

Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist:

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

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



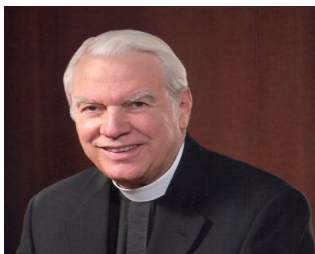
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Rhythms of Lent

By The Rev. Scott Walters, Rector



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Heart of the Matter

By Paul McLain, Associate Rector

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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A brand new day at Calvary

by Robyn Banks, Director of Communications

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

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

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

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

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

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

We hope that the new website brings Calvary to



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

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



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



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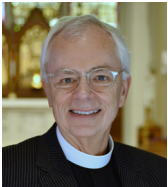
FOR NEARLY A CENTURY, the people of Calvary Church have taken on a curious Lenten practice. We cook waffles and much more for all of downtown Memphis to enjoy, and we invite wise and inspiring preachers into our pulpit from places near and far (geographically, philosophically, and even temperamentally,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

The Rev. Scott Walters
RECTOR

PREACHING SERIES & THE WAFFLE SHOP
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MARCH 7 - APRIL 12
TUESDAYS *through* FRIDAYS





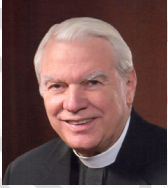
THURSDAY, MARCH 7
The Rev. Buddy Stallings Retired Episcopal Priest in New York, NY

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



FRIDAY, MARCH 8
The Rev. Dr. Stacy Spencer New Direction Christian Church, Memphis

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



TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12-13
The Rev. Dan Matthews St. John the Divine in New York, NY

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



MARCH 13 at 6:30 p.m., Lent After Dark
THURSDAY-FRIDAY, MARCH 14-15
Dr. Omid Safi Director of the Duke University Islamic Studies Center

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



TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19-20
MARCH 20 at 6:30 p.m., Lent After Dark
Dr. Brian McLaren Author, Activist and Public Theologian

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

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



THURSDAY, MARCH 21
The Rev. Dr. John Kilzer & Kirk Whalum Musicians and ministers, Memphis



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

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



FRIDAY, MARCH 22
Dr. Marjorie Hass President of Rhodes College, Memphis

The Torah begins with two very different accounts of creation. The first is a story of order, abundance, positivity, and equality. The second is a story of repair, lack, the intrusion of negative elements, and hierarchy. Dr. Marjorie Hass draws on both Rabbinic and philosophical sources to interpret these two stories and their lessons about the nature of the creative act. These lessons form the basis for a revitalized understanding of our responsibility for the creative acts we perform—not only as artists and leaders, but in our daily actions within our families, our workplaces, and our communities.



TUESDAY, MARCH 26
The Rev. John Pitzer Associate Rector at Trinity Episcopal in New Orleans, Louisiana

The Rev. John Pitzer has always believed the Church should have an open door policy. In order to build a more inclusive church, he strives to make his preaching practical, engaging, welcoming, and passionate. For twenty years as a Dominican friar, Pitzer ministered here in Memphis and throughout the south. His passion for preaching and inclusivity now continues in the Episcopal Church, where he is an associate rector at Trinity Episcopal in New Orleans, Louisiana.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27
The Rev. Hester Mathes Associate Rector at Holy Communion, Memphis

The many faithful who raised the Rev. Hester Mathes at Calvary, combined with years spent soaking in the wisdom of the Lenten Preaching Series, have provided an amazing springboard for an adventurous spiritual journey. Together, they challenge Mathes to break the Good News of God’s love out of the constraints of Sunday mornings. She hopes to continue to proclaim and explore the Gospel message in ways that launch it from the comfort of worship and study into an all-encompassing way of life.



MARCH 27 at 6:30 p.m., Lent After Dark
THURSDAY, MARCH 28
Dr. Diana Butler Bass Author, independent scholar and public speaker

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



FRIDAY, MARCH 29
Msgr. Valentine Handwerker Pastor, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Memphis

Born in Memphis and a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Memphis for 44 years, Msgr. Val Handwerker is presently pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church, located in the southern end of downtown. He is committed to urban ministry, and St. Patrick’s offers that vision, building upon its more than 150-year legacy at the same location. His preaching focuses on Jesus’ response to his first sermon in his hometown synagogue: “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” The challenge is to show how Jesus’ scripture is fulfilled now in the life of the church assembly and the people of God—right here in Memphis.



TUESDAY, APRIL 2
The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Robinson President and CEO, United Way of the Mid-South, Memphis

While in medical school, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Robinson felt unequivocally called by the Lord to a bi-vocational synthesis of medicine and ministry: healing individuals, families and communities while joining God’s work to holistically “heal the land.” He is a systems-directed change agent: transforming urban churches into multi-faceted social, economic, and community development engines; delivering a more diversified physician workforce; catalyzing public health policies and practices; and, most recently, implementing a human services ecosystem that drives the dreams of persons in generational poverty and advances them toward economic prosperity. Robinson seeks to “walk worthy of the vocation to which he’s been called.”



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

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



THURSDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 4-5
Rabbi Micah Greenstein Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel, Memphis

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

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



TUESDAY, APRIL 9
The Rev. Sam Teitel Pastor, Church of the River, Memphis

The Rev. Sam Teitel is a minister, poet and storyteller with an irreverent wit and a deep, abiding love of scripture, especially the weird parts of scripture that people don’t usually like to talk about. His sermons are candid, accessible, and often funnier than he means them to be. A lifelong Unitarian Universalist, he won the grand prize at the 2018 Preachers Fight Club storytelling event. Teitel has served as the minister of The Church Of The River in Memphis since 2017. Before he became a minister, he toured and performed as a slam poet. He is beyond thrilled to be returning to Calvary’s Lenten Preaching Series.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
The Rev. Phoebe Roaf Bishop-Elect, Diocese of West Tennessee

The Rev. Phoebe Roaf was elected as the fourth bishop for the Diocese of West Tennessee and their annual convention in November 2018. She will be ordained bishop on May 4, 2019. Two passages of scripture summarize what the Gospel means to Bishop-Elect Roaf: Paul’s reassurance that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Romans 8, and the vision of every nation, tribe, people and language worshipping the lamb of God from the Revelation to John. Thus, the central message of the Gospel is fellowship with all of humanity in the name of Jesus Christ. The kingdom of God is near when people of all backgrounds and walks of life focus on what unites them instead of what divides them.



APRIL 10 at 6:30 p.m., Lent After Dark
THURSDAY, APRIL 11
Marie Howe Poet

From humankind’s earliest time on earth, prayer has been uttered as poetry. Through chants and spells, psalms of praise, beseeching and complaint, humans have cried out to the unseen in faith and in doubt, in loneliness and joy, in bewilderment and confidence. Through poetry, we shape our cry into something essential and we sing it into space. Marie Howe illuminates ways to pay attention to our own intimate discourse with the divine – and how writing can become a gateway to faith.



FRIDAY, APRIL 12
The Rev. Dorothy Wells St. George’s Episcopal Church, Germantown

The Rev. Dorothy Wells’s hope and prayer for ministry is to communicate the message of God’s love for all of God’s people—truly, the overarching message of the whole of our scriptures. Christians affirm the belief that all humankind are made in the image and likeness of God and commanded to love our God and our neighbors. Putting those foundational beliefs into practice within relationships transforms our world and opens a way into the Kingdom that God intends for us. Wells loves to serve in ministry in Memphis, helping to bring about reconciliation for God’s people here.



THE WAFFLE SHOP

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

Daily Specials

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

LENT AFTER DARK

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

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

DINNER: 5:15–6:15 P.M.

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

SPEAKER: 6:30–7:30 P.M.

MARCH 13

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

MARCH 20

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

MARCH 27

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

APRIL 3

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

APRIL 10

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

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

Parishioner Spotlight: Kim Jasper

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

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

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

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

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

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



Malinda Lewis and
Kim Jasper at Calvary's
Waffle Shop

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

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

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

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

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



Upcoming adult formation classes

March 10
Climate Change and What I Can Do About It: Dave Rupke and Matt Seltzer
It’s hard to ignore the latest dramatic headlines about global warming, how it’s affecting our lives now, and what we may face in the future. But amid our complex lives, it’s equally hard to grapple with exactly what’s going on, why we should care, and what anyone can do about it. A scientist and architect talk about their understanding of climate change, what some folks are doing about it, and what we all can do.

March 17
The Rule of Benedict and Hospitality: Dr. Emily Holmes
What can medieval monks contribute to the local food movement? How might we reconcile our commitment to the place in which we live with our welcome of others? This talk draws on St. Benedict’s Rule for the lives of monks to help us think about the virtues of hospitality and love of place in the context of building a just and sustainable local food system. Dr. Emily A. Holmes is an author and associate professor in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Christian Brothers University.

March 24
Called to Grow at St. Columba: Brad Thompson
St. Columba has launched its *Called to Grow* capital campaign to add accessible camp and retreat lodging to the campus and serve campers and groups who have been knocking at the door of our popular diocesan center. Executive Director Brad Thompson will be with us to share information about the project and promote direct connections between St. Columba’s expanding camp and hospitality ministries and Calvary’s “Welcoming the Stranger” adult forum theme.

March 24 and April 28
Welcome Class: Calvary Clergy
Our Welcome Class is open to anyone—seekers, newcomers to the Episcopal Church, or newcomers to

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

March 31 & April 7
A Homelessness Primer: Pat Morgan
Author, activist, and Calvary parishioner Pat Morgan will lead a conversation on everything you need to know about homelessness and homeless people in Memphis. In part two of her presentation, Pat Morgan will examine national issues, including the legislation that has resulted in “collateral damage” and the criminalization of homelessness both locally and nationally.

April 14
Holy Week: Paul McLain
This week marks the holiest week of our Christian calendar. Associate Rector Paul McClain leads a discussion of this part of our church calendar and its significance in history and our lives.

April 28
The Politics and Polity of the Episcopal Church: Amber Carswell
On May 4 a new bishop of West Tennessee will be consecrated. This might beg the question: what does a bishop do? For that matter, how does the Episcopal Church work in terms of governance and structure? Bring all your questions to this forum about what happens to disobedient clergy, whose voice matters in the church, and why we work so slowly as an institution.

May 12
Welcoming the Stranger: Scott Walters
We have spent the year exploring, mulling over, and acting out the biblical directive to welcome the stranger. Rector Scott Walters offers some final thoughts on the subject.

Guiding our way

by Peg Wahl, Senior Warden



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

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

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

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

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

- Heritage
- Courage
- Caring for all
- Vibrancy

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

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

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

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

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

I remain,
Faithfully yours,
-Peg

Upcoming Events

Gumbo Cook-Off | Tuesday | March 5

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

Bishop Johnson's Retirement Party Sunday | March 31

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

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

Emmanuel Center Carnival | Saturday | April 13

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

Great Expectations

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

New Life

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

Wedding Bells

Alicia Anderson & Charles Klazer Gomes, Dec. 29

Saints Departed

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

Olga Forino,riend of Gary Thompson
Cheryl Ranae Hendricks, sister-in-law of Richard Hendricks
Cornel Henry, son of Carl Henry
David Hinson, friend of Wil Hunt
Larry Holder, brother of Jenny Emison
Bishop Harold Hopkins, father of Katy Hopkins
Yveline Humbert, mother of Michele Crump
Lisa Ann Lichterman
Sandra Mayo, friend of Terre & Henry Sullivant
Barbara O'Brien, grandmother of Matthew Joyce
Rob Pallone, brother-in-law of Molly and Mills Polatty
Bill Pugh, friend of Pat Morgan
Ed Travis, friend of Rhoda Smith
Ronnie Tucker, uncle of Shannon Tucker
Rose Vanelli, friend of Hilary Chipley
Katie Walker, cousin of John Owen



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

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



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

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

