



September 11, 2018

Anti-Racism Training

Dear Friends in Christ,

I bring to your attention our next anti-racism training, *Seeing the Face of God in Each Other*, to be held at St. James Church, Penn Hills, October 5 & 6.



This training is required of all elected leadership, lay and ordained, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, including all candidates for Holy Orders.

[You may register here.](#)

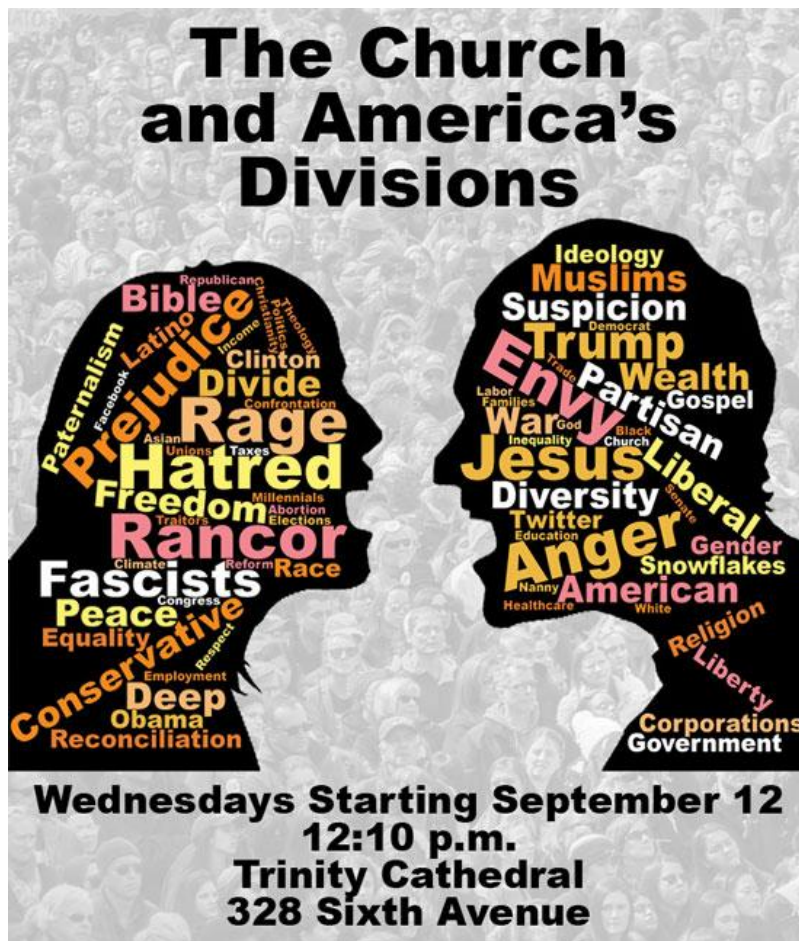
In a time when the current climate of our political and social life is marked by polarity and fear, our society has great need for the alternative offered by our faith. Saint Paul boldly announces that, "in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19). The work of the Church, therefore, is the ministry of reconciliation, and nowhere is this more urgent than in the call to heal the wounds of racial injustice that have so marked our history. This workshop gives us some critical tools to begin the work.

Betsy and I have both attended the training, and have found it to be convicting, strengthening and edifying. I commend it to you wholeheartedly.

Faithfully your bishop,

(The Right Reverend) Dorsey W.M. McConnell, D.D.
VIII Bishop of Pittsburgh





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.



Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church
and
The Rev. Sara H. Irwin

Request your prayers and presence
as we celebrate our new ministry together

Thursday, September 13, 2018
7:00 PM

Officiating
Bishop Kurt Kusserow
Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



and
Bishop Dorsey McConnell
Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Preaching
The Rev. Tom Maehl
Pastor, First Lutheran Church
Waltham, MA

RSVP 412-279-2952 or sjelc@saintjohncarnegie.com

Clergy are invited to vest and process
The liturgical color will be red

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Quantum Theatre Presents

Chatterton
at Trinity Cathedral

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



Chatterton is 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.

More information about the show including curtain times can be found here:

www.quantumtheatre.com/Chatterton.



Church of the Atonement Offers Healing Services

First Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The Church of the Atonement, 618 Washington Avenue, Carnegie, is offering Healing Services that welcome the public - anyone who is in need of healing - to receive intentional prayers for their body, mind, and spirit. Services are on the first Wednesday of each month, October 3, November 7, and December 5.



"Christian healing" is asking the Lord Jesus Christ to completely heal and fully restore His people from whatever malady or maladies that are affecting them. The concern is wholeness from the inside out. Healing Services provide ample time to pray with, and for, His people for healing. The Holy Eucharist will also be celebrated so that His people can receive His healing power through the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Christian healing is the manifestation of the creative power of God's love as He comes to make each person a new creation in Christ Jesus. It is concerned not only with curing diseases afflicting body, mind, and spirit; but it is also concerned with the well-being of a person's soul and ultimate personal relationship with God the Father, Jesus Christ the Savior and Healer, and the Holy Spirit.

More information can be found on the [Church of the Atonement website](http://ChurchoftheAtonement.org), by emailing atonementcarnegie@gmail.com, or by contacting The Rev. Benjamin R. Wright at (724) 561-8630.



Saint Francis-in-the-Fields Celebrates 60 Years

In the fall of 1958, an Episcopal mission was established in Somerset by Bishop William S. Thomas.

Services were held at the Grange Hall in New Centerville for the next four years. An eight-and-a-

half acre property was purchased along Husband Road, architect Francis Swan was hired, and construction was begun on a new church and parsonage. The church was named [Saint Francis in-the-Fields](#) and the first services were held in the new church in 1962.

The Rev. John P. Thomas was the first full-time priest. Since then, St. Francis has been pastored by the Rev. Austin Hurd, the Rev. William Taffel, the Rev. Robert Mitchell, the Rev. Terry Johnson, the Rev. William Haslett, the Rev. J. Mark Zimmerman and currently the Rev. Lennel Anderson. Organist/choir director positions were held by Barry Kister, the Rev. Jay Christner, Martha Coleman and Britta Mitchell.

A 60th anniversary celebration will be held the weekend of September 22 and 23, 2018. On Saturday, Sept. 22, the parish will host a buffet dinner at the Oakhurst Grill and Event Center, 2409 Glades Pike, Somerset, PA 15501 at a cost of \$25. Entertainment will be provided by the Rockin Revs.

On Sunday, Sept 23 at 10 a.m., former priests will assist with a celebratory Communion Service, which will be followed by a festive reception. The present congregation cordially invites past ministers and their families, former parishioners, friends of the church and the community to participate in this anniversary weekend.

Please phone the church at 814-445-7149 to make buffet reservations.



Founding members of Saint Francis in-the-Fields Dolores Thompson (standing), Carlotta Harrington and Georgia Martin (seated L-R) show Father Lenny Anderson memorabilia to be displayed at the 60th anniversary celebration.

Yoga & Wellness in McKeesport

St. Stephen's, McKeesport, will be the host location for a free Yoga and Wellness Program for women in McKeesport and surrounding areas this fall starting Thursday, September 13.



Classes are every Thursday from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. The program is called Empower and is taught by Ali Popivchak, the founder of [Pittsburgh Yoga Therapy](#).

Ali is looking for help in the nursery providing child care, donations of gift cards and healthy snacks for the women and children. If you would like to volunteer your time or make a donation, please email Ali at ali.popivchak@gmail.com. You are also able to [sign-up electronically here](#).

[St. Stephen's Episcopal Church](#), 220 8th Ave, McKeesport, PA 15132



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.



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 Episcopal Church, Oakmont

378 Delaware Ave., Oakmont, PA 15139

Schedule of events:

- 9:30 Welcome – Coffee and Snacks
- 10:00 Registration
- 10:15-10:45 Brief ECW Business Meeting and Report from Triennial
- 11:00-11:45 Program (See Below)
- Noon-1:00pm Lunch (\$10.00 paid at door)
- 1:00 pm Holy Eucharist – Bishop McConnell Celebrant

Program:

Angels' Place is a Christ-centered faith-based agency that truly believes in equality for all people. With two locations in the Pittsburgh area, **Angels' Place** provides exceptional family support and quality early childhood education to help parents in need and their children become lifelong learners and create a brighter future. **Angels' Place** helps parents and children reach their full potential and break the multi-generational cycle of poverty.



Suggested Items to bring for a donation to Angels' Place:

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| Can Openers (hand or electric) | Office Supplies (pens, pencils, etc.) |
| Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags | Pump Hand Soap |
| Paper Products (napkins, cups, plates) | All Purpose Cleaners |
| Reusable Rubber Gloves | Playground Balls |
| Copy Paper (white and colored) | Postage Stamps |

Three Ways to Register:

Complete form [available here](#).

Email your information to dpowell2010@hotmail.com

Call St. Thomas Church 412-828-9680

Registration Deadline: October 8, 2018





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.



Blessing of the Animals

In celebration of Saint Francis Day
Saturday, October 6, 3pm



Church of the Atonement
618 Washington Ave, Carnegie, PA
(rain location: lower hall at Saint John, 601 Washington Ave)

Bring your companion animal for a blessing...
the love of God extends to all creatures!
(please bring leashed or caged pets only!)

Co-sponsored by Church of the Atonement and Saint John Lutheran Church
www.atonementcarnegie.org or www.saintjohncarnegie.com
(412) 279-2952



**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

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



**St. Thomas Church, Oakmont
Annual Tea**

Please join the women of [St. Thomas Episcopal Church](http://www.stthomasepiscopalchurch.org), 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!



Chamber Music at Old St. Luke's

September 30 at 2:00 PM

Academy Chamber Ensemble

"Cheerful, Mysterious, Heroic"

String Quartets of Haydn, Shostakovich, and Mendelssohn



Old St. Luke's Church 330 Old Washington Pike, Carnegie PA 15106
412-969-7072 ~ <https://m.facebook.com/ChamberMusicAtOldStLukes>

Free admission ~ Donations are accepted and appreciated

Pittsburgh Beer & Hymns



Thursday, October 25

7:00-9:00 pm

Vincent's of Greentree

333 Mansfield Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15220



Hosted by Saint John Lutheran Church, Carnegie

www.saintjohncarnegie.com

all ages welcome!



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 or Diane Santoriello at Dianesantoriello@gmail.com.
- For the Calvary Wednesday evening group, contact Vanessa Sterling at vmsterling@gmail.com or (412) 551-2042.
- For the St. Paul's group, contact the Rev. Garrett Yates at garrett@stpaulspgh.org.



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

September 16: St. John's, Donora
September 23: Holy Cross, Homewood
September 30: St. Mark's, Johnstown
October 13: St. Bartholomew's, Scottdale
October 14: St. Francis, Somerset



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

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



The next regular edition of *Grace Happens* is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25.

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.

