



Adult Formation Opportunities

2022-2023

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SCHOOL of LOVE



*The Rev. Katherine
Bush*

Writer and public theologian (and upcoming Lenten Preacher) Brian McLaren encourages congregations to imagine that they are schools for love. He describes churches as “each a locally and globally engaged school of love, teaching future generations to discover, practice, and live in love: love for our neighbor, love for ourselves, love for all creatures and all creation—all comprising love for God, who is all in all in all.”

Come back to school this fall and enroll in a school for love. Through classes, small groups, and regular worship at Calvary, we can learn to be lovers of this world, of each other, and of God. In outreach, in song, and in fellowship, we can fall more deeply in love with life.

This fall, there are opportunities to learn more about the dynamic and sometimes difficult work of love. We will explore ways to love the world through a wide range of callings: in our work, through racial reconciliation, in prayer practices, in parenting and family life, and through the arts. We'll meet individuals who are devoted to shaping the future of Memphis and folks who are committed to the future of Calvary. There are worthwhile classes for children and youth and ways for households of all shapes and sizes to explore love and faithfulness at this moment in history. If you're ready to talk about things that matter and to fall back in love with the world around you, be here when the bell rings—the school for love at Calvary is in session.

Each week, we'll hear from community guests and Calvary folk about what's going on in the world around us and what's going on closer to home. The Great Hall class will be live-streamed and recordings will be available afterward.

AUG 21: *Conversation with the Rev. Scott Walters*

AUG 28: *RiseUp and the LGBTQ story in Memphis*
Dorothy Svgdik, Museum of Science and History

SEPT 4: *Faith at Work*

The Rev. Katherine Bush

SEPT 11: *BRIDGES Celebrates 100 Years*

Dana Wilson, President & CEO of BRIDGES

SEPT 18: *Faith at Work*

Kat Gordon, Muddy's Bake Shop

SEPT 25: *Faith at Work*

Andy Nix, My City Rides

OCT 2: *Faith at Work*

David Rupke, Professor of Physics at Rhodes College

OCT 9: *Faith at Work*

Kat Gordon, Muddy's Bake Shop

OCT 16-NOV 13:

See and Be Radiant: a Vision for Calvary

The Rev. Scott Walters and others

All are encouraged to attend this series of conversations and reflections about Calvary's vision for the future of faith on the corner of Second and Adams. Each week, we'll take a deeper look at a part of the Master Plan, architectural renderings, and learn about the how and why of each component.

Sunday Mornings
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Great Hall

NOV 20: *Radical Gratitude*

NOV 27: *Advent Festival*

DEC 4: *Advent Anew*

The Rev. Joshua Narcisse, Church Health Center

DEC 11: *Annunciation Anew*

The Rev. Katherine Bush

DEC 18: *Handel's Messiah*

Robert Moody, Memphis Symphony Orchestra

Sunday Mornings
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.
Emison Room

We are delighted to bring back small group conversations in the Emison Room this fall. We'll offer two shorter series, and look forward to building back this meaningful way of connecting and learning together. The Emison Room classes will be in-person only; no streaming is available.

SEPT 11-OCT 2:

Spiritual Disciplines & Prayer Practices

The Rev. Paul McLain

Wondering how to pray? Perhaps you've never really gotten the hang of praying, or maybe you've had a practice that's run dry? Join Paul McLain for a guided discussion of meaningful spiritual practices to try together or on your own.

NOV 27-DEC 18: *Advent Reflections*

Calvary Clergy and Others

Advent is a quick and busy season, but it's rich with stories and rituals. We'll study the biblical readings for this season of preparation and bring some intention to this wondrous time.

Wednesday evenings at Calvary begin with dinner in the Mural Room from 5:15-6:15 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$7/ adults, \$5/children, and \$20 family max. Classes and choir rehearsals for all ages follow dinner. All are welcome—if you need help finding your place on Wednesday evenings, contact Ebet Peeples, welcome & community, epeeples@calvarymemphis.org.

**AUG 24-OCT 5: Book Study: Do I Stay Christian?
by Brian McLaren**

The Rev. Katherine Bush

Join the Rev. Katherine Bush for an eight-week study of this “guide for the doubters, the disappointed, and the disillusioned.” Spoiler: he says yes, but with an honest look at the struggle. Brian McLaren will be in the pulpit for the 100th year of our Lenten Preaching Series in the spring.

SEPT 7-FEB 15: Sacred Ground

Also offered on Sunday afternoons; see Small Groups for more information

OCT 12: Calvary Family Game and Movie Night

Classic board games in the Mural Room and a movie in the “Great Hall Theater!” Join us for a fun night of play for Calvary families and friends.

OCT 19-NOV 16: Home for the Holidays

Join a panel of been-there-done-that and in-the-thick-of-it parents to talk about how to find meaning and not go crazy in the two-month season of Hallowgivingmas. Find and offer support, humor, good ideas, and connection to fellow travelers.

OCT 19-NOV 16: This I Believe: Affirmations & Confirmations

Engage in a journey alongside Calvary clergy, staff, lay leaders, and our bishop, Phoebe Roaf, to discover more about the way of love in the Episcopal Church and a deeper life at Calvary. This class is open to all who wonder about their own faith and is also a path toward confirmation and fuller membership in the Episcopal Church through Calvary. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered on Sunday, Dec. 14, when the bishop is our preacher and celebrant.

Sacred Ground

Sunday afternoons from 3-5 with John Owen and Shannon Tucker

Wednesday evenings from 6-8 with Elizabeth Crosby and Anna Kathryn Word

This transformational and powerful small group discussion on race and racism is offered on both Sundays and Wednesdays. Sacred Ground is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Participants in this commitment-class are asked to make every effort to be present throughout the whole 11-session series that meets every other week.

Education for Ministry

Wednesdays 10 - 12 a.m. or 6:15-8:30 p.m.

Education for Ministry (EfM) invites participants into small, mentored groups that provide the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened. EfM seminar groups meet in local settings and online and provide a four-year curriculum that develops a theologically informed, reflective, and articulate laity.

Calvary's Wednesday morning class begins Sept. 7. Contact Richard Hendricks, rah662@yahoo.com, if you are interested in joining this class.

Wednesday Morning Study Group

10:30 - 11:30, Great Hall

Gather at Calvary in the daytime to study and learn together. The Rev. Katherine Bush and others will lead classes on Biblical texts and spiritual themes and you're invited to stick around for Eucharist with Healing prayers at noon and a brown bag lunch to follow.

Sept. 7 - Oct. 5, the Gospel of Luke

Oct. 19 - Nov. 16, Inspired by Rachel Held Evans

Wednesday Noon Eucharist with Healing Prayers

Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing is offered at noon in person in the Calvary chancel on Wednesdays and features a reflection by one of our priests. Followed by a brown-bag lunch with clergy and staff in the Great Hall for conversation and connections.

Men's Bible Study: The Baguette Brothers

Thursdays, 7:30–8:30 a.m. at Barth House, 409 Patterson St.

Every Thursday morning, a few good men gather for coffee, prayer, Bible study, and terrible jokes. It's a "Pre-Game Show," as they study the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday service. It is now in its 20th year, so the jokes must not be that bad. Contact Bill Craddock, wscraddock@icloud.com or 901-276-0639, for more information.

Gleanings

Thursdays at noon on Zoom

Each week, a short chapter (2-3 pages) from [Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith](#) will provide the theme, to which we may add an online article, a poem, or who knows what else (we call these additions "gleanings") as discussion fodder. The class will be ongoing throughout the year, so feel free to join at any time. Get on the Gleanings email list by contacting Scott Walters at swalters@calvarymemphis.org.

Grief Support Group

Every other Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m.

The Grief Support Group offers healing, hope, and growth through grief after the death of a loved one or another form of loss. This is done through sharing our pain to help us heal in a small group setting. The group provides a safe place to share stories and the conversation is guided around topics that see grief as an active process that can lead to finding meaning in loss. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4) Those interested are encouraged to contact Jo Speak-Casinghino at mjospeak78@gmail.com.



Art & the Heart

Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28, at 2:30

Meet the Rev. Katherine Bush and others at MoSH for a tour of the RiseUp: Stonewall & the LGBTQ Rights Movement exhibit, followed by some conversation about what we see and learn. This national traveling exhibit is partnered with local stories of LGBTQ life in Memphis, and Calvary is featured in that exhibit!

RSVP to Katherine: kbush@calvarymemphis.org.

Questions or ideas?

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