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# Grounded in Christ *Growing Anew!*

November 26, 2024

## Thanksgiving Eve Service for Recovery and Healing



**Wednesday, November 27, 2024, 6 p.m.**  
**Old Saint Luke's Church**  
**330 Old Washington Pike**  
**Carnegie, PA 15106**

The service will take you back to Colonial Times with a service of worship used at the time of the birth of our country! The collection will be used to help purchase a rooming house in Carrick for men who suffer from addiction, mental illness, or the trauma of war.

Old St. Luke's Church is one of Western Pennsylvania's most historic churches, dating back to 1765, services were then held in a log stockade on what then was the Colonial frontier.



## Diocesan Position Available Senior Accountant/Treasurer

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is looking for a Senior Accountant/Treasurer to manage the financial affairs of the diocese.

He/she will be responsible for the accounting and financial reporting for the diocese's operating and non-operating funds and ensures compliance with IRS and other applicable regulations for both the diocese and its parishes.



The Senior Accountant/Treasurer works closely with the Senior Financial Administrator to manage the day-to-day accounting responsibilities of the office.

If you or anyone you know is interested in this position, please [click here for more information](#).



## Bring the Cantate Usquam Pilgrim Singers to Sing With You on a Sunday

The Cantate Usquam Pilgrim Singers (CUPS) exist to bring music to churches that don't have choirs or the resources to sing at their regular services. Cantate Usquam literally means "sing anywhere."

Cantate Usquam  
Pilgrim Singers  
*Sing Anywhere!*

CUPS would come to sing at your church in ways that fit your worship style and needs. **Informed by years of experience with church music**, we can sing and lead hymns and songs your congregation might want to sing, and we can bring some of our own pieces to share as well. However, we want to sing WITH you; our goal is not to perform. We are flexible and will adjust to support the people at your church as they participate musically in your worship.

What we are and what we are not:

- We are not tied to a particular denomination, and we don't wear vestments or choir robes.
- We will work with churches to lead and bring music that fits with your worship. We would come once, and we could see about coming again in the fall.
- We are led by a church musician with extensive choir experience.
- We can sing a capella or use whatever instruments are available at your church.
- We are not available to sing for Christmas, Easter, or over the summer but would come on a Sunday that is convenient for you from January-June 2025.
- We are a group of volunteers who love to sing!

If this sounds like an offer that is of interest to your congregation or you have questions about this project, please be in touch with Michael Salmon at [oriolefish@gmail.com](mailto:oriolefish@gmail.com), 904-718-7622, or Penny Anderson [penny\\_anderson@fastmail.fm](mailto:penny_anderson@fastmail.fm), 412-310-9167.

Let us know the name of your church, the contact person, how we can best support music and worship at your church, and the date (January-June 2025) you would be interested in having us come for worship. We will be back in touch to discuss further details after you have contacted us.



**Diocesan Youth Winter Retreat**

## Calling all high school students across the Diocese of Pittsburgh!

Join us for a **Winter Youth Retreat January 3-5, 2025 at Laurelville Camp and Retreat Center in Mount Pleasant, PA.** This retreat is an opportunity to take some time out of your busy school (and life) schedules and recharge at Laurelville's beautiful campus. Bring yourself, bring some friends, and get ready to make new friends from all across the region as we play, learn, eat, worship, and grow in community together!

Registration is \$125 and covers all meals, lodging, transportation, and activities, and scholarship assistance is available. In addition, due to a generous grant from the Bishop, adult volunteers may attend for free, subject to obtaining proper clearances. **The registration deadline is Friday, December 20.** Contact Bob Melvin, the Youth Minister at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, at [bmelvin@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:bmelvin@stpaulspgh.org) for more information or with any questions at all.



[Sign up now](#) and we'll see you there! [Click here for a printable flyer.](#)



## A Note About Diocesan Staff from Bishop Ketlen

Dear Friends in Christ,

As was announced at Diocesan Convention, we are planning to bring an additional diocesan staff member onboard. The intention is to increase the capacity of the diocesan office to respond to routine and extraordinary workload, and to advance our mission.

I am happy to announce that we will be starting the search for a Canon to the Ordinary for Mission, Vitality, and Administration. This will be a nationwide search, which will be posted via the Episcopal News Service and other outlets.

Once the position is filled, please know that the Rev. Canon Kim Karashin will assume the title of Canon to the Ordinary for Transition, Clergy, and Congregational Care. When the time comes, we will delineate each position responsibilities so that you may know who to contact for various matters.

If you know someone who might be a good fit for this role, please encourage them to watch out for this upcoming position posting.

Faithfully,



+Katie



# Chatham Baroque & RENAISSANCE BAROQUE

**2024/2025 Concert Series featuring performances at  
Calvary in East Liberty, St. Andrew's in Highland Park,  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and more.**

[Click here](#) for the full season schedule and subscription information.

Of particular note is the world premiere of J.S. Bach's lost *Markus Passion* brought to life in a gripping theatrical format with The Sebastians, Chatham Baroque and acclaimed actor, Joseph Marcell on Friday, April 11, 2025, 7:30 p.m. at Carnegie Music Hall, Oakland. [Details here](#). Tickets would make great Christmas gifts and group sales are available.

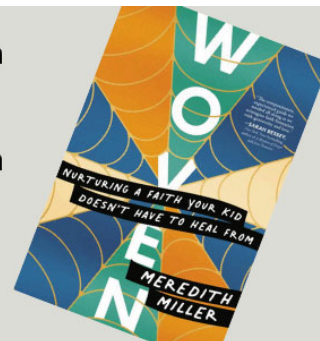


St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon

## **Woven Parent's Discussion Group**

Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From  
Jan 12, 19, 26 and Feb 2 from 5:00-6:15pm  
Optional Dinner at 6:15pm

**Childcare provided**



Join us for this discussion of the book "Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From" at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon. Childcare will be provided and there will be an optional dinner after. This will be a great discussion and also a time to connect with other parents in our diocese.

In this book author Meredith Miller suggests that many people approach building faith as if they are building a brick wall. The wall seems strong, but if a few bricks are removed the entire thing tumbles. Instead of this model, Miller invites us to think about how we might create a spider's web of faith. Webs are elastic, and still strong if a few strands are broken. With Woven, families can nurture the kind of faith that can flex and grow, be broken and repaired. This is the sort of faith that can stand up to the life a child will live, the doubts they will encounter, and the questions that will come up along the way.

A sign up and more info [can be found here](#). Contact the Rev. Laura Di Panfilo with questions: [laura@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:laura@stpaulspgh.org).



## Diocesan Office Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

The diocesan offices will be closed on **Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29**, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

On **Monday, December 2**, the staff will be **working remotely** while extensive electrical work is completed at Trinity Cathedral. Please note that this work will interrupt our regular phone service and staff can best be reached via email. [See our website](#) for a complete staff list.



## Around the Diocese



### Bishop Ketlen's Schedule:

- December 8:** Advent, Jeannette
- December 15:** St. James, Penn Hills
- December 22:** Atonement, Carnegie
- December 24:** Trinity Cathedral (Christmas Eve)

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

To schedule time with Bishop Ketlen, contact Andrea Rath at 412-721-0853, ext. 251, or [arath@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:arath@episcopalpgh.org).



## Bountiful Bowl Pet Food Pantry

The Bountiful Bowl Pet Food Pantry is a newly established local non-profit community outreach program and ministry launched this Fall and operating out of the Church of the Advent, Jeannette, Pa. We will be serving Westmoreland County in and around the areas of Jeannette, Greensburg, North Huntingdon and surrounding communities.

Besides our mandate to love our neighbor, the Lord has also given us stewardship over creation. We believe that it is best for these beloved creatures to remain with people who love them and want to care for them, sometimes all they have is each other. There are numerous agencies to assist people experiencing economic hardship, but little if any help to assist them when it comes to their pets. Our goal is to fill that gap by providing

assistance with the feeding and care of pets for families facing such difficulties. This ministry will not only allow us to share the love of Christ with those who avail themselves of our help, but also provide the opportunity for us to expose them to other ministries of the church and perhaps to become a part of our parish community.

In addition to providing help to families in terms of feeding and caring for their pets, we plan to work with our local juvenile probation services to offer opportunities for those in need of community service by engaging their help in various aspects of this ministry such as, moving, shelving and inventorying donated products, repackaging products for distribution. We feel we can provide a positive experience for those needing such service and potentially, a supportive community even beyond such service hours. These same opportunities will be extended to all individuals that are in need of fulfilling community service requirements of their various groups.

For the longevity of our success, we are in need of your prayers. We appreciate any food or monetary help you may be able to provide. Monetary donations can be sent to the below address with checks made out to the Church of the Advent with a notation in the memo section "Pet Food Pantry" or "Bountiful Bowl". Items may be purchased from our Amazon Wish List: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/KKXBEDARTQMN?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/KKXBEDARTQMN?ref_=wl_share)

Special arrangements can also be made to drop items off at the church by calling one of numbers below.

Please like and share our Facebook page: [The Bountiful Bowl Pet Food Pantry](#)

Thank you,  
The Bountiful Bowl Pet Food Pantry  
The Church of the Advent  
51 South First Street  
Jeannette, Pa 15644  
Dawn Wright- Chair 724-875-6527  
Christy Medina- Co Chair 412-610-4763  
The Church of the Advent 724-523-9390



## THE BOUNTIFUL BOWL PET FOOD PANTRY



The Church of the Advent  
Jeannette, Pa



## Parting Shots

### Blessing of the Pittsburgh Crèche

The Christian Leaders Fellowship, an ecumenical group of local bishops and denominational leaders, held a prayer service at the annual dedication of the Pittsburgh Crèche, on Thursday, November 21,

at noon in the plaza in front of US Steel Tower on Grant Street, Downtown. Bishop Ketlen was among the leaders that braved the cold, windy, wet weather.



### **Bishop Ketlen Visits St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon**

On Sunday, November 17, Bishop Ketlen confirmed 16 and received 7 new Episcopalians during festive services at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon.







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### **Bishop Ketlen Visits St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon**

The Rev. Sara Irwin was installed as the new Rector at St. Andrew's, Highland Park, during a Celebration of New Ministry on Saturday, November 23. Sara+ was joined by family and many clergy colleagues.



[The entire service can be viewed on YouTube.](#)



Has your parish been featured in the news?  
Please let us know via email at [info@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:info@episcopalpgh.org)

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