



September 27, 2018

## You Are Invited! The Rev. Nancy Chalfant-Walker is Retiring

Her last service as Rector of St. Stephen's Wilkinsburg  
will be at 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday October 14, 2018 at the church

A luncheon, in her honor, will follow the service,  
in the Parish House  
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
(free will offerings accepted)

RSVP no later than Monday October 1 to the church:  
600 Pitt Street, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221  
412-243-6100



## Centering Prayer Introductory Program

Saturday, September 29, registration 8:30 a.m., workshop 9 a.m. -  
12 p.m., at [St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#), 1066 Washington Road,  
Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228

Sponsored by St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Southminster  
Presbyterian Church, and Contemplative Outreach Pittsburgh.

Centering Prayer is a way of cultivating a deeper relationship with  
God. It is a resting in God beyond thoughts, words and emotions.  
Four key topics will be covered in the workshop: prayer as relationship with God, the method of  
centering prayer, thoughts and use of the sacred word, and deepening our relationship with God.

You are also invited to participate in four Continuing Sessions, Saturdays, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

- October 6 & 13 - at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon
- October 20 & 27 - at Southminster Presbyterian Church, 799 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon

Suggested donation \$25, scholarships are available.

The donation includes the workshop, the book *Open Mind, Open Heart*, and the continuing  
sessions. For registration, questions, and scholarship information, contact Erin Morey at  
[emorey@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:emorey@stpaulspgh.org) or 412-531-7153. Walk-ins are welcome!



Come to the  
**REALLY GOOD STUFF SALE**  
at

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**5910 Babcock Blvd, Pgh, PA 15237**



**Fri. & Sat. October. 12 & 13**  
**9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

There will be close to 30 tables rented by folks who will be selling valuable vintage items, collections, antiques, heirlooms, unique crafts, art work, photographs, attic treasures, old toys, decorator pieces, and more.

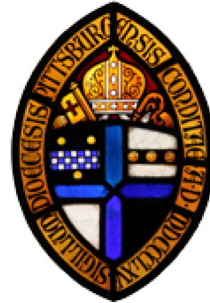
Also featured is ther BIG BIG BAKE SALE with irresistible homemade goods.  
Admission is free.



## **Convention Eucharist: Sing, Serve, or Just Join Us**

It's not just for Convention Deputies! Everyone is welcome to share in the celebration of the Eucharist that takes places during the annual convention. This year's service will be held at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, on Saturday, November 10, at 10:45 a.m. Bishop McConnell will preside and preach.

**Singers** who are interested in lending their voices to a jazz ensemble should contact Dr. Doug Starr at St. Paul's, [dstarr@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:dstarr@stpaulspgh.org). **Acolytes**, youth and adults who wish to join the corps of servers, should contact Rich Creehan at [media@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:media@episcopalpgh.org).



## **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.



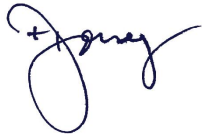
This training is required of all elected leadership, lay and ordained, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, including all candidates for Holy Orders.

[You may register here.](#)

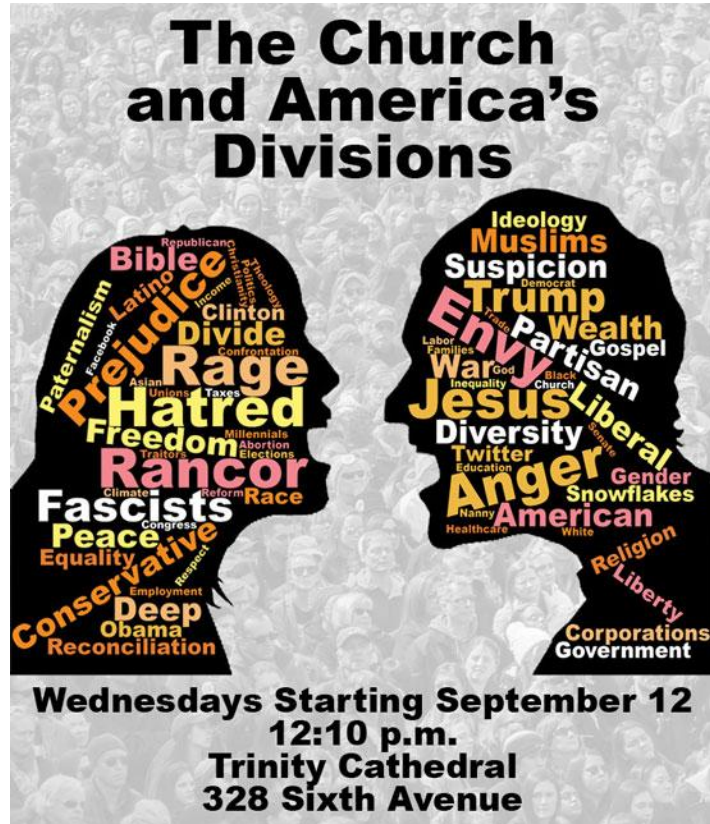
In a time when the current climate of our political and social life is marked by polarity and fear, our society has great need for the alternative offered by our faith. Saint Paul boldly announces that, "in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19). The work of the Church, 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.





United Thank Offering  
Fall Ingathering

**Saturday, October 13, 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](mailto: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. Nominees are asked to submit a brief information form, [available for download as a Word file](#), and will be contacted by Canon for Faith Formation and Evangelism Natalie Hall. Submission details are on the information form.

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



## 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](http://www.quantumtheatre.com/Chatterton).



**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)



## 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](http://www.saintjohncarnegie.com)

*all ages welcome!*



# Around the Diocese

## Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

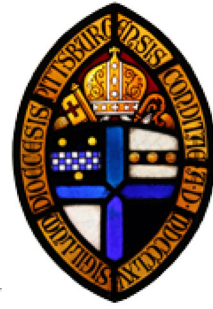
**September 30:** St. Mark's, Johnstown

**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, October 9.

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.

