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September 13, 2019

A Message from Bishop Price

Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon after I arrived back in Pittsburgh, Marianne Novy, the chair of our Diocesan Social Justice and Outreach Committee, contacted me with information about our participation in the *Healing Communities Training for Clergy and Congregations* being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council of Churches on October 5 at the Church of the Holy Cross in Homewood. She explained that this event is in direct response to a resolution passed by our Diocesan Convention. Since we are a sponsor of the training, Episcopalians attending will not have to pay the registration fee. Further details are provided in the article below.

Given the reality of our world today, I believe this timely workshop is of vital importance. Unfortunately, it is not unusual for our congregations to experience instances in which a member, volunteer, employee, family member, or friend ends up involved with the justice system. As Christians we want to do all we can to offer support while not compromising our need to make sure our congregation is a safe place. I believe this workshop will provide tools to help us know how to reach out to people by showing Christian compassion, while at the same time ensuring our congregations are safe.

I encourage our congregations to make sure they are represented at this training. Our Presiding Bishop has called upon us all to be Jesus people. Hanging on a cross of crucifixion, Jesus still was able to reach out to the thieves around him. It is doubtful any of us will find ourselves hanging on a cross, but that does not mean that we will not encounter people who find themselves affected by the justice system. Hopefully, this workshop will provide information to help us better minister to them.

This is what being a Jesus person is all about.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Jr.
Assisting Bishop



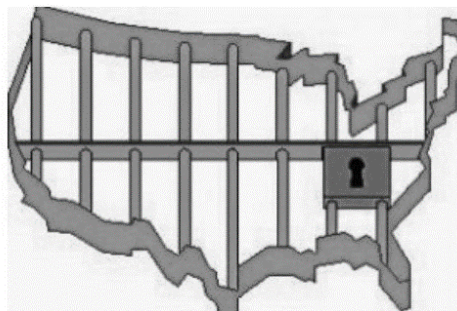
At a time when one out of every 28 Pennsylvanians are under criminal justice system control, whether in prison, jail, on probation or parole, it is likely that every congregation has members impacted by crime or the criminal justice system.

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](#).



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



News and Events at Trinity Cathedral

Noonday Eucharist

All are welcome at Trinity Cathedral's Noonday Eucharist services **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 12:05 p.m.** The brief Eucharist service is a perfect fit for a lunch break.

Also join us for the contemplative Compline-style service using Night Prayers from the New Zealand Prayer Book on **Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.**



Fall Organ Recital Series

Trinity Cathedral's annual Fall Organ Recital Series **begins Wednesday, September 25 at 12:30 p.m.**



Bring your lunch, coffee, and a friend and enjoy six weeks of wonderful music at our Cathedral!

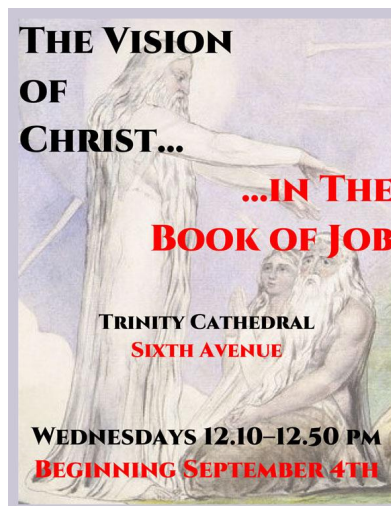
Free admission and open to the public.

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

This Wednesday, September 18, Trinity Cathedral will wrap up its three-week series that will weave text and art together during the Wednesday lunch hour 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.



Trinity Cathedral is located at 328 Sixth Avenue, Downtown.

For more information, call 412-232-6404, or visit www.trinitycathedralpgh.org



Love+Teach+Heal Leadership Academy

The LTH Leadership Academy consists of organized groups of dedicated laypeople throughout the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, exploring Christian faith, life, and practices. We seek growth in Christian faith for personal, public, and church settings, building up the body of Christ, together.



Any member of the diocese who is interested and willing to commit to attendance at weekly meetings, from October 2019 through May 2020, is encouraged to participate.

This program is especially beneficial if you are wondering how God is calling you to serve; are open to sharing from your own experience and learning from others; are eager to develop the skills and interests you bring already; and are open to new possibilities.

Complete details are available at <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/loveteachheal-leadership-academy-2019-2020/>



2020 Visitation Schedule Now Available

Bishop McConnell's 2020 visitation schedule is now available for download and printing [by clicking here](#).

The 2020 Diocesan Cycle of Prayer will be available in October.

These documents, along with many others, are available on the Diocesan website under the [Resources tab](#).





ECW Fall 2019 Grant Applications Available

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

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 Fall 2019 Grants must be submitted before October 19, 2019.



ECW Fall 2019 Scholarships Available

The Episcopal Church Women 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 Saturday, October 19, 2019. The application form with submission instructions is available [by clicking here](#).

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



Christ Episcopal Church North Hills



For more info about the 5K
and how to sponsor go to:

www.runforthyneighbor5k.org OR

Contact Shannon Johnson at
cecnh5k@ChristChurchPGH.org

September 28
9:00 a.m. Start
Harmar Shelter, North Park
Sign up at runrace.net

Proceeds to benefit HEARTH of Allegheny County. — www.hearth-bp.org



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, 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 Memorial Church](#), 378 Delaware Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139



Join Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in Wheeling, WV!

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Wheeling's 200th Anniversary Celebration
with Special Guest Bishop Michael Curry**

**Saturday, October 5, 2019, at 3 p.m.
WesBanco Arena, 2 14th Street, Wheeling, WV**

Doors open at 2 p.m.

Tickets for adults are \$5.00, children under 12 are \$1.00 and all are General Admission

[Click here for tickets](#)

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, known for his sermon at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan, is coming to Wheeling to join in celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of St. Matthew's.

All proceeds will go to charity.



2019 CROP Hunger Walks

For fifty years, the interfaith organization [Church World Service](#) has sponsored *CROP Hunger Walks* to raise funds and awareness to combat hunger here at home and around the world.

The diocesan Social Justice and Outreach Committee invites all Episcopalians to join their neighbors to help provide food, water, and partnership in development for those in need. Some contribute by walking, others by sponsoring a walker or their community walk as a whole.



In our area, walks are scheduled in Elizabeth-Forward on September 29; Greensburg on October 6; the East End, South Hills, Penn-Trafford, Murrysville, and Indiana, all on October 13; and Ligonier on October 20.

The East End walk, starting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, begins and ends at South Avenue United Methodist Church at 733 South Avenue in Wilkinsburg with a six mile route to Squirrel Hill and back. A shorter one-mile route is also planned.

The money that this event collects benefits the Church World Service, Wilkinsburg Community Ministry and East End Cooperative Ministry. Contacts are Beth Simon, simon.mbs@gmail.com or 412-953-6620, and Molly Denver, mollyadenver@gmail.com or 412-952-1289.

Complete information is available at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/>



Save the Date: Anti-Racism Training

The next anti-racism training, Seeing the Face of God in Each Other, will be held on **Friday and Saturday, October 25-26, 2019. Location to be announced soon.**



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.

This training is required of all elected leadership, lay and ordained, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, including all candidates for Holy Orders. There is no fee for the training, but a free-will offering will help offset the cost of the food and refreshments.



What is the Future of the Church? A Day with Brian McLaren

**Friday, October 25
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

Calvin Presbyterian Church, Zelienople, PA



2:45-3:45 p.m. - Special Q&A Session for Interested Attendees

More and more people see the church as less and less relevant to their lives. We spend more time fighting within our denominations and churches than we do in reaching out to a rapidly changing culture. The world is changing and we're struggling to keep up. We don't know what to hold onto and what to let go of as we adapt Christianity to a world in the grips of information overload.

A Day with Brian McLaren will explore concepts from his book, *The Great Spiritual Migration*, helping us understand how to be church in an ever-changing world.

Full details and registration links are at <https://beaverbutler.org/mclaren-event/>



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 or Diane Santoriello at Dianesantoriello@gmail.com. If interested in the Wednesday night group, contact Vanessa Sterling at vmsterling@gmail.com or (412) 551-2042.

For the St. Paul's group, please email Karen Schneider at kschneider586@gmail.com.



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 Price's Visitation Schedule:

September 15: St. Thomas, Oakmont
September 22: St. Matthew's, Homestead
September 29: St. Mark's, Johnstown
October 5: St. Bartholomew's, Scottdale (Saturday)
October 6: St. Francis-in-the-Fields, Somerset



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

Part-Time Sexton Position Open: Calvary Episcopal Church, located in Shadyside, is looking for a responsible part-time sexton to maintain a clean and safe facility.

Responsibilities Include:

Emphasis on general housekeeping; room set-ups and breakdowns as scheduled; assist in general maintenance of grounds; building security; additional duties as needed.

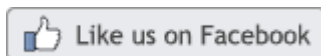
Qualifications:

Must be flexible - available days, evenings and some weekends, punctuality is expected; good communication and organizational skills; work independently and/or as a team member; attention to detail and conscientiousness a must; Act 33/34 clearances and federal background check required; able to lift 50 lbs.; reliable transportation.

Compensation based on experience. Please no phone calls. Interested/qualified applicants should e-mail their resume to: jgubash@calvarypgh.org



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