



October 9, 201

## GREAT ISSUES: GUN VIOLENCE, MENTAL HEALTH & THE LAW

Please come to the first panel discussion in the 2018-2019 Great Issues series presented by Church of the Redeemer, Squirrel Hill, 5700 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217 .

The dialogue will take place from **7-8:30 p.m. in the Redeemer parish hall on Thursday, October 11**. We are excited to welcome three panelists for this important discussion.

**Assistant Chief Lavonnie Bickerstaff** leads the Investigations Bureau at the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Headquarters, has worked in various capacities for the Bureau for over 28 years, and is interested in encouraging more diversity in the bureau.

**Edward P. Mulvey** is a Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Law and Psychiatry program at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He also works with practitioners and policy makers on the provision of services to individuals at risk for involvement in violence.

**Rob Conroy**, a lawyer and former prosecutor, is the Director of Organizing for CeaseFire PA. CeaseFire is a statewide coalition of mayors, police chiefs, faith leaders, community organizations and individual Pennsylvanians working together to take a stand against gun violence.



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*No charge for admission, freewill donations graciously accepted.*



Come to the  
**REALLY GOOD STUFF SALE**  
at  
**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**5910 Babcock Blvd, Pgh, PA 15237**

### GREAT ISSUES FORUM AT REDEEMER

We seek to promote  
understanding and  
encourage action  
around justice  
issues.



**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 their BIG BIG BAKE SALE with irresistible homemade goods.  
Admission is free.



## **21st Annual St. Andrew's Lecture**

### ***Sojourners Among Us: Serving Pittsburgh's Refugee Community***



*Decades of war and political and social instability  
have resulted in a global refugee crisis of historic magnitude.*

*Join us this year to explore a compassionate, effective,  
and personal response to this crisis in our own city and region.*

**Lecture and Reception, Friday, October 26, 8 p.m.**

**Speaker: Sloane Davidson**  
**Founder and Executive Director, "Hello Neighbor"**

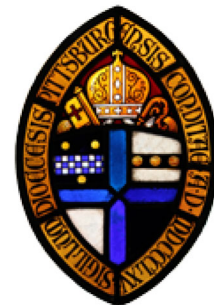
**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 5801 Hampton Street**  
**Highland Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206**  
**412 661-1245 [www.standrewspgh.org](http://www.standrewspgh.org)**



## **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).



## **Creating a Safe Space for Veterans**

The Rev. Benjamin Wright from Church of the Atonement, Carnegie, serves as a Board Member and volunteer with the [Veterans Breakfast Club](#) (VBC).

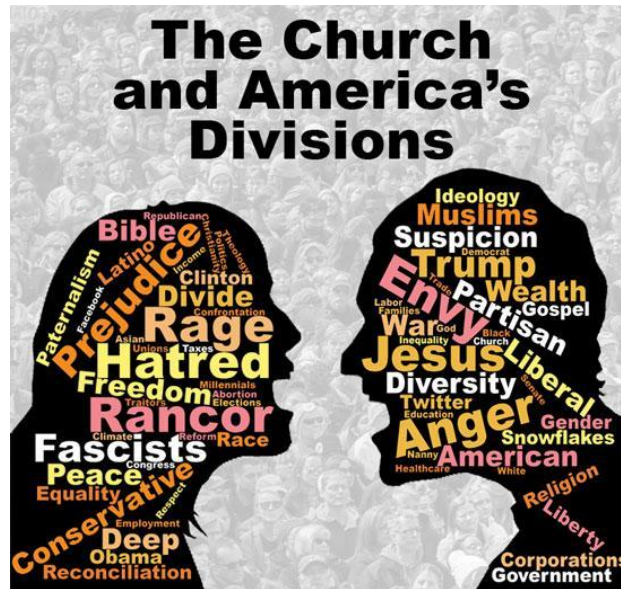
VBC provides a safe place for veterans to tell their stories, preserving oral history and creating communities of listening, education, healing and inspiration.

Ben was interviewed on October 4 by host Sheila Hyland for a segment on Comcast Newsmakers.

See the video



at <https://comcastnewsmakers.com/Videos/2018/10/4/Veterans-Breakfast-Club>



**Wednesdays, October 10 & 17**  
**12:10 p.m.**  
**Trinity Cathedral**  
**328 Sixth Avenue, Downtown 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 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.



**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.



## 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!*





# FALL BAZAAR

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Attic Treasures | Silent Auctions

Handmade Crafts | Plants

Baked Goods | Gourmet Foods

Antiques & Collectables

Children's Games and Books

Pet Toys and Treats



## **Calvary Episcopal Church**

315 Shady Ave. (at Walnut St.) 15206

[www.calvarypgh.org](http://www.calvarypgh.org)



Proceeds benefit grants to East End charitable organizations





## Around the Diocese

### Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

**October 14:** St. Francis, Somerset

**October 21:** Atonement, Carnegie

**October 28:** Christ Church, Indiana

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

**United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering** is at St. Thomas, 378 Delaware Ave. in Oakmont, on Saturday, October 13, starting at 9:30 a.m. The Ingathering Eucharist starts at 1 p.m. with Bishop McConnell, Celebrant, and is open to all.



## Parting Shot

An appreciation luncheon for people who serve Children's Ministry throughout the diocese took place on September 28 at The Grand Concourse in Station Square.





Representatives from the diocese, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon; St. Brendan's, Franklin Park; St. David's, Peters Twp; Calvary, East Liberty; and Church of the Advent, Brookline, gathered to encourage, support, and share.

A letter of appreciation from the Bishop and a copy of the book *Love Heals* by Becca Stevens were provided to all to take back to their parishes to thank and encourage their volunteers. Please look for more news, ideas, and encouragement from the Children's Ministry Team, or contact us at [pghchildmin@gmail.com](mailto:pghchildmin@gmail.com)



**The next regular edition of *Grace Happens* is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22.**

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.

