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You're in My Pew

If you have heard that phrase in a church before, it may have taken you aback. It is certainly not good hospitality but I have heard that phrase, or something like it, in a few congregations I have visited. At Calvary, we strive to embody the old Benedictine maxim that “all guests who arrive be received like Christ.” That is, we are called to treat each member and guest as we would treat Christ in our midst.

In the old days, the pews did belong to certain people, at least the right to use part of one for a year. “Pew rents” were one of the main ways churches in America and England tried to pay the bills. The vestry would assign a rental rate each year for each pew. Seating up front and in the middle, where it was easier to hear and see and more prominent, was the most costly. People sat in the same, assigned seats year-round. In the system of pew rents, each pew was numbered, usually on the ends. One can still see most of the numbers on the ends of the pews at Calvary.

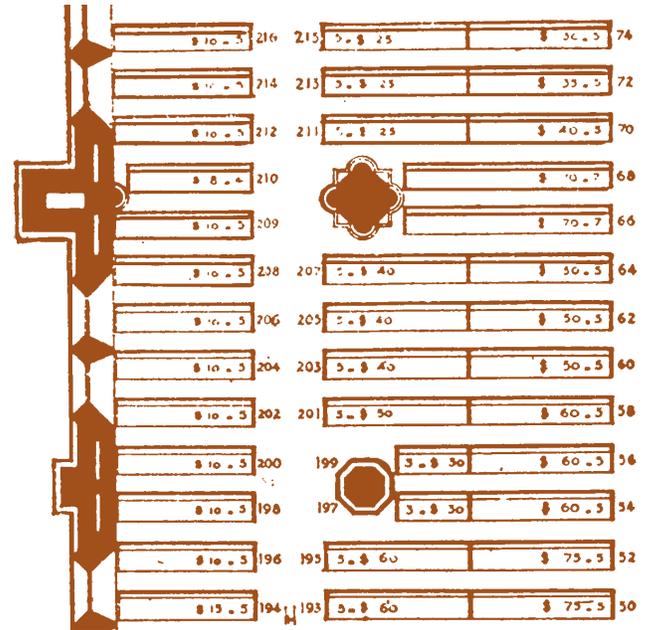
There was always some free seating, usually a gallery or balcony. Many Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, and Episcopal congregations practiced some form of pew rents.

If all this sounds strangely familiar, it is basically the same system employed by professional and college sports teams, opera companies, and symphony orchestras. Season tickets in a box or on the 50-yard line are more expensive than behind a pole or far away. To my knowledge, there was no scalping of church pews at Calvary.

We have a schematic drawing (an enlarged detail of the chart appears above) from the archives of Calvary with all the assigned pew rates for the year. Sadly, it is not dated. The front rows were \$500. A section of pews, several rows back on the pulpit side, were \$300 per year. Seats in the same row but behind the stone column were only \$75. Balcony seats were \$7. Interesting side note: The transept pews in the drawing all face forward rather than inward as they now do. The pews also went almost all the way to the pulpit until the platform (between pulpit and lectern) was added in 1992.

Pews began to appear in some church buildings in England during the 13th century. Ralph Adams Cram, architect of Calvary, based his design of our building on 13th century English Gothic churches and abbeys expressed in an American context. By the 15th century, some of the benches began to have backs. It was not really until the sermon became a prominent part of the liturgy, in the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century, that pews became necessary. People would sit to listen to the sermon which sometimes lasted an hour or more. We don't know how good we have it sometimes.

The practice of renting pews started in England in the early 1800s as new church buildings were being constructed all over the country, likely resulting from the Industrial Revolution there. Some older churches had endowments and/or land that helped pay for things but almost none of the newer churches did unless they had a patron.



The full version of this chart is available in the online version of this issue of *Agape* at www.calvarypgh.org.

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After the American Revolution, no church (Episcopal included) could rely on state support. The other means of financial income, English missionary societies, also ceased support at the same time. Pew rents, in addition to special fundraisers, were used to support the ministry of the church, the construction and maintenance of a building, and the minister's salary. For a time, some priests in Virginia were even paid in tobacco!

By the early 20th century, most churches had abandoned the practice of renting pews. It was partly theological (the church belonged to Jesus of which we are all a part) and because it did not raise sufficient funds. Congregations then began to practice a fall pledge drive, much as we do now, along with special fundraisers. A pledge is simply a written promise to support a congregation financially for the next year with an intended amount of money. It is not a legal contract but an intention.

Calvary Church, usually among the first embrace the future, was quite slow with the cessation of pew rents. On April 17, 1950, the annual parish meeting of Calvary approved the motion, "...the present renting of pews be discontinued." It is not clear from Vestry minutes but, at some point, Calvary also started a fall pledge drive in addition to the pew rents. That would be remarkably similar to a museum or symphony orchestra or opera company charging for tickets and doing membership drives and annual fund raisers which is exactly what still happens.

At Calvary, about 75% of our income is directly from the generosity of parishioners making a financial pledge. Thank you for that. About 20% comes from endowment income which is from the generosity of parishioners in our past. Our last capital campaign was about fifteen years ago and greatly improved the building. It is probably time to consider another capital campaign to address some building needs.

How will churches fund mission and ministry in the future? It will probably not come from pew rents but a hybrid system of pledging, endowment income, building rentals, fundraisers, capital campaigns, and potential partnerships. Pew rents and pledging were innovations in their time later borrowed and adapted by secular counterparts. What could the Church learn from museums, symphonies, and universities about funding mission? The next innovation may not even be invented yet.

—Jonathon ■

Please remember
Calvary Church
in your will.

I Lived as a Monk for Two Years

by Geoffrey Royce.

Part 2 of a series.

As I began my life in community I came to see that the degree to which I had managed to keep prayer close in my life was of a very different measure. First, I had always organized my prayers around the already determined schedules of my daily life. Quite the opposite of what I had to do in the monastic setting. In any life, there are times that are not often part of typical schedules, like at work or school, shared meals, visits to the gym or the pool. The early morning beginning at midnight is usually not taken up with these kinds of activity. Even if one is not inclined to wake in the dark morning to pray it might be well worth considering assigning prayer to a particular time, everyday.

The effect of this kind of continuity and stability is powerful. In the same way as one's senses and spirit begin to expand the appreciable world as a result of quietude, stability and continuity begins to expand one's sense of a building momentum and a memory of a multi-valent relationship with God, the prayers, the larger praying community, oneself and all the saints. The connections and expectations of connection are amplified by keeping prayer on a regular schedule. However, a curious realization comes that as we pray with regularity we discover a kind of emptiness in ourselves. This is what keeps many from starting and even more from continuing in a commitment to prayer. This emptiness is often uncomfortable because for most of us it is evidence of the basic human default paradigm. That paradigm is that we are at fault for this feeling or that it is the result of our being less than we should be. And that this stops us is so unfortunate because this can be the beginning of recognizing the authentic basis of prayer, our poverty.

Jesus is described as one who emptied himself, he was an empty vessel. In the Old Testament there are images of being the clay that God shapes into the vessel. The notion that this emptiness that comes, as we begin our commitment to prayer, is evidence of some deficit in us is completely wrong. God is the ground of our beseeching. God makes us to pray. It is that divine aspect of our humanity that longs to be one with God. ■

The Reverend T.J. Freeman

The installation of The Rev. T.J. Freeman as the 19th Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Ft. Wayne, is going to be on **All Saints' Day, Wednesday, November 1, 2017** at 7 p.m. The Church is located at 611 West Berry Street, Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46802. ■

Status Report from the Treasurer

At its October 2 meeting, the Vestry approved the Treasurer's Report for the eight (8) months ended August 31, 2017. As the numbers below indicate, there is much good news to report on the financial front. Pledge and Non-Pledge Income is \$6,400 greater than the budgeted amounts for the first eight months of the year. In addition, Calvary has received from various estates and foundations several generous Gifts for Operations totaling \$28,600. These three income items are a major reason why our Operations Fund income is \$18,200 greater than the eight month budgeted amount. Although our actual Operations Fund expenses are \$13,700 less than the budgeted amount for the first eight months of the year, Total expenses have exceeded Total income by \$101,600. However, this is \$31,900 less than the budgeted shortfall for the first eight months. This trend should continue for the remainder of 2017 since we currently do not have the expenses pertaining to a third member of our clergy staff. Finally, it is important to remind everyone to please continue to fulfill your 2017 pledge commitment to Calvary Church.

Sincerely, *Bob Eley* ■

Calvary Episcopal Church		
Operations Fund (Operations, Outreach & Capital Budgets)		
Year-to-Date Financial Results through August 31, 2017		
	8-Month Actual 2017	8-Month Budget 2017
Income:		
Pledge and Non-Pledge Contributions	\$639,400	\$633,000
Loose Plate and Special Offerings	26,100	33,400
Transfer from Endowment Fund	167,400	167,600
Trust Income	14,800	19,500
Gifts for Operations	28,600	15,000
Outreach & Capital Contributions	12,200	2,600
All Other Income	26,900	26,100
Total Income	915,400	897,200
Expenses:		
Salaries & Benefits	642,500	652,500
Diocesan Assessment	98,200	98,200
Maintenance & Operations of Bldgs.	87,400	91,600
Office & Administration/Finance	67,400	61,800
Taxes & Insurance	75,400	75,400
Hospitality & Parish Life	8,300	7,200
Christian Formation and Music	7,600	11,300
Pastoral Care & Outreach	14,900	18,000
Capital	15,300	14,700
Total Expenses	1,017,000	1,030,700
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(101,600)	(133,500)

Calvary Movie Night: Thursday, November 9, 2017

AMAZING GRACE

In 1797, William Wilberforce, the great crusader for the British abolition of slavery, is taking a vacation for his health even while he is sicker at heart for his frustrated cause. However, meeting the charming Barbara Spooner, Wilberforce finds a soulmate to share the story of his struggle. With few allies such as his mentor, John Newton, a slave ship captain turned repentant priest who penned the great hymn, "Amazing Grace," Prime William Pitt, and Olaudah Equiano, the erudite former slave turned author, Wilberforce fruitlessly fights both public indifference and moneyed opposition determined to keep their exploitation safe. Nevertheless, Wilberforce finds the inspiration in newfound love to rejuvenate the fight with new ideas that would lead to a great victory for social justice.

Starring are Ioan Gruffudd, Benedict Cumberbatch, Albert Finney, and Youssou N'Dour. The film has been rated PG for thematic material involving slavery, and some mild language; running time is 118 minutes.

Please bring a friend and salad for 2 for dinner in the Refectory at 6 p.m. The film will start promptly at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. A short discussion will follow. RSVP to Clint Van Dusen at apax4cmvd@msn.com, or call 412.427.8933 by Sunday, November 5. ■



Calvary Bazaar:

Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Volunteers

It's not too late to get involved with the Bazaar! Volunteers will be welcomed through Thursday, October 26. There are Help Wanted flyers on the reception desk counter listing sales area chairs and their contact information. Or, you can visit <https://tinyurl.com/calvaryvolunteers>. If you have any questions about the volunteer site, call Sue Jones at 412.441.8332. If you have general questions about volunteering, you can contact Susie Prentiss at 412.904.3288 or prentiss1942@gmail.com.

Donations

Donations will be accepted through midday Thursday, October 26 for Attic Treasures and until midday, Friday, October 27 for most other sales areas. Your homemade baked goods can be frozen and then delivered to the church on Friday, October 27. Just mark them "For Baked Goods" or "For Cookie Table" and leave in the kitchen or place in the refrigerator. Items for Gourmet Foods should also be delivered to the church on Friday, October 27. Please include your name and phone, along with preparation instructions. All late donations should be delivered directly to their sales areas so they can be priced and displayed. Please call the sales area chair or co-chair to discuss how they'd like you to handle special situations.

Spread the Word!

We need your help to publicize the Bazaar. Please pick up Bazaar flyers and post them on your favorite community center bulletin board. Flyers can be found on the reception desk counter. Also, to see the latest on the Bazaar you can visit facebook.com/CalvaryEpiscopalChurch. Make sure to "like" us! Go to @CalvaryBazaar. And, make sure to invite your friends and family to come and shop! It's a fun and exciting way to spend a fall day and there are many great bargains on wonderful merchandise! Let's work together to raise as much as possible to help organizations benefiting women and children in the East End of Pittsburgh! ■



Fall Soup Group Cooking

Fall is the perfect time for making soup and eating soup. The Soup Group will cook again on **Friday, November 10 at 10 a.m.** in Calvary's kitchen. We welcome new cooks and new recipes, and we encourage everyone to take Calvary's

soup to a friend, neighbor or relative. Soup recipients do not have to be Calvary members. Soup warms the body and the soul. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

It is never too late to join in with Sunday school classes! We have groups for children ages 3 and up, led by a wonderful team of parishioners:

Preschool (age 3-Kindergarten): Tammy Lewis and Kelly Glass

Lower school (1st-4th Grade): Isabella Victoria, Leila Knight, Kristin Klingenberg, and Emma Blakely

Music with preschool and lower school: Sue Jones

Middle school (5th-7th Grade): Steven Kinsel and Pamela Abdalla

Confirmation preparation (8th-9th Grade): Laura Marchl

High school (10th-12th Grade): PJ Williamson

Newcomers and guests are always welcome. For more information, please contact me, or simply come to one of the meeting spaces at 10 a.m. any Sunday. ■

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Below is a calendar of upcoming events. If you are in your 20s or 30s and new to Pittsburgh, Calvary, or CYAM, welcome! Please feel free to come to as many of these events as you are inclined to, and if you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sunday, October 29, 12:45 p.m. – Brunch at The Yard (736 Bellefonte St., Pittsburgh, PA 15232)

Monday, October 30, 7-8:30 p.m. – Book discussion, in the Evans Room. The Rev. Moni McIntyre is generously donating her time to lead a series of conversations on *Change the Story, Change the Future* by David C. Kortzen. The book is available at the Calvary bookstore. The discussion continues November 6 and November 13.

Monday, November 6, 7-8:30 p.m. – Book discussion, in the Evans Room.

Wednesday, November 8, 5:45 p.m. – Happy hour at Patron Mexican Grill (135 S. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206)

Monday, November 13, 7-8:30 p.m. – Book discussion, in the Evans Room.

Sunday, November 19, 12:45 p.m. – Brunch at Social (6425 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206)

Tuesday, December 5, 5:45 p.m. – Happy hour at Urban Tap (216 S. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206)

Friday, December 15, 7:00 p.m. – Yule Ball, in the Refectory, Calvary Episcopal Church. ■

Questions? Please contact
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Sundays at 10 a.m.

Sunday, October 22 – Beginnings and Calvary: Early Childhood Education is a Team Effort

If you've ever been at Calvary on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, you might have heard the sound of children playing or seen a group of children holding hands as they waited for the elevator. You might have wondered what goes on in the classrooms in the basement. Beginnings Director Ann Martino will speak about the role formal education plays in early childhood and the guiding principles that shape the experience students have at Beginnings.

Sunday, October 29 – Mozart and the Requiem Mass

Mozart's Requiem, to be presented liturgically by the Calvary Choir on Sunday afternoon, November 5, is one of the great monuments of church-music in the Classic era, and arose in unusual and even mysterious circumstances. Alan Lewis discusses its genesis and Mozart's "take" on the traditional Mass for the Dead.

Sunday, November 5 – *Them and Now*: Immanuel Kant

This forum will be led by the Rev. Chuck Esposito.

Sunday, November 12 – The Art of Henry Ossawa Tanner

Pittsburgh-born artist Henry Ossawa Tanner's paintings include many Biblical stories and figures. Leslie Reimer will explore religious themes in the work of Tanner, the first internationally known African-American artist.

Sunday, November 19 – *Them and Now*:

Friedrich D. E. Schleiermacher

This forum will be led by the Rev. Chuck Esposito. ■

A Study of the Gospel of John

Please join the Rector and the Rev. Chuck Esposito as they co-teach this class on the Gospel of John that will continue throughout the academic year. Please meet in McClintic Hall. ■

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finished reading it.

MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



With November lurking just around the corner, All Saints' Day and its later-medieval companion, All Souls' Day, are near at hand. Both will be observed at Calvary on Sunday, November 5: All Saints in the morning, at 8, 9, and 11 (with Baptisms at 11), and All Souls with a Requiem Mass (in Mozart's musical setting) that afternoon at 5 p.m.

Musical Requiem-liturgies have been an annual occurrence for quite a while at Calvary – and for literally centuries across the Church. The Requiem Mass, while it may be offered on behalf of an individual, is also particularly fitting in the context of observing All Souls Day, when we commemorate all the faithful departed from across the ages, “that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in [the] Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one,” as one familiar prayer puts it.

The Mozart setting of the Requiem Mass, dating from the last months of the composer's too-brief life, was inspired by a lucrative but secretive commission. An eccentric Hungarian nobleman made a habit of commemorating his wife's death with a Requiem Mass each year, performed under the polite, if transparent, fiction that he had composed it himself. An emissary approached Mozart with the anonymous request, and, chronically short of cash, the composer leapt at the opportunity. When the piece lay unfinished at the composer's death, his widow enlisted one of his students to complete it from the master's sketches, so that she might collect the balance of the contract-price. I'll talk more about the piece, and its evolution, in the Adult Forum on October 29 at 10 a.m.

Soon after Mozart's time, musical Requiems began a migration from the sanctuary into then concert-hall; it was for such secular venues that most of the great nineteenth-century Requiems were conceived. But with Fauré, in the 1890s, and Durufié, in the 1940s, came a return to a scale that once again made sense liturgically; while both their Requiems were published in versions for full orchestra and symphonic chorus, both were either conceived for, or later adapted for, the more modest forces of churches and cathedrals.

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 Weezie Wells (email her at lwells@calvarypgh.org) by November 1. 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.



Please accept my thanks for the moving outpouring of warmth and affection earlier this month, in celebration of my anniversary of service here. The opportunity to work amongst you for so long has been a rich reward in itself, and I look forward to as much more time together as we may be granted. I'm especially appreciative of the efforts of those whose planning made possible the commissioning of the lovely new choral piece, *Service and Strength*, by Stephen Caracciolo, which enriches our repertoire of music for our patronal feast of Michaelmas, and for the affectionate stealth by which the whole event was brought off as a surprise from right under my nose. ■

East Liberty Valley Historical Society Lecture

The next lecture of the East Liberty Valley Historical Society *The Forsythe Log House: the Mystery of the East End Landmark* will be presented by George Clark, veep of ELVHS and a lifelong resident of Highland Park. The lecture is free, and will take place on **Friday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m.**, at the East Liberty Presbyterian Church.



The Forsythe Log House was originally built on Penn Avenue in Wilkinsburg, likely around 1825. When the property was sold in 1839, the house was moved to East

Liberty on the south side of Penn Avenue between Euclid and St. Clair Streets (which would become the site of the Enright Theatre). In 1917, the house was again moved to Penn Avenue just west of Negley Avenue (next to the former Babyland store). All was well until 1948 when the property was sold to an East Liberty businessman who had no interest in the house and wanted the land for a parking lot. He tried in vain to give the log house away, with no takers. Finally, it was dismantled. No one seems to know what became of the house. A great piece of East Liberty history was lost. ■

A log cabin was made mostly of round, untrimmed logs piled up on one another with notched ends. Cabins had a dirt floor and usually just one room. Log houses came later and were more substantial. There was yellow clay between squared off logs for insulation. Wooden floors replaced dirt floors, and windows had glass panes.



News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh



Episcopal Workday at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

If you're looking for a meaningful pre-Thanksgiving activity, you can join fellow Episcopalians from across the diocese at our volunteer workday at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, sponsored by our Social Justice and Outreach Committee. We'll be working in the Repack Center at GPCFB's main Duquesne warehouse facility (1 North Linden St, Duquesne, PA 15110) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 28.

Serving as a central distribution center for over 350 local food pantries across 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania, GPCFB's operations are efficient, economical and truly impressive.

We'll assist the GPCFB repack team by sorting and repacking groceries. The exact project will depend on their inventory at the time. In the past we've had very rewarding experiences repacking food ranging from cereals to oranges. The Food Bank is always well organized and makes excellent use of our volunteer time.

To reserve your volunteer slot contact Jerry Stephenson at Jmestephenon@verizon.net by October 23 at the latest. We'll need your name, email/phone and parish for the roster sheet. Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age and be able to stand for two or more consecutive hours. We are limited to 30 volunteers. Volunteer spaces will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis. ■

Christin Cooper, Pianist, at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon Sunday, November 12, 4 p.m.

Christin Cooper has recently joined the staff of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon as Assistant Music Director for Children. Christin will perform works for piano and collaborate with others in her Pittsburgh premiere! Suggested Donation \$10. St. Paul's is located at 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA, 15228. For more information, call 412-531-7153 or visit stpaulspgh.org. ■



Potential Shared Future for Episcopal Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York

The Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania (Erie) and the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York (Buffalo) are in discussions about a potential merger in the future. The two dioceses will share a joint convention in October 2018. Bishop Franklin of Western NY plans to retire on April 3, 2019. If discussions continue as expected, it is anticipated that Western NY would elect Bishop Sean Rowe of Northwestern Pennsylvania as a provisional bishop for a five year period and then evaluate the relationship at the five year mark.

For the full letter from the bishops and standing committees of the two dioceses, see the link at:

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1102026593516&ca=e53f15af-c9f7-43f7-81fa-23a685534dc5> ■

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

October 22: Church of the Atonement, Carnegie, and the Reverend Rodgers Wood.

October 29: Christ Episcopal Church, Indiana, and the Reverend William Geiger; and Celinda Scott and members of Pittsburgh Episcopal Cursillo.

November 5: Church of the Redeemer, Squirrel Hill, and the Reverend Michael Foley; and Shepherd Wellness Community, Scott Peterman, director.

November 12: All Saints Episcopal Church, Brighton Heights, the Reverend Charles Hamill, and the Reverend Wade Lawrence.

November 19: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kittanning.

November 26: Church of the Good Shepherd, Hazelwood, the Reverend Huett Fleming, and the Reverend John Mark Feuerstein. ■



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From Episcopal News Service

Fires ‘still just raging’ in Northern California as Episcopalians try to help others while facing their own perils

by Mary Frances Schjonberg

Episcopalians in Northern California continue to monitor the growing wildfires in their neighborhoods while finding ways to help their communities deal with the ongoing and expanding disaster.

The Rev. Jim Richardson, priest-in-charge at Church of the Incarnation in hard-hit Santa Rosa, told Episcopal News Service on the afternoon of October 12 that he knows of parishioners, including those with health care experience, who are volunteering at Red Cross shelters. Other Episcopalians, he said, are donating their services elsewhere and offering material help.

The Rev. Daniel Green, rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Petaluma and dean of the Petaluma deanery, was working a phone bank, Richardson said, set up to connect evacuees with services.

Some evacuees had been sleeping at Incarnation since the fires broke out, but the city issued a voluntary evacuation order the night of October 11. Richardson said the fires had gotten “way too close so we got everybody out, made sure they had places to go and left.”

Earlier in the day, seminarians from Church Divinity School of the Pacific, the Episcopal Church-affiliated seminary in Berkeley, about 55 miles south, delivered bedding to the church. They had planned to spend the night, but Richardson sent them back to the East Bay school.

Richardson headed to his sister’s house in Petaluma for the night. He came back to Incarnation the next morning but was planning to leave again that evening.

The parish sent out an e-blast the morning of October 12 saying the church was open but urging recipients to stay where they were, assuming they were safe there. Richardson has a growing list of where his parishioners have evacuated to, most going to live with family and friends elsewhere in the San Francisco Bay Area or elsewhere in the state. Those who head further south in the Bay Area are escaping flames but the smoke is following them. Air quality in San Francisco October 12 was reportedly as bad as that found in Beijing.

The fires that began sweeping through Northern California the night of October 8 have grown, and Richardson said there is some concern that they will merge. “They’re getting more serious over in Napa and Sonoma” to the south and east of Santa Rosa, he said.

The death toll stood at 29 the afternoon of October 12. ■

Episcopal churches help communities grapple with the opioid crisis; Narcan training, education, advocacy are tools in the effort

by Amy Sowder

If someone with diabetes starts shaking and seizing with insulin shock, would you try to help? What about if someone was grimacing in pain from a heart attack right before your eyes – would you call 911?

Of course, you would, said Donna Barten, 56, a recently retired research neuroscientist on the outreach committee of Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

That’s why Barten organized a Narcan training event at her church in September. Narcan is the brand name for a nasal-spray variety of naloxone, which revives people after they’ve stopped breathing from an opioid overdose. It’s simple and safe to administer, she said. One of Barten’s goals is to enable most of the churches in her diocese, as well as the area’s synagogues and mosques, to have Narcan and know how to use it.

“I’d like us to be a safe place where people can go for help,” Barten said. “Where is the hand of Jesus these days? They’re treated like lepers. This is one way that we can help.”

Narcan is one way to save a life. But critics say Narcan enables addicts to continue using.

Several Episcopalian leaders respond: Addicts can’t recover if they’re dead. “We, as non-addicts, cannot even begin to comprehend. We’re giving them a chance to recover. They don’t really want to be addicts. It’s a miserable life,” Barten said. ■

Bishop’s Visitation Schedule

October 15: St. David’s, Peters Township

October 22: Atonement, Carnegie

October 29: Christ Church, Indiana

November 5: Redeemer, Squirrel Hill

November 12: All Saints, Brighton Heights

November 19: St. Paul’s, Kittanning

November 26: Good Shepherd, Hazelwood ■

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Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN) Fall Update

Calvary Episcopal Church is a member of the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN), a network of congregations and organizations in Southwestern Pennsylvania committed to drawing together people of faith to act powerfully on local and regional issues of justice and fairness. Here are some highlights so far this fall.

- PIIN has a new executive director, Mr. Jamaal Craig, who has a long and impressive history as an organizer, and is a member of Wesley AME Zion Church in Carnegie.
- Early on Labor Day, PIIN turned out 100, among hundreds of others, to support low wage workers in an early morning march and rally, where we carried signs that said “Faith for \$15.”
- The Clean Water Task Force, among other important actions, is supporting a campaign to demonstrate the effectiveness of green infrastructure as the means to deal with the overflow of storm sewers through a major reworking of Four Mile Run Watershed in Schenley Park. This is a \$25 million project that should be capable of redirecting 10% of our storm sewer system’s overflow, and which could be ten times cheaper than putting in a huge concrete reservoir under the river.
- PIIN has been asked to have two representatives on the Board of Education’s Community Schools Committee. The Education Task Force had worked hard to get Pittsburgh Public Schools to introduce Community Schools. Community Schools are an evidence based practice that brings community services into a school, which makes the school a community hub and improves the community and student achievement.
- PIIN is adding an Immigration Task Force. The initial flyer said the task force would “seek to heal divisions and create strong bonds of unity between black and brown communities, and to provide strong faith-based leadership for immigration justice.”
- A Transformational Justice Task Force is being developed to address concerns about mass incarceration.

• The Public Safety Task Force continues to work with the Pittsburgh Police and community members in advocating for policing that is effective and just.

Thanks to all of you who have supported PIIN over the years. For more information on PIIN activities, check out PIIN.org, where you can also enter your email address and zip code to get email updates. You can also contact Steve Shandor (steve.shandor@gmail.com) or Bob King (rking52717@aol.com) for more information on how to get involved with PIIN. ■



Restoration of the St. Michael’s Cross

Thank you to Head Sexton, Jim Gubash, for restoring the four bronze plaques on the St. Michael’s Cross in front of the church. St. Michael, the Archangel, is the patron saint of Calvary and of soldiers. The name Michael means “Who is like God.”

The monument, designed by Ralph Adams Cram, is to honor all those who served in the First World War from Calvary. Many of the names on the list may be familiar to you (Hilliard, Hillman, Magee, Murtland, and McClintic to name a few). See the online edition of this issue of *Agape* for before and after photos. At a later date, we will rededicate the restored monument. —Jonathon ■



Our first month of school absolutely flew by! Our busy days have been filled with activities designed to help the students learn about each other as individuals and how to come together as a team. The students learned they are on a team that has a name just as each student has a name. Some of the teams have made banners or “team flags” and learned chants and songs to celebrate belonging to the team. We love the way the students are playing and working together!

We hope you will come visit us at the Children’s Table at the Calvary Bazaar on Saturday, October 28. We will be selling toys, books, and home décor that is appropriate for a child’s bedroom or playroom. We are happy to be participating for the first time in this wonderful Calvary tradition that has been a source of support to so many wonderful organizations that serve women and children.

—Ann Martino, Director ■

About *Agape*

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, November 10, 2017**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

Agape, the newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is published monthly (except July), and is mailed to active members and friends of the Parish. You may opt out of receiving a printed copy and read each issue online at www.calvarypgh.org. Contact the Parish office at 412.661.0120 for details. ■

It's not happy people who are thankful,
it is thankful people who are happy.



UTO Fall Drive

Sunday, October 29 is the date of the fall United Thank Offering fundraising drive at Calvary, for which blue envelopes in your service bulletin will be provided.

Please express your gratitude for the gifts you enjoy in your everyday lives by giving generously at that day's offertory, or at any convenient time in the future. Checks may be made out to Calvary and designated on the memo line for UTO.

UTO, for those not acquainted with the organization is a ministry to promote thankfulness and mission. Its grants – both modest and substantial – are awarded for projects that address human needs and help alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally in the Episcopal Church.

This past year the UTO Domestic and Overseas Grant Awards funded environmental, ecological and food/nutrition projects – among many others – to Episcopal dioceses in the U.S. and, in many cases, to their partner dioceses abroad.

Among the recipients were:

- A Presiding Bishop's Grant to Dioceses in Burundi, Africa, for land and water conservation to sustain food security and fight deforestation through education and the planting and cultivation of fruit trees in rural communities. A staff person to be funded to lead the program, a laptop and printer to track its progress and also a vehicle to visit the sites and transport the trees and seedlings. \$98,000.
- Diocese of Indianapolis IN, a grant to St. Nicholas Natural Playground and Environmental Education, Trinity Outreach Center, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, IN: \$39,162.00.
- Diocese of Iowa with the Companion Diocese of Western Kansas, a grant to the St. Francis Peace Garden Project, Saint Francis Community and Residential Services, Inc., Salina, KS: \$25,000.00

UTO was founded by women in 1889 and has been administered by women since then in our own diocese and

dioceses throughout the country. At Calvary, the UTO drive is administered semi-annually on behalf of the Pittsburgh Diocese by WoC (Women of Calvary) and ECW (Episcopal Church Women). ■



There will be blue boxes available in the Parish Hall after each service on **Sunday, October 29**. These blue boxes have quite a history! At the 1889 Triennial Meeting the Women's Auxiliary instituted the United Offering for the support of specific mission projects and individual missionaries. The first United Offering totaled \$2,188.64 and was used to build a church in Anvik, Alaska and to send a woman missionary to Japan. The United Offering eventually became known as the United Thank Offering (UTO) for collecting prayers and grateful offerings. Blue mite boxes, known affectionately as "Blue Boxes," achieved almost iconic status as the symbol of the UTO. In time the UTO, through the Blue Boxes, became the single most important extra-budgetary source for funding of projects. In 2016, the UTO awarded 32 grants for a total of \$1,161,314.62 for the mission and ministry of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

How to Use Your Blue Box

Notice the Good Things that Happen Each Day.

Give Thanks to God for your blessings.

Make an Offering for each blessing.

Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter, and dollar offered in thanks

through United Thank Offering
is given to God's mission in the world.

Every coin and bill transforms lives
in the United States and around the world.

Your Blessings become blessings for others.

When your Blue Box is full, bring it to Calvary and please take a new box home with you, and start all over!

Thank You!

"Food of the Month"

Please support the **East End Cooperative Ministry's Hunger Programs** with contributions of groceries and non-perishable items. For **October**, the requested item is stuffing mix; in **November** it's instant mashed potatoes. Drop off your donations in the Parish Hall cart anytime. **Thank you!** ■

About The House

Being a presentation for your perusal of those seemingly mundane housekeeping chores, repairs, modifications, and improvements which affect our worship and parish life experiences at Calvary.

- As an outward and visible sign of the imminent Calvary Bazaar, a pod now dominates the parking lot and awaits donations to Attic Treasures.
- The lot recently hosted another electronics recycling event and has, throughout the summer, provided space, power, and water to Alpha House, who have just wrapped up their car wash services for the year.
- Since we're already outside, here are some other things to notice:
 1. The rusting drain strip at the edge of the parish house entrance sidewalk has been wire-brushed and painted, and the holes in the adjacent concrete have been patched.
 2. Patching has also been done on the steps from the access ramp along the north wall of the church.
 3. At the head of that ramp, the exterior doors, long a powdering pale blue, have been freshly painted a suitably Episcopalian red.
 4. In the courtyard, three memorial panels at the foot of the Celtic cross have been restored and the World War I monument itself has been power washed.
 5. Statuary in the garden has been power washed as well, and the outside doors and railings leading from that area to the crypt have been stripped and repainted.
 6. For that matter, all of the exterior railings have been repainted in preparation for winter.

According to the Rector, "If you stand still too long, Jim Gubash will paint or power wash you."

- Above the west entrance, where the flags fly, are two narrow balconies which are accessed by original oak doors, long left to neglect – their leaded glass windows crumbling. They are soon to be removed and repaired in house. Unseen by most of us, their upkeep is important to maintaining the integrity of the building architecturally and against weather and whatever creatures might be seeking homes.
- Showing similar concerns, the Architectural History Committee are researching ways to fund the restoration of two more of our Narthex history windows created by Charles Connick: those of Johnny Applesseed and Benjamin Franklin. Have a look and you will see the need.
- And inside the house, everything has ramped up to high gear for the fall season. Beginnings, the Study of John, Sunday forum, Calvary Camp services, 5 p.m. choral services, retreats, conferences, movie screenings, etc., etc., etc. It's a wonderfully hectic place at times.

Finally, thanks so much to those volunteers of time and talent who have helped the church as sound operator, piano mover, shelving manufacturers, gardeners, soup brewers, and performers of myriad other tasks. Dear reader, what skills do you possess that nobody would guess you to have... and that you might be willing to offer? Come on... don't be shy. It's stewardship season.

Respectfully submitted by G. F. Roth, *Junior Warden* ■

The Bookstore



The Bookstore at Calvary now has a variety of Anglican prayer beads from the company Full Circle Beads.

Anglican prayer beads, or the Anglican Rosary, created in the 1980s by an Episcopal priest, Father Lynn Bauman, consist of 33 beads divided into four groups of seven, called weeks, an invitational bead and four cruciform beads. In the Judeo-Christian tradition, the number seven represents spiritual perfection and completion. Between each week, the single cruciform beads form a cross. The invitational bead between the cross and the wheel of beads brings the total number of beads to 33, the number of years in Jesus' earthly life. The symbolism in the Anglican Rosary is unique to the Anglican tradition, as are the prayers.

Prayer beads or rosaries can be traced as far back as the 8th century BCE and can be found in every major religion. All prayer beads have a common purpose as an aid to meditation or contemplation. Fingering the beads helps one stay focused on the prayers. To this end, most prayer beads are made of stone or wood or other natural materials. The Bookstore has a wide selection to choose from and can provide written guidelines for using the prayer beads.

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

The Bookstore will be open during the Bazaar on Saturday October 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by to browse a variety of books available for only \$1 in addition to the wide selection of books, cards, gifts, and jewelry. ■

Coffee Hours

Consider hosting a Sunday to mark a special occasion, honoring a particular event or person or asking your group or organization. Please contact Judy Wootten at 724.733.1660 or by email – wootten@windstream.net – to schedule a Sunday. ■

Visit Calvary's website at www.calvarypg.org

Holy Baptism



The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered on **All Saints' Sunday, November 5, and January 7, 2018 – the First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord.**

If you or someone you know desires to partake in this sacrament please contact the Reverend Jonathon Jensen (jjensen@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120 ext. 118) as soon as possible, so that the appropriate preparation and arrangements can be made. ■

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



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



Hosted by Calvary Episcopal Church

With 95 percent of Americans admitting that they are or expect to become a caregiver, its increasingly important that those thrust into this important role learn as much as they can to benefit themselves and those in their care.

Ursuline Talks 2017: Caregivers, Caregiving ... and Common Threads will explore the growing need for more caregivers (both professional and lay), the increasing complexity and stress associated with caregiving, the often-requested need to provide support to caregivers and what the future holds both for individual caregivers and society as a whole. Presented by Ursuline Support Services and sponsored by the Women of Calvary, the three-part program ends on **November 15** with **Bruce S. Rabin, M.D., Ph.D.**, renowned researcher on the effects of stress who will discuss its impacts on the health of caregivers..

Ursuline Talks will begin with registration and a reception at 6:15 p.m., followed by the presentation at 7 p.m.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit their website at ursulinesupportservices.org. ■



Sheldon Calvary Camp at Calvary Episcopal Church

Join us for the Camp service, an informal celebration of the Holy Eucharist, at 3 p.m. in the Refectory on **October 22, and November 26.**

Mark your calendars and join us when you can! ■



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BAZAAR

Saturday, October 28, 2017

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Antiques | Attic Treasures | Art | Estate Jewelry
Children's Books & Toys | Plants
Boutique Clothing | Handmade Items
Sports / Theater / VIP Wine Festival Tickets
Paintings | Pet Items | Linens | Dining Cards
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Something for Everyone | Great Bargains

Proceeds benefit East End women's and children's groups



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RACE IN PITTSBURGH:

- **THE JUSTICE SYSTEM**
- **LGBTQ INTERSECTIONS**

Please join us for 2 panel discussions:

- 1) What's Happening in the Justice System
- 2) Intersections of Race and LGBTQ issues in our community.

Each dialogue will take place from 7-9 pm at Church of the Redeemer.

Monday November 13, 2017: *Larry Davis, Dean, School of Social Work and Director, Center on Race and Social Problems, University of Pittsburgh*, will be joined by Alfred Blumstein, Professor of Urban Systems and Operations Research at the Heinz College of Carnegie Mellon, David Harris, Professor at University of Pittsburgh Law School, and Celeste Taylor, Voting Rights Advocate, to discuss **What's Happening in the American Justice System.**

Thursday, March 15, 2018: SAVE THE DATE for a forum discussing issues of **Intersectionality of Race and LGBTQ Issues.**



No charge for admission, freewill donations graciously accepted.

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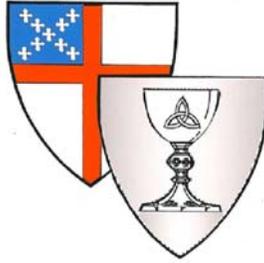
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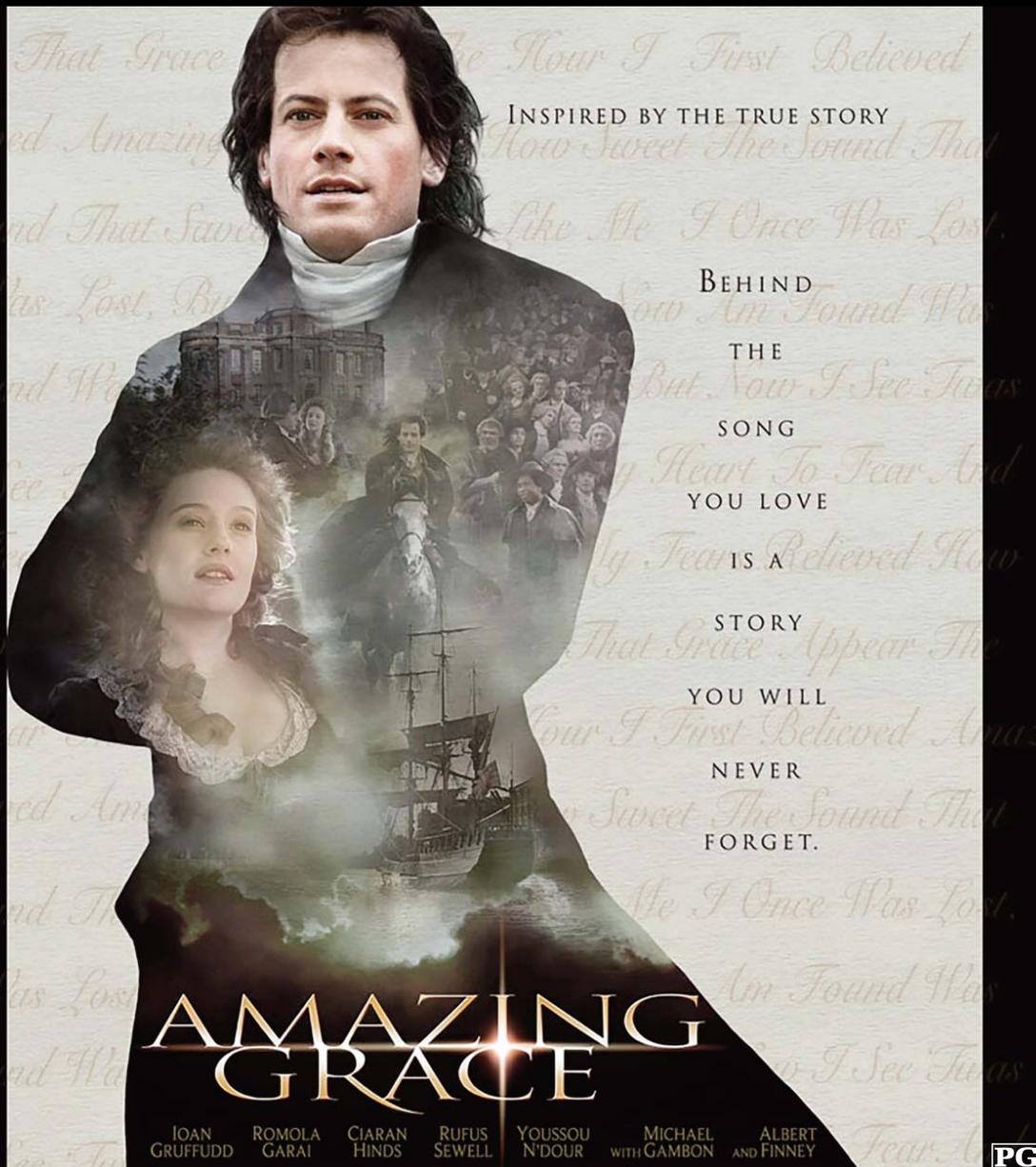
Wednesday, November 1, 2017

All Saints Day

7:00pm

Reception Following

MOVIE NIGHT: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017



THE STORY OF HOW ONE MAN STOOD AGAINST TYRANNY
AND SAVED THE LIVES OF MILLIONS

Please bring a friend and salad for 2 for dinner in the Refectory at 6 p.m.
The film will start promptly at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. A short discussion will follow.

Please RSVP to Clint Van Dusen at apax4cmvd@msn.com,
or call 412.427.8933 by Sunday, November 5.


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Ursuline Support Services
Speaker Series for Fall, 2017

***Ursuline Talks* focus remains on
“Caregivers, Caregiving ... and
Common Threads”**

The presentations are designed to have wide audience appeal, including professional caregivers (nurses, physical therapists, etc.) as well as those who have been, or someday might be, thrust into the role because of the needs of a friend or family member.



Wednesday, November 15, 7 p.m.

Bruce S. Rabin, M.D., Ph.D.,
Renowned researcher on the effects of stress
who will discuss its impacts on the health
of caregivers.

Ursuline Talks will be held at Calvary Episcopal Church, beginning with registration and a reception at 6:15 p.m., followed by the presentation.

For details or ticket purchases, please call
412.224.4700 or visit ursulinesupportservices.org

The logo for Calvary Episcopal Church features a stylized white cross above the word "CALVARY" in a large, bold, white serif font. Below it, "EPISCOPAL CHURCH" is written in a smaller, white, all-caps sans-serif font, followed by the address "315 Shady Avenue | Pittsburgh, PA 15206" in the same font.

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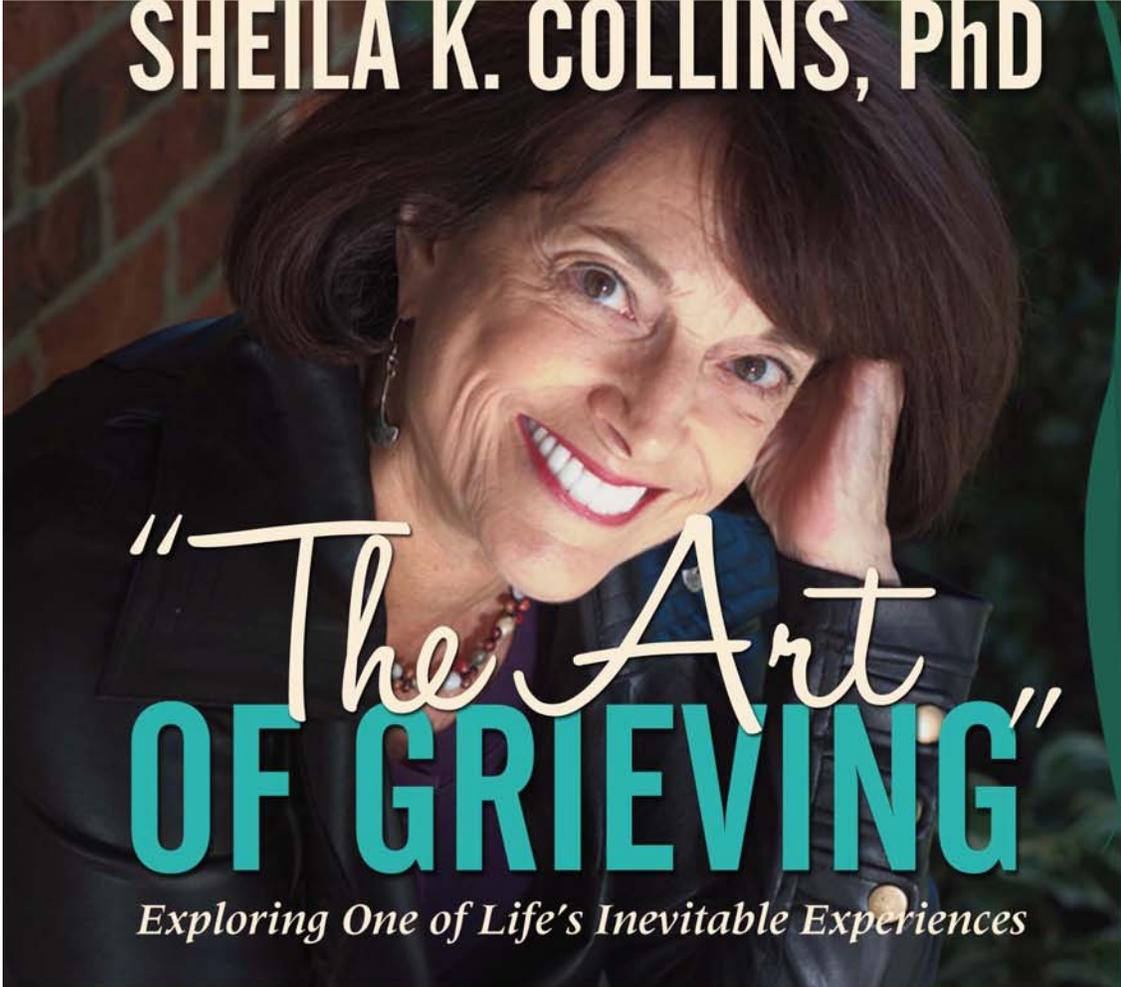


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Thursday, November 9th at 7pm

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