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## The Diocesan Office is Closed But...

Please know that the diocesan staff continues to be a resource for you. They may be working remotely, but they are very much at work and still can be reached through their office phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

The staff listing is available at [www.episcopalpgh.org/who-we-are/bishop-and-staff/](http://www.episcopalpgh.org/who-we-are/bishop-and-staff/)

Not sure who can best answer your question? Visit our "Whom to Contact" page at [www.episcopalpgh.org/who-we-are/diocesan-staff-whom-to-contact/](http://www.episcopalpgh.org/who-we-are/diocesan-staff-whom-to-contact/)



## Links to Live and Recorded Worship Services

During this extraordinary time many of our parishes are responding to the needs of their parishioners and their communities by offering their regularly scheduled Sunday services through a variety of online offerings.

A complete list of Episcopal parishes in the Diocese of Pittsburgh that offer a live worship feed or has an archive of sermons or worship that is kept updated is available at [www.episcopalpgh.org/online-worship/](http://www.episcopalpgh.org/online-worship/).

In most cases, a recording of the service is available in its entirety after the live broadcast.

**This list will be continuously updated.**



## For Parishes: How to Live Stream Your Worship Services

The response to the coronavirus outbreak has changed our lives and is keeping people at home. The effort to contain this unknown, novel virus has prevented from gathering in groups of any size.

In the past week, the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh offered suggested common practices though both this newsletter and on our website at [www.episcopalpgh.org](http://www.episcopalpgh.org).

Find tips and tricks for LIVE streaming your church service -- cheaply and effectively -- on the diocesan web site at [www.episcopalpgh.org/live-streaming-resources/](http://www.episcopalpgh.org/live-streaming-resources/)



The diocesan office stands by to assist and advise.



## Useful Coronavirus Emergency Information and Resources

Allegheny County has developed a special packet of Emergency Resources information.

This thorough document includes guidance on food assistance and health care, and even resources for parents who are trying to continue their children's education at home.

[Click here](#) to download the PDF.



### Emergency Resources

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A guide to assist the Allegheny County community during the COVID-19 pandemic



## Parish Administration & Finances Workshop

**Saturday, April 25**  
**9:30 a.m. to 12 noon**  
**Via Zoom Webinar**

Parish treasurers, administrators, senior wardens, and clergy - and anyone else interested in the management of church finances and other aspects of parish administration - are invited to attend this informative session. To register for this workshop, click the registration button.



[Click Here to Register](#)

Kathi Workman, our diocese's canon treasurer, and The Rev. Kimberly Karashin, canon for mission and director of administration, will serve as the workshop's facilitators, covering topics such as:

- Lay and clergy compensation and benefits
- Payroll
- Diocesan assessments
- Tax requirements
- Annual audit
- Parochial reports
- Property insurance and management
- Safeguarding requirements
- Available grant and loan programs

Ample time will be provided for questions and answers throughout.

The workshop will be held as a webinar using the Zoom Video Communications platform. For anyone without access to a computer or other Internet-enabled device, an option will be available to join by telephone. Details about how to join the webinar will be sent to registrants prior to the workshop. (Note: At this time, there are no plans for an in-person option.)

**Bonus!** All parishes with a representative participating in this workshop will receive a copy of the new [Finance Resource Guide](#), a project of the [Episcopal Church Foundation](#).

If you have questions about this workshop, or are wondering whether you should participate, contact Canon Kim at [kkarashin@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:kkarashin@episcopalpgh.org) or 412-721-0853 ext. 254.



## Quick Links to Faith Resources to Help Fill the Downtime:



### Things to READ

- [Forward Movement is offering resources for prayer and worship.](#)
- [Forward Movement and FORMA have partnered to create some neat activities for families and children.](#)
- [Church Publishing has a free digital version of the Book of Common Prayer and other devotional resources.](#)

### Things to WATCH

- [On Mondays, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be posting "Habits of Grace" videos.](#)
- The National Cathedral is streaming Morning and Evening Prayer daily as well as Holy Eucharist on Sunday. [Their schedule of online events is here.](#)



## ECW Spring 2020 Grant Applications Available

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 2020 grants must be submitted before Thursday, April 2, 2020.**



## ECW Spring 2020 Scholarships Available

The Episcopal Church Women established the Memorial Membership Fund to aid students through educational grants. The fund was begun in 1927 to be used for two missionary training scholarships. In the 93 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 2, 2020.** The application form with submission instructions is [available by clicking here](#).

For additional information please contact Betty Duckstein at [ducksteine@yahoo.com](mailto:ducksteine@yahoo.com).



## Volunteer Instructors Needed! Training Will Be Provided



**Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh  
Emergency Preparedness  
and Response Committee**

After a very successful first offering of Stop the Bleed Training at Calvary Episcopal Church in East Liberty earlier this year, the diocesan Emergency Preparedness & Response Committee is hoping to offer similar, but smaller, training sessions for parishes geographically more distant from Pittsburgh.

In order to do so, we would like to recruit half a dozen volunteers to undergo training as Stop the Bleed instructors.

The qualifications are simple: you must either work (or have worked) in one of the medical professions or serve (or have served) as a first responder. You will be trained by specialists from UPMC, which will also supply everything you need for the sessions you lead, including a PowerPoint presentation and the equipment trainees use to practice the basic skills.

If you believe this is a service that you are called to contribute, please contact the Co-Chair of the Emergency Preparedness & Response Committee, Tim Austin, at [austover@gmail.com](mailto:austover@gmail.com) as soon as possible.



## Around the Diocese

**Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule has been placed on hold for at least the near future. We will share further information as it becomes available.**

**Annual Meetings:** All parishes are reminded to complete and submit their [Parish Annual Meeting Report Form](#) as soon as possible.

**2019 Parochial Reports Are (Over) Due Now!** Please call the diocesan office if you any questions or need any assistance.



## Parting Shot

RIP: The Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris, the Episcopal Church's and Anglican Communion's first female bishop, died at 89 on March 13, 2020. Details are available at Episcopal News Service [here](#).





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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