world. Like any other truth it can be proved again and again wherever people move ahead in the face of destruction, giving up themselves for the sake of a greater singular good. ■

Moving Forward to End Gun Violence



A panel discussion with local elected and community leaders

Dan Frankel, State Representative
Erika Strassberger, Pittsburgh City Council
Rev. Eileen Smith, South Pittsburgh Coalition for Peace
Richard Garland, Violence Prevention Program
Moderation and Introduction: Josh Fleitman, CeaseFirePA

**Wednesday,
September 27, 2023,
7:00pm**
**Calvary Episcopal
Church,**
315 Shady Ave,
Pittsburgh, PA 15206



Contact:
amnesty39@gmail.com

The Calvary Bazaar NEWS



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

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

Please check out the list below and see how you can help out!

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

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

Attic Treasures – Requests donations of clean, gently used items such as china, knick-knacks, glassware, small appliances, sports equipment and small furniture. Gently used and complete children's games and toys are also welcome. Please mark packages for Attic Treasures (and pack carefully, thank you). Volunteers are needed to set up the week before, and/or help on the day of the bazaar, and/or help clean up on Sunday. Contact Joan Dytman (joandytman@gmail.com), George Knight (george.knight2@verizon.net), and/or Mary Jane Bent maryjanebent@gmail.com).

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

Silent Auction – The Silent Auction welcomes your donations. We especially can use: Art work and collectibles, Tickets to theater, opera, symphony, ballet, and sport events (especially Penguins and Steeler tickets), Time at a winter or summer vacation home, Gift certificates to restaurants, ice cream parlors, coffee shops etc. Please contact Sandy

Ekstrom (412.721.9764, sandyeks@verizon.net) or Blythe Burgan Davis (412.963.7924, blytheburgan.davis@gmail.com).

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

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

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

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

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

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



Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, October 6, 2023**. 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. ■



The Lay Eucharistic Ministers

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

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

Honoring Saint Francis of Assisi

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



All Are Welcome!

Calvary will hold its Blessing of the Animals service on **Sunday, October 8 at 3 p.m.** in the Swan Garden. If it rains we'll be in the Refectory. Join us and celebrate your pets!

The service includes prayers, a short reading, and each animal is blessed individually. We'll also have a prayer for our pets who are no longer with us. Bring your pet, or a photo of your pet, to be blessed that afternoon. Human and animal treats will be served. For their happiness and safety, please keep your pets leashed or otherwise in your loving care.

This is one of my favorite services of the year. I hope you will join us.
-Cameron ■



Mahjong Returns!

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

The Mahjong group meets at Calvary on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

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



Altar Flowers

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



GET READY FOR...

Rally Sunday 2023

PARISH WIDE
PICNIC

MINISTRY
FAIR

WELCOME
BACK

FOOD &
GAMES

CORN
HOLE

CUPCAKE
DECORATING



Sunday September 24th

Join the Parish Council
and the Ministries of Calvary between 9AM -11AM
for information about each ministry and how to get involved.
while enjoying food and fun activities!

The parish-wide picnic will begin immediately after
the 11 o'clock service.

Please RSVP to Kim Pieratt, Parish Administrator, at
412.661.0120, ext. 111 or kpieratt@calvarypgh.org
so that we have enough burgers, dogs, and
chicken fingers on hand.

Calvary will provide cake for dessert.

We're asking that
attendees provide a salad/side for the picnic.
Please sign up in the Parish Hall and
let us know what you will bring.

An expanded version of this issue of *Agape*,
with additional content may be viewed
on the Calvary website at
www.calvarypgh.org

Staying in Touch

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

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The Rev. Cameron J. Soulis, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. Ruth Bosch Becker, *Assisting Pastor*
The Rev. Carol Henley, *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. Geoffrey S. Royce, *Deacon*
Rabbi Aaron Bisno, *Rabbi-in-Residence*
Ms. Deanna Briody, *McNulty Intern*
Dr. Alan Lewis, *Director of Music*
Jon Tyillian, *Assistant Organist*
Lynda Kennedy, *Director of Finance*
Vicki Rispoli, *Director of Children's Formation*
Kenneth Smith, *Director of Communications*
Kim Pieratt, *Parish Administrator*
Jim Gubash, *Head Sexton*
Adam Augustine, Ron Johnston, Eric Walker,
Mary Ann Packer, *Sextons*
Vivian Rispoli, *A/V Technician*
David Jeong, *Senior Warden*
Wendy Lomicka, *Junior Warden*
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Have you remembered
Calvary in your will?

Clergy Contact Information

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Holy Baptism

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



Classes resume on September 24. Register soon!
Sign up online at www.calvaryfaithformation.org

Children's Faith Formation

2023-2024



When:

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

Where:

Level A
Classrooms
and
Conference
Room

Scan here to
register



Or visit

www.calvarypg.org



Nursery Care

Beginning September 24 the nursery will be open on Sundays from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and for other church events as published.



Who can stay in the nursery?

The nursery is open to children ages two weeks - 3 years old.

Where is the nursery located?

The nursery is located on Level A (the classroom level).

When is the nursery open?

The nursery is open from 8:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. while parents/guardians attend services, formation classes, or sing in the choir. Within that time, parents/guardians are welcome to come and go as needed. Many parents pick up midway through the service so their children can be present for Communion.

Can we visit before I leave my child in the nursery for the first time?

Parents/guardians and their children are always welcome to visit, see the room, and meet the caregivers.

How is the nursery staffed?

There are two primary caregivers who have worked in the nursery for over a year. Everyone who works in the nursery

has clearances to work with children (PA criminal record check, child abuse history clearance, and FBI background check), and has completed Safeguarding training. They are paid for their time and participate in in-service training at the start of the year.

Do I have to bring my child to the nursery?

We love having little ones in church! However, the nursery is there to meet your needs if you so choose. There is never an obligation to bring your child to the nursery.

What if something happens while my child is in the nursery?

You may choose to leave your cell number with the nursery workers who will text you if necessary. You will be texted if there is any need for you to return to the room.

Do I need to sign up?

No, you do not need to sign up beforehand. The first time you bring your child to the nursery, you will be asked to fill out a registration sheet with some basic information about your child. These are kept on file securely, and the information is only shared with the nursery staff.



GOOD NEWS!

Children's Liturgy of the Word returns at the 11 a.m. service on October 1. This is a special time for children to pray, ask questions, and hear the good news of God's love. The Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children ages 4-11. Any child in this age group may participate - no registration is necessary.

Children are invited to gather with adult leaders after the Opening Prayer and process to the Refectory. They return to their families at the time of the Peace Offering. If you are running a little late and miss the beginning of the service, no worries! Drop in and join us in the Refectory.



Garden Updates

It's been another bountiful summer! The children's garden continues to flourish with an abundance of delicious vegetables and beautiful flowers. From the tiny seeds we planted last spring to this colorful array of life, God's work in creation is truly awe inspiring!

"The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything. God is the ground, the substance, the teaching, the teacher, the purpose, and the reward for which every soul labors." ~Julian of Norwich

The Bookstore at Calvary

2023 Used Book Sale

The Bookstore at Calvary would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make the 2023 Used Book Sale a wonderful success with over \$7,000 raised from the event! 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 days, the workers who packed unsold merchandise to be donated to other organizations, the sextons who assisted the volunteers from set-up to clean-up and helped customers to their cars with their purchases, and those who supported the used book sale with their purchases. Look for updates in upcoming issues of *Agape* regarding literacy organizations that received a monetary donation from the proceeds of the sale and where the unsold books were donated.

2024 Calendars

The Bookstore has a variety of calendars and daily planners for 2024 available including:

- 2024 Churchman's Ordo Kalendar: January 2024 through December 2024: Offers a traditional use of the Revised Common Lectionary and The Anglican Service Book. Includes a full listing of the traditional feasts and devotional days celebrated throughout the Anglican Communion. Days are color-coded to indicate proper vestment colors.
- 2024 Episcopal Church Year Guide Kalendar: January 2024 through December 2024: Conforms to the Revised Common Lectionary with dates in the proper color for each day. On the back of each month's calendar sheet are printed the lessons and psalms for each Sunday and major feast day, along with other suggestions and notes. Under the calendar pad is the Table of Feasts together with useful information about lessons and psalms. Useful for home or church.
- Episcopal Church Revised Common Lectionary Lesson 2024 Calendar: A comprehensive calendar of the readings for the Episcopal Lectionary Year B, daily eucharistic readings, and readings for the Daily Office Year Two, including sanctoral observances. Hymn suggestions drawn from "Liturgical Music for the Revised Common Lectionary" are also included.
- The Episcopal Liturgical Appointment Calendar: Two facing pages for each week with ample space for noting appointments. Daily Office readings from the Book of Common Prayer, Sunday readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, proper liturgical colors, holy days, commemorations, and secular observances are all noted for easy reference. 2025 calendar included for ease of advance planning.
- 2024 Pocket Diary: This weekly planner features include prayers for special occasions, daily devotions, space for addresses and phone numbers, and reminder pages for birthdays.



Spotlight: Banned and Challenged Books Week

Launched in the fall of 1981, Banned Books Week is intended to make the public more aware of the frequent challenges to the First Amendment's guarantees of freedom of speech and press. This celebration is the product of a joint effort by the American Library Association (ALA), American Booksellers Association, American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, Association of American Publishers, American Association of Journalists and Authors, and National Association of College Stores.

Held from October 1 – 7, Banned Books week honors the freedom to read and spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. The theme for Banned Books Week 2023 is "Let Freedom Read."

The ALA states when books are banned and challenged, readers are shutoff to people, places, and perspectives. In 2022, ALA documented 1,269 demands to censor library books and resources. Of the record 2,571 unique titles targeted for censorship, most were by or about LGBTQIA+ persons and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

To learn more about and raise awareness about frequently challenged books, visit the American Library Association at <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks>.

Indie Next: Find Your Next Great Read

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

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

Sept./Oct. 2023 Kids' Indie Next List: tri-fold features the top 10 children's titles for September/October and additional titles organized by age group. Each flier includes a brief synopsis of each book highlighted.

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

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

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

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

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Notes From the Calvary Archive Calvary's Outdoor Summer Services

The services are held from May through September in Calvary's McCormick Courtyard, which was developed by the church in memory of John Schoenberger McCormick. That plot of land was given by the Sheldon family in the early 1920's with the proviso that the house be torn down within three years and the property used for church purposes. Down came the house, and on the back of that property up went the choir house, designed by Cram. The courtyard is bordered by the Swan Garden, named after Annie Swan whose home previously occupied the area.

Both the Sheldon house and the Swan house were identical to the private homes east of the Swan Garden. According to records in the church archives, Calvary purchased the Swan house in 1969. It was primarily used for the Shady Lane School. When the school moved, the house remained empty except for a time when it was used by the Workplace organization.

The Property Committee explored razing the house in February 1986. Committee members noted it was in ill-repair. The late Rev. Arthur McNulty, then rector, said Calvary no longer had use for the house. The Vestry recommended it be razed. A design for the new garden was developed by Ray Gindroz with input from the gardening committee.

The Swan house was torn down, and in the fall of 1986, the Vestry arranged for the planting of some trees to grace the new Swan Garden. They included Columnar Norway maples, Marshall Seedless Ash, Snowdrift Crabapples and Carolina hemlocks.

The next year, more trees and shrubs were planted. Interested parishioners donated money for the purchase of select trees or shrubs, which they gave to the church as memorials for loved ones.

Rev. McNulty sent a thank-you letter in 1987 to parishioners for their support. He noted the full attendance of the garden services for that summer. "The reasons are many, but I believe the increasing beauty of the garden is one of them." ■

Stay in Touch with the Diocese

Visit the diocesan website at
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Submissions for publication on the diocesan web site, calendar, and the *Grace Happens* weekly e-newsletter should be sent electronically to

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

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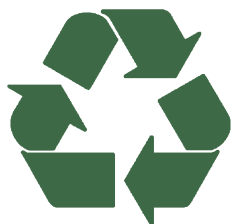
Spiritual Reflection – *William Cleary*

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 Principals for Contemplative Dialogue of the Merton Institute for Contemplative Living. Every few months, we choose as a guide the writings of a different author. At each meeting, a short reading serves as a catalyst for reflection upon, and discussion of, God in our daily lives.

For this term we will continue using Joan Chittister's *The Breath of the Soul* and add William Cleary's *Prayers to an Evolutionary God*. Cleary is a former Jesuit priest, author, filmmaker and composer. In this book of prayers paired with short prose pieces, he reflects on the works of Teilhard de Chardin and particularly on Irish priest-psychologist Diarmuid O'Murchu's more contemporary, *Evolutionary Faith*. As one reviewer put it, "In Bill Cleary's book, the 'God of evolution' is not an abstract topic of theological reflection but the focus of meditation, prayer, and praise."

Meetings are held in the Evans Room from 7-8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month. The meetings are hybrid, allowing "in person" conversation while using Zoom so others can join remotely. Upcoming meetings are on September 19, October 3 and 17, and November 7 and 21.

Email Matt Muldoon (mattmuldoon@msn.com) or Sondra Krimmel (sskrimmel@gmail.com) for information or to be added to the email list. Please feel welcome to join us at any time. ■



Plastic Recycling

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



Brown Bag Lunch and Literature

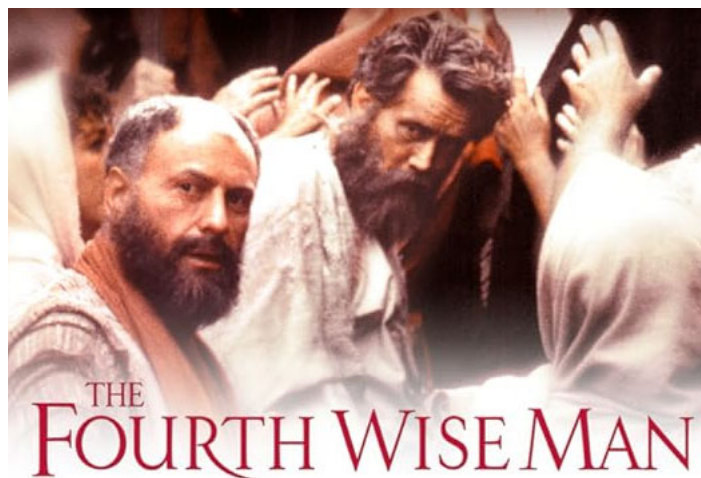


Starting at Noon on Tuesday, September 19, the Brown Bag Lunch and Literature ministry will begin again.

We are starting this season off with Banned Books. We will begin with Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Having sold more than 40 million copies worldwide and translated into 40 languages *To Kill a Mockingbird* is a novel of such rare excellence, cutting through pretense and charade and showing us some truths about Southern life. ■

★ MOVIE NIGHT ★

Join us in the Parish Hall from 7–9 p.m.,
followed by a brief discussion with
Clint Van Dusen.



Thursday, September 28 – Starring Martin Sheen,
Alan Arkin and Eileen Brennan.

Set in Biblical times, a Magi named Artaban (Martin Sheen) sees a sign in the heavens that he hopes will lead him and his faithful servant to the Messiah. For 33 years Artaban pursues Jesus only to miss Him at every turn.

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



Gun Safety Legislation

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

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

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

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



FUNERAL CONSUMERS ALLIANCE OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

65-Year-Old Nonprofit Could Fold

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Western Pennsylvania (FCAWP), formerly Pittsburgh Memorial Society, has notified its members that a final effort to save the 65-year-old nonprofit organization will take place at its annual general membership meeting on **Saturday, September 30, 2023, 10 a.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church.**

FCAWP's mission is to advocate for and educate consumers on their rights and options for affordable funerals. Through more than 25 participating funeral homes, members are also offered low cost, direct cremation or burial. In addition, the group provides information on organ and whole body donation.

However, unless members step up to serve on the Board of Trustees, the process of formally shutting down FCAWP will begin after the Sept. 30th meeting and the 2000+ members will be urged to plan their funeral arrangements before the organization is forced to dissolve for lack of volunteer leadership.

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FCAWP will also offer a program at the meeting on “The Death of the Will,” with stories about how the terms of your will might be overridden, and tips on how to prevent it. The meeting is free and open to the public. Registration appreciated but not required: 412.241.0705 or fcawp@verizon.net. ■



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation

You may have noticed a petition for the healing of Creation in the prayers of the people this month. That prayer was added because this is the “Season of Creation,” a time when Christians around the world pray for and care for Creation. The Season of Creation, celebrated from September 1 through October 4 each year, is an ecumenical effort, of which the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion are a part. During this month, Christians are urged to renew our shared commitment to the stewardship of our common home.

This season gives us all an opportunity to re-examine our ecological, economic, and political behaviors. To learn more and take action:

- Pray for our mother earth and all who make decisions that affect the environment.
- Visit the Episcopal Church’s resource page about the Season of Creation. It contains information and links to other websites and documents for learning and action. <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/season-of-creation-and-st-francis-day-resources/>
- Join Calvary Creation Care, the group working on projects to reduce Calvary’s impact on the environment. Plastic recycling, LEDs, native plants on our campus, and solar power are all various projects they are currently working on and plan to work on. For more information, please contact Laura Everhart (lauraelizabetheverhart@gmail.com) or Tom Slater (patobyblack@yahoo.com).

The news this summer has been filled with stories of extreme weather events, ecological destruction, and natural disasters intensified by climate change. Such news can fill us with despair. Instead, as Christians we can choose hope by acting with our prayers and deeds this Season of Creation.

—Cameron ■

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Mid-Week Bible Studies



Wednesday Morning Bible Study

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

Wednesday Lunch Bible Study

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

RSVPs are not required. If you have questions contact the Rev. Neil Raman (nraman@calvarypg.org). Note: Both Wednesday Bible Studies will be looking at the same passages of Scripture. ■

Support the important work of the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network. Thanks to the generosity of a Calvary PIIN supporter, all new donations to PIIN by Calvary members in advance of the September 30 PIIN Champions Reception will be matched up to \$500. Invest in PIIN's mission today at <https://piinpa.org/donate/>. (List Calvary as your congregation.)

Register at <https://piinpa.org/piin-champions-reception/>. For more information about PIIN, please contact Bob King (rking52717@aol.com) or Steve Shandor (steve.shandor@gmail.com) or visit <https://piinpa.org>. ■

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

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

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

Sunday, September 24, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary

Sunday, October 1, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary

Sunday, October 8, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary

Sunday, October 15, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary

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

Holy Happy Hour @ Lorelei (124 S. Highland Ave., 15206)

Followed at 7 p.m. – Taizé Prayer Service at East Liberty Presbyterian Church (116 S. Highland Ave., 15206)

Sunday, October 22, 10–10:45 a.m.

Gospel and Breakfast in the Evans Room at Calvary

Sunday, October 29, 10–10:45 a.m.

No Gospel and Breakfast this week due to the Bazaar



Coffee Hour after the 11 o'clock Service

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

WEB VERSION



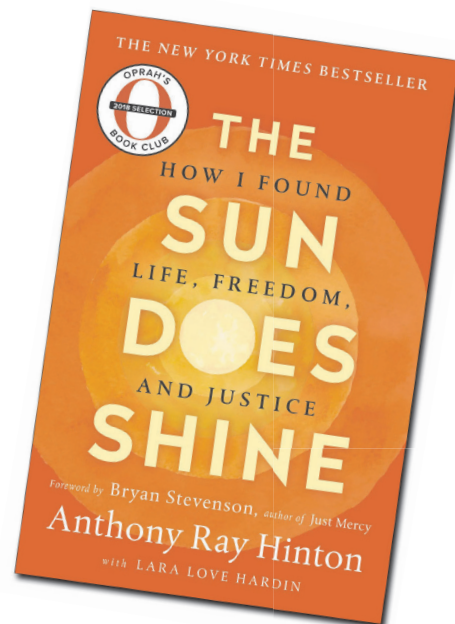
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ANTHONY RAY HINTON

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Wednesday, September 27, 2023

The Neighborhood Academy

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“SHRED-A-BAG” FUNDRAISER



Is it time to get rid of old files, personal & confidential papers like tax returns, contracts, banks statements, checks, utility bills, and invoices, that have been sitting in your basement, cluttering up your spare room, or your home office paperwork

Thanks to the Tree of Life (“TOL”) Men’s Club, here’s a great and easy opportunity to eliminate the clutter, help the environment, and support TOL. All at the same time!

- For a suggested **minimum donation** to Tree of Life of **\$25 per bag**, the Tree of Life Men’s Club will deliver to you as many bags as you request.
- You fill the bag and seal it with the bag’s easy self-stick fold over. Each bag has a maximum capacity of 30 lbs. or approximately one 15”x12”x 10” banker’s box.
- Then you can drop off the bags at **Shred America-Iron City’s location at: 3220 Penn Ave., Pgh, PA 15201**, in the Strip District during these three (3) weekdays: Oct. 19, 2023; Nov. 2, 2023; Nov. 16, 2023 from the **hours of 11am to 4pm.** (**NOTE:** You will be notified of any schedule changes)
- If you prefer, a Men’s Club member will be happy to come to your home; pick up your bags; and deliver them to Shred America-Iron City on your behalf, **at no additional charge!!**

Sign up at <https://www.treeoflifepgh.org/form/shred-a-bag-fundraiser.html>

You can purchase as many bags as you wish at the suggested minimum donation of \$25 per bag. Further details in the Registration Form. **BAGS WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR REGISTRATION ADDRESS.**

EMAIL QUESTIONS OR BAG PICKUP REQUESTS TO: mensclub@treeoflifepgh.org

Please support TOL and sign up by Friday, OCTOBER, 15 2023.

Shred America-Iron City is a Marine Veteran-owned and Tree of Life affiliated family business graciously donating the bags and its nationally certified shredding services for this event.





2023 Share the Warmth

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

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

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

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

LEVEL 1 TRAINING

(to be a catechist
for ages 3-6)

Thursdays, 9:30 am—3:00 pm

Part 1—Sept. 28; Oct. 5, 12, 19,
26; Nov. 9, 16; Dec. 7, 14

Part 2—Jan. 11, 18, 25; Mar. 7, 14,
21; Apr. 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9

Registration: \$50;
Course fee*: \$600

LEVEL 2 TRAINING

(to be a catechist for ages 6-9,
pre-req.: Lev. 1)

Fridays and Saturdays,
9:30 am—3:30 pm

Part 1—Oct. 6/7; Oct. 13/14; Nov.
10/11; Dec. 8/9

Part 2—Jan. 12/13; Feb 9/10; Mar
8/9; Apr. 12/13; May 10/11. Date for
sacrament retreat TBA

Registration: \$50, Course fee* Part
1—\$500, books included,
part 2—\$500

DEDICATION, BLESSING & OPEN HOUSE

October 22, 2:00 PM
All are welcome!

RSVP at CGSAC website

ADVENT RETREAT “Walking in the Light”

November 18
8:30 am—12:00 pm

*Pittsburgh Diocese catechists can apply for diocesan scholarship. CGS USA members can apply for Nation CGS scholarship.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS AT WWW.CGSAPOSTOLATECENTER.ORG

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

Inhumane Conditions at the Allegheny County Jail Causes and Solutions

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



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

Panel:

Chair: **Leah Kozak**, PIIN organizer

Brittany Hailer, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Sister Barbara Finch, former nurse at ACJ

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

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

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

Register **in advance** for this meeting:

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

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

GARBAGE OLYMPICS 2023



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To apply, go to DePaulHearingAndSpeech.org/Careers
or scan the QR code below:



6202 Alder Street | Pittsburgh, PA 15206 | DePaulHearingAndSpeech.org

HELP EECM

Deliver the Holidays!

A Food Drive and Fundraising Event

Saturday, October 14 | 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

EECM Community House Parking Lot
6125 Harvard Street, East Liberty, Pittsburgh

As East End Cooperative Ministry approaches the 2023 holidays, there is great concern that we won't be able to meet the sharp spike in demand for food and meals. PLEASE help us prepare to deliver food, shelter and other necessities during the upcoming holiday season by dropping off **monetary donations and non-perishable foods** on October 14th.

Volunteers will be on hand to accept monetary donations and non-perishable food such as:

- » Rice
- » Pasta & Macaroni
- » Instant Potatoes
- » Boxed Mac & Cheese
- » Prepared Sauces
- » Soups & Broth
- » Canned Fruits
- » Canned Vegetables
- » Canned Meat
- » Tuna Fish
- » Breakfast Cereal
- » Pancake Mix & Syrup
- » Cake Mixes & Toppings
- » Jello & Pudding Mixes
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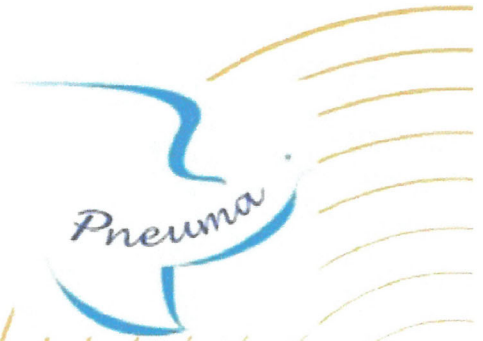
Living in the Sunlight of the Spirit: The Spirituality of the 12 Steps

**OCTOBER 6 & 7, 2023
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PITTSBURGH, PA**

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