



February 27, 2019

Celebration of Anglican/Episcopal Studies Track at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Beginning in Fall 2019, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will offer the Anglican/Episcopal Studies Track for a concentration in Anglican Studies, working specifically with the Episcopal Church. The program will shape priests, deacons, and lay leaders in the ethos of Anglican tradition and practice while enjoying all the advantages of the Seminary's rich ecumenical environment. We welcome you to worship with us as we celebrate this initiative as part of our oneness in Christ.



The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary invite you to join us in celebrating the inauguration of the Anglican/Episcopal Studies Track preparing women and men for ministry.

Join us Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. for a Service of Evensong with a reception to follow.

Hicks Chapel
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 N. Highland Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

RSVP online: www.pts.edu/Celebration



Save The Date!
2019 Diocesan Convention
Love. Teach. Heal. Re-imagining Our Diocese

November 15 & 16
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 N Highland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206



Ashes to Go

Calling laypeople and clergy: We need your help to distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday!

Everyone in the Diocese of Pittsburgh is invited to distribute ashes in their own communities. Ash Wednesday is an important observance to many Christian people, and offering ashes throughout the day is an act of gracious hospitality. You will find there are lots of people who say they were worried about finding a way to receive ashes, or that they have obligations that hamper their ability to get to church that day.



If you are interested in distributing Ashes to Go this Ash Wednesday, March 6th, please contact Canon Natalie Hall at nhall@episcopalpgh.org for more information.

Canon Hall can help:

- determine ash distribution sites near you
- ensure you have the needed supplies
- offer suggested liturgies

Give the entire Pittsburgh region the gift of ashes: A reminder of how fragile we are, met with God's deep investment in life for all people.



Register Today for Lenten Learning Day 2019

Registration is now open for Lenten Learning Day 2019, **Saturday, March 23**, at [St. Brendan's Episcopal Church](#) in Franklin Park. This will be a special day of learning, worshipping, and building relationships with others across our diocese and communities.

[Click Here to Register](#)



The theme for this year's event is **Good News Within Reach**. Come and learn about some of the mission and ministry taking place throughout our diocese - directly from the people who lead and participate in it. Ponder together how similar forms of mission and ministry might work in your own parish and community context. Get the practical tips and helpful resources you need to join in God's work in the world.



Special Guest Speaker: Father Paul Abernathy

We are thrilled to be welcoming Father Paul Abernathy as our special guest speaker this year. Father Abernathy is pastor of St. Moses Orthodox Christian Mission in Pittsburgh's Hill District and director of [FOCUS Pittsburgh](#), a non-profit specializing in Trauma-Informed Community Development. Since its inception in 2011, FOCUS Pittsburgh has distributed millions of dollars in food, clothing, furniture, transportation assistance, and emergency relief to the greater Pittsburgh community. The group's Backpack Feeding Program distributes food to 2,500 children every weekend during the school year. Father Abernathy is also CEO of the FOCUS Pittsburgh Free Health Center, which offers free primary, behavioral health, and dental care to

the area's uninsured and underinsured. Father Abernathy and his ministry were recently featured in the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#).

What Else is in Store?

Too much to list here. To have a look at the rest of this year's lineup, [click here](#).



EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
EAST END PARISHES

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES



FORGIVENESS IN A TIME OF ALIENATION

6 P.M. Dinner ■ 7 P.M. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Preacher: The Rev. Neil Raman
at St. Andrew's – 5801 Hampton St., Highland Park

Tuesday, March 26

Preacher: The Rev. Leslie Reimer
at Calvary – 315 Shady Ave. at Walnut St., East Liberty

Tuesday, April 2

Preacher: The Rev. Eric McIntosh
at St. Thomas – 378 Delaware Ave., Oakmont

Tuesday, April 9

Preacher: The Rev. Jeff Murph
at St. James – 11524 Frankstown Rd, Penn Hills



Garden Grants Available Again this Spring

Spring is coming! We know this to be true, because seed catalogs have been showing up in our mailboxes, and our weekly church bulletin is starting to advertise fish fry events!

Once again in 2019, the diocesan Social Justice and Outreach (SJO) Committee will offer grants to fund garden initiatives. For the last five years, these grants have been offered to support the efforts of creating and sustaining parish-based vegetable gardens.

This year we have contributions to support garden grants from St. Paul's (Mount Lebanon), Calvary (East Liberty), and Christ Church (North Hills) outreach commissions to supplement the SJO annual budget. Any parish or individual desiring to donate to this effort should contact Kathi Workman at kworkman@episcopalpgh.org.

The maximum grant request for this program should be no more than \$500. An application form with detailed instructions is [available here](#) (Word document) and are due via mail postmark by March 15 or electronically by March 19. Any questions regarding eligibility can be directed to [Marianne Novy](#), Chair of SJO or [Pat Eagon](#), Grant Coordinator.



ECW Spring 2019 Grant Applications Available, Due April 16

The Diocese of Pittsburgh's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will be making outreach grants in the spring.

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 Spring 2019 Grants must be submitted before April 16, 2019.



ECW Spring 2019 Scholarship Application Available, Due April 18

The Episcopal Church Women (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 92 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 Thursday, April 18, 2019. The application form with submission instructions is available [by clicking here](#).

For additional information please contact Betty Duckstein at ducksteine@yahoo.com.





THE BOOKSTORE AT CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

- ✦ **Lenten and Easter Meditations**
by Evelyn Underhill, Rowan Williams, and others ✦
- ✦ **Easter Music on CD** ✦
- ✦ **Anglican Rosaries** ✦
- ✦ **Celtic, New Zealand, St. Augustine and other Prayer Books** ✦
- ✦ **Crosses in pewter, glass and silver** ✦
- ✦ **Organic Chocolate Bars from Equal Exchange Chocolates** ✦
- **Ask about Clergy and Congregational discounts** ■

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Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 9th, 2019
10 am – 2 pm

*Cook Over a Mud Stove and
Wash
Clothes in a
River?*

Wait!
Will we be
naked
and starving??



Our Fearless Retreat Leader:

Susan Delgado-Park

reflect... reconnect... renew.

[Click here for additional details](#)

2019 Anti-Racism Workshop

The next anti-racism training, *Seeing the Face of God in Each Other*, will be held at St. St. Thomas Memorial Church in Oakmont on Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6, 2019.



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.](#) There is no fee for the training but a free-will offering will help offset the cost of the food and refreshments.

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. St. 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.

[St Thomas Memorial Church](#), 378 Delaware Ave, Oakmont, PA 15139

Final Notice: 2018 Parochial Reports Due March 1

Parishes are reminded that Parochial Reports for the year 2018 are due by March 1, 2019, and the Episcopal Church's online filing system is now open.

A blank report form, filing instructions, and detailed workbooks for help in completing each page of the report are available online at www.episcopalchurch.org/research/forms-and-instructions

Parishes are highly encouraged to file using the online reporting system. Information about how to access this system was mailed to every parish in December. For those who file electronically, a signed paper copy is also required to be submitted to the diocesan office. If you cannot access the online system, submit your completed and signed paper copies to the diocesan office for entry into the system.

It is the joint responsibility of clergy and vestry to assure the timely completion of parochial reports.

Contact [Judi Rogers](#) or [Kathi Workman](#) in the diocesan office if you have questions about filing your annual parochial report.



Commission on Race and Reconciliation Offers Monthly Prayers

The Commission on Race and Reconciliation has developed a series of special prayers calling attention to specific issues still prevalent in our society today that we as a church must be ever mindful of as we work toward making the world a better place for all of God's people. This will be a regular monthly prayer offering.



MARCH-- For racial harmony:

Creator of all people, in our amazing diversity of size, shape, color, and giftedness: guide us, by your grace, to recognize the beauty and fitness of all whom you have made in your own image. Give us gifts of humility and generosity of spirit to recognize in all people, the face of our Savior, Jesus, and to practice his commandment to "love one another," toward the end of bringing harmony and peace among persons of all colors, origins, and abilities, for the sake of your Kingdom. Amen.



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

March 3: St. David's, Peters Twp
March 17: St. Thomas, Canonsburg
March 24: St. Thomas, Northern Cambria
March 31: St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

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



REMINDER:
Daylight Saving Time starts March 10. Spring ahead!



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.

