



NOVEMBER 19, 2017



What's in a Name? – The Evans Room

Recently, a man visited Calvary Church on a Sunday and asked about the Evans Room. It is located a level above the offices the other side of the stairwell from the choir room. A closet door reveals the hidden (and only) entrance to the small balcony overlooking the Lady Chapel. It has abundant natural light, a handsome fireplace, and a barrel ceiling. One can stand on one side of the room, speak quietly upwards, and be heard on the other side of the room as the sound bounces across.

The visitor, a Mr. Evans, had always heard the story that the room was named for his family but was not certain of the connection. All over the facilities, there are plaques or markers dedicating spaces and honoring those who have gone before us. A handsome color guidebook to the buildings, that tells the story of much of the physical fabric of our church, is available in the Calvary bookstore. My multiple copies are all worn out from repeated use learning and relearning our history and giving tours.

The origin of the Evans Room is one part of our story I did not know. Thankfully, we have excellent archives and archivists in Bob Dilts and Becky Randall who did some research. Bob produced copies of the *Agape* article (printed below) from April 1975 that tells the story. They also managed to find a liturgy on the day the room was dedicated. That liturgy is available in the parish office. We further learned the grandfather clock in the Evans Room was given by that family. All of this information was sent to Mr. Evans who lives in one of the most Episcopal, beautiful, and holy places in the country, Sewanee, Tennessee.

These days, the Evans Room is used throughout the week for diocesan meetings, English as a Second Language classes, children's Sunday School, Vestry meetings, a contemplative prayer group, and the Calvary Bazaar just to name a few uses.

Thank you to the women of parish for their gift of this elegant space, especially to Jean Robinson who was the President of the Women of Calvary when it was dedicated.

—Jonathon

“Ladies Parlor” Renamed “The Evans Room”

From the April 9, 1975 edition of Agape

Over 60 women turned out for the Dedication of the Room they have newly furnished on the third level of the Parish House. Formerly known as “the Ladies Parlor” the name of the room was changed by the Vestry at the request of the Board of the Women of Calvary Church. “Parlor” seems to be considered a rather out-of-date word these days, and “Lounge” seems to suggest a “bar and grill!” The Women’s Board requested that it be named after the person or family who made a significant contribution over the years to the life of Calvary Church or to the building program.

The Vestry accepted and acted upon the resolution of the Women’s Board and named it in memory of the family of Miss Evelyn Evans: her father and mother Howard Salisbury Evans and Evelyn Fawell Evans, and her

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Additional photos of the Evans Room can be found in the online version of this newsletter at www.calvarypgh.org

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brother Thomas Raymond Evans II. And her sister Laura Evans Ford.

The Evans family have been members of Calvary Church for well over half a century, have always maintained a low-profile inconspicuousness but a large one in loyalty and generosity to the parish, known but to a few.

The room has been beautifully refurnished by gifts from 72 women of the parish. We invite all members to be sure and take a look at it when next they have occasion to be in the Parish House. It has already proved to be a most useful room for families in bereavement who received guests and for brides to dress in prior to their weddings.

A special service of dedication was prepared by the Rector and the room was dedicated with the assistance of the President of the Women of Calvary Church, Mrs. F. Brooks Robinson, and the assembled women of the parish. ■

I Lived as a Monk for Two Years

by Geoffrey Royce. Part 3 of a series.

The cell/the hermitage

In a monastery, each person has a room of their own in which to sleep, study, pray and work on sedentary projects. It is minimally equipped often because cells are quite small. There is a single bed, sometimes of a narrower dimension than those found in most homes. A desk or work surface that accommodates the task. A small closet or dresser. A comfortable stuffed chair for prayer or reading. A bookshelf and sometimes a small altar. In my community when you were in your cell the door was to be closed. When you were out of your cell the door was to be open. The cell was to kept orderly and clean.

Sometimes monasteries have residences for more prolonged solitary life and prayer. These are called a hermitage. Thomas Merton was given permission to separate himself from the community life at Gethsemane to such a residence. Generally moving towards this kind of life is seen among monastics as requiring a greater maturity and stability in one's vows.

Catherine of Siena in her mystical vision, The Dialogue, constantly reminds the sisters she is instructing to "return to the cell of self-knowledge" and that "it will teach you everything". In all prayer, there is a certain degree of solitary prayer. Even when we are gathered together and can hear other's voices we hear our voice as well saying the words or singing the hymn. As a monastic in a contemplative order I spent no small amount of time alone in my cell. The familiarity and security of such a place is a help to the life of prayer. Eventually with practice one comes to a level of recollection in which the soul becomes the cell or

hermitage. It is possible to remain present to experience while at the same time being withdrawn in one's mind or soul. How one gets there is not important. It is important that prayer has a sacred and inviolable place to be.

The other use for this space set aside is that one can invite Jesus to dwell there. This allows one to externally practice a homely form of poverty that would make Jesus feel welcome in your rooms. This also invites an internal humility that recognizes the shared humanity of Jesus, indwelling God, God become flesh.

The interesting thing about the separation that Jesus invites monastics to practice is that it is entirely social. All seemingly interior or mental landscapes are all derived from social reality. We are never able to completely separate ourselves from others. We can limit our exposure to others by living in remote places or behind walls but we are still dependent on the horizontal relationship to the rest of the human being club. In the end monastic separation is practiced in an external discipline but it is more importantly a discipline of attitude. If in God we have all, as Julian of Norwich tells us, we need not go out to look for God. God, we know, finds us. It seems to make a good bit of sense that God would look for us where only we are.

The tale of Martha and Mary is used most often to present the two approaches to servanthood especially for vowed religious but it applies to all of us. The social outreach and all works of faith are not to be divided from the devoted adoration. There is enough to go around depending on your abilities and inclination. As long as one recognizes that the least of Christ's brethren are the window to God for those who come to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, visit those in prison and welcome the stranger. It is a gift to be able to do such things for others. One will almost surely run out of that extra energy, that gift, without the other piece of devoted adoration and contemplation.

The monastic cell is in many ways incarnational in nature. It is itself a birthing place. The monastic is born there, the love of Jesus our protector in the desert is born there, the love of solitude, silence and true prayer is born there. ■

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

Many, many thanks to everyone who made the 2017 Bazaar a great success. Our thanks go to our suppliers, our volunteers and our customers...to Calvary staff for providing constant guidance and assistance...to our finance volunteers for handling our monies with smooth expertise...to our media innovators for updating our communications. Because of your hard work we are now in a position to provide financial support to next year's grantees. Thank you one and all.

-Susie Prentiss, Chair ■

Shelter Dinner Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to prepare and serve dinners at the East End Cooperative Ministry's shelter for the months of January through June, 2018. Calvary is responsible for these dinners on the second Saturday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Mary Ann and Tom Slater slatersaur904@gmail.com or tslater@iup.edu.



We know some Calvary members have helped at these dinners for several years. If you are willing to serve as a 'team leader' for a particular month, please let us know. As a team leader, you can recruit others to help you or we refer you to others who are willing to help. Also please let us know if you want to serve but are new to this mission and would feel more comfortable working with those more experienced.

We thank everyone for their help and cooperation over these past few years. It has been greatly appreciated. ■



November is the time of year when we tend to think about all of the things we are grateful for. At Beginnings, we are full of gratitude for the many different ways our students and families are coming together to create such a wonderful community. We had a full house at our Bring Your Parents to School event. We shared a delicious dinner and the children had the opportunity to show off their classrooms to their families. The children are proud of their learning and the friendships they are forming with their classmates. Our Halloween Parade was another well-attended event. It's always a treat for us to see the children in their costumes and we know they enjoy the treats they receive from Calvary's staff. The Calvary Bazaar provided us with another opportunity to connect as a community. Our families donated items and worked together to set up and run the Children's Table the day of the event. There was a large crowd of shoppers that day taking advantage of the deals and we had fun meeting people and talking about the program at Beginnings. Our next event is November 29 from 5–7 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for ice cream at the Cold Stone Creamery in Squirrel Hill. We are looking forward to sharing sweet treats while raising money for Beginnings at the same time. Hope to see you there.

—Ann Martino, Director ■

The Gospel Folder

*The sermon preached by
The Reverend Jonathon Jensen on
October 22, 2017 –The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost.*



Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Carter is five years old. With his brother and parents, he is a member of Calvary Church. When he is not "playing church" he is playing with matchbox cars and eating Cheerios in the pew. Evidently, he has been paying attention to the sermons or in Sunday School. Recently, he gave a better understanding of today's Gospel than any I know.

Carter lost one of his first teeth last weekend. That is an exciting event that only happens to big boys and girls. That night, he put his tooth under his pillow. The next morning, he discovered he had been visited by the tooth fairy who left him a whole dollar.

His parents asked him what he wanted to do with his money. Without hesitation, Carter said he wanted to take it to church and put it in the offering plate. He said, "God and the church need it." His mother asked him why he wanted to donate it to God and the church. He said, "I have enough." A five year old. "I have enough." Carter's profound wisdom embodies today's Gospel message. The focus is on what really matters most in the world, what has eternal value.

The section of the Gospel of Matthew we read is the first of three attempts by those in power to trick and discredit Jesus. It is helpful to think of the three stories as a whole. Why try to trick or discredit Jesus? Quite simply, because people were starting to listen to him and what he had to say about God, people, the world and how all of it fit together. Some simple country preacher could be ignored. When enough people listened to him, Jesus became a threat to those in control, those with power. In Jesus' time it was the Sadducees and Pharisees who held control under the authority of the Romans. Then and now, if something poses a threat to power, it will be attacked. Sedition, inciting people to rebel against the state, was eventually the charge that would get Jesus crucified.

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The particular way the religious authorities tried to deal with the threat of Jesus was to entrap him with words. That is, to get him to say something publically with which they could discredit and humiliate him. They asked is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor? Said another way, how much should religion influence politics or what should we hold in highest value?

The second question occurs just after this reading and sounds innocuous. A man marries a woman and dies. His brother then marries the widow and then he dies and so on through five brothers all marrying the same woman. Poor woman. It was their obligation to do so because she could not take care of herself in that culture. When she dies, to which of the brothers will she be married in Heaven? Said another way, what is Heaven like and how do we get there? And next week's Gospel... They asked Jesus, which is the greatest commandment of all the religious laws? Said another way, what matters most in the world?

**We give our whole selves to the Lord.
With God,
we always have enough.**

The Sadducees and Pharisees dumped all their anxiety and fear on Jesus, their perceived threat and enemy. Those fearful with an uncertain or fading grip on perceived power, in every age, do the same thing. They find someone to attack, someone to blame, someone to make an enemy, something or someone else we should all fear. It takes the focus off them. What we easily miss is that the Sadducees and Pharisees asked Jesus the very questions that confounded and confused them. In each of the three responses Jesus gives to the trick questions, he refuses to enter into the anxiety or fear of those asking them.

Whose face is on the coin? Give to the emperor what belongs to the emperor and give to God what is God's. You are free to serve God and your neighbors or not. It is always your choice.

The response to the question about the brothers and the poor woman... Heaven is not just a nicer, cleaner version of all this with the same problems. Heaven is complete communion with God and our neighbors without any anxiety or fear or injustice or death.

The third question... What is the greatest commandment? Jesus said that we are free of everything except love – of God, of your neighbor, and love of yourself. Love not as emotion but a connection and a commitment requiring action and transformation.

There is a lesson in that for us. When you hear on the news or social media or from a friend about the newest awful thing- listen and honor them as a human being but don't let

their fear, their anxiety, become your own. That's what Jesus did. There will always be another problem or something else to worry about. Don't lose sight of what matters most. Let the emperor, the world, keep what belongs to the emperor. Let the world keep the crazy. You don't need it.

What matters most is giving to God what is God's. That is, us. We give our whole selves to the Lord. With God, we always have enough. We proclaim and embody, like Jesus, a different way. We seek to bring hope where there was none. We proclaim Heaven come to Earth and work for a just world for all that God intends. We proclaim what matters most without giving in to the abundant fear, anxiety, hate, and greed the world dishes out on a daily basis.

Prayer, Bible study, worship, and serving other people help center us. We also need reminders, from time to time, in the midst of this crazy world- that God still loves us and everyone in it.

Let me tell you about what I do to help remind me what matters most. You may want to try it, too. About twenty years ago, I received an elegant, hand-written thank you note from a parishioner. She thanked me for caring for her mother when she died. The note was so beautiful, in words and design, and the sentiment so touching I couldn't bear to throw it away. So I created a new folder called "Gospel," which simply means good news. I kept the note there.

Over the years, I added many more things to the Gospel folder. A welcome card from a child.

A notice of graduation from someone we helped learn to read. Marriage announcements. Lots of thank you notes, printed emails, and photographs of people who made the world just a little bit better place for everyone.

From time to time, when I have heard enough bad news or evil seems to be winning, I take out the Gospel folder and read through it. When those things happen I need a reminder of what matters most. That's why we continue to pray, to study the Bible, to worship, to serve other people. They help us proclaim and embody that there is another way to live with love and justice as Jesus did. That's Gospel. That's good news.

Today, I have one more item to add to the Gospel folder. A story about a little boy who lost a tooth, found a dollar, and reminds us all what matters most. Carter knew he and his gift were needed. God and the Church need you, too, so love can be embodied and known in our world. With God, we always have enough. ■

About Agape

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, December 8, 2017**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office. ■

MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



"Advent is coming." This is true in two ways: first, because Advent is all about the approach of something long-awaited, and second, because that season is now just around the corner.

To mark the season, the Choir will offer its annual service of Lessons and Music on Sunday afternoon, December 3, at 5, with a reception following. Chatham Baroque and a consort of viols will join us in music for this season, an array of pieces reflecting on the series of

prophetic and narrative scriptures that make up the "Lessons" portion of the occasion. The composers represented will include Byrd, Hassler, Gibbons, Rosenmüller (a seventeenth-century incumbent in what was later Bach's church), and Bach himself, as well as the ever-popular Anonymous, and a couple of more contemporary voices.

The following Friday, Calvary reprises Handel's best-known oratorio, *Messiah*. Related almost entirely through scriptural prophecies, the piece is a masterpiece of narration by allusion, and it contains both a wealth of instantly familiar tunes, and a goodly number of less-well-known gems. Calvary's performance is the only complete presentation of the piece in the Pittsburgh area, and the only one with period instruments, anchored by Chatham Baroque. And while we've done the piece a number of times since 2003, when we first presented it, it never fails to thrill me (and, I dare hope, the audience!) Please join us.

Since Lessons and Carols is not a Communion service, it can be a less threatening-feeling occasion to share with music-loving friends who might not (somehow!) be Episcopalians. And doesn't everyone love *Messiah*? Please, share word of these occasions with your friends, either by letting them know about them (social media, anyone?) or by actually inviting them along with you!

Wishing you a holy and expectant Advent.



"It is meet and right so to do"

It is the custom of parishes across the Episcopal Church to make seasonal changes in the Sunday liturgy. Some such changes are stipulated by the Prayer Book (for instance, the suppression of the *Gloria in excelsis* during Advent and Lent). Others are discretionary, and reflect the sensibilities of individual parishes. These are often expressed most clearly in musical choices, but also appear in spoken portions of the service.

During Advent, there will be various small changes of this sort in our Sunday services. At 9 o'clock, the Song of Praise

will be replaced by a setting of the Kyrie ("Lord have mercy"), and the Schubert setting of the Sanctus will replace the one we've been using for several months, by Richard Proulx. Otherwise, the 9 o'clock service will be pretty much as-usual, as will (of course!) the 8 o'clock.



At 11 o'clock, we will make a seasonal shift to Rite One, the form of our liturgy cast in traditional idiom (think, "thee" and "thou," and "And with thy spirit"). There will be corresponding musical adjustments, using the Hymnal's settings of the Kyrie, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei by Healey Willan. As we have often done for Advent, we will shift to plainsong for the Gradual Psalm, with a congregational refrain. Rite One language will continue into our late-evening Christmas Eve celebration (but the 4 o'clock Christmas Eve service will be Rite Two as usual, as will Christmas Day and all services on the Sunday after Christmas).

We undertake these changes, not as an indicator of things to come, but as a reflection of our identity as a faithful Episcopal Church, seeking to express the fullness of that identity as best fits our time and place. Research has shown that the traditional language of Rite One has deep resonance, not merely with those who grew up with it decades ago, but also among younger worshippers seeking connection with long-established patterns of prayer. Much as we employ language developed since the 1979 Prayer Book in some liturgies, we want to utilize the idioms and rhythms of the oldest stripe of our English-language tradition, as well. ■

CandleMass

Second Sundays, at 5 p.m.
December 10, 2017 • February 10, 2018

An intimate celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with music ranging from Gregorian Chant to the present day, led by the Calvary Schola. Light and shadow, Word and gesture, sound and scent combine to draw us to the threshold of the Holy. For more information, visit CandleMass.org. ■

Please remember
Calvary Church
in your will.

Advent, Christmas & Epiphany

2017-2018

Weekday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist
Monday 6 p.m.; Wednesday 7 & 10:30 a.m.

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First Sunday of Advent: December 3, 2017

The Holy Eucharist, at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

- *Combined Christian Formation this day for children at 10 a.m.*
- *Adult Forum at 10 a.m., in the Refectory.*
- *A Class on the Gospel of John, 10 a.m.*
- **Lessons and Carols for Advent, 5 p.m.** Chatham Baroque joins the Calvary Choirs and soloists in music anticipating coming of the King of kings. Readings and music give voice to the hopes and prayers of the season. A pot-luck *hors-d'oeuvre* reception follows the service.

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Friday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Handel's Messiah. Chatham Baroque and other period-instrumentalists join the Calvary Choir and soloists Sarah Nadler, Susan Shafer, Guy Russo, and Brent Stater in Pittsburgh's only complete performance of the world's favorite oratorio.

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Second Sunday of Advent: December 10

The Holy Eucharist, at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

- *Adult Forum at 10 a.m.*
- *A Class on the Gospel of John, 10 a.m.*
- *Calvary Young Adult Ministry at 12:45 p.m. – Brunch at Panera, Bakery Square*

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Young Adult Ministry Yule Ball

Friday, December 15, at 7 p.m., in the Refectory

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Chatham Baroque's Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 16 at 8 p.m.

Soprano Pascale Beaudin, baroque trumpeter, Shelby Lewis, and organist Alan Lewis join Pittsburgh's own Baroque Trio to perform Bach's bravura cantata Jauchzet, Gott, along with seasonal music. Tickets available through www.chathambaroque.org, or at the door.

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Third Sunday of Advent: December 17

The Holy Eucharist, at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

Christmas Pageant in the 11 o'clock service

- *No Christian Formation classes on this day.* The children of the Sunday School, assisted by a live menagerie of sheep, goats, a donkey, and a camel, re-enact the story of Jesus' birth.
- *A Class on the Gospel of John, 10 a.m.*

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 24

The Holy Eucharist, at 8 a.m. only

Christmas Eve: December 24

4 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The Rev. Jonathon W. Jensen, preacher

Holy Eucharist and Sermon, with carols and special music for choir, brass, and organ. *Music begins 30 minutes before each service. Childcare will be provided during the 4 p.m. service.*

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Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, at 9:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist with sermon and Christmas carols.

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The clergy will take Holy Communion to homebound parishioners during the Octave of Christmas.

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you wish to arrange a visit.

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The Parish Offices be closed Monday, December 25, Tuesday, December 26 and Monday, January 1, 2018. There will be no 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist on those Mondays.

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The First Sunday after Christmas Day: Sunday, December 31

The Holy Eucharist, at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

No Christian Formation classes; the Nursery will be closed.

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The First Sunday after The Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 7, 2018

The Holy Eucharist, at 8, 9 & 11 a.m.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered at 11 a.m.

- *Christian Formation classes for all ages resume; the Nursery will be open.*
- *A Class on the Gospel of John, 10 a.m. ■*



News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Men's Bible Study

Bishop Dorsey McConnell leads an informal men's bible study two Wednesday mornings each month from 7:30 to 8:30 at the cathedral downtown located at 328 Sixth Avenue. The group enjoys a manly, thoughtful, and sometimes humorous comradery. Additional learners and seekers welcome. No prerequisites for this ongoing journey through the New Testament. For more information please call Don Kester at 412.731.8085 or don.kester@verizon.net. ■

Malarkey Named Canon to the Ordinary

Bishop Dorsey McConnell is pleased to announce the appointment of the Rev. Shawn Malarkey as Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, effective the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017. Fr. Malarkey will retain his responsibilities as Rector of Church of the Nativity, Crafton, sharing time between these roles. This transition will coincide with the retirement of the Rev. Canon Ted Babcock from his role as Canon for Congregational Support.

"We are immensely grateful to Father Ted for his work and ministry on behalf of our parishes, and extend our prayers and best wishes to him and his family as they begin this new chapter in their lives," said Bishop McConnell.

"At the same time, we are excited to welcome Father Shawn to his new role on the diocesan staff and couldn't be more pleased with the pastoral and administrative gifts he brings to this work, as we reestablish the position of Canon to the Ordinary locally."

Fr. Malarkey was ordained to the priesthood in 2002 in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, serving that diocese in an administrative capacity before engaging in ministry in two large suburban parishes. After joining the Episcopal Church in 2006, he worked as a hospice chaplain and bereavement counselor before reengaging priestly ministry upon the reception of his ordination by the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh in 2015. During the reception process, he served at St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, and Nativity, where he was called as Rector in 2016. He and wife Jolean have two adult children, Kayla and Joseph, and live in Crafton with their lab mix, Dexter. ■



"Give Big Pittsburgh" and Help Shepherd Wellness Community

Please help Shepherd Wellness Community on November 28, 2017 by making an online donation through "Give Big Pittsburgh!" This 24 hour giving event organized by The Pittsburgh Foundation will provide funds to support our mission of helping people living with HIV/AIDS improve their wellness. **Give Big Pittsburgh is 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28th.** (<https://www.givebigpittsburgh.com/organizations/shepherd-wellness-community>)

With your support, we will continue to provide a caring Community, offering hope and assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS. In 2016-2017 we were able to serve more than 6,500 free nutritious meals to people living with HIV/AIDS. Every meal we serve is accompanied by a program designed to improve quality of life by addressing one or more of the six dimensions of wellness (social, occupational, spiritual, physical, intellectual and emotional).

Give Big Pittsburgh will raise money for local nonprofits through a single online donation platform, providing a simple way to connect donors to the charitable causes they care about most and encourage them to take action. ■

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

November 19 – St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Kittanning, and the Reverend Howard Gillette.

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

December 3 – Church of the Advent, Brookline, the Reverend Richard Pollard, and the Reverend Douglas Kinsey.

December 10 – Church of the Advent, Jeannette, and the Reverend Vicente Santiago.

December 17 – Church of the Nativity, Crafton, and the Reverend Shawn Malarkey.

December 24 – Those who share their gifts in worship, including acolytes, altar guild members, choir members, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, lay readers, musicians, ushers, and vergers.

December 31 – Diocesan staff including Rich Creehan, Joan Gundersen, Kim Karashin, Andy Muhl, Marlene Rihn, Judi Rogers, Andy Roman and Kathi Workman. ■



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Living Stones: Palestinian Christians in the Holy Land

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh presents An illustrated lecture by Tina Whitehead

Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Avenue, 15206

Whitehead's primary work has been with Sabeel, a Palestinian Christian Peace and Justice Movement. She has worked with the Bethlehem Bible College where she helped organize three international "Christ at the Checkpoint" conferences and has been working as a hospitality representative in Bethlehem for an American tour company, giving lectures and helping organize dinners with Palestinian families. She teaches and speaks as an advocate for the Palestinian people, including Osher Continuing Education classes on "The Palestinian Perspective" at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University. ■

From Episcopal News Service

The Virgin Islands are still recovering from hurricanes Irma and Maria

(posted November 8, 2017 by Amy Sowder)

When the Rt. Rev. Carl Wright's plane landed on St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, he saw an airport full of frantic travelers. The luggage conveyor belt was jammed with generators, batteries and flashlights.

"We planned to visit two parishes to celebrate Holy Eucharist, but we were barred from both by torrents of water. The water was too deep to get through. Although it was more than a month later, it looked as if the hurricane happened yesterday," Wright told the Episcopal News Service after returning to the U.S. from his mid-October trip. After the outcry that Puerto Rico was being overlooked in favor of the places on the continental U.S. by the White House, the American territory earned more attention and help. But what about the U.S. territories of the Virgin Islands, as well as the British Virgin Islands? The Episcopal Diocese of the Virgin Islands covers 14 congregations across both the U.S. and British islands. "I felt like the diocese, although this is a feeling and not an observation, is a forgotten diocese," Wright said.

Hurricane Maria pummeled what Irma spared. It was a cruel one-two punch. By Oct. 11, which was 21 days after Maria and 35 days after Irma, 78 percent of the homes and businesses on the Virgin Islands were still without power, according to Episcopal Relief & Development. ■

Donegal Property Available for Retreats, Relaxation

Schedule your getaway today!

The diocese welcomes groups and individuals to book a stay at the Donegal Clergy House, a modern resort house on 160 acres including a fishing pond. The house is within a short half-hour drive to popular Laurel Highlands attractions including Fallingwater, Idlewild Park and Soak Zone, Fort Ligonier, Seven Springs, Laurel Ridge, Hidden Valley, and the Connellsville bike trails.



The four-season, two-level house is fully furnished, with linens, blankets, and cookware, and a cleaning service readies it for each use. A three-season barn on the property can serve as a picnic shelter.

It is available at very affordable rates. Clergy, parish staff, and church groups have first priority on bookings and can schedule up to a year in advance. Parish members who are seeking a vacation site may schedule up to four months in advance.

Please be aware of these other important details:

- Due to water restrictions, the maximum overnight capacity is 8-10 individuals.
- There is no water at the barn, and sanitary facilities must be rented to accommodate larger groups.

Contact Marlene Rihn at mrihn@episcopalpgh.org or 412.721.0853 for details and reservations.

Bishop's Visitation Schedule

November 19 – St. Paul's, Kittanning

November 26 – Good Shepherd, Hazelwood

December 3 – Advent, Brookline

December 10 – Advent, Jeannette

December 17 – Nativity, Crafton

December 24 – Trinity Cathedral (Christmas Eve) ■

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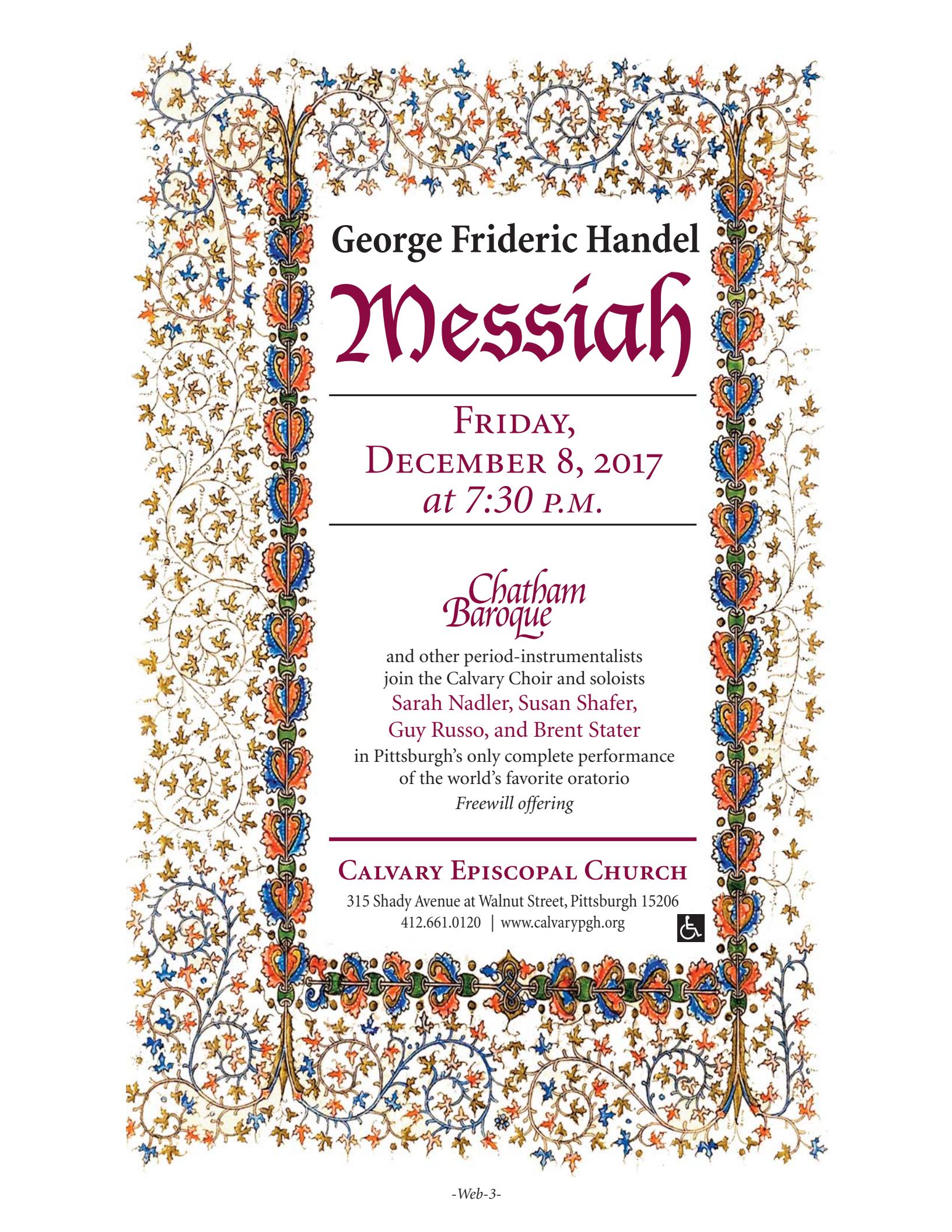
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- THE JUSTICE SYSTEM
- LGBTQ INTERSECTIONS

Please join us for 2 panel discussions:

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

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

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

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



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Christmas on the River Seamen's Ministry

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Episcopal Church Women

Friday, December 8, 2017 10 am – 2 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon

1066 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228

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Since 1898 volunteers of the Seamen's Church Institute have been collecting, packing, knitting and distributing Christmas gifts to mariners who are miles from home on Christmas Day.

The following donations are needed: hand lotion, lip balm, chewing gum, wrapped candy, paperbacked books, puzzle books, knitted hats and gloves, Christmas cards and handmade cards by Sunday School children.

If unable to attend the Pack and Play, donated items may be left at: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, Trinity Cathedral, Church of the Atonement, Carnegie, St. Thomas, Oakmont or Calvary, East Liberty.



The Seamen's Church Institute is North America's largest and most comprehensive mariners' service agency, promoting safety, dignity, and improved working and living conditions for millions of men and women serving in the maritime workplace. Founded in 1834, the Institute is a voluntary, ecumenical agency affiliated with the Episcopal Church.

Calvary Episcopal Church Movie Night: Thursday, January 25, 2018

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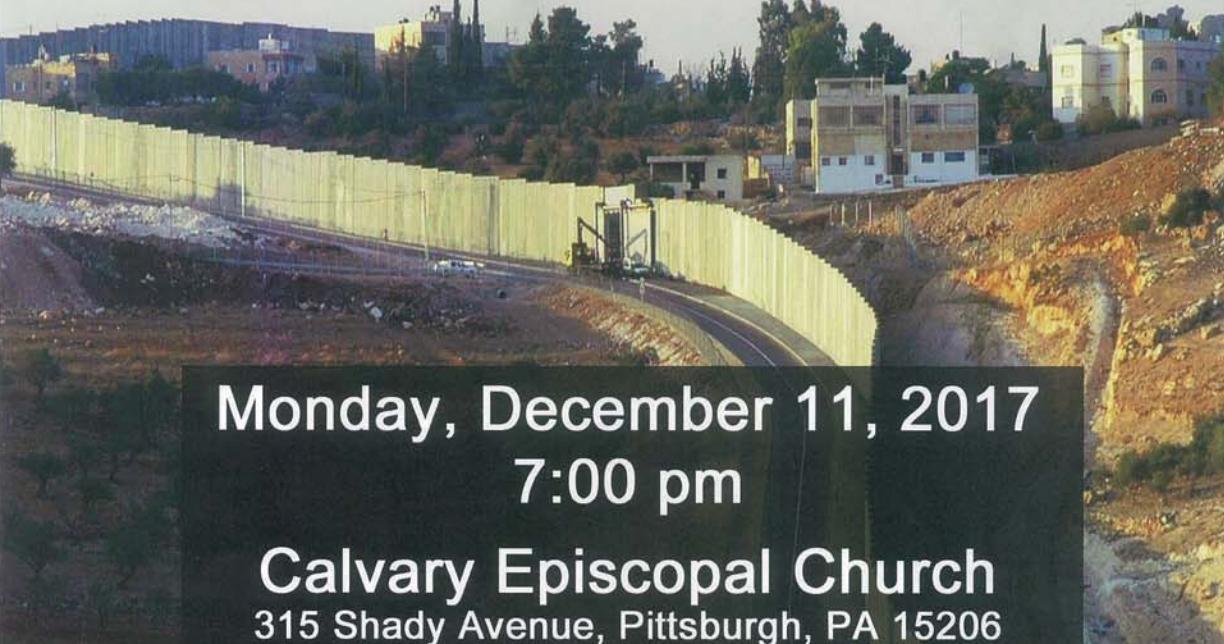
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The Social Justice and Outreach Committee
of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh presents

LIVING STONES: PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

An illustrated lecture by
Tina Whitehead



**Monday, December 11, 2017
7:00 pm**

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

Whitehead's primary work has been with Sabeel, a Palestinian Christian Peace and Justice movement. She has worked with the Bethlehem Bible College where she helped organize three international "Christ at the Checkpoint" conferences and has been working as a hospitality representative in Bethlehem for an American tour company, giving lectures and helping organize dinners with Palestinian families. She teaches and speaks as an advocate for the Palestinian people, including Osher Continuing Education classes on "The Palestinian Perspective" at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University.



Thanksgiving Day Service

Thursday, November 23, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Holy Communion, Rite II
with congregational hymns and choral music.
The Rev. Jonathon W. Jensen, *celebrant*
The Rev. Leslie G. Reimer, *preacher*
Everyone is welcome.

Young Adults Invited to Serve as Acolytes

Since the regular 11 a.m. Eucharist has resumed you may have noticed the devoted young people who have served the church in an angelic capacity as acolytes. They add dignity and glory to our services by leading the procession with crosses or banners, carrying the Gospel book, lighting the way with torches, and assisting at the Altar.



We would like add to their number and have decided to expand the group to include young adults to serve as acolytes. In many congregations, it is common for adults to serve as acolytes. The Rector served as an acolyte throughout college. Natalie Jensen was an acolyte for four years at the Cathedral in New Orleans when Jonathon served there. Serving can be quite enjoyable and can deepen one's faith.

We will develop a rota (serving schedule) and offer training to share the work and make sure all are adequately prepared for what they are doing and know why they are doing it.

Lisa Knight and I (Geoffrey Royce) have been charged with leading the acolytes since last summer. We would like very much to have a meeting of all the acolytes newly interested and our regulars so that we can have a uniform training session and a good excuse for a pizza party. Please join us on Sunday, December 17th at 1 p.m. in the church if you are interested or contact Lisa (lisa.knight@ymail.com), Geoffrey (steadyseraphim@yahoo.com), or the Rector. ■

Staying in Touch

If you wish to sign-up to receive our weekly e-mail blast, please visit the Calvary website at www.calvarypgh.org and click on "Sign up."

Be sure to keep us informed if you have a home address, phone or email change. Contact our Parish Secretary, Marsha Morris, at 412.661.0120, ext. 111 or send an email to secretary@calvarypgh.org. ■

DID YOU KNOW?

A series of facts about the Church and Calvary in particular.

❖ **Advent** is the beginning of the Church's new year. The season of expectation has the twin themes of preparing for the first coming of Christ at Christmas and the second coming of Christ in Glory. The color of the four-week season is blue or purple. Advent is always the four Sundays before Christmas. A helpful way to remember the intent for the season is Awaiting a Divine Vision Entering a New Time A-D-V-E-N-T.

❖ **Advent Wreath.** A wreath of greenery with five candles used as a special seasonal devotional. It has four candles in a square, either purple or blue for the season, with a white candle in the center. On occasion, one might see a rose colored candle for the third Sunday of Advent called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means rejoice from one of the traditional prayers of this day, "Rejoice in the Lord always..." One candle is lighted each Sunday of Advent until all four are lighted. The white candle is lighted on Christmas.

❖ **Christmas** is the second season of the Church's year focusing on God becoming one of us in Christ. We are not so much celebrating the birthday of Jesus as we are the Incarnation. It means God became one of us incarnate or "in the flesh" in Jesus. The color of the twelve-day season is white. The root of the word is the "mass of Christ."

The first Christmas Eve Midnight Service conducted in Pittsburgh was held at Calvary on December 24, 1876 by the Rector, the Rev. Boyd Vincent.

❖ **Candlemas.** A traditional Anglican/Episcopal name for the feast commemorating the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple, as a part of the Jewish rite of purification after childbirth. Falling forty days after the Feast of the Nativity, it marks the end of the cycle of observances centered around Christmas (including the season of Advent and the feast of the Epiphany). Part of the biblical account of the event (Luke 2: 22-39) attributes a prophetic utterance to an aged bystander, Simeon, who was "righteous and devout," and had been assured that he would not die before seeing the Lord's Messiah. On encountering the child at his presentation, Simeon hails him as "a light to enlighten the nations." This probably gave rise to the medieval custom of blessing candles for domestic use on this feast-day, which in turn led to its designation as "Candlemas."

❖ **CandleMass.** At Calvary, the name for the evening Eucharist on second Sundays. While referring to the liturgical feast described above, the name also seeks to describe both the liturgy (a Eucharist, or Mass) and its atmosphere (candle-lit, in the early evening). ■

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Nursery

On Sunday, December 24, nursery care will be available during the 4:00 service, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The Nursery will be closed Sunday, December 31.

Sunday School

On Sunday, November 26, the Sunday school classes will combine and meet in the Evans Room.

Our last day for 2017 will be Sunday, December 10. Sunday school will resume January 7, 2018.

Christmas Pageant

Calvary's children and youth will present our annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 17, during the 11 o'clock service. With costumes, carols, and a camel, the pageant is a beautiful and festive retelling of the Christmas story.

All children and youth are welcome and encouraged to sign up! There are parts for everyone. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Parish Hall. You may also call or email me to sign up. All information and updates will be emailed to families and posted in the Parish Hall. There will be one rehearsal, on Saturday, December 9.

We are also in need of grown-up helpers! If you would like to contribute in some way (from organizing costumes, to animal handling, to providing a snack, to general behind-the-scenes assistance on the day), please add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or contact me directly.

Please invite friends and family to join us on December 17 for this incredible story and wonderful Calvary tradition! ■



Sundays at 10 a.m.

Sunday, November 19

Them and Now: Friedrich D. E. Shleiermacher

The Rev. Chuck Esposito will lead this forum.

Sunday, November 26

Henry Ossawa Tanner: Images for Advent and Christmas

We continue our exploration of the work of Tanner, the first internationally known African-American artist, with a look at paintings particularly appropriate for the coming season of the Incarnation. Leslie Reimer will lead this forum.

Sunday, December 3

Them and Now: G. W. F. Hegel

The Rev. Chuck Esposito will lead this forum.

Sunday, December 10

Poland Personally

Calvary parishioner Claire Mazur, along with Dr. Josh Andy, an educator and historian at Winchester Thurston, traveled to Poland this past summer with Classrooms Without Borders, a program aimed at educating communities about Jewish culture and history. Claire and Dr. Andy will share some of their experiences from the trip, and discuss how powerful it is to study history where it happened.

Sunday, December 17

Christmas Pageant – No Adult Forum

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve – No Formation Classes

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve – No Formation Classes ■

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Sunday, November 19, 12:45 p.m.

Brunch at Social (6425 Penn Ave., 15206)

Tuesday, December 5, 5:45 p.m.

Happy hour at Urban Tap (216 S. Highland Ave., 15206)

Friday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.

Yule Ball – Refectory at Calvary

Our 4th annual Yule Ball is a chance to get dressed up and celebrate the holiday season together. We have offered childcare in the past and could do so again – just let me know if that service would be useful to you. Also, we will need a few people to help set up the afternoon before. If you are free and able to assist, please let me know!

–Susan Roth ■

A Study of the Gospel of John

Please join the Rector and the Rev. Chuck Esposito in McClintic Hall as they co-teach this class on the Gospel of John that will continue throughout the academic year. *We will not have class on November 26, December 24 or 31.* ■

Questions? Please contact
Susan Roth, Coordinator for Christian Formation,
412.661.0120 ext. 116, sroth@calvarypgh.org

Please recycle this newsletter
when you have
finished reading it.

Soup Group Recycling Session

The Soup Group is willing to turn your hambone or Thanksgiving turkey carcass into delicious soup when we meet in Calvary's kitchen on **Friday, December 8 at 10 a.m.** You may leave these items in the freezer in the pantry. If you have 16 or 8 ounce mason jars we are happy to have those as well. These can be left on the counter in the kitchen. New cooks and recipes are welcome. Any questions? Please contact me.



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

“Food of the Month”

East End Cooperative Ministry operates the second largest food pantry in Pittsburgh. **On their wish list for November is instant mashed potatoes; in December it's rice.** Of course, you may donate any food item. Other essential items they can always use include Reusable Grocery/Tote Bags, Disposable Grocery Bags, Individually Wrapped Rolls of Toilet Paper, and Diapers and Baby Wipes (many of the over 500 families we provide groceries for each month have infants). Please leave your items in the shopping cart in the Parish Hall. ■

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, to the church office by **Monday, December 18.**

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

Donor's name: _____

Donor's telephone: _____

Please circle your preference:

Flowers Music Where needed

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Lynda Kennedy,
Calvary Episcopal Church,
315 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206



East End Cooperative Ministry's 2017 Holiday "Berry" Program starts November 19

This Christmas season, Calvary has committed to helping 72 participants of EECM's largest housing program, Faith Housing (FH). FH provides permanent support to Pittsburgh's East End residents with physical or mental disabilities and their families. 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 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, 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. For example, FH 16d-1 denotes the first gift for person "d" in 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, December 3 and 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 10, 2017**. The gifts will be taken to the EECM Community House for delivery to the families on December 12.
4. In addition, we are collecting **\$25 Giant Eagle gift cards** for distribution to families that participate in the EECM Food Pantry program. Cards should be dropped off at the Calvary reception desk by **1 p.m. on Sunday, December 10.**
5. A few volunteers are needed to sort and bag the gifts from **noon–2 p.m. on Sunday, December 3 or Sunday, December 10.** We also need at least one volunteer to make reminder phone calls on Sunday afternoon (**December 10**), 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 12.**

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Ros Stone (Roslyn@pitt.edu or 412.781.9329) or John Wilson (jwwbasss1@gmail.com). Thank you for your support of this EECM program! ■





Women of Calvary Holiday Home Eucharist

Home eucharists are meaningful and memorable occasions for both a social and spiritual experience. Please come on **Wednesday, December 13 from 6 – 8 p.m.** The Rev. Leslie Reimer will celebrate the eucharist and a light supper will be served. Hosted by Margie Muldoon, 362 Lehigh Avenue, Shadyside, 15232. Please R.S.V.P. by December 10 to Margie at 412.216.1049 or by an email to margiemuldoon@msn.com. ■

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 the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017, 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 Weezie Wells (lwells@calvarypgh.org) or to Leslie Reimer (lreimer@calvarypgh.org) or by phone at the church office. The renewed list will include only the names which have been sent to us. We are glad to keep people on the prayer list for as long as necessary, because we know and understand that many needs are on-going. Whenever someone is ready to be removed from the list, we ask that you let us know. Thank you for your help. ■

Holy Baptism



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

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

New Prayer Resources for the Columbarium

Calvary Church has two new resources for prayer available at the columbarium, a vault for cremated remains of those we love but see no longer. The prayers are collected from a relatively new Church of England publication called, Common Worship, with some prayers written by the Rector.

For those who would like to pray in the Lady Chapel (also known by its formal name as the Morning Chapel) near the columbarium, the two central doors of the columbarium will remain open during all services and during the week when the office is open. If you would like to have the side doors of the columbarium open, please speak to a staff member who will assist you.

The first resource is a brief liturgy and additional prayers to offer for a child who has died. It is especially for parents and loved ones. The second is a liturgy and additional prayers for an adult who has died. It includes prayers for those who have died suddenly, after a long illness, or by suicide and for those who have lost a spouse or parent.

Each of the two resources is printed as a pamphlet with multiple copies of each in the rack on the inside door of the columbarium. Please feel free to pray with them in the Chapel and/or take the printed prayers home with you. ■

East Liberty Valley Historical Society Lecture

“In Plain Sight Redux: More Fragments of a Vanished East End.” Join the East Liberty Valley Historical Society and our president, Justin Greenawalt, for a continuation of the popular “In Plain Sight” series on Friday, December 1 from 7:30–9 p.m. at East Liberty Presbyterian Church, 116 S. Highland Avenue, 15206. This final lecture of the Society’s Autumn/Winter 2017 Speaker Series will explore the many extant fragments and vestiges of a vanished, by-gone era in Pittsburgh’s East End. ■

The Chili Fest



Mark your calendars for Calvary’s Chili Fest on **Saturday, January 27, 2018.** Full details and signup sheets will be available after the first of the year. Plan to chill out with some chili – it’s a fun evening of fellowship. ■

AboutTheHouse

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

- The Calvary Bazaar came through with flying colors, despite the inclement weather. Every floor of the Parish house, and even part of our parking lot was involved in the event. After subsequent bag sales and much clean-up, all is back to normal – and a parking space has been regained because the Pod is gone!
- Before the Bazaar, by the way, and for all our safety, the fire escape door from McClintic Hall underwent significant structural and mechanical repair. Its sill and crash bar mechanism had decayed through years of non-use. We hope for continued idleness, but will keep a closer eye on its condition in future.
- Recently, of an evening, Calvary presented a magnificent rendition of the Mozart Requiem, in a liturgical setting, with full orchestra and our superb choir. On another day we hosted the American Guild of Organists for a full day of teaching, performance and fellowship throughout the church, while at the same time holding a vestry meeting, a centering prayer gathering, a meeting of one of the many self-help groups that regularly convene here, and – yes – an evening service in the chapel. We also welcomed three voting districts on November 7, and a movie screening later that week.
- All of the above show an immense amount of effort on the part of both volunteers and our exemplary staff. Keeping all systems and services in “Go” mode shows great dedication. “What’s next?” one wonders. Well, Advent and Christmas, of course.
- A follow-up: One of the two decrepit doors to the balconies above the west entrance, which were described last month, has already been refinished and reinstalled, its leaded glass window repaired. The other is in the shop in the Crypt undergoing preliminary repair even now.
- The paper recycling dumpsters seem to be a lost cause – again crammed full for weeks. Originally, they were a monetary benefit to our youth programs, but with the decline in demand for recyclable paper, particularly in China, where most was sent, and the profits to us having long ago been lost, the maintenance, and even ownership, of the dumpsters has become more than murky. Their mere presence is now a problem. We are seeking to have them removed and to find other responsible means of paper disposal, with or without monetary reward. Who knows - we may even open up a few additional parking spaces.

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

The Bookstore at Calvary

The Bookstore has a variety of calendars and daily planners for 2018 including:



Christian Planning Calendar: Running from September 2017 through December 2018, this calendar features images from Jesus Our Brother, an exhibit presented by Episcopal Church and Visual Arts (ECVA).

Christian Pocket Diary: This weekly planner highlights major holy days for Anglican, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Islamic, and Jewish faiths as well as civil holidays. Other features include prayers for special occasions, daily devotions, space for addresses and phone numbers, and reminder pages for birthdays.

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.

Episcocats: A calendar by cat-loving Episcopalians from all over the United States and Forward Movement. Cat lovers submitted hundreds of pictures for consideration and readers were invited to write captions. This thirteen-month calendar includes all the major feasts of the Episcopal Church and the dates are color-coded to coordinate with the liturgical seasons.

Episcopal Church Revised Common Lectionary Lesson Calendar: A comprehensive calendar featuring the readings and hymn selections for Episcopal Lectionary Year A and for Daily Office Year One.

Episcopal Church Year Guide Kalendar: Is 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.

In addition, a large variety of Advent calendars are available including pictures and Bible text, pictures and Nativity Story, pictures and 'Twas the Night Before Christmas poem, My First Advent calendar, and color your own Advent calendar.

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



**Sheldon Calvary Camp
at Calvary Episcopal Church**

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

The Reverend Leslie Reimer is the celebrant, and we use music from the Camp songbook. Mark your calendars and join us when you can! We will not meet in December, but will resume in the new year on **January 28**. ■



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