



April 10, 2019

Lenten Learning Day 2019 Recap and Resources

On Saturday, March 23, about 50 clergy and laypersons from 18 parishes throughout our diocese gathered for Lenten Learning Day 2019: Good News Within Reach. By all accounts, participants came away from the event encouraged, both by the Good News of the Gospel, of course, and by the good news that sharing the Gospel with their neighbors, through both word and deed, is entirely within their reach - regardless of the size, location, or circumstances of their parish.



Here is a sample of the comments we've received from participants:

- "More people would benefit from this type of event. Get more people from more parishes to attend!"
- "It reminded us to take risks, to remember to allow the Holy Spirit to lead ministries, to try to understand where others are and what they need."
- "It has shown me how important it is to GET OUT OF THE CHURCH to meet my neighbor!"
- "Keep this sort of program going."

Resources related to the Lenten Learning Day workshop presentations are available on the [diocesan web site](#). We hope you will find this page useful as you explore new ways to engage in mission and ministry within your neighborhoods.

Thank you to everyone who attended the event, to all of our presenters, and to our host parish, St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, for making Lenten Learning Day 2019 a truly special day!



New Provost for Trinity Cathedral

Bishop Dorsey McConnell has named the Rev. Aidan Smith to be provost of Trinity Cathedral.

Aidan is currently Dean of Advancement and Church Relations at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge and the assisting priest at All Saints, Brighton Heights.

[Click here](#) for a letter from Bishop McConnell to the members of Trinity Cathedral.



"I know that Aidan and his TSM colleagues are proud of how under his watch enrollment grew, new relationships were forged, and the school's financial health improved. I'm overjoyed that he will be bringing this skill set, along with his caring pastoral approach, to Trinity Cathedral," said Bishop McConnell.

The appointment was made in consultation with the Cathedral Chapter, which unanimously affirmed the bishop's selection. Aidan will become provost on May 1, for an initial term of two years.

Aidan says that he is "totally on board" with Bishop McConnell's vision of the cathedral as a place proclaiming the Gospel through the arts, education, and social empowerment. "I also know that the cathedral has experienced difficult times, but you can't experience resurrection without the cross." He said that he's hopeful about this revitalization and looks forward to enhancing the cathedral's role in the life of the diocese.



Growth Fund Applications Due April 22

If your parish is interested in applying for a loan or grant from the Growth Fund for the first round of 2019 funding, please submit a completed application to Kathi Workman, Diocesan Treasurer and Director of Administration, by Monday, April 22, 2019.

The application with detailed instructions can be [found here \(PDF\)](#).

Please remember to include quotes from contractors and a copy of your budget and year-to-date financial report with your application.

If you have any questions or need help please contact Amy Shelley, Chair, at ashelley@controlledclimatesystems.com or Kathi Workman at kworkman@episcopalpgh.org with any questions or for more information.





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Preaching

Bishop Dorsey W.M. McConnell
Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Presiding

Bishop Kurt F. Kusserow
Southwestern Pennsylvania
Synod, ELCA

Open to the Public.
Clergy, Pastors, and Deacons
are invited to Vest (Red/Scarlet)
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Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 10 AM

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church
615 Grant St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Renewal of Vows and Blessing of Oils

A combined observance of the Episcopal Diocese of
Pittsburgh and the SWPA Synod ELCA.



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FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019 8AM to 4PM
CHRIST CHURCH AT GROVE FARM

Healthy Pastors, Healthy Churches and Healthy Communities

FIVE TRACKS INCLUDE: Addiction & Recovery, Mental Health & Wellness, Family & Marriage, Community Outreach, and Reflections In Ministry

SPEAKERS INCLUDE: Ellen Mady, Hedda Sharapan, the Rev. Dr. Graham Standish, the Rev. Eric McIntosh, the Rev. Barry Mariana, the Rev. Dr. Canon Jay Geisler, the Rev. Valerian M. Michlik, Dorothy Mayernik, Ann Depner, Kristin Drucis, the Rev. Dr. Ron Barnes, John Massella, Dave Janvier, Dr. Karen Plavan, Dr. Leanna Fuller, Maureen Sirianni, and Don Wilkerson



Volunteer Archivists Wanted!

The diocesan office is looking for volunteer archivists to assist with a variety of tasks. If you have archival experience or an interest in history, an eye for detail, and time to share, the diocesan aArchives may be the perfect place for you to contribute your talents.

Tasks may include:

- Arrangement of archival materials
- Data entry into archives database
- Photograph digitization
- Manuscript and artifact preservation
- Historical research



If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kathi Workman at (412) 721-0853 ext. 259 or by email at kworkman@episcopalpgh.org.



Fish Fry Time in Mt. Lebanon

Fish fry dinners will be available at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, on Friday, April 12. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Take-out is available. The menu includes:

Dinners: Fried fish or shrimp, baked salmon in wine, with choice of two sides: pierogies, tossed salad, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, fiesta rice or french fries.



A la carte: Giant fish sandwich, homemade New England clam chowder, and delicious homemade desserts.

All proceeds go to outreach projects.

For any questions or to order take-out, please call 412-780-7606. [St. Paul's Episcopal Church](http://www.stpaulsmt.com), 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228.



Lenten Fish Fry in Monongahela

[St. Paul's Episcopal Church](http://www.stpaulsmt.com)

130 W Main Street

Monongahela PA 15063

Enjoy a fish fry every Friday during Lent from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Serving 8 oz deep fried or baked cod, deep fried shrimp, french fries, macaroni and cheese, halushki, pierogies, cole slaw, beverages and pie or cake.



Dine in or take out orders available. For more information please call 724-258-7792.



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.



The Order of the Daughters of the King®



Saturday, April 27th

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Daughters of Advent

Church of the Advent, Jeannette, PA

[Click here](#) for a printable flyer, directions, and registration form.



Job Opening at Trinity School for Ministry

Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge PA, is seeking to hire a Dean of Advancement.

Purpose: To serve as chief fundraising officer with responsibilities to collaboratively set and achieve

specific fundraising goals to support operational and project gift income needs; to work closely with the Dean/President in designing strategic plans and implementation of the seminary's vision.

Full details are available at <http://www.tsm.edu/seeking-dean-of-advancement/>.



Easter Sunrise Service at Old St. Lukes

Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 a.m.

Established in 1765 as a stockade church, and without a congregation since 1930, [Old St. Luke's](#) has served the community as a religious institution and gathering place for 249 years. The site is historically connected to the French & Indian War, the Revolutionary War, and the Whiskey Rebellion.



Old St. Luke's also hosts a yearly Chamber Music Series, weddings, baptisms, and tours of the historic church and burial yard.

Old St. Luke's is located at 330 Old Washington Pike, Carnegie, PA 15106. [Click here](#) to sign up for the Old St. Luke's email list.





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2019 Diocesan Convention
Love. Teach. Heal. Re-imagining Our Diocese

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



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

April 14: All Saints, Brighton Heights
April 21: Trinity Cathedral (Easter)
May 5: Calvary, East Liberty (5 p.m.)
May 12: St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

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



Save the Date: The Retired Clergy & Spouses and Surviving Spouses Luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 6, at Noon at Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill. Details to come.



News From Our Northern Neighbor

Bishop Rowe will serve Western NY and NW Pennsylvania Dioceses

"Western New York's new Episcopal bishop was installed Sunday as Bishop Sean Rowe was welcomed to St. Paul's Cathedral. Rowe will continue as bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania, sharing staff and doing some travel back and forth."

[Read or listen to the full story](#) from WBFO, Buffalo, NY's NPR affiliate.



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Mike Desmond/WBFO NEWS



All submissions to the *Grace Happens* newsletter and the diocesan web site are welcome and should be sent to amuhl@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.

