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Front cover: Graduating seniors (l-r) Dahlia Townley Bakewell, Bruce Marshall, Jack Jordan, and Sam Shiberou delivered amazing sermons on Senior Sunday, May 14.

THE BETWEEN PLACES

by the Rev. Scott Walters, Rector



At the corner of our front yard, where the sidewalk turns from Dickinson onto Overton Park, we put in a little butterfly garden several years ago. Last winter's temperature plunges and hard freezes were not kind to it. But we replanted this spring, and the garden is coming to life again. To give the new plants a better chance, we needed to keep the dogs of passersby from marking the territory as their own, so I thinned a few branches from our crepe myrtles and wired them into a low fence. It seems to be doing the job. But as Ardelle and I sat on the porch swing one evening, we realized the top rail was waist-high to a toddler as we watched one take hold of it as he walked by. The little boy was bursting with delight that something in a world made mostly for grownups seemed to have been built with a person just his size in mind.



With apologies to Robert Frost, maybe good fences really can make good neighbors.

When Director of Communications Robyn Banks sent me a draft of this beautiful summer edition of the *Chronicle*, it had grown to 28 pages of content! That's a whole lot of life for one not-so-little parish magazine. By necessity, the articles are fenced in according to familiar categories. You'll read stories about worship and outreach, and racial reconciliation classes. There are pieces about youth gatherings and visiting choirs, waffles and preaching, Narnia and Pride, and the Mysterious Case of the Stolen Pipes. Each article says something distinct about an aspect of Calvary's life. My hope, however, is that you're attracted even more to the borders between these stories. Because they take on so much more fullness in their relationship with each other, they're members of a single neighborhood. One we call Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis.

As we move into the construction project we've been planning for years, it occurs to me that the borders between aspects of our life together have been of central importance all along. Architectural plans have continued to develop and evolve in response to parish life and input, market forces, and ongoing discernment as a community about what kind of buildings and what kind of block will express who we are and also shape us into the people we believe God calls us to be in relation to one another, and in relation to our neighbors and our neighborhood.



*Scott & Ardelle Walters's butterfly garden.
(photo by Scott Walters)*

This has meant attending especially to borders and between places, hallways and common spaces, openings and connections, always providing accessibility for all as a guiding value.

Edges and liminal spaces have always been holy to Christians and Jews. Remember how the story of a Moabite named Ruth opened into more hope and possibility than anyone could have imagined because a Jew named Boaz did not reap to the corners of his field, just as the Torah required? Edges are places of sacred encounter, where strangers become friends and where distances are closed and the estranged are reconciled by the God who tells us to go and do likewise in our lives.

So, I hope you'll read the beautiful stories within as a whole, whether you take them in in a single sitting or not. Notice the porous, living borders between them. Run your hand along the rails, if you will, because these stories are very much connected, just as we are. There are no holier places than where the wildly different members of Christ's body come into contact with each other and become one by the reconciling grace of God.

CALVARY CLASSIC

Lenten Preaching and Waffles

by Heidi Rupke, Lente Preaching Series Coordinator

In 2023, the Lenten Preaching Series turned 100, and the Waffle Shop 95.

CALVARY CLASSICS

Generationally speaking, I am a Xennial, sandwiched between Gen X and millennials. I remember well life before the internet but nothing about Watergate. So the LPS and Waffle Shop traditions that predate me (almost all of them) can sometimes seem quaint: mayonnaise swirls, singing from hymnals, an elevated pulpit, a rulebook for parsley application. And paper menus filled out with golf pencils? Adorable. But those things are still here and in practice because, somehow, they still work. There is magic in doing things that are not oriented

toward maximum efficiency. There is deep good in doing things that require volunteers, sitting with strangers, and showing up.

And, oh, how Memphis showed up this year! Over the course of five and a half weeks, 4009 people came to Calvary's building to hear Lenten Preachers. More than 5000 came to the Waffle Shop. More than 1000 volunteer slots were filled. Two preachers marked another consecutive appearance in streaks that go back decades. Several others returned after a few years away, but they remembered Calvary, their memories marked by Boston Cream pie, warm greetings, and unique speaker gifts.

FRESH FIRE

Any event built on over nine decades of legacy is susceptible to a certain fustiness. Calcified traditions make sense only to people on the inside; when those people are gone, so are the traditions.

I'm happy to report that LPS and Waffle Shop continue to seek and discover fresh fire. From young preachers—I nicknamed the final week of LPS "Millennials Week"—to new digital platforms to novel seating arrangements and peanut butter pie (gasp!), we explored the edges of our comfort and expanded our horizons a little. The Wednesday night programming was top-notch, and not just because the clergy let me host one of the conversations. We found new



S AND FRESH FIRE: Still Bring Memphis Together



photo by Cindy McMillion

magic when we brought two preachers from the week and offered thoughtful questions that set their imaginations and wise wonderings alight. What do you get when you ask a seasoned Muslim scholar, a young Black preacher, and a respected Jewish rabbi about the central words of their respective faiths? Surprised, that's what.

We also tried a half-day retreat this year with LPS preacher Pádraig Ó Tuama at St. Columba Episcopal Retreat Center. Under Pádraig's teaching, 80 people learned to write prayers through an ancient form called a "collect." I can't speak for everyone, but at least several of us ended the day in tears at the unexpected places the heart brings us when we are quiet and attentive.

left: LPS Preacher Ms. Dalia Mogahed, director of research at the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding in Washington, DC, was the first Muslim woman to speak in Calvary's pulpit.

Fresh fire came through that mysterious internet as well. Offering LPS sermons on Facebook Live, YouTube, and our podcast channel resulted in an estimated 7238 real-time remote audience members, 3102 (and growing) anytime viewers, and more than 2000 podcast downloads. While I still firmly hold that attending in person is preferable to listening remotely, the audience for these Lenten sermons and conversations grew beyond the boundaries of Memphis into spaces we can only guess at. And that is exciting.

SETTING THE COURSE FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

Many thanks go to Parish Chef Mary O'Brien and her magnificent kitchen team, to the tirelessly friendly ushers and greeters, to Debbie Balling and Connie Marshall and the fleet of indomitable Waffle Shop servers, to Noah, Sam, Breezy, and Alejandro (the clever sound and video technicians), to Ray Hatton and his team of transportation excellence, and Tommie Doggett, who ran the shuttle bus so fast that one security guard was convinced that we had hired two buses that day.

We couldn't have done this without Director of Communications Robyn Banks and Kelsey Beagle pulling dozens of communications threads together or without our clergy, Scott Walters, Katherine Bush, and Paul McLain, as the consummate hosts for our speakers. Director of Children and Family Ministries Jocelyn Busby and Director of Youth

Ministries Jeremy Demarest helped children and youth create art for the occasion. Bookkeeper Katie Owen and Director of Finance and Administration Steve Smith kept all the finances in order. Madge & Whit Deacon sold goods for Thistle & Bee and counted the day's tip money. David Balling and his team cooked delectable soups for Wednesday evenings. Volunteer cashiers rallied with a smile, even when the internet crashed because of a waffle iron. (True story!) Information Officer Mary Honey directed traffic with kind persistence. Facilities Manager Richard Hendricks and Sexton Monica Marshall kept the building clean and orderly while responding to daily emergencies. Organist-Choirmaster Kristin Lensch and former Assistant Organist Brian Campbell played music and brought us to tears (again!) with a series of young guest musicians on Thursdays.

Even if you didn't attend a single lunch or a sermon, if you're part of Calvary, you also put on the Waffle Shop and LPS 100. It was YOUR church that hosted a mayor, a couple of judges, bestselling authors, some formerly incarcerated people, a group of teenagers, a retirement village's monthly outing, the ladies' lunch, and the Muslim woman from France who had heard about the Waffle Shop from a friend and wanted to try a Calvary waffle the day before the start of Ramadan. I hope that some people found God in their chicken salad, the kindness of a volunteer, the words of a preacher, or in the silence. I suspect they did.

QUESTIONING, LIFE- LONG LEARNERS

The EfM curriculum is thorough, broad, and thoughtfully curated—the perfect program for a questioning, life-long learner.

by Sharon Spence Bailey

For a long time, I assumed that EfM (Education for Ministry) was not for me. Sure, I enjoyed reading, studying, attending Sunday morning and Wednesday night classes, and listening to Lenten preaching. I'd done a good bit of cherry-picking from the excellent offerings at Calvary over the years. But I'd never felt called to "the ministry" and wasn't particularly interested in taking a deep dive into Christian theology. Four years of Wednesday night class and an assigned curriculum? No, thanks. That seemed like a lot (it is a lot of reading and studying, but no tests, no papers, no grades, and you only commit to one year at a time).

I have always found joy in belonging to an Episcopal community. It started with singing "Jesus loves the little children" in the church nursery and blossomed into full color at Camp McDowell, aka "God's backyard," in Alabama. I knew Calvary was my community the instant I walked through the back door in 1995.

But intellectually, I'm a life-long doubter and questioner. One of my favorite sentences as a toddler was, "How do *you* know?" I never believed anyone who claimed to have God figured out. I resisted

literal interpretations and struggled with the sure language of the creeds. Our creator is boundless and mysterious; how could we possibly encapsulate God in our limited human terms? Naturally, I worried about EfM content. Would it be too doctrinaire? Would I feel pressure to accept or reject particular beliefs fully? What if I discovered I didn't belong to this community of believers?

Eventually, I reconsidered and changed my mind. I had several friends who wholeheartedly endorsed EfM. With our children grown, I had more time to read and study and a growing inclination to ponder spiritual questions and learn more about our history and traditions. Meeting weekly with a group of seekers to discuss the readings—in community—seemed like a beautiful way to do that, and it is.

EfM meets in a twelve-person group led by a trained lay mentor using a seminar format. I needn't have worried about a specific dogmatic agenda. EfM encourages questioning, reasoning, critical thinking, curiosity, deep reflection, and spiritual discernment. We explore a wide variety of perspectives and scholarship, both ancient and modern, taking into consideration history, literary context, culture, archeology, metaphor, and multicultural standpoints. The EfM curriculum is thorough, broad, and thoughtfully curated—the perfect program for a questioning, life-long learner.

I was delighted to discover how much the EfM materials support wrestling with big questions and searching for new insights. We tackle unfamiliar terminology and uncomfortable stories. We consider diverse viewpoints. We share our own stories and explore the myriad ways people yearning to connect with God through the ages have felt seen, protected, loved, cherished, encouraged, judged, and even punished by God. We consider the ambiguities inherent in translated language and how the meanings of words evolve and alter our understanding. For example, the word "belief" has not always meant a person's opinion about whether some purported fact is true. Its older meaning is "trust." Replace the word "trust" in

the Nicene Creed with “belief” and see the change.

If you desire a neat theology wrapped up in a tidy package, you won’t find it in EfM. The curriculum does not dictate definitive answers. There is no last word. On the contrary, it delves into the rich complexities of our Christian story. It acknowledges our humble position in this world. As I long suspected, there’s much we humans don’t—

and can’t—know, and that’s okay.

I’ve learned a great deal over the past four years. I’m also right back where I started. EfM did not change my perception of God so much as it validated and enriched and deepened what I’d always known in my heart: God is mysterious and works in us and through us by way of community, and our experience of God, not “right belief,” is the important thing.



2023 Calvary EfM Graduates (from left): Fred Piper, Reece Dike, Juana McCoy, Sharon Bailey, and Mike Coop (not pictured: Karla Philipp)

Education for Ministry, aka EfM, helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together. Calvary offers two EfM groups, both led by Richard Hendricks, Wednesday mornings at 10:00a and Wednesday evenings at 6:30p. This is a commitment-class, and participants are encouraged to commit to the program from August through May. Current and past members will be delighted to talk with you about the deeply meaningful conversations and learnings they gleaned from EfM.

MAKING LIFE A LITTLE EASIER

Betty Turner, Marti Holiday, Marci Sweeney, Jan Elam, Claudia Sighting sorting clothes in the Clothes Closet on a Tuesday afternoon.

by Jan Elam

When I retired in November 2020, I vowed to take one year without commitments. I spent 40 years living from deadline to deadline and was looking forward to having no structure. Also, since I retired during the pandemic, many activities I might have chosen were unavailable.

Fast forward to the summer of 2021. Basement Church was coming back inside after Covid and beginning to fully serve our unhoused (or minimally housed) neighbors again. A group of volunteers had begun organizing clothing donations that had accumulated over the past year. Two friends from my neighborhood, along with several other long-time Basement Church volunteers and some new faces, had taken on the task of getting the clothes closet in order. I signed on to help get the indoor clothing ministry back up and running and planned this as a short-term activity, expecting little from the experience. I merely thought my overdeveloped sense of order could be helpful. I also preferred a volunteer activity that was busy, quiet, and did not involve problem-solving or telephones. I previously had too many years of constant plate spinning.

As time went on, I found I enjoyed spending time with old



friends and making new ones. Some volunteers are members of Calvary, and some are not. Some were new to Memphis, some lifelong Memphians, some Sunday morning volunteers, some not. We have a group with an amazing variety of experience and talent in social work, business, and life experience. We began to share travel plans and family health concerns. We looked forward to the latest from children or grandchildren. We had become a team.

I believe I joined the clothes closet effort as a "Martha" who showed her faith by cooking for Jesus. However, I found I was having a "Mary" spiritual experience. But where was this spiritual experience coming from? After all, I felt I

was doing very little to solve significant social problems or even slightly lessen the issue of homelessness. Then, I watched a feature story on national news about a retired doctor who visits homeless camps in his city. The interviewer asked why a successful doctor wanted to spend his retirement this way. His answer made my clothes closet experience make sense. The doctor said, "I can't cure homelessness or persons with lifelong struggles, but I can make their life a little easier."

Maybe this is enough. Dry socks and clean underwear. A coat in winter and a hat in summer. An appreciation of the size of the struggle: a little dignity. This is the part of the story that Mary got.



by Elizabeth Crosby

This year 19 parishioners formed the first Calvary Sacred Ground discussion groups, a program designed to facilitate a deep dive into the history of race and racism in the United States. Part of Becoming Beloved Community, proclaimed in 2017 by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, Sacred Ground is part of the work designed by the Episcopal Church to move us all toward racial justice and reconciliation.

The two groups, one meeting on Sunday afternoons and the other on Wednesday evenings, were facilitated by vestry members who felt called to do so by the moral imperative for this form of personal growth. Broadly speaking, participants consider and reconsider the experiences of Black, Latino, Asian/Pacific, and Indigenous Americans. Groups quickly and then deeply bonded, trusting one another with feelings that inevitably arose in such conversations, much of which was encouraged to be reflections on one's personal story within the broader American story about race and racism.

The breadth and depth of the curriculum must be experienced to be fully appreciated. During the 11-session course, carefully developed in the progression and layering of topics, the

groups discussed books such as *Jesus and the Disinherited* by theologian Howard Thurman; articles from multiple sources, such as James Baldwin's "The White Man's Guilt;" excerpts from books such as *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo; and films such as Henry Louis Gates' series *The African Americans: The Black Atlantic*.

Proclaiming their last Sacred Ground session to be the first meeting of their next phase as a social justice group at Calvary, participants have begun that work and invite you to join them, perhaps starting with your own Sacred Ground journey.

Look for information regarding the formation of new Sacred Ground groups in the fall.



NARNIA

at Calvary



It was a hopeful and magical thing that touched us as little girls.



by Bill Bangham

Brush aside clothing hanging in a hallway at Calvary and enter a magical world. Snow is falling. A lone lamppost shines in a forest. Over there is Mr. Tumnus's house. Across the way is a beaver lodge. In the distance, mountains—among them looms a sinister-looking castle—and scattered about are stone figures of people frozen in the midst of life.

Welcome to Narnia.

During Lent, children and family ministries at Calvary treated children to a dramatic reading of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, C. S. Lewis' allegory of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection that has delighted children and adults for generations.

Read each Sunday during the 46 days of Lent, middle and high school students in



costume slipped in and out of each session, bringing characters from the book to life — Peter, Susan, Edmund, Lucy, Tumnus the faun, Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, the White Witch, the dwarf, Maugrim the wolf, Father Christmas, and of course Aslan the lion — while interacting in character with the children. Mr. Tumnus served tea, the White Witch offered Turkish delight, and goldfish came from Mr. and Mrs. Beaver’s pond.

But at its heart was the reading.

“I was amazed how well the children listened to someone read to them,” said Emily Smith, who, with her sister, Jennifer Shiberou, created, organized, and executed the experience.

Emily remembers them pushing through clothing hung in the old, wooden backstairs at Calvary and entering their own Narnia. It was the mid-to-late 1980s. She was in the fourth or fifth grade, and Jennifer was in the first. Their mother, Roxie Krausser — then director of children’s ministry — created a Narnia experience for Calvary’s children.

“It was a hopeful and magical thing that touched us as little girls,” said Jennifer. “It left me with a sense of wonder which has remained with me the rest of my life.” The sisters wanted to recreate that for this generation of Calvary’s children. “We missed doing it for our own children,” said Emily with a laugh. “I think we





probably were too busy.”

Busy is the descriptive word for bringing Narnia to life. Jennifer is an artist. She created the environment through elements and costumes, which changed each week. Emily handled logistics. She selected the readings, lined up readers, and composed synopses for each session so children who missed one could easily be brought into the flow of the story.

Each Saturday, they met at the church to pull it together for the next day. It was also an important time for the sisters to spend together — Jennifer was undergoing chemotherapy for appendix cancer — a time when both needed closeness and support.

Jennifer finished chemotherapy in mid-April.

Now Lent is over. The costumes and scenery have been carefully collected and stored away. The children are already asking if Narnia will come again next year.

Emily and Jennifer smile: “We’ll see!”

all photographs by Bill Bangham



CALVARY PLACE CLOSES

by Margaret Craddock

Calvary Place Childcare Center has provided a safe and loving environment for children on Calvary Episcopal Church's campus in downtown Memphis for 30 years since its founding as an independent institution in 1992. But, last October, the Calvary Place Board of Directors delivered the difficult news that the center would probably close on May 31, 2023.

In January 2019, after a deep investment of time, effort, and legal counsel in an attempt to stabilize Calvary Place's leadership and management structures, the Calvary vestry determined that much more church involvement was needed than Calvary could provide. The vestry made the difficult decision at that time that Calvary Place must find a new home in 3 years. Calvary and Calvary Place searched diligently during this time. The 3-year timeframe was extended several times, up to 4 ½ years. But a suitable location could not be secured, so Calvary requested that Calvary Place accept May 31, 2023, as its last day in Calvary space. The church's need for more and better spaces resulted in new plans and a capital campaign in the intervening years, and construction is slated to begin this summer.



photo by Mary Alice Snowden

While a dedicated Calvary Place staff has continued to provide excellent care for children day to day, and a deeply committed parent-led board has worked hard to oversee the center and chart a course for its future, the crucial involvement of the downtown business, medical, nonprofit, and government community that Calvary Place identified as crucial in its original charter is not in place. Over the past five years, as Calvary Church leadership has worked with two Calvary Place boards to find a new home and strengthen its leadership and stakeholder ties, it has become increasingly clear that a deeper rebuilding of the foundations of the center is necessary for it to continue to thrive in the future. This kind of work was challenging in 1992. It may have been even more challenging in 2022, and, despite the gifts, creativity, passion, and countless hours of hard work by both board and church leaders, the task has proved too daunting.

The closure of Calvary Place is a real hardship for families who have had to find other childcare options for their children this summer. In addition to a refusal to compromise Calvary Place's high standards in the future, it was out of concern for these families and the Calvary Place staff, and in support of the Calvary Place Board's hard work, that Calvary Church extended the move date three times and recently explored what if any, conditions might allow for a fourth extension. But, in the end, too many challenges remained.

We express our deep appreciation for the Calvary Place Board of Directors, the staff, and all of the families and children who have been the heart and soul of Calvary Place over the years. Calvary Episcopal Church has been honored to host this center for these three decades.

UNPLUGGED



by the Rev. Paul McLain

In a recent sermon, I reflected on how hearing Mississippi folk music artist Claire Holley’s acoustic version of “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” helped me experience this familiar hymn in a new way. As I listened to her resonant voice and the simple accompaniment of her guitar, the song became crisper, clearer, and more intimate. Sometimes to get to the heart of the matter, people must also be unplugged for a season.

I am grateful to Calvary for the gift of taking a 3-month sabbatical this summer. It will be a time of rest and renewal, a time to be unplugged for a while. I’ll begin by returning to my roots with a dream trip to Scotland in June and early July. Ruthie and I will be there for a month. We plan to take pilgrimages to churches and religious sites and take time to listen to Celtic music, sample seafood, and enjoy the countryside. We’ll start in Edinburgh, go to Inverness to experience the Scottish Highlands and Loch Ness, and travel on the Jacobite Steam Train, featured in the Harry Potter movies, from Fort William to Mallaig.

Then we plan to spend some retreat time at the abbey on the Isle of Iona. A highlight of the trip will be participating in the Clan MacLean international gathering on the Isle of Mull. It will be a big family reunion at the historic Duart Castle that will conclude with a “Kirking of the Tartans” worship service. We’ll go to the Isle of Islay to sample more seafood, spot seals and otters, and go out with a crew to dig up peat for my favorite smoky single malt Scotch, Laphroaig. While on Islay, we plan to spend some time in pilgrimage and prayer at Kilnave Chapel, a 12th-century church that figures prominently in the MacLean family history.

During July and August, I am planning some travel and retreat time in various sites around North America. I plan to reconnect with some old friends and attend worship services of different traditions. I also plan to catch up on a long reading list of books many of you and others have recommended over the years. Ruthie and I will conclude the sabbatical by participating in the Cherokee National Holiday over Labor Day weekend in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, which has become another spiritual home to Ruthie. We’ll enjoy parades, pow-wows, seeing Cherokee arts and quilts, and sharing time with my brother and nephew, who plan to come from nearby Tulsa.

Most of all, I hope to connect with God in new and more profound ways. I want to spend more time outdoors to relish creation and feel the “still waters and green pastures” of Psalm 23, for which my soul longs. I hope to return renewed and refreshed for ministry alongside you here at Calvary.

I am grateful to Scott Walters, Katherine Bush, and so many of you who will take on my responsibilities to make this sabbatical happen. I am also thankful for the support of the Baguette Brothers Bible study group and a small group of parishioners who have guided me in planning the sabbatical—Bill Craddock, Lucia & Hal Crenshaw, Elizabeth Crosby, Martin Jellinek, Heather Jordan, and Sharon & Edwin Thorpe. Thanks to all of Calvary for this amazing gift of being unplugged for a while!

MAKING GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE

MIDSOUTH PRIDE

by Katy Leopard

The first Saturday in June is always the date of the MidSouth PRIDE festival. Calvary and several other churches always come to participate and to show our love for the MidSouth LGBTQ community. Several Calvary parishioners arrived early this year to set up our tent and booth and put out everything we had brought to give away. We had brightly colored buttons that said "God Loves You, No Exceptions," a big rainbow sign saying the same thing, and prayer books that our Sunday School children had colored with rainbows and wonderful inspirational messages.

As we arranged everything, we got some free coffee from the Starbucks tent across the way and chatted with the other booths next to us. A young man approached our table and said, "Oh, you brought more prayer books! I got one last year, and I use it all the time. It is on my coffee table". I will admit to thinking last year that no one would want prayer books



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decorated by children, but we gave every one of them away both years, and I am sure we will do so again next year.

This year, as in the past, people approached our tent with a sense of wonder that a church would be at a PRIDE event. Many spoke to us about experiences of rejection and pain in their childhood churches. Many were tearful when we offered them a card with our location and service times and invited them to join us on Sunday. One young girl approached Emily & Drew Smith, who wore t-shirts that said, "Free Mom Hugs" and "Free Dad Hugs." She asked Drew if she could have a hug. As Drew gave her a big bear hug, she broke down in tears and cried in his arms.

We waited in the sun for the parade to start with our balloon decorations and our rainbow banner. Our clergy representative Katherine Bush was there with her collar on and a t-shirt that said, "This PRIEST loves you." We waited and waited (next year, we will bring umbrellas) and then



finally rounded the corner and walked down Beale Street. Surrounded by glitter, balloons, and rainbows, we marched, waved, blew kisses, and mouthed "We love you!" to the crowds that packed the street. It was GLORIOUS and FABULOUS!

It is easy to forget what others have suffered when you live with privilege of any kind. The privilege of having a dad who gives you big hugs anytime you need one, the privilege of growing up in a church that accepts and loves you just as you are, the privilege of being born into a body and assigned a sex which you have always felt accurately reflects who you are. It was a great privilege to represent Calvary at the PRIDE Festival. It was a great privilege to do a small part in making God's love, which is always there but not always felt in the LGBTQ+ community, visible.

photos by Katy Leopard and Leanne Kleinmann



A DIFFERENT KIND OF RESTORATION

by Kristin Lensch, Calvary Organist-Choirmaster



Sunday, May 14, 2023, will forever be etched into Calvary's collective memory and life story. The organ was in the process of being removed for restoration. That morning, we found out the 26-foot-long rented Penske truck, filled with most of the pipework from the Swell

and Choir divisions, had been stolen. The organ builder, Joseph Rotella, and his crew had loaded it the day before so we could have services on Sunday morning without the removal mess. We were all devastated.

The next day we blitzed the local media, and soon the story was picked up nationwide and even internationally. I called scrap metal yards all day in TN, AR, and MS. Most had already been alerted by the police. At 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, we received a call from the police that the truck had been found abandoned, just a twelve-minute drive away. The officer who found the truck had seen our story on the news, thanks to the excellent work of Director of Communications Robyn Banks and Calvary parishioner Leanne Kleinmann's connections. Joseph, Scott Walters, and I all rushed with tentative elation to the site and discovered that 75% of the pipework was left intact. Yet, a substantial amount was missing. The removal work continued, however. Some craftspeople stayed to remove the



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blower and the rest of the pipes from the chamber while Joseph and the driver went to get a new truck to transfer the recovered pipework. They put in a long day to get everything loaded on Tuesday, and at 8:00 p.m., the truck pulled away on its way to Boston. Joseph was kind and sent me proof—a picture—to verify its arrival at his shop a few days later.

A week went by. Without any progress on finding the pipework, we offered a \$5000 reward through CrimeStoppers of Memphis. It worked! A tip brought us to the rest of the pipes three days later. Some of them suffered damage, but in the words of the builder, “We’re in the restoration business!” They, too, have now made it to Boston.

The restoration work is now a little more extensive, which, understandably, will add time to the job’s completion. In addition to the work planned, the damaged pipes will be replaced with new or used ranks; they will be voiced to fit with our existing instrument. Insurance is cooperating beautifully. I’m even more confident in our decision to go with the best: Joseph and our tonal consultant, Jonathan Ambrosino, are already solving the problem, and when it is finished, our instrument will still resound with glorious sounds due to their marvelous work.

It has been an emotional rollercoaster this past month. I am saddened by the crime in our city and how it touched us deeply, but even more grieved by the desperation that led to the theft—whether it was an act to belong, to get a thrill, or to get a tiny bit of money to make it through another day. I wish we

could be part of a solution to an incredibly complex problem, but I don’t exactly know how.

I have been amazed at the expressions of support and love we received from all over the world—to both Calvary and the organ builders. My inbox was overflowing with kindness and concern from colleagues around the country. Random people from Memphis called the church to express their sadness and support. One organ builder offered to donate a complete rank of the same vintage if we needed it.

And, it has been helpful to put this experience—even as specific as the story of the organ—in the context of Calvary’s long history. Our beloved historic instrument from 1935 replaced the organ destroyed in a terrible storm when the roof blew off and caused water damage beyond repair. That organ was only twenty-four years old! It had been installed in 1910 and destroyed in 1934. In comparison, our 88-year-old instrument undergoing restoration will just need a few more repairs.

My mother taught me not to pray for a specific outcome but for the understanding, strength, and humility to deal with whatever the outcome may be. When my hopes diminish and despair creeps in, I am constantly reminded of my own need for restoration and encouraged by the tangible ways God answers that prayer by nurturing my faith with expressions of love in community.



photo by Scott Walters

YOUnited: A New Youth Initiative



Cynthia McCarty, director of children and youth ministry at Church of the Holy Apostles and Jeremy Demarest are two of our diocesan youth leaders working to unite the youth of our diocese. (photo courtesy of the Diocese of West Tennessee)

by Jeremy Demarest, Director of Youth Ministries

YOUNited is an inspiring new initiative that brings together all the youth groups from around the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee three times a semester to have fun and get to know one another. It began with a desire from the young people in our churches to get to know youth from other churches. In years past, the diocesan EYCs would meet for events a few times a year at St. Mary's Cathedral, and YOUnited is an evolution of those events.

YOUnited is designed to be an open and inclusive safe space for all young people in grades 6 through 12 in our diocese, giving young people from churches with smaller or nonexistent EYCs a place for some fellowship. Our events are focused on community building, with the hope that our young people walk out of the events with deeper friendships than when they went in.

So far this year, we have had three YOUnited events, and they were all an absolute blast. Our kickoff was a Summer Inside party at Holy Communion, where we had an indoor picnic and an obstacle course. Our next event was a chance to show off our bowling skills, or in my case, a lack of skills. And most recently,

we had a diocesan fair at St. Philip, where several churches hosted games and activities, culminating in an epic cornhole tournament. My favorite memory from this event is experiencing just how difficult it was to hit the target on the dunk tank to dunk the person inside it, and then Bishop Phoebe taking one toss at it and being the only person to hit the target!

YOUnited has been such a life-giving initiative for me, and seeing the connections between our young people warms my heart. YOUnited will be on pause for the summer and will kick off again in August with some high and low ropes course action. Stay tuned for details!



On Friday, April 21, 2023, Calvary Friends of Music offered a concert featuring the Clare College Singers. Under the direction of Graham Ross, Director of Music since 2010, the choir has been praised for its consistently 'thrilling' and 'outstanding' performances worldwide.

Photos by Bill Bangham



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Meet Larry Hawkins, a longtime friend of Basement Church and before that, Community Breakfast. He is housed, hired, and thankful now, and he especially reaches out to newcomers to show them that they can turn their situations around, too. Everyone at Community Breakfast is invited to write a prayer on an index card, and recently Larry shared this: "I want to thank the Lord for waking me up this morning...and for my health, prosperity, peace, Joy, and life abundant." Every week Larry brings his envelope with his tithe and his prayer. L.H. never misses a week with a hug. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please come, and volunteer, Sunday mornings from 6:15 to 7:45 a.m. You will meet people like Larry who are so thankful for Calvary.

Guild of the Holy Spirit Theresa S. Hardison Award

by Laurie Monypeny, President, Guild of the Holy Spirit

For Theresa S. Hardison, education in all areas was one of the most important aspects of a child's life. One of her most important goals was teaching children to be ready to further their education and embrace learning both physically and spiritually. Many children still remember her from her early teaching years at Shady Grove Elementary and later at Westhaven Elementary. Theresa was also a volunteer director of children's education for many years and was very active in forming Calvary Sunday School curricula and teaching it to our many children. After Theresa died in 2013, the Guild of the Holy Spirit established the Theresa S.

Hardison Award for a deserving graduating high school senior at Calvary.

This award of \$500 is given annually to one of our outstanding seniors in recognition of their hard work, dedication, and commitment to Calvary and the diocesan community. This year's Theresa S. Hardison Award recipient is Bruce Marshall, whose participation in all levels of church activity has been truly impressive. The Guild of the Holy Spirit is proud of Bruce and wishes him the best in his college career at the University of Memphis.



Calvary's 2023 Graduating Seniors

front row (l-r): Frazier Gardner, Gloria Bird, Dahlia Townley Bakewell, Clara Norman

back row (l-r): Jack Jordan, Sam Shiberou, Bruce Marshall

not pictured: Will Dulaney and Carl Rainey

IN CALVARY'S PRAYERS

Wedding Bells

June 10, 2023: Kay Calandruccio & Richmond Poindexter

Great Expectations

Bailey & Collin Fountain

Elizabeth Parrish & Hazem Hassan

Maggie & Matthew Joyce

Sarah Sandy & Buzz Hardin

Marianne & McLean Smith

Saints Departed

Whit Agee, friend of Art Cruthirds

Tom Alley, uncle of Miranda Cully

Graham Ambrosino, stepfather of Hillary Monypeny

George Winton Appfel, brother of Dorothy Hartsfield

Friedell Barnes, mother of Craig Barnes

Louella Benton, friend of Jocelyn Busby

Judy Blenden, cousin of Eric Milner

LaVaughn Bridges, friend of Kendra Martin

James Wray Bush, uncle of Stephen Bush

Emily Johnsey Canter, friend of Mary Beth Seltzer

George Carvell, friend of Debbie Moncrieff

Rita Compton, mother-in-law of Sherry Compton

Liza B. Connette, aunt of Rhoda Smith

Mike Deaderick, friend of Suzanne Henley and Robbie & John McQuiston

Alisa Elliott, mother of Kim Kitterman

Gloria Fisher, friend of Martin Jellinek

Billie Ford, friend of Sarah Squire

New Life

March 9, 2023: Samuel Adams O'Connor, grandson of Doralina Angelescu & Bob O'Connor

May 27, 2023: McKenna Camille Markin, great-granddaughter of Gayle & Raymond Spence

May 26, 2023: Theo Wayne Russell, great-neice of Barbara Etheridge

Sam Gelose, uncle of David Balling

Tino Gonzales, friend of Candace Kierns-Bitensky

Henny Hale, friend of Zada Gates

Doretha Harris, grandmother of Charlotte Turner

Suzanne Smith Henley

Susan Henninger, friend of Gayle & Raymond Spence

The Rev. Hap Hoffman, friend of Robyn Banks

Rod L. Hubbard, son of Sherry Compton

Gene Katz, friend of Nino & Charles Shipp

Ed Krebs, brother of Mary Beth Seltzer

Mary Long, mother of Phyllis Long

Pat Magruder, friend of Sarah Squire

Tim McCarver, friend of Lee & Joe Duncan

Robbie McQuiston, mother of Anna McQuiston & the Rev. Katherine Bush

Steve Moody, cousin of Robyn Banks

Al Mullins, father of Elizabeth Crosby and Annie Billions

Ruth Cash Neely, step-grandmother of Susan Neely-Barnes

Peter Nocifora

Patti Noonan, aunt of Ebet Peeples

Dr. Brantley Pace, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain

Majid Paydar, friend of Zada Gates

Marian Peck, friend of Sherry Compton

Russell Peck, friend of Debbie Moncrieff

Tony Rogers, friend of Kathy Williams

Barbara Ann Rotella, mother of Joseph Rotella

Lila Wrape Saunders

Suzie Shaw, friend of Kendra Martin

Gene Smith, father of Les Smith

Lynn Preston Smith, aunt of Ebet Peeples

Jim Spruill, friend of Linda Spiese

Phillip Temple, Sr., uncle of Renee Patey

Carroll Gene Temple, cousin of Renee Patey

Frank Tyler, friend of Candace Keirns-Bitensky

Ronald Van Mersbergen, father of Miriam Van Mersbergen

Ken White, son of Dorothy Kirsch

Brad Winchester



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

A mid-summer evening of good food and trivia with prizes. Chef Mary O'Brien will provide pub food and drinks.

AT 5:30 PM

Calvary Episcopal Church

RSVP at calvarymemphis.org/trivia



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

6:00 PM

at Calvary Episcopal Church

**WITH A MAKE YOUR OWN
ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR**





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Come wonder
with us this
fall!

FALL FORMATION
at CALVARY

“We come to Calvary to do a lot of things like singing and praying and talking and eating. We also come to Calvary to wonder, and to wonder together about the things—like mystery—that we don’t want to forget about.”



The Rev. Katherine Bush

HELLO from the ASSOCIATE RECTOR for FORMATION

REMEMBERING TO WONDER

“Days pass when I forget the mystery.”* I wonder if this happens to you, too? That we get caught up in the jumble of days: errands, tasks, solvable and insolvable problems, and so we forget to wonder. One of the best things about church is its reminder of the scope of our lives,

simultaneously small in the grander sweep of the cosmos and yet also of profound and beloved consequence. We are more than our grocery lists and our next meeting, more than our bank statement, whether large or small. There is so much more to look around and wonder about.

Touching down at Calvary provides a myriad of ways to remember to wonder, no matter how or what might move you. Over the course of one Sunday: the swell of voices in descant, the press of a piece of bread into the palm, an ancient story. On a Wednesday: a good book and a thoughtful discussion to go with it, a multi-generational dinner table, a happenstance and serendipitous conversation. At any time: a friendly face, a hungry face, a new face. We come to Calvary to do a lot of things like singing and praying and talking and eating. We also come to Calvary to wonder and to wonder together about the things—like mystery—that we don’t want to forget about. We come to Calvary to sing about joy, and to pray about pain and to talk about memory and to eat ... well that’s sometimes mysteriously about memory too, and sometimes just about someone else doing the cooking and the dishes mid-week.

Take a look through this guide at all the wonder-full opportunities we have to marvel together at our small and yet miraculous lives. Being together in community at a time like this is yet another wondrous gift. Don’t let too many days pass before we see you!

*from “Primary Wonder,” Denise Levertov

Fall 2023 Formation at Calvary

We're open all week for classes and small groups, online and in-person. Formation at Calvary is about learning, for sure, learning more about God and our relationships with each other and God's creation. And formation is also about connecting, building faithful friendships, looking up from our little lives to see who else is walking alongside us. Carving out time to spend in community can be a challenge in our over-full schedules, yet the reward of knowing more and being known more fully is immeasurable. When we open our minds to new ideas and open our hearts to the journeys of those around us, we are changed for good.

Sunday Mornings at 9:15

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Labor Day

For those who'd like to do a little labor on their Labor Day, come enjoy some fellowship and conversation while you support our Outreach ministries by sorting coats and other donations as we prepare for the change in seasons—many hands make light work!

SEP
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Walking in Love at Calvary

CALVARY CLERGY

An opportunity to learn about what's happening at Calvary this fall: Sunday classes, small groups, and Wednesday night offerings. Plus a sneak peek at some new fellowship gatherings and other special events to keep us connected while our buildings are turned inside out.

SEP
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Pilgrim People

There are lots of ways to go on pilgrimage, some require plane flights and some can happen in your own home. Over several weeks, Calvary clergy and guests will tell stories and open conversations about faithful journeys.

SEPT. 17: SABBATICAL AND PILGRIMAGE

The Rev. Paul & Ruthie McLain

Come hear tales of Paul and Ruthie's season of renewal.

SEPT. 24: PILGRIMAGE IN OVERTON PARK

The Rev. Katherine Bush

How to go on pilgrimage while staying home.

OCT 1: PILGRIM INTERRUPTED

Susan Cushman

Local author, Cushman, shares the story of her religious wanderings and conversion.

OCT. 8: PILGRIM PATH

The Rev. Scott Walters

Rector Scott Walters will offer reflections from his time walking the Camino in Spain.



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Days of Wonder
DR. MITZI MINOR

A perennial favorite, Dr. Minor returns to teach a two-week class examining the practices of the early believers which enabled them to live meaningfully and hopefully even though Roman oppression still surrounded them.

- OCT**
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NOV
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For All the Saints
OCT. 29

You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea... Come hear the stories of lesser-known and unexpected saints.

NOV. 5: GEOFF CALKINS

Calkins is a must-read columnist for *The Daily Memphian* and a friend of Calvary's. He packed the house when he preached at LPS in 2022. Come hear his new focus on telling the stories of Memphis on All Saints Sunday.

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Good in the Neighborhood
NOV. 12: BRIAN LYLES

Hear the story of the re-opened Cossitt Library and meet someone doing a lot of good in our neighborhood. Lyles is an enthusiastic downtowner and shares a wonderful story of renewal just a few blocks away from Calvary.

NOV. 19

From Tom Lee Park to the Sterick building to our own parking lot, there are so many good news stories. Plus we'll talk about how to be agents of good in the neighborhood as we make our way around downtown.

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Advent Festival

Join us for an intergenerational gathering as we approach the season of Advent. We'll make Advent wreaths and share resources for households to move through Advent together. Wreath bases, candles, and some greenery will be provided, and all are encouraged to bring more greenery and ribbons to share.

Book of the Month Offerings

Looking for a new book club to join? Always wanted to try a book club without having to commit for more than one month? Calvary has an outstanding lineup of books for you to read and discuss with others this fall.

SEPTEMBER BOOK: *THE SECOND MOUNTAIN* BY DAVID BROOKS

discussion led by Fred Piper and friends

The Second Mountain is a wonderful second-half-of-life-themed book tracing Brooks's faith and political odyssey told with color and candor and offering insights for our own journeys. Fred & Jill Piper and Margaret McLean will lead a four-week discussion on Wednesday evenings, Sept. 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 6:15 p.m.

OCTOBER BOOK: *A CRAZY, HOLY GRACE: THE HEALING POWER OF PAIN AND MEMORY* BY FREDERICK BUECHNER

discussion led by Scott Walters

Christianity Today called Frederick Bueckner "the father of today's spiritual memoir movement." But he also published highly acclaimed novels, sermon collections, and a few books that defy genre, spanning more than six decades. Join Scott Walters on Wednesday evenings for conversation about *A Crazy, Holy Grace*, a collection of some of Buechner's most loved essays on the ways our most painful memories can be openings into hope and new life. Scott Walters will lead a discussion on Wednesdays in Oct. 4, 11, 18, and 25, at 6:15 p.m.

NOVEMBER BOOK: *TEACHING A STONE TO TALK: EXPEDITIONS AND ENCOUNTERS* BY ANNIE DILLARD

discussion led by Katherine Bush

We'll read a few short essays and reflections by Annie Dillard and consider how Dillard's understanding of the natural world, humans, and God provokes her readers to see familiar things in new ways. Katherine will lead a three-week discussion on Wednesday evenings, Nov. 1, 8, and 15 at 6:15 p.m.

NOVEMBER BOOK: *THE BOOK OF DANIEL*

discussion led by Paige Whittle
****on Sunday mornings****

Join Paige Whittle for an exploration of the book of Daniel, full of wild stories and visions. This is a great opportunity to encounter a book that is often referenced but rarely read. Paige will guide a study of this Hebrew text on Sunday mornings in November at 9:15 a.m.

DECEMBER BOOK: *RECEIVING THE DAY: CHRISTIAN PRACTICES FOR OPENING THE GIFT OF TIME* BY DOROTHY BASS

discussion led by Paul McLain

This book is a helpful primer for prayer and retreat time and teaches us how "receiving the day" can be a guiding principle in our everyday lives. Paul will lead a three-week discussion on Wednesday evenings in Advent, Nov. 29, and Dec. 6, and 13 at 6:15 p.m.

Participants should purchase their books from their own favorite booksellers. Calvary loves supporting local businesses like Novel and Burke's, or online at bookshop.org.



More Small Group Discussions!

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON: WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m. at Calvary

Join in a conversation about the Bible, starting this fall with some short stories from Hebrew Scripture: Ruth, Jonah, and others. Come early for the noon Eucharist or 12:30 brown-bag lunch, or arrive for this weekly discussion group with Katherine Bush at 1:00 p.m. Starts on Sept. 6, join the conversation at any time.

THURSDAY MORNING: BAGUETTE BROTHERS

Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Barth House, 409 Patterson St.

Every Thursday morning, a few good men gather for coffee, prayer, Bible study, and terrible jokes. 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.

THURSDAY NOON: GLEANINGS DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursdays at noon on Zoom

If you love to pursue hard questions in good company, a favorite phrase of Bill Craddock's, join Gleanings, a group convened by Bill along with Scott Walters to do just that. On Sept. 7, we will begin a new book, *Faith Beyond Belief: Spirituality for Our Times* by David Steindl-Rast and Anselm Grün. If you have questions, or to join the Gleanings email list for weekly Zoom links and additional resources, email Scott at swalters@calvarymemphis.org. All are welcome!

Want to know more about the Episcopal Church?

WEDNESDAY EVENING: THIS I BELIVE: AFFIRMATIONS & CONFIRMATIONS

Oct. 25 - Dec. 6, 6:15-7:15 p.m. at Calvary

Wanting to dive a little deeper into what it means to be an Episcopalian? Interested in the particular expression of a faithful life here at Calvary? Join Calvary's clergy, staff, and our Bishop for a six-session conversation about worship, the Bible, some church history, and everything in between. This class will culminate in the opportunity to be Confirmed when the Bishop makes her annual visitation on Sunday, Dec. 10. All are welcome regardless of how long you've been connected with Calvary. No class on Nov. 21.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: CRASH COURSE

Saturday, Oct. 21

The Rev. Paul McLain will lead a one-day sprint through a variety of Episcopal topics for those whose schedules keep them from joining the Wednesday night Confirmation community. Stay tuned for more details, and reach out to Katherine Bush, kbush@calvarymemphis.org, if you're interested in this offering.

Children and Youth at Calvary

Sundays

Nursery Care

Ages 0-5 | 7:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Calvary maintains an excellent nursery facility staffed by trained, professional caregivers. Nursery Manager Robbie Phillips and Cassandra Booker welcome children ages 0-5. 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 Formation Classes

Ages 3 through grade 5 | 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us in the Children's wing on the second floor. Our young people explore their faith and scripture through *Godly Play* and *Weaving God's Promises*—two curriculums based in storytelling designed to connect our young people deeper to their faith.

Youth Formation Classes

Grades 6-12 | 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Junior and Senior High youth meet on Sunday mornings with Jeremy Demarest and others for conversation and connection. Following the *Faith Lens* curriculum, discussions revolve around topical lessons, intersecting current events, and exploring how we are to respond to them as Christians.

Children's Chapel

Ages 3-2nd Grade | 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

At the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. worship service, children follow the cross out of the service to Children's Chapel, which is held in Room 203. There, children experience the liturgy of the word in an interactive and age-appropriate manner. Children are escorted back at the time of the Peace to join their families for Communion.



"I really enjoy getting to know some of the youngest members of our congregation during this special small-group time and getting to watch them grow in their knowledge of Christian life." - Jessica Flynn, Children's Chapel volunteer

Youth Sunday Fellowship Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Grades 6-12

There will be lunch gatherings immediately after church, afternoon and evening meet-ups for service and for fellowship at Calvary and around town. Make sure you're on the lookout for details and sign-up for the weekly youth emails for updates.

Wednesdays

Nursery Care

Ages 0-5 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Orgill Room

Calvary maintains an excellent nursery facility staffed by trained, professional caregivers. Nursery Manager Robbie Phillips and Cassandra Booker welcome children ages 0-5.

Gathering

Grades K-5 | 6:15-7:15 p.m. | Mural Room

Gathering is a new opportunity for children and adults to "sit and stay a while" after dinner for an hour of fellowship. Games, books, puzzles, and coloring materials will be provided. Mrs. Jocelyn and friends will supervise children ages 5 and up for parents who wish to attend a class.

Wednesday Night Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Grades 6-12 | 5:15-7:15 p.m. | Room 205

Each week, EYC and friends will get together for a meal, check-ins, and games.

**** See also Music Formation Opportunities on p. 9 and new offerings for children on back page****



"When I was in my teens, there were several older men and women in my life who gave me time, attention, and something of themselves I still carry with me. They helped shape the adult I became. Volunteering with EYC, I hope I am doing some of the same. Plus I get something out of it. I look forward to their energy, the promise they hold for the future, and just the fun of being with them." - Bill Bangham, EYC volunteer

Make a joyful noise!

St. Cecilia Choir

Grades K-2 | Room 203 | 6:15-7 p.m.

The St. Cecilia Choir sings periodically at the 10:30 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 the Mural Room until 7:15. The St. Cecilia Choir is directed by Melissa Warwell.

The Boys and Girls Choir

Students with unchanged voices in grades 3 & up | Crook Auditorium | 6:15-7 p.m.

The Boys and Girls Choir sings at the 10:30 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 education experience as it is musical training experience.

Calvary Ringers

Room 208 | 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Calvary's liturgical five-octave handbell choir, the Calvary Ringers, performs in select services throughout the year. New members are always welcome; the ability to read music is not required. Calvary Ringers are directed by Joseph Powell.

Calvary Choir

Crook Auditorium | 7-9 p.m.

Made up of both professional singers and auditioned volunteers, the Calvary Choir sings each week at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, monthly Evensong, and offers special liturgical services and concerts during the year. Strongly based in the music of the Anglican church, their repertoire spans the centuries and global traditions, from plainsong to spirituals. They are known for both their dedication to and love of music and close camaraderie. Directed by Organist-Choirmaster Kristin Lensch.

"Singing Advent Lessons & Carols at Calvary is how I know Christmas is coming. We mix the traditional with the new and challenging—and poetry!—to make it a highlight of my holiday season." - Leanne Kleinmann, Calvary Choir soprano



Upcoming Music Events

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Evensong

5 p.m. at Calvary

A service with ancient roots, Evensong is a 40-minute choral-led service of prayers and scripture. If you need to sit and reflect, if music feeds your soul, if you can't quite make it in the morning, if you believe that beauty is a portal to heaven, this is a service for you.

NOV
5

Requiem Eucharist, featuring Maurice Duruflé's Requiem

5 p.m. at Grace-St. Luke's, 1720 Peabody Ave.

A requiem is a mass for the dead. On All Saints' Sunday, the choirs of Calvary and Grace-St. Luke's will sing together, weaving the different movements into the Eucharist. The service will be held at Grace-St. Luke's while Calvary's nave is being renovated. Gather in community and remember your loved ones while being surrounded by sublime music.

DEC
3

Advent Lessons & Carols

5 p.m. at Calvary

Begin December at the beginning—at the advent—with God's promises of comfort and salvation recalled in this service through scripture, poetry, and carols. Calvary's four choirs lead this beautiful candlelit service, inviting you to step away from worldly stress and into a space that prepares you to meet Emmanuel.

Glory to God in the highest...

We're open! Our doors are open, even if the path takes you to the Great Hall for worship instead of to the Nave for awhile this fall. We're open on Sundays and singing and praying together at 8:00, 10:30, and now 6:00. Have you tried the evening service yet? You'll find open seats and open space for your thoughts to wander; we've brought new language to some old prayers and a conversation in place of a sermon. This fall we'll be inviting guest musicians (think cello and other stringed instruments!) to this brief "rest stop" before the week begins, as some regulars have called it.

Sunday

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, is offered at Calvary each Sunday at 8 in the Great Hall. Many in the congregation enjoy food and fellowship at the Parish Breakfast that follows in the Mural Room at 8:45 a.m. The breakfast includes eggs, grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, coffee, and orange juice. All are welcome. \$5

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II WITH CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

The 10:30 a.m. Rite II service is held in the Great Hall. We also live-stream Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Watch the live stream on Calvary's Facebook page or on our website.

6:00 P.M. CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST

Each Sunday evening at 6 p.m., all are invited to participate in a quieter, centering time of worship in the Orgill Room. This gathering offers a guided conversation in place of a sermon, new words for old prayers, and opportunities for silence and reflection. Childcare for children five and under is available.

Wednesday

12:00 P.M. NOONDAY PRAYERS

Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing is offered at noon on Wednesdays and features a reflection by one of our priests. Afterward, join clergy and staff for a brown-bag lunch in the Mural Room, where you will find conversations and connections.

Monday-Friday

6:30 A.M. EARLY MORNING PRAYER (ONLINE)

This prayer service is modeled on Daily Devotions (p. 137 in the Book of Common Prayer) and lasts about 10-15 minutes. All early risers (by preference or necessity!) are invited to pray together.

8 A.M. MORNING PRAYER (ONLINE)

The Calvary clergy lead weekday Morning Prayer.

WORSHIP



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Fall at Calvary brings many opportunities to love and serve our neighbors. Take a look at some of the opportunities below and contact Director of Outreach Ministries Christine Todd for more information on how you can get involved.

Grizzlies Prep Lunch Buddies

Be a Lunch Buddy by eating a 30-minute lunch weekly with one or two students. 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.

Room in the Inn

Room in the Inn (RITI) is dedicated to serving people experiencing homelessness by providing emergency shelter and meals during the hottest and coldest months of the year—June, July, and August and November through March—sharing the love of God through holy hospitality. Calvary hosts RITI on Friday nights in our Welcome Inn next door. There are many ways to help with dinner and hosting on Friday nights as well as straightening and doing laundry throughout the week.

Emmanuel Meal: December 18

Emmanuel Meal is a Christmas dinner for our neighbors who are experiencing poverty or homelessness. Calvary offers this meal before Christmas every year. You can volunteer to cook, serve, clean up, and more. You also can purchase paper turkeys for \$40 each to subsidize the cost of this meal.

Basement Church

Serve 180 homeless and poor neighbors who eat and pray with us here at Calvary each Sunday morning from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. We serve our neighbors a hot breakfast, make coffee, provide clothing, find needed toiletry items, help with books, and more. We need volunteers to ensure our neighbors feel welcome.

Community Breakfast Prep

Prepare for Sunday's Community Breakfast by cracking eggs, sautéing vegetables, etc. during the week. In this ministry individuals as well as entire families participate to ensure breakfast will be ready every Sunday morning.



“Showing God’s love to our neighbors with a substantial meal makes me feel like I can contribute.” -Jill Piper, Emmanuel Meal volunteer



Sept. 1-3: Happening #7

Keep all the young people participating in Happening, a weekend retreat for high school students, in your prayers this weekend.



Sept. 6: Wednesday Evenings at Calvary Begin

Enjoy a delicious dinner Wednesday evenings 5:15-6:15 p.m. before classes and choir rehearsals. Cost is \$8/adults, \$4/child, \$25/family max. The kickoff dinner on Sept. 6 is a taco bar with all the fixin's!



Sept. 10: Coffee with Clergy

Newcomers and visitors: bring your stories, questions, and cups of coffee to the library for a conversation with Scott Walters about life at Calvary ... or life in general. Also on Nov. 12.



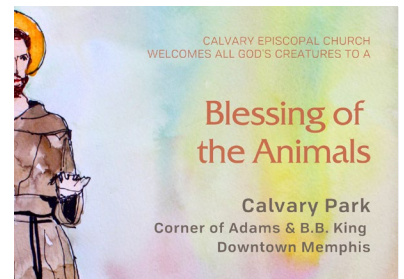
Sept. 17: Children's Breakfast Club

Children are invited to join Mrs. Jocelyn and friends in the Mural Room. They will be escorted to formation class afterward. Also on Oct. 15 and Nov. 19.



Sept. 24: Art & the Heart

Calvary parishioners and friends are invited to meet at Brooks Museum of Art for a tour of the Black American Portraits exhibit at 2 p.m. Countering a visual culture saturated with the spectacle of Black pain, these works instead celebrate joy, abundance, and agency. Ticket prices range from \$8 to \$15. Contact Katherine Bush for more information.



Sept. 30: Blessing of the Animals

Come to our annual blessing of the animals at 4 p.m. at Calvary's Park to give thanks for all God's creatures, great and small. All leashed or restrained pets are welcome. Stuffed animals are invited to church on Sunday, Oct. 1, and Wednesday evening, Oct. 4.



OCTOBER



Oct. 1: YOUnited Corn Maze

YOUnited, a diocesan youth group, will visit a corn maze. Contact Jeremy Demarest, jdemarest@calvarymemphis.org, for more information.



Oct. 1: Evensong at 5 p.m.

Evensong is a 40-minute choral-led service of prayers and scripture. If you need to sit and reflect, if music feeds your soul, if you can't quite make it in the morning, if you believe that beauty is a portal to heaven, this is a service for you.



Oct. 4: Family Worship Service

Come celebrate the story of St. Francis with a liturgy designed with little people in mind! All ages and stages are invited for a song, a story, and a simple communion service from 5:15 - 5:45. Stay for dinner and more, or head on home for bedtime.



Oct. 11: EpiscoPals Art Class

Children ages 5 and up may join artist Eric Milner and friends to make a special creation from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Also on Nov. 1.

welcome party

Oct. 14: Newcomer Party

If you are new to Calvary, you are invited to Clay Woemmel & Brooks Terry's home to enjoy some light snacks and a variety of beverages. This is a great opportunity to get to know other newcomers and meet staff and vestry members who can tell you more about worship, study, fellowship, and outreach opportunities at Calvary.



Oct. 18: This I Believe: Affirmations & Confirmations

Engage in a journey alongside clergy, staff, lay leaders, and the bishop to discover more about the way of love in the Episcopal Church and a deeper life at Calvary.



NOVEMBER



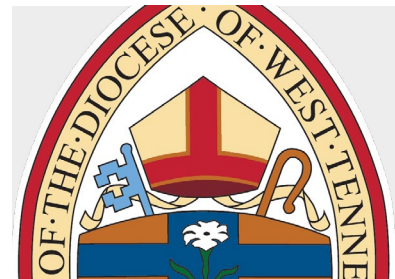
Nov. 1: Family Worship Service

Come celebrate the story of All Saints, with a liturgy designed with little people in mind! All ages and stages are invited for a song, a story, and a simple communion service from 5:15 - 5:45. Stay for dinner and more, or head on home for bedtime.



Nov. 5: All Saints Requiem Eucharist

The choirs of Calvary and Grace-St. Luke's will sing together, weaving the different movements into the Eucharist. The service will be held at at Grace-St. Luke's, 1720 Peabody Ave, while Calvary's nave is being renovated.



Nov. 17-18: 42nd Diocesan Convention at St. John's

Clergy and lay delegates from across the diocese will gather to consider resolutions and elect diocesan positions. Please keep our bishop and diocesan staff and all delegates in your prayers.



Nov. 19: Vestry Elections

The nominations committee will compile a slate of five nominees they believe would fill out our 15-person vestry in a way that will serve the parish most faithfully and effectively. We will publish those names in advance to allow for parishioners to make additional nominations if they choose.



Nov. 23: Happy Thanksgiving!

There will be no Wednesday evening classes or choir rehearsals on Nov. 22. Calvary offices will be closed Nov. 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Nov. 26: Advent Wreath Festival

An intergenerational gathering as we approach the season of Advent. We'll make Advent wreaths and share resources for households to move through Advent together. Wreath bases, candles, and some greenery will be provided, and all are encouraged to bring more greenery and ribbons to share.



DECEMBER



Dec. 3: Advent Lessons & Carols

Begin December at the beginning—at the advent—with God's promises of comfort and salvation recalled in this service through scripture, poetry, and carols. 5 p.m. at Calvary.



Dec. 6: Family Worship Service

Observe the Feast of St. Nicholas with liturgy designed with little people in mind! All ages and stages are invited for a song, a story, and a simple communion service from 5:15 - 5:45. Stay for dinner and more, or head on home for bedtime.



Dec. 10: Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf, will make her annual visit to Calvary. She will also speak during the formation hour, sharing her reflections and observations. A festive reception will follow the 10:30 a.m. service.



Dec. 18: Emmanuel Meal

Emmanuel Meal is a Christmas dinner for our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. You can purchase paper turkeys in November for \$40 each to subsidize the cost of this meal.



Dec. 24: Advent 4 and Christmas Eve

Calvary will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent in the morning and Christmas Eve services at 3:30, 5:30, and 10:30 p.m. The children's Christmas pageant will take place at the 3:30 service and the 5:30 service will be live-streamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.



Dec. 25: Christmas Day

Celebrate Christmas Day with Eucharist and carols at 4 p.m.



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NEW! Family Feast Celebrations



Come celebrate the stories of St. Francis, All Saints, and St. Nicholas with liturgies designed with little people in mind! All ages and stages are invited for a song, a story, and a simple communion service from 5:15 - 5:45 on the first Wednesday of October, November, and December in the Orgill Room. Stay for dinner and more, or head on home for bedtime afterward. Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6.

Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

We're opening other doors too. We'll be gathering around town in parishioners homes and at local eateries for some fun fellowship this fall. And plans are in the works as this goes to print for a "party without pews" later this fall—be on the lookout for details and dates for all these gatherings.

Take a break from your daily grit 'n' grind and join other Calvary young adults (single and married) to get together to cheer on the Grizzlies. Child care will be provided.

S'mores and more! Come celebrate the cooler weather with S'mores, apple cider, and friends around a fire pit at Betty Jo & Terri Dulaney's.

Party without the Pews! Have some fun in the church while the space is turned inside out at this unique fellowship gathering.



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PARISH OFFICES ARE OPEN WEEKDAYS 8:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist
5 p.m. Evensong first Sundays, Sept.-May
6 p.m. Contemplative Eucharist

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Bishop, Diocese of West TN

The Rev. Paul McLain
Associate Rector

The Rev. Audrey Gonzalez
Assisting Priest

The Rev. Scott Walters
Rector

The Rev. Katherine Bush
Associate Rector

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Advent & Christmas at Calvary

Advent Festival

Nov. 26 at 9:15 and 11:30 a.m.

Join us the Sunday after Thanksgiving for Calvary's Advent Festival in the Mural Room. Wreath-making supplies, candles, and some fresh greenery will be provided. To ensure enough greenery for everyone, participants are asked to bring greenery from their own yards. We look forward to coming together for festive fellowship and creativity!

Advent Lessons & Carols

Dec. 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us in our newly renovated nave for a traditional candlelight service of scripture and song featuring all the Calvary choirs and a string quartet. Come and prepare your heart for the birth of Christ.

Feast of St. Nicholas

Dec. 6 at 5:15 p.m.

Observe the Feast of St. Nicholas with a liturgy designed with little people in mind! All ages and stages are invited for a song, a story, and a simple communion service from 5:15 - 5:45. Stay for dinner and more, or head home for bedtime.

Emmanuel Meal

Thursday, Dec. 21 at noon

The Emmanuel Meal is an opportunity for Calvary parishioners of all ages to work together to serve our neighbors experiencing poverty and homelessness a delicious homemade seated meal with music, joy, and gifts.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec. 24 at 9 a.m.

We will offer one combined service at 9 a.m. in the Great Hall this Sunday morning. There will be no parish breakfast or formation classes.

Christmas Eve at 3:30 p.m. with Children's Christmas Pageant

Our new chancel will become filled with animals, angels, shepherds, and stars! The St. Cecilia and Boys & Girls Choirs will sing the hymns of the season as the sacred story unfolds. Nursery care will be offered for children under 5.

Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m.

This Festival Eucharist is family-friendly and features music led by the Calvary Choir and trumpet. Nursery care will be offered for children under 5. This service will be livestreamed.

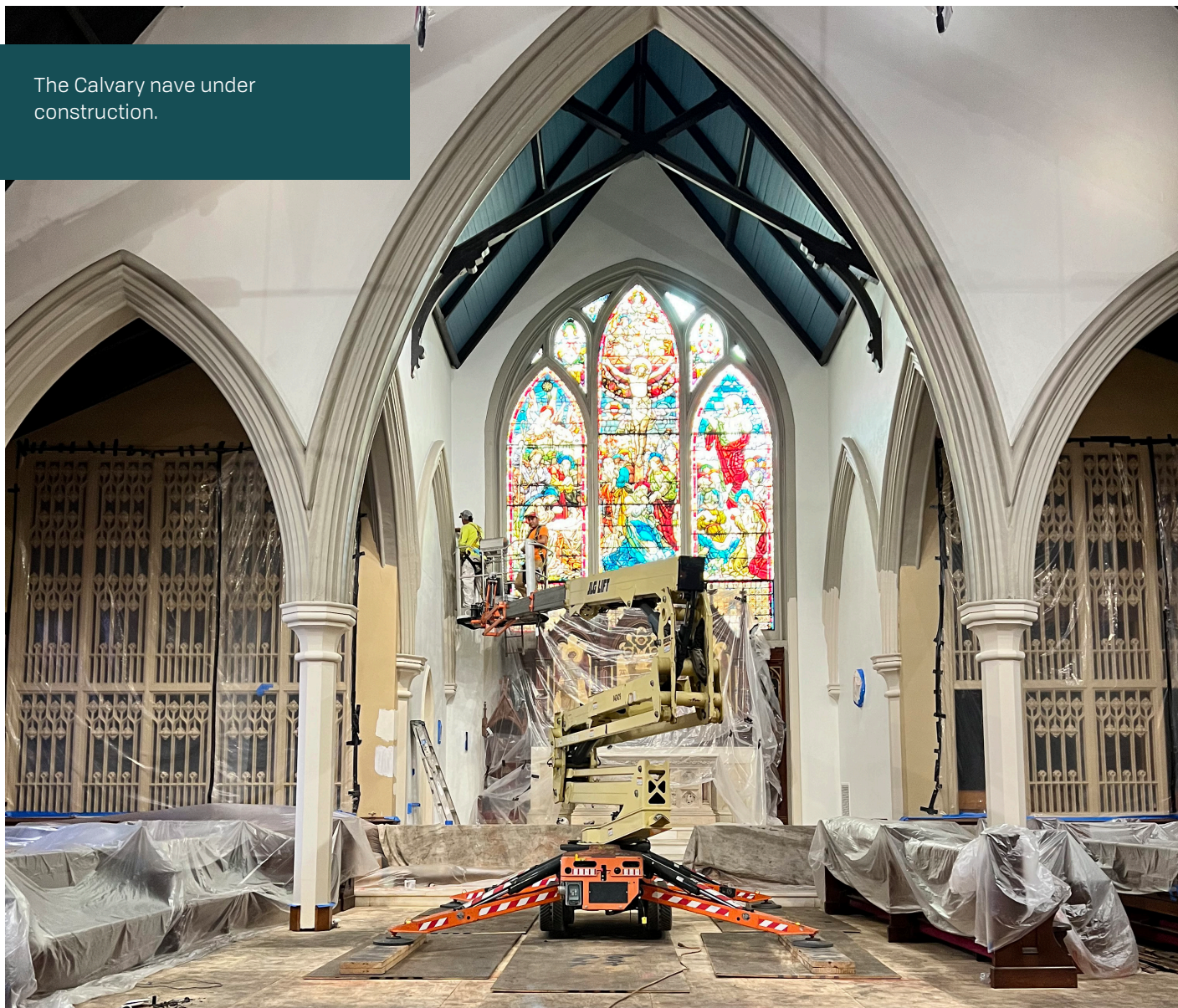
Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m.

This service begins with congregational caroling and choral anthems. A Festival Eucharist follows at 11 p.m. and reflects the glory and beauty of the story of Christ's birth with hallmarks of Anglican worship—candlelight and incense.

Christmas Day at 4 p.m.

Celebrate the birth of Christ with carols and reflection on our greatest gift of all.

The Calvary nave under construction.



Advent Life in the Marvelous Middle

by the Rev. Scott Walters, Rector

Advent means more than one thing. Some associate it with curmudgeonly priests forbidding the singing of Christmas carols or calendars with chocolates behind tiny cardboard doors. Others will say

it's the Church's New Year or a time to anticipate the second coming of Christ as much as the first. Believe it or not, I have at least a little sympathy for all of these Advent associations. This year, however, it's the more-than-

one-thinginess of the season I think I'll lean into.

We will move back into a freshly renovated church on the first Sunday of Advent. So, in one sense, that day will be a culmination of the work, not just of the past few months of construction, but of several years of planning and preparation since we, as a community, began to discern that it was our generation's time to attend faithfully to Calvary's buildings and block.

It's just as important that our Advent imaginations hold onto the fact that each person's story will continue to unfold.

But I am equally filled with the anticipation of hearing your voices fill our beautiful worship space again with prayers and praises, and even more curious about what God will do within, among, and through us in this place in the years to come.

So this Advent is very much more than one thing for me at once, and perhaps it is for you, too. I've never sensed more intensely what God has done in the lives of people in this place for nearly two centuries, even as the future unfurls with new possibilities

in my imagination. And as it does, it occurs to me that this experience participates in the deep wisdom of Advent. It is a season that rolls around year after year, returning as reliably as the sunrise. But it returns with a reminder that God's loving, redeeming work in this world stretches back across generations and oceans to include the whole of the human family thus far. And it extends just as surely far into the future, even to that day when time will be no more. You and I are alive right here and right now in the marvelous middle.

This *Chronicle* contains more than one thing as well, even if there's only ever room in these pages for snippets and teasers of the many ways you are making God's love visible. You'll read about several of our community ministries, such as Emmanuel Meal, Basement Church, and Room in the Inn. Today, I am wondering if an Advent imagination is especially valuable with regard to this work. It's crucial to remember that every person we encounter has a story that stretches back in time. A story that, like all human stories, will contain love and hardship, successes and failures, cruelty, and kindness. Remembering this can make a little space in us for empathy

and compassion. It's just as important that our Advent imaginations hold onto the fact that each person's story will continue to unfold. That none of us, by the grace of God, is only our past. And holding the future open for one another may be as important as acknowledging our histories if we're to be present to one another in healing and life-giving ways.

So I wish you a blessed more-than-one-thing this Advent. Christ has already come among us, and Christ is coming soon. My prayer for us all is that we let God's grace and abundant life invade our lives here and now in the marvelous middle of time we inhabit, healing old wounds, and opening new and unimaginable possibilities in each of us and in our world as it does.



Calvary's Emmanuel Meal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

HELP SERVE 300 NEIGHBORS WHO ARE
STRUGGLING OR EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS A DELICIOUS TURKEY
DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

How can you help?

- Make cornbread at your house and bring to Calvary by Sunday, Dec. 17
- Volunteer to serve
- Buy a turkey to offset the price for the meal (\$40)
- Decorate on Wednesday, Dec. 20
- Sign up with your family to help clean up Thursday, Dec. 21, from 1:30 to 3 pm



Learn more and sign up at
[calvarymemphis.org
/emmanuel-meal](https://calvarymemphis.org/emmanuel-meal)

Calvary's Angels for Basement Church 2023

Calvary's Basement Church serves 180 neighbors experiencing homelessness who eat and pray with us here at Calvary each Sunday morning from 6 a.m. until 8 a.m. We serve our neighbors a hot breakfast, make coffee, provide clothing, find needed toiletry items, help with books, and more. The following "angels" are individuals and families who have donated the \$500 it takes to serve breakfast to over 720 guests each month.

January – *In memory of the lives and work of Vincent Astor and Roger Wolcott by Christine & Carroll Todd*

February – *In honor of Dana Sue and Ann Percer*

March – *In memory of Henry & Rose Miller by Teresa Elliott*

April – *In honor of Buck Lewis and his dedication to justice work by his loving wife, Malinda*

May – *Dr. Larry & Melanie Roberts*

June and July – *Anonymous gift in honor of the medical students who serve and those from the foot care ministry*

August – *In honor of the wonderful staff at Babcock Gifts by Brooks Terry*

September – *In gratitude for the remarkable efforts of volunteers from Calvary and faith communities all over Memphis who came together again this Lenten season to host Waffle Shop*

October – *In honor of imprisoned youth by the Rev. Audrey Gonzalez*

November – *In honor of May and Caroline Todd's birthday by Aunt Sharon Bicks*

December – *Please consider donating to Outreach Ministries in honor or memory of someone you love*

Room in Calvary's Inn

In November 2023, Calvary began providing emergency winter shelter with Room in the Inn - Memphis on Friday nights. We greet our guests at 5:30 p.m., have dinner around 6 p.m., and spend time with our guests before they settle in for a comfortable, safe night of sleep at Calvary's Welcome Inn. In the morning, our guests have breakfast and depart by 6:30 am. We host a maximum of 15 guests each week.

We have several opportunities for you to help provide this needed shelter in these cold months. We need volunteers to make beds, provide or serve dinner, wash linens, and clean up in the morning. For those who are willing, we also need overnight shepherds to sleep at Calvary's Welcome Inn. Staying overnight is a fantastic opportunity to spend quality time listening to our guests and offering support and encouragement. We cannot provide this life-saving ministry without overnight shepherds. Our overnight shepherds must be familiar with Safeguarding God's Children as we will be hosting children and vulnerable adults.

Please join us in making God's love visible in downtown Memphis by helping us host our unsheltered and vulnerable guests. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Jo Dulaney at bettyjodulaney@gmail.com or Allison Linnevers at allison.linnevers71@gmail.com.

Sign up to volunteer at calvarymemphis.org/riti

Something Different

by Reg Udouj



On a mild spring day in 2021, I first walked through the red doors of Calvary to attend the Good Friday service at noon. As I entered the nave, I was struck by the stained-glass window and the little piece of sky-blue ceiling above the altar. The space was calm, quiet, and peaceful - starkly contrasting the traffic noise outside those walls. It felt good to be physically present after a year of not attending church due to the pandemic. After the service, the Rev. Scott Walters invited the congregation to walk the Stations of the Cross, not in the nave but in the surrounding neighborhood. This was such a beautiful way to pray through the stations.

Looking back on that experience, I saw it as a metaphor for the past year of

shutdowns and isolation. There were stretches of desolation, broken sidewalks, and overgrown weeds. There were places of hope that provided shelter for the downtrodden. And there were moments of beauty, like the architecture of old buildings, making connections with strangers, and the blooms of new life on the trees and plants we passed along the way. After that day, I had a feeling that Calvary was a new beginning for me.

Although I fell in love with this old historical space, the beautiful liturgy, and the spectacular choir and music, I kept returning for other reasons. It was the people and community here that drew me in. The clergy were generous with their time, asking thoughtful questions and listening to my story. From the greeters to the





people in the pews, everyone was warm and welcoming. I have attended churches of various denominations since I was a child, but I have never felt fully comfortable in those settings. Almost everything was about right belief, right doctrine, who is in and who is out. Although I participated in that way of thinking in the past, that was not who I was becoming.

There was something different about Calvary. As I began to participate in more activities and meet more people, I realized that this church was full of people with diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and life experiences. What binds this community together is common worship, loving God, and loving our neighbor. So many here are the hands and feet of Jesus to the neighbors surrounding

this church building. Last December, I had the privilege of serving with others during the annual Emmanuel Meal. It was challenging, beautiful, and inspiring all at the same time. So many parishioners participated in serving our neighbors, and, in turn, we were blessed by them. I will mention one last thing that has brought me closer to God and a few other dear people in this church. With some trepidation, I enrolled in Education for Ministry in the fall of 2022. I knew it would be a lot of reading and a commitment, but it has been well worth it. I have learned much about the history of our sacred text, and I have gained a new perspective on what these ancient writings are trying to say about God and our world. Most importantly, I have had the privilege to have thoughtful discussions with a

The Rev. Scott Walters leads Calvary parishioners in praying the Stations of the Cross through downtown Memphis in 2021.

group of people I now call friends.

I could write more about my experiences with the Lenten Preaching Series, being a new Eucharistic Minister, etc., but I will conclude with this: This church has welcomed me with open arms and has been the hands and feet of Christ to me as well as many, many others. In this place, I receive the bread of life so that I might be that bread for those around me. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.





HAPPENINGS AT CALVARY

(top row, from left):
Renovations to Calvary's nave are concluding and plans to return to worship are still set for Dec. 3.

The Calvary Choir joined voices with the choir of Grace-St. Luke's for a special All Saints Day eucharist incorporating Durufle's *Requiem* on Nov. 1.

The Children's Breakfast Club meets the third Sunday of each month and has become a popular event for our young people before going to formation.

(bottom row, from left):
The Rev. Paul McLain celebrates eucharist in the Great Hall. Calvary has been worshipping in the Great Hall while the nave is being renovated.

Calvary parishioners loved getting together at the Overton Park Clubhouse to celebrate the beginning of our annual giving season. Pictured are Randy & Renee Patey, Nina & Len Grice, and Betsy Black.

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES

preview

It's the most wonderful
time of the year! The
101st year of Calvary's
Lenten Preaching
Series and Waffle Shop
begins Thursday,
February 15!



Look for more
information soon about
this year's complete
lineup that includes
Padraig O'Tuama, the
Rev. Jacqui Lewis, Anwar
Arafat, the Rev. Barbara
Brown Taylor, and many
more!



ADVENT

by the Rev. Katherine Bush



I love Advent. I love the Church's version: candles, new colors, even the wild and sometimes harsh readings meant to prepare us for the wildness of God's arrival into our lives all over again. And truth be told, I love the secular version, too: Advent calendars with treats, preparing our homes for Christmas, even the wild and wooly experience of shopping. Frankly, this world can use all the sparkle and twinkly lights we can throw at it.

This season at Calvary will be especially meaningful as we return to worship in our restored Nave. We'll gather for a beautiful liturgy of readings, anthems, and poetry at our annual Lessons & Carols on Sunday evening, Dec. 3. The Bishop will be in our midst on Sunday, December 10, our neighbors will gather for the Emmanuel Meal on Thursday, Dec. 21, and all the while we'll be preparing for a glorious celebration of Christmas.

Amid all the hustle and bustle, we're sharing a few resources that may be helpful guides for you and your households in this season. You can find them at calvarymemphis.org/advent. I also invite you to join us in-person on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for additional formation offerings.

calvarymemphis.org/advent

Sunday Mornings at 9:15

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Good in the Neighborhood: Brian Lyles

Hear the story of the re-opened Cossitt Library and meet someone doing a lot of good in our neighborhood. Lyles is an enthusiastic downtowner and shares a wonderful story of renewal just a few blocks away from Calvary.

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Bishop Phoebe Roof

We welcome Bishop Phoebe as she makes her annual visit to Calvary for Confirmations at our worship services. She will also speak during the formation hour, sharing her reflections and observations.

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The Rev. Dr. Rosalyn Nichols

Nichols is the organizing pastor of Freedom's Chapel Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Inter-faith Officer for MIFA, and President of MICAH. It's fitting that this extraordinarily busy woman is coming to talk with us about Sabbath practice in Advent. Come hear this Lenten Preaching favorite in conversation.

Wednesday Evenings at 6:15

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Receiving the Day: Christian Practices for Opening the Gift of Time by Dorothy Bass, discussion led by Paul McLain

This book is a helpful primer for prayer and retreat time and teaches us how "receiving the day" can be a guiding principle in our everyday lives. Paul will lead a four-week discussion on Wednesday evenings in Advent.

VESTRY UPDATE

by Zach Ferguson, Senior Warden



What an exciting year 2023 has been for Calvary and for the vestry. The energy and love from the people of Calvary is always palpable, but as we have journeyed this year through life and the Capital Campaign, it feels even greater now.

The vestry spent a lot of this year talking about the Capital Campaign, the design of the renovations, changes to those designs, move-in dates, move-out dates, organ pipes, and everything in between. With all of the talk and excitement around the renovations, we also discussed how we continue to engage the congregation while disruptions to our block occur. What kept coming up in discussions was wanting to engage people through small groups.

Clay Woemmel & Brooks Terry graciously hosted a gathering for those new to Calvary. With so many families with children in the parish, finding ways to engage them was essential, and Brie Wallace and Jessica Flynn organized the gathering for the Grizzlies watch party.

One of the initiatives we began last year was the creation of two youth vestry representatives. Chloe Madden and Brennan Seltzer have served in this role over the past year. Having both of them as part of the vestry has been such a blessing, not only to the vestry itself but also to Calvary. Please join me in thanking

both of these young women for serving in this capacity and being such excellent examples for all of us. We are now accepting applications for our next two youth vestry representatives. Interested youth need to be high school students who are confirmed and active with the youth group. They will serve a one-year term concurrent with the vestry term (January-December).

The vestry's work is to share the leadership of the parish with the rector. We meet to oversee the temporal affairs of the parish, as well as to support the rector and staff in promoting the spiritual welfare of the parish. Over the last few years, as a vestry, we have also wanted to celebrate Calvary's ministries and staff throughout our meetings. We are blessed to have such excellent staff (and volunteers) at Calvary. While we express our thanks during the vestry meetings, I wanted to take this opportunity to send a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Calvary for all you do and to our ministry volunteers for your willingness to serve.

As we approach the end of 2023, I offer thanks to the other outgoing vestry members, David Cocke, Elizabeth Crosby, Jerry Scruggs, and Greta Cooper Young. I think I can speak for all of us when I say it has been an honor and a privilege to serve Calvary in this way. I look forward to making God's love visible in downtown Memphis for many more years.

IN CALVARY'S PRAYERS

Wedding Bells

Patrick Blankinship & Jonathan Hancock, 10/14/23
 Hannah Burton & Robert Gallant, 10/07/23
 Samantha Parkhurst & Jaegar Schlumpberger, 10/07/23

New Life

Collin Davis Jr., son of Bailey & Collin Fountain; grandson of Julie Bethell, 8/16/2023
 Zain Hazem Hassan, son of Elizabeth Parrish & Hazem Hassan; grandson of Gwen & Penn Owen, 8/12/2023
 Elizabeth May Joyce, daughter of Maggie & Matthew Joyce; granddaughter of Gigi & Doug Franklin, 10/28/2023
 Julien Royal Sandy-Hardin, son of Sarah Sandy & Buzz Hardin, 8/9/2023
 Ephraim Hatch Sesko, grandson of Harriet & Jake McFadden, 9/10/2023
 Sloan Carter Slatery, daughter of Morgan & Wil Slatery; granddaughter of Jane & Charles Slatery, 6/6/2023
 Ruby Scott Smith, daughter of Marianne & McLean Smith; granddaughter of Julie & Donovan Smith, 7/5/2023
 Jake Stroud, grandson of Harriet & Jake McFadden, 9/10/2023
 Amiri Lev Talley-Anlen, son of Shirin & Drake Talley; grandson of Peg & Dan Wahl and Mark Talley, 8/19/2023

Saints Departed

David Banks Anthony, Jr., brother of Frank Anthony
 Joan Baldrige-Ballard, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
 Jennifer Biggs, friend of Molly Polatty
 Ann Bourkard, friend of Rose Johnston, Kathy Williams & Mary Nease, and Mary Jane Viar & Debbie Kinard
 Lina Bowyer, mother of Fred Bowyer and aunt of Elmore Holmes
 Connie Brewer, friend of Martha & Jim Boyd
 Patricia Bryant, step-mother of Sam Bryant
 Alexander Bulakhov, neighbor of Ruthie & Paul McLain
 Robert L. Campbell, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
 Alphonse Cinotti, friend of Bruce Watson
 Jean Croye, friend of Katherine Bush
 Peggy Marshall Crutcher, friend of Connie Marshall and Bob O'Connor
 Kingston Davidson
 Mildred De Bois, friend of Dee Wallace
 Mark Dillon, uncle of Robyn Banks
 Jimmie Dixon, aunt of Paige Whittle
 Nancy Donovan, mother of Christopher Donovan
 Dr. Jerald Duncan, friend of Len Grice
 Wallace Etheridge, father-in-law of Barbara Etheridge
 Tad Foote, father of Diana Barzizza
 Larry Franklin, father of Doug Franklin
 Jim Frazier, father of Margaret Gardner
 Karen Freeman
 Jim Gabbert
 The Rev. Carol Gardner

Teofila Bayaton Ginolos, mother of Elena Akin
 Chris Hanneken, friend of Rick Shields
 Herrold Hanson, father of Dave Hanson
 Michael Thomas Hartsfield, husband of Dottie Hartsfield
 Pate Hogan, friend of Robyn Banks
 Katharine Phillips Huffman, cousin of Nino Shipp and Malinda Lewis
 Roy Keathley
 Hazel Vanola Harden Lesueur, mother of Keyaunde K'maahd
 Christopher Lovely, friend of Joseph Powell
 Ben Mauck, friend of Jim Calandrucchio and Paige Whittle
 Patricia McCullough
 Corey McLawyer, son of Adie McLawyer
 Jared McStay
 Rosie & the Rev. Pete Minton, friends of Kendra Martin
 Samarra "Sam" Mirza, granddaughter of Carow Crown
 Walter Scott Montgomery, brother of Rose Johnston
 Scotty Norman, father of Brett Norman
 Fred Nunnery
 Art Odle, father of Jenny Madden
 The Rev. Nicolette Papanek, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
 Michael Payne, father of Allison Cates
 Lyle Phillips, friend of Peg Wahl and Deborah Mays
 Maelene Pritchett, aunt of Richard Hendricks
 A. Carl Rainey, III, brother of Lois Rainey

Wade Ralston, uncle of Ruthie McLain
 Robert Rand, friend of Robbie Phillips
 Lucy Sands, mother of Kim Coggin
 John Sandy, grandfather of Sarah Sandy
 The Rev. Van Savage, father of Robbie Phillips
 Edward Schnacke, father of Kiersten Schnacke
 The Rev. James Sherley, uncle of Robbie Phillips
 Jamal "Red" Smith, cousin of David Robinson
 Wes Smith, friend of Stephen Cates
 Carolyn Smith, cousin of Mark Mitchell
 Janet Woemmel Spicer, sister of Jerry Woemmel and aunt of Clay Woemmel
 Dr. Danny Stephens, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
 Ivy Tinker, friend of Jenny Madden
 Betty Turnbow, grandmother of John Phillians
 Suzanne Weatherly, friend of Paige Whittle & Gaby Moorefield
 Donna Welch, friend of Debbie Kinard & Mary Jane Viar
 Miriam Williamson, cousin of Paul McLain



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