

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

James Knight Retirement

After 41 years as a faithful sexton at Calvary Church, our beloved James Knight has decided it is time to retire. Working through four Rectors and countless parishioners, James has been a fixture at Calvary and bearer of institutional knowledge of everything from where all the light switches are to maintenance of a cranky boiler to the strange noises at church in the dark when alone in the building as James was literally thousands of times. He deeply loves this place and people, and we all thank him for it.

In addition to his good work and knowledge of the buildings, James is loved by and loves thousands of people from church and our pre-school. He has been a fixture every Sunday morning. It is our sincere hope that he will join us on Sunday mornings from time to time in his retirement.

On a practical note, James is irreplaceable but we have spent a great deal of time searching for his successor.

Beginning in December, we will have a giant card in the Parish Hall for everyone to sign that we will present to him, along with other presents, on his last Sunday. We will also present him with a purse (financial gift) similar to how we honored Leslie at her retirement. If you would like to make a contribution to the financial gift for James, please make a check to Calvary Church with a memo for "James purse."

To honor James, we have declared the month of January to be "Jamesuary." The issue of *Agape* that month will have a photo retrospective of his ministry with us. You are invited and encouraged to send in your own memories and/or photos of James that we can share.



His final day will be Sunday, January 29 when he will join us for worship at the 11 a.m. service with 20 or so family members and friends. After the service, we will have a festive reception for him. On Saturday, January 28 when we celebrate Chili Fest together (a fun social event), we will also give thanks for James.

Well done good and faithful servant of Christ.

—Jonathon ■

Thanksgiving Day Service Thursday, November 24, 2022 at Calvary Church – 9:30 a.m.

**Calvary will host a joint service
on Thanksgiving Day with Trinity Cathedral.**

**The Very Rev. Aidan Smith,
Dean of the Cathedral, will be our preacher
with the Rev. Jonathon Jensen as celebrant.**

**The Calvary Choir will lead us in music.
The service will be in person and livestreamed
by Calvary and Trinity Cathedral.**



A Priest and a Rabbi Walk into a Classroom

Rabbi Aaron Bisno and the Rev. Jonathon Jensen are teaching a class together on the parables of Jesus. We will learn together from Jewish and Christian perspectives and how we all might benefit from this wisdom.

The classes will be in person in McClintic Hall, also known as the choir room, on **Sundays from 10 a.m. to about 10:45 a.m.** Classes will be held each Sunday through December 18. Sessions will also be recorded and available on Calvary's YouTube page with a link in the Friday email. All are welcome to attend.

November 13

Who Gets In?; Great Physician and Marriage Feast
[Matthew 9:9-16 and Matthew 22:1-14]

November 20

Jesus on Money; The Rich Fool and The Unjust Steward
[Luke 12:16-21, 16:1-13]

November 27

More Money; Rich Man and Lazarus [Luke 16:19-31]

December 4

Judgement; Laborers in Vineyard, Two Sons, and Wedding Banquet
[Matthew 20:1-16, 21:28-32, and 22:1-14]

December 11

Talents, Sheep, and Goats [Matthew 25:14-46]

December 18

The Good Samaritan [Luke 10:25-37]
Everyone is invited to the Christmas Pageant at 11 a.m. and Hanukkah Party at noon ■

of social and political reengagement and of renewed attention to the "common things" in which we all have a stake: the environment, education, culture, law, and government.

November 22 – *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi read by Chris Carey.

A small group of Islamic women gather with their teacher to read forbidden Western classics. This book explores their resilience in the face of tyranny and celebrates the liberating power of literature.

November 29 – *The Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri, read by Andrea Ross.

Jhumpa Lahiri's characters are typically natives of East India who are variously becoming part of American culture. They all do, however, bear common human struggles and successes.

December 6 – *How to Cook a Wolf* by MFK Fisher, read by Kam Murrin.

Written to inspire courage in those daunted by wartime shortages, *How to Cook a Wolf* continues to rally cooks during time of plenty, reminding them that providing sustenance requires more than putting food on the table.

December 13 – *Tales from Shakespeare* by Charles and Mary Lamb.

"The beauty of this collection written over two hundred years ago is that its authors skillfully weave Shakespeare's original language into their own readable prose, capturing the richness of Shakespeare's characters and imagery."
–Dame Judi Dench

Contact The Rev. Geoffrey Royce at groyce@calvarypgh.org for more information. ■



Back to the Sources

Wednesdays @ 12:30 – 2 p.m., Brown Bag Lunch
Continuing on November 16, 30 and December 7, 14, 21

Rabbi-in-Residence Aaron Bisno will take us on a tour of Jewish Sacred Literature. Together we will explore the Jewish Bible/Old Testament including the Hebrew Prophets and Psalms; the Talmud and Wisdom Literature, Ancient and Contemporary Midrash and Poetry, as well as the Jewish Prayerbook. No prior experience or knowledge of Judaism is necessary, but please bring a bible if you have one and invite a friend or two, as well. ■



Brown Bag Monastery

In most monastic orders at mealtime Nuns and Monks eat in silence. All keep silent but one, who is chosen for their ability, reads aloud to the rest.

Join us in the Nave at Calvary at noon on Tuesdays for public readings from great literature

Upcoming Readings

November 15 – *For Common Things* by Jedediah Purdy, read by The Reverend Geoffrey Royce

This book persuasively argues the necessity and satisfactions
–continued in the next column

MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



When it became clear that Calvary's organ would at last make a recovery from its long impairment, it seemed fitting to mark its return to full service in some public way. A recital by an organist of international stature seems an altogether right first step in that direction.

And so it will be a great treat to welcome Bruce Neswick, who returns to the Calvary organ-bench on November 20 at 3 p.m., for a recital co-sponsored by the Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh and by Calvary's McVay Recital Series.

Mr. Neswick is one of the most admired musicians serving the Episcopal Church in the current generation. He has served at no fewer than six of the nation's cathedrals (St. Paul's, Buffalo, Christ Church, Lexington, the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., St. Philip's, Atlanta, St. John the Divine in New York, and, most recently, Trinity in Portland, Oregon), as well as a professorial stint at the prestigious Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. Having recently retired from his position in Portland, he is now the Artist-in-Residence at St. James' Episcopal Church in La Jolla, California.

Mr. Neswick is renowned as both a composer and an improviser; his recital program at Calvary will begin with the *Tocatta for Pittsburgh* he composed and premiered in 2008 for the thirtieth anniversary of the Organ Artists Series, and will conclude with an improvisation. In-between will come works by Clara Schumann, Gerre Hancock, Herbert Howells, and others, all calculated to show off the refreshed organ to best advantage. (The recital will also give us an opportunity to see the redesigned organ-console at close range, since it is able once again to be moved out on the crossing platform after a number of years of limited mobility.)

Tickets for the recital are free to parishioners, and may be acquired from the parish office or from myself or Jon Tyillian after Sunday services – or at the door. Please do come and hear this remarkable artist demonstrate the new and improved capacities of Calvary's stupendous organ. ■



Tree of Life Hanukkah Party

Join us as the Tree of Life congregation shares a Hanukkah celebration at Calvary on Sunday, December 18 after the 11 o'clock service. The celebration will include singing, food, crafts, menorah lighting, latkes, and jelly donuts.

Hanukkah, a minor eight-day festival, observes the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after it had been desecrated by Syrian Greeks in the year 164 BCE. It is a celebration of freedom from oppression. The holiday, also called the Festival of Lights, officially begins at sundown on December 18.

That morning, Tree of Life members will join us for our Christmas pageant at the 11 a.m. service with Rabbi Myers again playing the role of Moses and their Board President, Alan Hausman, playing a wise man. We will also have members of the Ethiopian Orthodox congregation joining in the pageant. After we all share in the Christmas pageant we will all share in the Hanukkah party. All are welcome. ■



BRUCE NESWICK

A Premier American Performer, Improviser, and Composer

Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 3:00 pm
Calvary Episcopal Church

Dinner and a Concert

Reserve your seat now for a Mimosa Brunch beginning at 1:30 pm. at the church.
Calvary members receive free entry to this concert.
Member meals are \$23 per person.

Scan this code to purchase tickets and reserve your seat.



Reservations are due by November 13th.

Neswick

Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, December 2, 2022**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvaryppgh.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.calvaryppgh.org. Contact the Parish office at 412.661.0120 for details. ■

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The Bookstore at Calvary

The Bookstore has many items to celebrate Advent including new and gently-used Advent books for adults and children, Advent calendars, cards, wreaths and candle sets. A variety of calendars and daily planners for 2023 are available including:

2023 Churchman's Ordo Kalendar: January 2023 through December 2023: Offers a traditional use of the Revised Common Lectionary and The Anglican Service Book. Includes a full listing of the traditional feasts and devotional days celebrated throughout the Anglican Communion. Days are color-coded to indicate proper vestment colors.

2023 Episcopal Church Year Guide Kalendar: January 2023 through December 2023: Conforms to the Revised Common Lectionary with dates in the proper color for each day. On the back of each month's calendar sheet are printed the lessons and psalms for each Sunday and major feast day, along with other suggestions and notes. Under the calendar pad is the Table of Feasts together with useful information about lessons and psalms. Useful for home or church.

Episcopal Church Revised Common Lectionary Lesson 2023 Calendar: A comprehensive calendar of the readings for the Episcopal Lectionary Year A, daily eucharistic readings, and readings for the Daily Office Year One, including sanctoral observances. Hymn suggestions drawn from "Liturgical Music for the Revised Common Lectionary" are also included.

The Episcopal Liturgical Appointment Calendar: Two facing pages for each week with ample space for noting appointments. Daily Office readings from the Book of Common Prayer, Sunday readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, proper liturgical colors, holy days, commemorations, and secular observances are all noted for easy reference. 2024 calendar included for ease of advance planning.

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

Hostess Gift Suggestions

As we enter the holiday season, the Bookstore has several hostess gift suggestions to please anyone including:

- Thistle Farms natural body care products including the emollient-rich and naturally fragranced hand lotion available in Citrus Wood, Eucalyptus Mint, Lavender, and Vanilla Vetiver. Gentle and soothing for all skin types. Bath salts, essential oils, and body wash also available. Founded by Episcopal priest the Reverend Becca Stevens, every product is handmade by the women of Magdalene, which is a residential program for women with a criminal history of prostitution and addiction.
- Balm XVI, a line of lip balm created by the sixteenth Rector of Calvary, made from natural beeswax, organic shea butter,

organic coconut oil, and essential oil. Available in grapefruit, lime, orange, and peppermint.

- A variety of stationary items including Calvary and Episcopal themed notecards and notepads.

Show your support of the independent Bookstore via Bookshop.org

Here is now another way you can support the Bookstore, which is a member of the Episcopal Booksellers Association, as well as an independent bookstore, when shopping for books. As an alternative to Amazon, go to bookshop.org, which gives independent bookstores tools to compete online and financial support to help them maintain their presence in local communities. On the home page in the upper right corner, click Choose a Bookstore, then type in zip code 15206 and pick Calvary Bookstore. Bookshop.org will ship your books from their wholesaler's warehouse (usually within 2-3 days) directly to you, handle the customer service, returns and overhead, and the Bookstore at Calvary will receive a small stipend! Help the Bookstore maintain its presence not only as an Episcopal bookstore, but also an independent bookstore with a share of direct-to-home online book sales.

Indie Next: Find Your Next Great Read

Stop by the Bookstore to pick up a free copy of the following fliers from the American Booksellers Association:

- November 2022 Indie Next List: this trifold provides inspired book recommendations from Indie Booksellers including the #1 pick for the month. Hardcover and paperback titles are listed.
- Indie Gift Guide 2022 for Genre Lovers Preview: this guide including the following categories: romance, science fiction/fantasy, mystery/thriller, graphic works, and poetry. All titles are trade paperback unless otherwise noted.
- Fall 2022 Reading Group Indie Next List: includes books that are dazzling debuts, family and coming of age, historical fiction, and nonfiction and memoir.

Each flier includes a short synopsis of the books highlighted along with the release date. Want a specific book but can't find it? The Bookstore can special order a requested title for you at no charge or order via www.bookshop.org (see above on how to order via Bookshop.org).

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The Bookstore is open on Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.



All are cordially invited to attend our parish Advent Quiet Day (well, really, it's more of a quiet morning) which will be held at Calvary on **Saturday, December 3 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** The theme for the day is "Waiting in Expectation." This theme was inspired by the first and sixth verses of Psalm 62: "For God alone my soul in silence waits." The morning will include worship, meditations on the theme, and periods of silence, during which participants can choose to pray, read, draw, or journal on their own. We will end our time together with a Eucharist in the Lady Chapel. Look for more information and a sign-up in the coming weeks. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact the Rev. Cameron Soulis (csoulis@calvarypgh.org). ■



East Liberty Valley Historical Society

Marilyn Evert Memorial Lecture Series Fall 2022

Talks in the Marilyn Evert Lecture Series are held monthly on Wednesdays from October to January and begin at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall of Calvary Episcopal Church. The free series is named for its late founder, anthropologist and art historian Marilyn Evert. Free parking is available in the church lot. Each talk will be followed by a Q&A session and book sale.

Wednesday, December 7 – Kaufmann's: From Peddlers to Palm Springs

Journalists Marylynn Pitz and Laura Malt Schneiderman discuss their new book "Kaufmann's: The Family That Built Pittsburgh's Famed Department Store." In it, the authors trace the Kaufmann family's influence on the Pittsburgh region as retailers, philanthropists and patrons of arts and architecture. It also tells the story of the rise of a Jewish immigrant family, their professional successes and private struggles.



Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – East Liberty: A Reading

East Liberty native Joseph Bathanti will read from and discuss his 2001 coming-of-age novel "East Liberty," set between 1955 and 1963 and drawn from his childhood experiences. ■

Spiritual Reflection – Ross Gay



Adult spiritual formation may be described as the step-by-step discovery of God's presence in our lives and our personal transformation along the way. Calvary's Spiritual Reflection meetings continue to be a regular and familiar forum for small group peer ministry. We share, reflect upon and discuss inspirational ideas that develop and deepen our personal relationships with God and with one another. Meetings are group-led, and no preparation is required. Our interactions follow the Principals for Contemplative Dialogue of the Merton Institute for Contemplative Living.

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

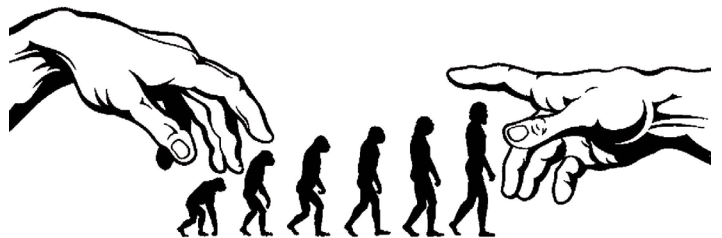
For this term we are using Ross Gay, author of four books of poetry and short essays. Our group will use *The Book of Delights*, a New York Times bestselling book of essays celebrating ordinary delights in the world around us. You may want to check out an interview about the book in a February 2020 episode of NPR's *Living on Earth*.

Meetings are held in the Evans Room from 7–8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month. The meetings are hybrid, allowing "in person" conversation while using Zoom so others can join remotely. Upcoming meetings will occur on November 15, and December 6 and 20. Email Matt Muldoon (mattmuldoon@msn.com) or Sondra Krimmel (sskrimmel@gmail.com) for information or to be added to the email list. Please feel welcome to join at any time. ■

Calvary Movie Nights

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

November 17, 2022:
Spencer Tracy, Fredric March, and Gene Kelly in



INHERIT THE WIND



Sundays at the 9 a.m. Service

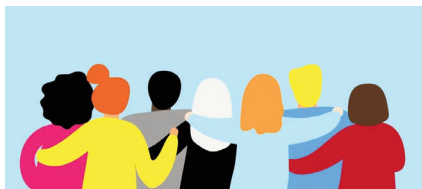
Children's Liturgy of the Word is a time for children to gather to pray, ask questions, and hear the good news of God's love. The Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained during the 9 a.m. Sunday Service on a level appropriate to children ages 5-9. Any child in this age group may participate – no registration is necessary.

Children are invited to gather with adult leaders after the Opening Prayer and process to the Refectory. They return to their families at the time of the Peace.



Christmas 2022 Pageant Sign Up

Calvary's Annual Christmas Pageant will be held during the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, December 18. Live nativity animals will join us again this year! If you are interested in participating and/or would like to help, a sign up link is posted on Calvary's website (www.calvarypgh.org). Contact Vicki at vrispoli@calvarypgh.org if you have any questions



Raising Tweens, Teens, and Young Adults

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

Our group meets at the Galley Bakery Square Atrium on the last Tuesday of every month. Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 7-8 p.m. for casual discussions about our parenting journey. Hope to see you there! For questions and/or to receive group updates, please email vrispoli@calvarypgh.org.

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

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

Faith Formation Highlights

This past month, our younger students discussed the Parable of the Precious Pearl, reflecting on what Jesus told us about the Kingdom of God. It was fun to create pearl-themed bracelets and shell crafts to take home. They've also pondered our place in the universe and how each of us is uniquely and wonderfully made, then created self-portrait collages to display.

Our older students have continued discussing "How Do I Connect with God?" Most of us have some ideas about God that we absorbed as young children. As we mature, we take a closer look at these images and ideas and compare them to how God appears in Scripture and our own experiences of God. Some images do not align with the God presented in scripture or the God we meet in prayer. It is important for us to be aware of these images and to consider how they affect us and our relationship with God.

The older group also spent some time making Anglican Prayer beads as a follow-on to our exploration of various forms of prayer.

Last week, they participated in a guided tour of the Sacristy led by the Rev. Geoffrey Royce. Seeing the beautiful vestments and other special items used in worship was an exciting and memorable experience. Thank you, Geoffrey, for sharing your time and wisdom with us. ■



Additional photos may be viewed on the online version of this issue



Prayer List Update

An important part of our worship at Calvary is the opportunity to pray by name for people in need. We pray for members of our congregation and for many others for whom our prayers are requested. **On November 27, 2022, the First Sunday of Advent, we will make a fresh start with the Prayer List included in the Sunday bulletin.** In order to keep our prayers current and focused, we are asking for your help. If there is someone whose name you would like to have on the list, please give that information to Kim Pieratt (kpieratt@calvarypgh.org) or The Rev. Cameron Soulis (csoulis@calvarypgh.org). The renewed list will include only the names which have been sent to us. People may remain on the prayer list for as long as necessary, because we know and understand that many needs are ongoing. However, when someone is ready to be removed from the list, we ask that you let us know. Thank you for your help and for your understanding. ■

Diocesan Convention Festival

Saturday, November 19, 2022

at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary,
616 N. Highland Ave., 16206

12 Noon – 8 p.m.

Details at www.episcopalpgh.org/resources/2022-diocesan-convention ■



Each November, I try to find something in which I'm especially thankful. This year it's our amazing teaching team, as pictured below. They are from Brazil, Ethiopia, Japan, Mexico, Nepal, South Korea, and the U.S.

—Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■

Blue Team:



Ann Norman



Elizabeth Barbush



Eunjoo Oh

Purple Team:



Joniesha Gaines



Cassie Wilson



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Orange Team:



Aline Souza Freire
Assistant Director



Kranti Kc



Yuko Neubig

Yellow Team:



Hanna Seong

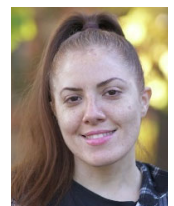


Brie Ross

Red Team:



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Lizu Garcia
Ramirez
De Arellano

**Support
The Women
of Calvary**

We're fundraising with **Sarris**
CANDIES

**HELP SUPPORT OUR
FUNDRAISING SALE**

and make your holidays even sweeter!

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good – Psalm 34:8

Lettuce Pray

Sometimes it is good to remember and enjoy why we do what we do.

In October, the Rector led two classes in our Beginnings pre-school (Blue and Purple teams) in lessons about plants and gardens as a part of Creation. They learned where plants come from, got to see and hold different seeds, planted their own, saw a two-foot lettuce plant with long roots, learned how to pick it, and even tasted organic lettuce right from the vine. Each class will have at least two organic plants growing hydroponically (no soil) with grow lights in mason jars. ■



Photos by Beginnings Director, Tammy Lewis

Christmas Memorials

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in the Christmas Eve Order of Service, please fill out this form and return it, with your donation, by **Friday, December 16, 2022.**

Name (as you would like it to appear): *please print*

Donor's name: _____

Donor's telephone: _____

Please return this form to the Church office

or mail to: Lynda Kennedy

Calvary Episcopal Church,

315 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206

You may also email Kim Pieratt at kpieratt@calvarypgh.org with your information, and then mail your donation to the church office. ■

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The Young Adult Ministry has a number of events scheduled for November and December. See the calendar below for times and dates. Please contact Cameron if you have any questions or want to be added to the Young Adult Ministry email list. She can be reached at csoulis@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120 ext. 123.

Tuesday, November 15 at 5:45 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour at Urban Tap

(216 S. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, 15206)

Wednesday, November 16 at 7 p.m.

Book Study in the Conference Room at Calvary

Sunday, December 4 at 12:45 p.m.

Brunch at Patron Mexican Grill

(135 S. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, 15206)

Wednesday, December 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Decorating for Holiday Event

Wednesday, December 14 at 5:45 p.m.

CYAM Holiday Event in the Refectory ■

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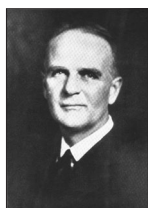
Have you returned your
2023 Pledge Card?

Notes from the Archives

In April 1917, almost three years after World War I erupted in Europe, President Woodrow Wilson declared war on Germany. Many Americans quickly showed support for the U.S. decision, and members of Calvary Episcopal Church were no exception.

In October 1917, the Calvary Brotherhood was formed. The Brotherhood consisted of the men of Calvary who supported fellow parishioners fighting abroad by promising to “render a most important spiritual service to our boys at the front.” Members pledged to assist families of the soldiers, give financial and legal counsel when requested and make sure returning military men receive needed medical help, according to the pamphlet “Calvary Brotherhood in War Times” in the church archives.

In 1918, the Rev. Dr. Edwin van Etten, Calvary rector, sent a letter to about 200 Calvary servicemen and described the church’s activities in support of the war effort.



Dr. van Etten

“This Autumn we are having a series of Allies Services on Sunday nights. We have had British and French nights.... The great church has been filled with more than a thousand people for these occasions. All the parish work is War work in some form or other. I can hear the Red Cross workers moving over around my head as I write.

We remember you in every service in our thoughts and prayers. We must all try together to lift this great and terrible experience of War – its separations, its purposes, its danger, anxieties, sorrows and triumphs – up to God and up with God. I hope we all may learn the reality and the power of prayer.”

Among the North Nave Clerestory Windows is the St. Peter or Soldiers’ Window, which was given in memory of parish men who died in service to their country in 1917–1918. It was made by Heaton, Butler and Bayne of London.

World War I ended on November 11, 1918. For years, U.S. servicemen from that war were honored each Nov. 11, then known as Armistice Day. After World War II, U.S. military veterans of all wars were recognized on November 11, which eventually became renamed Veterans Day. ■

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you who made the 2022 Bazaar a success. Thanks for all of the donations and shoppers. A special thanks is due to the many volunteers who did the sorting and assembling goods, making sure the tables were set up and appealing. Thanks to the clergy and staff at Calvary. And thanks to the Ethiopian Church who cooked the delicious lunch. More details coming in the next *Agape*. ■

Lessons & Carols

For Advent:
December 4, 5 p.m.

Scripture and music
for the season of expectation,
with choir and organ,
joined by
Chatham Baroque

For Christmas:
December 18, 5 p.m.

Scriptural and
musical meditations on
the coming of Christ,
with beloved carols
for all to sing

The services will be Livestreamed at www.calvarypgh.org/live



Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4 p.m. – Holy Eucharist,
with Musical Prelude at 3:30 p.m.

This service will be Livestreamed

11 p.m. – Holy Eucharist,
with Musical Prelude at 10:30 p.m.

This service will be Livestreamed

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
This service will be Livestreamed

Sunday, January 1, 2023 – The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

11 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
(Please note that there will be no
8 a.m. or 9 a.m. services this day)
This service will be Livestreamed ■



SAVE THE DATE
CHILI FEST
Saturday, January 28, 2023
Details coming soon... ■



Thank You አመሰግናለሁ።

“Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.”

HAGGAI Chapter 1: 8

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, One God, Amen!

A heartfelt THANK YOU on behalf of the village’s Church (Salayish Abo) in Ethiopia, my family, and my Ethiopian friends within the Pittsburgh community. I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to everyone who supported the fundraising sale by purchasing Ethiopian food at the annual Bazaar event. The Ethiopian Food sale fundraising was a great success. I feel very blessed by your kindness for allowing me to raise money at your annual Bazaar event and providing me the publicity for the Ethiopian food sale that will help rebuild the village’s church in Ethiopia. We had an amazing turnout.

Your \$15 food purchase will help buy 2 small bags of cement for the village’s church (Salayish Abo Church) rebuilding project in the remote part of Ethiopia. 100% of your purchases went to the rebuilding project.

A special THANK YOU to Calvary’s Rector Father Jonathon; under his leadership the Calvary staff: Ken Smith, Kim Pieratt, Lynda Kennedy, the Bazaar chair, Kathy Farrington, and the Bazaar cashiers for making the Ethiopian food sale transaction smooth and efficient. Calvary’s Rector, Father Jonathon, Calvary’s staff, and church members have exemplified true Christianity and shown us the Church’s foundation – love.

We truly appreciate your help.

Sincerely,
Alem Gebeyehu

Salayish Abo Church Volunteers ■




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East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) 2022 Holiday “Berry” Program starts November 13

In preparation for the Christmas season, Calvary has committed to providing gifts for 60 children/youth in EECM’s community programs. Each participant has requested three items: something they need, something they want, and a book or calendar. These requests have been coded onto individual “Berries” that will be posted in the Parish Hall. These gifts relieve the financial burden on many East End families at Christmas and brighten their holidays.

Calvary has been a strong supporter of this program in the past and we request your help again this year. Participation is easy!

1. Choose a Berry (or several) from the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, and sign up on the corresponding log sheet. The berries carry a code that identifies the family, the individual within the family and the requested gift. There is a separate berry for each item. If you’d like to fulfill a single child’s wish list, take all three berries with that child’s code number. Be sure to take a hand-out that details how gifts are to be wrapped and returned. Undesignated donations of gift cards from Target, Amazon or Giant Eagle, in the suggested amount of \$25, are also welcome.

2. If you are attending church virtually and would like to participate, please contact Linda Lewis (information below). We will help you select one or more berries and help make arrangements for drop-off of items.

3. Wrapped gifts may be brought to the Parish Hall any time before 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, 2022. The gifts will be taken to the EECM Community House on December 6 to be distributed to families. If you are unable to drop your gift off by that time, please contact Linda Lewis so arrangements can be made

A few volunteers are needed to sort and bag the gifts from noon-2 p.m. on Sunday, November 27 and Sunday, December 4. We also need at least one volunteer to make reminder phone calls on Sunday afternoon (December 4), and several volunteers with hatch-back cars or vans to help deliver the gifts to the EECM Community House between noon and 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6. A Volunteer Sign-Up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall, or simply call, text or email Linda Lewis.

You can reach Linda Lewis,
this year’s Berry Program Coordinator,
at 417.527.3963 or email fcblinda@gmail.com
Thank you for your support of this EECM program! ■



WEB VERSION



Diocesan Convention Festival

OPEN TO ALL

Saturday, November 19

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

616 North Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

12:00 noon – 8:00pm

Seeking Abundance, Seeing Abundance and being...

Thankful for Our Abundance

This year, **all Episcopalians** in the diocese are invited to a glorious celebration of abundance at Diocesan Convention!

All are invited to share in a day of blessed abundance at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Highland Park.

- **Gather** – connect and re-connect with Episcopalians from every church in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
- **Learn** – about new tools and materials developed by the Episcopal church to deepen spirituality and discipleship, and about the many ministries flourishing here in our diocese.
- **Engage** – in participatory prayer installations demonstrating creative ways to share in prayer, contemplation and public witness.
- **Sing** – raise voices together in an exultant hymn sing
- **Celebrate** – a glorious Eucharist featuring Bishop Solak as preacher
- **Eat** – gather around a joyful table (Pre-reservation required)

Details and dinner registration available at:

<https://www.episcopalpgh.org/resources/2022-diocesan-convention/>



Thanksgiving is the Fourth Thursday in November Every Year – Here's Why

By Alexis Morillo

Once upon a time...

Every year when October ends and November begins, the countdown to Thanksgiving (and the food that comes with it) officially starts. Even if you never have that year's exact date memorized, you can easily figure out when the feast will take place because it always falls on the fourth Thursday in November. This is a great rule of thumb to know, but do you know why it's the case? It wasn't always like this, according to the Library of Congress, and there's some interesting history behind the Thanksgiving date. Keep up, this is full of twists and turns.

Let's look back all the way to 1863 when Abraham Lincoln was president and Thanksgiving was proclaimed to be celebrated on the last Thursday of November nationwide. President Lincoln was urged by Sarah Josepha Hale, who received a diary from Plymouth, Massachusetts governor William Bradford after it was passed down through generations. This diary outlined the dinner that celebrated the abundant harvest of 1621 and included Plymouth pilgrims and Wampanoag natives, and thus started Hale's work toward getting the holiday recognized nationally.

A couple years after Lincoln's proclamation (which he announced as an attempt to unite the country during the Civil War) in 1865 President Andrew announced the first Thursday of the month as the official Thanksgiving Day. Then in 1869 President Ulysses S. Grant declared the third Thursday in November as the holiday.

Tracking? Good. In all of those intermediary years, the holiday was celebrated on the last Thursday of November as President Lincoln had said. It wasn't until until 1939 under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's term that the penultimate Thursday in November would be henceforth known as Thanksgiving Day. This decision was made following pressure from National Retail Dry Goods Association, as they wanted the holiday shopping season to be a little bit longer so customers would have more time to make purchases.

This proclamation in 1939 initially only referred to those in Washington, D.C. and federal employees. Although governors typically follow the President's proclamations on such decisions, only 23 of the 48 states at the time followed this date. Twenty three states celebrated on November 30, the last Thursday of the month that year, and Colorado and Texas observed Thanksgiving on both of the dates.

The next couple of years there was still some vague confusion about which Thursday of the month was officially Thanksgiving, so President Roosevelt eventually signed legislation that declared the fourth Thursday in November as the holiday. The legislation also meant that future presidents could not change the date again. This way, because of how the calendar works, sometimes Thanksgiving happens to be the last Thursday of November – which, if you were wondering, is the case this year. ■

<https://www.delish.com/holiday-recipes/thanksgiving/a34349517/why-do-we-celebrate-thanksgiving-on-fourth-thursday-november/>

Environmental Justice & Human Resilience



PA IPL 2022 Annual Conference

Sunday – November 13, 2022
1:00 – 4:00 pm



2022 PA IPL Pittsburgh Workshops

<https://paipl.us/2022-pittsburgh-sw-pa-sessions/>

Environmental Justice & Human Resilience

Duquesne University - College Hall - Rooms 104-105

1100 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15282



Virtual Keynote Address: 1 - 1:50pm

Keynote Speaker:

- Dr. Joylette Portlock - Executive Director, Sustainable Pittsburgh

Expert Response Panel:

- Genevieve LaMarr LeMee - Senior Advisor on Environmental Justice, City of Philadelphia Office of Sustainability
- Katie Ruth - Executive Director, Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light

Workshop 1: 2 - 2:50pm

The Healing Spirit of the Earth

- Dr. Patricia DeMarco - Author, Educator & Environmental Advocate
- Shaman Pomaj Chakmam Yajalaji - Shaman Medicine Woman of The Iroquois Confederacy of Aborigine American People

Workshop 2: 3 - 3:50pm

Successes & Challenges in Frontline Communities

- Wayne Younger - Open Hand Ministries
- John Creasy - The Open Door Church/Garfield Community Farm
- Joanna Deming - Perry Hilltop/Fineview Citizens Council

A Reflection & short Refreshment Session will close the Conference between 3:50 - 4pm at each location.



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■ CALVARY'S CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Jonathon W. Jensen, <i>Rector</i>	Vicki Rispoli, <i>Director of Children's Formation</i>
The Rev. Neil K. Raman, <i>Senior Associate Rector</i>	Kenneth Smith, <i>Director of Communications</i>
The Rev. Cameron J. Soulis, <i>Associate Rector</i>	Kim Pieratt, <i>Parish Administrator</i>
The Rev. Ruth Bosch Becker, <i>Assisting Pastor</i>	Jim Gubash, <i>Head Sexton</i>
The Rev. Carol Henley, <i>Assisting Priest</i>	Adam Augustine, Ron Johnston,
The Rev. Geoffrey S. Royce, <i>Deacon</i>	James Knight, Mary Ann Packer, <i>Sextons</i>
Rabbi Aaron Bisno, <i>Rabbi-in-Residence</i>	Vivian Rispoli, <i>A/V Technician</i>
Ms. Deanna Briody, <i>McNulty Intern</i>	David Ieong, <i>Senior Warden</i>
Dr. Alan Lewis, <i>Director of Music</i>	G. Frederic Roth, <i>Junior Warden</i>
Jon Tyillian, <i>Assistant Organist</i>	Lauren Ernst, <i>Treasurer</i>
Lynda Kennedy, <i>Director of Finance</i>	Daniel Geroni, <i>Assistant Treasurer</i>
Tammy Lewis, <i>Director, Beginnings</i>	

– The Vestry –

2023	2024	2025	2026
James Cassaro	Jennifer De Rosa	Adam Bailey	Michael Kennedy
Laura Everhart	David Ieong	Kate Burroughs	Wendy Lomicka
G. Frederic Roth	Donald MacLeod, Jr.	Lucy Douglas	James Manning
Laurie Tocci	Laura Marchl	Peter Lewis	Vanessa Sterling
Sarah Wilson, <i>secretary</i>			

– The Parish Council –

2023	2024	2025	2026
John Allison	Jonathan Callard	Ann Augustine	Michele Bender
Lindsay Dragan	Jean Carr	Mary Jane Bent	Sue DeWalt, <i>President</i>
Adele Eley	Emma Schauf	Jeannine Farina	Stanley Nevola
Alison Wardrop	Jonathan Warner	Barbara Hicks	David Riehl

Clergy Contact Information

Please feel free to contact any of our clergy. We are ready to help.

- The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, jjensen@calvarypgh.org
- The Rev. Neil Raman, nraman@calvarypgh.org
- The Rev. Cameron Soulis, csoulis@calvarypgh.org
- Deacon Geoffrey Royce, groyce@calvarypgh.org
 - Rabbi Aaron Bisno, rabbi@calvarypgh.org
 - Deanna Briody, dbriody@calvarypgh.org

On-Going at Calvary

EECM Food Pantry

East End Cooperative Ministry operates the second largest food pantry in Pittsburgh. Donations can be dropped off at Calvary during office hours: Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday mornings. Below is a list of items particularly requested at this time. **Thank you to all who have continued to donate to the EECM food cart.**

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

Plastic Recycling

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

Altar Flowers

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

Stay in Touch with the Diocese

Visit the diocesan website at
www.episcopalpgh.org

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

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

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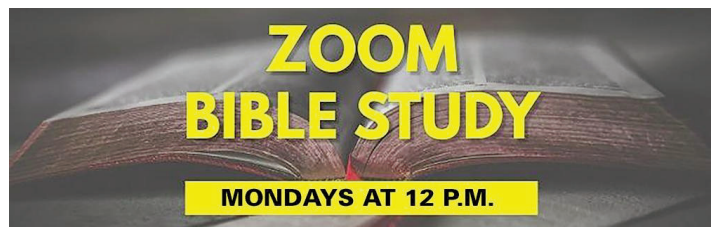
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Have you returned your
2023 Pledge Card?



The Beloved Community Initiative is hosting concurrent sessions at Calvary and St. Thomas, Oakmont, beginning in November and January. If you are interested in participating at St. Thomas, please contact Shahnaz Alam Denlinger at s.alamdenlinger@episcopalpgh.org or call her 412.828.9680. If you are interested in participating at Calvary from November to January, please email Adam Bailey at atfbailey@gmail.com. Sessions at Calvary will meet on Monday evenings, November 14 to January 23, from 7 to 8:30, with a break for the holidays. ■



Led by The Rev. Geoffrey Royce, Deacon

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

This will be a discussion study lasting about one hour.

We are reading The Book of Job. ■

Pittsburgh Episcopal Creation Care Network

This is a place for parish members from throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh to share information about energy saving and clean-up projects; share resources and ideas; ask questions and state concerns; and post information about environmental events. All Calvary members are welcome to join and contribute whenever they wish. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/1252049508868224 ■

Please remember Calvary Church
in your will.



Coping with Grief at the Holidays

The holiday season can be a difficult time for people who have experienced a death. *Coping with Grief at the Holidays* will help guide you through the process of managing grief during this time. It will also provide you with an opportunity to connect with others who are grieving a death.

Coping with Grief at the Holidays will be offered on **Wednesday, Nov. 16** and **Wednesday, Dec. 7** from 1 to 3 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Shadyside. Participants can attend one or both sessions.

Registration is required. Please call 412-572-8829 to register. Parking is free.

Location

Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.



PROTECT THE RIGHT TO PROTEST



Join Amnesty International Group 39 and other human rights groups and community leaders for our 37th Write for Human Rights event.

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm

**Calvary Episcopal Church,
315 Shady Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206**

Write a letter. Change a life.
Come for five minutes or the whole event.
Case information, letter writing materials and
light refreshments will be provided.
Attendees are encouraged to wear face coverings.



Please visit [amnestypgh.org](https://www.amnestypgh.org) to learn more about this event, other Group 39 activities, or to make a donation

Contact: amnesty39@gmail.com



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| March 10 | March 19 [Easter Issue] |
| April 7 | April 16 [End of Program Year] |
| May 5 | May 14 |
| June 2 | |
| June 11 [Summer Issue] | |
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| September 8 | September 17 |
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| November 3 | November 12 [Advent Issue] |
| December 1 | December 10 |

2023 CALENDAR

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