

Agape

The Newsletter of
Calvary Episcopal Church
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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The Rector's Annual Report

Over the past year and a half, we have all experienced a season of great loss. We have faced this as individuals, as a parish, a country, and the world since the pandemic started. Many things we took for granted have changed, possibly forever. People are hurting physically but many more are suffering emotionally or financially or spiritually leaving people feeling angry, frustrated, anxious, and isolated. These feelings have infused the culture and are exhausting and harmful.

We have all lost something or someone during this time including many beloved parishioners who died: Jean Robinson, Emily Jarrett, Jane Treherne-Thomas, Kathy Hendrickson, and Sue Neff are only a few we have honored recently. Others dear to us had to move away from Pittsburgh for work or to be near family. Because we are apart we never got to say goodbye. So much and so many are just gone.

On a personal level, my wife and I each had our father die in the past year. Earlier this year, I had a heart attack and came very close to death myself. 2021 has not been my favorite year. We seem surrounded by loss and death. Our call, always, is to point to the resurrection promised through Jesus Christ.

We point to resurrection by loving and serving our neighbors as ourselves. In spite of all the loss and death, we have accomplished so many good things to love and serve God and our neighbors and each other here through Calvary Church. Love without action is not love, at least according to Jesus. It's just a good idea.

Let me highlight just a few of the ways we have put love in action here even during this pandemic season of loss.

Beloved Community



Eric McIntosh

After the murder of George Floyd, it was clear we needed to respond with more than prayers. I called the Bishop and said it was time to create and fund a diocesan position of Canon for Racial Justice and Reconciliation. We had never had a person of color on the paid diocesan staff before. The good idea later was put in

action and became known as the Beloved Community Initiative. I wrote the initial job description and program scope in dialogue with my friend, the Rev. Eric McIntosh, whom I recruited to become the new diocesan canon. Calvary helped fund the position. That is a wonderful ministry that will bear fruit for a long time. Eric and Shahnaz Alem-Denlinger (Coordinator) have already been to Calvary to share their experience and expertise.

Video Streaming

On March 15, 2020, the week the world seemed to stop, we began video streaming and recording worship services in high definition. We took church to the people where they are. Thanks to Fred Roth, Ken Smith, Neil Raman and Adam Augustine we have maintained a high quality worship experience. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, we raised \$25,000 for the video streaming with five cameras integrated with the sound system. This added a whole new segment to Calvary worshippers and is consistent with our history as the first parish in world to offer worship over radio in 1921. Now and 100 years ago, we had worship in person and to an extended and scattered congregation all over.

We expect to continue streaming services indefinitely to be able to reach those who cannot join us physically. We have worshippers in Oakmont, Cranberry, New York, Tennessee, California, Florida and even Korea, Greece, and England. Our neighbors we love and serve are the city and the world and even right down the street.

Tree of Life

In the fall of 2021, we welcomed our good friends and neighbors down the street back to Calvary. The Tree of Life congregation returned to Calvary for their high holiday services in person and streaming.

Rabbi Myers and I have been part of several initiatives together including working with local law enforcement to strive for more equitable policing of our



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communities. We have been a part of interfaith services for those who have died or suffering from COVID. We soon will jointly give the opening benediction for the state senate.

On October 5, there was a very good book released by Mark Oppenheimer with the title, *Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue and the Soul of a Neighborhood*. Calvary makes an appearance. The work is available in our Calvary bookstore. It tells a story of what love in action looks like in one place and context among people who are very different but respect the dignity of every human being.

Finances

While there is always room to improve, Calvary is in the strongest financial position the church has enjoyed for many years to enable us to focus outwardly to love and serve our neighbors.

In the 2019 annual parish budget, we took a projected \$54,000 deficit to a \$10,000 budget surplus.

In 2020, we took a projected \$46,500 deficit to a \$58,500 budget surplus.

We secured a \$164,000 grant from the Payroll Protection Plan program and \$25,000 grant from the state of Pennsylvania for security upgrades for the church and pre-school.

We have received (or soon will) multiple bequests in the last year including one for \$80,000 (given for a future capital campaign) and gifts of \$63,000, \$100,000, another \$100,000, and a \$50,000 gift. These gifts are not reflected in the annual parish budget. This is in addition to the generous \$150,000 per year gift we receive from the Hillman Foundation starting in 2017.

Our endowment has grown 50% from \$4.95 million in 2014 to \$7.4 million today.

The financial security frees us to look outwardly and serve.

Beginnings

The Beginnings Preschool remained open throughout the pandemic going virtual for a while. This year they have expanded to include a five day option in addition to three days of class. 1/3 of the 54 children currently enrolled were born outside the US. We offered a month of art and music camps this summer welcoming children in the neighborhood and beyond. Every employee has made at least \$15 per hour for several years now. It is a wonderful program serving our neighbors.

Ethiopian Orthodox Church

In the summer of 2021, we welcomed the new Ethiopian Orthodox Church of Pittsburgh to Calvary as regular partners each Saturday morning. They had been looking for a new place to worship for a couple of years. As the story goes, there was no room at the inn. So we made room right where we are for Jesus to be made manifest. They have found a home here with us, and we are all enriched by it. They have brought a warmth and joy to share.

One of their members now teaches in our preschool. Another works in the nursery. In the summer, we welcomed an archbishop from Ethiopia to a service that formally established them as a congregation. In late September, we hosted a service of Meskel with a bonfire in the parking lot with local council member Erika Strassburger. We even had a fire truck for safety provided by our friends at Tree of Life. Meskel is a symbolic search for the “True Cross” of Jesus. The community presented me with a beautiful gift of a print of different crosses from Ethiopia.



The Cross of Jesus is a symbol and reminder of love in action, of hope, and resurrection. We should always be seeking it and pointing to it. It's on the Altar, it's on top of the building, in the shape of the building. We are led by it. The cross is all around us as a constant reminder that even in the face of death we are people who live in the resurrection hope.

Most of all, these outward symbols are reminders the cross is ultimately in you. And we are called to share the cross in you with the world by loving and serving our neighbors in word and incarnate action.

—The Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen
Sixteenth Rector of Calvary Church



What follows are some other some other highlights of the past year and half not presented during the annual parish meeting. We accomplished all this as a parish in the midst of a worldwide pandemic. The work of loving and serving our neighbors, as Jesus calls us to do, may change but always continues.

- Beginning in March 2020, most things we knew how to do well as a congregation had to be reimagined almost immediately from Sunday worship to vestry meetings to pastoral care. Sadly but understandably, many aspects of parish life had to go on hold including choir, a number of group meetings, coffee hour, and outreach projects. We never had to use the term “worship in person” before because worship was understood to mean in person. We look forward to the day when they can return safely and people can worship and meet freely without fear or even concern.

- Some ministries were able to continue online on a platform few knew before but now is well-known, Zoom. Vestry meetings, EfM, young adults, centering prayer, children's programs, Beginnings Preschool, and other groups all began using Zoom.



- We kept the office open throughout the pandemic so parishioners could visit and staff could have a meaningful place to serve. We chose to remain open as a beacon of hope. That is what the cross on top of the spire on top of the tower stands for – hope in resurrection.

Worship and Pastoral Care

- While we greatly missed the choir’s contributions for a long period, we did enjoy excellent music from Alan Lewis, Jon Tyillian, and the “Calvary Quarantet.” We all rejoiced when the choir was able to return in full.
- Celebrated (on January 3) the 100 year anniversary of the first worship service on radio that took place at Calvary on January 2, 1921. We had a sermon on the event and extensive notes in the *Agape*.
- Thanks to Ken Smith, we continued weekly email blasts and the monthly *Agape* and print and electronic forms to help people stay connected. We now enjoy bulletins with everything printed in them so those who worship online and in person have the same bulletin and can follow the service more easily.
- We offered a recorded Bible study by the Rector on the book of Matthew on our YouTube page.
- Thanks to Tammy Lewis, in December 2020, we had an online Christmas pageant with prerecorded parts that worked amazingly well.
- We resumed visits to Sherwood Oaks in Cranberry and Longwood in Oakmont to take church to the people there to spend time listening and to share Eucharist with them. This has been a regular practice before Christmas and after Easter begun about six years ago.
- We mentored a wonderful McNulty Intern, Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan, for a year through her ordination. She now serves as a priest at Trinity Cathedral.

The Facilities

- The sextons took the opportunity to clean and fix issues in the building they never could have addressed under normal circumstances simply due to time or occupancy. Thanks to Jim, James, Adam, Mary Ann, and Ron, the facilities are cleaner than they have been in a long time. Many small and medium projects were completed. Examples include repainting the fire escape, cleaning the beautiful rug in the parlor, and fixing the tile floor in the stairwell of the parish

house. Special thanks to James Knight who refinished every floor at Calvary. More of this is detailed in the report of the Junior Warden.

- We secured a \$25,000 grant from the state of Pennsylvania for upgrades to security specified for houses of worship after the Tree of Life shooting. That was used for increased camera surveillance, panic buttons for front office staff, and greater security to doors and related areas.

Outreach

- The Rector recorded a video interview on YouTube for the *What They Believe* series welcoming people to the Episcopal way of being a Christian.
- The Calvary Bookstore hosted a successful book sale. All proceeds of about \$5,000 went to charity, mainly literacy programs.
- While we were not able to have the Calvary Bazaar last year, the Women of Calvary did give about \$25,000 to local charity, mainly programs serving women and children in the East End.
- Welcomed Chatham Baroque for multiple rehearsals and several concerts.
- Welcomed a chamber music group from the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra to make recordings in the fall.
- Calvary hosted multiple community meetings about the Hunt Armory and the redevelopment of the local Giant Eagle shopping center.
- While some of our nested outreach projects like the Calvary Lincoln After School Program and the car washes of Alpha House had to take a break due to the pandemic, other ministries in which parishioners are invested, such as PIIN, continued.
- The Pittsburgh Penguins have obtained permission to use the Hunt Armory as a seasonal (winter) skating rink. This is part of their outreach to serve underprivileged children in the city. Calvary may partner with them to share our parking lot to help make this happen and produce income for our own mission and ministry.
- The Rector was the only Episcopalian in an interfaith service to pray for those who have died from COVID-19. The service included Bishop Zubik of the Roman Catholic Diocese, Rabbi Jeffrey Myers of Tree of Life, Chris Caras the Imam of the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh, Liddy Barlow of Christian Associates, and many others.
- The Rector is a participant in dialogues between clergy and the police about more just policing methods in the city and keeping open channels between clergy and police. This was organized by Christian Associates.
- Calvary hosted a parish-wide meeting of the Beloved Community Initiative.
- Some of our groups have started to return to Calvary including EfM, AA, Centering Prayer, the diocesan Social Justice Committee and others.

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• Thanks to the leadership of Wendy Lomicka and many volunteers, Calvary has now recycled over 2,500 pounds of plastic keeping it out of the oceans and landfills.

• We hosted a meet and greet for the candidates for bishop. As a diocese, we elected our new Bishop Ketlen Solak. She will be ordained here at Calvary on November 13, 2021.

Beginnings

• We safely made it through the Beginnings school year and never closed during the pandemic with some classes on line in the spring of 2020. In the fall of 2020, we had 31 children. We had an enrollment of 60 before the pandemic.

• In the fall of 2021, Beginnings expanded to include 3- and 5-day options with 54 children enrolled. The stairwell leading to Beginnings was redesigned to be more inviting so it appears one now enters a school rather than a basement.

• In the summer of 2021, Beginnings added two, two-week summer camps for art and music for the children.

Staff, Vestry, and Lay Leaders

Thank you very much to our phenomenal staff, Vestry, and lay leadership at Calvary. It is an honor and privilege to serve with them. Our wonderful staff who serve and lead include Leslie Reimer, Neil Raman, Geoffrey Royce, Alan Lewis, Jon Tyillian, Lynda Kennedy, Ken Smith, Kim Pieratt, Weezie Wells, Tammy Lewis, Jim Gubash, James Knight, Adam Augustine, Mary Ann Packer, and Ron Johnston. The Rev. Dr. Harold Lewis, The Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre, The Rev. Ruth Becker, and the Rev. Carol Henley also serve in an honorary capacity.

Our outgoing Vestry members include Charles Atwood, Jean Carr, Ed Harrell, and Jamie McMahon who also served an extended term because of the pandemic. Our full membership includes Robert Eley, John Lovelace, Sue DeWalt, Sarah Wilson, James Cassaro, Laura Everheart, Frederick Roth, Laurie Tocci, David Jeong, Donald MacLeod Jr, Laura Marchl, and Daphne Retter. They and the whole Vestry exercised outstanding leadership over the past year and a half. I particularly offer my thanks to our Secretary Sarah Wilson, our Treasurer of over twenty years Bob Eley, our ever-present Junior Warden Fred Roth, and Jamie McMahon who has served as our Senior Warden for the last 4.5 years. It has been my pleasure to work with you all.

Most of all, thank you to all the people who make Calvary the holy and outwardly focused community that it is, has been, and (God willing) always shall be. ■



Please Wear a Mask
While You Are at Calvary Church

Results of the 166th Annual Parish Meeting of Calvary Church Sunday, October 3, 2021

Elected to the Vestry



Adam Bailey, Kate Burroughs, Lucy Douglas, Peter Lewis

Elected to Parish Council



Jeannine Farino

At the Vestry organizational meeting held after the election, **David Jeong** was appointed Senior Warden, **G. Frederic Roth** was elected Junior Warden, and **Robert Eley** was elected Treasurer.

Congratulations to all!

A video of the Annual Parish Meeting is available. Search **YouTube.com** for **Calvary Episcopal Church Pittsburgh PA**. You will find services, sermons, classes, and more. Please “like” our channel, and subscribe for notifications ■



Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, November 7**. 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. ■

Please remember Calvary Church
in your will.



How fast the time is going! It's hard to believe we are six weeks into the school year already!
Please join me in welcoming our amazing teaching staff this school year:



Ms. Hiwot
(Red)



Ms. Elizabeth
(Red-Substitute)



Ms. Cassie
(Yellow)



Ms. Mary
(Yellow)



Ms. Packer
(Blue)



Ms. Sharon
(Blue)



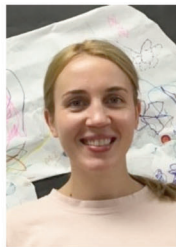
Ms. Corinne
(Purple)



Ms. Ann
(Purple)



Ms. Joniesha
(Orange)



Ms. Daria
(Orange)



Mr. Dan
(Orange)



Ms. Kranti
(Substitute)

We are extremely thankful that all our teams have such dedicated teachers who share the same goal of providing our students with a nurturing, high-quality, meaningful preschool experience.

This school year, we are adapting *The Creative Curriculum by Teaching Strategies* - a research-based, whole-child curriculum that builds upon a child's natural curiosity for learning through purposeful play with opportunities for investigation, exploration, and discovery. We are thrilled to have this type of guidance and support at our fingertips. Our first unit "Building Your Classroom Community" has been exciting for our staff and students. Who's on our team? How are we alike and how are we different? What are our daily routines and rules that keep us safe? How do we stay healthy? Why do we need to listen and follow directions? What are emotions and how do we communicate our feelings? How do we show kindness to others? These questions are being investigated and will become a large part of our foundation moving forward.

Later this month, our two youngest teams (Red and Yellow) will "Carry us through Fall" with an exploration of the many varieties and purposes of bags (a new Creative Curriculum unit) while integrating some fun autumn touches to keep them in tune with changing seasons. Our Orange Team (older twos) will focus on animals in the fall, then flora and the changing colors. Our Purple Team (threes) and Blue Team (fours) are learning about community helpers. Several of Calvary's clergy and staff have volunteered to be guest speakers throughout this unit, giving tours of their office spaces while describing the importance of their jobs within their school, church, and community. Many of our crafts, songs, and stories toward the end of this month will be Halloween-themed and fun for all!

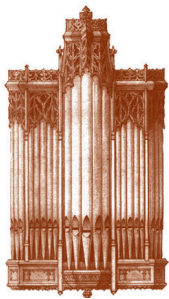
On October 28, from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m., Beginnings will have our annual dress-up parade. Parents, parishioners, and church staff are invited to hand out candy during our "Trail of Treats" in the nave. We'll follow strict COVID-19 safety protocols during the event. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at beginnings@calvaryphg.org or 412.661.0120.

We greatly appreciate the diligence of our families and staff in following our COVID safety plan. So far, so great! At this point during the school year, there have been no COVID cases at Beginnings and we plan to keep it that way. Our number one priority will always be keeping our children safe while at school.

Happy Fall Y'all!

–Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■

MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



With November looming, All Saints' Day is near at hand. Since November 1 falls on a Monday, we will observe the feast on the following Sunday, November 7, at 8, 9, and 11 (with Baptisms at 11). Our 5 p.m. Eventide service that day will shift liturgical gears, with an observance of All Souls' Day, the late-medieval stepsister of All Saints'. We will observe this with a choral Requiem Mass, using Mozart's magnificent musical setting as the vehicle for the ancient words.

Musical Requiem liturgies have been an annual occurrence at Calvary for a long while – and for literally centuries across the Church. The Requiem Mass, while it may be offered on behalf of an individual, is also particularly fitting this year, in the context both of observing All Souls' Day, when we commemorate “that multitude which no one can number,” and of the almost ungraspable losses of life across the nineteen months of the continuing pandemic.

Mozart's setting of the Requiem is notably dark and ominous; its D minor tonality is one sometimes associated with foreboding and doom, and the orchestral colors of clarinets, bassoons, and trombones likewise cast deep musical shadows. But out of this agitated darkness emerge the placid, comforting prayer, “Recordare,” and then a radiant vision of the heavenly host at the Sanctus – signs of the hope to which the Gospels and the Requiem liturgy as a whole guide us.

Calvary's Requiem has long included the reading of a Necrology – the names of the beloved departed for whom prayers are particularly offered. This year, we are going to move the reading of that full list into our All Saints' celebration, the names being read aloud as the congregation receives Communion during the 9 and 11 a.m. services; names for inclusion in that list can be submitted to Kim Pieratt at kpieratt@calvarypgh.org by November 3. The prayers in the Requiem itself will include the names of all those from the parish who have died in the past year, and ample silence will be left for all to remember those particularly dear to us, silently or aloud. ■

Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, November 5, 2021**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Calvary's Nursery: open on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and for other church events as published.

- *Infants and toddlers (Infant – 24 months):* Red Classroom, Level A
- *Children (Ages 2 - 4):* Orange Classroom - Level A

Sunday School: 10 – 10:50 a.m. Since we have such a large number of elementary age students attending Sunday school this year, we split this group in half. We now have lower elementary (Grades K–3) and upper elementary (Grades 4–5). If you plan to attend via Zoom, please make sure you have the correct Meeting ID and Password for your child's class.

- *Ages 3–4:* Purple Classroom, Level A, led by Elsa Buehler, Zoom Member ID: 899 1902 6109, Passcode: 450426
- *Grades K–3:* Yellow Classroom, Level A, led by Tammy Lewis, Zoom Member ID: 885 5167 1285, Passcode: 208049
- *Grades 4–5:* Blue Classroom, Level A, led by Peter Lewis, Zoom Member ID 851 9926 2412, Passcode: 258241
- *Middle and High School:* Gym, Level A, led by Rebecca Cotton, Zoom Member ID 884 5400 4651, Passcode: 780382

Journey Group: Gym, Level A, 12:30–1:30 p.m., first and third Sundays of each month. Zoom Member ID 852 4314 1536, Passcode 730639. Led by Katie Riordan Bucci and Tammy Lewis. This fall, the Journey Group will focus on the social injustice of poverty and hunger. Psalm 146:5-7, 1 John 3:17-18, Matthew 25:35, 40.

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

Pack to School Program

The Women of Calvary (WoC) would like to thank parishioners for their tremendous support of this year's Pack to School program, which benefits the students and teachers of nearby Lincoln Elementary School. The WoC recently gave Lincoln's principal a check for \$2,200 to be used for supplies and teaching resources the school needs this academic year. In the past, the WoC have conducted a drive collecting backpacks and school supplies for the school. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the WoC decided to seek monetary contributions this school year, just as we did last school year. We greatly appreciate all who contributed to this worthy cause! ■



News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh



A Letter to the Diocese From The Transition Committee

Consecration Details and Volunteer Opportunities

Dear Sisters, Brothers & Siblings in Christ,

Alleluia! God willing, the IX Bishop of Pittsburgh will be ordained and consecrated at a glorious service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 13, at Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Avenue, East Liberty! The Reverend Dr. Ketlen Solak will become our bishop at a service presided over by the Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

On behalf of the Transition Committee of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, we want to tell you more about this special service and ways in which you and your parish can participate.

Volunteers

This is a grand diocesan event, which means we want all parishes to participate. We have a variety of ways to join in. We need acolytes, choir members, ushers, parking attendants, and banner bearers to carry a banner from each parish in the procession and a stand to place it in. [If you don't have a banner, make one]! Please let us know if you or your parish has volunteers! We have created a volunteer form, email us at transition@episcopalpgh.org.

Donations

As was done for Bishop McConnell in 2012, we also need donations from each parish, communally as a parish (through your Vestry) and individually (by person), to pay for the new crozier, ring, and chasuble that will be presented from the Diocese of Pittsburgh to our new bishop at this service. We hope every parish will contribute something towards these key symbols of office. You may also contribute to the altar flowers, although only in the name of our new bishop. If you wish to donate individually, please do so

though your parish. If you have any questions, just email us at transition@episcopalpgh.org.

Attending the Saturday Ordination/Consecration at Calvary

Attendance at the service itself is by ticket through invitation only and will be limited because of the size of Calvary, but we encourage you to apply for an invitation to attend. All attendees and participants 12 and over must be vaccinated – and show proof of that prior to the service – and masks must be worn inside the church. We hope by November 13 to allow for normal seating at Calvary but, depending on COVID, we may have to make some adjustments which could limit attendance. Please understand the difficult circumstances under which we are operating.

The ordination/consecration of a new bishop generally takes at least two hours and will be followed by a reception at Calvary with Ketlen+ for you to greet her. If you would like to receive a ticket to attend the service, please email us at transition@episcopalpgh.org. We should note that this service will also be live-streamed, so you can join us in real time on your devices if you are unable or prefer not to attend in person.

Attending the Sunday 'Seating' at Trinity Cathedral

On Sunday, November 14, at 10:30 a.m., Bishop Solak will be officially "seated" at Trinity Cathedral, 328 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, in a service to which everyone is invited. No tickets are necessary, but vaccination and masking are required. Following the service, there will be a reception at Trinity with +Ketlen to conclude this great weekend! Please come join us!

As we welcome our new bishop to the Diocese of Pittsburgh, we want you to join us in whatever ways you feel comfortable. If you have any questions at all, feel free to email us at transition@episcopalpgh.org. Thank you for your prayers for our new bishop and all involved in welcoming her to Pittsburgh!

Yours in Faith, THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE

- Jon Delano, Chair
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- Mary Ann Slater
- The Rev. Dr. Julie Smith
- The Rev. Luke Zerra
- Dr. George A. Zitnay
- The Rev. Dr. Don Youse, Chaplain ■

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

October 17: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kittanning, and Jonathan Rosnick, Lay Pastoral Associate

October 24: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, McKeesport, and the Reverend Dr. Moni McIntyre

October 31 Church of the Redeemer, Squirrel Hill, the Reverend Catherine Munz, and the Reverend Diane Shepard; and the Commission on Race & Reconciliation

November 7 St. John's Episcopal Church, Donora; and Shepherd Wellness Community, Richard Krug, Executive Director

November 14 St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Wayne Township, and the Reverend Arthur Dilg; All Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders

November 21 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon, the Reverend Noah Evans, the Reverend Laura Di Panfilo, the Reverend Luke Zerra, the Reverend Ted Babcock, and the Reverend Jean Chess ■

and can be found online at www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/cop26/.

“The presiding bishop and the church will be represented by a stunningly diverse, dedicated, passionate, experienced, and creative group of Episcopalians,” said the Rt. Rev. Marc Andrus, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California and head of the delegation. “It’s a complete blessing that such a delegation has come together for COP26 – the stakes for the planet could not be higher nor the need for ambitious action more urgent. With this delegation I believe we will make our best contribution possible to the global effort to turn back the worst effects of climate change.”

In addition to the delegates, all Episcopalians are encouraged to find ways to participate in and promote global climate justice during and beyond COP26, as well as to join the delegates in intentional prayer prior to and during the conference. Find links to resources at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/cop26/> and follow the hashtag “#COP26” on social media outlets. ■

October 6, 2021 | Office of Public Affairs



Presiding Bishop announces Episcopal Church delegation to United Nations COP26 conference

Following a churchwide call for applications, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has named 24 delegates – selected from among 70 applicants – to represent the presiding bishop’s office at the United Nations 26th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, also known as “COP26.”

During the October 31–November 12 conference in Glasgow, Scotland, the Episcopal delegates will participate virtually in meetings, joining others – including delegates from the Anglican Communion and other faith-based partners – who will stand in solidarity with partner nations lacking access to COVID-19 vaccines.

Delegates will complete in-depth advocacy training prior to the official UN meetings, and will host public reports, discussions, and events throughout the process. They will seek to engage global leaders on The Episcopal Church’s climate change commitments and policy priorities for COP26, which are based on General Convention resolutions



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

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The Calvary Bazaar
Saturday, October 30, 2021

The Women of Cavalry are hard at work getting ready for their annual fall Bazaar, set for Saturday, October 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Below are ways you can help this worthy cause, which brings in about \$20,000 for local agencies that support women and children. Contact information for each Bazaar table is given.

Donations should be clean and packed into boxes labeled for the rooms for which they are intended.

If possible, items for the Baked Goods and Gourmet foods tables should be brought in the day before the Bazaar although donations are welcome on October 30. Please label food items and include any potential allergens such as nuts.

Children's Books and Toys – Seeks donations including new or gently used, quality children's books, toys and décor appropriate for a child's bedroom or playroom. â

Nature's Gifts – Offers holiday flower bulbs and small indoor plants. To donate, contact Diane Styles at dianestyles137@gmail.com.

Attic Treasures – Requests donations of clean, gently used items such as china, knick-knacks, glassware, small appliances, sports equipment and furniture. Volunteers will be needed to set up the week before the Bazaar, on October 30, and also for cleanup during the afternoon of October 31. Contact Joan Dytman (joandytman@gmail.com) and/or Mary Jane Bent (maryjanebent@gmail.com)

Baked Goods – Seeks breads, coffee cakes, regular cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, pies, etc. To donate or volunteer the day of the Bazaar, contact Maryann Moore 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 – Features all kinds of hand-crafted gifts, blankets, seasonal kitchen towels, dog coats, sachets, cards, soaps, stuffed animals; children's sweaters; wooden birdhouses. Knitted hats, scarves and mittens in Steeler black and gold and colors of local colleges are popular. 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. Hand-embroidered items and unique contributions are always

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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 October 30 and to unpack and stage the Evans Room the week before the Bazaar. To donate or volunteer, contact Kathy Ayres 412.404.8921 or kayres@chatham.edu.

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. To donate or volunteer the day of the Bazaar, contact Leigh Gallagher leighfranksgallagher@gmail.com

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

Jewelry – The table is looking for quality jewelry. Contact is Liz Exler at elizabethexl@msn.com ■



**Donate Your Gently Worn, Used and
 New Shoes to Pittsburgh Lincoln
 PreK-5**

328 Lincoln Ave., 15206

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size. Help us reach 100 bags of shoes!

All proceeds will go to providing incentives and programming for our Lincoln scholars and families.

**We are collecting shoes thru November 22.
 Look for the bin in the Parish Hall.**

If you need further information, please contact Bianca Suggs, Community School Site Manager at bsuggs@hcvpg.org ■

The Bookstore at Calvary

Pittsburgher for Jesus Shirts

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh will consecrate and install the Reverend Dr. Ketlen A. Solak as the ninth Bishop of Pittsburgh on November 13, 2021. "I am ready to become a Pittsburgher for Jesus!" Solak said in an address to the diocese moments after being elected. To commemorate this event, there are black tee shirts with gold lettering that say

Pittsburgher for Jesus
Bishop Ketlen Solak
November 13, 2021

The shirts are available in adult sizes Small to XL (\$21) and XXL (\$23). There are also shirts that only show the motto **Pittsburgher for Jesus**. The back of both shirts shows the diocesan website, episcopalpgh.org. The Beloved Community Initiative (BCI) will receive a \$10 donation for each shirt sold. The BCI seeks to promote the liberating and reconciling love of Jesus Christ, particularly as it relates to racial justice and reconciliation. The BCI will serve specifically to develop strategies, as informed by the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Baptismal Covenant and our diocesan mission. Want to learn more? Contact the Rev. Eric McIntosh, Canon for BCI, at emcintosh@episcopalpgh.org or Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger, BCI Program Coordinator, at s.alamdenlinger@episcopalpgh.org with any questions.

Thank You for Another Successful Used Book Sale!

The Bookstore at Calvary would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make the 2021 Used Book Sale the most successful in our history with over \$6,300 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:

Little Free Libraries: Seven Little Free Libraries received donations to help spread the joy and power of sharing books including locations at Forest Hills Christ Lutheran Church, Residence at 3929 Greensburg Pike Forest Hills, Hillcrest United Presbyterian and United Methodist Church in Monroeville, Main Street Irwin, McKeesport Alliance Church, and Wilksburg at Penn Avenue and Wood Street. To learn more, please visit www.littlefreelibrary.org.

eEquip 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.

Alibris

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. Calvary has over 200 mostly out of print, donated books



available online at <http://hymnal82.alibrisstore.com>. 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. Checkout the unique offerings that are reasonably priced.

Calvary website link to The Bookstore at Calvary

Go to <https://www.calvarypgh.org> and click on The Bookstore at Calvary located in the upper right corner or go directly to the site at <https://www.calvarypgh.org/the-bookstore-at-calvary>. You will find a monthly newsletter along with pictures of featured items available. Be sure to mark the website as one of your favorites!

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 – 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. ■

Nourishment for New Families

Adding a new member to a family is challenging in the best circumstances, but it can be even more challenging when extended family may not be able to provide in-person support due to the pandemic or because they live out of state. In light of this, we are looking to gather names of parishioners who would be interested in periodically providing a meal for families with new children. When a family adds a new member, we will send a notice to the group of parishioners with an opportunity to sign up for a specific day to deliver a meal. We have two families expecting new babies this fall who would greatly appreciate this gift of time and nourishment.

If you are interested in joining the distribution list for providing meals, or if you're anticipating adding a new family member soon, please contact Shannon O'Brien at 612.670.1082 or shannonwarchol@gmail.com ■

MOZART REQUIEM

Sunday, November 7, 2021, at 5 p.m.

A chamber orchestra joins the Calvary Choir and soloists in a liturgical presentation of Mozart's unfinished masterwork, in a completion by Simon Andrews.

The Rev. Leslie G. Reimer, *preacher*



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@calvarypg.org / 412.661.0120 ext. 112.

CYAM 2021 Fall Schedule

Thursday, October 28 at 7 p.m.

Thursday Theology

Sunday, October 31 at 12:15 p.m.

Brunch at TBA

Thursday, November 4 at 7 p.m.

Thursday Theology

Thursday, November 11 at 7 p.m.

Thursday Theology

Thursday, November 18 at 5:45 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour at TBA ■



ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY ENDOWMENT NEWS

Since the Covid-19 pain began, there have been many losses and postponed funerals at Calvary. Some families made the decision to delay by a year their opportunity to gather and mourn the death of a loved one. Throughout this difficult season of loss from many perspectives, our Rector Jonathon Jensen and Associate Rectors Leslie Reimer and Neil Raman have been there for our parishioners who made their needs known. If you need to talk to a priest, please contact one of them.

Some of the church members we've lost during COVID generously included Calvary Church in their estate plans. But, even more importantly, these members proactively looked for ways to give of themselves through the many needs among our parishioners and community partners. They shared Winston Churchill's philosophy on life: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Gary Abbs was a blessing to us and Off the Floor Pittsburgh, our longtime community partner. He and Matt Muldoon led the Calvary furniture moving team. Gary left an estate gift of \$80,000, now at \$88,000. Gary's estate gift was designated for a future Capital Campaign.

Jean A. Robinson, known as St. Jean, did laundry, grocery shopped, and drove members, who lived alone and were convalescing, to doctors' appointments. Her estate gift was \$100,000.

Jane Treherne-Thomas, who was passionate about music and supported it at Calvary and elsewhere in Pittsburgh, left an estate gift of \$47,455 designated for the church and \$15,818 designated for Friends of Music.

Conroy Guyer, a man with a huge smile and a heart to match, left a gift of \$100,000 to Calvary Church.

We invite you to become a St Michael's Society member. We are a group of parishioners who have included Calvary Church in our estate plans and notified the church in writing regarding our bequests. **Please know that all estate gifts, regardless of size, are greatly appreciated.** Calvary's fiscal health has long been based on the generosity of many families who have and continue to include the church in their will. Please join us to create your legacy.

If you would like to make a planned gift to our endowment now or include a gift in your estate plans, please contact Deborah Kelly, Planned Giving Chair, at dc1kelly@gmail.com or 412.688.9299. ■

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The Reverend Leslie G. Reimer, *Senior Associate Rector*
The Reverend Neil K. Raman, *Associate Rector*
The Reverend Ruth Bosch Becker, *Assisting Pastor*
The Reverend Carol Henley, *Assisting Priest*
The Reverend Dr. Moni McIntyre, *Assisting Priest*
The Reverend Geoffrey Royce, *Deacon*
The Reverend Dr. Harold T. Lewis, *Rector Emeritus*
Dr. Alan Lewis, *Director of Music*
Jon Tyillian, *Assistant Organist*
David Jeong, *Senior Warden*
G. Frederic Roth, *Junior Warden*
Robert Eley, *Treasurer*
Lynda Kennedy, *Director of Finance*
Tammy Lewis, *Director, Beginnings;*
Director of Children's Formation
Kim Pieratt, *Parish Administrator*
Louise Wells, *Special Assistant to the Rector*
Kenneth Smith, *Director of Communications*
Jim Gubash, *Head Sexton*
Adam Augustine, Ron Johnston,
James Knight, Mary Ann Packer, *Sextons*
Sherry Bloom, *Manager, The Bookstore at Calvary*
Robert Dilts, Mary Ann Slater, *Archivists*

Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 25, 2021
at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion, Rite II
with congregational hymns and choral music.

Everyone is welcome.

The service will also be livestreamed
on YouTube and Facebook.

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

www.calvarypg.org



An Happy Issue

• Last year's annual meeting, delayed by pandemic from May until late August (then only by Zoom to few viewers), delayed another month this year to coincide with the feast of St. Michael, and our patronal festival. Attendance, in the Nave, higher than any in recent memory, a strong demonstration of the commitment of Calvary's membership to the future of this place.

• Sudden, untimely wind-driven drizzle nearly stifles ignition of (admittedly small) bonfire in Calvary's parking lot, part of important ritual service for Calvary's guests, the Ethiopian Orthodox Community. Pittsburgh firefighters in attendance step in, assisting in both setting and quenching of flames. Bonuses: Ethiopian Priest gets lesson in proper use of fire extinguisher. Rector gets wish to sit in driver's seat of a real fire truck.

• Another Saturday: Ethiopian a.m. service (including drums) overlaps Memorial Service for beloved parishioner Sue Neff (including gorgeous baroque music), the post-service luncheon for which overlaps preparations for a Memorial Service for another beloved Calvary parishioner, Emily Jarrett (including tambourines). Possibility for embarrassing interloping? Yes, but skillful staff planning and effective use of space made all well.

• Jury duty sidelines Head Sexton Jim, one of the chosen. Week of pre-scheduled work done, but definitely down a hand. Return brought renewed vigor and commitment. Regardless of his assessment of the efficiency of our judicial system, he did his civic duty. Good man.

• Communication Director Ken suffers presumed torn quad ligament. Six (at least) hour ER visit morphs into thankfully lesser diagnosis. Imagine. Our Ken working out in Sports Medicine PT.

• Preparations for the Ordination of Ketlen Solak+ as our next Bishop proceed apace. They are complex and clergy and parishioners of Calvary are intimately involved, as is the church itself. Keep them in your prayers and, God willing, the next issue will report of their success. Faith.

• Following Parish elections, the Vestry and Parish Council have a few fresh new faces. They are on display now in the Parish Hall, photographically. Seek them out, personally. They're all good people. Questions, comments, complaints? Talk to them. Good things will come.

• Yes. The Bazaar POD is here. Sorting! Pricing! Presentation! ... but then ... Sales! Bargains! Funds for good works! Can't have funds without 'fun'.

(sorry)



The Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 10, 2021

The God who created and preserves you
bless, defend, heal, and keep you,
this day and always. *Amen.*





The Women of Calvary presents

Annual Fall

BAZAAR

Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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



Please Wear a Mask and Social Distance

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

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EVENTIDE

at Calvary Episcopal Church

Sunday Evenings at 5 p.m.

October – May

The Holy Eucharist and the office of Evensong are both classical expressions of our Anglican liturgical heritage. This service, cast in the traditional language of Rite I, will alternate between these liturgies, with Evensong sung by the Choir on the first and third Sundays of the month, and a Communion service, with vocal music provided by a small ensemble, on the second, fourth, and fifth Sundays. Please join us.



First Sundays:
Choral Evensong



Second Sundays:
Eventide Eucharist



Third Sundays:
Choral Evensong



Fourth/Fifth Sundays:
Eventide Eucharist

Sunday, Nov. 7 – *Mozart Requiem*
Sunday, Dec. 5 – Lessons & Carols for Advent
Sunday, Dec. 19 – Lessons & Carols for Christmas
No Eventide Service on December 26

share the warmth 2021



This winter you can help those in need by donating new or gently used coats to the 2021 EECM Coat Drive.

NEW COATS

Drop off new coats with tags by October 15 at:
East End Cooperative Ministry, 6140 Station St, Entrance A

GENTLY USED COATS

Bring your used coats to Strong II Dry Cleaners between September 7 and October 13 and have them cleaned for free. Strong II will deliver the cleaned coats directly to EECM!

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



7620 Frankstown Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208
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Closed Sunday and Wednesday



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Questions? Contact Tracy Hudson
412 345-7124 | tracyh@eecm.org

If any high school senior is interested, please contact



Susan Shafer
440 796 0013
or
tothshafer@gmail.com

September 2021

Dear Fellow Educator:

Synonyms for a teacher are tutor, instructor, educator, counselor, mentor, and coach. These are all true, but we all know it takes so much more than these to be the teacher that touches a life. We need to be entertainers, engagers, facilitators, thinkers, listeners, crafters, creators, preachers, and believers in what is good and true. Dr. Jerb Miller was all of these and more!

My name is Todd Cole. I am a retired elementary teacher from the Class of 1983 at Westminster College. I had the honor of sitting in Jerb's Children's Literature and Reading Classes at WC. I owe so much of my success as a teacher to this man. He gave me the thirst for the next children's book that would inspire my students. He taught me how to engage my students and be compassionate for their wants and needs. He taught me so much that was not in the textbook. In other words, he taught me the ART of teaching.



As an alum of Westminster's School of Education, you are using the ART of teaching to engage your students, past, present, and future. Would you be willing to take a few moments to **nominate** a high school senior for **The Jerb Miller Scholarship**? This is a unique opportunity afforded to you—that will surely touch a student's life. You can nominate **FIVE students** for this scholarship that offers **up to \$21,000 on a yearly basis**. This year, 330 freshmen filled the dorms of your Alma Mater, 66 of these students received The Jerb Miller Scholarship! Your nomination could welcome a future Westminster student into the small, liberal arts community that fosters one on one attention to students and exposes them to the same spirit that Jerb reflected in every lesson on the third floor of Old Main. It is, however, important to note that your nominated students(s) do not need to be going into the field of education to receive this generous scholarship—you simply need to be an educator who nominated them.

Please take the time to nominate future Titans for this scholarship using the brief online form. It's time to share your love for Westminster with the future leaders of our nation.

With Westminster Pride,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Todd Cole".

Todd Cole, 1983

You can access the online nomination form at www.westminster.edu/jerb. Nominations are accepted year-round, but priority review is given to those submitted by November 15.



Tree of Life

“SHRED-A-BAG” FUNDRAISER



Is it time to get rid of your old files, tax returns, contracts, banks statements, checks, utility bills, and invoices, that have been sitting in your basement or cluttering up your spare room or in that Covid-Work-From-Home “Office”?

Thanks to the Tree of Life 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 then seal it with the bag’s easy self-stick fold over. Each bag has an approximate capacity of up to 30 lbs. (one 15”x 12”x 10” banker’s box).
- Then you deliver the bag(s) yourself to **Shred America-Iron City** in the Strip District during regular business hours (9-5; M-F). 3220 Penn Ave., Pgh., PA 15201. If you prefer, a Men’s Club member will come to your home to pick the bag(s) up and deliver them to Shred America-Iron City on your behalf, at no additional charge!!

Sign up using [this link.](#)

You can purchase as many bags as you need at the suggested minimum donation of \$25 per bag. Further details in the Registration Form.

BAGS WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR REGISTRATION ADDRESS.

Deadline to sign up is Friday, October 31, 2021.



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