

Nurturing our Faith!

August 30, 2024

Vacation Bible School at Holy Cross Church: A Week of Love, Learning, and Community

At the end of July, the Church of the Holy Cross in Homewood hosted a Vacation Bible School (VBS) program, welcoming a total of 25 children. The free weeklong program was a joyful and enriching experience for children ages 3-11 and a beautiful example of the Church's commitment to serving its community.



Over the course of the week, the VBS program provided a nurturing environment where children engaged in a variety of activities. Each day, between 7-15 children participated, with some attending just one day and others joining in for the full five days. The atmosphere was one of warmth and connection, thanks to the dedication of over 20 volunteers who brought energy, care, and a spirit of radical welcome to the program. Their presence made a significant impact, fostering a space where meaningful relationships and loving connections could flourish.

Snacks and lunches were provided daily, with lunch being a particularly special time. It drew in not only the children but also other neighbors who gathered to enjoy a meal on the church lawn. This daily gathering served between 20-40 individuals providing free hot meals and cool beverages. St. Paul's Church, Mt. Lebanon, generously contributed meals several of the days, further supporting the effort to build community through shared food and fellowship.

Read the rest of this story by Eileen Sharbaugh at www.episcopalpgh.org/vbs-at-holy-cross/



Jazz at Emmanuel: 2024-25 Season



Where the spirited and the spiritual join together in a new kind of celebration!

September 8 – “And the Beat Goes On”
October 13 – “A Season of Change”
November 10 – “Harvest”
December 8 – “Seeing the Light”
January 12 – “Yesterday and Tomorrow”
February 9 – “Love or Fear”
March 9 – “Treasures”
April 13 – “Triumph”
May 11 – “Tales as Old as Time”

At the historic [Emmanuel Episcopal Church](#) in Pittsburgh’s Northside,
957 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
412-231-0454

5 p.m in the Sanctuary
2nd Sundays, September through May



**Two Opportunities to Hear the
Groundbreaking *Roots* Message**

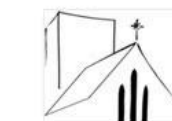
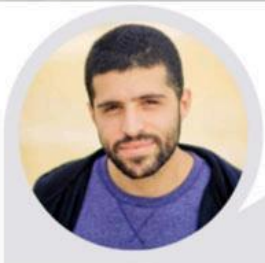
Two Truths in One Heart Two Peoples in One Land

Sunday, September 22nd, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
at Redeemer (5700 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217)

Church of the Redeemer with Congregation Beth Shalom Invite You to

Roots שורשים جذور

Learn from Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger and Noor A'wad, who are leaders in the West Bank Roots/Shorashim/Judur, an Israeli-Palestinian grassroots initiative for understanding, non-violence, and transformation. Roots challenges assumptions the two communities hold about one another, representing a unique network of Israelis and Palestinians who have come to see each other as partners in the work to make changes to reduce tension, prevent escalation, and end conflict.



They will discuss personal experiences, having spent most of their lives in the heart of the conflict, both before and since the events of October 7, 2023. They will share how their perspectives, work, and societies have and have not been changed recently and what they see for the future.

Admission is free with free parking available.

Register by September 18th at:

<https://tinyurl.com/RootsinPgh>

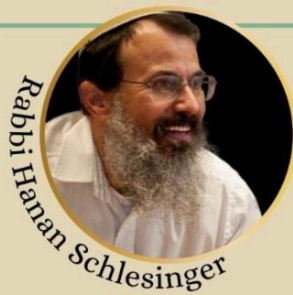


Learn more about Roots at: <https://www.friendsofroots.net>

St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Temple Emanuel of South Hills
Invite You to an Evening with



Two Truths in One Heart, Two Peoples in One Land



Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 22
6:00-8:00 PM**



Noor A'wad

**Temple Emanuel of South Hills
1250 Bower Hill Road, Mt. Lebanon**

Join us to learn from Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger and Noor A'wad about the challenging and groundbreaking work of Roots/Shorashim/Judur - an Israeli-Palestinian grassroots initiative for understanding, nonviolence and transformation based in Judea & Samaria/the West Bank. Roots is a unique network of local Palestinians and Israelis who have come to see each other as the partners they both need to make changes to end the conflict.

Learn more about Roots at www.FriendsOfRoots.net



Register Here:

www.templeemanuelphg.org/event/roots



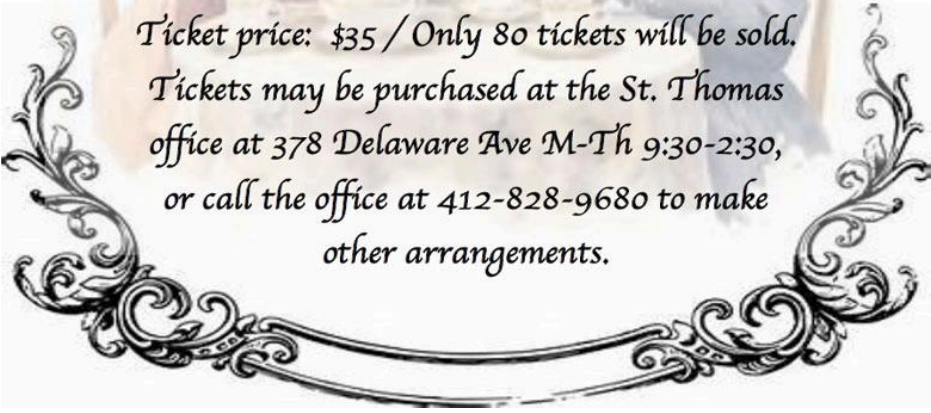


*Tea Party
at St. Thomas Memorial Church*

Saturday, October 5 12:30 pm

Featuring:

- . A delicious tea luncheon*
- . Raffle baskets*
- . Kerr House display and walk through tour
at the museum following the luncheon*



*Ticket price: \$35 / Only 80 tickets will be sold.
Tickets may be purchased at the St. Thomas
office at 378 Delaware Ave M-Th 9:30-2:30,
or call the office at 412-828-9680 to make
other arrangements.*



CCNH PRESENTS

WOMEN'S RETREAT STORIES OF FAITH

OCT. 12, 2024
8:30-4:30

Christianity has many wonderful stories of faith that inspire and encourage us on our own faith journey.

On this retreat, we will delve into a few of these stories: some biblical, some from the Saints, and some a bit more modern.

We will explore how these stories impact us today; bearing witness to God, our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

And we will explore our own faith journey, looking at how our story is important to the people and the world around us



SPEAKER

THE REV. CANON NANCY SUELLAU

spent her career serving parishes and her Diocese in Jacksonville FL. She retired to Cranberry Township to be close to family. She is a proud grandmother of two and mother of two.

She enjoys the arts, mahjong and helping others to recognize God's presence in their lives.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NORTH HILLS
5910 BABCOCK BLVD.
PITTSBURGH, PA
15237 (ROSS TWP)

COST: \$65
INCLUDES LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS.

REGISTER:



Zoom Forum Addressing *Safe Church, Safe Communities* Policy Implementation Recording Available

On **Monday, August 26**, clergy-in-charge, senior wardens, and directors of non-parochial organizations in the Diocese participated in a Zoom Forum. The purpose of the Forum was to respond to questions and concerns about the new *Safe Church, Safe Communities* policies and about the process for their implementation between now and December 31 of this year.

The recording is [available here](#).



Diocesan Convention Registration Now Open

**The 159th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh
Saturday, November 9, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 328 6th Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

Registration for all deputies and guests is now open.
Registration is required for all lay and clergy deputies.

<https://episcopalpgh.wufoo.com/forms/2024-diocesan-convention-registration/>

There is a \$30 fee for all attendees and includes all materials, a continental breakfast and lunch.
If you cannot afford the fee, please send an email to convention@episcopalpgh.org.

Problems or questions about registering? Contact Andy Muhl at amuhl@episcopalpgh.org or 412-721-0853 ext. 253



Nominations for Diocesan Leadership Positions Still Open

Recommendations are now being taken by the Nominating Committee for the following positions to be elected at the 159th Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh on November 9, 2024, at Trinity Cathedral:

- Standing Committee
- Board of Trustees
- Committee on Constitution and Canons
- Commission on Ministry
- Cathedral Chapter
- Growth Fund



Full details about the positions are [available here](#). The 2024 Nomination Form with submission instructions is available here in [PDF](#) or [Word](#).

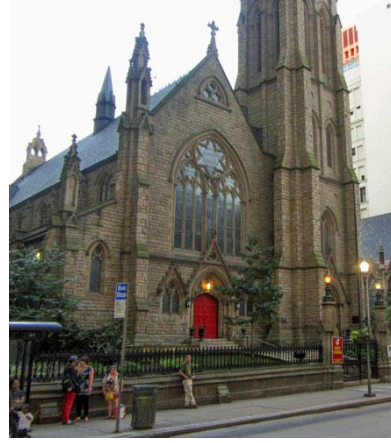
More details about our 159th Annual Convention, as they become available, are available at <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/resources/2024-diocesan-convention>.



Open Position at Trinity Cathedral

Trinity Cathedral has launched a search for a full-time priest to serve as Canon of Administration. Applications will be received until the position is filled. The full job description can be found on the Cathedral website at <https://trinitycathedralpgh.org/cathedral-canon-of-administration/>

Application materials and questions about the position may be directed to The Very Rev. Aidan Smith at asmith@trinitycathedralpgh.org. If you know of any qualified clergy who may be interested, please pass along this opportunity.



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

- September 15:** Holy Cross, Homewood
- September 22:** St. Thomas, Northern Cambria
- October 6:** St. Mark's, Johnstown
- October 12:** St. Bartholomew's, Scottsdale (Sat.)
- October 13:** St. Francis, Somerset

Parish leadership is reminded to complete a form, available in [PDF](#) or [Word](#), at least two weeks in advance of their visitation.

Bishop Ketlen's visitation schedule is [available here](#). The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer is [available here](#).

To schedule time with Bishop Ketlen, contact Andrea Rath at 412-721-0853, ext. 251, or arath@episcopalpgh.org.

The diocesan offices will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

Important Reminders

Registration is now open for the 2024 Annual Clergy Conference at Antiochian Village September 25-27. All clergy are reminded to [register here](#).



Parting Shots

St. Stephen's, McKeesport, Recognizing City Officers Who Responded to February 2023 Tragedy



McKeesport police Chief Mark Steele, Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, South Allegheny school police Chief Adam Alfer and Ethel Balas of St. Stephen's met at International Village this month. (Tube City Almanac photo)

Read the story from Tube City Almanac here: almanac.tubecityonline.com/almanac/?e=3525

Blessing the Backpacks and More!



On Sunday, August 18, children, backpacks, and even a dog and a doggie backpack were blessed at St. Thomas in Canonsburg.

The Rev. Jeff Murph Honored for 30 Years in Oakmont



The Rev. Jeff Murph, along with his wife, Meloni and his daughter, Grace, were honored for 30 years of service to St. Thomas in Oakmont. Parishioners, friends, and clergy colleagues were in attendance on Friday, August 23 at Veltre's Event Center.

10th Annual Overdose Awareness Prayer Service at Trinity Cathedral

Trinity Cathedral hosted the 10th Annual Overdose Awareness Prayer Service on Friday, August 30.







Has your parish been featured in the news?
Please let us know via email at info@episcopalpgh.org
