



May 22, 2019

## Calvary Camp has Summer Openings

[Calvary Camp](#) is a camping ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh located on the scenic shores of Lake Erie in Conneaut, Ohio. They work passionately to offer intentionally designed programs where children, young adults, and families develop skills for meaningful peer relationships, deepen connections to the natural environment, integrate faith into their everyday lives, and become dynamic and visionary stewards for our communities.



New Dining Hall all set for "The First Supper"

Limited space is still available this summer during the following sessions: Coed session II, June 23-29; the Stars & Stripes session, June 30-July 6; and Ready, Set, Camp, June 30 - July 3.

Complete details are available at [www.calvarycamp.org](http://www.calvarycamp.org).

There is also a need for RNs this summer June 16-22, June 30-July 6 and July 21-27. Nurses who are interested should contact Tim Green, Executive Director, at 440-593-4381 or [tim@calvarycamp.org](mailto:tim@calvarycamp.org).



## Diocesan Transitions May 2019

At their meeting on January 23, the Standing Committee elected as their officers for 2019. **Russell Ayres**, member of Calvary, East Liberty, was re-elected and will serve a second year as president. **Lisa Brown**, member of St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, was elected to serve as secretary of the body for the year.

At their meeting on February 12, 2019, the Standing Committee appointed **David Bischoff**, a member of Christ Church, North Hills, to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. David, a C.P.A. and shareholder at Bronder & Company, P.C., will serve a term ending in 2020.

Effective March 6, 2019, **the Rev. Walter J. LaLonde** has transferred his canonical residency from the Diocese of Pittsburgh to the Diocese of the Rio Grande, where he serves as Assistant Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

At their meeting in February, the Board of Trustees of Virginia Theological Seminary voted to award an honorary doctorate to **Dr. Joan Gundersen**, in recognition of her many achievements. A member of Redeemer, Squirrel Hill, Joan will accept this honor at VTS's academic convocation on October 8, 2019.

**Suzanne DeWalt** has stepped down as Disaster Preparedness co-coordinator for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Peter Balfe will continue as coordinator of this effort to provide guidance and training to



the diocese and its parishes on how to prepare for and react to both natural and man-made disasters and incidents.

Bishop Dorsey McConnell has named **the Rev. Aidan Smith** to be provost of Trinity Cathedral, effective May 1, 2019. Pursuant to this appointment, Fr. Smith has transferred his canonical residency to the Diocese of Pittsburgh from the Diocese of Albany, effective March 20, 2019. He previously served as Dean of Advancement and Church Relations at Trinity School for Ministry and assisting priest at All Saints, Brighton Heights. Aidan and his wife Melanie have a daughter and are expecting their second child in August.

**Andy Muhl** assumes the newly created full-time position of Executive Assistant / Communication Specialist, effective May 20, 2019. Andy has been with the diocese since October 2008, serving as webmaster along with editing the diocesan newsletter, building social media presence and bringing his creative skills to dozens of diocesan events and projects.

**Judi Rogers**, Executive Assistant for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, will retire effective May 31, 2019. Judi has served the diocese for ten years, since May 2009. She looks forward to spending more time with Jim, her husband of 39 years, and visiting her daughter Sarah, a writer who lives in Los Angeles. Other future plans include becoming an Instagram influencer, and monetizing that effort as a means to finance her tuition at Rodeo Clown School.



**2019 Spring organ recitals**  
**Wednesdays, 12:30–1 p.m.**

**May 22**  
**Donald Fellows**  
Dir. of Music, St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland

**May 29**  
**Ryan Croyle**  
Minister of Music  
First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh

**Trinity Cathedral, Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh**



## St. Brendan's Speaker Series Returns!

**Tuesday, May 28, 6 p.m.**

**Rob Rogers**, the award-winning, nationally syndicated editorial cartoonist formerly with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette will be the featured speaker.

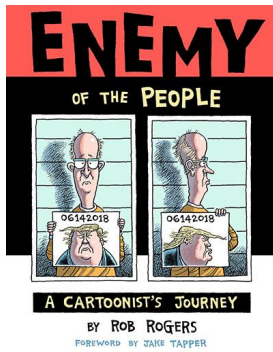
He will show a selection of his cartoons, be interviewed by Tom Waseleski and take questions from the audience.

The event will begin with wine, appetizers and a silent auction. Afterwards, stay to enjoy a glass of Prosecco with dessert, which will give you time to meet Rob and discuss his new cartoon collection "Enemy of the People." Copies will be available for sale and signing by Rob.

Space is limited, so reserve your seat early by calling 412-364-5974 or sending an e-mail to [stbrendans@comcast.net](mailto:stbrendans@comcast.net).

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.





[St. Brendan's Episcopal Church](#), 2365 McAleer Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.



## Job Opening at Christ Church

**Wanted: Parish Administrator/Secretary** for Christ Church, North Hills, a suburban program-size parish with active and friendly staff and congregation. Please contact Canon Jim Shoucair at 412-364-2442 or [rector@christchurchpgh.org](mailto:rector@christchurchpgh.org) for details.

[Christ Episcopal Church](#), 5910 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh PA 15237



## A Contemplative Exploration of the Enneagram

[St. Brendan's, Franklin Park](#), is hosting a special retreat: *A Contemplative Exploration of the Enneagram: A Guide to Self Understanding and Love*, on **Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Attendees will gain tools for personal growth and development with personal insight into our deepest motivations, fears and desires. The workshop will include teaching, contemplative practices and exercises for exploring the enneagram.



Enneagram is a means of understanding nine distinct but interconnected personality types that have sacred implications in our spirituality and spiritual practices. Learning your type(s) helps you to pray, worship and meditate better and more comfortably because you learn your unique spiritual personality and fit spiritual practices accordingly. Not everyone prays the same way-and that's the way it should be. You will become much more self-aware through this meaningful retreat.

The retreat will be led by Maria Hooper, M.D., and Timothy St. Onge, PsyD, Ph.D. Hooper is a primary care physician who believes in, and works for, the whole person's health and wellness. St. Onge is a counselor in private practice, spiritual mentor, and an educator on the secondary, adult and college levels for forty years.

Suggested donation is \$20 to cover food and materials. To register, call or e-mail Katie at 412-364-5974 or [stbrendans@comcast.net](mailto:stbrendans@comcast.net).



## U2Charist

**Sunday, June 2, 9:45 a.m.** at [St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#), 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228

St. Paul's parishioners Bob Melvin, Mike Rago, Paul Golebie, and Paul Barker will bring the music of U2 to our combined 9:45 a.m. service.





For those who are unfamiliar, a U2Charist is a special service which utilizes the traditional Episcopal liturgy and features the music of the band U2.

For more information, contact Christin Cooper at [ccooper@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:ccooper@stpaulspgh.org).



The 69th Annual Country Day Fair at St. Michael's of the Valley will feature a host of items for sale, things to eat, activities and entertainment. The fair is scheduled for **Saturday, June 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, rain or shine, and promises to be a fun outing for adults and children alike.

The group *One Accord*, which has been performing at the Country Day Fair for more than ten years, will once again provide musical entertainment.

The locally famous rummage sale is always a treasure trove of used clothing and household goods. In addition, *Connie's Closet* features high-end clothing resale and the *White Elephant* features art, glassware, and furnishings. The *Potting Shed* will have a variety of annuals, perennials, and shrubs for purchase and the *Book Nook* is renowned for the wide variety of used books for all ages.

There is no shortage of wonderful things to feast on at the fair. Delicious eats at the Deli Booth include crepes, smokehouse grilled burgers and dogs, a variety of sandwiches, salads, and home-baked goodies. St. Michael's famous grilled mushroom sandwiches will also be served.

The annual Country Day Fair is a collaborative effort of the parishioners of St. Michael's and a means of supporting local charities. "Every year the money we raise with the fair, goes directly into our local community," said Jinny Ledgard, who along with her husband, Mike Ledgard, chairs the fair committee. "The people of St. Michael's have a brilliant history of outreach and community service, and it shows through the long-term commitment of our members who run the fair booths."

[St. Michael's of the Valley](#), 2535 Highway 381 Rector, PA, 15677



## Pig Roast in Mt. Lebanon

**Saturday, June 8, 4-7 p.m.** at [St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#), 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon 15228.

Come on out for the 3rd annual *This Little Piggy Went to St. Paul's Pig Roast*. Chris Clark's famous pork will be served!



The afternoon will include many fun activities for all ages: a bounce house, t-shirt tie-dying, a Mt. Lebanon firetruck for the children, craft beer and an auction for the adults.

**Bishop Dorsey McConnell will bless the newly installed solar panels at 3:30 p.m.**

This event is brought to you by the Young Adults at St. Paul's. A portion of the proceeds benefit St. Paul's Nursery School. Contact Margaret at [margaret.kroehler@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.kroehler@gmail.com) with any questions.

Buy your tickets online at [www.stpaulspgh.org](http://www.stpaulspgh.org).



## Benefit Concert for Rwandan Orphans Featuring The Rockin' Revs

**Sunday, June 2, doors open at 4:30 p.m., show at 5 p.m.**

St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church in Somerset will host an ECW benefit concert featuring the final performance of the Rockin' Revs.

The Rockin' Revs are a cover band consisting the Rev. Lenny Anderson from St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church and the Rev. Arnie McFarland from Calvary United Methodist Church, both in Somerset.

Freewill offering and snack proceeds will all go to support the work of World Vision. [St. Francis in the Fields](#), 2081 Husband Rd, Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501



God Willing  
and the People Consenting

The Rt. Reverend Dorsey W. M. McConnell  
Bishop of Pittsburgh

will ordain

Kimberly Macy Karashin  
Julie Lynn Smith

to the Sacred Order of Priests  
in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church  
Saturday, June 15, 2019  
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 to follow*



## Healing Communities Training

At a time when one out of every 28 Pennsylvanians are under criminal justice system control, whether in prison, jail, on probation or parole, it is likely that every congregation has members impacted by crime or the criminal justice system, whether as victims, accused, offenders, or families of people in all those groups. Shame and stigma often isolate those affected, preventing them from seeking help. How can congregations create a culture of safety and support for those who need it?

Our diocesan convention [passed a resolution](#) last November to support development of a diocesan *Healing Communities* training with the Pennsylvania Council of Churches.

A training workshop is now scheduled for **Saturday, June 22, 1-6 p.m.**, at [St. Stephen's Episcopal Church](#) in Wilkinsburg, 600 Pitt Street, Pittsburgh PA 15221.

The *Healing Communities* training, a proven national model, equips congregations to become stations of hope by building relationships of healing, redemption, and reconciliation. [Here is a link](#) that describes the results of this training workshop in powerful detail.

Congregations are encouraged to send a group of at least three leaders/active members in order to effectively implement the model in their setting. [A form with registration and more information is available here.](#) **Although the form indicates a cost of \$25, it will be free for Episcopalians.** It is open to all, and no one will be excluded for inability to pay.

The training will be given by the Rev. Sandra Strauss, Director of Advocacy and Ecumenical Outreach for the [PA Council of Churches](#). She can be contacted at [s.strauss@pachurches.org](mailto:s.strauss@pachurches.org) or 717-545-4761.



**Healing  
Communities**  
*Balancing Justice  
With Mercy*



**LOVE. TEACH. HEAL.**  
*Re-imagining Our Diocese*

**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**

*Note: This date is one week later than our conventions in the past.*

[Click here](#) for important convention documents.



## Around the Diocese

### Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

**June 2:** St. James, Penn Hills

**June 9:** Christ Church, North Hills

**June 16:** St. Stephen's, McKeesport

**June 23:** St. Michael's, Ligonier

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

**Memorial Day:** The diocesan offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of the federal holiday.

**Luncheon:** 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.

**Addiction Response Ministry Seminar:** Saturday, June 22, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 200 East North Street, Butler, PA 16001. The Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler will be presenting at a seminar designed to help individuals and churches gain knowledge about how to support persons in addiction and/or in recovery and their families. [Click here](#) for details and registration information.



## Parting Shots



Who says bishops don't have any fun? Buddy Harrington of St Francis in the Fields, Somerset, showed our fair bishop the nitty-gritty of using a commercial mower on Thursday, May 9.





--Photos courtesy Buddy Harrington and the Rev. Lenny Anderson



All submissions to the *Grace Happens* newsletter and the diocesan web site are welcome and should be sent to [amuhl@episcopalpgh.org](mailto: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.

