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Searching for rhythm

BY THE REV. SCOTT WALTERS, RECTOR

Driving an old truck has heightened my attention to rhythms. At about 60mph, my 1995 Chevrolet develops a soft rhythmic shudder in the rear end. The tires and suspension are in good shape, but the truck just doesn't seem to like to move at certain speeds. So, I slow down or speed up just enough to bring the ride back into harmony. Or at least back into what passes for harmony in this particular vehicle.

Our lives can develop shimmies and shakes from time to time, too. Something gets a little out of balance, and we know we need recalibration to be our best selves.

Ardelle and I came to the Episcopal Church together during Advent about 20 years ago, and the practice of observing the church year was an essential part of what attracted us. In prior years, we had felt dragged into Christmas against our wills – or at least dragged at a pace we hadn't chosen. We wanted a little help slowing down, paying attention, bringing life into a better balance

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Happenings at Calvary



◀ On October 26, Fred Goldsmith, pictured with members of the Calvary staff, celebrated his 25th anniversary of being the welcoming face of Calvary



◀ Anne Connell, Terre Sullivant, and a friend at the Blessing of the Animals on Sept. 30



◀ Calvary's youth dressed up as Disney princes and princesses (and the Evil Queen!) for Calvary's Trunk-or-Treat Wednesday, Oct. 25.



◀ Calvary children visit the Rupke trunk at Calvary's Trunk-or-Treat Wednesday, Oct. 25.

All Flame

BY ASSOCIATE RECTOR EYLEEN FARMER

Abbā Lot went to see Abba Joseph and said to him, “Abba, as far as I can I say my little office, I fast a little, I pray and meditate, I live in peace and as far as I can, I purify my thoughts. What else can I do?” Then the old man stood up and stretched his hands towards heaven. His fingers became like ten lamps of fire and he said to him, “If you will, you can become all flame.”

~ From *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*

It has taken most of my years to understand the Christian story as my story. By which I mean the eternal story of dying and rising. In theological terms, we call it the Paschal Mystery, and we proclaim it every week in the liturgy: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Over the years I have come to understand these words less as a theological proposition which I should try to believe and more as the deeply holy pattern that lies at the heart of all things. Every season, every day, every living thing participates in a great cosmic dance of dying and rising. It's a beautiful story and inevitable and it holds within its great embrace all the joy and suffering, all the delight and bewilderment, all the inspiration and confusion we experience as human beings. It's so obvious we can almost miss it!

Today I stand at yet another threshold where one part of my life gives way to another. A very ordinary dying and rising if you will.

I arrived at Calvary for my first day of work on the last day of February in 2006. It was Fat Tuesday and I was charged, of all things, to work with youth. My years as a hospice chaplain, working mostly with older people, gave way to the surprising opportunity to work with young people. For three years Calvary's teens were my teachers, and along with lessons about passion, depth, heartbreak, and love, they gave the Baptist chaplain a forgiving space to learn to be an Episcopal priest.

That season ended when my husband was called to become rector of a parish in Frederick, Maryland. I left Calvary determined to turn this unexpected development into an adventure. And there were, in fact, new places to explore and new relationships that would mature into lasting friendships. But it was also

a disorienting time for me—another death—and when I had the opportunity to return to Calvary in the summer of 2010, I did. I've cast my lot here with you ever since.

In the ensuing years, Calvary has seeped into my mind and heart, into my very bones. I have been a priest to you in the best way I know how. And you have been priests to me too. You have shown me, through your loving kindness, your devotion, and your tireless labor what it means to love God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your soul. I think of you as lamps of fire.

Years ago I had a spiritual director—a Jesuit priest—who helped me through a dark time. Sometimes as we sat together I complained about the unfairness of my troubles; sometimes I tried to unravel the intricacies of my self-made dilemmas; sometimes I wept. At the end of each of our conversations, the wise old priest would look up to heaven and pray, “Oh, God, guide Eyleen in the path to perfection; use all of her to fulfill your purpose, until there is nothing left of her. Only you. Amen.”

I did not understand his prayer. In fact, I thought it was not at all helpful. “But what shall I do?!” my petulant heart wanted to know. Now I see that he was the Abba exhorting me to become all flame. His prayer has become my prayer.

And so, as I leave you, the great dance continues. A dying so that a new arising can emerge. My heart is full and I am grateful for all my days at Calvary Episcopal Church. I will for the rest of my life follow the unfoldings of grace, mercy, and peace in this place.

Whoever you are and wherever you are on this spiritual journey we share, may God bless you and keep you all the days of your life.



Eyleen Farmer

Parishioner Spotlight: Todd Goforth

BY EBET PEEPLES, WELCOME & COMMUNITY



Todd Goforth

Being at Calvary for two years this coming January, Calvary member, Todd Goforth, feels that without doubt, he has found his true spiritual home. “Being raised in the Methodist Church since birth and attending St. John’s Methodist in Midtown for many years, I had the consistency of being in church Sunday morning pinned down, but I knew

there were many opportunities out there beyond just sitting in a pew every Sunday.” Todd came to Calvary two years ago and has been here ever since. “I absolutely love the Sunday morning worship service—the traditional structure and beautiful music, but what I love about Calvary is that the service does not end when the worship ends—it goes on the other six days of the week to the people of our Memphis community and downtown neighbors.”

At Calvary, Todd volunteers with Room In The Inn, serves as a Shepherd for potential new members, and recently joined one of the Pastoral Care teams. “I absolutely love working Room In The Inn during the winter months—this is one of the most rewarding experiences that I have had at Calvary. Our unsheltered neighbors don’t always need food or drink, but what I have realized is what they really are looking for is just someone that might listen for an hour or so and take a true interest in their journey for a Sunday evening.”

Todd also enjoys serving in the role of Shepherd in mentoring potential new members. Having been at Calvary only for a little under two years, he admits he doesn’t always have all the answers but feels visitors just want to feel welcome, comfortable, and respected for where they currently are on their spiritual journey. “I call it treading lightly...people are at different stages in their spiritual journey, so you have to meet them where they are, listen with

a good ear, and respect their travels to their final spiritual destination—whether it be Calvary or somewhere else.”

He just recently joined one of the Pastoral Care teams. Todd says he has enjoyed this mainly because such simple responsibilities of this team make a huge difference for many of our sick and elderly friends. The one thing he loves is making phone calls to those in a time of need. “All I have to say when I call is this is Todd from Calvary—and the voice on the other end of the phone just peps up when they hear Calvary Episcopal Church—you can really tell something so simple as a phone call can brighten someone’s day.”

Todd says that being a member at Calvary has taught him again that church is so much more than a Sunday morning service and has offered him many opportunities beyond just sitting in a pew. “Sunday mornings are awesome at Calvary, but what Calvary does the other six days of the week truly makes for a total package of spiritual well-being and a valid commitment of service for me.”

Todd currently serves as the director of academics for the Arlington Municipal School District in Arlington, Tennessee. Before that, Todd was the supervisor of the English As A Second Language Department for Shelby County Schools. He lives in Harbortown and loves Ole Miss football, biking, searching out unique coffee houses, and traveling when work permits.

Dinner groups make a comeback

BY JULIE SHAW

Our journey at Calvary began in the early nineties. Our son, Lane, was six and our daughter, Grace, had just been born. We soon found ourselves in the middle of everything that had to do with children. I was on the Youth Committee and served on the Altar Guild and Flower Guild. Billy was an usher. At that time, there were three Sunday morning services. One Sunday morning, while waiting for the class to start in the Great Hall, Barbara Christensen and I were discussing how to meet people that went to the other services. Former associate rector, the Rev. Bill Kolb, walked up about that time and joined the conversation. He told us about Foyer Groups from his previous parish. Immediately, he said, "And you two couples are the perfect ones to get it started!" If you know Bill, you know that "no" is not in his vocabulary. It turns out he was right! We couldn't believe the response to these newly formed dinner groups.

A Foyer Group is a group of parishioners who meet for dinner throughout the year to enjoy food, fellowship, and fun! These adult gatherings allow parishioners to get to know each other better in a more intimate setting than a parish-wide event can provide. Each group is made up of eight to ten

people and includes couples and singles of varying ages. The groups meet once a month at someone's home, a restaurant, or another creative gathering. At the beginning of each year, new groups form. It's a great way to meet new people and get to know others better.

Before we knew it, there were over 200 people signed up to be in dinner groups. We enjoyed coordinating the Foyer Groups with Barbara & Jim for several years, until our move to Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 2006.

In 2015, we returned to Memphis and were excited to come home to Calvary. There were many old friends, but lots of new faces, new leadership, and no Foyer Groups. What to do? Start again! Billy and I, along with Debbie & David Balling, and Jo & Joe Clift are coordinating new Foyers Groups for 2018. The signup will begin Friday, Dec. 1 and start with a kick-off dinner in the Great Hall after the first of the year. Watch for our online signup sheet and join the fun!



Sign Up for a Foyer Group

Calvary's Foyer Groups offer an opportunity for both newcomers and long-time members to enlarge their circle of friendships within the Calvary community by participating in monthly informal gatherings for an evening meal and pleasant conversation. New groups are formed once a year. Since the purpose of the Foyer Groups is to make new acquaintances, we ask that you allow us to do the grouping. However, you may state preferences or special needs. Each group consists of approximately 10 people who arrange to meet together monthly for dinner at a time and date to be chosen by the group. One person in each group will need to volunteer to be the coordinator. Each member brings a portion of the meal, with the hosting member providing the main course. Members will be contacted by the host to arrange the menu. The success of each Foyer Group depends upon the commitment of each member of the group to attend the gatherings. Please make sure your schedule allows enough flexibility to commit to this ministry when signing up.

Sign up online: calvarymemphis.org/foyersignup

Ministry Spotlight: Care Teams

BY PAIGE WHITTLE



Jesus said, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ~John 13: 34-35

In the final months of her battle with colon cancer, (especially when she could no longer leave the house) my mother loved receiving cards. She treasured every one. She proudly showed me each card and read some of them several times. It made her feel that people cared, and kept her connected to her congregation. In sickness and in health, she was a prolific card writer herself.

Over the past few years, I have been looking for ways to put my faith into action. Because of my experience caring for my mother, I was interested in joining a Pastoral Care team at Calvary. Due to my busy schedule, I was concerned at first about the time commitment. I did not need to worry. There are five care teams which meet every fifth week. Meetings are usually at 5:30 p.m. at Calvary during Wednesday night Koinonia, or at a team member's home during the summer. Most assignments involve sending cards or making phone

calls to fellow parishioners who are facing medical problems, or who have suffered a loss. Occasionally care team members are asked to make short visits, provide a meal (a time-honored Southern tradition), bring flowers, or give a ride to church services. Each member is only asked to do the tasks that they are comfortable performing. If I was uncertain about what to say, a more seasoned care team member provided guidance.

I have been part of a Calvary Pastoral Care team now for the past two years, and it has been a spiritually rewarding experience. I have enjoyed getting to know other Calvary parishioners in the small group setting of the care team. Carrying on the family tradition, I have most frequently chosen to send cards. I love to look for cards with meaningful messages or beautiful artwork. Each card I send comes with a prayer. (Usually many!) I am a firm believer in the power of prayer to uplift each other and keep us connected. I know my mother felt the same way.

Illness and loss touch virtually everyone at some point. Over time, most of the congregation is likely to receive pastoral care in some way. I know I have, and I know it is appreciated. In my experience, Calvary Pastoral Care teams provide an excellent way to make God's love visible to each other! Join us!

Care Teams at Calvary

The Pastoral Care teams offer a ministry of prayer and care for Calvary parishioners and their families. Five teams, each led by a team captain, provide care on a rotating basis (every 5th week) and work in close collaboration with Len Grice and Martin Jellinek, pastoral care coordinators, and Paul McLain, associate rector. 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). Care Team Leaders attend a one-hour meeting every 5th week and spend 3-4 hours organizing their team. Total hours per month: 4-5 (includes team meeting) Contact: Martin Jellinek, jmjellinek@bellsouth.net, or Len Grice, lenardgrice@aol.com, to learn more.

Calvary Works: Emmanuel Meal

By CHRISTINE TODD, COMMUNITY MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

Calvary loves a party and the Emmanuel Meal on Monday, Dec. 18 is a day we invite all our neighbors to a beautiful party. Jerry Bradfield and Jenny Madden will serve as the co-chairs for this delicious turkey luncheon, served to over 300 unsheltered and poor neighbors in downtown Memphis. In addition to a hearty homemade meal, we expect to offer free flu shots, live music, visits to the clothes closet, and gifts including winter hats, gloves, razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste, cakes, lotion, notepads, pens, and washcloths.

We couldn't provide these lovely gifts without help from our friends. Brooks Terry, who now owns Babcock Gifts with Clay Woemmel, worked for years at Hilton. The relationships he formed enabled Hilton to ask their providers for 1,000 of each—shampoo, lotion, deodorant, washcloths, notepads, pens, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and more. Ed Crenshaw has created red and green iced delicious pastries. Malinda Lewis works with local lawyers who donate 100 gift bags of vienna sausages and other needed items. This year, for the first time, Idlewild School volunteered to have a Sock Drive for our guests. They have pledged 500 warm men's socks. Clean, warm socks are the main thing our unsheltered guests wish for during the winter months.

Our children and youth, working with Hilary Chipley and Kayla Bartosch, wrap all of these donations up in fabulous gift bags—300 for the Emmanuel Meal and 200 for Community Breakfast guests. When we give these treats to our unsheltered neighbors, it gives them a gift they can bring to a family Christmas party, or it gives them an opportunity to share the holiday spirit with their neighbors.

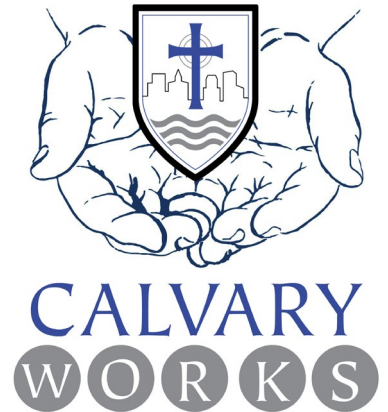
It wouldn't be a party without music. Kristin Lensch and John Palmer play the organ for our guests who rest in the Nave while waiting for lunch. And while guests enjoy their meal, musicians provided by Calvin Turley offer joy and Christmas cheer with their musical gifts.

Your help that day to greet our guests, prepare food, seat people, pour tea, hand out gifts, clean up, decorate, serve, and especially to fund the event are all appreciated.

If you will be working or will be out of town, please consider how you might participate in advance. Can you:

- approach a business to donate 500 of something for the gift bags?
- make several batches of homemade cornbread at home before the event to be used in the dressing Debbie Kinard and Mary Jane Viar make?
- purchase a turkey for \$35?
- help wrap Christmas gifts Saturday, Dec. 9?
- decorate Sunday, Dec. 17?
- sit at a table on a Sunday morning in November or December to sell turkeys and help volunteers sign-up?
- put the Emmanuel Meal on your prayer list and keep us in your thoughts as we strive to be the hands of God this December?

There are many ways to be involved. Contact Jerry Bradfield, jbradfi293@aol.com, or Jenny Madden, jenny@voicesofthesouth.org, to volunteer for this year's Emmanuel Meal. It will be a great party!



Vestry Update

BY FRED PIPER, SENIOR WARDEN



Fred Piper

A few weeks ago in the Great Hall, fellow parishioner Matt Seltzer innocently asked me what I was reading. We've made several trips to the Men's Conference in Montecle together, so he knows I can talk incessantly about books—he really should have known better. I told him that re-reading Faulkner's *Flags in the Dust* is like jumping

into a whirlpool. The dialects, poetry-like use of words, and figuring out which Bayard Sartoris Faulkner is describing swirls in my mind for the first fifty pages or so until I get a hold on it all. Once the cadence and nonlinear storytelling are comfortable to me, only then am I present again to reacquaint with the Sartoris and Snopes families.

This conversation comes to mind because the last three years at Calvary have been a whirlpool. We've been a church that won't stop moving. We've also had the gift of having three different rectors. Really, I mean that. This three-year odyssey has made us a stronger and more Christ-centered community with the guidance of Chris, Buddy, and now Scott. We have become a hopeful people unburdened with fear about our future.

Our past three years tell us we are caring and loving of each other and our city. We have seen growth in the Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop to near-record numbers. These coupled events invite the city to taste our life at Calvary, literally and figuratively. LPS and Waffle Shop draw people in, and they stay. Lobsterpalooza and the Boar's Head Feaste have grown more prominent in these years, and these extravagant celebrations not only are vehicles to provide good for others, but also for us to celebrate God's gifts. Thistle and Bee (now a 501c3), Community Breakfast, Room in the Inn...I can go on and on, are all thriving.

Our times together on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights are broadened by retreats, trips, and small groups. Scott has plans to concentrate on what he's calling "entry points" into Calvary which will bring more of us into our buildings, and bring us in more often. Our worship is still rich with teaching, and communion with one another. The music is astoundingly beautiful, and the sermons are unparalleled. Just ask visitors...they've never heard anything like it.

Faulkner's prose still swirls in my mind when I pick it up. It is as challenging as ever, as is the Calvary whirlpool. I invite us all to grab hold in this place and to continue to be the hopeful people we are.

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

Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop begin Thursday, February 15, 2018

Unexpected joy

BY CALVARY'S YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

It's safe to say that the confirmation class wasn't super excited to wake up at the crack of dawn to volunteer at the community breakfast twice before our confirmation in January. However, we were pleasantly surprised by this enriching service opportunity. For two hours, life was purely about the people we were serving, and we came to enjoy it.

Some of us had the opportunity to work in the clothes closet, a more interactive job at the community breakfast. A lot of us donate our old clothes with no idea where they will go from there. Without even knowing the Calvary clothes closet existed, we went into helping with a completely open mind. Finding some well-fitting clothes for a complete stranger gave us more joy than we ever would have expected. Those whom we served were so thankful for what we were doing, and no matter how long the line was, they waited with patience and gratitude. We gained a new perspective on what we have and recognized how fortunate we are to live the lives we do.

Working in the kitchen, we learned more than just how to scramble a large quantity of eggs. We realized how much effort is put into this every week and how labor intensive the community breakfast is to put on. The

men and women who often volunteer there week after week are genuinely dedicated and fully invested in this program. They understand how important it is to give back to our city.

Our class learned that some of the stereotypes we have about homelessness are entirely untrue. They are real people who crave real conversations, even with a teenager. They were sincere in wanting an answer to the clichéd "how are you" that we often respond to with "oh, fine" or "good." We were surprised by the sheer number of those in need. We had legitimate conversations with them, about the previous night's fight between Floyd Mayweather and Conor McGregor or just about how their day was going. The people we served had a positive and optimistic outlook on life, no matter their situation. We found ourselves wanting better for them, even having never met them before.

The community breakfast was an eye-opening experience for us. We recommend that all parishioners volunteer for it at some time. We think it is our job as a church in downtown Memphis to provide a sense of community in the church and our city. The community breakfast is an important ministry of Calvary.



Members of the youth confirmation class include: Charlie Huebner, Duncan McLean, Ellen Barnes, Ellen Parker, Frances Cates, Grace Herburger, Maddie Hitching, Madeleine Hays, Mason Graves, Meriwether McLean, Miriam Gardner, and Stephen Cates

Formation Offerings for Adults

SUNDAYS in the GREAT HALL



Dec. 3: Reception for the Rev. Eyleen Farmer
Come celebrate her time with us and send her forth with love and prayers at a festive farewell reception on her last Sunday at Calvary.



Dec. 10: The Search for the Healthy City
Physician, author, and Calvary parishioner **Jim Bailey** will share how our connections with our built environment contribute to healing us in body, mind, and soul. Jim wrote the novel *The End of Healing*, a look at America's health care system through the lens of Dante's *Inferno*. He and his wife Sharon led a pilgrimage to Italy last year to explore the life-giving impact of art and architecture in healthy cities.

Dec. 17: Docent-led Tour of Calvary

We will end 2017 by claiming our sense of place at Calvary with a tour and presentation from our docents on the history of our beautiful worship space and learn about the symbols and layers of meaning in our architecture, stained glass windows, and artwork.

SUNDAYS in MONTGOMERY FOYER

Oct. 1 - Dec. 10: Bible Study

Each week join **the Rev. Paul McLain** and Rhodes history professor and Calvary parishioner **Tim Huebner** as they lead a series of discussions centered on the biblical basis for finding our sense of place and preparing for pilgrimage. We will look at Bible passages related to place and pilgrimage in the Holy Lands using N. T. Wright's *The Way of the Lord: Christian Pilgrimage Today* as our guide.

KOINONIA: WEDNESDAYS at CALVARY

Nov. 8-Dec. 13: Discovery

Join Scott Walters in the Great Hall for five weeks of conversation about how Episcopalians view prayer, the Bible, Church history, ethics, worship, and more. Discovery serves as preparation for Confirmation but anyone curious about what Presiding Bishop Michael Curry calls "the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement" is welcome.

Formation for Children and Youth

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday Morning Nursery Care: Calvary maintains an excellent nursery facility staffed by trained, professional caregivers. Open from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., the nursery is for children ages five and under and is located on the first floor in Calvary Place Child Care Center. A loving atmosphere, personal attention, and age-appropriate toys, Bible stories, and Bible-based activities are all designed to make the nursery a safe, nurturing place for your child.

Children's Chapel: Children's Chapel is an opportunity for children to experience the "Liturgy of the Word" in an easy-to-understand, story format. Children participate in a number of ways, such as setting the altar table, listening, responding to the story, singing, praying, taking an offertory collection, and sharing the sign of peace. At the beginning of the 10 a.m. worship service, children follow the children's cross out of the church to Children's Chapel, which is held in room 203 on the second floor education wing. Children are escorted into church at the time of the Peace to join their families for Communion. Children ages three and up are welcome to attend Children's Chapel. The liturgy is geared for children ages three to seven. Parent participation is encouraged, especially during a child's first time to attend.

Pre-K & Kindergarten – Godly Play – Room 201

The Godly Play curriculum invites children to enter into our sacred stories through careful telling of the scripture stories, engaging story figures, and participating in a variety of creative activities. Children are encouraged to wonder aloud about the Bible stories, themselves, God, and the world around them. Godly Play teachers encourage children to use their curiosity and imagination to experience the mystery and joy of God.

1st & 2nd grades – Godly Play: People, Prophets, and Parables – Room 203

First and second-grade 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.

3rd & 4th grades – Bible 101 – Room 205

Third-grade students join fourth grade students in Bible 101. Based on a two-year cycle that covers both the Old and New Testament, this class is devoted to an in-depth and age-appropriate study of Scripture. This year's focus will be on the

Old Testament. We strongly encourage students to be present every Sunday as each lesson builds on the previous one.

5th & 6th grades – The Story – Room 206

The Story is about the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Each lesson begins with a review of where *The Story* has been and a hint at where it is going. *The Story* chronologically moves through events from Genesis to Revelation and hopefully helps the participant to listen for God's call and through His help, write his or her own story.

7th & 8th grades – Room 208

9th -12th grades – Third Floor Youth Room

Discipleship: What's Your Story?

This year's curriculum, "Discipleship: What's Your Story?," is all about the Christian journey of discipleship. Students will be encouraged take ownership of their Christian journey. The class begins with students hearing about the spiritual journeys of their parents and guardians and then moves toward workshop-style lessons that will provide the tools that help students share their own journeys. During the spring semester, students will have the opportunity to share their Christian journey with their peers and parents.

High School Confirmation: 9th -12th grades – Room 207

Confirmation is an important moment in a young person's faith life. In confirmation class students prayerfully consider the promises made by their parents and godparents on their behalf at their baptism and claim them as their own. This year we are using *I will, with God's Help* by Mary Lee Wile. The class themes include: belonging, community, prayer, repentance, Scripture, service, story, and worship. This curriculum emphasizes the importance of experience as the primary learning avenue for the Christian journey. Classes began Sunday, Aug. 13, and will conclude with the sacrament of Confirmation during the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018. Contact Minister to Youth Kayla Bartosch, kbartosch@calvarymemphis.org, for more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Ages 0-5 – Nursery – 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Child care for children ages 0-5 is available in the Orgill Room.

Sr.K-2nd grades – St. Cecilia Choir – 6:15-7 p.m.

Room 203

Directed by Melissa Elsholz, children learn hymns, other sacred songs, how to use their voices, and how to sing in a choir. St. Cecilia Choir sings monthly at the 10 a.m. worship service throughout the year. At the conclusion of their

rehearsal, students have the opportunity to join their friends in other youth offerings until 7:30 p.m.

3rd grade & up – Boys and Girls Choir – 6:15-7 p.m.

Crook Auditorium

Directed by Kristin Lensch, organist-choirmaster, the Boys and Girls Choir uses the "Voices for Life" curriculum established by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). The Boys and Girls Choir sings every other week with the Calvary Choir, as well as major feast days such as Easter and Christmas. At the conclusion of their rehearsal, students have the opportunity to join their friends in other youth offerings until 7:30 p.m.

1st-5th grades – EpiscoPals – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Room 205

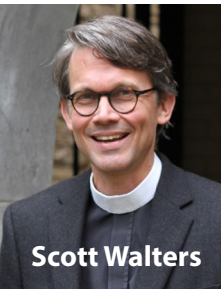
EpiscoPals is a fellowship group for 1st-5th-graders that meets to play games, work on arts and crafts, read and act out stories, and have fun together in a Christ-centered environment. Led by Hilary Chipley, Eric Milner, and Emily Smith.

6th-12th grades – EYC HOME – 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Room 208

Episcopal Youth Community HOME is designed to Help Overworked Minds Ease. This time in the middle of the week is made to help Calvary's EYC find a place to completely ease their minds from their everyday worries, concerns, stressors, and to-do lists. This time will be used to create an environment where the students can find their inner peace, let their fun-side shine, and learn how to create other 'ease' environments within their daily routines. This will be encouraged through team-building activities, music, games, crafts, Bible study, service projects, meditation, discussions, and prayer. It is important to keep God within your daily routine. This is the perfect opportunity to have fun with your peers while praising God. EYC HOME is led by Minister to Youth Kayla Bartosch and Tom Chipley.

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during a time of year when everything seems to conspire against doing so.

We've been hooked on Advent and the seasons that follow ever since. Not only does the liturgical year carry us through the Christian story, but it can also become a kind of sacred rhythm in our lives, a backbeat to our prayers, if you will.

Since Halloween is now past (which means the retail world is flashing the impending arrival of Christmas everywhere flashing is allowed) you may have noticed that Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. This is a very occasional occurrence that can seem like an annoying shimmy in the calendar.

What it means is that at 10 a.m. Dec. 24, we will celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent. And we will return the same day for Christmas Eve, at 3:30, 5:30, and 10:30 p.m. What I hope the convergence of Advent's end and Christmas' beginning does is to make the shape of the liturgical year more conspicuous to us, reminding us of the ways we're shaped by the whole story of redemption as it unfolds through the seasons. There's nothing like a little shudder in the back wheel to jolt us back into attention, right?

But there are other offerings we're adding for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany as well. On Monday, Dec. 4, we will begin opening Calvary Church for prayer at noon each weekday. Four days a week we will offer the simple Noonday Prayer service from the prayer book, with time

for silence embedded within it. The service will only take 10-15 minutes, but the church will remain open for prayer and meditation afterward for a time. Each Wednesday at noon, instead of Noonday Prayer, we will offer Holy Eucharist, with prayers for healing. And we are also offering a 15-minute Vespers service at 6 p.m. Wednesday nights. Those who choose to attend can still eat with the Koinonia community at 5:30 p.m., and will be finished by 6:15 p.m. to move on to choirs or classes or other gatherings.

What all of these services share is a relationship to the life-giving rhythms of prayer that we've received through our Anglican tradition. Maybe pausing for prayer in the Calvary chancel some weekday will provide just the nourishment you need to go back to your home or workplace refreshed and readied to extend the love of Jesus to someone who needs it, knowing that someone may well be you. Or maybe just the knowledge that Calvary's doors are open to downtown Memphis for prayers each noonday will be a source of peace to you, a reminder that your prayers are always held by the prayers of other people in other places.

I hope you join us for Advent IV and for one of our Christmas Eve services, and again at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day, if you choose. Maybe you'll be able to join us at noon on a weekday or for a Wednesday night as well. But what I pray for most is that even during the frenetic season of Advent and Christmas, our life together as Calvary will help each of us find wholeness and a life-giving rhythm in our lives. Since my very first Advent, I've only become more convinced that the possibility of such abundant living is worth resetting my whole calendar for.

Weekday Worship Services During Advent

Mondays at 12:05 p.m. – Noonday Prayer

Tuesdays at 12:05 p.m. – Noonday Prayer

Wednesdays at 12:05 p.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Prayers for Healing

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (During Koinonia) – Vespers

Thursdays at 12:05 p.m. – Noonday Prayer

Fridays at 12:05 p.m. – Noonday Prayer

Advent & Christmas at Calvary

Advent Wreath Making Festival

Sunday, November 26 at 11:15 a.m.

Calvary's fourth annual Advent Wreath Festival will be held Sunday, Nov. 26 during the formation hour in the Great Hall. Come make your very own Advent wreath. Every supply imaginable needed to make your Advent wreath will be available for use. Cost for your wreath and all materials is \$12.

A Service of Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 3 at 4 p.m.

Join us for a traditional candlelight service of scripture and song featuring the Calvary choirs to prepare your heart for the birth of Christ. A reception with cookies and hot chocolate will follow in the Great Hall.

Advent 4, Rite II Eucharist

Sunday, December 24 at 10 a.m.

We will combine our two morning services into one to hear the final piece of the Advent story—the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel appears to Mary.

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

This lively liturgy is specially designed for families with children and features music led by the St. Cecilia and Boys and Girls choirs and brass. Nursery care will be offered for children under 5.

Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m.

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

Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m. with choir and strings

This service begins with a celebratory musical prelude at 10:30 p.m. featuring seasonal English carols arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams sung by the Calvary Choir with chamber orchestra. A Festival Eucharist will follow at 11 p.m., and will reflect the glory and beauty of Anglican worship with candlelight and incense.

Christmas Day at 10 a.m.

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



Boar's Head Feaste

BY BRENDA WOEMMEL



Brenda Woemmel

Return to 14th century England—the laughter and guffaws, the buzz of conversations, the aromas of food, the clunking of tankards of cheer, the sweet blend of singing voices. Exquisitely dressed lords and ladies sweep forward to greet you with bows and curtsies. How can this be!

Calvary's choirs and musicians invite you to partake of a Madrigal

Dinner that includes all of the above and more. The Boar's Head Feaste survives as one of the longest continuing festivals of the Christmas season. Christian traditions overtook the pagan celebrations of Roman and earlier cultures who held Boar's Feastes because feral boars constituted a dangerous threat to people. These earlier people roasted the entire Boar, and it was the first dish served. For Christians, the Boar's Head came to symbolize the triumph of the Christ Child over sin.

One Boar's Head Feaste and you will return year after year for the delicious food, the beautiful music, and

musicians. But what's new about that? As members of Calvary we routinely experience those. The Boar's Head Feaste includes comedic acts, and choir members and other parishioners demonstrate talents most of us didn't know they possessed!

The Great Hall lives up to its name with Christmas decorations throughout the Hall and on the many tables that guests occupy. Come alone or with friends because everyone at your table becomes your friend over the course of the evening. Bring some of your favorite wine, enjoy several courses of dinner and celebrate the Christmas season.

Buy your tickets early! They sell fast attesting to the fun and popularity of the event. Tickets are \$50 each and sales begin Friday, Dec. 1. The Feaste will be Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. This is a fundraiser, sponsored by the Friends of Music, for the choral residency in Bristol, England in summer 2018. Members of both the Calvary Choir and the Boys and Girls Choir will be leading the Evensong services at Bristol Cathedral for a week while the Cathedral Choir is on leave. Watch the music bulletin board across from the Library and the monitors on each floor for more information.



Boar's Head Feaste 2017

Thistle & Bee Comes of Age

BY THE REV. EYLEEN FARMER

Thistle and Bee Enterprises began as a small group of passionate volunteers gathered around the belief that love is the most powerful force in the world for change. Our original idea was to build a social enterprise to employ survivors of prostitution and trafficking around products produced on our bee farm.

In the 3½ years since our beginnings, we have moved from an informal grassroots initiative to a growing concern working to increase programming components as we achieve sustainability and accountability. We are, in other words, an adolescent organization with growing pains!

Highlights of our accomplishments in 2017 include:

- Hiring Elaine Blanchard as part-time program director;
- Launching a holistic employment program with five survivors;
- Completing a three-year strategic plan;
- Hiring Carter Webster as part-time volunteer and events coordinator;
- Hiring Jordan Boss as full-time executive director.

A lot has happened in 2017! And our staff—both volunteer and paid—remains enthusiastically committed to the work ahead. Our goals for 2018 include expansion of our survivor employment program, development of an integrated product line and increased sales, purchase or lease of office and programming space, and securing and opening a residential facility.

As I look back over the past year, I am incredibly grateful for the support we have received from Calvary. A number of our volunteer staff, including Madge & Whit Deacon, Martin Jellinek, Dave Balling, and Alice Shands are Calvary members. Madge Deacon and Bob O'Connor serve on our board of directors. Terri & Betty Jo Dulaney provided assistance as we were learning to be beekeepers. Mills Polatty not only launched our beekeeping endeavor but has been our go-to guy with a truck.

Needie Rountree is teaching survivors to press herbs and flowers. Many other Calvary members have volunteered in various capacities. Calvary also has made office space and administrative support available, allowing us to spend money on programming and staff instead of overhead. We would not be where we are today without the generous hearts of Calvary folks who care about this project.

Perhaps most importantly, the vision for this ministry was birthed at Calvary. My journey as a priest in this place has been deeply formative; it was here the vision to replicate Thistle Farms in Nashville began to take shape and where I was given the freedom to make the vision a reality.

A beehive provides the model for cooperation, industry, and healing in community—values that guide our work every day. We—the survivors, staff, and volunteers of Thistle & Bee—are writing a love story, and you are invited to walk alongside us in whatever way love directs you. Consider making a gift. Contact us about volunteer opportunities. Host a home party. Sign up to receive our newsletter. Buy our products. Pray for our survivors. Light a candle for the next woman.

The work is difficult, and things nearly always move more slowly than we would like. But we do this work with joy, and we believe more than ever in the power of love.

Visit us at thistleandbee.org.



Thistle & Bee staff (l-r) Elaine Blanchard, Carter Webster, and Jordan Boss

Annual Giving Parties



Joe Brandenburg, Nina Grice, Dana Sue and Ann Percer



Jo & Joe Clift



**The Rev. Scott Walters and Jill Piper,
annual giving chair**



**Jan & Barney Elam
and Edwin Thorpe**



Peg & Dan Wahl



Collin Fountain & Bailey Bethell



Andrew & Laura Trott



**Brett & Leslie Norman
and Alison & Ben Boeving**

Calvary parishioners gathered in homes around the city to get to know Rector Scott Walters a little better and hear his vision for Calvary



Celebrating St. Vincent's

By GRAYSON LUSK-HUSSONG



We recently celebrated the move to St. Vincent's new location in Santo. There was an open house to show the greater Haitian community the wonderful setting and people that make up the school. Many of the female students spent the day getting ready for the highlight of the event—several Haitian dances that they have been practicing for weeks. I spent the morning acting as dance mom, buttoning

tutus, putting flowers in hair, and running around trying to find necklaces.

A Haitian event would not be complete without some technical difficulties, which took place in the form of a loss of music during the first dance, but everything was smooth sailing after that. There were three beautiful dances, some musical performances, “barbecue” (a term that, as a Memphian, I loosely apply), a lot of dancing to Haitian pop, and even a few celebrity appearances! All in all, it was

a wonderful school-wide function that showcased the joy that perpetually radiates from these kids.

I haven't fully slipped back into the “land of abundance” as Dr. Susan Nelson called it, since a brief trip to Seattle for a family function. Right off the bat I overindulged in fried food in the Atlanta airport and immediately regretted it. I woke up at exactly 2 a.m. every night because that is the regular 5 a.m. wake up time I was used to in Haiti. I kept finding myself turning the shower down because I am not used to the hot water. I was not even remotely phased when another car recklessly cut in front of our car, mere feet from our moving bumper. All of these minor incidents combined made me realize just how much I have settled into the Haitian lifestyle and my life at St. Vincent's.

Grayson Lusk-Hussong is a Calvary parishioner spending at least the first three months of her gap year at St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children. St. Vincent's is the primary organization in Haiti that provides “academic, clinical, and residential services for blind, deaf, and physically disabled” Haitian residents.

Grayson will be in town to speak at this event!



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Join The Diocese of West Tennessee and West Tennessee Haiti Partnership for an evening of fellowship and fun!

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5:30 - 8:30pm @ Church of the Holy Communion, Memphis

Limited Tickets: \$50.00 / person • \$85 / couple • \$320 / table of 8

Questions: Contact Hilarie Samei at hilarie.samei@gmail.com or 901.736.5648



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 26 Sunday

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November 26 Sunday

Buy a turkey to support Emmanuel Meal

The Emmanuel Meal is Monday, Dec. 18. To afford this extravagant holiday meal for 250 unsheltered and poor downtown neighbors, we sell paper turkeys for \$35 during November and December. We need to raise \$2,000. Please help support this annual family outreach event. For information, please contact Jenny Madden, jenny@voicesofthesouth.org.

December 1 Friday

Haiti Fundraiser

Join the Diocese of West Tennessee and West Tennessee Haiti Partnership for an evening of fellowship and fun Friday, Dec. 1, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Church of the Holy Communion. Tickets are \$50/each; \$85/couple; \$320/table of eight. Proceeds benefit St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children. Contact Hilarie Samei at hilarie.samei@gmail.com or 901-736-5648 to purchase tickets or learn more.

December 1 Friday

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Each Friday, Dec. 1-22, Calvary will ring the bell for the Salvation Army at the Kroger at Poplar Plaza. If you're interested in joining Calvary's 2017 team of ringers, sign up for a 75-minute shift by contacting Madge Deacon, madge6993@yahoo.com. This is a tremendous opportunity for individual volunteers, for families to give back to the community together, and for students to earn community service credits.

December 3 Sunday

Advent Lessons & Carols

Calvary welcomes all to a traditional candlelight service of Scripture and song inviting you to prepare your heart for the birth of Christ. Come worship at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Childcare for ages 0-5 will be available.

December 9 Saturday

Children and Youth Service Event

Get Ready to Pack! A Children & Youth service event will

be held Saturday, Dec. 9, beginning at 9 a.m. We will pack gifts to be distributed to Emmanuel Meal and Community Breakfast guests. Supplies are provided—we just need you to help pack gift bags! This event will overlap with the Christmas pageant rehearsal.

December 16 Saturday

Prep for Emmanuel Meal

Come to the Calvary kitchen Saturday, Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to aid in the preparation of the turkey, dressing, and fixings for the Emmanuel Meal. Help with everything from pulling turkey meat off the bones to preparing green beans.

January 5 Friday

Boar's Head Feaste

Ye olde tradition of Calvary's popular madrigal dinner, led by the Calvary Choir, returns again Friday, Jan. 5 at 6:30 p.m.—a perfect way to conclude the Twelve Days of Christmas. A Friends of Music fundraiser for the choirs' Bristol Cathedral residency, the \$50 tickets will go on sale in December 2017.

WEDDING BELLS

October 13 • Jordan Cole Watkins & Brian Sutton

October 14 • Emma Wilhite & Michael Eubanks

October 21 • Chloe Lane & Ezra Elam

SAINTS DEPARTED

Dr. Charles Steven Arendall

Jessica Bowman, aunt of Joanne Watson

Stephen Dillon, uncle of Robyn Banks

Susan Grissom, friend of Jill & Fred Piper

The Rev. Margaret "Peggy" Brown Gunness, former vicar of Calvary

J. Kimbrough Johnson, friend of Nancy & Al Harvey

Dorothy S. "Happy" Jones

The Rev. Linda Loyd, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain

Emma McCray, longtime Waffle Shop worker

Richard G. McLaughlin, uncle of Elizabeth Gassler

Jeffrey R. Shearman, friend of Bill Kolb

Richard Spence, cousin of Raymond Spence and Elizabeth Madden

Scott Stormo, cousin of Paul McLain

Ed Wilson, father of Joe Wilson



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