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Absalom Jones Day Prayer Breakfast Series

"From the Balcony to the Pulpit - Still I Rise"
Race and Reconciliation in the Episcopal Church

February 3, 2018 9am - 12pm

**St. James Episcopal Church
11524 Frankstown Road
Pittsburgh, PA**

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call 414-242-3209**



Keynote Speaker

**Rev. Dr. Toussaint King Hill, Jr.
Senior Pastor,
The Historic West Hunter Street Baptist Church
Atlanta, GA**



The Rev. Noah Evans to Serve as Senate Honorary Chaplain

The Rev. Noah Evans, rector of St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, will offer the opening prayer at the beginning of the PA Senate session in Harrisburg on January 24.

You can watch a live stream of the session at
<http://www.pasen.gov/Video/SenateVideo.cfm>

The [Pennsylvania Cable Network](#) (PCN) also broadcasts live and taped sessions. Check your TV listings for details.





The Commission on Race & Reconciliation and the Social Justice and Outreach Committee invite the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh to a Lenten Study

Waking Up White

"One of the most important books on race in recent memory."

~ Readers + Writers Journal

How to order: Contact the Calvary Episcopal Church bookstore at 412-661-0120 and indicate your church and the number of copies your church would like to order.

Please order copies by January 31, 2018 for your church's Lenten study.

[Click here](#) for a printable bulletin insert



It's Annual Meeting Time!

The majority of parishes in the diocese hold their annual meeting in January or February. Annual meeting agendas usually include a review of the accomplishments and challenges of the past year as well as a look ahead to goals for the coming year. While each parish follows their own tradition, this is also typically a time for election of vestry members and officers as well as deputies to diocesan convention.

Following the annual meeting, parishes are asked to keep the diocese informed of changes in leadership. It is also important to report any changes approved to parish by-laws or articles of incorporation, as these must be reviewed by the Standing Committee.

The Parish Annual Meeting Report Form has been mailed to parishes that are expected to have their meetings in January or February. It is also available for [download here](#). Forms will be mailed at a later date to parishes which customarily meet later in the year. Forms are also available by contacting Judi Rogers in the diocesan office at 412-721-0853 or jrogers@episcopalpgh.org.



St. Paul's Friends of Music Guild Concerts Presents Chamber Music

Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 4 p.m.

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra members Carolyn Edwards (violin) and Alexandra Thompson (cello) join Anne Carper Smith, organist at Bower Hill Community Church, to present a recital featuring duos by Kodaly, Saint-Saens, Rheinberger, and others. Please come and enjoy an hour of exceptional chamber music. Suggested donation is \$10.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA, 15228. For more information, or to inquire about free student tickets, please email emorey@stpaulspgh.org, call 412-531-7153, or visit www.stpaulspgh.org.



If Quilts Could Talk: Stories, Memories and History

Sunday, January 21
St. Brendan's Episcopal Church



St. Brendan's Speaker Series Presents **Clarice Sabina**

President of the North Pittsburgh Quilter's Guild

Please join us on Sunday, January 21, at 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for complimentary appetizers and beverages.

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church,
2365 McAleer Road (Franklin Park), Sewickley

Tickets: \$10 in advance at the church or by phone

\$12 at door evening of event; \$5 student

Call for tickets 412-364-5974

or visit us at www.stbrendans.org for information



Health Ministry Information Sessions Scheduled



The Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse & Health Ministry team will offer informational sessions on "What is Health Ministry?" on

- **Saturday, January 27, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at [St. David's, Peters Township](#); and**
- **Saturday, February 3, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, at [St. Andrew's, Highland Park](#).**

The [Pittsburgh Mercy Parish Nurse & Health Ministry](#) program is a legacy program of Pittsburgh Mercy and the Sisters of Mercy, and one of the first faith community nursing programs in the country. The program provides consultation and resources, and promotes faith community nursing as a vital ministry in all faith communities.


The group discussion sessions are designed for folks who are interested in learning more about faith community nursing and health ministry - balancing body, mind, and spirit. Faith community nurses utilize a "holistic care approach" (whole person care) in helping those in need, with the core belief that spiritual health is the foundation for one's faith, health and well-being.

"I encourage all of our congregations to explore how best to utilize parish nurses and health ministries in their particular contexts to support the wellness of their members," said Bishop Dorsey McConnell. "This concept is reflective of and reinforces the mission of our diocese to love, to teach, and to heal."

The informational sessions will be helpful to anyone interested in learning how to touch lives with any or all three of those components, or who are looking for assistance in church health ministry regardless of faith tradition.


There is no charge, but in order to plan appropriately for handout materials, please RSVP by calling the Mercy Parish Nurse office at 412-232-5815 or emailing parishnurse@pittsburghmercy.org

Faithfully submitted,
Paula Wasko, R.N., F.C.N.
Diocesan volunteer coordinator for Episcopal Health Ministries



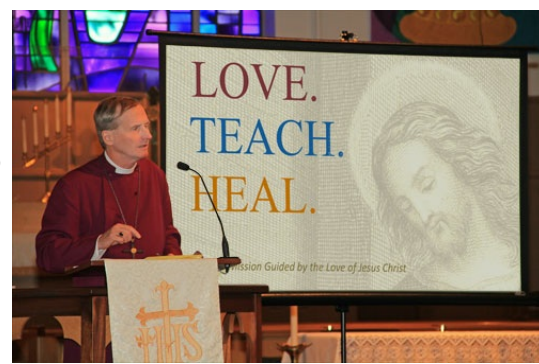
SHELDON CALVARY CAMP HOLY EUCHARIST at CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

[Calvary Church, East Liberty](#), will host a [Sheldon Calvary Camp](#) service on the fourth Sunday of each month. All are invited **Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 3 p.m.** for an informal celebration of the Holy Eucharist, led by The Rev. Leslie Reimer, with music from the camp songbook. Meet in the Refectory.



Lenten Learning Day '18: Love. Teach. Heal.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 3**, and plan to participate in **Lenten Learning Day 2018**, a special day of worshipping and learning alongside others from across the diocese. This year's event will take place at [St. James, Penn Hills](#).



During November's diocesan convention, Bishop McConnell expressed the mission of our diocese in three words: *Love, Teach, Heal*. What does this mean for us when we gather in our churches on Sunday mornings - *and* as we go about our lives outside of Sunday morning church time? This is what we will aim to unpack and explore on March 3.

Helping us to do so will be our special guest, **The Reverend Scott Gunn**, executive director of Episcopal publishing house [Forward Movement](#).

The agenda for the day is still being finalized, but here is a bit of what you can expect:

- This is a free event, open to all clergy and laypeople.
- The day will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m., and will end with a service of Holy Eucharist from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided.
- Child care will be available.

Watch for more information and online registration, coming soon.



Good Deeds Day 2018

From our friends at the **Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh**:

The [Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh Volunteer Center](#), in partnership with the [Community Relations Council](#), would like to invite your organization to take part in an international day of volunteerism called Good Deeds Day. The Volunteer Center has been planning Good Deeds Day projects within the Jewish community for four years now, with a great deal of success.



Last year, we expanded the reach of this event by having other organizations choose Good Deeds Day to complete their own volunteer projects. In 2017, 2.5 million people in 93 countries volunteered in hands-on activities at the local level.

What does this mean for you? We would like to partner with organizations around the region that can coordinate and host volunteer opportunities on Good Deeds Day, increasing the geographic and demographic impact of the event. We expect that each partner organization will have different resources, so your project can be any size or scale that suits your needs. Potential community projects include, but are not limited to: cleaning up a vacant lot or business district, planting a community garden, or any other hands-on assistance your community may need. If necessary, the Volunteer Center is able to help you identify and develop projects.

This year, Good Deeds Day is scheduled for Sunday, April 15, 2018. You can help us spread the spirit of volunteerism throughout Pittsburgh. If you already have a project in mind, you can complete a Project Submission form by clicking [HERE](#). For more information, or to schedule an informational meeting, please contact Joyce Hinnebusch, Volunteer Center Administrative Assistant, at jhinnebusch@jfedpgh.org or 412-992-5214. We look forward to partnering with you!



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

January 21: St. Paul's, Monongahela
January 28: All Souls, North Versailles
February 18: St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg
February 25: Emmanuel, North Side

Parish leadership is reminded to complete and submit [this form](#) at least two weeks in advance of their visitation.



Our prayers go out to **the Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler and family**, upon the death of his father, [William A. Cosgrove Geisler](#), on January 8, 2018. There will be a memorial service at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2018, at [Christ Episcopal Church](#), 5910 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237, to be followed by a reception.

2018 Ecumenical Ministerial Eucharist: The Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA, will be hosting an Ecumenical Ministerial Eucharist during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1700 Bower Hill Road; Pittsburgh, PA 15243. A flyer with RSVP details is [available here](#).

Parochial Reports Due March 1: A reminder that 2017 parish parochial reports are to be filed by March 1, 2018. See <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/research/parochial-report> for instructions, workbooks and report form.

IRS W-2 and 1099 MISC Deadlines: Employers are required to file their copies of [Form W-2](#), submitted to the Social Security Administration, by Jan. 31. The Jan. 31 filing deadline also applies to certain Forms 1099-MISC reporting non-employee compensation such as payments to independent contractors. [More information here](#).



The next *Grace Happens* is scheduled for January 30.

All submissions to the *Grace Happens* newsletter and the diocesan web site are welcome and should be sent to info@episcopalpgh.org. When possible, the copy should be in a Word document and all original logos, pictures and artwork should be attached separately. Please be sure to include your contact information with any submission.

