

Agape

The Newsletter of
Calvary Episcopal Church
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 11, 2020

Worship Resumes in Person

On Sunday, October 11 at 11 a.m., Calvary will resume worship in person each week. We will continue live streaming and post a video of the service and sermon on our YouTube page. That is, some will worship online and some will worship in church together at the same service.

This will be a Rite II celebration of Holy Communion from the platform (crossing) Altar with bread only from stations on the floor. All participants will be wearing a mask except when preaching or reading the lesson.

We ask that all who come to Calvary practice social distancing, wear a mask, and wash or sanitize their hands. Hand sanitizer is available in multiple locations in the church and offices. We will not mark off sections of the nave. If you are in a family of one or a family of four, sit at appropriate distances. The nave and transepts seat 900 people.

Contact Kim at the church office (412.661.0120 ext. 111 or kpieratt@calvarypg.org) to let us know you plan to worship in person, at least the first week. This will help us prepare for communion and the number of bulletins to print.

Music

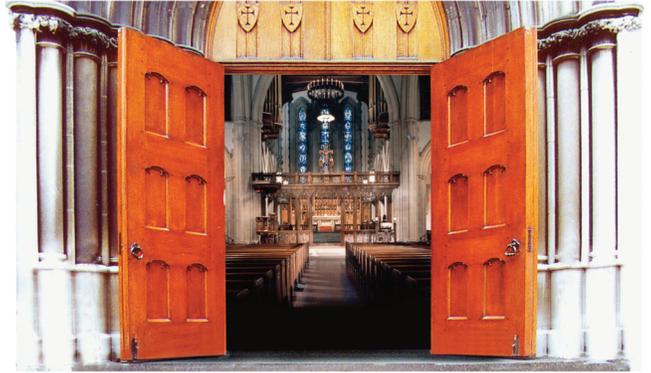
We will have our four singers, wearing masks, and the support of the organ. At the current time, we do not anticipate having congregational singing simply because of concerns about the spread of the virus. Hum the hymns with all your soul.

Bulletins

We will use the same style of full-text bulletins we have had since mid-March. Directions or rubrics for worship, including how to receive communion, will be in the bulletin. In this way, those worshipping online and those in person will follow the same text and music. Use of a full-text bulletin also helps address concerns about handling prayer books and the spread of the virus.

Coffee Hour

We will not have food and drink after the service, for obvious reasons, but expect people will want to spend



time socializing. We miss seeing you and would love to talk in person. Please feel free to do so in the church, outside, or in the parish hall taking the usual precautions.

Altar Guild and Flowers

At the present time, clergy can handle setting the Altar. If any members of the Altar Guild would like to help, please contact one of the clergy. We do not have flowers for the Altar scheduled yet but anticipate doing so in the future. If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Kim at the parish office.

Acolytes and Lay Readers

We expect to have limited participation of acolytes and lay readers. We want to encourage all the baptized to share their gifts and will add more participants over time.

Bulletins will be placed at the entrances. We will also have offertory plates, for donations. We invite you to make your offering after receiving Communion, in the offertory plates located in front of the transept pews.

New Camera System

Thanks to the generosity of many, we have designed the new video system and completed the installation. We ordered four cameras to start (initially it was three) because we received more donations than expected. This will allow us to stream and record worship, with a congregation present, with at least the same quality as before.

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Other Sunday Services

We will start with one service on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. We want to do one well before adding others. There are also challenges about cleaning appropriately between worship times.

In Person or on Screen?

Please worship with us at your own comfort level. Some have expressed a deep need to be physically present in the building while others prefer to wait. Either way is fine. One can worship at home or in the church building. In this way, we can all do it together. For the time being, we expect more will be worshipping online than in person.

If there is a directive from the Governor or similar reason, we will adjust our plans.

Christian Education

The Rector's Forum on the Gospel of Matthew will transition to meet in person with a lecture and discussion in McClintic Hall on Sundays beginning on October 11 at 10 a.m. This will be same format and location they have been the last several years. It will be video recorded and put on the Calvary YouTube page. There will be no Zoom discussion on Mondays.

Sacred Ground: A Dialogue Series on Race and Faith facilitated by the Rev. Leslie Reimer will continue meeting by Zoom on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m., every other week. The next session is October 15.

An Introduction to Prayer Book Spirituality – The Rev. Neil Raman leads an exploration of the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer. Each session will include a presentation, small group discussions in Zoom Breakout Rooms, and an opportunity to ask questions. The class will meet over Zoom on Sunday from 12:10–1:10 p.m. beginning on Sunday, October 11. If you are interested in attending or have any questions about the class contact the Rev. Neil Raman (nraman@calvarypg.org).

Age 3 - K in the Purple Classroom – 9:50–10:50 a.m. *Will be offered both in-person and Zoom.* Led by Katie Riordan.

Grades 1-6 in the Gym – 9:50–10:50 a.m. *Will be offered both in-person and Zoom.* Led by Tammy Lewis.

Youth, Grades 7+ in the Evans Room 10–10:45 a.m. *Will be offered both in-person and Zoom.* Led by Laura Marchl.

Journey Group in the Refectory – Every other Sunday starting October 11 – 12:30–1:30 p.m. *Will be offered both in-person and Zoom.* Led by Paul Blitz, Tammy Lewis, and Katie Riordan.

POLO Group (Zoom for now) Every other Tuesday, resuming on October 20, from 6:30–7 p.m. Led by Geoffrey Royce and Tammy Lewis.

Virtual Christmas Pageant

Sign-ups are underway. Will begin filming in November with a link available for the December *Agape*.

Nursery

The nursery will be available from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. each Sunday beginning on October 11 in the Orange classroom.

Other Meetings in Person at Calvary

From mid-March through September, no one asked to meet at the building except for the Alpha House car washes on Saturdays outside. Beginning in September, several groups have contemplated returning. Evening Prayer is offered at 6 p.m. on Mondays in the Lady Chapel. An Alcoholics Anonymous group of 25 people, new to the program, gathers on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Education for Ministry (EfM) now convenes on Wednesday evenings. Tree of Life Synagogue will observe and record Simchat Torah, the conclusion of Sukkot, in the parish hall to share with their congregation online.

Beginnings Preschool has been in session Tuesday through Thursday each week since early September with 31 children (62 last year). They are following extensive safety protocols. Director Tammy Lewis and the teachers have done a remarkable job under the circumstances.

If your ministry group would like to meet at Calvary, please contact Kim at the parish office.

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We are figuring this all out together as a community. Thank you for your generosity, faithfulness, and patience as we seek to serve God and our neighbors during this time.

–Jonathon ■

Calvary Notes

Home Communion

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

Plastic Recycling

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



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Celebrating 65 years of Service!



At 96 years of age, Longwood at Oakmont resident, Mernie Berger, was honored as the very first member of the Garden Club of Allegheny County (GCAC) to achieve 65 years of active service. For that distinguished length of service, she was surprised with an award on behalf of the Garden Club of America at a special ceremony.

Normally, an award like this would have been given at the annual GCAC June Meeting, but as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions on meetings and gatherings, the GCAC planned a small outdoor group surprise at Mernie's Longwood at Oakmont residence.



Mernie, who joined the Garden Club of Allegheny County (GCAC) in 1955, was humbled by the honor and remarked, "Everyone was so wonderful and kind to hold a ceremony for me, and I was so surprised by the whole thing. I certainly don't deserve an award, though. I'm just doing what I love and have loved to do my whole life, which is gardening."

As both a member of the GCAC and the prestigious Carnegie Museum Women's Committee, Mernie has supported and led countless fundraisers and events throughout Pittsburgh, including the Three Rivers Arts Festival, which she cofounded.

Mernie's daughter, and fellow GCAC member, Mary Knowles Burgess, commented on her mother's secret to successful living, "I have known my entire life how incredible my mother is, and there is nobody more giving than her. She doesn't consider her involvement as anything other than doing what she loves and sharing it with those around her. She is inordinately knowledgeable in the field as a gardener and always pitches in to do everything. She is one of the greatest examples I've ever had, in spite of also being my mother."
—from the Longwood newsletter ■

Prayer for an Election

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of the President, the Vice-President, and other officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Book of Common Prayer, page 822 ■

MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



For 22 years now, it has been our tradition to offer a Requiem Mass in conjunction with the observance of All Saints' and All Souls' Days, on November 1 and 2. This is a full Communion service, commemorating all the faithful departed, which has used various musical settings of the Requiem over the years (Fauré, Duruflé, Mozart, Victoria, Charpentier,

and Biber, to date) as a kind of musical scaffolding around which the fuller liturgy unfolds. A homily, and the reading of the Necrology, or list of the departed, are central to this experience, and the totality of the service seems to have met a spiritual need across the years.

This year, surely, our spirits need it more than ever. Thus at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of All Saints' Day, a group of singers will join me in presenting a reserved but beautiful *a cappella* setting of the Requiem Mass by the late Renaissance composer Giovanni Francesco Anerio (1569–1630). The service will be live streamed, and the congregation is also welcome to be physically present, under all the now-accustomed protocols of masking and distancing.

Rather like the Duruflé *Requiem*, Anerio's setting looks to the traditional Plainsong chants of the Requiem Mass as his starting-point. Where Duruflé accompanies those melodies in his quasi-Impressionist harmonic language, sometimes with tenderness, sometimes with drama and excitement, Anerio generally begins each movement by presenting a phrase of the chant unadorned, and weaves the balance of the given chant into an imitative polyphonic web, striving not for drama but for intensity of devotion.

In a time when we cannot gather a larger choir, and when space is lacking for appropriately distanced instrumentalists, this feels to me like the perfect expression of the occasion. I hope you'll join us in whatever way works for you. ■

Soup Group

Although we are not yet cooking as a group, there is an ample supply available in the Calvary freezer. Soup can still be delivered to fellow parishioners, friends, and family members. Please call the Church office to check on the times that access is available to the kitchen. Because of "social distancing," I continue to recommend that the soup be left outside the door of the recipient. Then call to let that person know the soup is there. Contact me if you have any questions.

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

The Bookstore at Calvary

Thank You for Another Successful Used Books Sale!

Despite the pandemic, the 2020 Used Books Sale was a triumph! The Bookstore at Calvary would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make the 2020 Used Book Sale one of the most successful in our history with over \$4,700 raised! This includes the donations from parishioners, the helpers who spent countless hours sorting and organizing all the items, the volunteers who assisted on the selling and/or clean-up days, the sextons who helped buyers haul away their many boxes of books, and those who supported the used book sale with their purchases. The Bookstore at Calvary Board is determining what literacy programs and underserved community organizations will be receiving the proceeds.

A question parishioners often ask is what happens to all the books that didn't sell? Unsold used books were given to the following organizations:

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.

Little Free Libraries: Three Little Free Libraries received donations to help spread the joy and power of sharing books including locations in Bloomfield at Chislett Street, Monroeville United Methodist Church, and Wilkinsburg at Penn Avenue and Wood Street. To learn more, please visit www.littlefreelibrary.org.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry's Latest Release

Walk the path of love with one of the warmest, most beloved spiritual leaders of our time and learn how to put faith into action with *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry. He expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life.

The Bookstore at Calvary's Store Hours

The Bookstore will be open on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. If you are interested in obtaining any book titles or other items, contact us at 412-661-0120, ext. 133 (please leave a message) or email bookstore@calvaryphg.org and we will contact you. We can arrange for contactless pick-up of your items.

Alibris

In addition, over 150 mostly out of print, donated books are available online at www.alibris.com. Alibris is an online store that sells new books, used books, out-of-print books, rare books, and other media through an online network of independent booksellers since 1997. To access the Calvary collection, go to www.alibris.com, in the Search Box, type Calvary, in the dropdown box within the search box, click on Sellers, then click on the magnifier icon.

The collection of offerings includes art, bibles, children's fiction, comics, and graphic novels, fiction, history, literary collections, literary criticism, nature, poetry, and travel to name just a few. Each title listing includes the edition, binding, publisher, date published, description, and condition. Prices start as low as \$4. ■



Clockwise:
Little Free Libraries
in Bloomfield,
Wilkinsburg, and
Monroeville



Sunday, November 1, 2020 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

If you are still irked about losing that hour of sleep last March when most of the country went on Daylight Saving Time, here's some good news – you get it back on Sunday, November 1 when DST ends at 2 a.m. You'll need to set your clocks back ("fall back") one hour before going to bed on Saturday.

It's a good idea to REPLACE the batteries in all of your smoke and CO2 detectors the same weekend. ■



Greetings from Beginnings! We are all very excited to be back in school!

Our teachers this year are Corinne Branquet, Daniel Hayashi, Daria Loshak, Ann Norman, Mary Ann Packer, Cathy Rutter, and Anita Solman. Thanks to our teachers, parents, and students, we are adapting quite well to what seems to be the new normal. Our goal is to make it seem as though COVID is affecting Beginnings as little as possible. Wearing masks and social distancing is not keeping us from filling our days with activities that make learning fun. Our families appreciate our efforts to stay connected and are thrilled to receive pictures and videos of their child(ren) each day.

Blue Team **Purple Team** **Green Team** **Orange Team**

Since we have a team concept at Beginnings, we spent our first month building team spirit while getting used to classroom rules and routines. We have also learned the importance of keeping ourselves healthy for our teams, our school, our families, and our community. The four teams we have this school year are the Blue Team, Purple Team, Green Team, and Orange Team with Blue being the oldest and Orange the youngest. We have members of our teams who speak who speak Arabic, Farsi, French, Japanese, Polish, Russian, and Spanish. We plan to embrace the fall months learning about our families, cultures, and traditions while enjoying the cooler temperatures, falling leaves and seasonal changes.

Our annual Halloween Dress-Up Parade will take place on Thursday, October 29. While wearing costumes and masks, our teachers and children will walk through our Trail of Treats in the Nave. All parents attending will undergo a health check at the door and will be guided to stay a safe distance while handing out the candy we provide. We will strictly adhere to all COVID safety protocols during this event.

We look forward to the months ahead and will keep you updated with all the wonderful things happening at Beginnings!
—Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■

Did you Know?

Spaghetti, confetto, and graffito are the singular forms of spaghetti, confetti, and graffiti. ■ Grapes light on fire in the microwave. ■ The 1939 novel *Gadsby* is the longest book ever published that doesn't contain the letter 'e.' ■

Do you know the entire quote?

“Curiosity killed the cat but satisfaction brought it back.”

The original phrase warns against diving too deep into a needless investigation, but the later amendment, first recorded in American newspapers sometime in the early 1900's, plays on the trope of cats' nine lives to change the meaning: There's pleasure in finding out something you really want to know.

“Money is the root of all evil.”

The extended phrase is “For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.” This saying – both the full, original quote and the shortened common version – originate from a bible text (1 Timothy 6:10) that warns against greed. Reading the full version of the quote doesn't completely change the meaning of the one we all know best, but it might shift your perception of it a bit: Having money isn't a problem, it's wanting money that's sinful.

“The early bird catches the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.”

In business, life and chess there are cases when being the first one to move has its advantages, but since the road ahead isn't always clear, you might consider trailing behind someone, minimizing your own risk. In this famous quote the second mouse gets to enjoy the rewards because he got to learn from the previous mouse. There's a lot more depth to the full quote than just the first half.

“Rome wasn't built in a day, but it burned in one.”

The extraordinary city, took patience, effort and resources to be put together and even today it's still evolving. All that effort can be obliterated in an instance if you're not careful. This is an obvious reference to The Great Fire of Rome attributed to Nero himself. If there's one thing we want you to take away from this quote is that no matter how hard you've built a reputation it can go away in an instant if you don't take it seriously.

“Jack of all trades, master of none, though oftentimes better than master of one.”

This saying has been through a lot. It began as simply, “jack of all trades,” a mostly flattering term for a generalist who has honed many skills. Later, “master of none” was added on to change the phrase to something slightly derogatory, suggesting that the jack of all trades doesn't know much at all. The shady two-part phrase is what most know and use today, but at some point, it was amended again to check the haters. The full phrase says something like, “I know a little about a lot of things, and that's better than having a limited skillset any day.” ■

Please recycle this newsletter
when you have finished reading it.



Seen and Unseen

Unseen: Floor Grates, fifteen in number, cleaned. Air handling filters replaced in church undercroft Heating / Ventilating / Air Conditioning (NOT!) system. Air flow thus improved in volume

and relative purity for health of both living beings and equipment during months when most doors are closed.

Unobtrusive: Stream coverage converts to cameras on columns. Robotic video units capture services.

Unseen: In time for Halloween, controls for the above removed from Nave balcony and consigned to crypt – just beneath where sopranos may sit someday soon.

Gone: The hodge-podge of equipment that has occupied the center floor position of the Choir since the first virtual service was streamed in March.

Seen Still: At forty years on, James Knight celebrates being longest serving, most loquacious, and much loved sexton.

Seen More: Adam Augustine, newest addition to sexton staff, goes full time. In addition to all else, becomes proficient in newest staff duty – control of live streaming.

Seen More Easily: Kitchen and Refectory hallway brightened as lighting retrofit continues. LED tubes supplanting fluorescents more and more throughout the building.

Seen Finally: Beginning this very weekend – People in Pews! People in McClintic Hall – The Rector’s Matthew Class taped before a Live Studio Audience! People browsing in bookstore!

A wonderful Scene.

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Many thanks to all who donated coats for the EECM annual Share the Warmth coat drive. An extra special thanks goes to Jean Robinson for delivering the coats to the dry cleaners and to EECM. ■

The Anglican Communion is made up of 40 independent churches, of which the US Episcopal Church is one. The Anglican Communion represents over 85 million people in over 165 countries. ■



Protect the Vote! Be a Poll Worker in Pittsburgh on November 3

Get paid \$115-\$140 to help protect the vote! Poll workers are first responders for democracy. They serve a crucial role in ensuring our voting system works at our polling locations. Recruiting enough poll workers is difficult, especially in this year of pandemic as many veteran poll workers are over the age of 60. Pittsburgh is in critical need of more poll workers for November 3, to ensure that all voters can access their ballots and reduce long wait times or misinformation. You can help make a difference this year in this non-partisan initiative! Sign up NOW at <https://www.powerthepolls.org/?source=CFG> and get paid to make Election Day happen this November. ■

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 3 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 10 a.m. until Noon. 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



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Women of Calvary Bazaar News

Concern about the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to reluctantly cancel our Annual Women of Calvary Bazaar. Instead, we asked for monetary donations. **Many thanks**



to all of you who have contributed to the Bazaar Fund this year. The funds will be wisely used by our Grants Committee for next year's grants. It really helps East End charities whose needs are even great now due to COVID 19.

Monetary donations in any amount will be greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to Women of Calvary Bazaar and mail to The Women of Calvary, 315 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Note that all donations are tax deductible.

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

With thanks,

Kathleen Farrington, Chairperson ■

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

Wednesday, October 14 at 7 p.m.

CYAM Bible Study over Zoom

Wednesday, October 21 at 7 p.m.

CYAM Bible Study over Zoom

Thursday, October 22 at 5:45 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour in the Swan Garden at Calvary

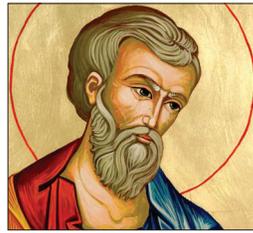
Wednesday, October 28 at 7 p.m.

CYAM Bible Study over Zoom ■



An expanded version of this issue of *Agape*, with photos from The Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4, 2020 may be viewed on the Calvary website at

www.calvarypgh.org



GOSEL OF MATTHEW CLASS

The Rector leads a weekly class on the Gospel of Matthew in McClintic Hall on **Sundays at 10 a.m.** The Calvary bookstore has resources available.

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

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

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

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

Church Finances: A Reminder

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



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2020 Holidays and Observances

Monday, October 12: **Columbus Day**

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

Tuesday, November 3: **Election Day**

Wednesday, November 11: **Veterans Day**

Thursday, November 26: **Thanksgiving Day** ■

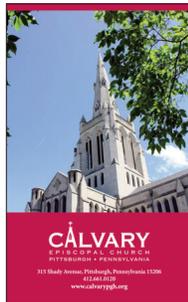
James Knight

On Sunday, September 13, James Knight celebrated forty years of service as a sexton at Calvary. He plans to be with us many more years. To honor James and his work, we encourage you to write him a note or card thanking him. He would also love to hear your stories. Please send all the cards to Calvary Church. They will be given to James, along with a gift from the church, as they arrive. ■



Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We have partnered with Guide Book & Directory Publishing to provide a Guide Book & Directory for our congregation that we will update and publish annually. This book is delivered directly to every member at no cost to our congregation. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book, but we want to make sure our members have first access to prime locations in this directory.



This is a great opportunity for your business because our members prefer to support businesses that support our congregation. Recent results of a survey taken by GBP show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize an advertiser over a non-advertiser and 70.9% consciously look to see who is advertising. If you are interested in advertising in our Guide Book & Directory, please call the office at 412.661.0120.

Thank you for your support! ■

Beware of Email Scams!

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

Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, November 6, 2020**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

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Please remember Calvary Church
in your will.



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The Reverend Carol Henley, *Assisting Priest*
The Reverend Dr. Moni McIntyre, *Assisting Priest*
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News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

The 155th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Saturday, October 17, 2020
An Online Convention

- Convention Cover Letter 2020
- Canons Pertaining to Lay Deputies
- Lay Deputy Certification Form
- Resolution Submission Form 2020
- Positions to be Elected 2020
- Allocation of Deputies Chart 2020
- Resolution to Permit Online Convention
- Nomination Form 2020

More information and necessary forms are available as PDFs on the diocesan website at www.episcopalpgh.org ■



England: ‘Renewal’ for church is coming despite ‘trauma’ of pandemic, say archbishops

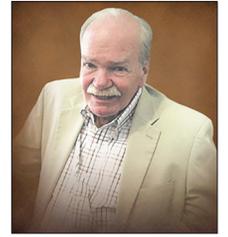
by The Church of England, September 24, 2020

The Church will emerge “renewed and changed” from the crisis of the global coronavirus pandemic, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have said. In a joint address to members of the Church of England’s General Synod, Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell said that amid a time of trauma, loss and struggle in this country and around the world, Christians have proved to be a “people of hope”. The address came at the start of special, one-day sitting of Synod in London, with reduced numbers, to make a rule change to enable it to meet remotely during pandemic restrictions.

Archbishop Justin acknowledged the multiple challenges and crises we are facing including hunger, poverty, domestic violence and climate change. ■

In Memoriam: The Rev. Richard A. Pollard

The Reverend Richard (Dick) A. Pollard died suddenly on Friday, September 18, 2020. He was 73 years old.



Dick was the beloved husband of 32 years to Susan (Compton) Pollard; loving father of Christopher (Desiree) Pollard, Laura (Brian) Okerberg, Jean Pollard, and Mary Pollard; grandfather of Reed, Cole, Emmett, Gwen, Rimma, Emma, and Anastasia; brother of William (Kathy) Pollard, Robert (Kellan) Pollard, and the late Ernest Pollard, and Jeannette Pollard; son of the late Ernest and Mary (Kennedy) Pollard.

He was ordained an Episcopal priest in 2004, and served at several churches including St. Paul’s, Mt. Lebanon; Christ Church, North Hills; All Saints, Bridgeville; All Saints, Brighton Heights; and Church of the Advent, Brookline. Dick was also a committed and caring hospice chaplain.

Dick was a dedicated Scot, with a love of all things Scottish and a member of the St. Andrew’s Society of Philadelphia, as well as founding president and member of the St. Andrew’s Society of Pittsburgh.

Dick was a proud Penn State Alumnus, with a wide-ranging career beginning at Pittsburgh National Bank (now PNC) in commercial credit, while completing law school at night at Duquesne University. Dick’s law practice concentrated on commercial banking and bankruptcy law with several Pittsburgh firms, including Pietragallo, Bosick, and Gordon, and his own firm Pollard, Walker and Vollmer.

A sought-after speaker, he gave hundreds of presentations before business, legal and religious audiences and served on the faculty of several banking schools where he taught commercial lending, banking law and ethics for over 30 years.

Dick dearly loved his children and grand-children, his dogs, his cars, and his beer. He was a friend to all-loving, loyal, patient, caring, and kind. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Funeral services were private. Memorial donations may be made to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 139 N. Jefferson Avenue, Canonsburg, PA 15317, (724) 745-2013.

Condolences may be sent to Susan Pollard, 1750 Hastings Mill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant Richard. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen. ■

Episcopal Service Corps deploys full roster of young adults to serve communities despite COVID-19

by David Paulsen, October 2, 2020

After the coronavirus pandemic hit in mid-March, most of the local Episcopal Service Corps' members were forced to complete their service work remotely under unexpected constraints because of the public health crisis.

And as the virus continued to spread throughout the United States during the summer and with COVID-19 cases still on the rise, coordinators initially weren't sure how they were going to deploy a new round of participants this fall – and even questioned if enough people would be willing to serve. To their surprise, the interest never waned. Episcopal Service Corps was able to recruit and accept a full corps of about 90 members, ages 21 to 32, who have begun serving a wide variety of community organizations from Boston, Massachusetts, to Seattle, Washington.

“Every program director came back and said, ‘We’re in,’” Wendy Karr Johnson, the Episcopal Service Corps coordinator, told Episcopal News Service, and “all the corps members come in knowing that we’re in the middle of a pandemic.”

Changes this year included a “quaran-tation” period – the typical two-week orientation but carried out under quarantine conditions. As they moved in together, corps members in each city were told to mask up and isolate at the same time as they were adjusting to the intentional communities that are a hallmark of Episcopal Service Corps' programs. Some corps members leave the intentional communities and report to work, while others are completing their service work remotely.

–Read more at episcopalnewsservice.com ■



Members of the Johnson Service Corps, part of the Episcopal Service Corps network, had two weeks of “quaran-tation” in their houses in Durham and Raleigh, North Carolina, before they could begin their service work.
–Photo courtesy of Andrew Hudgins

Bishop’s Visitation Schedule

- October 11 St. Francis, Somerset
- October 18 St. Paul’s, Kittanning
- October 25 St. Stephen’s, McKeesport
- November 1 Redeemer, Squirrel Hill
- November 8 St. John’s, Donora
- November 15 Good Shepherd, Hazelwood ■

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

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

October 25: St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, McKeesport

November 1: Church of the Redeemer, Squirrel Hill, the Rev. Diane Shepard; and the Commission on Race & Reconciliation

November 8: St. John’s Episcopal Church, Donora

November 15: Church of the Good Shepherd, Hazelwood ■



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The Blessing of the Animals
The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi
(Transferred)

Sunday, October 4, 2020
Calvary Episcopal Church



