

The Newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Dear People of Calvary,

With profound gratitude, I want to let you know that the time has come for me to retire from Calvary Episcopal Church. For the past thirty years or so, you have given me the extraordinary gift of serving Christ alongside you in this parish. Very few clergy have the privilege of being in one place long enough to see both the congregation and generations of people grow in faith. Your generous welcome made this possible. In the company of the Rev. Arthur McNulty, the Rev. Pam Foster, the Rev. Dr. Harold Lewis, the Rev. Jonathon Jensen, and all of the wonderful staff and lay leaders at Calvary, it has meant more that I can ever express to work and to worship with you.



Each of you is an inspiration, as you live out your lives and your vocation in the world. Your spiritual depth is evident in your individual work, in your joys and sorrows, in days that are dark and in times that are bright, in your countless contributions to the life of your community, in your faithful and tireless efforts at Calvary, in your prayer and service. Your faith journeys and stories have become part of me, and I will carry you close in my heart.

The congregation of Calvary Church is exceptionally strong and steadfast. Calvary's witness to the wideness of God's mercy continues to draw people into communion with one another and with Christ. Calvary's fearless willingness to proclaim the Gospel with open hearts, open minds, and open hands makes an indelible mark. Calvary's commitment to loving God and loving our neighbors is unquenchable. I will continue to pray for Calvary's ministry of offering God's unconditional love, incarnate in Jesus, to the world.

Sheldon Calvary Camp was established by Calvary Church in 1936. I am indebted to Calvary Church for sustaining the connection to camp and for freeing me each summer to minister in that holy place. It will not come as a great surprise to you that I plan to continue that work. Please keep bringing your children and grandchildren!

Calvary Church is my parish community. Jonathon has graciously made it clear that I will be welcome back to serve from time to time following my retirement. I appreciate his kindness and generosity, while at the same time anticipating the chance to rest.

Sunday, February 27, 2022 will be my official final Sunday at Calvary. I look forward to being with you to say farewell and to celebrate the goodness and grace of our time together.

Peace,

Leslie

From the Rector

Please join me in giving thanks for the Rev. Leslie Reimer and the deep ministry and relationships she has created and cultivated at Calvary Church, Calvary Camp, and beyond.

Leslie has served at Calvary Church in some capacity almost 30 years first part-time, then full-time as Assistant Rector for Pastoral Care, then Associate Rector, then Senior Associate Rector. She has graced us with her skill, passion, and presence in pastoral care, preaching, teaching, leading worship, and her gentle but strong way, like Jesus, of being a person of faith and a priest. She will be dearly missed by all whose lives she has touched.

On a personal note, I will be bidding farewell to a wonderful colleague. Leslie and I share a mentor (David Bird) from New Kensington. I heard stories about the famous "Les" since seminary in 1994 but had never met until I interviewed to be Rector of Calvary. I am sad to see her retire but proud to have served with her and am a better person and priest for it. Leslie is a treasure and one of my best friends.

At her request, Leslie's last official Sunday at Calvary will be February 27, 2022. On that date after the 11 o'clock service, we will offer a festive reception in her honor. All are welcome to join us. More information about this event will be forthcoming. Leslie will be our preacher this year for Christmas Eve and on her final Sunday.

A custom in the Episcopal Church is to offer a purse (financial gift) to a departing priest, particularly when one has made such a significant impact as Leslie has. If you would like to donate to the purse, please make a check to Calvary Church with a note "Leslie Purse." The gift will be presented to her on February 27th.

When Leslie is ready after a time of extended rest, she is welcome and invited to be a part of the life of Calvary as often and as much as she wants. She will be welcome to preach, teach, offer pastoral care, lead worship, or participate in any way including simply sitting in a pew. All of this will be at her discretion. While she is always welcome, we must also always remember she is retired and honor that.

Please join me in deep gratitude for the ministry of the Rev. Leslie Reimer.



The Rev. David Bird, The Rev. Leslie Reimer, The Rev. Jonathon Jensen



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

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

Everyone is welcome.

The service will also be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook ■

VESTRY MINUTES

One of the very helpful suggestions that emerged from our recent "Listening Session" was to make the minutes from Vestry meetings more easily accessible. To that end, there is now a tab under "News" on the Calvary website for Vestry minutes, and minutes going back to those from May 2017 have been posted. Going forward, minutes shall be posted once they have been approved by the Vestry, which typically happens at the next meeting (thus, October minutes are approved in November). You may follow this link to find the posts at https://www.calvarypgh.org/vestry.

As always, please direct any questions about the minutes to me at sarahw@scw52.com. Thank you, and happy reading!

-Sarah Wilson, Secretary ■



This Christmas season, Calvary has committed to helping 75 participants 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 the 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. Full details are available on the Calvary website - www.calvarypgh.org.

LOVE. TEACH. HEAL. Our Mission Guided by the Love of Jesus Christ

Thank you to Calvary members who offered themselves for diocesan leadership positions at the recent Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. Florence Atwood was elected to the Standing Committee that serves as a council of advice to the diocesan Bishop. The Rev. Neil Raman is also a member of the Standing Committee. Jim Cassaro was elected to the Board of Trustees that is responsible for the collection and disposition of all real and personal property and financial resources of the diocese. Ken Spruill is also a member of the Board.

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Summary of Voting at the 156th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

An Online Convention Held Saturday, October 16, 2021 The following who agreed to have their names placed into nomination were elected to these diocesan positions:

Elected At-Large:

Board of Trustees

Jane C. Burger, Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh Gerald W. Dalton, St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

Cathedral Chapter

The Rev. Darrell J. Johnson, St. Brendan's, Franklin Park Anthony Turo, St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

Committee on Constitution and Canons

The Rev. Luke Zerra, St. Andrew's, Highland Park Joan Gundersen, Redeemer, Squirrel Hill

Commission on Ministry

The Rev. Daniel J. Isadore, St. Thomas, Oakmont

Growth Fund

Donna Aiello, St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

Standing Committee

The Rev. Nancy Threadgill, St. Mark's, Johnstown Florence Atwood, Calvary, East Liberty

Elected by District:

District 1

Chair: Maximillion Elliott, Emmanuel, North Side Vice Chair: Bruce Quayle, Christ Church, North Hills

District 2

Chair: Wes Rohrer, St. Andrew's, Highland Park Vice Chair: Don Block, St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg Board of Trustees: Jim Cassaro, Calvary, East Liberty

District 3:

Chair: Lisa Brown, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon Vice Chair: The Rev. Dr. Teresa Hunt, All Souls, North Versailles

Diocesan Council: Connie Davis, Atonement, Carnegie

District 4:

Chair: Lionel Deimel, Christ Church, Indiana Vice Chair: The Rev. William Carpenter,

St. Frances-in-the-Fields, Somerset

Status Report from the Treasurer

At its October 25, 2021 meeting, the Vestry approved the Treasurer's Report for the nine months ended September 30, 2021. Even though we are showing a deficit at the end of September, there is some very good news to report on the financial front, considering the fact that we are still in pandemic mode. Pledge Income received is an excellent 99% of the budgeted amount for the first nine months of the year. Also, monies received from Gifts & Grants for Operations total \$37,000 at the end of September. There is also good news in the fact that our actual Operations Fund expenses are \$44,600 less than the budgeted amount for the first nine months of the year. Because 2020 Operations Fund results reflected income over expenses, the Vestry included in the income portion of the 2021 budget a carryover amount of \$43,900, as shown below. Also shown below is the \$25,000 PCCD E-Grant from the State of Pennsylvania. It has been used exclusively to improve security both inside and outside our buildings. The Vestry's goal is to lower this year's budgeted deficit of \$31,700. In order to assist us in accomplishing this goal, please continue your excellent record so far of fulfilling your 2021 pledge commitment to Calvary Church.

Sincerely,

Bob Eley, Treasurer ■

Calvary Episcopal Church

Operations Fund (Operating, Outreach & Capital Budgets) Year-to-Date Financial Results through September 30, 2021

	9-Month	9-Month
	Actual	Budget
Income:	2021	2021
Pledge / Non-Pledge Contributions	\$685,300	\$699,700
Gifts & Grants for Operations	37,000	41,300
Loose Plate and Special Offerings	5,500	22,600
Transfer from Endowment Fund	197,100	197,800
PCCD Security E-Grant	25,000	25,000
Beginnings (reimbursement)	11,200	11,200
Trust Income	16,700	16,700
Prior Year Carryover	43,900	43,900
All Other Income	33,300	44,800
Total Income	1,055,000	1,103,000
Expenses:		
Salaries & Benefits	771,700	769,800
Diocesan Assessment	123,500	123,500
Maintenance & Bldg. Op.	109,900	114,800
Office & Admin./Finance	69,200	79,200
Taxes & Insurance	80,400	80,400
Hospitality & Parish Life	800	6,000
Christian Formation / Music	6,400	14,200
Pastoral Care & Outreach	16,500	25,900
Capital	32,100	41,300
Total Expenses	1,210,500	1,255,100
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(155,500)	(152,100)

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Calvary and Pittsburgh Penguins Partnership

Calvary Church has entered into a partnership with the Pittsburgh Penguins organization to serve our neighbors and to promote diversity and empower children and their families in our community. The Penguins have developed a seasonal ice skating rink in the Hunt Armory on Emerson Street a block from Calvary. The rink will be open officially from the day after Thanksgiving through March 1.



There will be public skating available on the weekends and some hockey practices for local teams including Central Catholic and Chatham University. The highlight of the program (and the draw for me) is their Willie O'Ree Academy that will be based at the Armory, Willie O'Ree is sometimes

called the "Jackie Robinson of Hockey" and was the first black person to play in the National Hockey League. He was also blind in his right eye from being hit by a puck two years before making it to the NHL. Note: Everyone now wears much better protective equipment than players in the 1950s.

The Academy is a training and enrichment program for local children of color and their families that promotes learning to skate, team building, and a supportive social network in addition to providing coaching, equipment, transportation, and ice time all free of charge. The program will run primarily on weekday afternoons.

To help with the program, Calvary will share 25 of our 75 parking spaces on weekdays from 4 to 10 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. On Sundays, the parking will be exclusively for Calvary Church. Our lot will be used for coaches, parents, and staff. All public skaters and hockey practices will be directed to East Bond Parking on Centre Avenue. If there is a large funeral or other reason we need access to the entire parking lot, we can notify the Penguins organization that will direct all parking to East Bond for that day. Calvary will receive \$7,500 per month for four months from November 15 through March 15. The same company that builds the rink at PPG Place is constructing the Armory rink. There is also a new, permanent flashing lighted caution sign for pedestrians to cross Shady Avenue at Alder Street at the crosswalk that was a part of the project.

Numerous public meetings, several of which were hosted at Calvary, showed the preference of the neighborhood to make the Armory into a skating rink for the community. That is finally going to happen. This is only for one winter. If the program meets the needs of the community they may seek to continue it next year.

Calvary Church is proud to partner with the Pittsburgh Penguins to promote diversity and serve our neighbors.

*–*Ionathon ■

Faith Night of Ice Skating

The Pittsburgh Penguins have built a seasonal ice skating rink in the Hunt Armory on Emerson Street (a block from Calvary Church). We have organized a "Faith Night" before the rink officially opens to let everyone have a fun night out, to see old friends and make new ones, to learn



about the outreach programs to local children of color centered there, and to see the Armory. The congregations invited are the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh, Calvary Episcopal Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church of St. Jude Parish, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church of Pittsburgh, and the Tree of Life Synagogue. The Mayor, Councilperson Erika Strassburger, and the leadership of the Beloved Community Initiative have also been invited.

Faith Night will be held from 6–9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23 (the Tuesday before Thanksgiving). You are warmly invited. The event and skate rental are free. Parking is available at Calvary and the East Bond parking lot on Centre Street. One is welcome to skate or simply walk around and talk and watch new skaters hold on to the wall. The Rector will be skating. Please register online to attend. See the informational flyer on the next page. ■



E-waste Collection Report

The City of Pittsburgh used the Calvary parking lot for an e-waste collection event on Saturday, October 16, 2021. The total collected was 7,223 pounds of e-waste and 2,097 pounds of household waste. That is **4.66 tons** of waste that was recycled instead of going to landfills! Thank you to everyone who participated.



In the last issue of *Agape*, we announced the results of the elections that took place at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, October 3, 2021. Jeannie Farina was elected to Parish Council. Her name was spelled incorrectly. Our apologies!





TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 23, 2021 | 6PM

Faith Night at the Hunt Armory – A Night of Skating and Fun

Calvary Episcopal Church, Saint Jude Parish, Tree of Life Synagogue, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church of Pittsburgh, and the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh are invited to gather at the new ink at the Armory, and learn about opportunities to join with the Pittsburgh Penguins and their outreach to the community to serve the community through programming based at the Armory.

This event is free of charge including admission and skate rental.

Guests can also bring their own skates. You are welcome to skate or simply be present.

30 Annie Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15206) or Calvary Episcopal Church (315 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa 15206). THE HUNT ARMORY | 324 Emerson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206 | Please park at the Eastside Bond Garage



RSVP IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES

RSVP by Monday, November 22, 2021

RSVP at https://pittsburghpenguins.formstack.com/forms/hunt_armory_faith_night



Marilyn Evert Memorial Lecture Series Fall 2021

The East Liberty Valley Historical Society announces the return of its Marilyn Evert Memorial Lecture Series with a new day and location. All talks will be held at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall of Calvary Church. Admission is free and masks are required. The lecture series is named for its late founder, the anthropologist, art historian and author Marilyn Evert, who died in 2018.

Wednesday, December 1, 7 p.m.: "Liberty, the Mysterious Township"

Tom Powers and Jim Wudarczyk from the Lawrenceville Historical Society explore a short-lived Allegheny County municipality that existed only between 1864 and 1868. Liberty Township comprised part or all of today's Pittsburgh neighborhoods of Bloomfield, Friendship, Point Breeze, Regent Square, Shadyside and Squirrel Hill, and contained the homes of such eminent Pittsburghers as William Frew of Standard Oil, Robert Pitcairn, U. S. Senator William Wilkins and Andrew Carnegie, among others. ■

Calvary Bazaar

Thank you to all who made the Calvary Bazaar a great success this year. Special thanks to Chair Kathy Farrington, the committee chairs, and all who baked, planted, priced, donated, organized and implemented the Bazaar in a challenging time.

We raised over \$25,000 to serve primarily women and children in the East End of Pittsburgh and beyond with more funds expected to come. The Bazaar was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy being together, emerging from COVID, while serving our neighbors.

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!)

Please remember Calvary Church in your will.





Fall has arrived! The temperatures are dropping, the leaves are changing color and the days are getting shorter. It's so much fun for our students to bundle up, head outdoors, and take wagon rides to observe the beauty of the changing seasons.

It's somewhat challenging to plan lessons and activities this time of year because there are so many amazing things we want our students to learn and experience. This school year we chose to study Native Americans, trees, and leaves. Some will construct 3 types of dwellings and make pinch pots, totem poles, and talking sticks. Others will go on nature walks around Calvary, collect twigs and acorns for sensory play, make leaf collages, and dissect pumpkins. We'll all celebrate Thanksgiving by making crafts, baking muffins, and preparing a large meal that we'll safely share before our fall break.

Our Blue Team is in the middle of their annual "Pay It Forward" kindness campaign. Money raised will be given to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

If you are interested in teaching or volunteering at Beginnings, please contact me. We are also happy to give tours of our school when we're not in session.

We will be closed the week of Thanksgiving.

-Tammy Lewis, Director ■



Visit the Calvary website at www.calvarypgh.org

These people need you.
Your letters can change lives.

Amnesty International



Write for Human Rights

Amnesty International Group 39 invites you to the 36th Annual Write for Human Rights event in the Pittsburgh Region!

Write a letter. Change a life. Come for 5 minutes or the whole event. Meet members of other human rights groups and concerned individuals.

Thursday, December 9, 2021, 7:00-8:30pm Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Ave, Pittsburgh

All attendees are required to wear face coverings and are requested to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

More info at amnestypgh.org.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

CYAM 2021 Fall Schedule

Thursday, December 2 at 7 p.m.

Thursday Theology

Thursday, December 9 at 7 p.m.

Thursday Theology

Thursday, December 16 at 5:45 p.m.

CYAM Advent Party at Calvary ■

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

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size. Help us reach 100 bags of shoes! All proceeds will go to providing incentives and programming for our Lincoln scholars and families. We are collecting shoes thru November 22. Look for the bin in the Parish Hall. If you need further information, please contact Bianca Suggs, Community School Site Manager at bsuggs@hcvpgh.org

The Bookstore at Calvary

The Bookstore has many items to celebrate Advent including new and gently used Advent books for adults and children, Advent cards, Advent wreaths and candle sets. In addition, there are an assortment of Advent calendars for children of all ages including pictures and Bible text, pictures and the Nativity Story, stickers, and many others.

A variety of calendars and daily planners for 2022 are available including:

Churchman's Ordo Kalendar: Offers a full listing of the traditional feasts and devotional days that are frequently celebrated throughout the Anglican Communion. Calendar dates are printed in the liturgical color for that day.

Episcopal Church Year Guide Kalendar: Edited to conform to Lesser Feasts and Fasts of 2006, Book of Common Prayer and the Revised Common Lectionary. Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006 remains the last calendar of saints to be given final approval by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church.



The Episcopal Liturgical Appointment Calendar: Features two pages for each week, ample space for noting appointments, proper liturgical colors, Daily Office readings from the Book of Common Prayer and Sunday readings from the Revised Common Lectionary, Holy Days, commemorations and secular observances.

2022 Pocket Diary: This weekly planner features include prayers for special occasions, daily devotions, space for addresses and phone numbers, and reminder pages for birthdays.

Thistle Farms

Need a hostess gift? Thistle Farms natural body care products are a thoughtful gift 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. Lip balm and bath salts 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.

Alibris

Alibris is an online store that sells new books, used books, out-of-print books, rare books, and other media through an online network of independent booksellers since 1997. Calvary has over 220 mostly out of print, donated books available online at http://hymnal82.alibrisstore.com. The collection of offerings includes art, bibles, children's fiction, comics, and graphic novels, fiction, history, literary collections, literary criticism, nature, poetry, and travel



to name just a few. Each title listing includes the edition, binding, publisher, date published, description, and condition. Checkout the unique offerings that are reasonably priced.

Calvary website link to The Bookstore at Calvary

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

How to access The Bookstore at Calvary

The Bookstore is open on Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the week, contact the Bookstore at 412.661.0120 ext. 133 (please leave a message) or by email – bookstore@calvarypgh.org and we will contact you. In addition, we can arrange for contactless pick-up of your items. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® along with touch-free payments are accepted.

Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday**, **December 3**, **2021**. 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. ■



Please Wear a Mask While You Are at Calvary Church

MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



Thanks to all the singers who have made the last couple of busy weeks possible, particularly with the Mozart Requiem and Bishop Solak's ordination falling in a single week's span!

Looking ahead, the annual service of Lessons and Carols for Advent is just ahead, on **December 5 at 5 p.m.** (Note that it falls on the Second Sunday of Advent this

year, not the first.) The elegant sound of viols (a Renaissance consort-instrument, of which the *viola da gamba* is the bass) will join with voices and organ in contributing to this lovely way to enter more deeply into the season of expectation.

I want to update you on the prospects for repair to Calvary's organ, whose inner workings were severely damaged by a lightning strike in July. Several people have asked how this could happen: don't organs use air, not electricity? The answer is that yes, the sound is made by air passing through individual pipes (many, many of them - well over 7,000), but the control of that air, and the selection of which pipes are played and which aren't is communicated from the console (at floor level in the Choir) to the pipes (both high overhead and in the west gallery) through miles of copper wire, by way of computerized controllers beyond my capacity of explanation. As you may have found in home appliances, those computerized components operate on very low voltage. In a lightning event, this wire becomes a superhighway for the ultra-high-voltage discharge to sweep through those computer components, effectively destroying all in its path.

The organ is still operating at about 25% capacity, and that thanks to the admittedly unsightly cable that snakes up the wall of the Choir. A return to full operation is promised, and I am hopeful that that will be accomplished before Easter. (You've doubtless heard of pandemic-related supply-chain delays in goods-shipments, particularly for microchips, and those delays are preventing a quicker turn-around.) I am most grateful to those who have come forward to offer financial support of these very expensive repairs, and am glad to report that, in addition to such support, our insurance will be substantially helpful in underwriting the lion's share of the cost. I look forward to sharing more news – and especially to sharing the full voice of the organ with you once again, someday soon.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Calvary's Christmas Pageant will be held in person during the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, December 19. Practice will take place in the Nave on Saturday, December 18 from 10 a.m. – 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers and participants after practice. Please make plans to arrive early or stay after lunch to pick up your costume. We will also have Zoom practices once roles are assigned. Please contact me if you are interested in participating. Live nativity animals will join us again this year.

Calvary's Nursery: Orange Classroom, Level A. Open on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and for other church events as published.

Sunday School: 10 – 10:50 a.m., in person and on Zoom.

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

Journey Group: (Gym, Level A) 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., first and third Sundays of each month, led by Katie Bucci and Tammy Lewis. Zoom Member ID 852 4314 1536, Passcode 730639.

This fall, the Journey Group is focusing on the social injustice of poverty and hunger. We will prepare a Valentine's themed meal for the EECM Shelter on February 12, 2022. If you'd like to join us, please contact me.

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

Accolades

A big "Thank you" to the Calvary Gardens Crew for its past seven months of weekly care of the gardens all around the grounds.

Especially we thank: Charlie Atwood, Ruthanne Bauerle, Mike Broome, Nancy Carpenter, Catherine Davidson, Bob Dilts, Lauren Ernst, Bill Gentz, Donna Hallen, Joanne Luchsinger, and Frank McStay.



Appreciation is also extended to all who contributed to the red geranium memorial gardens on Whitsunday.

Please recycle this newsletter when you have finished reading it.



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

Nourishment for New Families

Adding a new member to a family is challenging in the best circumstances, but it can be even more challenging when extended family may not be able to provide in-person support due to the



pandemic or because they live out of state. In light of this, we are looking to gather names of parishioners who would be interested in periodically providing a meal for families with new children. When a family adds a new member, we will send a notice to the group of parishioners with an opportunity to sign up for a specific day to deliver a meal. We have two families expecting new babies this fall who would greatly appreciate this gift of time and nourishment.

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



Turnings

After hiatus, WOC Bazaar sales of crafts, foods, fine arts, and wares of all types generate funds for outreach distribution at or above previous years' levels. Fabrications and donations roll in, goods trade

hands, profits are distributed. Giant fluffy faux flamingo finds new home. Felicitous turnovers.

Volunteers and sextons completely transform Parish House from display and sales entity into suitable venue for Election Day polling station in one day. One quick turnaround!

In the ensuing election results, a new Mayor, in historic turnover, ushers in new era.

Drone mounted video camera aids in assessment of condition of all windows (inside and out, sacred and profane) inaccessible to physical inspection, to determine priorities for future maintenance and repair. Ah, technology! Sure beats scaffolding. As film directors cry: "Roll 'em!", or, if you're a Brit: "Turn over."

Head Sexton T-boned while driving home in his rather substantial truck. Multiple roll-overs later he comes to rest against another truck. Air bags deploy. He walks away confused, but unscathed – as do the occupants of the other vehicle. Turn that over in your mind. Miracles do happen!

Clocks "fall back" or re-turn to "Standard" time. With all the uproar, will we see this happen another year?

Preparations predominate for ordination of The Reverend Ketlen Solak+ as next Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh: bulletin printing; silver and woodwork polishing; candle replacements; rehearsals, both musical and ceremonial; even installation of side-aisle monitors for the expected crowd at Calvary. Everything points to an historic and glorious celebration when she becomes The Right Reverend Doctor +Ketlen Solak. Her seating in Trinity Cathedral happens the following day.

Coincidentally, the publication date of this *Agape* is that same day. Positive vibes all around and it'd be nice to report how it all went, but the deadline for this article was a week ago, so ... next time.

Meanwhile, just roll with it.

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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



News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Social Justice and Outreach Committee Green Church Grants

This year, the diocesan Social Justice and Outreach Committee (SJO) will award grants of up to \$500, to smaller churches for energy-saving improvements such as changing lights to LED, installing light timers, installing/improving weather stripping or insulation, buying a compost bin or rain barrel, or planting trees or shrubs near the church building to serve as insulation or near your parking lot to add shade.

Great information was shared during a panel discussion in September that SJO sponsored, "How Your Church Can Fight Climate Change and Save Money", and is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PElaeSde9gU

Applications listing your requests and their expected cost, with the source of the estimate, must be submitted by December 1, 2021. Submit them via email to Marianne Novy at mnovy@pitt.edu and Tom Slater at patobyblack@yahoo.com. The limited funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until they are depleted.

This is a follow-up to the resolution passed by the October 16 Diocesan Convention by an overwhelming majority.

Annual Holiday Cookie Walk in Franklin Park

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Walk-In: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Drive-Through: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, 2365 McAleer Road, Sewickley, 15143, at the corner of Rochester and McAleer Roads

Mask and vaccination required to come inside.

Choose from hundreds of varieties of cookies. Five varieties of soups will be available. This year, there will be a raffle of a freezer full of meat worth \$500 plus a \$100 gift card to T-Bones for the extras (freezer not included).

Many more details at https://www.stbrendans.org/cookiewalk ■

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

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

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

November 28 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Highland Park, the Reverend Christopher Cole, the Reverend Luke Zerra, the Reverend Dr. Don Keyes, the Reverend William Marchl, and the Reverend Dean Byrom (UMC)

December 5 Church of the Advent, Jeannette, and the Reverend Martin Wright

December 12 Church of the Advent, Brookline, the Reverend Elizabeth Locher and the Reverend Dr. Cynthia Byers Walter ■



Presiding bishop officiates Colin Powell's funeral at National Cathedral

[Episcopal News Service] Presiding Bishop Michael Curry officiated at the funeral of Colin Powell, former U.S. secretary of state and general, at Washington National Cathedral on Nov. 5, in a ceremony attended by three presidents and a host of dignitaries. Powell, a lifelong Episcopalian, died on October 18 of complications from COVID-19 at age 84.

Curry was joined by Washington Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde; the Very Rev. Randolph Hollerith, dean of the cathedral; and the Rev. Joshua Walters, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in McLean, Virginia, Powell's home parish. The Rev. Stuart Kenworthy, former interim vicar at the cathedral and longtime rector of Christ Church Georgetown in Washington, gave the sermon.

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Presiding Bishop Michael officiates at the funeral of Colin Powell at Washington National Cathedral on November 5, 2021

Presiding Bishop, continued

Powell served in the administrations of several presidents, including President Ronald Reagan, who appointed him national security adviser in 1987. He was the first African American in that role, and in 1989, he became the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President George H.W. Bush. When Bush's son George W. Bush became president in 2001, he picked Powell as his secretary of state, another first for an African American.

U.S. Presidents Joe Biden, Barack Obama and George W. Bush, as well as former Secretaries of State Hillary Clinton, Condoleezza Rice and Madeleine Albright, attended the funeral. Albright gave a eulogy, along with former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and Powell's son Michael.

"As I grew to know him, I came to view Colin Powell as a figure who almost transcended time – for his virtues were Homeric honesty, dignity, loyalty and an unshakable commitment to his calling and word," Albright said.

In a statement after Powell's death, Curry recalled meeting with Powell over breakfast a few years ago. "I give thanks for his model of integrity, faithful service to our nation and his witness to the impact of a quiet, dignified faith in public life."

Episcopal Service Corps seeks applicants for 2022-23 service year

The Episcopal Church invites young leaders ages 21 to 32 interested in a transformative outreach and discernment experience to consider applying to the Episcopal Service Corps for its 2022-23 service year.

Applications open online November 15. A virtual open house (click to register) to answer questions and explain more about the process will be at 3 p.m. ET Saturday, November 13, with others to follow. It will include a chance to hear from current and former Corps members. Potential applicants can also take an online discernment quiz.

Every year, 80-100 young leaders serve more than 120,000 hours in local and community-based nonprofits and churches through the Episcopal Service Corps, helping in rural ministries, homelessness support, healthcare, immigration and refugee resettlement, housing justice, education for at-risk youth, and much more. Participants live together in community, creating and living by a household "Rule of Life," and committing to regular spiritual direction and prayer in addition to service.

"Our core values are service, prayer, justice, vocation, community, and leadership," said Wendy Johnson, manager

of the Episcopal Service Corps network for The Episcopal Church. "These values shape and inform every aspect of a service year, and they are what set us apart from other post-graduate options."

The service year structure helps guide many participants as they discern their next steps vocationally and spiritually. Many Corps members move into positions of leadership within their churches, the wider Episcopal Church, and community organizations.

Corps members receive housing, health coverage, and small stipends to cover living expenses, transportation, and food. Questions? Please contact Wendy Johnson at www.episcopalchurch.org/staff/wendy-karr-johnson/

"Wine into Water" Silent Auction

Meredith Hardy, Congregational Ministry Partner at St. Margaret's in Palm Desert, CA, hosted a "Wine into Water" silent auction. Altogether, they raised over \$50,000 – enough to give well systems and clean water to a community.

Read more at episcopalnewsservice.org



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East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) 2021 Holiday "Berry" Program starts November 14

This Christmas season, Calvary has committed to helping 75 participants 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 the 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. To participate, please:

- 1. **Choose** one or more berries and sign them out on the corresponding sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. The berries carry a code that identifies the gift and person. For example, FH 16 D-1 denotes the first gift for person "D" in EECM Faith Housing Program's family 16.
- 2. **Wrap each gift** with the berry securely taped to the **outside** (identification code showing); please include a **gift receipt** for clothing or shoes and **batteries** for any gift that requires them.
- 3. **Bring** each wrapped gift to the Parish Hall between **Sunday, November 28** and **1 p.m. on Sunday, December 5, 2021.** The gifts will be taken to the EECM Community House for delivery to the families on December 7.
- 4. In addition, we are collecting **\$25 Giant Eagle gift cards** for distribution to families that participate in the EECM Food Pantry program. Gift cards should be dropped off at the Calvary reception desk by **1 p.m. on Sunday, December 5.**
- 4. A few volunteers are needed to sort and bag the gifts from **noon–2 p.m.** on **Sunday, November 28 and Sunday, December 5.** We also need at least one volunteer to make reminder phone calls on Sunday afternoon (**December 5**), and about 4 volunteers with hatch-back cars or vans to deliver the gifts to the EECM Community House between **noon and 2 p.m.** on **Tuesday, December 7**.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Jay Wilson (jwwbass1@gmail.com or 412-781-9329). Thank you for your support of this EECM program!





SarrisCandiesFundraising.com

Items will be shipped directly to your family & friends.

For every purchase made online, the Women of Calvary earn profit for the Bazaar!



EVENTIDE

at Calvary Episcopal Church

Sunday Evenings at 5 p.m.

thru May, 2022

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



First Sundays: Choral Evensong



Second Sundays: **Eventide Eucharist**



Third Sundays: **Choral Evensong**



Fourth/Fifth Sundays: **Eventide Eucharist**

Sunday, Dec. 5 – Lessons & Carols for Advent Sunday, Dec. 19 – Lessons & Carols for Christmas

No Eventide Service on December 26

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Annually, hundreds of youth are removed from their homes and are in need of Foster Care.

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

Foster parents make a difference by empowering families and keeping children on track to a forever home!

If you are interested in learning more about the benefits of becoming a foster parent, or would like to sign up for TRY's Foster Care Program Orientation:

Please contact us!



Three Rivers Youth Foster Care Program 6117 Broad Street Pittsburgh, PA 15206 Telephone: 412-441-5020 ext 215



October 11, 2021

Calvary Episcopal Church The Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen 315 Shady Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Dear Reverend Jensen,

Wesley Family Services would like to thank you for your generosity in giving us the ability to get a bench for our Foster Grandparents. Your support helps us to further our mission to empower children, adults, and families by providing transformational care.

Thank you again!

Jo Anne Gubash Executive Assistant 221 Penn Avenue Wilkinsburg, PA 15221

412-342-2228

Joanne.Gubash@wfspa.org





opportunity. transformation. hope.

October 19, 2021

Rev. Jonathan W. Jensen Calvary Episcopal Church 315 Shady Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15206-4388

Dear Rev. Jensen:

Thank you for your gift of \$1,285.43 on 10/15/2021 to East End Cooperative Ministry. Your gift shows that you share our vision to change the lives of people facing the impacts of poverty. Congregational support is what made EECM possible in the beginning, and we are so thankful that the support of faith communities continues to be so robust.

For over 50 years, East End Cooperative Ministry has been a community leader in confronting the challenges of poverty faced by our area's most at-risk, disadvantaged, and underserved populations. The impacts of our multi-faceted services included the following in 2020:

- During the year of COVID, EECM served more than 70,000 meals onsite to the community and program residents as opposed to 43,000 in a non-COVID year.
- Distributing more than 600,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to our food insecure up from 350,000 prior to COVID.
- Helping over 1,000 children and youth excel in school and expand their civic and social engagement skills through an online platform during COVID.
- Continuing to provide more than 14,000 bed nights to those who are homeless or in recovery and keeping all of our customers, staff, and volunteers safe throughout the year.

EECM began in the East End over 50 years ago, and with your help, we have been able to expand across the city of Pittsburgh. It's an exciting time to be a Pittsburgher, but not all can share in this excitement. Your gift ensures that everyone has the opportunity for education, employment, and a home. EECM is here to make sure that Pittsburgh's newfound prosperity is inclusive, not exclusive. We are truly thankful for you, as your gift makes all of this possible.

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Sincerely.

Carole Bailey President & CEO

East End Cooperative Ministry is a registered 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax-deductible. No goods or services were provided in consideration of this contribution. A copy of the official Registration and Financial Information may be obtained from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of State. Within Pennsylvania, call 1.800.732.0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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October 23, 2021

Calvary Episcopal Church 315 Shady Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15206-4388

Dear Friends,

During this past academic year, students of The Neighborhood Academy have persevered through academic tests that assess their skills and knowledge. They have also faced tough tests in their personal lives, which assess their resiliency and ability to thrive in adverse situations.

The Neighborhood Academy, a college-preparatory school whose mission is to break the cycle of generational poverty by empowering youth and preparing them for college and citizenship, recognizes that this year, our students have fought for their futures.

Research shows that more than half-a-million US students are dropping out of college, leaving their economic futures in question. Numerous reasons explain this finding: prioritizing employment, lack of technology, unpaid enrollment fees resulting in holds on their accounts, and caring for ill parents or children.

Current job trends also show that ongoing job creation will be concentrated in high-wage fields, such as healthcare, engineering, mathematics, science, and technology.

Throughout our Summer Session, we focused on combatting learning loss due to COVID-19 to ensure that our students stay on track. **Providing a pathway to college is our priority, and we cannot allow our students' lives to be diverted,** risking their ability to access fulfilling careers that provide long-term security.

Your gift of \$1,000.00 provides our students with a high-quality, supportive educational environment, designed for their future success. Thank you again for your belief in our mission and students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anthony Williams Head of School belief in our mission and our students. Out tale

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