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Being Reconciled

By The Rev. Scott Walters, Rector



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Adult Fall Formation Opportunities

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

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

SEPT
8

Camino Recap

Katy Leopard and Betty Jo Dulaney

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

SEPT
15-29

Reconciliation

Calvary Clergy

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

OCT
6

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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



OCT
13

Creating Space In Our Churches, Neighborhoods and City To Become Multi-abled

Daniel Aaron Harris

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



OCT
20

INSPIRE Community Café: A love for people, passion for life-giving food and a thirst for justice

Kristin Fox-Trautman

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



OCT
27

Repaying the Carbon Debt

Mike Larrivee

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



Wednesday Evenings • 6:15-7:15 p.m.

SEPT
4

Flannery O'Connor: Grace & the Grotesque

September 4, 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9; The Rev. Scott Walters

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



SEPT
4

Courage through Yoga

September 4 through Nov. 20; Michelle Fulmer

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

SEPT
4

Parent Quiet Hour

September 4 through Nov. 9

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

Calvary Choir Rehearsals

7-9 p.m. every Wednesday

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

Calvary Ringers Rehearsal

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

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

Small Groups

Calvary Book Group

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

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

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

Young Adult Bible Study

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

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

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

Education for Ministry

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

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

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

Men's Bible Study: La Baguette Bible Brothers

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

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

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

Women's Bible Study

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

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



Children's Formation Opportunities

SUNDAY AM

Nursery Care

Ages 0-5

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

Children's Chapel

Ages 3 and up

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

Godly Play

Pre-K and Kindergarten

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

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

Godly Play: People, Prophets, and Parables

1st & 2nd Grades

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

Weaving God's Promises

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

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

WEDNESDAY PM

EpiscoPALS

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

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

St. Cecilia Choir

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

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

Boys and Girls Choir

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Calvary Pre-YC

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades

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

Youth Formation Opportunities

SUNDAY AM

Connections

Grades 6-12

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

SUNDAY PM

Sunday Night Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Grades 9-12

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

WEDNESDAY PM

Wednesday Night Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

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

EYC is a safe place for youth to explore and

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

TUESDAY AM & THURSDAY PM

Coffee Hours

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Division of Youth (DOY) Retreat Weekends

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

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

Feeling Welcome at Calvary EYC

By Emlyn Polatty

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

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

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

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

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

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



My DOY Experience

By Ellen Barnes

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

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

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

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

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

camp. For example, each dance ends with the song “Purple Rain” by Prince.

I look forward to future events and new people I will meet spending time at camp.



Fall Music Offerings



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

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

EVENSONG

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



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

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

Getting Involved

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

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



COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Community Breakfast

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

Community Breakfast Prep

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

Calvary Clothes Closet

Provide our homeless neighbors with an opportunity to select much-needed clothes and toiletries Sunday mornings from 7 to 8 a.m. You can also volunteer to organize the Clothes Closet so our neighbors can easily find items they need.

Emmanuel Center

Tutor, collect school supplies, or mentor the children of Emmanuel Center. The Emmanuel Center seeks to break the cycle of poverty through education and strengthening young minds, bodies, and spirits within a context of Christian witness. Each spring Calvary volunteers host a carnival for the children and families of the Emmanuel Center.

Emmanuel Meal

Calvary parishioners invite close to 300 of our homeless and poor neighbors to a Christmas luncheon on a Monday before Christmas. Volunteers host, serve guests, and buy turkeys to support this ministry.

Friends of the Mental Health Court

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

Grizzlies Prep

Be a Lunch Buddy by eating a 30-minute lunch weekly with a student. This mentoring relationship has proven to be a valuable asset not only for the student but also for the volunteer. Grizzlies Prep is a Title I charter school providing education to young men in grades 5-8.



The Hospitality HUB + Work Local

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

Lives Worth Saving

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

MICAH

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

MIFA (Memphis InterFaith Association)

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

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense

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

Pride Parade

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

Refugees

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

Room in the Inn

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

Soup Sunday

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



Special Friends

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

Thistle & Bee, Inc.

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

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

Daughters of the King

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

Pastoral Care Teams

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

Eucharistic Visitors

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

All Saints Guild

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

Wedding Guild

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

WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRIES

Acolytes

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

Altar Guild

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

Music at Calvary

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

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

Eucharistic Ministers

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

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

Flower Guild

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



Lectors

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

Ushers

Ushers are the first impression that parishioners and visitors have of Calvary. By their positive and uplifting greeting, they establish a joyous spiritual atmosphere for those entering the nave for worship. Specific duties include: collecting, counting, and recording the offering; counting attendance; cleaning-up pews after services; and ringing the tower bell. This ministry requires about 1-¾ hours for the 10 a.m. worship service once every six weeks and one hour for the 8 a.m. worship service once every five weeks.

OFFICE MINISTRIES

Front Desk

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

Communications Office

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

Finance Office

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

Kitchen

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Heifer Global Challenge

By Chloe Madden

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

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

rising, and we had to relocate to the barn.

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



Walking the Camino

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



By Hal Crenshaw

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

By Christine Broughton

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

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

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

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

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

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

The simplicity and peace of

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

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

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

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



Calvary Windows

By Vincent Astor

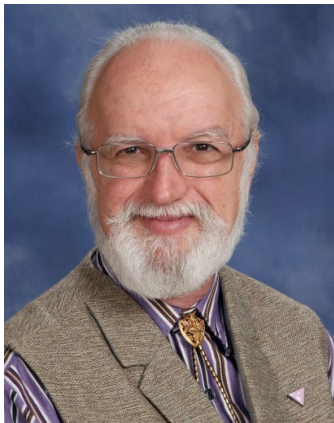
One of my ministries as a parishioner is to remember what we have accomplished and from where sprang our present community ministries and outreach. When I first volunteered to be a Calvary Docent (I have much experience in this) I set out to learn as much about the history of the church as I could. It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

One of the first visible results

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

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

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



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

COMMUNITY-WIDE READ

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

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

HOMELESSNESS HERE AND NOW

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

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

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

DO GOOD, LOVE WELL LUNCHEON

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

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

Purchase tickets: mifa.org/dogoodlovewell



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

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

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



Theresa S. Hardison Award

by Laurie Monypeny, President, Guild of the Holy Spirit

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

This year's recipient of the Theresa S. Hardison

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



Vestry Update

by Peg Wahl, Senior Warden



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Save the Date

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

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

Thistle & Bee Luncheon | Friday | Sept. 6

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

Special Friends | Sunday | Sept. 22

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

Blessing of the Animals | Saturday | Oct. 5

Calvary offers its annual Blessing of the Animals this year at a new location, Calvary's park at the corner of Adams and B.B. King, beginning at 4 p.m. If you had a beloved creature you would like to be remembered in the Prayers of the People's Pets Departed, e-mail the name to Clay Woemmel, cwoemmel@gmail.com, by Thursday, Oct. 3. To volunteer, contact Ruthie McLain, rlawsmclain@gmail.com. Come join us for a festive afternoon of giving thanks for all God's creatures great and small!

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

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

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

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

Wedding Bells

Thomas Cesario & Brandon Leslie, June 8

Great Expectations

Sarah & Erik Ball

Amanda & Colin Browning

New Life

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

Saints Departed

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

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