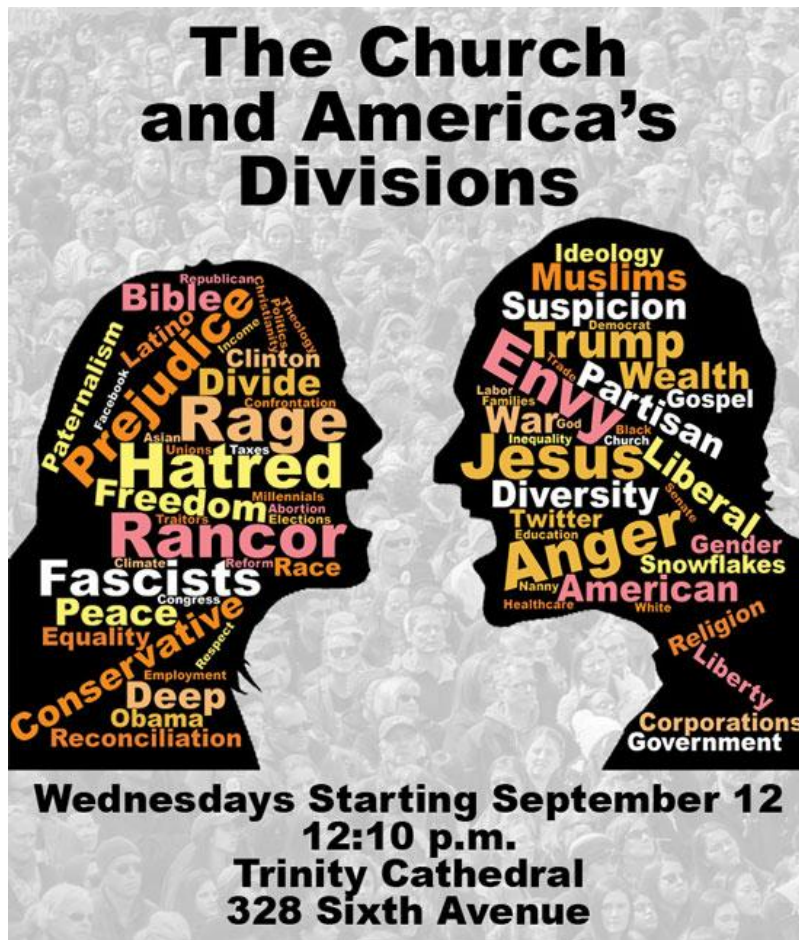




August 29, 2018



People on all sides of the various divisions in American public discourse agree that the tone of this discourse has reached a dangerous and unacceptable level of rancor. Yet no one seems able to suggest any way of reducing it.

Christianity has something to say about this, and for the next few weeks Bishop Dorsey McConnell and the Rev. Dr Philip Wainwright will lead a public discussion that will explore ways in which the church might be able to help restore basic courtesy to the debate.

Admission is free, and those attending are welcome to bring coffee and/or lunch.



**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.

Full details at [www.trinitycathedralpgh.org/2018-overdose-deaths-remembered](http://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)*



**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](mailto:nhall@episcopalpgh.org) or at (703) 963-2789.

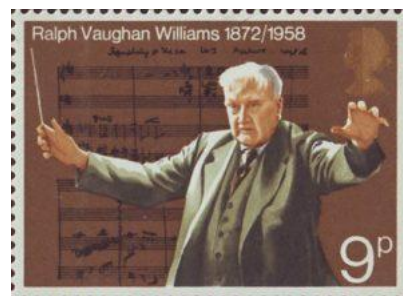
**Love. Teach. Heal. Leadership Academy** participants will be commissioned and blessed for this ministry during a worship service at the 2018 Diocesan Convention.



## England Arise: The Hymns of Ralph Vaughan Williams

[Trinity Cathedral](#), Wednesday, September 5th at 12:10 p.m.

Ralph Vaughan Williams was one of the most influential composers of hymn tunes of the 20th century. He edited *The English Hymnal* and *Songs of Praise*, and gave English church music in general, and English congregational singing in particular, a strength and character that it retains to this day. Come and find out why and how, and add your voice to the singing of several of his best known hymns, as well as a couple of undiscovered treasures.



Admission is free, and those attending are welcome to bring coffee and/or lunch.



## EfM (Education for Ministry) Enrollment Is Open

EfM (Education for Ministry) started in 1975 when the School of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee) decided to develop a curriculum which would provide a basic theological education to lay Christians. EfM is a distance learning course in which the members of the group meet each week to discuss reading materials which provide a basic education about Christianity and contemporary theological issues.



It is a four-year program, but students commit to only one year at a time. The first year is devoted to reading and understanding the Old Testament; second, the New Testament; third the history of the Christian Church; fourth, contemporary theological issues. The group also engages in a theological discussion on a topic of their choosing for part of the session. Discussions are led by trained mentors who act as moderators and fellow seekers.

There are three EfM groups in our diocese which are currently recruiting new participants-- two meet at Calvary in Shadyside and one at St. Paul's in Mt. Lebanon.

Members of the groups are from various parishes as well as other denominations. Calvary's evening group meets Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m., the morning group on Thursdays from 9:30-12:30. The St. Paul's group meets Wednesday evenings. The cost of the program is \$375 a year and



includes all textbooks. For more information on the program in general, please visit <http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm/about-efm>.

- To discuss the Calvary Thursday morning group please contact Barbara Brooks at [tipark4me@aol.com](mailto:tipark4me@aol.com) or Diane Santoriello at [Dianesantoriello@gmail.com](mailto:Dianesantoriello@gmail.com).
- For the Calvary Wednesday evening group, contact Vanessa Sterling at [vmsterling@gmail.com](mailto:vmsterling@gmail.com) or (412) 551-2042.
- For the St. Paul's group, contact the Rev. Garrett Yates at [garrett@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:garrett@stpaulspgh.org).



## 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 race director Shannon Johnson at [CECNH5K@ChristChurchPGH.org](mailto:CECNH5K@ChristChurchPGH.org).



## 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](mailto: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.**



## To All Who Love and Serve the Children and Families of the Diocese of Pittsburgh:



The Children's Ministry Team of the Diocese of Pittsburgh  
Cordially invites you to a lunch in your honor  
At Grand Concourse Restaurant, Station Square  
Friday, September 28, at 12 Noon  
Please RSVP to Jen Yoon at  
[Stdavidschildmin@gmail.com](mailto:Stdavidschildmin@gmail.com)

Can't make the lunch? I'm Jen Yoon and I'd love to hear about you and your ministry and learn how our group can support you. The Children's Ministry Team exists to share and care for the leadership and volunteers who work with families. How can we support you? Let's chat!

With Blessings,  
Jen Yoon  
412-722-3112  
[Stdavidschildmin@gmail.com](mailto:Stdavidschildmin@gmail.com)



## 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**



# 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/>



## 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.

Bishop McConnell mentioned in his [General Convention refecton](#) published on June 25 that the General Convention Office would publish a summary of all resolutions



considered. That document is now [available here](#).

Save The Date: The Fall 2018 Clergy Conference will be held at Antiochian Village October 10-12. Details to come.



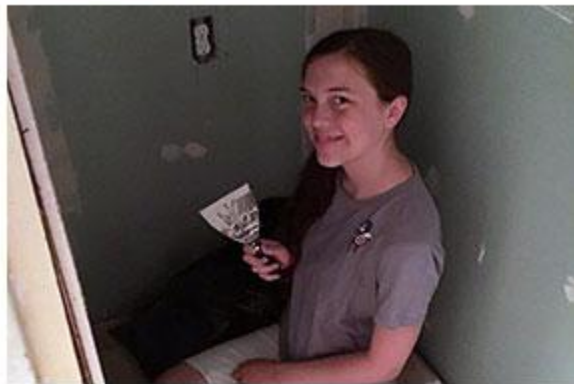
## Parting Shots

St. Thomas, Oakmont, sent six parishioners to Texas City, TX, for a week at the end of June to work with the Episcopal Strong Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts. The team consisted of four adults: Fr. Jeff Murph, Bernard Rottschaefer, Richard Williams, Darrell Powell and two youth: Grace Murph and Abby Hayward.

Episcopal Strong worked to restore three houses. The weather was very hot and the physical labor was challenging, but there were no complaints from anyone. The youth and adults worked together as a team in harmony and love. It was truly a most gratifying experience for all.







More pictures are available on [Instagram](#).

--Courtesy Darrell Powell



**The next regular edition of Grace Happens is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12.**

All submissions to the *Grace Happens* newsletter and the diocesan web site are welcome and should be sent to [info@episcopalpgh.org](mailto: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.

