



November 14, 2018

Ministry Symbols at Convention

Parishes were invited to bring items to the Convention Eucharist that represents their relationship to the communities they serve.

The items were varied and sometimes unusual: a set of chains, a basket of laundry, a hot dog hat, running shoes, a swimming pool (for Baptisms), and more.

A complete list of what was brought... and why... is available on the diocesan web site at www.episcopalpgh.org/ministry-symbols-at-convention/



Summary of Voting at the 153rd Diocesan Convention

November 9-10, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

The following who agreed to have their names placed into nomination were elected to these diocesan positions:

Elected At-Large:

Board of Trustees:

Florence Atwood, Calvary, East Liberty
Kathleen Farrington, Calvary, East Liberty

Cathedral Chapter:

The Rev. Canon James Shoucair, Christ Church, North Hills
Kathy Baird, St. Peter's, Blairsville

Commission on Ministry:

Gloriana St. Clair, Redeemer, Squirrel Hill

Constitution & Canons:

The Rev. Bill Geiger, Christ Church, Indiana
Joan Gundersen, Redeemer, Squirrel Hill

Disciplinary Board:

The Rev. Michael Foley, Redeemer, Squirrel Hill
Sandra Collins, Christ Church, North Hills
Dawna Byrom, St. Andrew's, Highland Park

Growth Fund Committee:

Nancy Travis Bolden, Redeemer, Squirrel Hill

Standing Committee:

The Rev. Annis Rogers, St. Thomas, Northern Cambria
Lisa Brown, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Elected by District:

District 1

Chair: Bruce Quayle, Christ Church, North Hills
Vice-Chair: Eric O'Brien, Christ Church, North Hills
Council: The Rev. Regis Smolko, St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

District 2

Chair: Francis Dannenberg, Redeemer, Squirrel Hill
Vice-Chair: Darrell Powell, St. Thomas, Oakmont
Council: The Rev. Eric McIntosh, St. James, Penn Hills
Trustees: Bernie Rottschaefer, St. Thomas, Oakmont

District 3

Chair: Amy Shelley, St. David's, Peters Township
Vice-Chair: Robert Johnston, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon
Council: The Rev. Doug Kinsey, Nativity, Crafton

District 4

Chair: The Rev. Nancy Threadgill, St. Mark's, Johnstown
Vice-Chair: The Rev. Charles Schaller, St. Paul's, Monongahela
Council: Duwayne Ladd, St. Peter's, Blairsville



By the Grace of God

The Right Reverend
Dorsey W. M. McConnell
Bishop of Pittsburgh
will ordain

Kimberly Macy Karashin
Julie Lynn Smith

to the Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's one holy catholic
and apostolic Church

Saturday, December 1, 2018
at ten o'clock in the morning

Trinity Cathedral
328 Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

Your prayers and presence are requested
Clergy: Red Stoles Reception follows



ECW Annouced Fall 2018 Grants

The following is a list of the ECW Fall grant disbursements approved by ECW at their Fall UTO Ingathering.



Diocesan

Bishop's Discretionary Fund	\$1,000
Walk-in Ministry at Trinity Cathedral -Betty Duckstein	\$1,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$2,000

Home Missions

Kitchen Crew Outreach, St. Paul's Kittaning, Matthew Cornman	\$1,000
Serenity House, St. Peter's Brentwood, Canon J. Geisler	\$1,600
Christmas Open House, Atonement, Carnegie, Becky Arbuckle	\$1,500
Living in Liberty (combat human trafficking), B. Duckstein	\$ 700
Annual Christmas Dinner Advent, Brookline, Jacqueline Hohmann	\$1,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$5,800

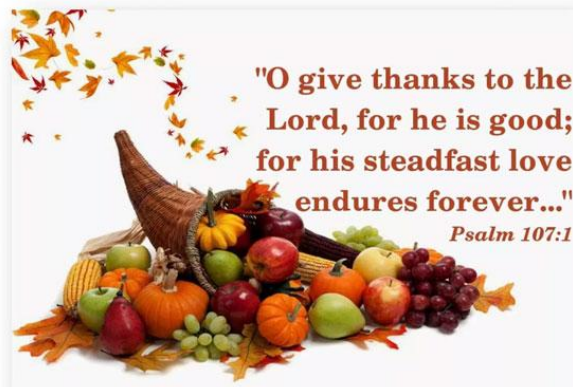
National and International

Mustard Seed Street Children of Kigali -Rev. Christine McIlvain	\$ 900
Mustard Seed Babies Home, Uganda	\$ 900
Episcopal Relief and Development - Disaster Relief for Indonesia	\$1,092.40
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$2,892.40
Total of all Grants	\$10,692.40

Thank you from the Finance Committee: Janet Stephenson, Chair, Betsy Hetzler, President, Linda Getts, Treasurer, Alva Matous, Betty Duckstein.



ALL Are Welcome at the
Old St. Luke's and
Carnegie Area Ministerial Association
Thanksgiving Worship Service



Old St. Luke's Church
Old Washington Pike
Scott Township, Pennsylvania
November 18, 2018 ~ 4:00 PM



Lunch-time Music

Wednesdays @ Trinity Cathedral, downtown

November 21 • Jon Tyillian

Assistant Organist, Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh

Wednesdays • 12:30 p.m.—1:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch along for part or all of the program



Trinity Cathedral

328 Sixth Ave.

Accessible entrance, 325 Oliver Ave.



Reaching the "Nones:" Let's Talk About It!

At our diocesan convention, the Rev. Raymond Bonwell spoke on the theme, "Love, Teach, Heal: Who is My Neighbor?" Then, in subsequent table conversations, members of the diocese imagined what it would look like to make new neighbors with whom to share the love of God in Christ.



Let's continue the conversation, talking about how the Church can reach friends, family and neighbors who might be considered religious "nones," those who, for whatever reason, feel rejected by organized religion and, when asked on a survey to identify their own religious affiliation, select the box labeled "None." These may be young adults, members of the LGBTQ community and their families, ... anyone! Join us as we discern how to build relationships with those who are not experiencing the love of Christ, and instead are feeling pushed away as a result of various cultural and political forces.

Planning is under way for an evening prayer service at 6 p.m., Friday, November 23, with pizza and conversation to follow. We'll gather at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 600 Pitt St., in Wilkinsburg.

If you are interested in attending, please email Jason Togyer at jtogyer@gmail.com.



Let's have a Holy Holiday Good Time!

**2nd Annual
Community
Christmas Tree
Lighting**

**Toy Giveaway
Photos with Santa** **Christmas Caroling
and Refreshments**

**Friday, November 30, 2018
Beginning at 5pm
Tree Lighting begins at Dusk**

7507 Kelly Street • Pittsburgh, PA
Call: 412- 242-3209 for more information
historichepa.org elallianceinc.org




BLUE Christmas Healing Service

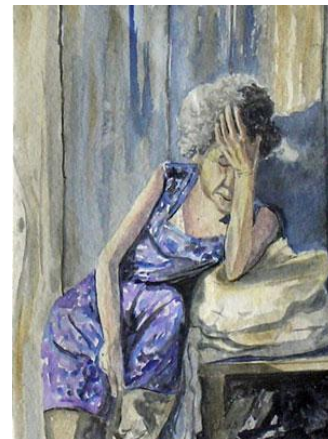
Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

[The Church of the Atonement](#), 618 Washington Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106

Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas season. Many people are downright depressed at Christmas. Why? Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future; perhaps putting up the Christmas tree and decorations brings back memories of family disputes or violence, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people.

You are not the only one.

Jesus Christ is attentive to the needs of His people who are blue at Christmas. Why not ask His healing for yourself? He can and does heal people of bad memories, provides inner healing, spiritual healing, and can bring about complete restoration in body, mind and spirit.



Diocesan ECW Pack & Play For The Seamen's Church Institute

On Thursday, December 6, at 10 a.m., in the [St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon](#), Parish Hall, ECW members from throughout the diocese will gather to pack Christmas boxes that will be delivered to mariners

prior to Christmas. The morning will include a delicious lunch.

The [Seamen's Church Institute](#) is North America's largest and most comprehensive mariner's service agency, promoting safety, dignity and improved working and living conditions for millions of men and women serving in the maritime workplace. Founded in 1834, the Institute is a voluntary, ecumenical agency affiliated with the Episcopal Church.



Needed are donations of good hand lotion, chewing gum, wrapped candy, puzzle books, microwave popcorn, lip balm, personal size facial tissue, playing cards, new or used DVDs of recent, first-run movies, and paperback books. Items can be left in the St. Paul's office marked Seamen's Institute.

Please help this wonderful ministry and fellowship opportunity. Contact Betty Duckstein at bette520@msn.com with any questions.



Trinity School for Ministry Job Openings

Bookstore Administrator - Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge PA, is seeking to hire a Bookstore Administrator. 20-25 hrs/wk M - F with an occasional evening or weekend.

Communications Assistant for Graphic Design and Photography - TSM is seeking to hire a full-time Communications Assistant for Graphic Design and Photography.

Both listings can be found at www.tsm.edu/employment_opportunities/



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.



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

November 18: St. Peter's, Blairsville

November 25: St. Paul's, Kittanning

December 2: Advent, Jeannette

December 9: Advent, Brookline



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

Save the Date: The next luncheon for retired clergy & spouses and surviving spouses will be held on Thursday, November 29, at 12 noon at Church of the Atonement, Carnegie.



The next regular edition of *Grace Happens* is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27.

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.



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