

The Newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

#### Being the Church together at Calvary

On Saturday, September 10, Calvary partnered with three local Presbyterian congregations to march to raise awareness of gun violence in our city. Since the beginning of the year, 80+ people have died as a result of guns in Pittsburgh. Each of the four churches are sharing part of a display, called Memorial to the Lost, to draw attention to it. There are 20 t-shirts on display at the entrance to Calvary and the other congregations. Each shirt, a powerful symbol, represents one person killed by guns in Pittsburgh with the person's name and age.

Members of each congregation processed from Valley View Presbyterian (near the Neighborhood Academy) to Eastminster to East Liberty Presbyterian concluding the march at Calvary.

During the march, I was able to speak with many people I had not seen since the pandemic began. One of them was my old friend Ann Belser who is the owner of *Print*, a newspaper for the East End of Pittsburgh. She proudly told people she has the best job in the world covering local news. She then told anyone who would listen that I (Jonathon) have the second best job in the world as Rector of Calvary, because of the community of which I am a part and the creative ministry we do together engaging the city. I might argue about first or second best, but agree with her because of who we are and what we do to serve our neighbors together.

It feels like we are emerging more from the pandemic to be a refreshed version of the community we are and the one God has called us to be. To help with that transition, it is my intention to foster opportunities for us to be together again socially and in occasions for deepening our faith in Jesus and loving and serving our neighbors together.

What follows are highlights of why I agree with Ann that I have the best job in the world (for me) and

opportunities for Calvary people to be together to worship, learn, and serve in the upcoming months. More detailed information will follow in Friday emails and *Agape* issues.

**Monday, September 12** – Beloved Community Initiative Sacred Conversations on racial reconciliation with weekly Monday meetings.

**Sunday, September 25** – Tree of Life Synagogue High Holidays at Calvary begin with Rosh Hashanah.

Sunday, October 2 – Eventide services begin each Sunday evening at 5 p.m. with Evensong on the first Sunday of the month and the Holy Eucharist in traditional language with chant and incense on the remaining Sundays.

Saturday, October 8 – Ethiopian Orthodox Church of Pittsburgh service with singing and procession around the new fire in our parking lot. They worship at Calvary each Saturday and will be making food for our Bazaar this year.

**Sunday, October 9** – A Priest and a Rabbi Walk into a Classroom. *See article on page 2.* 

**Sunday, October 9** – Blessing of the Animals.

October 20 and November 17 – Movie Night.

**Saturday, October 29** – Women of Calvary Bazaar.

**Sunday, November 6** – Requiem Mass.

**Thursday, November 24.** – Thanksgiving Day service at Calvary, at 9:30 a.m., shared with Trinity Cathedral.

**Sunday, December 4** – Advent Lessons and Carols.

**Sunday, December 18** – Christmas Pageant and Hanukkah party with Tree of Life at 11 a.m., and Christmas Lessons and Carols that evening at 5.

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Services.

# A Priest and a Rabbi Walk into a Classroom

Beginning on Sunday, October 9 at 10 a.m., Rabbi Aaron Bisno and the Rev. Jonathon Jensen will teach a class together on the parables of Jesus. We will learn together from Jewish and Christian perspectives and how we all might benefit from this wisdom.



The classes will be in person in McClintic Hall, also known as the choir room, on Sundays from 10 a.m. to about 10:45 a.m. Classes will be held each Sunday through December 18 (No class on October 30 due to the Bazaar, or November 27 on Thanksgiving weekend). Sessions will also be recorded and available on Calvary's YouTube page with a link in the Friday email. All are welcome to attend.

#### Rally Day

Thank you to all who helped and participated in the Rally Day and Ministry Fair such a successful event. Cameron and Michael received a warm welcome to Calvary. People all over were buzzing with positive energy and expectation for the future. It was wonderful to see so many people connecting and reconnecting and having a great time together.

Many people signed up to participate in the numerous ministries Calvary offers. We invite and encourage you to sign up and participate to know one another and love God and serve our neighbors together.

Thank you in particular to the Parish Council, Kim Pieratt, Weezie Wells, Ken Smith, and the rest of the church staff for the organization and set up.

The Parish Council conceived of the idea, gathered gifts for Cameron and Michael, organized event, and helped with the









cookout and registration. Thank you to all the members of the Parish Council and its chair, Sue DeWalt.

Rally Day is a type of welcome back to church after a long summer and much longer COVID-tide. The Ministry Fair is to learn about and volunteer for different opportunities (formation, fellowship, and service) at Calvary.

We had a great cookout and potluck to enjoy being together. Thank you to everyone there. ■

#### Coffee with Cameron+



I am delighted to be now living in Pittsburgh and to have joined the staff at Calvary. I am looking forward to exploring this great city and learning about this parish over the coming year. My responsibilities as the Associate Rector include overseeing pastoral care and the young adult ministry.

Please contact me for either of these areas. Additionally, being new, I very much want to get to know the people of Calvary! I invite you to email or call me to find a time for us to meet over coffee or tea. I want to get to know you and hear your stories. I can be reached at csoulis@ calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120 ext. 123.

-The Rev. Cameron Soulis ■

#### Get Involved with the Soup Group

There are several ways to be a part of this ministry.

**Come to cook!** We will be cooking on Friday, September 23 and Friday, September 30, starting at 9 a.m. We will be making soups, casseroles and a few baked goods. **Please** let me know if you are going to be there so I can plan accordingly.

**Cook at home!** Contact me for containers and labels. Use your own recipe or I can supply one of ours.

**Deliver soup!** Please take soup to a friend, neighbor or relative. Our soup is not for Calvary members only! We also have started to make casseroles that are available for deliveries. There are some small cakes and cookies that might be enjoyed by a person living in a facility where meals are provided.

**Make a donation to the Soup Group!** Money donated will be used to purchase ingredients and containers. Checks can be made out to Calvary with *Soup Group* in the memo line. Any questions? Contact me. Thank you!

-Adele Eley, 412.719.9637; adele.eley@gmail.com ■

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#### Calling All Readers

Are you someone who loves to read? Maybe you are a perennial student. Maybe a seasonal reader who enjoys reading on the beach or by the fireside when you are confined indoors during the winter.

I am sure that each of you, who treasure books and reading have memories like this one, involving special people who read to you and even the special circumstances where and when that happened. One of the favorite parts of our liturgy, for many of us, is when the lessons are read, and the Gospel proclaimed. The meaning and understanding of words matter to Christians.

I want to invite those of you who love to read to join me in a new ministry I want to launch at Calvary in the Fall. It is to be a ministry of public reading offered to people who bring their brown bag lunch to the nave at Calvary. It will take place during the work week, once a week around noon. The readings will be curated and designed to last about a half hour. They will be selected broadly across many forms of literature and across the ages.

If you have ever visited a monastery for a personal retreat, you may have been exposed to this practice. A member of the community reads to the others and the guests at the main meal. At one point in history the church and especially the monasteries were the repository of western knowledge.

Calvary has long supported similar interests. We have a bookstore in our church. That bookstore sponsors a significant annual used book sale. At any given time, there are several reading groups engaged in study at Calvary. I am hoping we can together focus this shared interest with our local community and in so doing help keep the city of Pittsburgh, through great literature, a city excited by the imagination and inspired by the creative.

Stay tuned...

-Geoffrey Royce ■

#### Foyer Groups Return to Calvary

Groups of 8-10 people gather for an informal dinner in someone's house or apartment 2 to 3 times between September and May. Dinners are simple, potluck style with the host providing the main dish and others bringing appetizers, wine, salads, bread and desserts.



Russ and Kathy Ayres, Adam Hallowell and Catherine Davidson have volunteered to act as organizers for this year's Foyer Groups. If you'd like to host a group or participate in a group, or if you have questions before deciding, please get in touch with either Russ at rwayresiii@gmail.com, Kathy at kayres@chatham.edu, Adam at adam.hallowell@gmail.com, or Catherine at cmd402@gmail.com.

We have 60 people already registered. ■



#### Spiritual Reflection – C. S. Lewis and Ross Gay

Adult spiritual formation may be described as the step-bystep 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 September we are using *C.S. Lewis: Readings for Meditation and Reflection* but in October we will turn to Ross Gay, author of four books of poetry and short essays. From his website, "Ross Gay is interested in joy. Ross Gay wants to understand joy. Ross Gay is curious about joy. Ross Gay studies joy. Something like that." Our group will use *The Book of Delights*, a New York Times bestselling book of essays celebrating ordinary delights in the world around us. You may want to check out an interview about the book in a February 2020 episode of NPRs *Living on Earth*.

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 will be on September 20, and October 4 and 18. 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 at any time.

#### 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.

#### Beginnings Preschool News

We kicked off our school year with our back-to-school picnic and it was a huge success! We had a wonderful turnout on Thursday, August 25 when staff, students, and their families gathered to join in an afternoon of community fun. Billy Heh was our Balloon Artist and Blaster Bouncer provided the inflatable slide/climbing wall/bouncy house (I highly recommend both!)





September 7 was our first day of the school year. Beginnings is a diverse, inclusive, team-oriented preschool. We currently have fifty-six students enrolled at Beginnings. Nineteen of our students speak languages other than English: Arabic – 1, Armenian – 1, Greek – 1, Italian – 1, Japanese – 6, Korean – 3, Mandarin Chinese – 1, Nepali – 1, Polish – 2, Spanish – 2. Many of our teachers speak other languages as well: Amharic - 1, Korean - 2, Nepali - 1, and Portuguese - 1. We will welcome Ms. Tetina, a Ukrainian refugee, as a new teacher later this month. Ms. Daria, also from Ukraine, will be working as her translator until she gets acclimated. We will introduce all our teachers and board members next month.

Aline Friere is my new Assistant Director. With a degree in Early Childhood Education and over 9 years of teaching experience in Brazil and Australia, she brings a myriad of culturally diversified experiences into our classrooms. Aline has strong skills in writing policies and procedures, meeting health and safety standards, curriculum development, assessing students, online platforms for communication, and team training. She has a personal commitment to help disadvantaged children through volunteer work.

Hanna Seong is a teacher on our Yellow Team. She invited Beginnings teachers and their families into her home on September 10 to help her celebrate Chuseok, which means Korean Thanksgiving. We had a wonderful time together enjoying many traditional Korean dishes and we plan to do more of these events this school year.

Our teachers are spending their first six weeks creating a classroom community, a place where our children feel safe and are welcomed and valued as individuals and members of a team.

We're off to a great start and we can't wait for the rest of the year to unfold. —Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■

#### MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



On Rally Day, September 11, it was thrilling to play the Calvary organ again after so many months of silence or reduced capacity since the lightning strike in July 2021. Restorative work continues at this writing, but substantially more than half of the instrument is playing, the

electronic communications between the keys and the valves that admit air to the pipes now being accomplished by fiberoptic cable, that will not conduct electricity in the way the old copper wire did in the (many) lightning strikes that frequently disabled the instrument over the past 30 years.

A large part of the work has been to replace portions of the organ console undamaged by the lightning, but incompatible with the new electronic system. These are the "stop-jambs," the diagonal arrays of knobs by which the organist selects the sounds that the various keyboards will produce. Jon Tyillian, who is both our assistant organist and a part of the company doing our repair work, personally designed and created the new "stop-jambs," as these arrays are called; they are far more elegant in appearance than their predecessors, and also afford us far more flexibility in the control of the instrument than the originals did. (Jon's dual expertise in both playing the organ and constructing the mechanism is of huge value in this, and I am immeasurably grateful!)

Another thrill that week was to be back in the stalls with the choir, after an unusually long period in the south transept – our typical summer home, but one to which we relocated early when the organ fell silent for the repair work. It's a mixed blessing, for I know that the choir's sound is somewhat impeded in its journey to the congregation's ears by the rood screen – but in a building like this, it is, for better or worse, where the choir "belongs," and where we are best able to do our part in the liturgy.

That word – liturgy – is a catch-all for all the aspects of our common prayer: words, ritual acts and movement, music, everything. It comes from a Greek word that (during the era of Vatican II and the liturgical reforms of the 1960s) was often translated as "work of the people." That is a worthy interpretation: We all have a part to play in the collective worship of God. Another reading of the Greek word is also valid, rendering it as "public work," in the same sense as a highway or an aquaduct, or any other project that would be beyond the means of any smaller entity than the whole populace, the public, to accomplish. Similarly to the first translation, it points to the necessity of collective engagement - but it also allows a sense in which that work is accomplished by some on behalf of all. In a moment when church attendance is at last beginning to resurge in the wake of Covid, it might be helpful for us all to think of our once more taking our part in the "work of the people," and on behalf of the public, as we praise and pray to the God whose worship is our highest purpose.

#### The Bookstore at Calvary

#### The Bookstore and Bookshop.org

Here is now another way you can support the Bookstore, which is a member of the Episcopal Booksellers Association as well as an independent bookstore, when shopping for As an alternative to Amazon, go books. www.bookshop.org, which gives independent bookstores tools to compete online and financial support to help them maintain their presence in local communities. On the home page in the upper right corner, click Choose a Bookstore, then type in zip code 15206 and pick Calvary Bookstore. Bookshop.org will ship your books from their wholesaler's warehouse (usually within 2-3 days) directly to you, handle the customer service, returns and overhead, and the Bookstore at Calvary will receive a small stipend! 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. Other suggestions to support the Bookstore:

- Always try to buy directly from the Bookstore when you can!
- Get the word out! Tell your friends and family, and post on social media: Let book buyers know there;s a better way to buy books online.
- #maketheswitch and link directly to our website at calvarypgh.org/the-bookstore-at-calvary or Bookshop.org instead of Amazon.

#### Thank You for Another Successful Used Books Sale!

The Bookstore at Calvary would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make the 2022 Used Book Sale the most successful in our history with \$7,400 raised! The Bookstore at Calvary Board is determining what literacy programs and underserved community organizations will be receiving the proceeds. Parishioners often ask what happens to all the books that didn't sell. Unsold used books were given to the following organizations/people:

Calvary Clergy were given Bibles to handout as needed.

**Children's Faith Formation Classes:** A number of children's titles were donated. See www.calvarypgh.org/the-nursery for further information.

**Little Free Libraries:** Two Little Free Libraries received donations to help spread the joy and power of sharing books including locations in Squirrel Hill at Darlington Avenue and Wilkinsburg at Penn Avenue and Wood Street. To learn more, please visit www.littlefreelibrary.org.

**Pittsburgh Prison Book Project** (changed name from Book 'Em): Several boxes of unsold books were given to support the all-volunteer project of the Thomas Merton Center, which sends free books to prisoners in Pennsylvania. Go to www.pghprisonbookproject.org to view this worthwhile organization.

**Yeshiva Schools:** Several children's books on Judaism were provided to be used for the preschoolers. For further information: www.yeshivaschools.com.

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

#### 2023 Calendars

The Bookstore has a variety of calendars and daily planners for 2023 available including:

**2023** Churchman's Ordo Kalendar: January 2023 through December 2023: 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.

2023 Episcopal Church Year Guide Kalendar: January 2023 through December 2023: 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 2023 Calendar:** A comprehensive calendar of the readings for the Episcopal Lectionary Year A, daily eucharistic readings, and readings for the Daily Office Year One, 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. 2024 calendar included for ease of advance planning.

**2023 Pocket Diary:** This weekly planner features include prayers for special occasions, daily devotions, space for addresses and phone numbers, and reminder pages for birthdays.

#### How to access The Bookstore at Calvary

The Bookstore is open on Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the week, contact the Bookstore at 412.661.-0120 ext. 133 (please leave a message) or by email at bookstore@calvarypgh.org and we will contact you. In addition, we can arrange for contactless pick-up of your items. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® along with touch-free payments are accepted. ■

# Children's Faith Formation



#### **Nursery Care**

The nursery is open on Sundays from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. September thru May 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 during Faith Formation Hour (10 - 10.50 a.m.).

During the 9 and 11 o'clock services, 4-year-olds are welcome to stay. The nursery is not equipped for children ages five and up.

#### 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 also have the option of using a pager which will be signed out to you when your drop off your child. You will be paged if there is any need for you to return to the room.

#### Do I need to sign up?

You don't 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.



# Coming in October! 9 a.m. Beginning Sunday, October 2 (Oct-May)

Children ages 3\* – 9 years old
\*Children should be capable of returning to their parents
with minimal assistance

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a time for children to gather to pray, ask questions, and hear the good news of God's love. The Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained during the 9 a.m. Sunday Service on a level appropriate to children ages 3-9. Any child in this age group may participate – no registration is necessary.

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Children are invited to gather with adult leaders after the Opening Prayer and process to the Refectory. After a brief Welcome and Opening Prayer, they listen to the First Reading proclaimed from the Children's Lectionary. They are then led in singing a Psalm and Gospel Acclamation. Next, the Gospel is proclaimed by one of the adult leaders. The leader shares an age-appropriate reflection on the Word, and the children are invited to share their own thoughts and ideas. Following this, the children profess a simple Act of Faith, pray their Prayers of Intercession, and finally return to their families at the time of the Peace.



Calvary will be offering in-person Confirmation Preparation classes for students entering 8th and 9th grade (ages 13+), beginning September 18. Sessions will meet on Sundays 10-10:50 a.m. in the Calvary Conference room. Register online on the Calvary website.

#### Raising Tweens, Teens, and Young Adults

Are you a parent or caregiver of a tween, teen, or young adult looking for a safe place to share your thoughts and feelings? If so, you are not alone! This group provides a space where we can support each other, share ideas, collaborate, and commiserate while discussing the challenges of raising older children in today's rapidly changing and complex world. We are in this together!

Please join us on Tuesday, September 27, from 7 p.m. at the Galley Bakery Square for food, fun, and casual discussion about our parenting journey. Hope to see you there! For questions and/or to receive group updates, please email vrispoli@calvarypgh.org.

#### Parents of Little Ones (P.O.L.O.)

Parents of Little Ones is a ministry that forges spiritual, supportive, and social connections for families with children aged newborn through kindergarten. Life changes a lot with that first newborn. It changes again sending that last Kindergartener to school. For those days and everything between, friendships within the P.O.L.O. community support the journey. Be on the lookout for info about our next meet-up coming soon! To receive group updates, please email vrispoli@calvarypgh.org.

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# Obituary Morris "Moe" Lebow

Our friend and Tree of Life member Moe Lebow has died.



In his 103rd year on Thursday, September 8, 2022. Beloved husband of the late Charlotte Gross Lebow. Loving father of Alan (Linda) Lebow and Roberta (David) Brody. Son of the late Harry and Rebecca Lebovitz. Brother of the late Samuel and Meyer Lebovitz, Joseph Lebow and Leah Mallinger. Beloved Poppy Bo to

grandchildren, Jason Lando (Troy Harris), Brad (Laura) Lando and Brett Lebow, step-grandchildren, Benjamin (Lauren) Brody, Michael Brody, Dane Brody and Patrick Keating, great-grandchildren, Jackson and Claire Lando and step-greatgrandchildren, Will and Teddy Brody. Also survived by many, many nieces and nephews. Services were held on September 11, 2022 at Rodef Shalom Temple. Interment was at Homewood Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Moe Lebow Tree of Life Fund, 5898 Wilkins Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Arrangements entrusted to Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc.

#### The Fall Guidebook/Directory

We have contracted Guide Book Publishing to publish a Guide Book/Directory for our Parish that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes annually. This book will be the Who, What, Where, Why and How of our Church. The book is being provided at no cost to our Church. Local businesses are being asked to be featured in this book in the way of advertising. This Guide Book/Directory is scheduled to be delivered Fall of 2022. If you own or manage a business or know someone that does want to be featured, please call Marlene Richards at 845.492.1547 directly for more information on how to advertise.

#### Jerb Miller Scholarship

Westminster College alumni who are educators have the opportunity to nominate five deserving students for the Jerb Miller Scholarship. The scholarship is created in honor of Dr. Miller, a beloved professor who taught education at Westminster from 1968 until his death in 1992. These special scholarships are four-year renewable awards valued at up to \$96,000 (\$24,000 per academic year) for first-year students enrolling in the Fall 2023 semester.

And there's more: Students will be awarded a \$1,000 Early Application Grant for submitting a completed application and transcripts by October 1, 2022. To be eligible, students must apply and be accepted to Westminster for the fall 2023 semester. This grant will be applied to the financial aid package for the 2023-2024 academic year.

For more information, please contact Susan Shafer at tothshafer@aol.com ■

#### The Annual Calvary Bazaar

The Calvary Bazaar is set for Saturday, October 29. 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 29. 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@gmail.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** – Chairwoman Sandy Ekstrom seeks tickets to sporting events, theater, opera, ballet, symphony etc.; hand-created gift baskets or donations of decorative arts or free passes to stay at your vacation home. Contact is sandyeks@verizon.net or 412.721.9764.

Handmade table – Welcomes a variety of handmade gifts. Past popular items include fingerless gloves, scarves and hat, 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 ngcarpenter@hotmail.com.

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

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

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

**Boutique** – Looking for donations of scarves, purses, wallets, belts, gloves, hats and ties. Contact Laura Marchl 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. Table contact is Liz Exler at elizabethexl@msn.com ■

# 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. Cameron Soulis at csoulis@calvarypgh.org / 412.661.0120 ext. 123. ■

#### Wednesday, September 21 at 5:45 p.m.

Cookout to Welcome the Rev. Cameron Soulis in the Swan Garden at Calvary

#### Sunday, October 2 at 12:45 p.m.

Brunch at Mad Mex (220 S Highland Ave, 15206)

#### Wednesday, October 12 at 7 p.m.

Book Study in the Conference Room at Calvary

#### Tuesday, October 18 at 5:45 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour at Trace Brewing (4312 Main St, 15224)

#### Wednesday, October 19 at 7 p.m.

Book Study in the Conference Room at Calvary

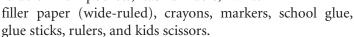
#### Wednesday, October 26 at 7 p.m.

Book Study in the Conference Room at Calvary ■

#### "Pack to School" Project

The Women of Calvary is again sponsoring "Pack to School" for Lincoln School in Homewood. The program has had great success in providing much-needed items for students. This school year, we are asking for uniforms, school supplies, hand sanitizer, sanitizer wipes, and Kleenex.

**School Supplies:** Backpacks, pencil cases, #2 pencils, colored pencils, erasers, pens, 1-subject notebooks (wide-ruled), composition notebooks, 1" 3-ring binders, 3-hole punched folders with pockets, tab dividers, white



**Uniforms:** Khaki or navy blue pants, shorts, skirts, and dresses; yellow, white or blue tops. Sizes 5-20, XS-XXL

Monetary donations are also encouraged. Checks can be sent to or dropped off at the church, and should be made payable to Calvary Episcopal Church; please add "Pack to School" on the memo line. To volunteer to help or for more information, please contact Tammy Lewis at 412.661.0120 ext. 132 or tlewis@calvarypgh.org.

We will be collecting donations throughout the month of September. Thank you so much for your generosity! ■

#### Notes from the Archives

In 1975, the Women of Calvary oversaw a makeover of what is now the Evans Room. As part of the planning, the WOC board called a special meeting in March of that year. Board members discussed needed changes to the room, which was then called the "Ladies Parlor." One of the changes suggested was a new name.

"It was thought that the name was kind of old fashioned on the one hand, and that 'The Ladies Lounge' sounded too much like a 'bar and grill," according to a letter signed by WOC board president Jean Robinson and found in Calvary's archives.

The WOC board requested the Vestry to rename the room after a family who had made a significant contribution to the parish or its recent building program.

The Vestry chose the name 'The Evans Room' in honor of the family of parishioner Evelyn Evans. Her parents were Howard Salisbury Evans and Evelyn Fawell Evans. Her brother was Thomas Raymond Evans II, and her sister, Laura Evans Ford. The family had attended Calvary for more than 50 years and, according to an article in the April 9, 1975 issue of *Agape*, had maintained a quiet, loyal, low-profile role at the church. The rector, the Rev. John Baiz, dedicated the room that month.

More than 70 women contributed gifts to the room's refurbishment. In November 1993, the Vestry reported that Evelyn Evans gave the grandfather clock now in the Evans Room.



#### **Betimes**

Billowing Bellows, Batman: Power put to re-awakening organ on first day of September. First bleats the day after. Next, bombast from the Bombarde. By Rally Sunday,

better than 95% of eastern instrument divisions sound out. Still no west gallery, but ...The wind is up! Thar she blows!

**Brrrr:** Ice machine busted. Bad timing. Warm beverages in warm weather bemoaned. Supply chain issues balk replacement. Best bet? Store-bought bags and biding time. Bummer.

**Bonanza!** Book store sale beats record, boasting best buying spree by far. Bounty benevolently benefits regional literacy programs. No spelling Bees?

**Burgeoning Bunch of Benches:** Another addition to sturdy seating array deployed in Swan garden, the benefit of our continuing film-plastic recycling program. Sharing the bounty, over half of all units awarded so far gifted to others.

Beginnings – More Than a School Name: Official welcome of new Associate Rector Cameron Soulis+ and husband Michael Salmon coincide with years-absent Rally Day of sign-ups for myriad ministries at Calvary, even as Beginnings (yes, the school) starts another year. All things are new.

Behold.

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#### Calvary Movie Nights

Third Thursdays in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, October 20:

Michael Caine is



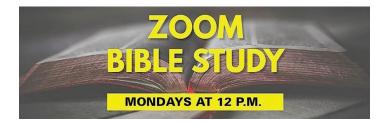
#### November 17, 2022:

Spencer Tracy, Fredric March, and Gene Kelly in

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#### Led by The Rev. Geoffrey Royce, Deacon

Sign-up for receiving the Zoom link by writing to groyce@calvarypgh.org

This will be a discussion study lasting about one hour. We are starting to read The Book of Esther. ■

#### Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday**, **October 7**, **2022**. 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.

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



The Crop Hunger Walk, sponsored by Church World Service, will be held in Pittsburgh's East End on Sunday, October 9, 2022.

The CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a yearly gathering or event for me. It is my chance to help families who are struggling with hunger and concerned about where they'll find their next meal. The Walk is how I take action to make sure that one more person has enough to eat.

I want to help as many people as I can and would love your support. Please join me in the fight against hunger by making a donation! The steps we take - and the funds we raise support programs that provide meals in my community and long-lasting solutions to hunger around the world.

Last year we raised \$24,000. 75% goes to CWS and 25% stays here and used to support our local community. Please check out the website and see all that CWS does. If you are inspired to participate in the walk you can sign up and join my team or start your own. The easiest way to donate is to go on the website. Your name and donation amount will be listed on the website unless you wish to remain anonymous.

Visit the website at https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/marsha-morris/donate. Thanks so much!

-Marsha Morris, Retired Calvary Parish Secretary ■



Photo by Steve Shando

The Gun Violence Prayer Walk at Calvary on September 10, 2022

#### September 11, 2022: Rally Sunday, Ministry Fair, Welcome Cameron & Michael















#### **On-Going at Calvary**

#### **EECM Food Pantry**

East End Cooperative Ministry Food Pantry is still operating during the pandemic, with appropriate plans to protect those receiving food. Donations can be dropped off at Calvary during office hours: Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday mornings. Below is a list of items particularly requested at this time. Thank you to all who have continued to donate to the EECM food cart. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

#### **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!)

#### **Altar Flowers**

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. ■

#### Stay in Touch with the Diocese

Visit the diocesan website at

#### www.episcopalpgh.org

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

#### info@episcopalpgh.org.

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

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BCI will be running Sacred Ground sessions throughout this year and into next year in various locations. The September into October sessions are full from the responses BCI received in the questionnaire. BCI opened an additional location to accommodate all of the respondents. There will be 8 week sessions, starting in September of 2022 into June of 2023. We will have groups of 8 people per session to allow for maximum ability to interact within the sessions.

BCI will secure other locations, depending on the responses they receive from parishioners on signing up for sessions during the designated months. BCI will also accommodate anyone who wants to do zoom sessions due to their parish location or for other reasons. Please do not feel restricted due to the location of your parish. BCI will provide zoom options for you to attend the sessions. Feel free to use the following link to get additional information about Sacred Ground prior to your sessions: https://www.episco-palchurch.org/sacred-ground/.

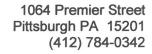
The following sessions will be running throughout this year and into next year:

September through the first week of November of 2022 – (both sessions are full but if we receive additional requests or get cancellations for those sessions we will make every effort to secure another location and/or another time that will work for an additional session) The locations, thus far, are St. Thomas on Thursday evenings at 6:30 and Monday evenings at Calvary Church at 6:30.

November 2022 into January 2023 (we will of course avoid sessions during the week of Christmas. (St. Thomas, Oakmont on Thursday evenings and a second location on Tuesday evenings).

#### Beware of Email Scams!

Always be careful when you check your email since scams are on the rise again. Never give out your personal information. Your bank, utility companies, the Social Security Administration, and the IRS will never contact you for that information. Emails that appear to come from Rector, and requests "a favor" or gift cards are still happening. Don't respond, simply delete it. Any email from Calvary always uses @calvarypgh.org, never gmail.com.





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August 18, 2022

The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, Rector Calvary Episcopal Church 315 Shady Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Dear Rev. Jensen:

Excelsion.

Warmest greetings in the name of our precious Lord.

On behalf of the board of the Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti (FLM-Haiti), I am writing to express to you and the Calvary Episcopal family our gratitude for opening the parking lot of the Church to have our Power of Love open market this past July 30, 2022.

The event took place to support our mission of providing education, health care and hope to the needy in Haiti. We highly appreciate the support of Calvary Episcopal Church.

May the Lord richly bless you as you advance God's kingdom at Calvary.

Bishop Leon D. Pamphile, Ph.D.

Founder/Executive Director, FLM-Haiti

Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti is a charitable organization under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

# GREAT ISSUES: DEMOCRACY THREATENED: WILL YOUR VOTE COUNT?

The Church of the Redeemer invites you to attend a forum featuring two experts on the critical issues of voter eligibility and election regulation. With the pending election in November, this will be a very timely and meaningful discussion. There is no charge to attend, and the presentation will be followed with a reception. Please join us!

Jessie Allen is a professor of law at the University of Pittsburgh. Her interest in voting rights dates from her litigation practice at national public interest organizations prior to joining the legal academy. As a senior attorney for the Advancement Project, she litigated voting rights cases in swing states during the 2008 presidential election. Before that, as a staff attorney at the Brennan Center for Justice, she focused on challenging state laws that bar voting because of criminal conviction.

Jonathan Cervas is a post-doctoral fellow at Carnegie Mellon's Institute of Politics and Strategy. His research focuses on inequalities in American political institutions and how they result in disparity among voters. He has assisted three federal courts in cases relating to redistricting and racial minority voting rights. He has also served as a redistricting consultant to the Pennsylvania Legislative Reapportionment Commission in 2021, and most recently as a Special Master, redrawing New York State's Senate and Congressional districts.





#### GREAT ISSUES FORUM AT REDEEMER

Democracy
Threatened: Will
Your Vote Count?
October 12th 2022
7-8:30pm

We seek to promote understanding and encourage action around justice issues.

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# **Trucking for Justice!**

#### September 25th, 1-4 PM

Bidwell Presbyterian Church 1025 Liverpool St, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

#### Food Trucks, Guest Speakers, and an Issues Table Walk

Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN) has been faithfully "moving people of faith into action" for 20 years in Western PA. As we look to the future, PIIN invites you and your congregation to join us as we reconnect and vision together the work of justice. Your voice matters. Come out and be heard!

Suggested donation \$20 adults / \$10 kids under 16

Food trucks will be onsite to purchase many delicious options for a picnic style lunch. Shared proceeds go to PIIN. More information and register online: piinpa.org/T4J



For more information, please contact
Bob King at rking52717@aol.com or
Steve Shandor at steve.shandor@gmail.com.
If enough Calvary members are interested
we could set up a carpool

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# ANNUAL BAZAAR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

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



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#### **Deadline (Friday):**

#### **Publication Date (Sunday):**

January 7 ..... January 16

February 4 ...... February 13 [Lenten Issue]

March 4 . . . . . . . . . . . March 13 [Easter Issue]

May 6 ..... May 15

June 3 ..... June 12 [Summer Issue]

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