



August 28, 2019



## Overdose Awareness Day at Trinity Cathedral

432 people lost their lives from drug overdoses in Allegheny County in 2018.

On Overdose Awareness Day, **Friday, August 30**, we will remember them, we will pray for those who still struggle with addiction, and we will educate ourselves to work to end the overdose epidemic.

The day includes continuing education for addiction specialists starting at 9 a.m., a free training for the public in the use of Narcan to reverse overdoses at 11 a.m., and a prayer service at noon led by members of the Pittsburgh Downtown Ministerium, Christian Associates of Southwest PA, interfaith colleagues, and Coalition

for Leadership, Education and Advocacy in Recovery (CLEAR) members.

A cathedral bell will ring once for every person who died from an overdose in Allegheny County in 2018.

**Weather permitting, the prayer service at noon will be held in front of Trinity Cathedral.**

*Pittsburgh Will Not Forget U* families will display pictures on the cathedral grounds of loved ones who died from overdoses.

Visit [www.trinitycathedralpgh.org/overdose-awareness-day-2019](http://www.trinitycathedralpgh.org/overdose-awareness-day-2019) for additional information.



## Diocesan Transitions for August 2019

**The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price Jr.** is serving as our Assisting Bishop during Bishop McConnell's sabbatical until November 3, 2019. Bishop Price previously served as our Bishop Provisional from 2009 until 2012.

**Ann McStay** of St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, was elected president of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Pittsburgh on May 4, at the Spring ECW meeting.

**The Rev. Jude Bell**, a monk of St. Gregory's Abbey, an Episcopal Benedictine monastery in Three Rivers, Michigan, died on June 11, 2019. Fr. Bell previously served at Church of the Advent in Jeanette.

**The Rev. Canon Kimberly Macy Karashin** and **The Rev. Julie Lynn Smith** were ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests by Bishop McConnell at Trinity Cathedral on June 15, 2019. In June, Canon Kim+ moved to full-time on diocesan staff, continuing in her role as Canon for Mission while also



preparing to take on the role of Director of Administration in 2020. Julie+ is serving at St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, as their Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator.

**The Rev. William "Biff" Carpenter** was received as a priest in our diocese from the Anglican Church in North America on July 24, 2019. Biff+ is currently serving at Christ Church, North Hills.

**The Rev. Lennel Anderson**, former Rector at St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Somerset, and regular supply priest at St. Bartholomew's, Scottdale, has transferred his canonical residency to the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida effective May 21, 2019, where he is serving as Rector of St. George's Episcopal Church in Bradenton.

**The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo**, a transitional deacon from the Diocese of New Jersey, has joined the staff at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, as Assistant Rector. Also new to St. Paul's is the Rev. Charles L. Fischer III, canonically resident in the Diocese of Atlanta, serving as Interim Associate Rector on a half-time basis through June 2020.

**The Rev. Garrett Yates**, former Associate Rector at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, is now serving as the Rector of St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church in Lincoln, Massachusetts.

Bishop Dorsey McConnell has appointed **Jamie McMahon**, of Calvary, East Liberty, as Parliamentarian to Diocesan Convention.

Bishop McConnell has appointed **Tim Austin** of St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, and **Peter Balfe** of St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, as co-coordinators for diocesan Disaster Preparedness.

**The Rev. Canon Kimberly Karashin**, diocesan Canon for Mission, and **Andy Muhl**, diocesan Executive Assistant and Communications Specialist, have been appointed Co-Recorders of Ordinations by Bishop McConnell.

Cathedral Provost, **the Rev. Aidan Smith**, and his wife Melanie announce the birth of Solomon Everett Smith, born on Friday, August 23, at 5:46 am. He weighed 9 lbs 4 oz and was 22 in long. Mother and baby are doing fine, as are Aidan and three-year-old big sister Felicity.





Join the youth from Province III for a bus trip from Washington, DC to Philadelphia, PA. Visit historical sites, hear from leaders in the church who are involved in the struggle against racism, and become a part of the Beloved Community, as we seek to increase racial understanding, healing, and reconciliation.

Round trip from St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1514 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005

**Check-in:** Friday, October 11, 1 p.m.

**Pick-up:** Monday, October 14, 12 noon

Housing and meals are being graciously provided by host parishes in D.C., Philadelphia, and Baltimore. Highlights of the trip will include the National African American History Museum, the Oldest African American Episcopal Church in the U.S., and travel on part of the African-American Heritage Trail.

More information is at [www.province3.org/blog/trail-to-truth-youth-pilgrimage/](http://www.province3.org/blog/trail-to-truth-youth-pilgrimage/).

For additional details about the Diocese of Pittsburgh's participation and registration, contact Paul Barker at [pbarker@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:pbarker@stpaulspgh.org).

**Registration deadline is September 1.**



## World War II Hymns by Ralph Vaughan Williams

September 3rd is the 80th anniversary of Britain's declaration of war on Nazi Germany. Ralph Vaughan Williams, one of the most influential composers of hymns of the 20th century, wrote

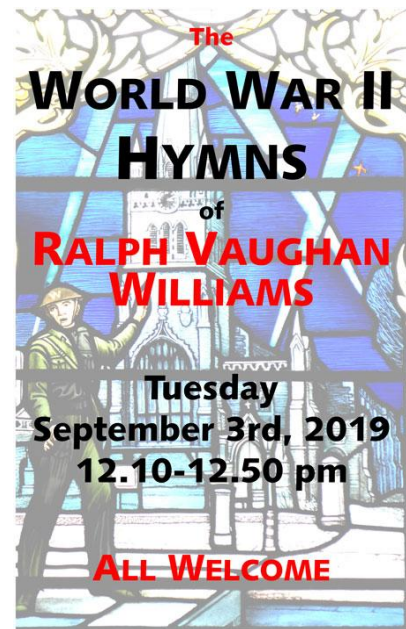


several hymns to help strengthen the morale of the public as the war progressed.

Come to Trinity Cathedral, 328 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, on **Tuesday, September 3 at 12:10 p.m.** to find out the story behind the hymns, and the role Vaughan Williams played in helping Britons survive almost six years of the war that still shapes the world we live in.

Those attending are welcome to bring a drink and/or snack into the cathedral. The presentation will be followed by a tour of the Cathedral led by docent William Kaiser.

For more information, call 412-232-6404, or visit [www.trinitycathedralpgh.org](http://www.trinitycathedralpgh.org)



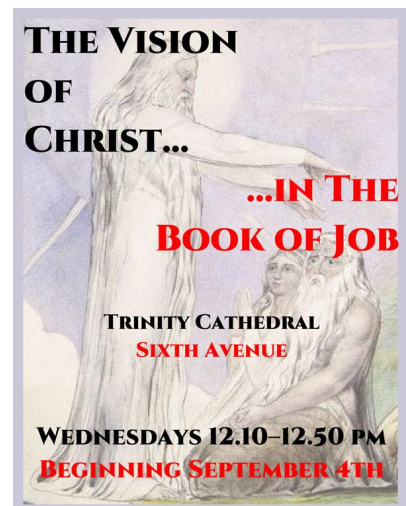
## The Vision of Christ in the Book of Job Using the Art of William Blake

Trinity Cathedral, 328 Sixth Avenue, Downtown, presents a three-week series that will weave text and art together during the Wednesday lunch hour beginning **Wednesday, September 4, from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m.** Admission is free, all are welcome, come and go as you need to. Bring your drink and snack.

The Book of Job, in which the man who has all this world offers loses everything but his faith in God, is one of the most elusive books in the Old Testament.

A series of paintings by 18th century artist and visionary William Blake, inspired by the book, provides a unique way of entering its mysterious world, showing the vision of Christ at its heart.

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## The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge in Concert at Calvary



**Friday, September 20, at 8 p.m.**

The world-renowned ensemble of undergraduates, directed by Stephen Layton, returns to Pittsburgh with a program of exquisite and glorious choral music, ranging from the Tudors to contemporary masters, including Esenvalds, Lauridsen, and Tavener, and closing with music by Herbert Howells. Tickets may be [purchased here](#).

[Calvary Episcopal Church](#), 325 Shady Avenue at Walnut Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15206



## Fall Assembly for the Daughters of the King

### Love Your Neighbors as Yourself

"Healing Prayer for You, Your Neighbor, Your Neighborhood," with Cindy Leap of the Order of St. Luke the Physician.

**Saturday, September 28, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.** at Christ Episcopal Church, 902 Philadelphia St, Indiana, PA 15701. Hosted by the Deborah Chapter of Daughters of the King.

Call, text, or email the Pittsburgh Assembly Treasurer, Jan Murtha, at 724-635-0473 or [murtha0731@comcast.net](mailto:murtha0731@comcast.net), to indicate your intent to attend. Send your check for \$12 for a boxed lunch to Jan Murtha, 144 Barrington Dr., Oakdale, PA 15071



*St. Thomas Women's Group*  
*Tea and Program*

**Sat., Sept. 28, 2019      12:30 pm**

Call 412-828-9680 for tickets - \$20.00

Program: Deer Lakes H. S. Musical Theatre Students, under the direction of Matt Derby, will perform songs from Broadway Musicals

Also: Chinese Auction for valuable raffle baskets  
Door Prizes

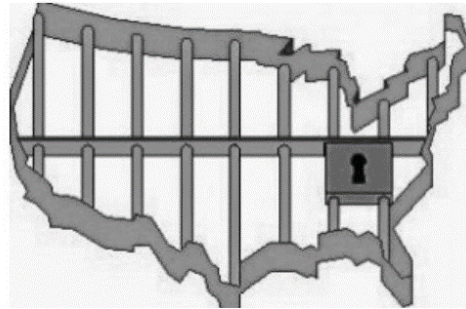
[St. Thomas Memorial Church](#), 378 Delaware Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139



# 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.

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 scheduled for **Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at [Church of the Holy Cross](#) in Homewood, 7507 Kelly Street, Pittsburgh PA 15208.



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. **Although the usual 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](#).

**The registration deadline is September 30.** A flier with the registration form is [available here](#).



## Education for Ministry

EfM (Education for Ministry) started in 1975 when the School of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee) decided to develop a curriculum which would provide a basic theological education to lay Christians.



EfM is a distance learning course in which the members of the group meet each week to discuss reading materials which provide a basic education about Christianity and contemporary theological issues.

It is a four-year program, but students commit to only one year at a time. The first year is devoted to reading and understanding the Old Testament; second, the New Testament; third the history of the Christian Church; fourth, contemporary theological issues. The group also engages in a theological discussion on a topic of their choosing for part of the session.

Discussions are led by trained mentors who act as moderators and fellow seekers.

There are three groups in the Diocese of Pittsburgh-- two at Calvary in Shadyside and one at St. Paul's in Mt. Lebanon-- which are currently recruiting new participants. Members of the groups can be from various parishes as well as other denominations.

The Calvary groups meet Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.. The cost of the program is \$375 a year and includes all textbooks. For more information on the program in general, please visit <http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm/about-efm>.



To discuss the Calvary Thursday morning group please contact Barbara Brooks at [tipark4me@aol.com](mailto:tipark4me@aol.com) or Diane Santoriello at [Dianesantoriello@gmail.com](mailto:Dianesantoriello@gmail.com). If interested in the Wednesday night group, contact Vanessa Sterling at [vmsterling@gmail.com](mailto:vmsterling@gmail.com) or (412) 551-2042.

For the St. Paul's group, please email Karen Schneider at [kschneider586@gmail.com](mailto:kschneider586@gmail.com).



## Tree of Life to hold High Holiday services at Calvary Episcopal Church

*[From the Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle]*

In the heart of Mr. Rogers' real life neighborhood, church exemplifies what it means to be a good neighbor.

Mr. Rogers would be *kvelling*.



Calvary Episcopal Church, a paragon of good neighborliness, will serve as host to Tree of Life\*Or L'Simcha Congregation for all of its 5780 High Holiday services.

Calvary is located on Shady Avenue, less than a mile from the Tree of Life synagogue building, in the heart of Mr. Rogers' neighborhood. On Saturday, Oct. 27, the church happened to be filled with parishioners attending its annual fundraiser to help the underserved. The news of the mass shooting targeting people down the street hit them hard, said the Rev. Jonathon Jensen, rector.

"So, right afterward, the next day, I preached about the shooting and what that might mean, short-term and long-term, and how does a person of faith respond," Jensen said.

"In my experience, I have found that often what happens is people will say, 'Is there anything we can do to help you?' and it puts the burden on the person who's hurt," he said. "I've found it is much more helpful to make specific offers of things people might actually need, so the burden is on you to do it rather than the person who is hurting to think of something for you to do."

Jensen recently had been counseling a parishioner on this topic, and "I thought this is just a bigger and more awful situation," he said.

Calvary decided to make a specific offer to TOL\*OLS. In a card signed by members of the church, they offered to "share space with you for anything you need because you won't likely have yours for a while," Jensen said. They sent the card along with money collected over the next two weeks to TOL\*OLS.

Jensen knew it was unlikely that the grieving congregation would read the card immediately because of the sheer volume of mail it would be receiving, as well as being forced to address countless other necessary and more pressing tasks in the aftermath of the attack.

"I didn't hear a thing for months, and then one day I got an email that said, 'Hey I'm from Tree, and we'd like to talk to you about possibly using space for High Holidays,'" said Jensen.

[Read the rest of the story here.](#)

Episcopal News Service [story is here.](#)

A report from the Cleveland Jewish News/Jewish Telegraphic Agency [is here.](#)



# 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.



## **AUGUST-- For appreciation of diverse cultural contributions**

"O God of all nations and peoples: We live in a nation of immigrants, and one in which the diverse gifts of many peoples have contributed to our energy and strength. Yet it is one in which some immigrants are discriminated against because of the color of their skin, their language, or the country of their origin. Help us, by your grace, to offer hospitality to all strangers, as our Father Abraham did in the desert. Grant us the wisdom and skill to enact just and merciful immigration reforms so that the hospitality and access to this great land may be offered equally to people of all colors and races and nations." Amen.

## **SEPTEMBER--For racial equality in education, housing, public services, and employment opportunity**

"God our Creator, you created humankind in your image, and blessed us with your love. Help us to show that love to one another as we work for equality for all races in education, housing, public services, and employment opportunity. Give us strength and courage to speak out against injustice, and to work for the transformation of unjust systems that keep some in bondage: that we may more fully live out your kingdom here on earth; through Jesus Christ your son, who came to set us free." Amen.



## **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.



# Lay Deputy Certification Forms Due NOW!

Without naming names, one-third of our parishes (36 percent to be exact) have not filed their Lay Deputy Certification forms as of today.

A blank form with complete instructions is available online [by clicking here](#). This form must be signed by a Warden OR by two members of the Vestry.

Please contact [Andy Muhl](#) in the diocesan office with any questions.







## Call for Convention Resolutions

The Resolutions Committee of Diocesan Council is now accepting items to be considered at our [next diocesan convention](#).

Proposed resolutions may be submitted by any parish or individual [using this form](#). Each must conform to Robert's Rules of Order and include a short explanation or rationale, as well as contact information for at least two sponsors. An example resolution is on the form.

**All proposed resolutions must be submitted no later than September 9, 2019.** Submission instructions are on the form.



## Around the Diocese

### Bishop Price's Visitation Schedule:

**September 8:** St. Michael's, Wayne Township  
**September 15:** St. Thomas, Oakmont  
**September 22:** St. Matthew's, Homestead  
**September 29:** St. Mark's, Johnstown

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

**2019 Fall Clergy Conference**, Wednesday, September 25 - Friday, September 27, at Antiochian Village and Conference Center, Bolivar, PA. Clergy may [register here](#).





The Downtown Ministerium and the Allegheny County Department of Human Services are cosponsoring a Poverty Simulation event to be held on Saturday, September 14, from 8:30 AM - 12:00 noon, at First Presbyterian Church, 320 Sixth Avenue.

Poverty Simulations are a unique opportunity to learn more about what our neighbors in need experience every day.

**TO SIGN UP:**

Contact Christine Hoffman at [cgh@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:cgh@flcpittsburgh.org) no later than Thursday, September 5.

**QUESTIONS?**

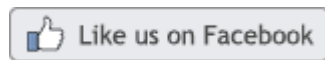
Contact Pastor Jennifer McCurry at [jpm@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:jpm@flcpittsburgh.org)



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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.



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