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The joy of Lent

BY THE REV. F. M. "BUDDY" STALLINGS, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE



Buddy Stallings

Recently in a sermon, I joked that compared to many places, Lent at Calvary is pretty cushy. Everyone tells me that I am almost guaranteed to put on a few pounds during the phenomenon of Waffle Shop. Since serious fasting has never been a part of my Lenten discipline, or any other discipline for that matter—being hungry makes me think of food more than of God—I

anticipate no problem in embracing the much-celebrated gastronomical advantages of Calvary's Lenten observance!

And, yet, like all of you, I do know that Lent, and the practices that are associated with it, are foundational in our lives as serious Christians. In truth, the practice of our

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The power of preaching

BY THE REV. EYLEEN FARMER, ASSOCIATE RECTOR

I don't like to hear cut and dried sermons. No, when I hear a man preach, I like to see him act as if he were fighting bees. ~ Abraham Lincoln

There are all kinds of preachers in this world. There are those who rely on a manuscript and those who don't. Some use humor to great effect, and there are others for whom preaching is serious business indeed. Some spend countless hours in study and prayer; others have the ability to preach at the drop of a hat with little preparation. Several years ago an LPS preacher asked me, as he was vesting—10 minutes before the service—what I would like him to talk about. I could hardly believe my ears!

There are preachers who frighten us into being good. In his famous sermon, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*, Jonathan Edwards warned that "Unconverted men walk over the pit of hell on a rotten covering." Oh, my. That was in the 18th century. Nowadays, preachers I know anything about more often try to convince us we are good and therefore have nothing to worry about. A reassuring message perhaps, but hardly life-changing. Once in a while, a soulful preacher may come along who inspires us to stumble out of our complacent lives onto a genuine spiritual path.



Eyleen Farmer

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I grew up listening to Baptist preachers. Which meant, among other things, that I became accustomed to 40-minute sermons. Time enough to develop a solid argument, including a joke, three points, and a poem. Episcopalians get antsy after 10 minutes. Presbyterians are known for heady sermons; Pentecostals for spiritually charged sermons. But no matter what kind of preaching we're talking about, truly excellent preaching changes things—minds, hearts, opinions, beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors.

Excellent preaching is what Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series is about. For almost 95 years, Calvary has been offering the series as a "Gift to the City." Everyone is welcome; nothing is asked in return.

For many of us, LPS, along with the famous Waffle Shop, are Calvary's flagship ministries. Both, in different ways and for different reasons, are miracles. It is nothing short of a miracle that 10,000 meals can be served in the five weeks leading up to Holy Week. And 5,000 people, many of whom never come to Calvary for any other occasion, go to the trouble of driving downtown, paying to park, and coming to hear a preacher (of all things) whom they have never met and will probably never see again. Such is the hunger of body and soul.

The 2017 LPS lineup is guaranteed to bring you excellent preaching. Some names you will recognize; others you won't. But each preacher was chosen carefully and deliberately. They represent different traditions, and we hope that, if you give them a chance, they might well shake your foundations a little bit. At the very least they will nurture your longing to hear words worth hearing. I will be there, in Calvary's nave, most every day. I hope to see you there!



The Rev. Becca Stevens returns to Calvary's pulpit
March 29 & 30.

Listening for the Holy Spirit

BY SHANNON TUCKER, SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBER

Choosing the next rector to lead Calvary Episcopal Church was recently described to those of us serving on the search committee as more like finding a partner in marriage and less like finding a CEO. In the end, we are looking to fall in love with someone and are hopeful they will fall in love with us too. That sentiment may seem a little unconventional, but when we thought about it together, the idea made some sense.

In our search for a rector, we seek someone who can lead and manage the parish, someone who is a powerful preacher and a capable administrator certainly, but a rector is called to be much more than just the head of our church. The rector of Calvary will be a part of some of the most important journeys in our lives. They will celebrate our joys and will comfort us in our sorrows. They will connect with us from the pulpit on Sundays and build consensus when we need to see a vision for the church greater than our own. They may help us discern a calling to ministry, officiate at our wedding or may be with us in the last hours of our life on earth. Like the best marriages, this rector might challenge us to rethink our views and will strive to help us grow in love for each other and God. Building a successful marriage takes work and patience and compromise and faith and commitment. It takes partnership, and we are on track for finding the right partner for Calvary.

For the past few months, the 12 members of your search committee have been committed to meeting every week and reviewing, discussing and listening to the candidates and each other. We have read questionnaires, listened to countless sermons and have been searching for the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit in our deliberations. Now beginning our fifth full month, we have gone from more than 40 potential candidates down to less than 15 and in mid-January sent and received answers to a list of additional questions from each candidate. In following the dating analogy, we are at the stage of the relationship where we pick which of the candidates with whom we want to go on a first date. That first meeting will be in the form of interviews

through video conference with the committee, and we expect to those to be scheduled in early February. After that, we will move to in-person meetings where we will travel to see the candidates face-to-face. It's an exciting time for Calvary and our parish and has been a time of deep reflection and meaningful progress.

During our time together as a committee just before the holidays, we made the decision to be more intentional around prayer for each other, for the church, and for the movement of the Holy Spirit among us. Around that time we met with Buddy Stallings, not to talk about particular candidates in the search, but to get his perspective on Calvary after having served as our priest-in-charge for close to six months. During that meeting, Buddy shared a prayer with us that we would like to share with you. It's one that resonated with the committee and one that we hope the parish will begin to pray with us and for us, as we move closer toward a decision about who will be called as the next rector of Calvary.

Loving God, thank you for the willingness of these your people, who have been chosen to select the next rector for Calvary. Though grateful for the parish's trust in them, each admits to being humbled by it. Give them grace to know that the search is not about them, not about their skills and successes, no matter how significant and broad they are, but about their willingness to seek and follow the movement of the Holy Spirit in leading them to the person best equipped to lead this parish. Grant them patience with and appreciation of one another as they move through this long process, a process that is in the beginning and in the end a group effort. Give them clarity in what they think is needed in a rector and openness to listen more deeply to the Holy Spirit than even they imagined possible. Through Christ our Lord: AMEN

Pentatonix records at Calvary, an "epic" Church

BY KRISTIN LENSCH, ORGANIST-CHOIRMASTER



Kristin Lensch

Back in November, just a week after hosting Grammy®-winning group, *Chanticleer*, the platinum selling, two-time Grammy®-winning a cappella group, *Pentatonix*, called and asked to shoot one of their Christmas videos, "O come all ye faithful," at Calvary. They were in town to give a concert at FedEx Forum Nov. 3. The brief

explanation of the video they sent me described "an epic church" as the desired setting. They also asked for a diverse, 15-20 member choir.

Cameras, lights, videographers, and key grips started

arriving at 7:45 a.m. (Lighting for this video was done by the same crew that did *Million Dollar Quartet*.) At 1:30 p.m., John-Travis Bussell, Karen Crow, Barbara Etheridge, Kell and Steven Gary, Ryan Jones, Lindsey McLennan, Zeynep Miles, and Raymond Spence from Calvary helped me welcome singers from Mississippi Blvd. Christian, First Baptist-Broad, Briarcrest's *OneVoice*, and Holy Apostles. We recorded until 5 p.m., and were sworn to secrecy until the video's release!

The video was released the week of Christmas, and has had over 7 million views. If you didn't see it shared through Calvary's Facebook page that week, check it out at youtu.be/Mj7Pr42rliI; you'll see the nave and singers beginning at 2:10.



Members of the choir with Grammy®-winning a cappella group, *Pentatonix*.

Wassail, y'all!

BY DAVID ARMBRUSTER

If you were lucky enough to snare a ticket for Boar's Head Feaste (scheduled for Friday, Jan. 6, the day of the Big Snow, but moved to Saturday), you were treated by the Calvary Choir and many volunteers to a magical vision, excellent food beautifully prepared and presented, and superb music.

As a former choir member, I unabashedly write this with fervor and devotion to a group of people, most of whom I have known and worked with for 29 years at Calvary. For the first time in all those years, I was able to be a guest and relish the event and music presented by the choir. Much work goes into preparing music for such an event, not to mention the choir then sang two marvelous anthems the next day in church; incredible!

Planning for the festivities and great food began in August with several committees (including more than 75 volunteers) headed by the unflappable Assistant Organist-Choirmaster John Palmer (midway through the evening, he tossed his script because things were going so well). They met monthly to plan decorations for the Great Hall, menu, ticket sales, setting up and dismantling tables and place settings, preparing costumes, planning and rehearsing music, researching authentic wassail bowls, printing programs, arranging seating and a coat check, greeters, servers, and guest musicians. It took an army of devoted Calvary members and staff to pull off this fantastic event.

We were entertained by an excellent recorder consort and enjoyed two wassail bowls (one punchy, the other not; guess which one ran dry first?). Moving

upstairs from the Mural Room, we were dazzled by the beautifully decorated Great Hall. As servers set artfully prepared and presented food in front of us, Lord and Lady Haltom welcomed us after trumpet fanfares. Of course, the inimitable Lord Haltom struggled with Middle English (but he sure can write Modern American well). While we feasted, the consort played period music; then the choir sang several serious anthems (and a couple less so), interspersed with crowd-pleasing and sung carols. The wassail toasts continued unabated throughout the evening. Those English really knew how to have fun; so do Episcopalians and their guests, several of whom are looking forward to returning to Calvary.

In addition to the Choir Cabaret last year and Boar's Head this year, the choir has been offering lovely services of Evensong in preparation for a hard, working trip to Bristol Cathedral (England) in July 2018. While the cathedral's choir is on summer leave, the Calvary Choir will sing choral Evensong during the week, and Sunday's Eucharist. The profits from Boar's Head Feaste will go to support this trip.

I have been fortunate over the past several years to attend Evensong and Sunday services in several English cathedrals when visiting choirs have performed once (and usually for their own edification and experience). We should be rightfully proud of our choristers and choirmaster, who will be carrying on the 800-year tradition of daily services at Bristol Cathedral. Wassail, y'all!



The audience got into the frivolity with hand motions during "The Holly and the Ivy," ("and the running of the deer ...")

Calvary neighbors help

By CHRISTINE TODD, COMMUNITY MINISTRIES COORDINATOR



Christine Todd

Last year those who signed up to help with laundry for Room in the Inn often would take it to a laundromat and wait while five loads tumbled and tumbled around in five different washers and then five different dryers.

This year when I called Mike Cooper at Mercury Valet to ask

what kind of discount he might give us for washing and drying bedding for our homeless neighbors each week, he said he would like to do that for no charge at all. Mike owns Mercury Valet, an excellent laundry and dry cleaner in midtown Memphis. He's been in the business with his mom for many years, and he truly cares about our city.

Every week volunteers sign up to bring bedding from 15 or more homeless guests to Mercury Valet. Mercury Valet launders, dries, and folds them.

Mike Cooper's staff has certainly risen to the occasion. I think back about Calvary's relationship with Mike. For years he has visited Waffle Shop during Lent, and in

years when we ran a huge deficit, he brainstormed with us about ways we might increase revenues and decrease expenses. When I mentioned we needed hangers for Calvary's Clothes Closet, he offered to save all the ones for us he couldn't recycle to use with his dry cleaning. Last year, he provided a box full of hangers to our youth for their T-shirt sales.

Mike always has had Calvary's mission in the back of his mind. Earlier this year he met with Associate Rector Eyleen Farmer about strengthening Thistle & Bee's business plan. Mike said this about Calvary, "Making God's love visible in downtown Memphis is something you do well, and we are so glad to partner with you."

So if you are ever looking for a great laundry with same day service Monday through Saturday, you'll find Mercury Valet on the same block with the Blue Nile restaurant, owned by our parishioners, Jennifer & Ermyias Shiberou. Thanks, Mike and your staff for all your help.



A practical way to help

BY CHRISTOPHER DONOVAN

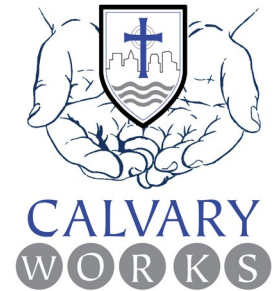
Part of why I joined Calvary—a big part—was what I saw the church doing in downtown. Calvary members and other volunteers from the community were feeding and sheltering homeless people, not only acknowledging some of the hard truths about Memphis; but also doing something about it.

Room In The Inn (“RITI”) is one of those things we are doing. Bigger than Calvary, RITI is the outgrowth of a number of churches across Memphis and the Midsouth who each host people who are without homes for one night (or more!) each week. Calvary’s night is Sunday. We sign up via a link found on the Calvary website (calvarymemphis.org/riti) at the Room In The Inn page. An individual can sign up to bring drinks, dessert, snack bags (for the next day), dinner, or part of dinner. Other people sign up to escort our guests to the church, provide entertainment (musical or otherwise), or to serve dinner to our guests. What is touching is that our guests arrive, avail themselves of toiletries, reading material, clothes from the Clothes Closet, and then have a seat. At that point, they are served: coffee (if they want it), iced tea, soda, dinner, and dessert. Later, sometimes after entertainment or games, they sleep in safety with clean sheets.

I got involved in RITI soon after I began coming to Calvary. I don’t want to pretend that I am naturally drawn to our homeless brothers and sisters; I am not. But I participate and help because I wanted to help.

However, I stayed because I enjoyed the fellowship. What a great way to meet and get to know our downtown neighbors as well as fellow members of Calvary! RITI is an entirely accessible ministry—available to all: children, young people, married couples, single adults, and seniors. Every Sunday a deep cross-section of Calvary folk show up to help, and we get to know each other through service.

There must be a kernel of caring in each of us that is appalled at the idea that any human being in our town should be hungry, or die of exposure on a cold night. While we may not be able to help them all, RITI gives us a practical way to help some. And almost every Sunday, just before we eat, one of our guests leads us in prayer. Often the blessing that he or she asks is: “God, bless these people who are trying to help us.” Whatever reason you choose to come, just come.

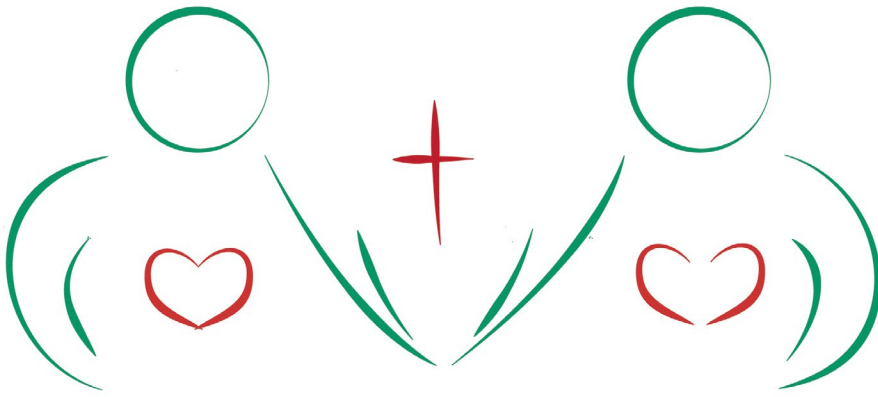


Room in the Inn-Memphis is an ecumenical ministry that serves people experiencing homelessness. Now beginning its sixth year in Memphis, the program provides emergency shelter and meals during the coldest months of the year—November through March. It is modeled after the incredibly successful Room in the Inn program that started in Nashville more than 27 years ago.

There are many ways to get involved, including setting up; greeting; bringing a main dish, a side, or dessert; sitting and enjoying a meal with our guests; staying overnight with our guests; bringing and/or organize toiletries; bringing/sending breakfast; and cleaning up on Monday mornings. Calvary will continue to host each Sunday night through March 26.

Learn more and sign up at calvarymemphis.org/riti

FORMATION: GIVING OUR SOULS AND BODIES



The theme for Calvary's 2016-2017 adult formation is "Giving our Souls and Bodies." It is based on a line in the Holy Eucharist, Rite I, Prayer I, "and here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee." As Christians, we are called to seek wholeness, wellness, and holiness in the totality of our lives—heart, soul,

strength, and mind. We do this by intentionally seeking God in our daily lives —allowing God and our faith to be our compass in all dimensions of that life. When our Christian communities focus on wellness and healing and people within those communities speak honestly with one another and support one another, we all have a better chance of being whom God dreams us to be. We also contribute to the wholeness and wellness of the community and world around us.

SUNDAYS in the GREAT HALL

Understanding the Middle East Feb. 12, 19, 26

This three-week series will delve into understanding the Middle East from different perspectives and our relationship to the Middle East via the Episcopal Church and Memphis. Each week will build on the last: The first session will survey Islam and its core beliefs, taught by Memphis' own Dr. Nabil Bayakly, an Imam and teacher at Memphis Theological Seminary. The second week will examine the core conflict in the Middle East, via a panel discussion with local people with connections to the Middle East. The panel includes Dr. Bayakly and Sherry Joyce, an elder in the Presbyterian Church and a longtime advocate for Middle East understanding. The third session, led by parishioner Alice Shands and clergy, will reflect on the Episcopal Church's resolutions concerning the Middle East and Calvary's potential to support an ongoing dialogue about the Middle East.

Facing History and Ourselves Mar. 5-26



Andrew Reese

Facing History and Ourselves is an international organization that works with young people to examine racism, prejudice, and bias through history and nurtures a more tolerant and humane group of citizens. Their Memphis presence has

been very involved in schools and the community and has prepared educational resources for over 3400 teachers in Tennessee and Kentucky. Andrew Reese, a program manager with the local Memphis office, along with parishioner and historian Tim Huebner, will lead this series on bias and prejudice examining Memphis in the Reconstruction Era, using the Memphis Massacre as a case study. The final session

will focus on our responsibilities and opportunities for action and reconciliation in Memphis today. Although the series will be held in the Great Hall and it will be perfectly acceptable for parishioners to sit in for individual sessions, the sessions will build upon one another, and anyone interested in the topic will benefit greatly from committing to/attending all four sessions.

Spiritual Direction and Practices for Holy Week and Beyond: Apr. 2

Author and retreat leader Linda Douty Mischke will help us prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for Holy Week by inviting us into spiritual practices as we enter this time of sacred journey with Christ. Linda also will describe the practice of spiritual direction and the benefits of meeting regularly with a trained guide to deepen your walk with God.



Tim Huebner



Linda Douty Mischke

SUNDAYS in MONTGOMERY FOYER

Bible Study: Feb. 12 – Apr. 2

Each week join the Venerable Mimsy Jones and the Rev. Paul McLain as they lead a series of discussions centered on the Biblical basis for wellness and wholeness. On Feb. 12, we begin a multi-week series mining the practical wisdom offered in the Book of Proverbs. The study is structured so that you may enter it at any time.



Mimsy Jones

WEDNESDAYS in EMISON ROOM

Book Study of *The Power and the Glory*: Jan. 4-Feb. 22

Calvary parishioner Alex Wise and the Rev. Paul McLain, associate rector, will lead a seminar on



Paul McLain

Graham Greene's classic novel, *The Power and the Glory*. It is the story of a "whiskey priest" on the run in Mexico and his unexpected journey to overcome what he believes to be his moral and physical cowardice and, ultimately, to find God.

WEDNESDAYS in the MONTGOMERY FOYER

Faith and Current Events: Jan. 4-Feb. 22

Calvary parishioner Matt Seltzer leads a timely discussion that will look at how we as faithful people can both respond to and shape the events happening in our community, nation, and world.

WEDNESDAYS in the GREAT HALL

Waffle Shop After Dark March 8 - April 5

Calvary is pleased to once again be able to offer Waffle Shop After Dark for those who may not be able to make it during lunch or who want to bring their families for an evening meal and hear a speaker.

WSAD offers the opportunity to hear a speaker in a more casual and more in-depth setting, often with the chance to ask questions and engage in dialogue.

Waffle Shop After Dark will take place every Wednesday during Lent with the Waffle Shop open from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. and the speaker beginning at 6:30 in the Great Hall.

Waffle Shop's a la carte prices will be the same on Wednesday evenings as they are during lunch, with a limited menu available on Wednesday evenings.

For this year's amazing lineup of speakers, see pages 11-14.

My love affair with the Lenten Preaching Series

By LINDA DOUTY MISCHKE



Linda Douty Mischke

When I returned to Memphis in 1994 from living in Dallas, I thought I would miss the religious richness I had enjoyed as part of the laity at Perkins School of Theology at SMU. Little did I know that I was about to encounter the theological equivalent of a bowl of Godiva chocolates—the Calvary Lenten Preaching Series!

My first exposure to its offerings is a vivid memory of Marcus Borg at one of the evening “bonus lectures”—coat discarded, shirt sleeves rolled up, in full professor mode. Though my notes have long since been lost, I remember the buoyant sense of freedom I felt afterward—freedom to question, freedom to evolve, freedom to expand my understanding and enlarge my heart while still maintaining my loyalty to the Christian tradition. It was as if all of us in that room were being invited to honor our spiritual longing without having to check our brains at the door. Question and answer sessions at these events provide unmatched opportunities to interact with guest theologians.

Thus began my love affair with the Lenten Preaching Series. For 23 years I’ve relished having my conscience

pricked, my ideas challenged, my awareness heightened, my knowledge enhanced, and my faith deepened by internationally-acclaimed speakers—some for whom I had paid hefty seminar fees to hear in past years! In addition, the Series introduced many of us to the wealth of theological talent right on our own doorstep. And all this for FREE? Hard to believe.

It has warmed my heart to watch the Series open its inclusive arms to Rabbi Micah Greenstein, Dr. Mark Muesse, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, and others who gave us a deeper appreciation of what unites us as God’s people, rather than what divides us.

Of course, many a meaningful conversation continues after the service amid Waffle Shop delicacies. The lively venue offers a place to reconnect with a diversity of friends across a rich melting pot from almost every denomination and faith. Need I mention my favorite Lenten guilty pleasure? A peerless waffle with a double helping of chunky chicken hash. Yum!

I am reminded of Jesus’ words in Matthew 7: “Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.” Thank you, Calvary Episcopal Church, for opening the door, not only for this United Methodist, but also for the entire Midsouth community of spiritual seekers.

The Rev. Dr. Rosalyn Nichols returns to this year's Series on Tuesday, March. 28.



Tear this section out and keep it until April 7!

LISTEN UP.

EAT UP.

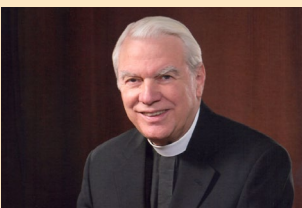
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MARCH 2-3 ~ THURSDAY & FRIDAY

The Rev. Dan Matthews

St. John the Divine in New York City, N.Y.

Dan Matthews' colorful preaching style makes him one of the Series' perennial favorites. His journey in ordained ministry took him from the pulpits of Tennessee to New York City where he was rector of Trinity Church Wall Street for 17 years. Since 1972, Matthews' work has been concentrated in larger, inner city parishes, but he has also been influential in bringing together faith groups and clergy through the Hallmark Television Channel, the Clergy Leadership Project, and the publication of *Spirituality and Health*, a national magazine.



MARCH 7 ~ TUESDAY

Ms. Jana Riess

a Mormon and an American writer and editor in Cincinnati, Ohio

Jana Riess is a Cincinnati author whose memoir *Flunking Sainthood* chronicles a year of attempts at spiritual practices like fasting, Sabbath-keeping, fixed-hour prayer, and lectio divina. *Publishers Weekly* says, "Punchy humor and unpretentious inquisitiveness combine in this absorbing memoir

... A witty, inspiring read." Riess also wrote *The Twible: All the Chapters of the Bible in 140 Characters or Less . . . Now with 68% More Humor!* She holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University and is a senior columnist for Religion News Service.



MARCH 8-9 ~ WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

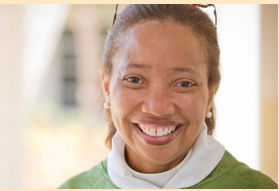
MARCH 8 AT 6:30 P.M.: WAFFLE SHOP AFTER DARK

The Rev. Ollie Rencher

St. Peter's Episcopal in Charlotte, N.C.

With passions including community building, racial reconciliation, outreach, and social justice, Ollie Rencher is an engaging and dynamic preacher. Born and raised in Mississippi, the Rev. Rencher served churches in Oxford, Miss. and Memphis, Tenn., before moving to Charlotte, N.C. On a recent blog post he wrote, "Our Parish Vision is to become a community of bold followers of Jesus, a crowd that effects good change for the world, a place known for radical love and welcome, and a beacon of hope in Center City Charlotte."

DO NOT GIVE UP DESSERTS FOR LENT. just a heads up.



MARCH 10 ~ FRIDAY

The Rev. Dorothy Wells

St. George's Episcopal Church in Germantown, Tenn.

After a successful career in law, the Rev. Wells made the shift to ordained ministry. Today, she looks for ways to unite the community in learning and in service. She has organized a Labor of Love Day of Service which unites five congregations in a day of shared service each Labor Day, and has brought together Christian, Jewish and Muslim clergy in interfaith dialogues on shared pillars of our faith traditions.



MARCH 14 ~ TUESDAY

Mr. Kirk Whalum

World-renown saxophone player in Memphis, Tenn.

Soulful, passionate, stirring...these are the words most often used to describe Whalum's music. Kirk's big, rich tenor sound is unmistakably his. It's his sax heard on the mega-hit, "I Will Always Love You." An ordained minister, Whalum has created a daily 15-minute podcast, *Bible In Your Ear* (BIYE), in which he invites you to listen along as he reads through the Bible in a year. In addition to music and ministry, he has a passion for educating young, aspiring musicians and is currently engaged as a music professor at Visible Music College in his hometown of Memphis.



MARCH 15-16 ~ WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

MARCH 15 AT 6:30 P.M.: WAFFLE SHOP AFTER DARK

Dr. Barbara Lundblad

Union Theological Seminary in New York, N.Y.

Barbara Lundblad's brilliant and compassionate preaching has placed her in constant demand as a conference leader, a guest preacher, and a teacher of preaching across the country. Barbara says, "Preaching – both the deep engagement with biblical texts and the connection with the congregation – has always brought me joy." She is the author of two books: *Transforming the Stone: Preaching through Resistance to Change* and *Marking Time: Preaching Biblical Stories in Present Tense*.



MARCH 17 ~ FRIDAY

Bishop Julian Gordy

Bishop, ELCA Southeastern Synod in Atlanta, Ga.

A long-time proponent of ministries of mercy and justice, Bishop Gordy is much in demand as a voice for immigrants and detainees of the United States. The world can be "a hostile, harassing place for anyone without papers, including children," he wrote recently. It is important, he says, "for the church, which counts migrants like Moses and Miriam...as its spiritual ancestors, to remember its roots and speak out whenever people are put to flight." He was a founding member of the board of MATS, a unique home for homeless persons in Morristown, Tenn.



MARCH 21-22 ~ TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Rabbi Micah Greenstein

Temple Israel in Memphis, Tenn.

Since becoming Senior Rabbi of Temple Israel in 2000, Rabbi Greenstein has twice been named "one of America's Top 50 Rabbis" by *Newsweek/The Daily Beast* and represented the State of Tennessee at the Washington National Cathedral in 2005. Followers of Lenten Preaching Series have come to rely on Greenstein's uniquely informed talks on the intersection of faith and policy, perhaps because he is both a graduate of Cornell University and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

MARCH 22 AT 6:30 P.M.: WAFFLE SHOP AFTER DARK

MARCH 23 ~ THURSDAY

MARCH 23 AT 7 P.M.: CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Professor Omid Safi

Director of Duke Islamic Studies in Durham, N.C.

"A full understanding of Islam is incomplete without noting the importance of poetry, art, literature, and architecture," says Omid Safi, director of the Duke Islamic Studies Center, one of the leading institutions for research on Islam and publicly accessible scholarship. Prof. Safi specializes in contemporary Islamic thought and Islamic spirituality. He is the editor of the volume *Progressive Muslims: On Justice, Gender, and Pluralism*. In this ground-breaking collection of essays, he inaugurated a new understanding of Islam which is rooted in social justice, gender equality, and religious/ethnic pluralism.



MARCH 24 ~ FRIDAY

The Rev. Stephen Cook

2nd Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.

Stephen Cook's first job as a teenager was working as a janitor in his home church in Charlotte, N.C. And because of his love of fire trucks, he served as a volunteer chaplain with the local fire department as a young man. His congregation jokes that he's a natural at "cleaning up messes and putting out fires," a necessity for any seasoned pastor. The Rev. Cook is an outstanding preacher and compassionate pastor who is committed to working toward racial reconciliation in our city. He also has led his congregation into a partnership with faith groups in South Africa.



MARCH 28 ~ TUESDAY

The Rev. Dr. Rosalyn Nichols

Freedom's Chapel Christian Church in Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Nichols is a dynamic, passionate, community advocate, preacher, teacher, and pastor who believes that freedom in Christ gives one the liberty to live and the responsibility to serve. In 1998, following the death of a childhood friend as a result of domestic violence, Dr. Nichols organized the 501(c)3 nonprofit, A More Excellent Way, Inc. (AWay). Its mission is to help individuals from all walks of life to enter into, engage in, and maintain spiritually healthy relationships toward the elimination of relationship violence.



MARCH 29-30 ~ WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

MARCH 29 AT 6:30 P.M.: WAFFLE SHOP AFTER DARK

The Rev. Becca Stevens

Thistle Farms & Community of Magdalene in Nashville, Tenn.

Becca Stevens is many things...an Episcopal priest, author, speaker, social entrepreneur, and founder and President of Thistle Farms, the largest social enterprise in the US run by survivors of human trafficking and the commercial sex trade. She has been featured in the *New York Times*, on ABC *World News*, NPR, PBS, and CNN. When the Rev. Stevens speaks, listeners are struck by her earnest, empathetic delivery infused with her personality and sense of humor. Her honest message offers people a way to move from fear and cynicism into inspired action.



MARCH 31 ~ FRIDAY

The Rev. Broderick Greer

Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tenn.

Known for being able to preach without being "preachy," Broderick Greer has a knack for encountering scripture and sacraments with a fresh and imaginative perspective. A 2015 graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, the Rev. Broderick Greer is a curate at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church and School in Memphis where he oversees school chapel and coordinates ministry to young adults. Broderick has been published in *The Washington Post*, *Religion News Service*, *On Being*, and *The Guardian*.





APRIL 4-5 ~ TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
APRIL 4 AT 7 P.M.: ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Lauren F. Winner

Duke Divinity School in Durham, N.C.

Lauren Winner is the vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Louisburg, N.C., and associate professor of Christian spirituality at Duke Divinity School. She is the author of many books, including *Mudhouse Sabbath* and her most recent book, *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God*. In this book, it was her hope to "provoke curiosity, both about things in the scriptures that we haven't noticed before, and also how to see the world as a bearer of clues about God."



APRIL 5-6 ~ WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
APRIL 5 AT 6:30 P.M.: WAFFLE SHOP AFTER DARK

Nadia Bolz-Weber

House of All Sinners and Saints in Denver, Colo.

Nadia Bolz-Weber is the author of two *New York Times* bestselling memoirs: *Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint* and *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People*. She is an ordained Lutheran pastor (ELCA) and still works as the founding pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, Colo. According to the late Phyllis Tickle, Nadia "has probably done more than any other pastor in recent times to poke therapeutic fun at the misdemeanors and flaws of overly-churched Christianity and Christians. The passion behind her words, however, is as deeply pastoral as it is God-drenched and liberating..."



APRIL 7 ~ FRIDAY

The Rev. Steve Montgomery

Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tenn.

The dynamic leader of Memphis' largest PC (USA) congregation, Steve Montgomery is known both for his compelling preaching and his commitment to engaging the church in "hands on" servant ministry and peacemaking initiatives. He works to combine an outreach approach to the needs of the city and the world, with an equally strong commitment to nurturing those who are hurting within our own walls.

CAN'T COME DURING THE DAY? BOO.

COME WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, A DATE?

5:15-6:15 Eat dinner from the Waffle Shop menu. Same good food; same lunch prices.
6:30 Hear the speaker in the Great Hall.

March 8:
THE REV. OLLIE RENCHER

MENU: Fish Pudding w/ Potatoes, Slaw & Cornbread • Spaghetti & Rye Bread • Waffle & Syrup • Waffle & Sausages • Chicken Salad • Side Salad w/ Ranch Dressing • Lemon Chess Pie • Vanilla Ice Cream

March 15:
DR. BARBARA LUNDBLAD

MENU: Seafood Gumbo • Spaghetti & Rye Bread • Waffle & Syrup • Waffle & Sausage • Tomato Aspic w/ Chicken Salad • Side Salad w/ Ranch Dressing • Fudge Pie • Vanilla Ice Cream

March 22:
PROF. OMID SAFI
MENU: Fish Pudding

w/ Potatoes, Slaw & Cornbread • Spaghetti & Rye Bread • Waffle & Syrup • Waffle & Sausages • Tomato Aspic w/ Cottage Cheese • Side Salad w/ Ranch Dressing • Lemon Chess Pie • Vanilla Ice Cream

March 29:
THE REV. BECCA STEVENS

MENU: Seafood Gumbo • Spaghetti & Rye Bread • Waffle & Syrup • Waffle & Sausages • Shrimp Mousse • Side Salad w/ Ranch Dressing • Boston Cream Pie • Vanilla Ice Cream

April 5:
NADIA BOLZ-WEBER

MENU: Fish Pudding w/ Potatoes, Slaw & Cornbread • Spaghetti & Rye Bread • Waffle & Syrup • Waffle & Sausages • Pears & Cottage Cheese • Side Salad w/ Ranch Dressing • Boston Cream Pie • Vanilla Ice Cream

Lent Madness 2017: The Sainly Smackdown Returns!

For the eighth year running, people of faith are gearing up for Lent Madness, the “sainly smackdown” in which thirty-two saints do battle to win the coveted Golden Halo during the season of Lent. With its unique blend of competition, learning, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saintly souls across generations and cultures.

Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament, this online devotion pits saints against one another in a bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout the penitential season of Lent. This year’s competition begins on “Ash Thursday,” March 2. Here’s how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at lentmadness.org about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Sainly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds with quotes and quirks, legends, and even saintly kitsch.

This year Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical. 2017 heavyweights include Joan of Arc, Martin Luther, Florence Nightingale, Stephen the Martyr, and Sarah the Matriarch. It also includes several intriguing matchups including Augustine of Hippo vs. Augustine of Canterbury (All-Augustine Anarchy); Fanny Crosby vs. G.F. Handel (Battle of the Bands); and Joseph

Schereschewsky vs. Nikolaus von Zinzendorf (Clash of the Consonants).

The full bracket is online at the Lent Madness website, lentmadness.org, and, while not necessary to participate, you can order the Sainly Scorecard: The Definitive Guide to Lent Madness 2017 at forwardmovement.org. This companion guide includes biographies of all 32 saints, a full-color bracket, information about how to fully participate, and a series of Pocket Lent trading cards.

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck, an Episcopal priest and rector of St. John’s Church in Hingham, Massachusetts. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women who make up the church’s calendar of saints, Schenck devised this devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born.

Starting in 2012, Schenck partnered with Forward Movement (the same folks that publish *Forward Day by Day*) executive director Scott Gunn, to bring Lent Madness to the masses. Schenck and Gunn form the self-appointed Supreme Executive Committee, a more-or-less benevolent dictatorship that runs the entire operation.

The formula has worked as this online devotional has been featured in media outlets all over the country including national television, the *Washington Post*, NPR, *USAToday*, and even *Sports Illustrated* (seriously). More importantly thousands of people have been inspired by the saintly stories of those who have come before us in the faith.



New bell banners

BY KRISTIN LENSCH, ORGANIST-CHOIRMASTER

Several months ago, a conversation started about how we might re-envision the bell banners Calvary has used for the past decade. They are a unique and joyful addition to processions, and what Episcopalian doesn't enjoy a good parade? While the existing ones are perfect for our outdoor processions, their sound tends to become more of a focal point, instead of an enhancement when used inside. They are difficult to manage because of their size and weight; not everyone can carry them easily. Vincent Astor, our "Verger of the Bells," and Hilary Chipley, director of children and youth ministries, also wanted to be able to include children in the task of processing the bell banners more regularly. About the same time, Ebet Peebles, welcome and community coordinator, was at an Episcopal conference center and saw three bell banners that were bedecked with elegant ribbons and smaller bells. She took pictures and showed us—they looked to be the perfect solution!

When Vincent found out what we wanted to do, he generously offered to fund the project, in memory of his mother, Angela Estelle Astor. Hilary Chipley with her crafting expertise, Ebet with her pictures, and I with my super-sleuthing internet shopping skills embarked

on the mission of creating the beautiful banners Ebet saw at the conference center. It involved fashioning new poles—smaller in diameter and round for ease of carrying—and finding ribbons and brass bells.

David Balling happily accepted the invitation to design and craft three cross-shaped banner poles. Multiple decisions had to be made about their exact dimensions; together, he and Vincent considered all the details. Remarkably, in a week's time, David had constructed three new poles, down to the finials and varnish. Tom & Hilary Chipley, with Ebet's assistance, bedecked two of them in time for Christmas Eve services.

Gayle Spence made some slight alterations to the gorgeous vestment overlays worn when processing the banners, which had been made possible with the use of memorials given in memory of Hester Stewart Allen. They now fit children as well as adults, and they fit more securely.

When not in use, the bell banners will add beauty at the back of the nave and the top of the sacristy landing. Liturgically, it is our hope that they will enhance the procession with their delicate ringing.



Vestry Reflection

BY FRED PIPER, SENIOR WARDEN

During Advent we prayed, “Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might, come among us.”

I think maybe we got our wish. January stirred up the entire United States. With a divisive national election, the inauguration on Friday, Jan. 20, and women’s marches all over the world the next day, the ambivalence this stirring has created in us is unsettling at the least.

Calvary, too, is unsettled, but is in a unique period in its history. In the last 35 years we have not had a transition without dissent until now. It’s a transition of great progress. It is a transition in which our leadership is making changes thoughtfully and prayerfully in preparation for our new rector. Our priest-in-charge, Buddy Stallings, the clergy and staff, and the vestry are committed to our mission of service and growth.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, while thousands of Memphians marched peacefully down 2nd Street, the vestry convened for our annual retreat in the Crook Auditorium. We approved a budget for 2017, elected

Peg Wahl to fill a vacancy in the 2019 class, and planned to reevaluate our working group structure to focus on the work before us: Lenten Preaching Series, Waffle Shop, Room in the Inn and our other ongoing ministries. Calvary’s service to the community and world is what we are known for, and it’s what keeps many of us at Calvary: to serve others and to make God’s love visible.

“Stir up your power, O Lord....”

Yes, in Advent we were waiting.

Lent, too, calls us to wait for the promise of Easter. As a parish, we wait for a new rector. Until then, Buddy and the clergy are leading us in our growth and service. We are grateful for their leadership, and please know the vestry is preparing for the weeks ahead, as well as the years ahead.

Thanks be to God.



Fred Piper

ASH WEDNESDAY AT CALVARY

Imposition of Ashes: 7:30 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. in the church

Ashes to Go: 12:30 p.m. on the streets of downtown Memphis

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist: 7 p.m. with the Rev. Dan Matthews, Sr. preaching.



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faith often involves a good bit of pretense—trying to feel something, even to know something that we don't truly feel and surely don't know. Sometimes our notions about how to be faithful actually result in our pretending that everything is "fine, fine, fine thank you very much" when in fact things are falling apart, and we are scared to death. The very place where we should be able to be most vulnerable, the church, gets co-opted as a place where we feel that we must put forward our best.

But, then, happily and often just in the nick of time, along comes the season of Lent, a season in which such pretense is not only not required but also is directly contrary to the spirit of the season. In these 40 days, we are given *carte blanche* to be who we are in the most unvarnished way. The kick-off day for Lent sets the tone. Being ritually reminded that we have come from a pile of dust and shall return to it lets us know that the jig is up and we might as well get serious and real.

It's not about silly or pretend solemnity. In fact, if our somber faces are practiced and carefully drawn, we would do as well staying home. The change in the mood of our weekly liturgy occurs for one reason: to underscore the church's annual invitation to us that we be real with ourselves and with God. I confess to experiencing the call of Lent each year with a genuine heaviness and some fear for I know that if I earnestly engage the intention of this holy season, I will indeed be challenged by what I learn about myself and the world. But I also much more importantly know that this annual inward trek lives in my life as one of the best chances I ever have to truly know God.

The gospel narrators had no sense of Lent. No such thing as church seasons existed until long after the gospels were penned. Over the years, though, as the observance of Lent developed, it was with

extraordinary wisdom and spiritual insight that the church chose to begin this season with the account of Jesus' temptations, those moments in his life when he struggled most to be authentically who he had come to be. That choice puts the idea of sin, of "falling short of the glory of God," in Paul's words, front and center in the observance of Lent. Now to be sure, Lent is not all about sin; but the idea of amendment of life resides at the heart of this time. Resisting that focus is to miss Lent's great potential. Repentance, that old fashioned and dreaded word, which means to turn, to move in a different and better way, is crucial for us. If in our efforts to be open and inclusive, we give the impression that in our journeys "anything goes," that no change, no turning is ever expected, we are not

being true to a fundamental truth in our faith: there is a better way, a holier, more life-giving way.

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All of us have what we ineloquently refer to as our "stuff," our issues; and if you are suffering the delusion that you do not, please make an appointment with me. I think I can forthwith help you get started on a more honest journey. Everybody has stuff, and no one gets through this life without dealing with it. This stuff,

which often presents as temptations, lures us to be other than who we most deeply are. Unfortunately, the conversation makes us squirm and begin to think that someone is about to tell us how we are supposed to comport ourselves, which we never like, or perhaps that someone is about to judge us harshly, both reasons for the level of pretense we so often find in religious settings. God knows we don't want to be found desperately lacking and doomed; and the church through the ages has been heavy handed in meting out its judgment and condemnation.

It is, therefore, not surprising that we are so gun shy of facing in a mature and faithful way the shortcomings of our lives. God wants us to repent not to satisfy an

angry and demanding God but so that we might live full, generous, loving lives—holy lives. Whenever one begins to speak of sin, particularly in the church, talk of sex invariably looms nearby. The church has obsessed about it; the world has obsessed about it; Jesus did not obsess about it. “It” is the stuff of which great, and some not so great, films are made, titillating even the most demure of us. But I am going to go out on a limb here and say that for most of us these aren’t the sins that ruin our lives. The transgressions that separate us from God and ourselves most often are much less grand, much less sensational. Our nemeses are the little niggling acts of meanness, pettiness, and

greed, which slowly eat away at our souls.

Lent asks us to look at these life-diminishing activities, reminding us that life is too short to give any of more of our lives, even one more day, to resentments, grudges, or mean spirits—no matter how dearly we cherish them. Though admitting and facing these poisons in our lives and turning from them is unlikely to change the world, there is no doubt that doing so will change us. That promise, my good friends, means that Lent is critical in our journeys and a purveyor of unexpected joy.

Discovery Class: Wednesdays, April 19-May 17

Discovery is designed to give Calvary newcomers and members the opportunity to explore our Episcopal tradition and connect with others in the Calvary community. This course will be co-led by the Rev. Buddy Stallings and the Rev. Neil Raman. This year in the context of the broad conversation about values currently occurring in our society, we will examine what it is that makes us who and how we are as people of faith, looking particularly at how our Anglican faith and practice shape our response to the world. Learn or be reminded of how prayer in the form of common worship informs our actions in the world. Conversation will be lively and open-ended. While some answers will emerge, learning to live creatively and hopefully in the presence of sacred questions is our deepest hope. Dinner will be served in the Great Hall at 6 p.m. (\$6) and the class will end by 7:30 p.m. A nursery for children 5 and under will be available while we meet. Contact Ebet Peeples at epeeples@calvarymemphis.org or 901-312-5201 by Friday, April 14, to sign up.



Bishop Don Johnson confirmed, received, and reaffirmed 16 Calvary parishioners during his annual visit to Calvary on Sunday, January 8.

Get Involved: Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop

When the Lenten Noonday Preaching Series and Waffle Shop begin on Thursday, March 2, hundreds of visitors will start pouring into Calvary's buildings. The success of these annual "Gifts to the City" depends on the efforts of our parish. Please get involved in the ministry of Lent and sign up to help with these volunteer opportunities:

Spread the Word:

Everyone can do this! Most people first come to the Lenten Series or Waffle Shop because someone invited them to come with them. Invite a friend to come to the Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop with you.



Dessert Room

We welcome any volunteers for the best jobs to have during Waffle Shop—either cooking for the Dessert Room or working in the Dessert Room. For those who love to cook, we need 80-100 of each kind of pie during Waffle Shop, so help with cooking is always appreciated. The Dessert Room provides

all of the ingredients for you—you just have to cook! Your commitment is to have your pies ready and taken to the church before Waffle Shop begins. For those who love to be part of the action, we need 2-3 helpers each day during Waffle Shop (Tuesdays-Fridays) as well as help during Waffle Shop After Dark on Wednesday nights. Volunteers pick a day to work with their group each week. The work is not hard but it can get hectic. The atmosphere is always fun however. If you cannot commit to once a week, we would love for you to volunteer to sub as needed. To help in the Dessert Room, contact Laurie Monypeny at 901-452-0960 as soon as possible.



Greeters

Calvary's buildings can feel like a maze to first-time visitors. Volunteer to be a greeter and assist in the important work of welcoming visitors and guiding them through the buildings of Calvary. We need two greeters for each

day of the Series. Your duties will be to direct visitors to the church and then to the Waffle Shop after the service. Arrive at 11 a.m. and plan to stay through the service and direct visitors after the service. Sign up online or contact Cash Shields, 901-756-4536.

Honorary Waffle Shop Wait Staff

For some, it is impossible to be physically present weekdays during Lent. Thankfully, there is another way to help. Anyone can be Honorary Wait Staff by contributing to the Honorary Wait Staff Fund for Waffle Shop. Calvary donates a minimum of \$7 per volunteer per day to our supporting churches for the wait staff they send our way during Lent and that adds up over 22 days. Send your contribution (any amount welcome!), made payable to Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 North 2nd Street, Memphis, TN 38103, and note for Waffle Shop Honorary Wait Staff.

The Salad Room & Chicken Ranch

Home of some of the Waffle Shop's most storied and sought-after dishes: chicken salad, shrimp mousse and tomato aspic.

And you don't have to make ANY of it. Just plate and serve it up with a dash of paprika and a sprig of parsley! Join this unique ministry in the kitchen, and pick the day of the week that works best for you. Each daily team of volunteers works just one shift a week. Contact Doug Franklin, 901-378-7291.



Speaker Transportation

Spend one-on-one time with a speaker by offering to pick him or her up at the airport and escort him/her to the hotel. Contact Ray Hatton, First Baptist Church, 901-454-1131.



ministry of the Series. Contact Laurence Ritter, 901-827-4838.

Ushers

Ushers stand at the doors prior to the service and hand out bulletins. They also help count how many people have attended the service and help with the collection afterwards. If you are planning to come hear a certain speaker, this is an easy way to participate in the

Waffle Shop Waiters & Waitresses

This job is all about hospitality and serving! Duties include greeting guests, carrying food trays, and setting tables. Wait staff get a complimentary Waffle Shop meal after close each day. You can volunteer for whatever fits your schedule. Contact Sue Johnson, 901-272-9803.



Waffle Cooks

Waffle cooks have the coveted job of making the best waffles in town! Join the camaraderie of the waffle line & help cook waffles or serve sausage & hash. Contact Connie Marshall to volunteer, 901-278-8781.

Waffle Shop Cashiers

Seated cashier jobs are another important part of Waffle Shop. If you enjoy greeting our patrons and can work with a simple cash register, volunteer by contacting Desi Franklin, 901-336-6416. Your lunch will be provided!



The Episcopal Bookshop sets up every day during the Series in the Great Hall. Be sure to stop and check out all of the wonderful products they offer.





Calvary Kids Art Camp July 31 - August 4

Calvary Kid's Art Camp is very different from your traditional VBS. We begin our day in the sanctuary for worship and then spend the day working on some pretty cool art and craft projects. There also will be snack, game, and exercise time. Camp time is 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and cost is \$150 with lunch included. Before/after care will be available (8:30 - 9 a.m. and 4 - 5 p.m.) for \$25 for the week. We request a \$25 camp deposit by Friday, March 31. Contact Hilary Chipley, hchipley@calvarymemphis.org or 901-312-5204, to reserve your spot. Friends are welcome! We also are looking for youth camp counselors! Youth in grades 6 - 12 are encouraged to volunteer as counselors (camp is free for counselors).



Mud Camp at St. Columba June 26-30; July 3-7; July 10-14; July 17-21; July 24-28

Mud Camp is proud to offer a day camp experience that is like no other!

- Serving children that will be rising 1st-6th graders this summer
- Nestled on 145 acres just outside of Memphis
- Climb, zip, slide in the mud, canoe, swim, fish, hike, and make new friends!

Realizing that families have different abilities to pay, Mud Camp now offers a voluntary three-tier fee program. You choose the rate that best suits your needs. No matter your choice in tier, your camper will receive the same camp experience. Extra Camp (longer hours) is available for an extra \$45 per week. Register and find out more information at memphismudcamp.org



Camp Gailor-Maxon Dates dependant on age

Camp Gailor-Maxon is nestled in the mountains of the Cumberland Plateau, surrounded by God's beauty and splendor. Campers receive ample opportunities to be "simply kids" through hiking, swimming, rock-climbing, rappelling, and more. We spend our mornings learning how to live out our calling as Christians, through the daily chapel program, our afternoons are busy with activities, and there is always a night activity that brings the whole camp together. Learn more and register at duboseconf.org/applicationsandforms

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 28

Tuesday

Fat Tuesday Dinner

The 4th Annual EYC Fat Tuesday Supper will include Calvary's famous waffles, a waffle topping bar, red beans and rice, and other tasty food that will be prepared and served by Calvary's youth from 5:30 to 7 p.m. \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. All proceeds go to youth scholarship funds.

March 1

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Calvary will observe Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes at 7:30 a.m. and 12:05 p.m., Ashes to Go at 12:30 p.m., and the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. with the Rev. Dan Matthews, Sr. preaching.

March 2

Thursday

Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop

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March 7

Tuesday

Pathfinders

Pathfinders is a group for Calvary women of all ages. The purpose of the group is to provide a framework of safe and

confidential support for women experiencing a difficult or challenging time in their life. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. For additional information, contact June Rose, 901-834-5545 or roseofjune@yahoo.com.

March 5

Sunday

Evensong

Come worship in Calvary's beautiful nave at twilight. Join us for traditional Anglican choral liturgies offered at 5 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month.

March 19

Sunday

Welcome Class

Come to the Library at 11:15 a.m. for a Welcome Class. Our Welcome Class is open to anyone—seekers, newcomers to the Episcopal Church, or newcomers to this parish. It is 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. If you can't attend and want to learn more, contact Ebet Peebles, ep Peebles@calvarymemphis.org or 901-312-5201.

WEDDING BELLS

November 24, 2016: *Laurie McBride & Chris Connor*
December 10, 2016: *Lindsay Hubbard & George Stuart*

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Anna Gregory & Terrence Bishop

NEW LIFE

January 8: *Lewis Joseph Koelsch*, son of Emily & Joe Koelsch
January 26: *Robert Andrews Bolding*, son of Wendy & Mark Bolding

SAINTS DEPARTED

Irene Hazel Anderson, grandmother of Sheldon Ruud
Betty Gene Orr Atkinson, grandmother of Sarah Ball
Dollie Bustos, friend of James Aldinger
Sharon Corbin, cousin of David Balling
Yvonne Cornwell, friend of June Rose
Herbert John Fox Sr., grandfather of Ben Fox
Louise Mildred (Milla) Gieselmann,
friend of Susannah Weston
Charlene Clifton Harris, mother of Cindy Yeager
Lemly David "LD" Hutt, Jr.
Sally May McMillan, aunt of Cap Pinkham
Tyler Sutton Mills, nephew of Elizabeth Blaylock

Ken Reed, friend of the Chipley family
Travis Ruud, brother of Sheldon Ruud
Suzy Satterfield, friend of Leslie Norman
Palmer Texada, brother-in-law of Elizabeth Madden
and Raymond Spence
Kaycie Adele Travis, niece of Kevin Jones
Nancy Wright Wakeman
Carroll Ward, friend of Kim Coggin
Christopher Waters, friend of Michelle Pellay-Walker
Charles Mosby Wood, nephew of Mimsy Jones
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THE **WAFFLE SHOP** | TUES-FRIDAY 11 AM-1:30 PM

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DAILY SPECIALS
everyday HIGHLIGHTS

TUE

Seafood gumbo \$8
Turnip greens \$7
Shrimp mousse \$7
Chicken noodle soup \$4
Tennessee bourbon pie \$5

THU

Corned beef with cabbage \$8
Shrimp mousse \$7
Spring vegetable soup \$4
Fudge pie \$4

WED

Fish pudding \$10
Chicken noodle soup \$4
Shaum torte \$5

FRI

Fish pudding \$10
Spring vegetable soup \$4
Chocolate bourbon cake \$5

Spaghetti & rye bread \$7
Waffle & sausage \$5
Waffle & chicken hash \$5
Calvary salad plate \$10
Chicken salad \$7
Tomato aspic & Chicken salad \$7
Boston cream pie \$5
Peppermint ice cream \$4

