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The beginning of something new

By The Rev. Scott Walters, Rector



Twenty-three years ago, Ardelle and I walked into Grace Episcopal Church in Siloam Springs as a couple of curious Advent visitors with an infant son in tow. So much was so different from the Christian traditions we had been formed by and nurtured in. We weren't sure why people stood at some times, knelt at others, and sat when they weren't doing either. We didn't know why some people bowed their heads or went all the way to one knee before entering or leaving a pew or why others crossed themselves at odd times during the service. Since not everyone made every gesture or assumed the same posture, we felt fairly included and free to take or leave these curious Episcopal flourishes to prayer.

The flourishes, however, were not why we'd come. We'd come for the season of Advent. In prior years we seemed to get caught in a stampede toward the 25th. Maybe a pace more fit to the human stride and scale was possible if you found a few other people willing to walk along with you.

What we did not know in the winter of 1996 is that we'd still be walking with you quirky

Anglican Christians all these years later in Memphis. Advent was the beginning of another Church year, but it was a beginning of a meaningful, new, maybe lifesaving way of being Christian for the two (well, three, if you count the 10-month-old boy who had very little say in the matter) of us.

Advent is a rich time to think back to our beginnings. Maybe it's a time to remember the beginning of a transformative relationship or a new understanding of God or a new vocation in which some essential part of yourself was made available to the world. When has this happened to you? What have you become or experienced as a result? What might it be pointing you toward in the year or years to come?

I wish you a blessed Advent and a joyous Christmas. My prayer is that we'll walk slowly enough through this season to remember a beginning or two in our lives when we were changed and that we'll be awake enough to notice if something begins this Advent that we'll be giving thanks to God for twenty-three Christmases from now.

Grace Episcopal Church, Siloam Springs, AR
(photo courtesy of gracesiloam.org)





The promise of Advent

By The Ven. Mimsy Jones

“**A**lmighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light,” begins the prayer for the first Sunday of Advent. I can’t think of any better words to sum up the paradox of Advent: the fact of darkness and the hope of light.

God knows that’s where most of us find ourselves these days, isn’t it, somewhere between darkness and light, light and darkness? I’m reminded of the old saying, ‘The light at the end of the tunnel may be another train!’ which has always struck me as not very funny at all. I like to think the light is just that, LIGHT. HOPE.

For countless years, I gave lip service to the words of Advent: WAIT, LISTEN, LOOK. I talked, even taught, about those words, but underneath I was paddling as fiercely as a duck being chased by a predator. I longed to be a serene spirit, completely organized, doing ‘less instead of more,’ appreciating the sights, smells, and sounds of the coming season. Instead, I procrastinated, spent more than I meant to, said yes to too many invitations. I was exhausted, and darkness became all too familiar.

One year, the last week before Christmas, I was driving, way too fast, down Walnut Grove Road, late for a carpool. My hands ached from paper cuts because I’d been wrapping gifts late into the night before. My thinking was not just dark, it was destructive: ‘you are hopeless; you always do this at Christmas; you will never change; you are a mess.’

At the intersection of Walnut Grove and Goodlett, I came to a red light and mercifully stopped. And suddenly I heard a voice that is as clear to me today, as it was then. “Stop thinking those things. Stop them now. You are who you are, and that is just fine. Do not destroy yourself any more with thoughts like that.”

The light changed, and I moved on, but I’ve never been the same. Well, that’s not entirely



true. I haven't ENTIRELY changed my holiday procrastination or my overextending in many ways, but I have changed, forever I hope, my thinking. I have stopped beating up on myself. It has made all the difference in the world.

Now, as Advent approaches, I revisit that experience at the intersection of Walnut Grove and Goodlett. Each morning I try (no one's perfect) to read my favorite Advent meditation. It is written by Frederick

Buechner, and part of it goes like this:

"Advent means 'coming,' of course, and the promise of Advent is that what is coming is an unimaginable invasion...a close encounter not of the third kind but an invasion of holiness. That is what Advent is about.

"What is coming upon the world is the Light of the World. It is Christ. That is the comfort of it. The challenge of it is that it has not come yet. Only the hope has come, only the longing for it. In the meantime, we are in the dark, and the dark, God knows, is in us.

"It is still a very dark world, but the darkness is different because he keeps getting born into it. Anyone who has ever known him has known him perhaps better in the dark than anywhere else because it is in the dark where he seems to visit most often." (Listening to Your Life, 314-316)

May the hope and promise of Advent bring light and hope into every corner of your lives, and may the peace of Christ fill our hearts and minds as we prepare for an invasion of holiness. AMEN.



A Season of Surprises

By Katie Owen

This is indeed the season of surprises. We begin with perhaps the world's greatest surprise, Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive by the Holy Spirit the Son of God. What a truly startling and terrifying revelation this must have been to a teenage girl. In the book of Matthew, we see another angel wallop Joseph with the same surprise. And, amazingly, both Mary and Joseph get on board. Mary goes so far as to say, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant." Wait.... What? I imagine myself sobbing on the floor trying to figure out how to explain this to a surely skeptical family, and undoubtedly feeling anger or betrayal that I hadn't at least been consulted first. Yet, miraculously Mary rises to the occasion.

Though none quite that shocking, we've all experienced an array of surprises in our lives. Some bad—the loud crash of a tree falling in the backyard; some wonderful—a marriage proposal on a hot air balloon. Some that come fast—a bathing suit top flying off on a water slide in Myrtle Beach when I was 12; and some that come more slowly—my falling deeply in love with the city of Memphis after begrudgingly leaving my home of Atlanta.

One of the most difficult surprises my husband John and I have faced was just how challenging it was to grow our family. Our daughter Phoebe came fairly easily, and we assumed another baby would follow in due course. Instead, we were shocked and devastated when we suffered a miscarriage, and then another, and then another. We were so devastated that we decided to give up on conceiving another child altogether, and instead began to research adoption. We hired an adoption consultant and put together a beautiful glossy brochure depicting a loving and happy home that we hoped would attract a willing birth mother. We worked with our consultant to decide which agencies around the country we would receive our brochure, and our excitement began to grow as we

anticipated adding a child to our family.

Then, one Wednesday at a routine checkup, I was SURPRISED to learn that I was pregnant again. Although exciting, this was also a terrifying turn of events. I was certain that I didn't have the emotional bandwidth to survive another loss. I prayed a lot—for courage, for peace. And, miraculously that baby came. A whole, healthy baby.

I've thought a lot about what it means to get on board the way Mary and Joseph did when our plans are upended and we are forced to begin again in a new direction. As humans we're faced with seemingly unbearable surprises, yet somehow God wraps his arms around us and lifts us to rise to the occasion. I certainly lack Mary's grace, but hope that my soul may magnify the Lord someday, in some way. And, for now, as we await the Christ child, we live in wonder and wait for the next surprise. We hope it's a good one, but know that if it isn't, we're never alone in our suffering. We remember that in this life no matter what we face or are forced to survive, joy always comes around again. Joy always comes around again. And isn't that the most wonderful surprise?





A new way to connect

By Robyn Banks, Director of Communications

Calvary has a great new way for people to connect with each other. It's called Realm. Realm allows you to login and view an online directory, update your own information, and view your giving statements.

ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Calvary parishioners now have access to an online church directory! Your directory profile includes your contact information, photo, family members, personal information (e.g. birthday, marital status, etc.), and connected social media accounts. You have complete control over what data you would like to be displayed on your church directory profile. By keeping your information current, you are helping our staff, group leaders, and our church community. Your profile enables you to update your contact information, change family details, set notification preferences, replace that outdated family photo. See the privacy statement below for more info.

ONLINE GIVING

Review your giving history or make a new donation online or from your mobile phone. Simply sign in to look over your year-to-date giving, check pledge progress, print a contribution statement, or make a new one-time or recurring donation. It's always available and kept secure in an easy-to-use online environment.

GET THE MOBILE APP

Stay connected to our church wherever you go by downloading the *Connect—Our Church Community* app for iPhone and Android devices. Check out your app store on your mobile device to download the app today.

PRIVACY

YOUR INFORMATION IS YOUR INFORMATION

1. You have complete control over who can see your contact information.
2. Contact information is never public or searchable on the Internet. Any information you elect to make visible to our church family is always protected behind a login.
3. Authorized staff will always have access to your information.
4. You and certain authorized staff may update your profile information. In some cases, your group leader may update your contact information if you have made it visible to group leaders.
5. For safety reasons, sharing contact and personal information for children under 18 is limited. Parents determine whether or not to display their child's name in the church directory.
6. Children under 13 may not participate and will not be able to sign in.

WHAT PEOPLE MAY SEE

By default, the viewing of your contact and personal information is limited to members of groups you are in, group leaders, and staff members. If you choose to, however, you can make your information visible to the entire church. But if you prefer to be more private, you can customize how people see specific information.

We encourage you to login, upload a picture if there's not one there, and make sure all of your contact information is up to date.

Login to Realm:
calvarymemphis.org/realm

If you did not receive an invitation to Realm, it may mean that we do not have a current email address on file for you. Contact Ebet Peeples, eeeples@calvarymemphis.org, and she will send you a Realm invitation.



Lenten Preparations

By Heidi Rupke

While most people are thinking about Advent and awaiting with great anticipation the birth of Christ, members of the Calvary staff are deep in the throes of planning for Lent. When Scott emailed me in the summer of 2018, asking if I'd be interested in the position of Lenten Preaching Series coordinator, I wasn't necessarily sold on the idea. I attend church a lot and wasn't sure exactly why I should sign up to kind of live at the church during Lent. But my predecessor Debbie Balling said it was "the best job ever," and a voice from somewhere deep down said I should give it a try.

Over the past year, I've seen "the other side" of this preaching series that draws more than 4,000 people annually. It's a year-round part-time gig, with some months busier than others. My favorite part of the job is communicating with speakers and volunteers. Email is a big part of it: collecting bios, photos, and paperwork, communicating detailed expectations and logistics. Spreadsheets reign supreme. Hundreds of hours of organization go into five and a half fantastic weeks of Lent (and that doesn't even include the fasting one who works at Calvary must do in preparation for impending fish pudding).

Something else I've learned from my coordinator's seat is how much money it takes to pull off a speaker series like this. Calvary's budget is generous; most churches could only dream of dedicating a goodly sum toward a

preaching event that is free and open to the public. However, expenses are also high. Some speakers who have been recommended for LPS charge more than our entire budget just to walk in the door. And we have 28 slots to fill.

The best way to ensure that the series continues to thrive—and with an average of 200 people attending each preaching, I'd say it's thriving—is to support the Marcus Borg Fund. Begun in 2015 by Mimsy & Frank Jones after the death of their friend, the Marcus Borg Fund is an endowment that directly supports the Lenten Preaching Series. Though the fund reached its initial monetary goal, it is still open to contributions. This ongoing support helps to ensure that our nearly century-long tradition will continue as a place of challenge, inspiration, provocation, and love where all Memphians are welcome to gather.

You can contribute to the Marcus Borg Endowment fund for Calvary's Lenten Preaching series at calvarymemphis.org/give or by logging on to your Realm account and selecting the Borg Endowment Fund for your gift.

2020 Lenten Preaching Series

Speakers

The Rev. Debbie Blue ~ Thursday, Feb. 27
Author and Lutheran Minister, St. Paul, MN

Ms. Marti Tippens Murphy ~ Friday, Feb. 28
Executive Director of Facing History and Ourselves, Memphis, TN

Rabbi Micah Greenstein ~ Tuesday & Wednesday, March 3-4 and Lent After Dark Wednesday, March 4
Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel, Memphis

Rabbi Judy Schindler ~ Lent After Dark Wednesday, March 4 & Thursday, March 5
Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Jewish Studies, Queens University, Charlotte, NC

The Rev. Mark Jefferson ~ Friday, March 6
Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

The Rev. Sonia Walker ~ Tuesday, March 10
Associate Pastor, First Congregational Church, Memphis, TN

The Rev. James Alison ~ Wednesday & Thursday, March 11-12 and Lent After Dark Wednesday, March 11
Author, theologian, and Catholic priest, Madrid, Spain

The Rev. Dan Matthews ~ Friday, March 13
St. John the Divine in New York, NY

The Rev. Kirk Whalum ~ Tuesday, March 17
Minister and Grammy-winning saxophonist, Memphis, TN

The Rev. Fletcher Harper ~ Wednesday, March 18
Executive Director of GreenFaith and Episcopal Priest, Highland Park, NJ

Ms. Kaitlin Curtice ~ Lent After Dark Wednesday, March 18 and Thursday, March 19
Native American Christian speaker and author, Atlanta, GA

The Rev. Gary Meade ~ Friday, March 20
Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dyersburg, TN

Dr. Scott Morris ~ Tuesday, March 24
Founder and Executive Director, Church Health Center, Memphis, TN

Mr. Jemar Tisby ~ Wednesday, March 25 and Lent After Dark Wednesday, March 25
Podcast host and president of The Witness: A Black Christian Collective

Rabbi Rami Shapiro ~ Thursday & Friday, March 26-27
Rabbi, speaker, author, Murfreesboro, TN

Mr. Ekundayo Bandele ~ Tuesday, March 31
Executive Director, Hattiloo Theatre, Memphis, TN

Mr. David Waters ~ Wednesday, April 1
Journalist, Memphis, TN

Ms. Molly McCully Brown ~ Lent After Dark Wednesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 2
Poet and professor, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH

The Rev. Sam Teitel ~ Friday, April 3
Pastor, Church of the River, Memphis, TN

Books by LPS authors make great Christmas presents!

Vestry Class of 2022

The Annual Meeting of Calvary Episcopal Church was held during worship services on Sunday, Nov. 10.

The following slate of candidates were approved by acclamation for terms through 2022:



Will Hayley (73) and his wife **Trish** originally joined Calvary a decade ago because of our downtown location; however, he is quick to add that they “stayed because of the congregation and our church’s mission of ‘making God’s love visible in downtown Memphis.’” After a 30+ year career in Enterprise Software (sales & management), he retired

from IBM in 2011. For many years, Will has served the Hospitality HUB as an intake counselor, fundraiser, board member, and board chair. He also volunteers annually at Waffle Shop and the Emmanuel Meal. He is an active participant in the “Baguette Brothers,” the Thursday morning men’s Bible Study group that meets at La Baguette. In the Memphis community, Will serves on the board of the Mid-South YMCA, and is the board chair and capital campaign team member of the downtown YMCA. He volunteers at the Memphis Farmers’ Market, fundraises for the Center for Southern Folklore, and participates in the neighborhood associations for both Downtown and South Main. Will says he wants to serve on the vestry to “support our clergy and church community in our discernment of God’s work to be done and encourage individual faith development for all parishioners.” As a vestry member, Will would like to focus on “attracting more members from downtown neighborhoods; helping on a future capital campaign; and supporting Calvary opportunities for individual faith development, such as the ministry and fellowship of the Baguette Brothers.

Kathryn Jasper (34) grew up at Calvary, married her husband **Jake** here and they baptized their two daughters, **Ruthie** (4.5) and **Kate** (1), in the parish. She has the pleasure of worshipping on Sundays with both her parents, Jan & Barney Elam, and her in-laws, Kim & John Jasper. Aside from family, what keeps Kathryn at Calvary is “the community that supports each other, the

diversity of membership, living the belief that God truly loves everyone, the gospel of grace that Calvary displays in ministry, and the engagement in the Memphis community.” In the Episcopal Church, Kathryn has served as the director of Camp Gailor-Maxon, the Episcopal summer camp for the state of Tennessee, and on Bishop Phoebe

Roaf’s search committee. At Calvary, she is a former Eucharistic Minister and Children & Youth Council chair and served on Scott Walters’ search committee. To the vestry, Kathryn will bring her unique perspective as someone who has been “a child, youth, young-adult, and now parent in the parish.” She says, “As someone who grew up in the choir and now plays in the bell choir, music in ministry is an area I want to represent.” Kathryn taught for five years in urban public schools, then seven years at Hutchison School as the Hutchison Leads Director, a leadership development program that includes internships, field trips, a speaker series, and mentoring with alumnae. She is currently taking time to focus on her daughters and allow herself to do volunteer work that fulfills and enriches.



John Owen (43) was introduced to Calvary by Gary Wilson, with whom he works at Southeastern Asset Management, Inc., a Memphis, TN based global investment manager. He joined Southeastern from institutional consultant DeMarche Associates, Inc. in Kansas City, MO. Prior to that he served as an executive with Georgia-Carolina Manufacturing Co. in Augusta, GA. John introduced Calvary to his wife **Katie**, who then served for many years as Calvary’s parish administrator. She recently



retired to spend more time with their children, **Phoebe** (5) and **John Wilson** (2). The family enjoys volunteering together at various church activities including Room in the Inn. John serves on the West Tennessee Endowment Corporation (WTEC) committee, helping to oversee the diocesan endowment. Through his involvement with a local multi-sport racing team in Memphis, John assists with the hosting of and support for a number of races in Memphis throughout the year. John states that "Involvement is important to me. Calvary has been and will continue to be a key part of our family experience from the place we gather to worship, to the wonderful fellowship we enjoy, to the opportunities it provides our family to serve others." As a vestry member, John will focus on helping the parish's ideas become reality.



Laura Trott (43) began her career in non-profit communications right here at Calvary. "The beautiful worship services, meaningful messages, and warm welcome I received had me coming back every Sunday." Laura went on to work for Chi Omega Fraternity's Executive Headquarters and has spent the last decade at Lausanne Collegiate

School, first as the school's director of marketing and communications and now as the school's director of admission. In her 15 years at Calvary, Laura has focused on welcoming others to the parish as a Greeter and Shepherd to many newcomers. Laura has facilitated small group Bible studies for the past 15 years. Laura enjoys "wondering" with our 1st and 2nd graders on Sunday mornings in Godly Play. She also enjoyed wondering with our entire church community as a co-chair for the Strategic Planning Team in 2012. Laura is married to **Andrew** and is the mother of **Abby** (13) and **William** (11). She is excited to serve on the vestry, because "I love Calvary. I love the people. I love our worship. I love the music. I love the lessons. I love the prayers. I love the ministries. I love our buildings. I love the energy! I look forward to supporting our shared community in making God's love visible in downtown Memphis and wherever our paths take us." She feels called to focus on Calvary's welcoming efforts and support educational ministries for children and adults.

Anna Kathryn Word (41) has worked in fundraising and development since 2002 for regional, national, and international organizations, including ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, MIFA, and Facing History and Ourselves, where she currently is the director of development. She also serves as an adjunct instructor at the University of Memphis in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy. Anna Kathryn is married to **Hank** and is the mother of **Harry** (10) and **Evangeline** (3). They joined Calvary in 2013 "after searching for a place where we felt at home—and we found it at Calvary. We felt welcomed and loved from the moment we walked into the Discovery class." Since then, she has taught the high school formation class with husband Hank, and served on the Development Committee. She now serves as the Calvary liaison for Moms Demand Action. In the past, she has served on the board of St. Columba Episcopal Conference and Retreat Center, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the University of Memphis MPA Alumni Association, and been an active member of the Junior League of Memphis. As a vestry member, Anna Kathryn looks forward "to helping newcomers make those connections that we found so valuable when we first arrived at Calvary." She also hopes to use her fundraising and nonprofit management skills to help move the parish forward. She plans to be an active and participatory member of the vestry, assisting in stewardship strategies, children's activities, and building community among our parishioners.



Vestry Meetings
are held the third Tuesday of
each month and are open to all
parishioners.

Vestry Minutes
can be found at calvarymemphis.org/connect/vestry once approved.



The work of our hands

by Peg Wahl, Senior Warden

So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. Psalm 63:4

I first became keenly aware of our hands in the church years ago when a priest pressed the wafer gently, lovingly, and firmly into my palm during Eucharist. The physical connection of our hands at that moment became to me the true meaning of the communion of saints. I now believe that our expression of faith, which is formed in our hearts and minds and souls, is played out by our hands.

To me, hands are a symbol of action, of work, of moving things forward, of helping others. One hand can do some

things, two hands can do a lot more, and a parish full of hands can move mountains. I broke my wrist years ago, and even though I was physically down by half, I really could only do about a quarter of my usual activities. It's the action of two hands working together that is the most productive.

During this past year as senior warden, I witnessed the actions of the hands of our parish- working, helping, cooking, cleaning, serving, praying, teaching, sharing. One week, in particular, had been very busy, with meetings, conference calls,

and emails. At the end of the week, I was dumbstruck by all the different people I had connected with during that week and how devout and intentional they were in their actions. Month after month, I saw our vestry faithfully do its work of carrying out Calvary's mission. It is our hands, working together, that are most effective. The devotion of the people of Calvary to making our church and our community a better place for everyone is remarkable, and I pray that God will forever bless our hands.

Calvary parishioners marched in this year's Pride Parade in downtown Memphis on Sept. 30



What it means to have served

by Outgoing Vestry Members

Calvary gives thanks for all of our outgoing vestry members who have served faithfully over the past three years: Senior Warden Peg Wahl, Sarah Ball, Gail Harrell, Les Smith, and Hank Word.



Sarah Ball: My time on the vestry has made me appreciate Calvary even more than I already did. It has been inspiring to see the love and care my fellow vestry members put into each of our many decisions and discussions over the past three years. I am grateful to have gotten

to know these remarkable people and to have gotten a birds-eye view of the goings on of this special place.



Gail Harrell: The last three years of service on the vestry have flown by and I am sad to see it end. Not only did we deal with everyday issues/concerns but much time was spent taking a look at the bigger issues/opportunities affecting Calvary and our neighborhood,

all the while creating goals for the future of

Calvary. I developed a deeper level of respect for the opinions and feelings of others, the mission of Calvary, and a deeper appreciation for our clergy. This journey has made me a better person and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for Calvary!

Les Smith: Vestry service over the last three years has been intense. Starting just after Rector Chris Girata's surprise departure, and then wondering with amazement at the Rev. Buddy Stallings' gifts to us all during his interim time with us, and finally being part of the inner circle



to help Rector Scott Walters begin his time here with us has been a great time of personal growth for me. I hope my insights, 30-year membership, and professional experience have represented our members well. We are in a good place due to the remarkable hard work of both talented staff and a knockout depth of knowledge and dedication from countless members. Thanks for the opportunity to serve!

Get Involved at Calvary

This year's **Emmanuel Meal** is Monday, Dec. 16. Sign up at calvarymemphis.org/emmanuel-meal to make corn bread ahead of time, decorate the Mural Room, and serve and clean up on the day of the event.

Calvary hosts **Room in the Inn** each Sunday night. RITI is an ecumenical ministry that serves people experiencing homelessness by providing meals and emergency shelter during the coldest months of the year—November through March. Sign up at calvarymemphis.org/riti to bring an entree, side, or dessert; set up beds; stay overnight with our guests; bring and/or organize toiletries; bring/send breakfast; or clean up on Monday mornings.

Save the Date

A Night of Remembrance | Tuesday | Dec. 12 | 6:30 pm

Join the Memphis Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America at Holy City Church of God in Christ, located at 3200 James Road, to honor the victims of gun violence in Memphis this past year, as well as the 100, on average, victims of gun violence in the United States every day. A reception will follow.

Children & Family Service Event and Pageant Rehearsal | Saturday | Dec. 14 | 9 am

All children and their families are invited to pack gifts that will be given to Emmanuel Meal and community breakfast guests. Supplies are provided—we just need you to help pack gift bags!

Emmanuel Meal | Monday | Dec. 16 | 12 pm

Calvary invites our neighbors experiencing homelessness to a free Christmas luncheon where they will feast on turkey with all the trimmings. It takes over 50 volunteers to make this annual event happen. Contact Christine Todd, ctodd@calvarymemphis.org, to learn more.

Camp Sweet ReTreat | Dec. 20 & 23 | St. Columba Conference & Retreat Center

All children ages 6 and up are invited to get ready for Christmas by baking cookies, decorating gingerbread houses, and so much more! \$80—Single day \$140—Two day. Register at stcolumbamemphis.org.

Christmas at Calvary | Dec. 24 & 25

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WinterFire | Dec. 28-Jan. 1 | St. Columba Conference & Retreat Center

Winter Fire is a wonderful opportunity for your youth in grades 6-8 to unplug, make new friends, spend time with old friends, and celebrate New Year's Eve in a safe and welcoming environment. From Capture the Flag to board games by the fireplace, there will be opportunities for community for every youth that attends. Anyone in grades 6-8 are welcome to come play, celebrate, and ring in the New Year at St. Columba! Cost is \$375; scholarships are available. Contact Gabbie Munn, gmunnn@calvarymemphis.org for more information.

Winterfest | Dec. 28-Jan. 1 | DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, TN

Winterfest is a Tennessee Episcopal youth retreat that provides a welcoming and safe space for high school students (grades 9-12) to grow in their relationship with God and Christ through creative worship, service, music, love, friendship and understanding. This four-day program includes group discussions, daily worship, praising God through dance and song, and playful skits. Cost is \$350. Transportation is provided for \$100 (round-trip). Learn more/register at duboseconferencecenter.org/winterfest.

Feast of the Epiphany Eucharist | Monday | Jan. 6 | 12:05 pm

Join us for a simple service of Holy Eucharist in the chancel to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, where we celebrate Jesus revealed as Christ to the Magi. It also marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas.

Ski Excursion | Jan. 17-19

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited for fun in the snow! Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, nearly 100 teenagers from the Diocese of West Tennessee

will hit the slopes in Lawrenceburg, IN at Perfect North Slopes. Don't miss it! Cost is \$400; scholarships are available. Contact Gabbie Munn, gmunnn@calvarymemphis.org for more information.

Point in Time Count | Jan. 22 | 3:30 am

The Point in Time Count, required nationally by HUD (Housing and Urban Development), provides a snapshot of homelessness in Memphis and Shelby County and is a critical element for measuring our progress in our efforts to end homelessness. Volunteers will gather at Calvary to go out into the city in groups to survey neighbors experiencing homelessness. Contact Christine Todd, ctodd@calvarymemphis.org, for information or to volunteer.

Daughters of the King Quiet Morning | Saturday, Jan. 25 | 8:30 am- 12 pm

Calvary's Joy Chapter of the Daughters of the King invite any interested women to a Quiet Morning of meditation, activities, great food, and prayer.

Faith & Family Night at the Memphis Grizzlies Game | Sunday | Jan. 26 | 5 pm

The Diocese of West Tennessee has a section of seats blocked for the Memphis Grizzlies' Faith and Family Night on Sunday, January 26, 2020, at 5 pm at FedEx Forum. Tickets are \$35 per person for children and adults. If we purchase 50 tickets, 15 youth from our group (7 to 14 years old) will be invited to stand with the Grizzlies players on the court during the National Anthem. If we purchase 100 tickets, another 15 youth from our group will be invited to stand with the Phoenix Suns. Purchase tickets online: groupmatics.events/event/EpiscopalDiocese4.

Prayer List

Wedding Bells

Jo Speak & Larry Cashinghino, Oct. 6
Eric Milner & Shannon Tucker, Nov. 10
Molly Crenshaw & Wes Nelson, Nov. 17

Great Expectations

Sarah & Erik Ball
Melissa & John Gwin
Samantha & Joseph Powell

Saints Departed

Walter Ahring, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
Jodi Arrabito, friend of Buddy Stallings
George Ballard, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
Wallace "Pete" Billings, friend of Nancy Harvey
Homer and Mary Lou Brueggemann, parents of Eric Brueggemann
E.A. Carmean Jr.
Charles Clark, friend of Frank Anthony & Ken Hopkins
William Anderson Coolidge, Jr.
Erich Emison, son of Jenny Emison, brother of Joel Emison
Laura Garretson, granddaughter of Betty Anderson
Betty Graham, wife of former Associate Rector Lee Graham
Tom Graves, friend of Gary Thompson
Ben Hellinger, brother-in-law of Peg Wahl
Sarah Grace Henley, friend of Gabbie Munn
Sharon Hicks, friend of Leslie & Les Smith
Margie Hoople, mother of Beth Hoople
Martha Dabney Jeanes, mother of Mary Gruber
Jennifer Jenson, friend of Kendra Martin
Judith Johnstone, friend of James Aldinger, Joe Brandenburg, Richard Hendricks, and Paige Whittle
Mary Ann Jones, grandmother of Locke Waldrop
Phillip A. Joyner, Jr., friend of Michelle Pellay-Walker
James Kirkwood
Jim Laycock, friend of John Denton

New Life

Austin Tecumseh Browning, son of Amanda & Colin Browning, Sept. 7
Julius Mads Jones, son of Sarah & Ryan Jones, Nov. 4
Ellis Reade Smith, son of Marianne & McLean Smith, Nov. 19

Bill Leavens, father of Teri Leavens
Maurice Lipsey, father of Ginger Graves
Kathleen McCarty, cousin of George Williams
Joe McCaughan, friend of Anne Connell
Ed Melzer, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
Breosha Murray, friend of Gabbie Munn
Will Suddreth Neely, brother of Susan Neely-Barnes
The Rev. James Newsom
Ramona Pipkin, friend of David Lusk
David Porter, friend of Kendra Martin
Jill Preston, friend of Gina Miles
Robert Martin Simpson, uncle of Anna Kathryn Word
Rick Smith, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
Cooper Smith, friend of Hilary Chipley
Carl Sparks, uncle of Ashton Anderson
Eda Klarer Stertz, grandmother of Katie Owen
Mike Still, friend of John Palmer
David Coe "Peb" Stone, uncle of Ebet Peebles
Edward Tankersley, former husband of Heather Lawson
Denise Tapp, cousin of Diane Spears
Lucille Teague, mother of Lynda Gayle Deacon
Lucy Wooten Turnbull
Dawn Whitley, step-sister of Paige Whittle
Merry McCord Whitman, mother of Chandler Irwin, John Roberts, and Hal Roberts



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Christmas at Calvary

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 five.

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.

This service begins with the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah at 10:30 p.m. 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.