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The Newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church

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LIVE IT UP AT CALVARY!

by Christopher D. Girata, Rector

Easter greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Our Easter season has begun with great joy and energy and promises to continue with fantastic celebrations in the coming weeks. Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have all been invited to live out an Easter faith that finds deep, true joy all around us. And this Easter season, I want you to come seeking that deep joy at Calvary.

During Lent, I challenged you to be present at Calvary on Sundays. I promised that if you made Sunday attendance a priority that your presence here will begin to transform you. So many of you have told me how much being here every Sunday in Lent meant to you. I have heard stories from people throughout our community about small shifts in their awareness during the week, of experiences that had new meaning and relationships that began to shift for the good. This kind of small yet meaningful shift comes from being reminded who we are and *whose* we are, and being present for worship on Sunday is the best way to get that weekly reminder.

I know that those of you who made the commitment to be present throughout Lent have sensed that shift begin. That shift can come in many ways, but most frequently it comes through those moments in the week when your experience at Calvary triggers a memory or inspires a behavioral shift. I love to call those small moments “God nudges.” When we feel nudged to say something nice to the cashier or when we feel nudged to be more patient with our children or when we feel nudged to risk living outside our comfort zone in order to spread a little of God’s love with a neighbor, we are being transformed.

In this Easter season, I want to extend the challenge to be present once again. This Easter, I invite you to *live it up at Calvary!* Over the next few months, there will be many ways that you can plug into this fantastic church community, especially on Sundays. May is filled with special Sundays when we will celebrate our teachers,

our mothers, and our youth. We will celebrate our community as well as consider ways we can begin to be healthier together. By being here on Sundays this summer, you will continue to transform your life, coming closer and closer to the person you want to be. Each week, you will be reminded who you are and whose you are.

I am already looking forward to celebrating with all of you during this Easter season and beyond. May you continue to challenge yourself to live into God’s dreams for you and may God continue to bless you with the courage and conviction to do so. Happy Easter!

Parish Picnic
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Sunday, May 18

WORSHIP at 10 aM
including baptism, eucharist, and festive music by the Red Door Band and the Boys and Girls Choir

WHAT TO BRING:
last name A-F: Dessert
last name G-P: Side Dish
last name Q-Z: Entree

LOCATION:
Metal Museum
374 Metal Museum Dr.
Memphis, TN 38106

VESTRY UPDATE

by Leslie Atwood Smith



Your vestry continues to work with focus and diligence on behalf of the parish. In the February *Chronicle*, our Rector Chris Girata updated us on the restructuring of vestry committees to more accurately reflect the work that is actually being done. This work continues under the leadership of Gary Wilson as chairman of the

Budget & Finance Committee and Ken Clark and Giles Coors leading the Endowment Committee. An ad-hoc committee, chaired by Mike Nelson, has been formed to study best practices in vestry governance. They will examine the history, process, and selection of the warden's committee who currently serve as vestry leadership.

The Formation Ministry Group has continued intentionally planning formation opportunities for both children/youth and adults. Matt Seltzer and Susanne Darnell reported to the vestry the success of the offerings so far this year and upcoming adult formation plans. One tract will be foundation-based with offerings such as scripture study, church history, and tradition. The other tract will be more practical and offer tools for putting faith into action. A Sunday Safari children's program will be offered this summer and progress continues in naming a youth minister intern.

Exploration and information gathering continue around the issues of homeless and abused women. There has been increased interest with the visit of the Rev. Becca Stevens, of the Magdelene project and Thistle Farms. Two meetings with over 20 people in attendance have been held under the leadership of the Rev. Eyleen Farmer to explore possibilities for both direct support of these women and for entrepreneurial opportunities. Three vestry members, Rose Johnston, Bob O'Connor, and Tom Chamberlain, travelled to Nashville for an Education Day at Thistle Farms. The next steps include creating beehives and a small teaching garden in conjunction with Church of the Annunciation in Cordova.

Next month, the vestry will complete, review, and evaluate a Mutual Ministry Review. This will help us continue to discern Calvary's vision, mission, and place in Memphis. Please talk to any vestry member about this or with any other questions or concerns.

Email addresses of vestry members can be found at calvarymemphis.org/vestryleadership.

LENT AT CALVARY

by Christopher D. Girata, Rector



CALVARY CHURCH
LENTEN
PREACHING
SERIES
& the waffle shop

Lent at Calvary was another great success! This year's Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop reminded me, once again, of the power of a church community that chooses to work together for the good of our city. Hundreds of volunteers hosted thousands of visitors over the five and a half week period, truly making God's love visible in downtown Memphis.

Although this is only my second Lent at Calvary, I noticed a very meaningful shift this year. Things ran very smoothly and warmly through Lent. We were certainly busy, but everyone who contributed to this miraculous season welcomed old friends and new friends into our church home with grace and hospitality that should make us all proud.

There were literally hundreds of volunteers from Calvary and the community who made this year's Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop work so efficiently. Everyone who gave his or her time, talent, and treasure to this season made a fantastic investment in our church community. In addition to the many who came to volunteer throughout the season, there are some who came every single day, volunteering heroically, and I would like to extend a very special thank you to them!

Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop continues to be a pillar in the faith community of Memphis and I am proud of our continued support. Even though it's only been a few weeks, I already miss the inspiring preaching, delicious food, and daily fun — and I can't wait until next year!

CALVARY BOOK GROUP

The Calvary Book Group will be reading *The Spiral Staircase: My Climb Out of Darkness* by Karen Armstrong. Molly Polatty will host the discussion on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. at her home (84 N Evergreen St #4, 38104). All are welcome!

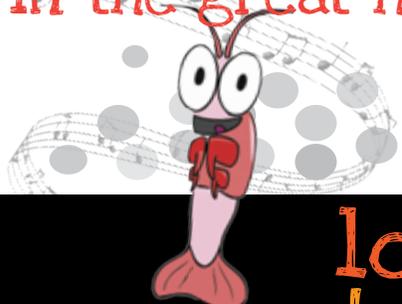
EVENSONG ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

by Kristin Lensch, Organist-Choirmaster

As Anglicans, “we pray at the beginning and the end of every day because our lives, our history and our future belong to God. We give thanks for good things, ask for help with difficult things and pray for those in pain and need. We also listen, day after day, to words from scripture that tell the great story of what God has done and will do. God is with us in all things and in all places. In this service of Evensong, we give God our undivided attention.” *(from Salisbury Cathedral, England)*

Evensong will be offered on Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. It will feature the Calvary Ringers, Boys and Girls Choir and the Calvary Choir, and will include works by John Rutter, John Bertalot and Herbert Brewer.

wednesday, may 14
5:30 pm
in the great hall



**low
country
boil**

\$10/adults
\$5/children

and Evensong
at 7 pm in the church

with the Calvary Choir
the Boys and Girls Choir
and the Calvary Ringers

RSVP at calvarymemphis.org/low-country-boil

HONORING THE PAST IN THE PRESENT

by Kristin Lensch, Organist-Choirmaster



Last month, the Calvary Choir sang several pieces that were written for or by previous Organist-Choirmasters of Calvary Episcopal Church, including Tim Hagy, Thomas Pavlechko, John Wright, and Adolph Steuterman.

Coming up, we will sing two more pieces that were commissioned by parishioners of Calvary on Sunday, June 1. Most recently, a group of parishioners commissioned former Interim Organist-Choirmaster Tim Hagy to write a piece which he dedicated to the Calvary Choir and Organist-Choirmaster Kristin Lensch, entitled “Celtic Morning Prayer.”

The other piece is one that Lynda Gayle Deacon commissioned Thomas Pavlechko to write in honor of her family, entitled “In Sacred Manner.” It was premiered at St. Mark’s Church (now Cathedral), Shreveport, where her father, William Teague, served as Organist-Choirmaster for thirty-nine years.

We are so fortunate to have these two new gems added to our outstanding music library.

SOUP SUNDAY

by Wayne Knerr, Soup Sunday Coordinator



Sunday, May 11 is Soup Sunday! Purchase David’s Gumbo and Black Bean & Kale for \$5/pint and \$10/quart at the Information Desk on the first floor. All

money raised from the sale of soup supports Calvary’s Community Breakfast, an outreach ministry that serves a hot breakfast to our homeless brothers and sisters every Sunday. Soup will be prepared during two shifts in the Calvary kitchen on Saturday, May 10. Contact Merrill Ann Cole to sign up, merrill.ann@juno.com or 767-7179.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES FOR ADULTS

May 4: Meet Calvary's Authors (*Great Hall*)

The Adult Christian Formation year concludes by introducing some of Calvary's gifted writers. Following a lively panel discussion about the intersection of spirituality, identity and calling, parishioners may ask a few follow-up questions.

Week II (May 4):

Bill Branch • Lee Cagle • Bill Henry • Mike Nelson
• Bob O'Connor • Susan Waits

May 4: Tweeting the Good Word (Emison)

This class will use the Bible & the limits of Twitter as tools 2 discuss & investigate biblical texts. U DO NOT have 2 know anything about twitter 2 attend! #emisontweets

May 4: Welcome Class (Church)

Meet with Rector Chris Girata to discover what Calvary is about and to begin to discern whether this is the place where you can best grow in your relationship with God and your ability to serve the world. Our Welcome Class is open to anyone—seekers, newcomers to The Episcopal Church, or newcomers to this parish.

FEAST OF ST. COLUMBA



The third annual Feast of St. Columba, St. Columba Episcopal Conference & Retreat Center's popular fundraising dinner, will be celebrated Saturday, June 7. Guest contributions cover an elegant small-plate community dinner featuring local Memphis foods, drinks and a beautiful outdoor evening worth remembering.

St. Columba's first director, the Rev. Ed Wills Jr., and his wife, Andrea, will return to St. Columba to host the third annual Feast. Wills served as Director of St. Columba for six years and now serves as Rector of St. Michael's Church in Little Rock. Andrea Wills works with Felder Farms, an organic farm that provides produce to the Little Rock area. All proceeds go towards the mission of camp & hospitality at St. Columba and support some 5,500 annual guests and campers. To reserve, please email saintcolumbacenter@gmail.com.

UTO INGATHERING

by Laurie Monypeny, UTO Chair



The United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering will be held on Sunday, May 11. You are encouraged to count your daily blessings by putting coins in a "Blue Box" in thanksgiving for the large and small daily gifts from God that brighten

your life and the lives of those around you.

When you bring your Blue Box to the Ingathering, it will be combined with the offerings of thousands of others to become the United Thank Offering. The United Thank Offering then awards grants for projects that implement significant change and that address issues that concern those in need throughout the world. The United Thank Offering is a way for each person to express tangible thanks to God. United with the prayers and offerings of other Episcopalians, its ministry reaches around the world.

Please consider your many blessings and give to the UTO, not only on May 11, but every day throughout the year. UTO Blue Boxes can be found throughout the church. For more information or if you have any questions, please call me at 452-0960 or e-mail lmonype1@comcast.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

Here's a heads up on just some of the fun that will be happening at Calvary this summer. Mark your calendars now and don't miss out on these fun, formational, fellowship opportunities! Look for more information in next month's *Chronicle*.

Wednesday, June 11:
Redbirds Game

Sunday, June 28:
Hester Mathes preaches at Calvary

Wednesday, July 9:
Bingo & Ice Cream

Coming to Calvary this summer!
Summer Sundays: June 8-July 27 at 11:15 am



JUNGLE SAFARI K-5TH GRADE

Children in Kindergarten through fifth grade will journey through the ultimate jungle safari this summer at Calvary. Kids will sing songs, make crafts, and hear Bible stories as they meet each Sunday morning beginning June 8. (Classes will not meet July 6.) Register you child(ren) now at calvarymemphis.org/jungle-safari.



EYC BIBLE STUDY GRADES 6-12

Youth will journey through Bible stories this summer, exploring such ideas as God as creator, provider, protector, savior, and king.

Model for Healthy Living Adults

Based on a model developed by the Church Health Center, adults will have the opportunity to learn about the many facets of healthy living over the course of seven weeks this summer. Your faith, work, nutrition, movement, family and friends, emotions and medical health all contribute to a life filled with more joy, more love and more connection with God. The Model for Healthy Living visually illustrates how these seven key dimensions of our body-and-spirit experience overlap at the core of our lives.





In your prayers at home, please remember those on the Calvary Prayer List.

Karen Barker	Joanna Hwang	Samantha Rogers	Katherine Wellford
John Blaylock	Sally Jones	Craig Smith	Sam White
Michael Boyer	Mitch Lifland	Jane Smith	Elizabeth Whitlock
Liz Browne	Albert Mallory	Maureen Stoneman	Annabelle Whittemore
Carita Crump	Neely Mallory III	Philip Strubing	Trisha Wood
Patrick Crump	Stephen McCoy	David Sullivan	Gene Woods
Terry Fox	Al McCraw	The Tigrett family	Amelia
Randy Garner	Margaret Moffett	David Trammel	Diane
Laura Garretson	Sissy Nickels	Lucy Turnbull	Russ
Holly Potter Gibley	Peter Nocifora	Julia Velasco	
Garrett Helms	Jane Propson	Joshua Wallace	
Donald Howdeshell	Joan Ray	Eileen Watson	

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Jen & Paul Sciubba • Michelle & Brian Vernon • Lisa & Todd Whitney

NEW LIFE

Phoebe Kathryn, daughter of Katie & John Owen • Catherine & Grace Walker, nieces of Emily Walker Koelsch

WEDDING BELLS

Mary Kate Coleman Huseman & Eric James Orso, April 26

SAINTS DEPARTED

Dan Barrow, brother-in-law of Frank Anthony • Claude Cagle, father of Lee Cagle • Reesa Driver, step-mother of Katie Owen • Paul Hamblen, Jr., great-grandfather of Zoe & Luke Hamblen • Herta Nelson, mother of Mike Nelson • Carlton Phillips, brother of Pat Morgan

To have a loved one or yourself added to any of the Calvary Prayer Lists, please contact Ebet Peebles, 525-6602 ext. 138 or epeebles@calvarymemphis.org.

CALVARY CYCLE OF PRAYER

We give thanks for the many blessings of the gifts and talents of our parishioners.

May 4: Tara & Franklin Barton and son Franklin • Karyn & Paul Bondi & children Zoe & Kyle • Ken Clark • Donna Davis • Lee & Joe Duncan • Linda & Charles Frankum • Posey Hedges • Katy & Bailey Leopard and children Grady, Wallace, & Nonie • Elizabeth & Jimmie Madden • Natalie Marcotte

May 11: Bailey Bethell • Karen Broadway • Jane Carruthers • Elizabeth & Ben Fox and children Laurel & Thomas • Jamey Howdeshell • Mary & Fred Nunnery • Jill & Fred Piper and sons Phillips & Kenneth • Mary Roudnev and children Maria & Andrei • Robert Taylor • Nancy Wakeman

May 25: Cathy Awsumb • Julie & Clay Bethell and children Grace & Mack • Hilary & Tom Chipley and children Ella & Henry • Nicole & Chris Girata and children Brayden, Layna, & Annemarie • Ann Hooser • Sally & Dalton Lyon and daughters Lucy & Ann Carter • Jenny & Jim Madden and children James & Chloe • Alice & John Roberts and children Evelyn & Jack • Ellen & Ben Robertson and children Anna & Henry • Pat & Lowell Robinson

SUNDAY, MAY 4
THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given in loving memory of
Paul Girata, Sr., Joseph A. Mayo and Harry Roenick, Sr.
by The Rev. and Mrs. Christopher D. Girata
and Brayden, Layna & Annemarie

THE AUMBRY CANDLE

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Frank G. Barton, Jr.
by Karen and John Butler

SUNDAY, MAY 11
THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Shoaf, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Kolb, Eleanor Mayo "Sunny" Kolb, Theodore M. Kolb, and Bernard S. Kolb II
by Melinda and Bill Kolb

THE AUMBRY CANDLE

is given to the glory of God and
in thanksgiving for another birthday
by Madge Logan Clark

SUNDAY, MAY 18
THE ALTAR FLOWERS

to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Maryann and Otis Hawkins
and Virginia and Dyer Butterfield
by Ann and Mason Hawkins

SUNDAY, MAY 25
THE AUMBRY CANDLE

is given to the glory of God
and in honor of
Cap and Cristina Pinkham for their dedication,
faithfulness and service to Calvary Church
by Charles Billings



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CLERGY

The Rev. Christopher D. Girata (x122)	Rector
The Rev. Eyleen Farmer (x117)	Associate Rector
The Rev. Deacon Audrey Gonzalez	Deacon
The Rev. Ben G. Robertson, IV (x124)	Associate Rector

CLERGY IN OUR MIDST

The Rev. Senter Crook	324-3607
The Venerable Mimsy Jones	685-6916
The Rev. Canon Bill Kolb	438-0751

VESTRY

Warden's Committee: Hall Gardner, Sr. Warden (3) •
Leslie Atwood Smith, Jr. Warden (2) • Allison Parker,
At Large (2) • Terre Sullivant, At Large (1) • Peg Wahl,
Treasurer • Celeste Herburger, clerk

Alison Boeving (2) • Tom Chamberlain (1) • James
Dowd (2) • Nicky Hitching (1) • Rose Johnston (3) •
David Leigh (1) • Mike Nelson (2) • Bob O'Connor
(3) • Charles Shipp (3) • Raymond Spence (1) • Clay
Woemmel (3)

PARISH STAFF

Issiah Carroll (x152)	Kitchen Assistant
Hilary Chipley (x105)	Dir. of Youth & Children
Lynda Gayle Deacon (x119)	Music Admin & Event Coordinator
Fred Goldsmith (x115)	Information Officer
Jason Kindel (x120)	St. Cecilia Choir Director
Kristin Lensch (x120)	Organist-Choirmaster
Robyn Mauldin (x108)	Dir. of Communications
Mary O'Brien (x123)	Parish Chef
Katie Owen (x109)	Parish Administrator
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GRADUATING SENIORS AND CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

by Hilary Chipley, Director of Youth and Children



On Sunday, May 11, during the 10 a.m. worship service, Calvary will honor our graduating seniors and commission our rising second grade students out of Children's Chapel.

Calvary will give thanks for our high school seniors, offering blessings and prayers as they move into the next chapter of their journey, and give each senior a gift. Seniors will participate in the service in a special way, including preaching by Margaret Grace Haltom, Sam Kitterman, Katherine Parker, Mary Allison Pritchard.

Our rising second graders will take their next step in church life as they are commissioned to "big church" from Children's Chapel. We will call our rising second grade students to the chancel steps after the passing of the peace for a special prayer and gift. Please keep all of our students in your prayers as we enter summer break.

Second Sunday
Evening Worship

Sunday, May 11
5:30 p.m.

*featuring The Red Door Band
under the coordination of David Lee*

This evening service features
Eucharist in a casual,
comfortable style.

Bring a friend!