



August 15, 2018

Interfaith Prayer Service at Trinity Cathedral



Friday, August 31, 2018

Trinity Cathedral, 328 Sixth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Please come to a Prayer Service as we pray for those who have died from overdoses and for those who still suffer from addiction disease.

11 a.m. **Pittsburgh Will Not Forget You Families** - A group of parents who lost children will display pictures of their lost loved ones on the cathedral grounds.

Ring of the Bells - Memory of Overdose Deaths 2017. A bell will ring once for everyone who died from an overdose in Allegheny County last year.

11:30 a.m. **Honoring the City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS)** for their service in reviving overdoses and saving lives. Box lunches will be distributed to all city EMS stations prior to the service.

12 Noon **Interfaith Prayer Service at Trinity Cathedral** This service will be held outdoors in front of the cathedral, weather permitting

Many more details at www.trinitycathedralpgh.org/2018-overdose-deaths-remembered

Co-Sponsored by the Pittsburgh Downtown Ministerium, Christian Associates of SW PA, and the Coalition for Leadership, Education and Advocacy for Recovery.(CLEAR)



Diocesan Transitions August 2018

Effective May 9, 2018, **the Rev. William Ogburn** has transferred his canonical residency from the Diocese of Pittsburgh to the Diocese of New York, where he is serving as Associate Rector of the Church of St. Luke in the Fields in the West Village neighborhood of Manhattan.

The Rev. Doug Kinsey has been named Assisting Priest of Nativity, Crafton, and Pastor of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), Crafton.

The Rev. Brandon Mzingo has been named Deacon-in-Charge of St. Stephen's, McKeesport, effective July 1, 2018. He was previously serving at Trinity Cathedral, where he and Jessica Hauth were married on June 3, 2018.

The Board of Directors of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary voted at their annual meeting in May to elect **the Rev. Nancy Chalfant-Walker** to serve as a Board Member. She is a 2002 graduate of the seminary, and serves as Rector of St. Stephen's, Wilkesburg.

Bishop McConnell has appointed **the Rev. Natalie Hall** as ecumenical and interreligious officer for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, to serve a three-year term ending in December 2020.

While serving as a Deputy from the Diocese of Pittsburgh to the General Convention of The Episcopal Church, **Mr. Michael Braxton** was elected to the Board of Trustees of General Seminary in New York City. Mr. Braxton, a member of Calvary, East Liberty, has served on the diocesan Constitution and Canons Committee and was also a Deputy to General Convention in 2015.

The Rev. Huett Fleming retired as Rector of Good Shepherd, Hazelwood, on April 30, 2018, having served there since 1998. Fr. Fleming previously served as Interim Rector at St. Stephen's, McKeesport.



Love. Teach. Heal. Leadership Academy
Exploring ways to know and serve God and God's people, together

Discerning lay leaders from the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh will meet regularly to:

- Grow together in Christian faith, practice, and leadership.
- Develop skills and vision for ministry to support clergy and members of their parish.

- Discern interest and sense of call to serve as licensed Lay Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Preacher, or Evangelist (in any combination!).
- Connect with others from a variety of contexts to cultivate opportunities for creative ministry development.

Bishop Dorsey McConnell anticipates that the **Love. Teach. Heal. Leadership Academy** will:

- Spark vision, creativity, and connections for ministry among the laypeople of the diocese.
- Encourage laypeople to recognize their own authority and call for ministry in their congregation and community by virtue of their baptism.
- Meet the real, regular, practical ministry needs of our parishes now and in the future.
- Create a roster of trusted lay leaders throughout the diocese who may be called on for ministry and leadership needs as they emerge.

When and Where

Participants will meet for two hours every other week at one of four Diocese of Pittsburgh locations, including one by video conference. Meetings will include a devotional practice for further daily use at home, Bible study, and group conversation regarding themes. Participants will receive a copy of *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe and a binder with any additional instructional and reading materials. Participants are expected to bring a copy of the Book of Common Prayer and Bible (NRSV translation) in which they can mark with notes.

How to Participate

The names of people interested in the **Love. Teach. Heal. Leadership Academy** can be submitted by congregations, clergy, diocesan staff, or individuals themselves through **September 30, 2018**. Nominees will be contacted by Canon for Faith Formation and Evangelism Natalie Hall and asked to submit a brief information form and endorsement from their parish clergy and congregation. Groups will be organized and meeting locations identified once all applications are received. Canon Hall can be reached at nhall@episcopalpgh.org or at (703) 963-2789.

Love. Teach. Heal. Leadership Academy participants will be commissioned and blessed for this ministry during a worship service at the 2018 Diocesan Convention.



Run for Thy Neighbor

Mark your calendars and spread the word!

The [Christ Episcopal Church, North Hills](#), 5K will be held Saturday, September 22, 2018.

The race has a new name "Run For Thy Neighbor."

Once again, 5K participants will meet at the Harmar Shelter located near Pie Traynor Field and the pool in North Park. Come ready rain or shine to run, walk, cheer, sponsor and/or volunteer the day of the 5K!



This year's proceeds will benefit [HEARTH](#) located in the North Hills. HEARTH provides transitional services and housing for families who are survivors of domestic violence or other trauma and experience homelessness. HEARTH helps participants become independent and economically self sufficient by providing housing, basic needs, health services, transportation, and much more including a requirement to return to school for training.

The 5K event is not exclusive to church members. The event is open to anyone and everyone who wants to participate and be part of something bigger than themselves!

Stay tuned for race registration and casual evening group runs/walks in North Park leading up to the 5K. If you have any questions or want to volunteer in any way before or on race day, please contact



ECW Fall 2018 Scholarships Available

The ECW established the Memorial Membership Fund to aid students with educational grants. The fund was begun in 1927 to be used for two missionary training scholarships. In the 91 years of its existence, the scope of the fund has widened to include nursing, theology and other humanitarian fields of study.



Funds are raised through gifts from individuals or groups in memory of a loved one or friend. This money is invested and the interest used for the granting purposes.

Each applicant must:

- be an Episcopalian in good standing (active) in a parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh,
- have completed one year of college or the equivalent,
- be pursuing education in either church or humanitarian related fields,
- submit an application, including a letter stating goals and need, and
- submit a reference letter from their parish priest.

The Memorial Membership Committee will consider each request based on individual need and circumstances. Scholarships are completely unencumbered and may be used as needed to aid the recipient in achieving their educational goals. Each eligible applicant is able to apply once a year for three years.

The applications must be received by Tuesday, September 25, 2018. The application form with submission instructions is available [by clicking here](#).

For additional information please contact Betty Duckstein at ducksteine@yahoo.com.



ECW Fall 2018 Grant Applications Due September 27

The Diocese of Pittsburgh's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will be making outreach grants for the fall.

The ECW particularly seeks to support hands-on ministries that help children, adults and families in need of assistance with food, nutrition, health care, housing, education and counseling.



The grants are primarily designed for ministries within the diocese and with the goal of even distribution across all districts. It is hoped that these small grants will enable the continuation of existing ministries on the local level. However, the ECW will continue its policy of also awarding grants to some national and international ministries such as Episcopal Relief & Development.

[Click here for the grant application](#) and submission instructions. **Applications for the Fall 2018 Grants must be submitted before Thursday, September 27, 2018.**



St. Thomas Church, Oakmont Annual Tea

Please join the women of [St. Thomas Episcopal Church](#), Oakmont, on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. for the annual tea and program.

The Kerr Memorial Museum will be presenting on tableware used during the time of the Kerr family, 1890-1910.

The tea will be located in the parish hall where tea, sandwiches, and delectable desserts will be served. Tickets for a silent auction will be available as well.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased July 16 - September 14 through the church office: 412-828-9680 or through Pamela Derby: 724-882-2496. Please hurry due to the limited amount of tickets to be sold.

Thank you for supporting the women of St. Thomas!



Seeing the Face of God in Each Other

Friday, October 5, 3 - 9 p.m. and Saturday, October 6, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at [St. James Episcopal Church](#), 11524 Frankstown Road, Penn Hills, PA 15235



The Commission on Race and Reconciliation will offer the Episcopal Church's training that addresses systemic racism in our society and how our beliefs and attitudes are shaped.

More than ever we have the opportunity to live out the call to love our neighbors as ourselves with confidence that God who has begun a good work in us will continue that work in us until it is complete.

Come and see. Take time to listen, learn and share the journey toward a beloved community.

REGISTER NOW

St. Paul's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

[St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon](#), will be participating in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, leaving Pittsburgh on February 7, 2019 and returning via Tel Aviv on February 19.

The tour will be guided by Qumri Pilgrimages, operated by Iyad Qumri, former Canon to the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. Mr. Qumri has guided tours in the Holy Land, where he was born, and where he has raised his family, for 20 years. For a sample itinerary and more, visit www.iyadqumripilgrimages.com.



The cost of the trip is estimated at \$3,600 for people sleeping two per room and \$4,150 for single occupancy rooms. This includes tours, lodging, meals while there, tip to tour agency, airfare and travel insurance. We will be staying at hotels in Jerusalem and Nazareth during this pilgrimage.

We will begin meeting as a group in September. If you are considering attending, please check your passport and make sure it will be valid through September 2019.

If you are interested in going, please contact Dave Sharbaugh at david.sharbaugh@gmail.com or the Rev. Noah Evans at noah@stpaulspgh.org.



Quantum Theatre Presents



Chatterton

September 14 - October 28, 2018

Trinity Cathedral Pittsburgh

World Premiere as part of the Pittsburgh International Festival of Firsts

Based on the book by Peter Ackroyd

Directed by Karla Boos

A new play adapted from Sir Peter Ackroyd's award-winning book and directed by Quantum Theatre founder Karla Boos, *Chatterton* spreads out in three dimensions, immersing its mobile audiences in the haunting spaces of Trinity Cathedral Pittsburgh.

Chatterton's plot takes inspiration from historical character Thomas Chatterton, the Romantic era's most famous suicide, an 18th century poet who took his young life and was immortalized 100 years later by a very famous painting. Modeling for that painting was Victorian poet George Meredith, whose own dramatic life also features in Ackroyd's story. And in the present, poet Charles Wychwood goes on a hunt to solve mysterious puzzles from the past - is what we believe about Thomas Chatterton truth or fiction?

Chatterton offers a trifecta of poets in three centuries, colorful London with Dickensian characters bristling with humor, and deep debates on what is real, what is fake, asking is anything 'authentic' in the intertwining worlds of art and commerce?

In the manner of Quantum's 2014 production TAMARA, the audience moves through masterfully dressed spaces in a stunning historic landmark. **The experience begins with pre-show drinks in Pittsburgh's oldest churchyard and includes a full intermission dinner by the celebrity chef of the week.**

<http://www.quantumtheatre.com/chatterton/>



Nominations for 2018 Convention Elections Open

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is now welcoming nominations of clergy and lay persons for election to membership on various governing bodies and committees of the Diocese.

This year, three lay persons will be elected to the Board of Trustees. One clergy and one lay person will be elected to the Standing Committee, the Cathedral Chapter and the Committee on Constitution and Canons. One clergy and two lay persons will be elected to the Disciplinary Board. Finally, one person (clergy or lay) will be elected to the Commission on Ministry and Diocesan Growth Fund.

Multiple candidates for open positions are accepted and encouraged. All positions carry a term of three years, except for the Standing Committee which has a four-year term. Nomination forms have been mailed to all of the parishes in the Diocese, and are also [available here](#).

For more information, please contact the Rev. Michael Foley at mfoley@gts.edu, or Robert Johnston at rajohnston62@verizon.net



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

September 9: St. Michael's, Wayne Twp

September 16: St. John's, Donora

September 23: Holy Cross, Homewood

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



The next regular edition of *Grace Happens* is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28.

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.

