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7:30 a.m., 12:05 and 7 p.m.

The Rev. Budy Stallings will preach at the 7 p.m. service.



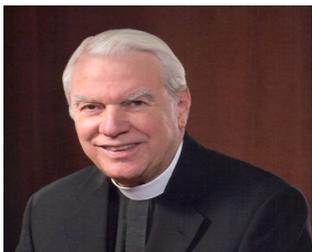
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Rhythms of Lent

By The Rev. Scott Walters, Rector



A friend recently sent me a link to a YouTube video about a day in the life of an Orthodox monastery in Abkhazia. I'm going to come clean here and admit I'd never heard of Abkhazia, which only added to the little movie's mystique. The film is 26 minutes long, and the only sound is ambient. Feet shuffling, bells ringing, plates being scraped, the sweeping of a sidewalk. One monk chants prayers, another makes bread dough in an ancient mixer, another carves a tiny icon, another reads while the brothers eat lunch, another makes slender little candles in a marvelous machine that chugs them out onto the floor in a great coiled pile. The video ends with townspeople coming together in the monastery church for Eucharist.

It's true that this glimpse into the rhythms of a monastic day differs significantly from a day of Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop. If nothing else, the ambient noise level is quite a bit higher around here during Lent. But the connection between work and prayer and shared meals in the Christian life goes deep. Monks just lay these essentials a little barer for us.

Three full chapters of the gospel of John are dedicated to what's called the "Last Discourse." It's the extended teaching Jesus gave during the last

supper with his disciples. The context for this most extraordinary of lessons was an ordinary meal with friends.

Lent is a season set aside for prayer, for reflection, for study, for preparation. It may seem like Lenten practices are meant to remove us from parts of everyday life, especially when something is given up for the season. But I'm coming to believe that if Lent is to be a useful spiritual practice, it needs to be a time that reconnects us to the essentials of life. We don't give up a food for the food given up, so much as to take more grateful notice of what we do eat.

And as I enter my second Lent at Calvary, I'm wondering if the busyness and exuberance of our Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop can be a reminder that even my most private devotions and personal prayers aren't worth much if they're only for my benefit. Food is the stuff of communion and fellowship every bit as much as it is a vehicle to transport nutrients into my body. Christians, people who believe bread and wine shared with others can be sacraments of God's real presence in our lives, should understand this deeply, should we not?

On solitude, Thomas Merton once wrote, "We do not go to the desert to escape people but to learn how to

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The Heart of the Matter

By Paul McLain, Associate Rector

I remember my first experience of Lent as a yet-to-be confirmed Episcopalian at St. Bede's Episcopal Church in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I remember the transition from the beauty and radiance of an expansive spread of flowers behind the altar one Sunday to the starkness of a piece of driftwood from the Santa Fe River the first Sunday in Lent. The driftwood had a haunting effect and looked to me like the antlers of a dead elk! I could tell that something had changed outwardly. The open question was, will there also be an inward change in me?

Sixteen years later, that is still the open question. I must confess that sometimes it's hard to ask, think about, or even remember the question because of all the distractions and clutter I have allowed to pile up in my life. A few years ago I heard about a priest who was asked what he was doing for Lent. He responded, "Each day, a bag of stuff is going out of our house." That's not a bad Lenten obligation!

Jesus sent out his disciples with no bags, no bread, and no money. Each was to have only a shepherd's staff and a companion with whom to share



the way. Jesus knew that was all the support they needed to sustain them. Anything else would distract them from the core of their mission—to accept the hospitality of others and share the simple yet profound love of God.

Graham Greene wrote this of the difference between a police officer named Scobie and his wife Louise in his classic novel, *The Heart of the Matter*, "If home for him meant the reduction of things to a friendly unchanging minimum, home to her was accumulation." Lent is a season to find the Scobie in ourselves. It is a time for the art of reduction.

Visits with a woman named Laura who was battling cancer taught me a lot about the art of reduction. In her journey through endless appointments, different treatment protocols, and countless trips to the M.D. Anderson cancer clinic in Houston, she discovered what really matters in life. It is not

things, it is not prestige, it is not even health.

This journey stripped her to her core—where what really mattered to her was her faith, family and friends, her beloved dog Louie, and her church community of love. And while her life may not have been characterized by lots of happiness at every moment, you could see in her eyes that her life was one of deep joy. Laura saw each day as a gift and devoted whatever days she had left to being Christ's instrument of healing for others. She had been a gifted newspaper writer and, in her final years, she wrote a blog to share with others what she had learned along the way. Over time, Laura learned, and taught me, what it means to let go and travel light.

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A brand new day at Calvary

by Robyn Banks, Director of Communications

When Rector Scott Walters and I began talking about a new website, I felt like it was also time to look into a brand refresh for Calvary. An organization's brand identity is the face and personality of the organization presented to the community.

Calvary had a logo which had served us well for many years; however, it was limited in its uses. I felt we needed to more clearly define our brand to give a more cohesive look to our communications and strengthen the impact of our visual identity.

Farmhouse Branding is a fantastic company located right in downtown Memphis. Calvary's location is such a large part of our identity, and I knew a fellow downtown neighbor would understand our sense of place. Ben Fant and his team created a logo that has reverence for our former brand; this was more of a brand evolution rather

than a complete overhaul. The cross, shield, and water element remain the foundation of our logo. And they were able to give us variations of our logo which increases its versatility. In addition, they created a style guide outlining new brand typefaces and colors.

This brand evolution was a critical piece of building our new website. Our new site was designed and developed by 5 Degree Branding. They have extensive knowledge and experience with websites, particularly Episcopal church websites.

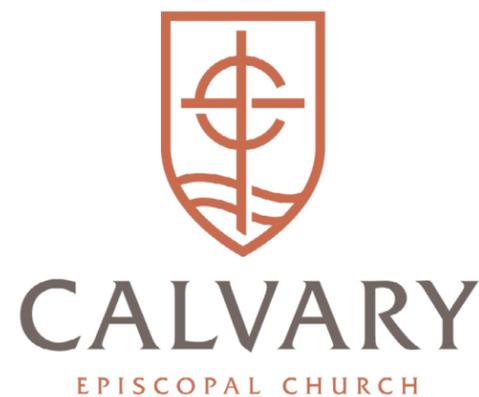
The vestry subcommittee known as the community connections team was instrumental in the process of developing a new brand and a new website. Many thanks to Gail Harrell, Palmer Jones, Kim Kitterman, and Peg Wahl.

We hope that the new website brings Calvary to



life for visitors. Noah Glenn, a Calvary parishioner and owner of Perpetual Motion, has an amazing ability to tell a story through video. I think he beautifully captured a snapshot of Calvary's story for the opening video on the homepage of the website.

Take a minute to peruse our new site. Share an upcoming event with a friend or neighbor. Find a new way to connect at Calvary.



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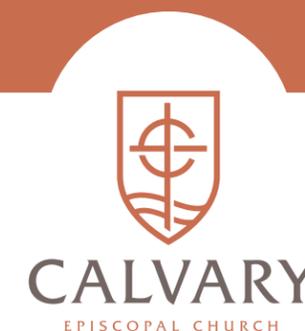


FOR NEARLY A CENTURY, the people of Calvary Church have taken on a curious Lenten practice. We cook waffles and much more for all of downtown Memphis to enjoy, and we invite wise and inspiring preachers into our pulpit from places near and far (geographically, philosophically, and even temperamentally, I'm told). The combination is rich in every way. But the real reward for the many hours of peeling shrimp for mousses and chopping parsley for fish puddings (actual Waffle Shop delicacies) is the way Calvary's doors open wide and Memphis streams in. Whoever you are, we hope that stream includes you.

The Rev. Scott Walters
RECTOR

PREACHING SERIES & THE WAFFLE SHOP
12:05 - 12:40 p.m. 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 7 - APRIL 12
TUESDAYS through FRIDAYS



Check out Calvary's new website at calvarymemphis.org.



THURSDAY, MARCH 7

The Rev. Buddy Stallings Retired Episcopal Priest in New York, NY

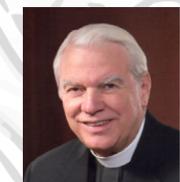
A persistent, passionate question in the Rev. Buddy Stallings' preaching and ministry has been how is it that modern people can and do remain faithful to an ancient practice of the faith. Admitting that the church drives him nuts, particularly when it is especially certain, he also acknowledges that he can't do without it. In the mystery of those two truths, which somehow live side by side, he finds enough, actually more than enough, to keep him on the search. After retiring as rector from St. Bartholomew's, one of Manhattan's most storied parishes, Stallings now spends about half the year in Memphis.



FRIDAY, MARCH 8

The Rev. Dr. Stacy Spencer New Direction Christian Church, Memphis

A prophetic voice to local parishioners and online listeners, the Rev. Dr. Stacy Spencer believes in the power of biblical teaching to transform lives. His multi-campus church ministers to spiritual needs, while his non-profit foundation provides scholarships to high school seniors. Spencer considers himself a change agent. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a figure both prophetic and pastoral, is his role model. Spencer's favorite scripture is "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come." Luke 4:18-19



TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12-13

The Rev. Dan Matthews St. John the Divine in New York, NY

The Rev. Dan Matthews is a consistent favorite at Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series. His preaching is inspired by powerful and meaningful stories, like the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. In light of these stories, Matthews pushes us to recognize when genuine blessings come our way. He believes that these moments of being "kissed by God" are more than being in the right place at the right time. His spiritual discipline of holy love is modeled after his mother's ability to love with abandon. Each time he receives communion he is reminded of the transformative power of that love.



MARCH 13 at 6:30 p.m., Lent After Dark

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, MARCH 14-15
Dr. Omid Safi Director of the Duke University Islamic Studies Center

Dr. Omid Safi is a leading Muslim public intellectual whose most recent book is *Radical Love* (Yale). His writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Washington Post*, PBS, NPR, NBC and CNN. He leads an adult educational program focused on diverse spiritual traditions in Turkey and Morocco. Safi is devoted to the intersection of spirituality and social justice, and frequently writes on liberationist traditions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Rabbi Abraham Heschel. A devoted Muslim who seeks the path of Radical Love, Safi is committed to liberation for everyone, with love for all and harm for none.



TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19-20

MARCH 20 at 6:30 p.m., Lent After Dark
Dr. Brian McLaren Author, Activist and Public Theologian

Brian McLaren passionately advocates for a "new kind of Christianity," just, generous, and working with people of all faiths for the common good. In 1982, he helped form Cedar

Ridge Community Church, an innovative, nondenominational church, well-known in the emerging church movement. His public speaking covers a broad range of topics including postmodern thought and culture, biblical studies, church leadership and formation, pastoral survival and burnout, inter-religious dialogue and global crises. McLaren is the author of *A New Kind of Christianity, Naked Spirituality*, and his most recent book, *The Great Spiritual Migration*.



THURSDAY, MARCH 21

The Rev. Dr. John Kilzer & Kirk Whalum Musicians and ministers, Memphis

The Rev. Dr. John Kilzer believes that we all have a God-sized hole in our heart. When we attempt to fill it with anything other than God, we are left lacking. Kilzer finds God's presence through music, nature, poetry, and scripture. An accomplished musician, his songs have been recorded by Roseanne Cash, Trace Adkins, Jimmy Davis, and Dobie Gray, among others. Kilzer serves on the faculty of Memphis Theological Seminary and at St. John's United Methodist Church when he is not creating and performing music.



Kirk Whalum's saxophone playing has been described as "soulful, passionate, and stirring." His Memphis roots blend with the sounds of the Houston nightclub scene to create his unique take on the tenor sax. Whalum is also an ordained minister who produces a daily podcast, Bible in Your Ear. When not on tour, he serves on the faculty of the Visible Music College in Memphis.



FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Dr. Marjorie Hass President of Rhodes College, Memphis

The Torah begins with two very different accounts of creation. The first is a story of order, abundance, positivity, and equality. The second is a story of repair, lack, the intrusion of negative elements, and hierarchy. Dr. Marjorie

Hass draws on both Rabbinic and philosophical sources to interpret these two stories and their lessons about the nature of the creative act. These lessons form the basis for a revitalized understanding of our responsibility for the creative acts we perform—not only as artists and leaders, but in our daily actions within our families, our workplaces, and our communities.



TUESDAY, MARCH 26

The Rev. John Pitzer Associate Rector at Trinity Episcopal in New Orleans, Louisiana

The Rev. John Pitzer has always believed the Church should have an open door policy. In order to build a more inclusive church, he strives to make his preaching practical, engaging, welcoming, and passionate. For twenty years as a Dominican

friar, Pitzer ministered here in Memphis and throughout the south. His passion for preaching and inclusivity now continues in the Episcopal Church, where he is an associate rector at Trinity Episcopal in New Orleans, Louisiana.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

The Rev. Hester Mathes Associate Rector at Holy Communion, Memphis

The many faithful who raised the Rev. Hester Mathes at Calvary, combined with years spent soaking in the wisdom of the Lenten Preaching Series, have provided an amazing springboard for an adventurous spiritual journey. Together,

they challenge Mathes to break the Good News of God's love out of the constraints of Sunday mornings. She hopes to continue to proclaim and explore the Gospel message in ways that launch it from the comfort of worship and study into an all-encompassing way of life.



MARCH 27 at 6:30 p.m., Lent After Dark

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
Dr. Diana Butler Bass Author, independent scholar and public speaker

Dr. Diana Butler Bass writes and speaks widely on issues of spirituality, religion, culture and politics. Her work has appeared on NPR, PBS, Time and The New York Times. Her most recent book is *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks* in which she offers suggestions for reclaiming gratitude that can lead to greater connection with God, our loved ones, our world, and even our souls. Butler Bass balances her professional work with an avid interest in Virginia politics, environmental issues, and Duke basketball.



FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Msgr. Valentine Handwerker Pastor, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Memphis

Born in Memphis and a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Memphis for 44 years, Msgr. Val Handwerker is presently pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church, located in the southern end of downtown. He is committed to urban ministry, and St.

Patrick's offers that vision, building upon its more than 150-year legacy at the same location. His preaching focuses on Jesus' response to his first sermon in his hometown synagogue: "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." The challenge is to show how Jesus' scripture is fulfilled now in the life of the church assembly and the people of God—right here in Memphis.



TUESDAY, APRIL 2

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Robinson President and CEO, United Way of the Mid-South, Memphis

While in medical school, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Robinson felt unequivocally called by the Lord to a bi-vocational synthesis of medicine and ministry: healing individuals, families and communities while joining God's work to holistically "heal the

land." He is a systems-directed change agent: transforming urban churches into multi-faceted social, economic, and community development engines; delivering a more diversified physician workforce; catalyzing public health policies and practices; and, most recently, implementing a human services ecosystem that drives the dreams of persons in generational poverty and advances them toward economic prosperity. Robinson seeks to "walk worthy of the vocation to which he's been called."



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

APRIL 3 AT 6:30 p.m., Lent After Dark
Barkley Thompson Dean, Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, TX

In *In the Midst of the City: The Gospel and God's Politics*, the Very Rev. Barkley Thompson argues that Christian faith and politics are inseparable. Politics is, in Thompson's words, "commentary and action that affect the *polis*...and the citizens for whom the *polis* is home." To embody God's politics we must first steep ourselves in God's vision embodied in the Gospels, and only then can we act politically in the world. Thompson addresses hot-button social issues by putting this principle into practice, challenging the reader to live God's politics and, as Thompson says, "to be the vanguard of God's kingdom in the world."



THURSDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 4-5

Rabbi Micah Greenstein Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel, Memphis

Rabbi Micah Greenstein loves Torah no matter where it comes from. "Torah" in a broad Jewish sense refers to the teachings and wisdom of Judaism, but he treasures insights

on goodness, love, justice, shalom, and compassion from every faith tradition and every reflection of God's unity. What inspires him most about the Jewish legacy he lives and teaches is that it is not simply a tale of enduring persecution and surviving hate, but rather a 4,000 year-old joyful embrace of faith, family, and the blessing that comes with being God's partner in healing a broken world.



TUESDAY, APRIL 9

The Rev. Sam Teitel Pastor, Church of the River, Memphis

The Rev. Sam Teitel is a minister, poet and storyteller with an irreverent wit and a deep, abiding love of scripture, especially the weird parts of scripture that people don't usually like to talk about. His sermons are candid, accessible, and often

funnier than he means them to be. A lifelong Unitarian Universalist, he won the grand prize at the 2018 Preachers Fight Club storytelling event. Teitel has served as the minister of The Church Of The River in Memphis since 2017. Before he became a minister, he toured and performed as a slam poet. He is beyond thrilled to be returning to Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

The Rev. Phoebe Roaf Bishop-Elect, Diocese of West Tennessee

The Rev. Phoebe Roaf was elected as the fourth bishop for the Diocese of West Tennessee and their annual convention in November 2018. She will be ordained bishop on May 4, 2019. Two passages of scripture summarize what the Gospel

means to Bishop-Elect Roaf: Paul's reassurance that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Romans 8, and the vision of every nation, tribe, people and language worshipping the lamb of God from the Revelation to John. Thus, the central message of the Gospel is fellowship with all of humanity in the name of Jesus Christ. The kingdom of God is near when people of all backgrounds and walks of life focus on what unites them instead of what divides them.



APRIL 10 at 6:30 p.m., Lent After Dark

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
Marie Howe Poet

From humankind's earliest time on earth, prayer has been uttered as poetry. Through chants and spells, psalms of praise, beseeching and complaint, humans have cried out to the unseen in faith and in doubt, in loneliness and joy, in

bewilderment and confidence. Through poetry, we shape our cry into something essential and we sing it into space. Marie Howe illuminates ways to pay attention to our own intimate discourse with the divine – and how writing can become a gateway to faith.



FRIDAY, APRIL 12

The Rev. Dorothy Wells St. George's Episcopal Church, Germantown

The Rev. Dorothy Wells's hope and prayer for ministry is to communicate the message of God's love for all of God's people—truly, the overarching message of the whole of our scriptures. Christians affirm the belief that all humankind are

made in the image and likeness of God and commanded to love our God and our neighbors. Putting those foundational beliefs into practice within relationships transforms our world and opens a way into the Kingdom that God intends for us. Wells loves to serve in ministry in Memphis, helping to bring about reconciliation for God's people here.



THE WAFFLE SHOP

MARCH 7–APRIL 12
TUESDAYS–FRIDAYS
11 A.M.–1:30 P.M.

Daily Specials

TUESDAY

- ♥ Seafood Gumbo \$10
- Turnip Greens, Pork Belly & Cornbread \$8
- ♥ Chicken Noodle Soup & Cornbread \$5
- Tennessee Bourbon Pie \$5

WEDNESDAY

- Fish Pudding with potatoes, slaw & cornbread \$12
- ♥ Chicken Noodle Soup & Cornbread \$5
- Strawberry Shaum Torte \$5

THURSDAY

- Corned Beef & Cabbage with Cornbread \$9
- ♥ Spring Vegetable Soup & Cornbread \$6
- Fudge Pie \$5

FRIDAY

- Fish Pudding with potatoes, slaw & cornbread \$12
- ♥ Spring Vegetable Soup & Cornbread \$6
- Chocolate Bourbon Cake \$5

LENT AFTER DARK

MARCH 13, 20, 27, APRIL 3, 10
WEDNESDAYS

In addition to the noontime experience, Calvary offers LENT AFTER DARK each Wednesday evening. Enjoy a Waffle Shop dinner and an interactive session with our Lenten Preaching Series speakers.

DINNER: 5:15–6:15 P.M.

- Adults: \$8
Includes the weekly entree, side salad, drink & vanilla ice cream
- Children: \$3
Includes cheese pizza or corn dog, side salad, drink & vanilla ice cream

SPEAKER: 6:30–7:30 P.M.

MARCH 13

DINNER: Fish Pudding with Potatoes, Slaw & Cornbread
SPEAKER: Dr. Omid Safi Director of the Duke University Islamic Studies Center

MARCH 20

DINNER: Spaghetti & Rye Bread
SPEAKER: Dr. Brian McLaren Marcus Borg Endowed Speaker, Author, Activist & Public Theologian

MARCH 27

DINNER: Seafood Gumbo
SPEAKER: Dr. Diana Butler Bass Author, Independent Scholar & Public Speaker

APRIL 3

DINNER: Waffle & Sausage or Chicken Hash
SPEAKER: Barkley Thompson Dean, Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, TX

APRIL 10

DINNER: Fish Pudding with Potatoes, Slaw & Cornbread
SPEAKER: Marie Howe Poet

Childcare is provided for children five and under during LENT AFTER DARK.

Parishioner Spotlight: Kim Jasper

Kim Jasper's grandmother loved "all things social in Memphis." So, of course, she loved the Waffle Shop at Calvary. Where else can you have lunch with strangers whom you will call friends by the time you finish the last bite of shrimp mousse on your Calvary Salad plate?

While Kim came to the Waffle Shop with her grandmother in the late '50s and early '60s, it wasn't until her son Jake and soon-to-be daughter-in-law Kathryn Elam were planning their wedding in 2009 that Kim and her husband, John, began worshiping at Calvary. They had been members of Church of the Holy Communion for over 20 years but knew they wanted to worship where their children and grandchildren would be.

Kim began her journey in the Waffle Shop as a waitress. Then Malinda Lewis recruited her as a hostess. And before she knew it, Kim was in charge of the entire dining room during Waffle Shop because, "Malinda would not let me say no!" However, Kim loves seeing all of her "best friends" that she only sees for five and a half weeks every year during Lent and partaking in a Calvary Salad Plate every once in a while.

Work on Calvary's Waffle Shop begins long before Lent as Kim and Sue Johnson begin recruiting and scheduling waitresses months in advance. During Waffle Shop, Kim usually arrives at Calvary every Tuesday through Friday around 9 a.m. to start assigning waitresses to tables and reserving tables for groups. During the lunch rush, you can find Kim's smiling face welcoming diners and showing them to tables, while also shuffling waitresses and table assignments as the lunch crowd ebbs and flows.

When she's not volunteering at Waffle Shop, Kim loves being with her family. She has four adult children, two of whom are married, and two granddaughters. She is also enjoying watching her son, Josh, play for the new professional football team, Memphis Express.

Waffle Shop opens this year Thursday, March 7. Come early and come often. And say thanks to Kim for all she does at Calvary during Lent.



Malinda Lewis and Kim Jasper at Calvary's Waffle Shop

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find them; we do not leave them in order to have nothing more to do with them, but to find out the way to do them the most good.”

My prayer this Lent is that even if we need to prioritize solitude, private prayer, and abstinence from something in our lives for a season, it is only to the end of being more fully present at the table of fellowship with other people, which is where Jesus

still promises to meet us, as surely as he ate and drank with his friends on the night before he died.

Work, prayer, and the sharing of a meal. The stuff of Lent is the stuff of life. Which means pausing mid-day for a sermon in the church and a waffle at a common table may make a very Lenten kind of sense after all. Know that a place has been set for you here.

A place has been set for you here. Calvary's Waffle Shop opens Thursday, March 7, at 11 a.m.



Upcoming adult formation classes

March 10 Climate Change and What I Can Do About It: Dave Rupke and Matt Seltzer

It's hard to ignore the latest dramatic headlines about global warming, how it's affecting our lives now, and what we may face in the future. But amid our complex lives, it's equally hard to grapple with exactly what's going on, why we should care, and what anyone can do about it. A scientist and architect talk about their understanding of climate change, what some folks are doing about it, and what we all can do.

March 17 The Rule of Benedict and Hospitality: Dr. Emily Holmes

What can medieval monks contribute to the local food movement? How might we reconcile our commitment to the place in which we live with our welcome of others? This talk draws on St. Benedict's Rule for the lives of monks to help us think about the virtues of hospitality and love of place in the context of building a just and sustainable local food system. Dr. Emily A. Holmes is an author and associate professor in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Christian Brothers University.

March 24 Called to Grow at St. Columba: Brad Thompson

St. Columba has launched its *Called to Grow* capital campaign to add accessible camp and retreat lodging to the campus and serve campers and groups who have been knocking at the door of our popular diocesan center. Executive Director Brad Thompson will be with us to share information about the project and promote direct connections between St. Columba's expanding camp and hospitality ministries and Calvary's "Welcoming the Stranger" adult forum theme.

March 24 and April 28 Welcome Class: Calvary Clergy

Our Welcome Class is open to anyone—seekers, newcomers to the Episcopal Church, or newcomers to

this parish. The Welcome Class is a simple introduction to life at Calvary, intended to help people discover what we are about and to help them discern whether this is the place where they can best grow in their relationship with God and their ability to serve the world. The class will meet in the Library at 11:30 a.m.

March 31 & April 7 A Homelessness Primer: Pat Morgan

Author, activist, and Calvary parishioner Pat Morgan will lead a conversation on everything you need to know about homelessness and homeless people in Memphis. In part two of her presentation, Pat Morgan will examine national issues, including the legislation that has resulted in "collateral damage" and the criminalization of homelessness both locally and nationally.

April 14 Holy Week: Paul McLain

This week marks the holiest week of our Christian calendar. Associate Rector Paul McClain leads a discussion of this part of our church calendar and its significance in history and our lives.

April 28 The Politics and Polity of the Episcopal Church: Amber Carswell

On May 4 a new bishop of West Tennessee will be consecrated. This might beg the question: what does a bishop do? For that matter, how does the Episcopal Church work in terms of governance and structure? Bring all your questions to this forum about what happens to disobedient clergy, whose voice matters in the church, and why we work so slowly as an institution.

May 12 Welcoming the Stranger: Scott Walters

We have spent the year exploring, mulling over, and acting out the biblical directive to welcome the stranger. Rector Scott Walters offers some final thoughts on the subject.

Guiding our way

by Peg Wahl, Senior Warden

Greetings from your 2019 vestry. I must first tell you what an immense honor it is to work with this group. This year's vestry is comprised of people in education, communications, finance, psychology, small business, law, volunteerism, health care. (Is there anything that we aren't covering?) Last year was an exciting year as Rector Scott Walters settled in and began to envision how Calvary fits into the rapidly changing Memphis landscape. Now, this new vestry is ready to continue that work and take it to the next level.

To kick off the year, we gathered recently on a cold, windy day in the airy and light-filled Orgill Room for a daylong retreat. Heidi Rupke, armed with newsprint and markers, facilitated our work by posing the following questions that enabled us to express our thoughts, hopes, and dreams for Calvary.

1. What sorts of things renew, energize and refresh us?
2. What are specific ways that Calvary can continue to improve?
3. Where in the church/world is Calvary doing the work of Jesus?

4. What do we value? (Wow! We had to stop when the list topped 25 items!)

In small groups, we explored the seemingly boundless ways in which Calvary is doing the work of Jesus, within our walls, on our block, in downtown Memphis, and out into the world at large. The answers to the questions unfolded, sometimes predictably, and sometimes refreshingly not so predictably. In the end, when we boiled them down to their bare essence and defined the most important, I was surprised (and thankful) at the resolve of the vestry in naming these values to guide our actions through 2019:

- Heritage
- Courage
- Caring for all
- Vibrancy

If I could sum up these values in one sentence, it would be, "We cherish Calvary's rich history of bravely holding Christ's light in the world, and fueled by the current vitality in the parish, we will carry forward this work with a true and lively spirit."

After lunch, we took a tour guided by David Lusk and Charles Shipp and explored various nooks and



crannies of the building, seeking out unused or underused spaces. Imagining how these forgotten spaces could be redesigned and repurposed for both our current and future needs (as we had defined in our answers to the questions above) opened up all kinds of possibilities for Calvary. At the end of a long day, everyone present was truly satisfied that we had accomplished a great deal.

As we move through this year, and in keeping with our values set forth above, we will form a committee to create a Master Plan for our 2020 Capital Campaign. With the wisdom of past leaders, we will solicit input from all groups with space needs to ensure that we have listened to all wishes and concerns.

I encourage each of you to think about the four questions above and to answer them with the same courage and honesty that the vestry has. If you would like to share your thoughts, I encourage you to bring them to me or to any member of the vestry.

I remain,
Faithfully yours,
-Peg

Upcoming Events

Gumbo Cook-Off | Tuesday | March 5

Don't miss the first annual Gumbo Cook-Off benefitting the youth ministries of Calvary on Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Great Hall. Come eat and bring your family and friends. The event is free. Come sample all the gumbos and then vote for your favorite. Every \$ is equal to one vote. Pancakes and sausages for children will be available. There also will be live music and a silent auction where Calvary youth will be auctioning off their art and talents.

Bishop Johnson's Retirement Party

Sunday | March 31

Honor Jeannie & Don Johnson for their 18 years of shared ministry with The Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee on Sunday, March 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Memphis Botanic Garden, 750

Cherry Rd, 38117. RSVP by Friday, March 22 to celebratebishopjohnson@gmail.com or 901-849-9090.

Emmanuel Center Carnival | Saturday | April 13

Calvary parishioners host the annual Emmanuel Center Carnival Saturday, April 13 from Noon to 2 p.m. in the courtyard at the Emmanuel Center property in South Memphis. The event allows children of the neighborhood to participate in games and enjoy snacks and entertainment, something these children rarely experience. The Center's clients are residents of the 38126 ZIP Code in South Memphis—one of the poorest communities in the nation. If you are interested in volunteering or have children's books to donate, contact Camille Gamble at 901-237-2881 or auburng2@gmail.com.

Great Expectations

Katherine & Chris Ellis
Rachael & Sheldon Ruud
Rachel & John Welcher

New Life

Olivia Noelle Flynn, daughter of Jessica & Mike Flynn, born Nov. 29, 2018

Wedding Bells

Alicia Anderson & Charles Klazer Gomes, Dec. 29

Saints Departed

Helen Addington, grandmother of Elise Addington Dugger
Lonnie Reginald "LR" Anderson, Jr, father of Ashton Anderson
Bernice "Nikki" Sharp Armstrong, grandmother of Alison Boeving
Kerry Baker, friend of Betsy Kelly
Dr. Barbara Baxter, friend of Len Grice
Nancy Nearn Bethell
Delphine Boyer, friend of Jen Krouse
Katie Carroll, sister of Issiah Carroll
Charles Churchman, uncle of Carrington Wise
Jonathan Cole, son of Lena Cole
Patricia Anne Hoelscher Holliday Craddock, step-mother of Bill Craddock
Bobby Alan Davis, brother-in-law of Kathy Williams
Mac Douglas, friend of John Palmer
Martha Duncan, sister of Joe Duncan

Olga Forino, friend of Gary Thompson
Cheryl Ranae Hendricks, sister-in-law of Richard Hendricks
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Bill Pugh, friend of Pat Morgan
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Katie Walker, cousin of John Owen



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1. New vestry members and officers were commissioned during the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Jan. 27.

3. Calvary parishioners (l-r) Mary Jane Viar, Lynda Gayle Deacon, Leslie Atwood Smith, Christine Todd, and Terri Dulaney participated in the Point in Time Count in the early morning hours of Wednesday, Jan. 24. The PIT count helps determine federal funding for homelessness.



2. Calvary's annual meeting on Sunday, Jan. 27, included a rector's report, finance report, and the presentation of our new brand and website.

4. Making Space for Spiritual Growth through Yoga, a winter yoga series for all levels, has been a popular Wednesday evening offering.





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Landscape with Christ and his Disciples on the Road to Emmaus; artist Jan Wildens



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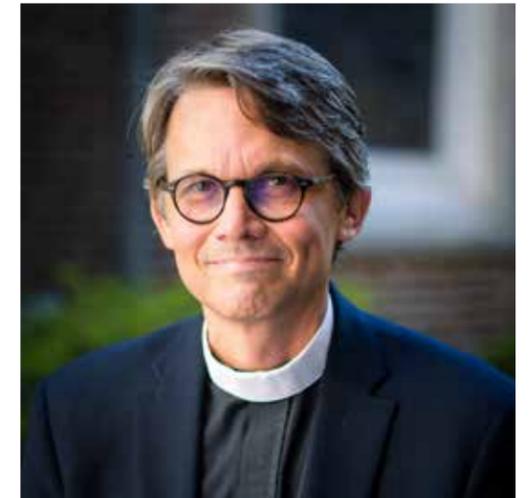
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Welcoming the stranger

By The Rev. Scott Walters, Rector



As Ardelle and I were making our way gradually to Santiago de Compostela, we took the opportunity to take some vacation beforehand and reconnect with some far-off friends. Friends, it occurs to me now, to whom we were perfect strangers not so long ago.

Four summers ago I was on sabbatical, some of which we spent in the village of Topsham, a few miles south of Exeter in England. One day we wandered over to the parish church of St. Margaret's, whose lawn the little flat we'd rented overlooked. The annual flower festival was underway and lunch was served. If you carry a stock image of "English village church flower festival" in your head, this one was exactly what you're imagining. Every detail. Topsham is essentially a Wallace and Gromit set, and we expected the vicar of Dibley to wander into the festival at any moment.

We were identified quickly as American tourists and seated by Mary and Triff, two friendly locals who lived in a house called Wixels on the river. Even though they were Brits and about three decades our seniors, Triff and Mary opened their hearts to us. We talked long after our plates were cleaned, and in the days to

come we joined them for a fish tea at the museum (it's not what you think), and a ride in their little boat for lunch at Turf, and we watched the sun go down over the River Exe on their porch, talking of England and Arkansas, children and marriage, life and even of death.

We were strangers, and they welcomed us.

One day, when I told the owner of the bookshop across the street that we'd been befriended by Mary and Triff, she said a shoe shop had closed the year before, and Triff had bought a sturdy pair of brogues at the sale. "Well," he said, "I suppose these should see me out." Two years later, they did. We stayed with Mary at Wixels last week and visited Triff's gravestone on the hill.

Reconnecting with Mary after having lost Triff was poignant for me. Have you ever paused to consider someone who welcomed you into her life, in spite of all kinds of difference? Someone you have every reason to remain a stranger to, but, for reasons we might never know, didn't leave you alone?

The post resurrection gospel accounts present us with strange encounters. My favorite is when the risen Jesus walks alongside

two of his grieving friends to Emmaus. He's not recognized until they invite him into their lives. They ask him to come into their home, to sit at their table and share a meal. And only then, the text tells us, were their eyes opened.

We've considered the sacred welcome of strangers, as well as our failures to do so, in all kinds of ways this past year at Calvary. My prayer for you is the same one I pray for myself. It's that I might be given the courage to be vulnerable. The courage to open my life to someone who might not expect a welcome. Scripture says there's a sense in which that someone will always be Jesus. Which means such encounters can be places of holy transformation.

But don't take my word for it. Haven't there been moments in your life when you've been that stranger? When someone welcomed you as if you were Jesus himself? Opened their hearts and their table to you? If there's been even one such moment for you along your way, don't you know in your bones that expanding and extending the welcome of Jesus into more of our lives and to more of the world must be what it means to be his church?



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Calvary welcomes Steve Smith

By Scott Walters, Rector

As 2018 came to a close, we knew that a priority for the coming year was to find a full-time person to oversee both finances and operations for the busy and bustling parish that is Calvary Church. It just so happens... or rather...as Providence would have it one Sunday, our then treasurer, Hall Gardner, and his family were visiting the mother church of our diocese, Immanuel Church in La Grange. Hall met a guy at Immanuel named Steve Smith who had moved back into the area after having been in New Orleans for the past 17

years. And when their coffee hour conversation turned to jobs and such, Hall and Steve were both taken aback at how perfectly aligned his experience in New Orleans was with Calvary needs.

Steve had been in charge of finances and operations and a staff of about 15 for two historic houses turned museums. They were located right downtown, so besides the familiar joys and challenges of tending to beloved old buildings, he wasn't unaccustomed to the other duties often assigned to

one in such a position, such as dealing with the neighbor still passed out in the courtyard after a bit too much of the spirit, if you will, of Bourbon Street.

Steve is also a devout Episcopalian, having served on the vestry and finance and building committees and as a liturgical leader. We are grateful that Steve found his way back to the Memphis area and to Calvary. His gifts will be invaluable as we discern together what God calls us to in the days to come.

About Steve Smith

Steve Smith oversees the finance office, building & grounds, and human resource functions at Calvary. He is a native of Collierville but moved here from New Orleans, where he was the principal verger and served on the vestry at Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral.

He is a graduate of Davidson College and the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law (Memphis). His interests include gardening, particularly heirloom gardening, history, historic architecture, theology, and anything that is a good read. He loves to travel, especially to France. Steve has made his home in La Grange, TN.

Steve welcomes you to drop by his office on the 4th-floor anytime to introduce yourself.



A Justice Pilgrimage: Opening the Eyes of My Heart

By Paul McLain, Associate Rector

This February, I received an email from Bishop Don Johnson asking me to represent the Diocese of West Tennessee in a Justice Pilgrimage pilot event based in Atlanta during May. I agreed to attend, but I had no idea what to expect. What happened was an eye-opening transformative week I'll never forget.

A group of 20 priests, deacons, and a lay brother of a religious order, gathered at the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing in Atlanta on Sunday, May 19th. Atlanta Bishop Rob Wright, a former Calvary Lenten Preaching Series speaker, gave the keynote address. He challenged us to see leadership not as a role, but instead as an activity.

He explained how the work of racial healing came to life in the Diocese of Atlanta when they changed the name of their commission from "Dismantling Racism" to "Becoming Beloved Community." Bishop Rob said it is essential that we lead not with what we're against, but instead with what we're for.

On Monday and Tuesday, we heard from a variety of presenters about the work of racial healing in their parishes

ranging from formation programs and book studies to encouraging persons of different races in churches to invite each other into their homes for dinner. We learned ways to incorporate racial healing into spiritual direction and practices. And we celebrated a powerful jazz evensong.

On Wednesday, we left on a bus for Savannah. There we gathered at the Weeping Time Memorial, which commemorates a mass slave sale in 1859 in order to pay off a gambling debt. The families of slaves were separated, and the moving way in which our guide told the story evoked our tears. She later talked about her ongoing efforts to tell the true story of the slave experience in Savannah. She helped us understand the reality of generational trauma.

On Thursday, we toured the Old Slave Mart Museum in Charleston and were faced with the reality of what it means when human beings are bought and sold as property. We were later guided around the old city to see it through the eyes of the Gullah people. We learned about how the Emmanuel Church shooting brought together

a predominately white and a predominately black congregation that were next door to each other, yet had minimal contact. A joint book study brought them together after the shooting, and now they have built deep and lasting relationships.

Back in Atlanta on Friday, we saw the documentary "Backs against the Wall" about the life and work of theologian and mystic Howard Thurman. He once said, "Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and go and do that. What the world needs is people who have come alive!"

We were each challenged to do something about racial healing in our parishes. I'm still discerning what we may undertake here at Calvary to add to the critical work we have done and are doing. Stay tuned. At this point, I'm simply grateful to Amber and all the excellent lay ministers of Calvary for offering much life-giving ministry during a hectic pastoral care week while I was away. I am also so very thankful to have experienced this eye-opening and heart-opening journey.

Calling and consecration

by Amber Carswell, Associate Rector



A common question folks ask when meeting a priest for the first time is, "Did you always know you wanted to be a priest?" When this question comes from someone outside of the church, it's when we've just met, and they're still reeling from the revelation; they land on this as a polite substitute for, "Have you always been like this?" For those inside the church, the question comes with a sense of the jargon that we bandy about: call, revelation, the declaration of "Here am I, send me" from Isaiah (minus the burning coal put into his mouth after said declaration.)

For me, if you had asked me before the age of 23 if I always knew I wanted to be a priest, I would have wondered what

you even meant by the word priest. The term had no real meaning to me as I wandered through an evangelical wilderness, disillusionment increasing with every step, despair escalating with every endless refrain of "Mighty to Save" (it was just me, y'all, you can like if you want to.)

Seeing a female priest at the altar wouldn't happen until seminary for me, and while I knew little of the battle to ordain women that had ended, at least canonically, in the 1970s for the Episcopal Church, I knew plenty about how women in ministry were still received. "I could never go to a church with a female pastor," an evangelical female friend confided in me, having no idea of the discernment process I had just begun at St.

Luke's Episcopal Church in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Bishop Phoebe Roaf has answered the question about her call in similar terms of initial bewilderment. St. Paul, too, muses that one isn't able to believe without being told. St. Thomas might point out the importance of actually seeing.

Bishop Phoebe's consecration on Saturday, May 4, was a first for me even after 10 years in the Episcopal Church, having only read the words of the service out of the prayer book. But this was a first not only for late arrivals to our church but for every Episcopalian in that room: Bishop Phoebe, the first woman, the first African-American, her very self a glimpse into the reconciliation of all things in Christ.



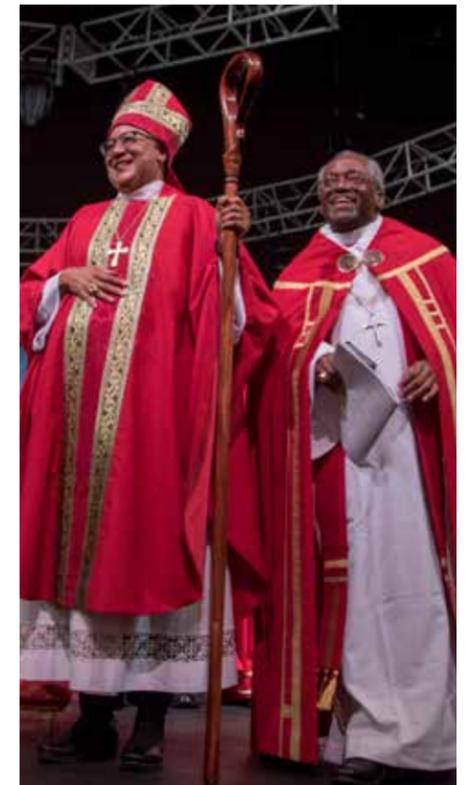
ABOVE: Bishop Don Johnson, third bishop of the Diocese of West Tennessee, passes the crozier to the Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf, fourth bishop of the diocese. BELOW: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry presents newly ordained Bishop Phoebe Roaf to the congregation. Photos courtesy of Lisa Buser Photography.

As you are aware, any of us are far more than the demographics of majority or minority, the figures of power or oppression we represent in any given sphere. Any female priest I know wants to be known first as a good priest — the worst sort of dismissal echoing the childhood compliment of, "You throw well for a girl."

But between voicing support for a reality and living it, there are untold worlds of latent fear. The vision of May 4, 2019, will be forever etched in my memory of a great symbolic moment of Episcopalians at our best. It was an embodied reality of what so often seems a fleeting dream of equality and justice in our world. Even the sprawling, almost comical, megachurch setting

at Hope held something; for me, walking with our vestments and singing our ancient hymnody, there was something of a reconciliation even in my reluctant soul.

I'm proud to be a part of a diocese where this reality exists. Though you may not realize it, of what you're doing by attending church with your children is showing them what is possible; and someday, who knows? Maybe one of them will grow up and become a priest, and perhaps they won't look like the sort of priest everyone expected. And in that great day when they are faced with the awkward question of, "Did you always know?" they can answer, simply: "Yes."



Feeding the earth (and thousands of hungry Memphians) during Waffle Shop

By Heidi Rupke

Have you ever wished for a service that would prevent food scraps from going to an icky landfill? For the first time in its 90+ year history, Calvary's Waffle Shop has joined forces with the Compost Fairy to recapture some of the enormous potential in its food waste. As thousands of diners munched on waffles and shrimp mousse in the Mural Room, dedicated kitchen staff members were sorting out scraps into 32-gallon roller barrels.

The Compost Fairy retrieves compostable materials from homes and businesses each week. These materials join a big compost pile (actually, long rows for ease of turning) in Midtown, mixing with dried leaves and other brown matter to create a dynamite fertilizer. These vegetative "investments" return to customers in the form of finished compost deliveries twice a year.

"I didn't know anything about composting at first. Mary [O'Brien] had to teach me what things could go in the bin and what couldn't," says Doug Franklin, Calvary's Waffle Shop Committee Coordinator.

What goes into Calvary's compost bins?

"Raw vegetable scraps, some fruit, and egg shells. Lots and lots of eggshells," says Mary.

Instead of going to a landfill where food waste mixes with other materials and becomes toxic, the items set aside by Doug and Mary and their team are creating a renewable resource for Memphis: rich, organic soil. This work also raises awareness about soil quality, the unsustainability of landfills, and innovative farming in Memphis.

Over the course of five and a half weeks of Waffle Shop's famous fish pudding, waffles, and other delights, the Compost Fairy picked up 5270 pounds of compostable material from Calvary's kitchens. You read that right: nearly three tons.

The muscle behind the magic belongs to Theo Davies. As a driver for Compost Fairy, he's used to wrestling barrels into the trailer behind executive director Mike Larrivee's pick-up, Truck Norris. Each barrel can weigh upwards of 200 pounds. During Lent, Theo was impressed at the amount of materials Calvary collected. Where a typical restaurant uses one barrel per week, Calvary's Waffle Shop was plowing through two or three, due to the large volume of diners.



"Whether our customers are filling up a quarter of the home-size bucket or multiple rollers per week, we're just glad when anything compostable stays out of the landfill," says Theo. "We have to think about how we treat food in this country. What we call 'food waste' in the form of stems and peels is actually very useful for the next round of plants."

Compost Fairy's work is supported by the vestry and especially by head warden Peg Wahl. Peg learned about this service via a gift subscription for her home as a Christmas gift from her daughter.

Has Mary noticed a difference in the kitchen since partnering with Compost Fairy?

"Yes, there's a lot less trash going out of here. I feel great about that. The lunch worker from Calvary Place also pitches in, so we're getting their share into the bins as well," says Mary.

Want to learn more? Read about Compost Fairy in the current issue of Edible Memphis, found online at ediblememphis.com. Want to have Compost Fairy come to your house? Contact them via compostfairy.com. Tell them you're from Calvary for a free smile along with your order.



Ministry Spotlight: Altar Guild

By Rhoda Smith, Altar Guild Chair

A teenage acquaintance who worships at a non-liturgical church heard me say that I was going to serve on altar guild at my church Sunday and asked, "What is altar guild; what is its purpose? What exactly do you do when you serve on altar guild?" Before I could start an answer, she asked, "What is a guild, anyway?"

While we were Googling definitions for a guild, I told my acquaintance that altar guild members are volunteers who prepare for services at our church under the direction of our clergy. Our primary service responsibilities are to set the altar—the Lord's table—for the celebration of Holy Communion or Eucharist and to set up for the administration of Holy Baptism. Members of the altar guild make sure that wine and bread are placed in appropriate containers or vessels to be consecrated and, along with linens, candles, and other items necessary for Holy Eucharist, placed on or at the altar.

I explained what happens during the administration of Holy Eucharist and that we do this to celebrate our redemption. To me, the celebration of Holy Eucharist is the most joyous moment in our service! After the service,

members of the guild carefully remove the linens and vessels from which the consecrated wine and bread were served to gently clean and prepare them for the next service.

Between services, members of the guild are charged with caring for our church's vessels, linens, processional crosses, candle holders, altar hangings, funeral palls, and sanctuary and altar candles so that the items are in their best shape for services. Some of us polish silver and brass, some of us sew and repair hangings and linens, one of us sorts wafers, and many of us launder and iron linens. Most of our work is behind the scenes. I once read that "I did not even know you were there" is the highest compliment an altar guild can receive!

Summing up an answer for my acquaintance and borrowing from the dictionary.com definition that a guild is an association of people for mutual aid and/or the pursuit of a common goal, I offered that altar guild at Calvary is a faithful, collegial association of volunteers. Our members are multi-generational with diverse interests and skillsets. We have grandparents, parents, and children who serve together, and even one member who

is in middle school. We work with clergy, staff, one another, and other volunteers to serve God and others by preserving and preparing the altar and sanctuary for services and the administration of sacraments. The work we share expands our experience and knowledge of the church and sacraments and deepens our faith.

At this point, my acquaintance revealed that she had been curious about the altar guild because she needed volunteer service hours for school but that our work sounded too complicated. I thanked her for listening and invited her to come to one of our services sometime.

According to our altar guild manual, it is customary for a member to be, "a reverent and faithful communicant who desires to do [the] work of the guild, is willing to be involved in training and to provide service when scheduled, and who makes this desire known." If you think you might be interested in serving on altar guild or learning more, contact any member of the guild or email me at rhodas56@gmail.com or talk or text at 901-674-6164. I'm happy to give you a tour of the sacristy and tell you more.



I find a lot of holy moments happen when I'm sitting on the floor. Maybe it comes with the job, or perhaps it's the camaraderie of looking

around and thinking "Wow, this floor is pretty gross, but we're in it together," but nevertheless, I find myself sitting on the floor out of habit now.

About a year ago, I was sitting on the floor in the chapel at Camp Bratton-Green surrounded by the staff for Special Session I, a week at Camp that serves adults with diverse abilities. Before our nightly staff meetings, a musical offering is always given. On this night, the Rev. Patrick Sanders and his daughter Skye were up and ready to play for us. I've grown up to the sound of Patrick playing and singing loudly. It's a voice and a feeling I know well. It feels warm and welcoming, and it always makes wherever I am feel like church.

This night was different though. As he strummed, the voice I was met with was his daughter Skye's. Like her dad, it's warm and welcoming and gives you chill bumps. The song this coastal priest and his daughter chose was "My Church" by Maren Morris about, well, church. Not the kind of church we sit in pews for, but the kind of church that's just an old car with the windows down. A church where you can feel God in the breeze. I looked around to my fellow staff sitting on the floor and thought to myself, "THIS is my church."

About ten months later, I found myself in the 3rd floor Youth Room here at Calvary during a service. I had snagged a bulletin and a printed copy of the

Holy Moments

By Gabbie Munn, Director of Youth Ministries



BELOW: Gabbie Munn and Hilary Chipley with Calvary youth who attended a weekend retreat at Camp Bratton-Green.

RIGHT: Graduating senior Madeline Smith leads her last Compline service as a Calvary youth.

Photos by Gabbie Munn.



sermon and was sitting on the floor, drinking coffee, listening to music, and anxiously looking at the pile of cleaning supplies we were going to use later that morning. I had been at Calvary for seven months and was loving every minute of it. But before coming to Calvary, I had been a little nervous. I had been a bit worried that sitting in another youth room, in another diocese, in another state, I wouldn't feel like it was "My Church." But as I read the Rev. Amber Carswell's sermon about her Happening experience with the Diocese of West Tennessee, an experience that felt so similar to the one I grew up with, something hit me like a brick.

Well, maybe not a brick. But as "My Church," the same one Patrick and Skye had played for us so many months ago, came over my speaker, I realized what I had gotten wrong. I had underestimated the power and community of the Episcopal Church. I had not given my passion for youth ministry enough credit. I was a little embarrassed, sitting on the floor

alone in the Youth Room because I had missed the point entirely.

My Church isn't just the chapel at Camp Bratton-Green, where I spent my summers. My Church is any floor I sit on with youth. My Church is getting up early to meet youth for coffee. My Church is playing the couch game at Episcopal Youth Community. My Church is sitting in a dunk tank during Parish Picnic. My Church is watching a Calvary high school senior lead her final Compline as a youth.

Sitting on the floor in the 3rd floor Youth Room here at Calvary, I realized where My Church is. For me, that was a Holy moment.

My time at Calvary over these last 10 months has been a time of learning and listening. It's been a time of creating new traditions and learning old ones. I'm still learning names and how to navigate Poplar Avenue, but Calvary Memphis is My Church because what I experience with the youth and the people that love them is Holy.

Approaching a sabbatical with grit and gratitude

By Kristin Lensch, Organist-Choirmaster

For the previous nine years, I have been blissfully and intentionally ignoring the last requirement of my doctoral studies—the dissertation. In 2009, I started the DMA (Doctor of Musical Arts) at The University of Memphis. It was a goal I'd kept in a little piece of my heart since my 20s. However, I feared writing the dissertation with every ounce of my being.

When a part-time position came along at Holy Apostles in the summer of 2010, I jumped at the chance. It was only ten hours a week, offering plenty of time to write. Except that I had no interest in writing, and instead threw myself into developing a program that eventually redefined my position as 30 hours a week. Undeniably, my true joy comes from working with people, not isolating myself to write. The beautiful result of that work at Holy Apostles is that it opened the way for me to put my name in for the full-time organist-choirmaster position here at Calvary in 2013.

My wise, scholar of a husband (Tim Huebner, associate provost

at Rhodes College), said I should negotiate for a sabbatical the next summer, which I was graciously awarded. After getting into the job, I chose not to take that sabbatical, and instead concentrated on developing the program at Calvary. Writing my dissertation and completing the DMA would not result in a new and better job—I already had my dream job!

However, in this last year, that little piece of my heart has beckoned loudly. The music department here is now well-established, I have found a topic I'm delighted to explore, and even more compelling, I have a deadline of December 2020 to complete the degree before my credits start disappearing.

When I approached Rector Scott Walters about taking the sabbatical, he was instantly supportive and reported that the vestry also fully embraced the idea of a leave-taking. Assistant Organist-Choirmaster John Palmer also graciously agreed to run the music department during this time. What better person! This resulted in the gift of ten



days in January to do preliminary research, and two months this summer to focus on writing. During this time, I also will walk the Camino with my family and Calvary parishioners, attend the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM) conference, and staff a Royal School of Church Music summer course in St. Louis.

I am motivated and actually excited about writing the dissertation because it is on a subject near and dear to all of us—the history of Calvary's music program. We have detailed journals of Adolph Steuterman, Calvary's longest-serving choirmaster (1919-1975), which will allow me to write a micro-history of church music in the 1920s at a prominent church in a large city. This summer, I will get a significant start, with the intention of finishing and presenting a lecture recital at Calvary in the fall of 2020. Thanks to all for your good faith and support as I work to complete this goal.

Summer Formation Offerings

Nursery | Ages 0-5 | Calvary Place

Calvary maintains an excellent nursery facility staffed by trained, professional caregivers. Nursery Manager Robbie Phillips and her staff, Cassandra, Dori, and Margaret, welcome children ages 0 - 5 each Sunday. The nursery is open from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. A loving atmosphere, personal attention, and age-appropriate toys and activities are all designed to make the nursery a safe, nurturing place for your child.

Summer Formation | Rising K-5th Grades | Room 203

Children rising kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us this summer for summer

formation in Room 203. We'll learn and explore stories from the Bible with interactive lessons, activities, and arts and crafts.

Summer Formation | Grades 6-12 | 3rd Floor Youth Room

All 6-12th grade Calvary youth are invited to participate in Summer Sunday Formation from June 2-August 11. We will meet in the 3rd Floor Youth Room from 11:30-12:15 to discuss the Gospel and what it means for us today.

Lenten Preaching Series Greatest Hits | Great Hall

We will visit some of the great speakers of Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series gone by. Join us for listening and an ensuing discussion of sermons from

Marcus Borg, Phyllis Tickle, and more.

Parents' Group | Room 208

Looking for a way to connect with others on the parenting journey? Join us on Sunday mornings this summer for conversations with friends in various stages of parenting. Different people will lead discussions on a variety of topics including reading aloud as a spiritual practice; self-care; blended families; staying grounded on the go; technology and kids and us; and marriage care with kids. We will meet in Room 208 during Christian formation (11:30 - 12:15). Questions? Contact Ardelle Walters at ardellew@gmail.com.

Adult Confirmation Class to be offered June 23-July 28

Episcopalians, new and old, are a people of questions. So bring your questions, new and old, to Adult Confirmation Class on Sunday mornings. Amber Carswell, Paul McLain, and Scott Walters will be leading six weeks of conversation about where the Episcopal Church comes from, where it might be going, what the Book of Common Prayer is, how Episcopalians read the Bible, pray, worship, approach ethics, and more.

Confirmation Class serves as preparation for those who desire to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church (the difference between these also will be explored). But we want anyone curious about our shared expression of Christianity to contribute to these conversations as we struggle and share together, and grow closer to a few fellow questioners in the process. Contact Ebet Peebles by Thursday, June 20, at epeebles@calvarymemphis.org or 901-312-5201, to sign up.

Keeping our values

by Kim Kitterman, Junior Warden

Your 2019 Calvary vestry has had a busy spring. The vibe in this vestry is passionate, thoughtful, faithful, optimistic, and energetic, and I am humbled to be a part of it.

Earlier this year Senior Warden Peg Wahl reported to you that the vestry named four values to guide our actions this year: heritage, courage, caring for all, and vibrancy. We keep these values in front of us whenever we meet to maintain our focus to be faithful to them.

Over the past three months, we have initiated a new program that we named Vestry Buddies. This is a one-on-one pairing of vestry and Calvary staff to enhance connections and understanding.

Our own Heide Rupke did a fantastic job in leading the Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop this year. Attendance was way up, and it was the best year since 2012. Thank you, Heide, for your brilliant leadership. We are lucky to have you.

The vestry also is working on a new format to stay in touch with our many ministries and how to discern the addition of new ministries. We are exploring a process that would have at least one vestry member assigned to each ministry to be more engaged and aware, so that we may serve as a liaison and an advocate for that ministry. We hope to design a process that can be used for future vestries.

And finally, the vestry, along with Rector Scott Walters, conducted our first mutual ministry review since Scott's arrival. A mutual ministry review is a two-sided conversation between the vestry and the rector to discuss performance, goals, and vision. It is meant to be a mutual review of how things are going and how we want to improve or fine tune things going forward. The discussion was extremely positive and open. I can assure you all that right now, Calvary is in a very good place as a vibrant, growing church.

May grace and blessings be in your path.

Community Breakfast Angels

Community Breakfast is Calvary's Sunday morning meal of eggs, bacon, cheese grits, and made-from-scratch biscuits that serves over 175 unsheltered neighbors each week. Community Breakfast Angels give gifts of \$500+ to help make this meal possible for one month. If you would like to be a community breakfast angel, contact Community Ministries Coordinator Christine Todd, ctodd@calvarymemphis.org.

January & February – In honor of imprisoned youth by the Rev. Audrey Gonzalez

March – In Memory of Donald J. Taddia by Dr. & Mrs. Larry K. Roberts

April – Judy Harrison and for Carroll Todd's birthday, celebrating May and Tom, his parents, who made Calvary home

May – In memory of Lisa Lichterman by her loving children, Sarah Hunter and Henry

June – In honor of Ashton Anderson, Betty Jo Dulaney, Richard Hendricks, and Mary Jane Viar, 2018-2019 Education for Ministry mentors, and in honor of Betty Jo Dulaney's dedication to mentoring EfM 2015-2019

July – In Memory of Rita Ann Brunner Shea

August – Your name here

September – Your name here

October – Your name here

November – Be an angel this month in thanksgiving of your loved ones

December – Makes a lovely Christmas gift!

Save the Date

Art Camp | Monday-Friday | July 29-Aug. 3

Calvary Kids Art Camp returns this summer for students who have completed Kindergarten – 5th grade. We begin our days in the sanctuary for worship and then spend time working on some pretty cool art and craft projects. There is also snack, game, and play time. Contact Director of Children and Family Ministries Hilary Chipley, hchipley@calvarymemphis.org, to reserve your child's spot. Camp time is 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and cost is \$175 with lunch provided. Before/after care is available (8:30 - 9 a.m. & 3 - 5 p.m.) for \$35 for the week.

Youth who have completed grades 6-12 are encouraged to volunteer as counselors (camp and meals are free for counselors).

Festival of Ministries | Sunday | Aug. 25

All are invited to the Great Hall Sunday, Aug. 25, following the 10 a.m. worship service for the Festival of Ministries. This is an opportunity for you to meet the leaders of each of Calvary's ministries and learn how you can get involved. There will be "passports" and door prizes and lots of fun.

Friends of Music presents Lily Afshar | Friday | Sept. 27

Lily Afshar has broken barriers throughout her career. The first woman in the world to earn a doctorate in guitar performance, Afshar has developed an international reputation as performer, pedagogue, and recording artist. Her collaborative work with composers and artists has resulted in notable world premieres and seven CDs. Born in Iran to a musical family, she has also arranged and published Persian and Azerbaijani folk music for guitar. Calvary's Great Hall is the perfect acoustic to hear her play. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages served. Sponsored by the Friends of Music at Calvary.

Wedding Bells

Michael Sakir & Teri Leavens, April 27

Brie Wallace & Barbara Radebaugh, April 27

Maggie Franklin & Matthew Joyce, May 11

Karen Crow & Daniel Clark, May 11

Nina Sublette & Greta Cooper Young, May 25

John Asel "Jack", son of Rachel & John Welcher, March 2

Saints Departed

Alexandria Bonet Anderson, mother of Newton Anderson

Mickey Bell, mother of Nancy Todd

Carla Bray, friend of Ellen Davis

G.G. Bray, friend of Kay Russell

Tom Broughton, father of Jason Broughton

Horleen Rose Cast, step-mother of

Richard Cast

Sam F. Cole, Jr.

Helen Davin Murphy, aunt of Paul Pellay

Roy Molitor Ford, Sr.

Lucy Foy, sister of Tom Thomley

Sara A. Fratini, friend of Bunny Oates

Jeptha Marchant Gates, Sr.

Rebecca Harvey, sister-in-law of Nancy &

Al Harvey

Edith Holcomb, aunt of Leslie Son

Linda Kay Joest

Jane Farrimond Keltner, sister of Sally

Chandler

John Kilzer

Bobby Leatherman, Jr., friend of Hal

Crenshaw

Betty Claire Eaton Lynn, friend of Kendra Martin

Roy Manning, brother-in-law of Ellen Davis

Nora Ann Mauldin, grandmother of Robyn Banks

Eloise Mays, friend of Carrington & Alex Wise

Sallie McCall, daughter of Suzy McCall

Mary Jim Rolling Nunnery

Leonard Owens, brother of Bob Owens

George Rogers, father of Deborah Mays

Ray Smith, grandfather of Franklin Barton & Rachael Ruud

Dick Smith, friend of Bruce Watson

Johnny Son, uncle of Leslie Son

Sherry Strecker, cousin of Judy Tucker

Robbie Tucker, nephew of Judy Tucker

Richard "Dick" Wallin, friend of Peggy Hancock

Tripp Wall, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain

Margaret Travis Weakley

Joe Welch, cousin of Mark Mitchell

Libby Wheatley, friend of Paige Whittle

Obeda Whittle, aunt of Paige Whittle



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1. Calvary participants and leaders at the closing Happening Eucharist Feb. 17.



2. Calvary Director of Youth Ministries Gabbie Munn helped organize a youth event called "Burgers with the Bishops" where youth from the diocese met and asked questions of then Bishop-elect Phoebe Roaf and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

3. Calvary's Egg Hunt at the Metal Museum was fun for kids of all ages from Calvary, Calvary Place, and the Emmanuel Center.



4. Sloan Huebner preached at Calvary's Youth Sunday, a day set aside to honor our graduating seniors.



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Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

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8 and 10 a.m.
5 p.m. Evensong first Sundays, Sept.-May

E-mail clergy and staff with initial of first name followed by full last name@calvarymemphis.org
Example: swalters@calvarymemphis.org

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Being Reconciled

By The Rev. Scott Walters, Rector



My flight had already been twice delayed, and the chances of making my connection in Houston were dwindling. I decided it might be best for everyone involved if I paused with a glass of beer on my way to gate A33. The pleasant woman behind the bar slid the drink toward me along with a bill for \$13.11. American dollars. Pre tip. In Memphis, Tennessee. I bit my tongue and smiled. The night was young.

Half an hour later it was confirmed that no one was making the flight from Houston to Albuquerque that night, so the good people of Southwest Airlines were booking hotels for the evening and flights out the next the morning. After making my way through the line with one particularly loud and foul-mouthed flier, I accidentally sat down within earshot of the customer service desk. Which meant I heard every calmly venomous (if grammatically perfect) word of a half-hour exchange in which a man, whose situation didn't seem meaningfully more urgent than the rest of ours, negotiated forcefully. I think he may have walked away with a majority share in the airline.

"Alas, the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise,

nor the more generous vouchers to the polite," said the Preacher in Ecclesiastes. Or something like that.

Eventually, I found myself on a flight to Dallas (how is not pertinent at this point), on which a nearby family argued masterfully, from takeoff to landing, about a spilled drink (or a small portion of a drink, depending on whose version you believe). Their annoyance was like a beachball they kept aloft together for an hour. Each time I thought it was about to drop, someone would make a diving save and tap the argument right back into play.

It was all I could do not to turn around and ask whether it was really worth all this effort to go through life so thoroughly miffed. Which is exactly what I was by now. Miffed. Late. Flying toward the wrong city...

"Being Reconciled." That's the theme for Christian Formation at Calvary for this fall and next spring. Some days it's even more obvious that the resting state of things in this world is not reconciliation. It's so easy to slip into separation, conflict, estrangement. Or to let such things move into us.

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Adult Fall Formation Opportunities

For this academic year, Calvary's Adult Formation Committee settled on a one-word theme: reconciliation. In what ways are people reconciled to God, their neighbors, the earth, their city, their families, their pasts, or themselves? Our speakers this season will seek to delve into this question from these angles and more.

Sunday Mornings • 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

SEPT 8 **Camino Recap**
Katy Leopard and Betty Jo Dulaney

This summer, two groups from Calvary set forth on a pilgrimage to Spain. Join us to re-live some of the ups, downs, pains, accomplishments, and a glimpse of the grace found on a week of El Camino de Santiago: the Way of St. James.

SEPT 15-29 **Reconciliation**
Calvary Clergy

Our forum theme for the year is "Reconciliation"—so before we begin to hear the stories of reconciliation all around us, the clergy of Calvary will lead a 3-week series to lay the foundation. What does our faith tell us about this topic? Explore with us as we consider the apostle Paul's words: "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." (2 Cor. 5:18)

OCT 6 **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**
Steve Haynes, Professor of Religious Studies at Rhodes College

Professor Haynes will speak on his most recent book, The Battle for Bonhoeffer: Debating Discipleship in the Age of Trump (Eerdmans, 2018). The book traces the ways German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer has been used by various sides in American political debates up to and beyond the 2016 presidential election.



OCT 13 **Creating Space In Our Churches, Neighborhoods and City To Become Multi-abled**
Daniel Aaron Harris

Harris has spent his life inspiring folks with disabilities to pursue their dreams. Born with cerebral palsy, he sees people through a lens of hope and possibility—and he wants to help churches become spaces where people of all abilities can find a place to minister. The Rev. Amber Carswell joins him in conversation about his life and ministry.



OCT 20 **INSPIRE Community Café: A love for people, passion for life-giving food and a thirst for justice**
Kristin Fox-Trautman

Opened in January 2019, Inspire Community Cafe is on a mission to nourish community change by providing living wage jobs, life-giving food and a gathering place that inspires and connects people for the sake of a more just and compassionate Memphis. Come meet the founder/owner, learn the story of Inspire Community Café's coming-to-be and explore themes of economic justice, food justice, inclusion and hospitality.



OCT 27 **Repaying the Carbon Debt**
Mike Larrivee

Larrivee, Memphis' own Compost Fairy, will lead a discussion of how responsible organics management practice and regenerative agriculture solve some of the most urgent problems facing us today. From climate change, biodiversity, environmental hazards, to food security, we can solve these issues together #onebucketatatime



Wednesday Evenings • 6:15-7:15 p.m.

SEPT 4 **Flannery O'Connor: Grace & the Grotesque**
September 4, 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9; The Rev. Scott Walters

One would be hard pressed to find a literate southern Christian who's not quick to claim Flannery O'Connor as one of our own. But this devout Catholic from Georgia could be as difficult and cantankerously funny in her writing about Christian faith and art as one of the unforgettable characters she imagined into being. Join the Rev. Scott Walters for a six-week walk through selections from Mystery and Manners, a book of occasional prose, and Everything that Rises Must Converge, her last collection of stories, published the year after her death. Participants are encouraged to purchase Everything that Rises Must Converge, or The Complete Stories of Flannery O'Connor. (If the cost of the book is prohibitive, contact Scott.) Selections from Mystery and Manners will be provided. All are welcome. The only prerequisite is a good humored tolerance for the strange.



SEPT 4 **Courage through Yoga**
September 4 through Nov. 9; Michelle Fulmer

A fall yoga series on Wednesday nights at Calvary for all levels. Consider joining us in the Great Hall at 6:15 as we practice yoga. Each class will have a different theme based on chapters from Joan Chittister's new book, The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage. Chapters include Risk, Paradox, Awareness, Audacity, Failure, Voice, Insight, Confidence, Tradition, and more.

SEPT 4 **Parent Quiet Hour**
September 4 through Nov. 9

Join other parents in Room 208 for quiet conversation or bring your book or laptop and enjoy a space to read or work.

Calvary Choir Rehearsals

7-9 p.m. every Wednesday

Both professional singers and auditioned volunteers make up Calvary's primary group of choristers: the Calvary Choir. The choir sings each week at the 10 a.m. worship service, monthly Evensong, and offers special liturgical services and concerts during the year. They are known for both their dedication to and love of music and close camaraderie. Interested singers should contact Organist-Choirmaster Kristin Lensch, klensch@calvarymemphis.org or 901-525-5212.

Small Groups

Calvary Book Group

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in a group member's home

This lay-led group is open to all members and friends of Calvary. The group meets from January through October to discern and discuss theological themes in contemporary fiction and non-fiction.

Contact Molly Polatty, mcpolatty@hotmail.com or 901-237-5683, for more information.

Young Adult Bible Study

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Crosstown Brewery

All young adults are invited to Crosstown Brewery Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Sunday's gospel.

Contact Chris Cullum at ctcullum@gmail.com for more information.

Education for Ministry

Tuesday or Wednesday Evenings, 6:15-8:30 at Calvary

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a program of theological education-at-a-distance of the School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four-year program. It covers the basics of theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology.

Contact Ashton Anderson, ashtonleona@gmail.com, about the Tuesday class or Richard Hendricks, rah662@yahoo.com, about the Wednesday class.

Calvary Ringers Rehearsal

6:15-7:15 p.m. every Wednesday

Calvary's liturgical five-octave handbell choir, the Calvary Ringers, always welcomes new members. The ability to read music is not required. Calvary Ringers are directed by Brad Kroeker, bradkroeker@gmail.com or 901-277-1273.

Men's Bible Study:

La Baguette Bible Brothers

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at La Baguette

Every Thursday morning, a few good men gather for coffee, prayer, Bible study, terrible jokes, and perhaps a gooey pastry breakfast. It's a "Pre-Game Show," as they study the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday service. It is now in its 20th year, so the jokes must not be that bad.

Contact Bill Craddock, wscraddock@icloud.com or 901-276-0639, for more information.

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Calvary

Led by the Rev. Amber Carswell, the Thursday morning women's Bible study continues with a study of Ecclesiastes. Ecclesiastes is probably most well-known from the chorus of the Byrd's hit 'Turn, Turn, Turn'. But there is much depth to be explored in this philosophical book—study along with us as we find modern truths in ancient words.

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 12:15-12:45 p.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church

Women of various ages and stages of life gather for a brief discussion of the upcoming Sunday Gospel lesson. These Thursday Theological Thinkers enjoy applying the text to their lives and supporting one another in their efforts to make a positive and loving difference in the world around them.

Contact Laura Trott, ltrott@lausanneschool.com or 901-484-1513, for more information.

Children's Formation Opportunities

SUNDAY AM

Nursery Care

Ages 0-5

Calvary maintains an excellent nursery facility staffed by trained, professional caregivers. Nursery Manager Robbie Phillips and her staff, Cassandra, Dori, and Margaret, welcome children from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The nursery is located on the first floor in Calvary Place Childcare Center on Sunday mornings. A loving atmosphere, personal attention, and age-appropriate toys and activities are all designed to make the nursery a safe, nurturing place for your child.

Children's Chapel

Ages 3 and up

Children's Chapel is an opportunity for children to experience the "Liturgy of the Word" in an easy-to-understand story format. At the beginning of the 10 a.m. worship service, children follow the children's cross out of the church to Room 203. Children are escorted into the church at the time of the Peace to join their families for Communion. The liturgy is geared for children age three to seven.

Godly Play

Pre-K and Kindergarten

The Godly Play curriculum invites children to enter into our sacred stories through careful telling of the scripture stories, engaging story figures, and a variety of creative activities.

Children are encouraged to wonder aloud about the Bible stories, themselves, God, and the world around them.

Godly Play: People, Prophets, and Parables

1st & 2nd Grades

Students continue with the Godly Play curriculum and build upon stories learned in Pre-K and Kindergarten, with focus on specific people, prophets, and the parables of Jesus.

Weaving God's Promises

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

Students continue with the second year of a three-year cycle in the curriculum, Weaving God's Promises. The goal of this class is to teach children the way of Christ within the church and the world, to give them a solid preparation for entry into the youth program, and foster spiritual formation and growth.

WEDNESDAY PM

EpiscoPALS

1st - 5th Grades | 6:15-7:15 p.m.

EpiscoPALS is a fellowship group that meets to play games, work on arts and crafts, read and act out stories, and have fun together in a Christ-centered environment. Led by Hilary Chipley, Eric Milner, and Emily Smith.

St. Cecilia Choir

Grades K-2 | 6:15-7 p.m.

Director and Music Educator Melissa Elsholz leads rehearsal for the youngest voices of Calvary. They sing periodically at the 10 a.m. worship service and at special services. Using a variety of activities, the choristers learn to use their voices by means of hymns and other sacred songs. At the conclusion of rehearsal, they have the opportunity to join their friends in EpiscoPals until 7:15 p.m.

Boys and Girls Choir

Grades 3 and up | 6:15-7 p.m.

The Boys and Girls Choir, made up of students with unchanged voices in grades 3 and up, sings semi-monthly at the 10 a.m. worship service. Using the Voice for Life curriculum established by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), Organist-Choirmaster Kristin Lensch promotes a complete and quality approach to children's music ministry that is as much a Christian formation experience as it is musical training experience.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Calvary Pre-YC

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

Calvary's Pre-YC meets once a quarter. Its purpose is to prepare our "tweens" for youth group with fellowship activities and fun.

Youth Formation Opportunities

SUNDAY AM

Connections

Grades 6-12

Both classes (Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12) will focus on connecting youth through the highs and lows of their week and connecting the lectionary readings from each Sunday to their daily lives.

SUNDAY PM

Sunday Night Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Grades 9-12

EYC will meet most Sundays from 5-7 p.m. at Grace-St. Luke's Church and venues across Memphis. Sunday Night EYC is a fellowship time for high schoolers to learn more about themselves, their relationship with Christ, and the ever-changing, messy world around them. Check the calendar for Sunday EYC details.

WEDNESDAY PM

Wednesday Night Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Grades 6-12 | 6:15-7:15 p.m.

EYC is a safe place for youth to explore and

deepen their relationship with Christ through team-building activities, music, games, service projects, discussion, and prayer.

TUESDAY AM & THURSDAY PM

Coffee Hours

Grades 6-12 | Tuesday mornings from 7-8 a.m. and Thursday afternoons from 3:30-5 p.m.

Coffee Hours are a great way for youth to start their day or get their dose of the Episcopal youth community in the middle of the week. Whether it's sharing a topic heavy on their heart or sharing a new meme, it's always a time of fellowship! Plus, Director of Youth Ministry Gabbie Munn will buy your coffee. Locations will vary.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Division of Youth (DOY) Retreat Weekends

Jr. High DOY (Grades 6-8) is September 20-22 and Sr. High (Grades 9-12) is October 18-20

DOY Retreat Weekends are youth-led retreats held at Camp-Bratton Green in Mississippi. The weekends are full of spirituality, fun, getting messy, and just plain being yourself.

My DOY Experience

By Ellen Barnes

I've lived in cities my entire life, which makes trips into rural areas extraordinary and a little scary. My experience at the Division of Youth (DOY) retreat at Camp Bratton Green brought me closer to nature. I saw stars in the sky and breathed in the fresh air. In the morning, I walked through grass sprinkled with dew, I watched the Rose Hill Lake as it glistened from the sun watching over it, and I listened to the sounds coming from the wild animals. At every meal,

I did my best to find new people to talk to and listen to. Since I am not from Mississippi, it was interesting to hear about the culture. Written all over the walls of my cabin were sweet messages and signatures of all the previous campers. It made me more comfortable to know that so many people have enjoyed staying there in the past.

The theme of the weekend was space. Throughout the weekend, the counselors put

Feeling Welcome at Calvary EYC

By Emlyn Polatty

When I first came to Calvary, I was in sixth grade: everyone already had their groups of friends and knew their way around scripture and general Episcopal mannerisms. Coming from an off and on Methodist upbringing, I often felt lost and overwhelmed. Luckily, I had EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) to help introduce me to people my age and guide me on my faith journey.

This past school year I made a big step on my journey with the decision to go through the confirmation process, and I felt the support of my EYC friends and youth ministers anytime I had questions or just needed to share my thoughts. I always feel welcome at EYC, whether it's during our monthly Coffeehouse performances or at biweekly meetings at Ugly Mug. We play games, create art, and work on service projects on Wednesdays, and Youth Town Halls ensure that everybody has a say in what activities we plan.

EYC offers me a lot of opportunities and challenges me to do things outside of my comfort zone. This year I discovered that I am taller than Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and attended my first Episcopal camp on a DOY weekend. I sold two paintings at the first-ever Gumbo cook-off auction, and I packed countless G2H bags to help

people experiencing homelessness in Memphis. No matter what we do in EYC, you can always expect to be greeted with smiles and affirmations such as, "You look great, and I'm glad you're here!"

While EYC has always been a fantastic experience for me, I think one of the best parts about it is getting to watch my younger brother Jeb go through the program for the first time. Seeing that he has a fun, faith-based community to help him grow as a person brings me a lot of joy, and I know he loves being included in all of the "big kid" activities.

No matter what you desire in a youth group, whether it be fun, fellowship, or just acceptance, Calvary EYC has it and so much more.



together a theatrical production that sparked conversation between all the campers. Four of the counselors played roles of people getting stuck on the dark side of the moon. Each person reacted a different way to the stressful situation. I found myself most connected to the girl who remained calm. The DOY weekend was definitely a place where I learned new things about myself.

Camp Bratton Green showed me a side of Mississippi I thought did not exist. The people I met at camp loved everybody for who they were, and that's something I cherish. Every day I learned new songs and the unique traditions of

camp. For example, each dance ends with the song "Purple Rain" by Prince. I look forward to future events and new people I will meet spending time at camp.



Fall Music Offerings



Friends of Music at Calvary presents
AN EVENING WITH LILY AFSHAR
Friday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m.

Lily Afshar has broken barriers throughout her career. The first woman in the world to earn a doctorate in guitar performance, Afshar has developed an international reputation as performer, pedagogue, and recording artist. Her collaborative work with composers and artists has resulted in notable world premieres and seven CDs. Born in Iran to a musical family, she has also arranged and published Persian and Azerbaijani folk music for guitar. This remarkable woman is Professor of Guitar at The University of Memphis. A festive reception follows this free concert.

EVENSONG

Sun., Sept. 8, 2019, 5:00 p.m.
also on Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Jan. 5, 2020, Feb. 2, March 1,
April 5, May 3
Join us for a traditional Anglican choral liturgy in Calvary's beautiful nave at twilight.



Friends of Music at Calvary presents
THE FISK JUBILEE SINGERS IN CONCERT
Friday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.

Fisk University opened in Nashville in 1866 as the first American university to offer a liberal arts education to "young men and women irrespective of color." Five years later the school was in dire financial straits. George L. White, Fisk treasurer and music professor then, created a nine-member choral ensemble of students and took them on tour to earn money for the University. Eventually, enough money was raised to build the University's first building. The ensemble continues to travel around the world, singing the Negro spiritual and representing Fisk University. Over the years, they have been invited to sing at the White House, won a Dove Award, and been inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame. Placeholding tickets for this free concert will be available on Eventbrite.com beginning Sept. 15.

Getting Involved

Calvary's mission is making God's love visible in downtown Memphis. As you learn about Calvary's parish life and ministries you will recognize a lively parish where wonderfully diverse people have found a spiritual home and created a loving community. The opportunities for ministry at Calvary not only allow people to build authentic relationships with one another but also provide a supportive atmosphere for strengthening our relationships with God as we strive to be God's hands and feet to each other and to the world around us. Pull this section out and keep it as a reference of the many ways you can serve at and through Calvary.

To get involved in any of Calvary's ministries, contact Christine Todd, ctodd@calvarymemphis.org or 901-312-5214.



COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Community Breakfast

Serve 175 homeless and poor neighbors who eat and pray with us here at Calvary each Sunday morning. We scramble eggs, make homemade biscuits, prepare bacon and cheese grits, serve our neighbors, wash dishes, make coffee, and more. We volunteer to ensure our neighbors feel welcome.

Community Breakfast Prep

Prepare for Sunday's Community Breakfast by cracking eggs, placing bacon in pans, etc. on Saturdays. In this ministry individuals as well as entire families participate to ensure breakfast will be ready every Sunday morning.

Calvary Clothes Closet

Provide our homeless neighbors with an opportunity to select much-needed clothes, blankets, and toiletries Sunday mornings from 7 to 8 a.m. You can also volunteer to size clothes, put them on hangers, open generous donations from parishioners, arrange items, and organize the Clothes Closet so our neighbors can easily find items they need.

Emmanuel Center

Tutor, collect school supplies, or mentor the children of Emmanuel Center. The Emmanuel Center seeks to break the cycle of poverty through education and strengthening young minds, bodies, and spirits within a context of Christian

witness. Each spring Calvary volunteers host a carnival for the children and families of the Emmanuel Center.

Friends of the Mental Health Court

Attend Mental Health Court, provide incentives to participants, and advocate for the program. Defendants suffering from mental illness are given a chance to have their charges dropped in exchange for completing a year-long mental health treatment plan determined by the Shelby County Mental Health Court.

Grizzlies Prep

Be a Lunch Buddy by eating a 30-minute lunch weekly with a student. This mentoring relationship has proven to be a valuable asset not only for the student but also for the volunteer. Grizzlies Prep is a Title I charter school providing education to young men in grades 5-8. In addition, they prepare all students to excel academically while also demonstrating integrity through everyday life.



The Hospitality HUB + Work Local

Provide and drop off lunch once a month for 10 unsheltered people who work or support development efforts with communication and promotional work. The Hospitality Hub connects individuals with the resources they need to begin their journey out of homelessness. Work Local provides job access and blight reduction. The Hub transports job-seeking panhandlers to clean up sites where they help reduce urban blight while providing workers with lunch, a day's wages, and additional services.

Lives Worth Saving

Welcome, serve, host, and eat lunch with attendees. This ministry works with our police department and our district attorney to respond to trafficking and prostitution in our city by offering women a safe path to a new life.

MICAH

Attend meetings and keep our parish informed and involved with MICAH. Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope (MICAH) provides community organizing with three initiatives: education, integration and intercultural equity, and economic equity. MICAH comprises over 50 churches and nonprofits.

MIFA (Memphis InterFaith Association)

Deliver nutritious meals through Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors. This ministry supports the independence of vulnerable seniors and families in crisis. Learn more at mifa.org.

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. Moms Demand Action campaigns for new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our families. Calvary volunteers attend meetings, help with publicity, keep Calvary informed, etc.

Pride Parade

Calvary believes that God loves everyone. No exceptions. With this in mind, we pass out free hugs at the Mid-South Pride Parade, especially for those who don't have relationships with their families. Calvary volunteers help with providing hugs and staffing the booth.

Refugees

Work with the Mariposa initiative, welcoming refugees at the bus terminal who are passing through Memphis or serving refugees who come to Memphis to meet with mobile consulates.

Room in the Inn

Prepare meals, host neighbors, and assist with logistics. This program is dedicated to serving people experiencing homelessness by providing emergency shelter and meals here at Calvary on Sunday nights during the coldest months of the year—November through March—sharing the love of God through hospitality. Sign up at calvarymemphis.org/riti.

Soup Sunday

Chop vegetables, fill containers, and sell delicious soup. This ministry sells nutritious soup made from scratch to parishioners once a month to help fund Calvary's hunger initiatives.



Special Friends

Help with bingo and disco nights, painting and crafts, and a Fall Fest. Special Friends is a diocesan group that works together to minister to adults with special needs in our city once quarterly sharing dinner, worship, and activities.

Thistle & Bee, Inc.

Purchase Thistle & Bee's famous granola and other products, including honey harvested from the T&B hives, at Cooper-Young Farmers Market, Curb Market, Highpoint Grocery, Babcock Gifts, The Dixon, novel, Cordelia's Market, and at various community events posted on the T&B Facebook page throughout the year. Other volunteer opportunities include gardening, beekeeping, event planning, marketing, fundraising, and more. All products are made by women employed by Thistle & Bee, who have survived sex trafficking and prostitution. Learn more at thistleandbee.org.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

Daughters of the King

The JOY Chapter of Daughters of the King is part of a worldwide prayer order for women that was established in 1885. Each day, members pray confidentially for those in need. The JOY Chapter meets monthly on the second Wednesday or the second Tuesday, alternately, at 5:30 p.m.

Pastoral Care Teams

The Pastoral Care Teams offer a ministry of prayer and care for Calvary parishioners and their families. Teams provide care on a rotating basis (every 5th week. Care may include sending cards, making phone calls, delivering flowers, providing a meal, making visits, or other kinds of support as appropriate. Care Team Members attend a one-hour meeting every 5th week and spend 1–3 hours on their assignments. Total hours per month: 2–4 (includes team meeting).

Eucharistic Visitors

Eucharistic visitors are trained and licensed to share the bread and wine of the Eucharist with those who cannot leave their homes or hospital rooms. EVs function as part of Calvary's Care Teams and provide this ministry of care and prayer on an as-needed basis.

All Saints Guild

This guild supports families following a death by helping to coordinate funeral services and receptions.

Wedding Guild

The Wedding Guild assists couples planning to marry by acting as the church's representative. They attend rehearsals and weddings to help as needed.

Acolytes

Acolyte means "one who serves." An acolyte assists in worship by carrying a processional cross, lighting candles, holding the Gospel book, carrying candles or "torches," assisting a deacon or priest set up and clean up at the altar, handing the offering plates to ushers, and many other tasks. Youth (grades 7–12) serve about once every three weeks. Adults serve every 5th Sunday. Participants arrive 20 minutes before the scheduled service. Training sessions are held before or after a service.

Altar Guild

The duty of the Altar Guild is to prepare all things necessary to conduct a worship service at Calvary with order and beauty. This quiet, behind-the-scenes work is a true gift to the entire congregation. The Altar Guild at Calvary is divided into teams that rotate each week with each team serving every 4th week. Preparation for a Sunday service takes about 30 minutes before the service and another 30 minutes to clean up after the service. There also are opportunities to serve for special services, including mid-week services, funerals, and weddings.

Music at Calvary

St. Cecilia Choir (Senior K – 2nd grade) · Boys and Girls Choir (3rd grade and up, unchanged voices) · Calvary Choir · Calvary Ringers · Friends of Music

See p. 6-7 for more information about Calvary's choirs.

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers (EMs) assist with the Eucharist on Sunday, at special Christmas and Holy Week services, and, occasionally, at weddings and funerals. It is a unique ministry, being involved

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with the congregation in a very personal way. New Eucharistic Ministers are required to attend a training that lasts approximately 90 minutes. Most EMs are scheduled for two Sunday services every six weeks.

Flower Guild

Flower Guild members arrange flowers each week on the altar and adorn the church for major feast days such as Christmas Day and Easter Day. Members are assigned every other month to arrange on either Friday or Saturday. New participants work with another team member until confident enough to work independently.



Lectors

Lectors help lead worship by reading the appointed lessons for the day or leading the congregation in the prayers of the people (Intercessor). This ministry offers an opportunity to better understand the liturgy and tradition of the Church and often leads to greater knowledge of the scriptures. Training is required, and lectors typically serve once every 10 weeks.

Ushers

Ushers are the first impression that parishioners and visitors have of Calvary. By their positive and uplifting greeting, they establish a joyous spiritual atmosphere for those entering the nave for worship. Specific duties include: collecting, counting, and recording the offering; counting attendance; cleaning-up pews after services; and ringing the tower bell. This ministry requires about 1-3/4 hours for the 10 a.m. worship service once every six weeks and one hour for the 8 a.m. worship service once every five weeks.

OFFICE MINISTRIES

Front Desk

Calvary relies on parishioner volunteers to greet our guests and answer incoming calls every Monday and Friday and various other days throughout the year. Volunteer during church office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and choose to work half-day or full-day shifts.

Communications Office

Communications at Calvary has many facets and is always looking for new volunteers! Whether you are a writer, photographer, or have marketing or design skills to offer, Robyn Banks would love your help! Time commitments vary from 30 minutes to 2 hours per week.

Finance Office

There are many volunteer opportunities in Calvary's finance office. From taking money at events to verifying deposit amounts, there is something for whatever time you have available to give. Time commitments vary from 30 minutes to 2 hours.

Kitchen

Calvary's kitchen ministries are an important piece of our life together. Parish Chef Mary O'Brien would love help on Tuesdays or Wednesdays to set tables and put flowers in vases. She also needs help serving on Wednesday evenings, and volunteers to help cashier and serve Sunday mornings for Parish Breakfasts from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.



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I felt like I was in a Flannery O'Connor story that night. She had a brilliant way of throwing irritated and irritating people together in doctors' offices or city buses or, if need be, she'd have some shyster wander in from elsewhere and bring to the surface the remarkable mess we humans can be. The stories can be emotionally brutal and even violent, but, as a devout Christian, Ms. O'Connor insisted to the end that they were about the presence or possibility of grace, even if her method was to show us how skillful we can be at ignoring or resisting it when God offers.

I wonder how much grace drifted past me unnoticed as I made my way eventually to Santa Fe.

The Bible—even and especially the teachings of Jesus—is not filled only with predictably sweet stories of people getting Christianly along. It's full of petty rivalries and horrifying violence, broken families, tribal conflict, failed covenants, unfaithful lovers. But maybe the harshness and the sin, like that in a Flannery O'Connor story or contemporary air travel, can form a familiar, if slightly amplified, backdrop for the reconciling action of grace.

Because within this world lives a deep and unmet desire to be reconciled. Broken as it is. And the people God wants to do the reconciling are none other than us. Broken as we are.

I suppose most days that reconciliation will be as ignorable as one traveler back at gate A33. Amid the unfolding chaos, he calmly folded his book, walked over to the customer service desk and said, "Thanks for how hard you're working on getting us all where we need to go."

I wish I'd been a more reconciling force that night. But here I am, telling you about a stranger's kindness for somebody else. Realizing the brief flicker of his grace that night is somehow still helping me to get where I need to go.

Heifer Global Challenge

By Chloe Madden

This summer, I did the global challenge at Heifer International with Calvary's Episcopal Youth Community (EYC). The Global Challenge is when you stay in the global village and face everyday problems that people who live in poverty face. The global village represents the types of houses that people live in from all around the world. Some homes have control over resources that you need to have to be successful in the challenge.

For our challenge, we stayed in the village for 24 hours, cooked our own food, and learned what it is like to live in poverty. First, the people at Heifer split us up and told us what house we got, I got Guatemala. Then, they gave us food to use for the dinner we had to make. When we arrived at our homes, it was starting to rain. That was not good because we had to make a fire outside to cook our food. However, the other half of the group was in Zambia, and they had a covering over their fireplace and offered to combine what we had and help us make dinner at their fire. After we had dinner we went back to the house to sleep, but the water was

rising, and we had to relocate to the barn.

This experience has taught me to be grateful for what I have. I do not have to go through the struggles that some people face every day. During the challenge I enjoyed getting to know better the people in our EYC. I also appreciated the opportunity to learn about what it is like to live in poverty. I had a great experience at Heifer International and would recommend it to others.



Walking the Camino

In June, two groups of Calvary pilgrims walked parts of the Camino de Santiago, meeting at The Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrims share stories of their pilgrimages.



By Hal Crenshaw

Wildebeest. I am a wildebeest. My feet are moving, walking side-by-side with my wife, Lucia, and we are leaving Sarria, Spain. The Rev. Scott Walters has just led 21 of us in morning prayer read from St. Augustine's Prayer Book. In front of the Hotel Roma, we repeated the Lord's Prayer and squeezed hands. That is what all good Episcopalians do at the end of a prayer. And then we embraced and wished each other "Buen Camino!" — "Good Journey!" — and now we are walking. We have begun our pilgrimage. We are pilgrims.

And I am a wildebeest. Lucia and I miss the first turn leaving town. Two men are planting a vegetable garden. They shout, kindly directing us to turn left and onto the trail, away from the railroad track we are entering. They cry, "Buen Camino!" Then three different bicycle riders ring their bells, almost running us down. They are going to work in town, and we are pilgrims on the wrong side of the road.

Visions of the Serengeti flood my mind. From the air, in a vintage World War Two prop plane, I watched the circuitous, almost laughable, meanderings of the vast ungulate herds. They stumbled forward in their awkward bodies with an unknowable sense of purpose, moving to a distant end.

We are now out of sight of Sarria. I never intended to walk.

My health journey has been as unpredictable and epic as Homer's chronicling of the trials of Odysseus, and the human genome that has explained my inherited pain illness is still cutting its milk teeth. That bluntly said, I am on this trail as ballast. I went to please my wife, knowing that Ubers and taxis would be my travel companions. And then something happened.

It is twofold: there are the untold, myriad feet on this ancient path that have walked and continue to walk in testament to something higher to honor, celebrate, and aspire to; and there is the newfound certainty of more movement inside of me than I thought possible.

Pilgrimage and migration. Somehow these two words have gotten mixed up in my head. We are on the Camino de Santiago, the pilgrimage of St. James. Followed by Christians since the Middle Ages, it is the largest migration of Christians in the world, with over four hundred thousand people thought to have walked it last year. Dwarfed by the Muslim hajj to Mecca (20 million people) or the Hindu Kumbh Mela in India (40 million people), it is an appeal to the body to walk long and glorious paths, and in walking, to lift the spirit and ground the soul.

What amazed me in that airplane looking down on the Great Migration is what amazes me now: why do wildebeests and all those zebras move? Why do ducks, geese, plovers, rails, and songbirds follow the Mississippi flyway south in the winter and north in the spring, carpeting the sky with their jeweled formations? Simply put, why does life move? Why are we pilgrims moving?

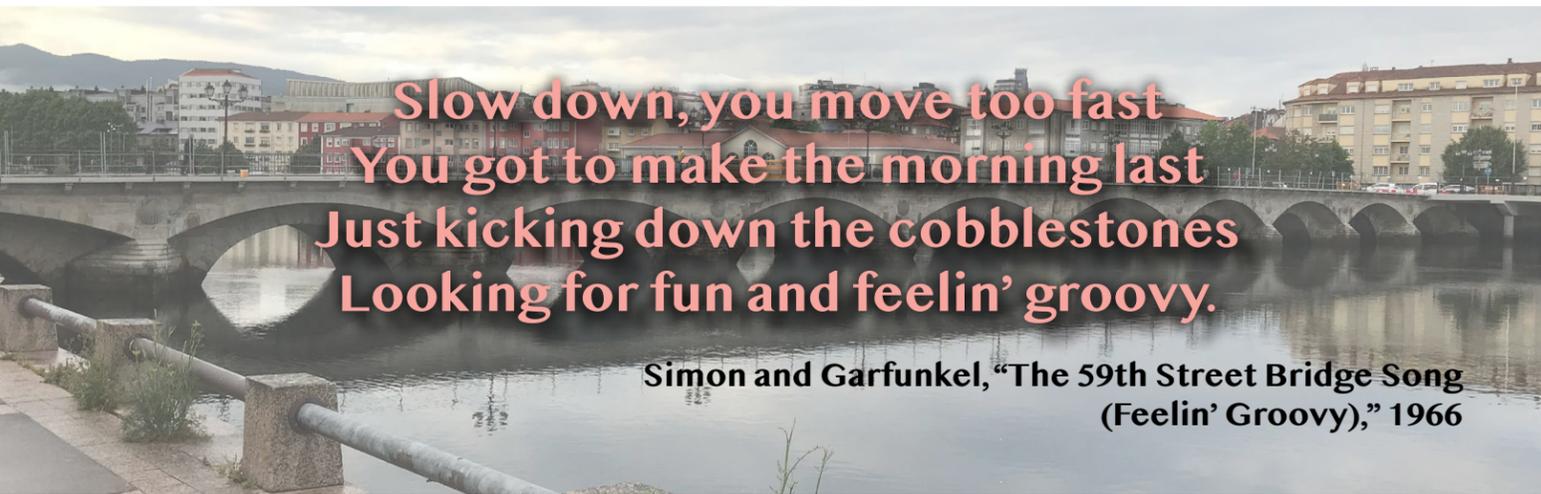


The answer is simple. Life moves to be fed. We move to be fed.

At our group's triumphal entry into Santiago de Compostela five days and 82 miles after we started our journey, after having walked up and down hills and small mountains, often over 17 miles a day, we celebrated our radiant spirits and exhausted bodies with a great feast of Galician delicacies — ham, octopus, olives. We were pilgrims in community and in communion. And, in the Great Hall at Calvary Episcopal Church, we now know and are known to each other.

"In God's presence, think through the day ahead: the work you will do, the people you will encounter, the dangers and uncertainties you face, the possibilities for joy and acts of kindness, any particular resolutions you need to renew, consider what might draw you from the love of God and neighbor, the opportunities you will have to know and serve God and to grow in virtue, remember those closest to you and all for whom you have agreed to pray, ask God's blessings, guidance, and strength in all that lies before you." ~ St. Augustine's Prayer Book





Slow down, you move too fast
You got to make the morning last
Just kicking down the cobblestones
Looking for fun and feelin' groovy.

Simon and Garfunkel, "The 59th Street Bridge Song (Feelin' Groovy)," 1966

By Christine Broughton

This song became the theme song for my pilgrimage on the Camino Portugués.

When I first signed up to walk the Camino de Santiago last July, I did it on impulse. I read in The Chronicle about the trips Calvary was organizing and immediately emailed Amber to ask what I needed to do to secure my spot. It wasn't until the next day that I even thought to ask my husband if he wanted to join the trip... he did, by the way. I just knew, deep in my soul that I "needed" to make my way to the Camino, whether or not anyone else I knew would join me. I can't tell you what drew me to the Camino, other than the sense that a long walk with God was just what I needed. I was drained and exhausted and somehow believed that walking 12 to 19 miles a day would be restorative.

Then, as if to thwart the process of restoration from the beginning, in my typical fashion, I made a plan and set all sorts of expectations for my Camino experience. Almost none of those expectations came true, but so many more important and lovely ones did come to be. I planned to train for and walk/run two half marathons, two 10k races, and numerous 5k races to

build my strength and stamina before leaving for the Camino. I wound up only walking the St. Jude half-marathon, walking 3-8 miles a few times a week as able, and helping to downsize and move aging parents and in-laws as my strength training instead.

I planned to purchase and read some deep, intellectual, and challenging books to spark my spiritual enlightenment before and during the Camino. Instead, I faced an illness with debilitating headaches that prevented me from reading anything at all in the months before my pilgrimage. I was grateful when Amber gave us each a copy of Saint Augustine's Prayer Book and promised that we'd meet together each morning and evening to read from it together. Without it, and those times together, I wouldn't have had a single book or structured "spiritual experience" on my trip.

But what I did not and could not have ever planned for was so much greater than all of my failed expectations. (Isn't that the way it usually turns out, and honestly, why don't I know better by now?)

The simplicity and peace of

walking and breathing was something I underestimated. I had looked at the mileage as a physical feat that I had to train for and build strength to overcome. Instead, the Camino taught me what I believe God has been whispering to me for quite a while: "Slow down, you move too fast." The walking was simply how I got to make the morning last.

The simplicity and joy of walking with friends—many from Calvary that I didn't know well, many more from all over the world that I met on the Camino, and even walking with my own husband—was something I undervalued. I had looked at the pilgrimage as a time of solitude with God. Instead, the Camino and my fellow pilgrims taught me what I believe God has been teaching me all my life: it is in friendships and connections to God's people that I best find and experience any sort of "spiritual enlightenment." It was with them that I got to kick down the cobblestones of Spain and feel groovy.

I can think of little more spiritual, enlightening, or joyful than that.

I can't wait to go back. The next time I'll plan better.



Calvary Windows

By Vincent Astor

One of my ministries as a parishioner is to remember what we have accomplished and from where sprang our present community ministries and outreach. When I first volunteered to be a Calvary Docent (I have much experience in this) I set out to learn as much about the history of the church as I could. It hasn't been easy (did you know the original Great Book is an enormous scrapbook?), and it will take a long time.

One of the first visible results

of this research is the changing display in the library showcase (the chair you can see there now is probably from the 1880s). As much as docents talk about the stained glass windows in the nave, there are many that go unnoticed by the average parishioner (who knows where the other round window is?). Therefore, the first of the new rotating displays in the library window is the many memorial windows in various places outside the nave and chancel. A number of them are the product



of a local artist and educator, Dorothy Sturm. They are contemporary in design and well worth appreciating.

I encourage you to stop and take a look at the library window display, but also to pay attention to all of the windows at Calvary. If you have questions about any of them, feel free to ask. It may take spending some time in Calvary's archives, but we will find the answer.



Top left: The Trinity Windows (Montgomery Foyer, attributed to Dorothy Sturm)

Bottom left: Loaves and Fishes (Gospel Rooms, attributed to Dorothy Sturm)

Above: Sacristy Window (in memory of Peggy Rowe, created by Mark Henderson)



In September MIFA will debut a new annual event series titled Our City, Our Story. Designed to foster community conversation and inspire action around the issues our programs address, this year's Our City, Our Story explores the realities of homelessness through a series of three events—a community book read, a free public forum, and a benefit luncheon—centered on the book The Hundred Story Home and its award-winning author Kathy Izard of Charlotte, NC.

COMMUNITY-WIDE READ

In a shared reading experience, Memphis opens the same book and closes it in greater harmony using Kathy Izard's inspirational book The Hundred Story Home—a memoir about finding faith in ourselves and something bigger. MIFA invites book clubs, civic groups, congregations, and individuals to read The Hundred Story Home and convene a discussion on Kathy's uplifting story of a call to social action and her personal struggle with faith, forgiveness, and fulfillment.

A toolkit for community read participants is available at community.mifa.org.

HOMELESSNESS HERE AND NOW

Tuesday, Sept. 10 | 6 p.m. | Free | Ticket Required | Second Baptist Church – 4680 Walnut Grove Rd.

A public forum featuring advocate for the homeless Kathy Izard and a panel of local experts on Memphis-area homelessness, including Chere Bradshaw, executive director of Memphis and Shelby County Community Alliance for the Homeless; the Rev. Lisa Anderson, director of Room in the Inn-Memphis; and Paul A. Young, director of the City of Memphis Division of Housing and Community Development.

Reserve free tickets: community.mifa.org/our-city-our-story

DO GOOD, LOVE WELL LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Sept. 11 | Noon | TICKETS \$50 | Holiday Inn University of Memphis – 3700 Central Ave.

Award-winning author Kathy Izard shares her journey of personal and community transformation that began with a question, "Where are the beds?" and ended with over 100 formerly homeless people living in homes of their own. This luncheon benefits MIFA.

Purchase tickets: mifa.org/dogoodlovewell

Theresa S. Hardison Award

by Laurie Monypeny, President, Guild of the Holy Spirit

In 2013, the Guild of the Holy Spirit established the Theresa S. Hardison Award to be given to a deserving graduating high school senior at Calvary Episcopal Church. This award of \$500 is to be given annually to one of our wonderful seniors in recognition of their hard work, dedication and commitment to Calvary as well as the Diocesan Episcopal community.

This year's recipient of the Theresa S. Hardison

Award is Madeline Smith, whose participation in all levels of church activity has been truly impressive. The Guild of the Holy Spirit is so proud of Maddie and wish her the best in her college career.



Vestry Update

by Peg Wahl, Senior Warden



This summer, your vestry has been seeking to improve its effectiveness and to build relationships across the church in new ways.

Here are some of the things that we have been working on: To enhance the vestry members' participation in the monthly meetings, we are changing the format of our meetings to more actively engage the members. We will spend less time in our meetings on reports and spend more time in discussion.

This shift allows the vestry members to address in small groups a problem or issue determined beforehand by the wardens. Each vestry member will have an opportunity to discuss the topic and come up with suggested solutions that are shared with the entire group at the end of the meeting.

We first tried this new format in the July meeting, when we addressed how we can improve relations with the various ministry groups through a ministry review process. We started by posing the following questions to the small groups:

1. What is a ministry review?
2. How often should the ministry review be performed?
3. How do we ensure the completion of the review?
4. What information do we want to gather?

The answers to the questions will be reviewed in the August meeting, and there will be more to come on this initiative.

In building a better relationship with one of our ministries, the vestry has been working to assist the board of Calvary Place as it initiates an intentional visioning and strategic planning process. With more than 25 years of successful operations as a 3-star childcare facility, Calvary Place is taking a step back to re-assess its future in terms of new or re-imagined opportunities, partnership possibilities, and facility needs.

We are committed to helping the Calvary Place board in its planning and implementation process, offering advice and assistance with a director search and guidance in determining a

long-term strategy, particularly as it aligns with our Master Plan and capital campaign. Numerous conversations with Calvary Place's board have focused on the needs of Calvary Place children and parents, and the best strategies for meeting those needs going forward. Planning always involves some aspect of uncertainty. As Calvary Place hires a new director and establishes a process for moving into the future, we will continue to be a companion and mentor along the way.

Finally, as Junior Warden Kim Kitterman reported in the last issue, the staff and vestry members have been paired up as Vestry Buddies to strengthen the relationships between the staff and the vestry. The Buddies meet periodically with no agenda or goals, nothing other to enjoy another person's company. It's an opportunity to connect and make new friendships.

As always, I encourage you to bring forth any question, thought, or suggestion that you have to me or any member of the vestry. Happy summer!

Save the Date

Charcuterie & Pasta: Kickoff to Wednesday Evenings at Calvary | Wednesday | Aug. 28

Join us from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the Great Hall for our Wednesday Evenings at Calvary kick-off with a fabulous charcuterie board full of meats, cheeses, nuts and pickles along with seasonal pasta dishes and hearty breads paired with local draft beers. The kids will have their own charcuterie table designed just for them. Italian Ices for dessert. Suggested donations: Adults—\$8; Children—\$4; Family—\$25.

Thistle & Bee Luncheon | Friday | Sept. 6

You are invited to Thistle & Bee's luncheon with special guest, Becca Stevens, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Temple Israel's Scheidt Family Center, 1376 East Massey Rd. Individual tickets are \$40. RSVP by Aug. 23 to Sheril Greenstein 901.335.3959 or sheril.greenstein@gmail.com. Thistle & Bee's mission is to help women who have survived prostitution and trafficking thrive.

Special Friends | Sunday | Sept. 22

Calvary will co-host a Special Friends Fellowship Club event at All Saints Episcopal Church. We need volunteers to help serve the meal and clean up, as well as assist with the evening's activities. Children, youth, and adults are encouraged to volunteer at this event. Contact Hilary Chipley, 901-491-9430 or hchipley@calvarymemphis.org.

St. Clare Silent Retreat | Friday-Sunday | Oct. 17-20

This retreat weekend for women is held at St. Columba Camp and Retreat Center in Memphis. The schedule is carefully planned; meals are delicious, and above all, God's holy healing presence seems most especially present to everyone. Give yourself this priceless gift and join us in the fall. Registration is now open: saintcolumbamemphis.org/stclare

Trunk-or-Treat | Wednesday | Oct. 30 |

Hotdogs, chips, and drinks will be served in the Mural Room starting at 5 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat will start at 6 p.m. in the parking lot and then all are invited to move to the Great Hall for the Monster Mash at 7 p.m. Admission to the Monster Mash is one can of food to benefit MIFA. If you would like to sponsor a trunk, contact Hilary Chipley at 525-6602 or hchipley@calvarymemphis.org. Best Trunk in the Lot Award will be awarded to the best-decorated car!

St. Jude Memphis Marathon: Calvary Team | Saturday | Dec. 7

Are you participating in the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital marathon, half-marathon, 10K or 5K? Or have you always wanted to, but want someone to walk with you? Sign up to be part of Calvary's team! We'll have a scheduled group walk most weeks to prepare and we'll design some fun shirts for race day. Your friends are welcome to sign up on Calvary's team as well. Questions? Contact Ebet Peeples, epeeples@calvarymemphis.org.

Wedding Bells

Thomas Cesario & Brandon Leslie, June 8

Great Expectations

Sarah & Erik Ball

Amanda & Colin Browning

New Life

Cecile Margaret Wilmot-Pacello, daughter of Olivia Wilmot & Tommy Pacello, July 27

Saints Departed

Jim Angevine, friend of Kate Schurch
 Clyde Dean Arnett, friend of Michelle Wren
 Mary Lou Brueggemann, mother of Eric Brueggemann
 The Rev. Chuck Culpepper, friend of Gabbie Munn
 Perry Fath, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
 Ramsey Fowler, friend of Madge Clark
 Janice Galassi, friend of Michelle Pellay-Walker
 Carson Hall
 Lawrence Keese, friend of Will Hayley
 Catherine McKnight, friend of Nina Grice
 Russell "Rusty" McSpadden, III, friend of Ebet Peeples

Ann Marie Morgret
 Karen Morris, friend of John Palmer
 Michael Anthony Nelson
 Mun Wai Ng, father of Cathy Ng
 Richard Plato, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
 Page Jehl Robinson, sister of Louis Jehl, and cousin of Betsy Kelly
 Gerald Smith
 John David Spangler
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 Stonewall Shepherd Tate, friend of Bill Haltom
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