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I am, because we are

by The Rev. Scott Walters

Henry David Thoreau once wrote, "In proportion as our inward life fails, we go more constantly and desperately to the post office." I don't actually go to the post office much, but I think I know what he means, especially as I read on. "You may depend on it," America's favorite hermit continues, "that the poor fellow who walks away with the greatest number of letters, proud of his

extensive correspondence, has not heard from himself this long while."

When Thoreau padded down the path to build his little cabin at Walden Pond, he claimed it was an experiment in self-reliance. But I'd like to point out gently here that he sure spent a lot of time and care telling us all about it, didn't he? What Thoreau gets right is that if I look first to

others for affirmation of my life, whether in the form of letters or promotions or tiny upturned Facebook thumbs, my soul will wither. We all need to tend to our inward lives, even if very few of us are likely to head to a pond in Massachusetts for two years of “me time.”

Most of us are equally unlikely to travel to South Africa for the tending and nourishment of our souls. But Bishop Desmond Tutu made the world aware of a South African expression of Christian theology called “Ubuntu.” The term literally means “humanity.” But the essence of Ubuntu theology is often expressed as “I am, because we are.” In other words, there is no me without a you. To be human is to be in relationship.

Ubuntu doesn’t deny the need for solitude and attention to the interior life. It just suggests that your Walden experience may not be complete until you share it with another human. If you don’t share it explicitly, your personal soul care should become evident, at least in the way you return to your relationships more grounded and open and maybe a little less needy of the praise and attention of the world. We know very well that being in

such a state of mind provides the space relationships need to go deeper and flourish much more fully. If I’m not seeking your affirmation quite so desperately, I may actually be able to hear what you have to say.

When I look through this edition of the *Chronicle*, a vision emerges for me of the kind of holy attention to the interior life and to human relationships that is at the heart of any faithful Christian community. From a choir trip to sing Evensong night after night in an English cathedral, to the welcoming of a new minister for our children and families, to small groups dedicated to racial reconciliation, to the many opportunities for the formation of our hearts, minds, souls, and friendships, I find myself grateful all over again at the vibrant and welcoming life of this parish. It’s a life rooted in the way of Jesus that cares in equal measure, I believe, to the deep and interior places in each of us and also to the needs, joys, beauty, and brokenness of the world around us.

In fact, what I’m trying to describe here is embedded in the plans that are still emerging for our buildings and block. At their heart is this sacred balance

between, one might say, Ubuntu and Walden. The need for quiet places for prayer and learning, places for open engagement with other members of the body of Christ, as well as places for sacred encounters with our downtown Memphis neighborhood.

So, here’s a suggestion. Find a quiet, solitary place and a comfortable chair, and spend a little time with these pages. Read with whatever openness and curiosity you can muster. And see each story or offering as an invitation to attend to your interior life of prayer and contemplation and learning, and also to tend to the life of your relationships with the world Jesus calls us to love, serve, and engage. There’s no telling what saying yes to a few of those invitations might do for your soul. And there’s no telling what your yeses might do for the souls you encounter along the way.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF PARTY

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, JAN. 6, 2023



What is a Choral Residency?

by Joseph Powell

After a delay due to a global pandemic and many hours of rehearsals and planning, the Calvary Choir completed a choral residency at St. Albans Cathedral in the United Kingdom this summer.

But what, you might ask, is a "choral residency?" Like many choirs in the US, English choirs also take the summer off—either the summer in its entirety or just a week or two. This allows a visiting choir to experience what it would be like to live and

work in an ancient cathedral. Our responsibilities included a service of evensong every night (except one night, our "dumb, i.e. mute, night") and a choral matins and evensong on Sunday.

So now that you know what it is, what exactly did we do? Each night, the choir led the congregants in a service of evensong. This is essentially the same service we do at Calvary on the first Sunday of each month, with a few minor tweaks and additions. During the

day, we often had a rehearsal (or sometimes two) for the upcoming service with music including Preces and Responses (cantored expertly by the Rev. Ollie Rencher, rector of Grace-St. Luke's Memphis), a Psalm, an evening service (sometimes called canticles which include the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis), and an anthem. In addition to evensong, we sang a choral matins service on Sunday morning with much more music. All of this was led expertly by our choirmaster, Dr. Kristin Lensch, and accompanied by our organist-in-residence, Dr. Patrick Scott (organist/choirmaster at Grace-St. Luke's).

While we spent most of our time in rehearsal and service at the cathedral, we did find some time to do some excursions out of St.



Albans. We had dinner and a tour at Knebworth House (home of Edward Bulwer-Lytton), a day trip to Canterbury to see the Mother Church, a trip to Cambridge and King's College Chapel (yes, that King's College Chapel), and a short jaunt to Windsor Castle, complete with HRH Queen Elizabeth II (no...we didn't see her, but we knew she was there)!

One of the most exciting moments of the trip came on Friday afternoon. Dr. John Rutter, CBE, visited one of our rehearsals and services! For those of you who may not be choral musicians, I will let Jeff Etheridge, husband of choir member Barbara Etheridge and our trip's official photographer, explain:

"Imagine you are writing a novel, and Stephen King drops by to look over your shoulder at your manuscript.

Imagine you're painting a landscape, and Bob Ross checks in to show you where to put some 'happy little clouds,' or you're composing a new Broadway musical, and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber swings by to offer a few tips, or maybe Michael Jordan stops by the gym to help you work on your jump shot."

John Rutter is, to put it mildly, a rockstar in the choral music world. He was so gracious to spend the afternoon in our rehearsal, giving us advice and tips and just general comments about the music we were singing (two anthems of which were his own). He was hilarious and humble and seemed very excited to be there. He has been known to leave in the middle of services when the choir was...subpar...and not only stayed but stayed afterward to mingle! This was a

highlight for many in the choir, including me.

In closing, I will share my favorite moment of the trip: For my daughter Ellis's first birthday, my wife, Sam, and I purchased a piece of music for the Calvary music library, "I Shall See" by Michael John Trotta. I was fortunate enough to be handed the keys to the Rolls-Royce that is the Calvary Choir and conducted this piece in a space that has held Christian worship for thousands of years. Of the many high points of the trip, this was my zenith. I am so proud to belong to a group of people like Calvary Choir and to a place like Calvary Episcopal in Memphis.

This was a joyous and fulfilling trip, and we are already looking forward to our residency at Durham Cathedral in the summer of 2025!

Along for the Ride

by Jeff Etheridge

Amazing. No other word describes the entire experience of traveling for a week with the Calvary choirs during their residency at St. Albans Cathedral.

As a bit of a history buff, I am always ready to visit historic sites, and St. Albans did not disappoint in that regard. The longest nave in all of England? The oldest church in the English-speaking world? The only remaining medieval belfry in England? Check, check, and check. Windsor Castle, Knebworth House, Canterbury Cathedral, King's College? Likewise. Every day we visited someplace that I could have easily spent hours, even days, wandering, studying, and admiring. These places alone were worth the trip.

Of course, the music was incredible.

Even those of us who cannot carry a tune in a large medieval bucket are able to recognize the excellence of these voices. The St. Albans Cathedral

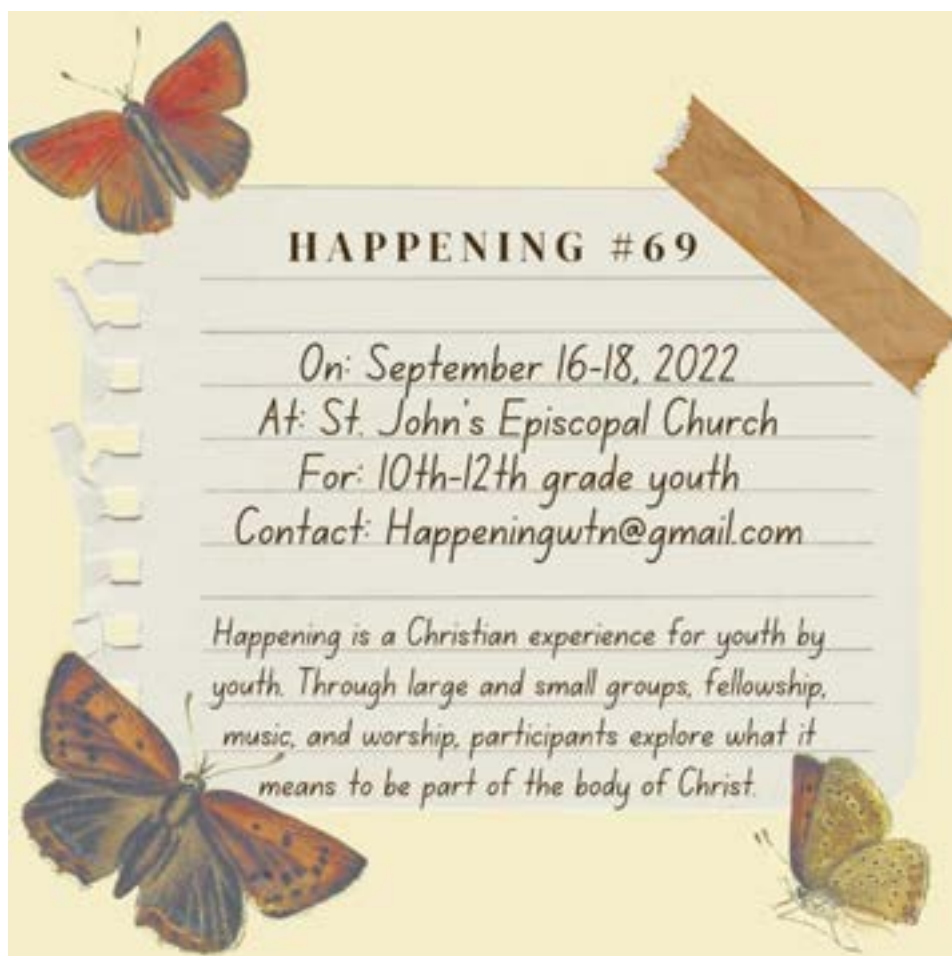
has incredible 1000-year-old-plus acoustics, and this choir consistently delivered performances worthy of the setting. I know they worked very hard for a long time to prepare for this residency, and they are each to be commended for how they represented themselves and Calvary. And yes, I am biased, but more than once, while I was sitting on a pew listening to them practice in the cathedral, I was approached (by visitors, by staff, by clergy) and asked if I was "with the band," and when I said that I was the response was, without exception, "they are sooooo good." I completely agree.

Still, the most gratifying part of the trip has to be new friendships made and the old ones renewed. There is something about spending lots of time with a group of people, either on a tour bus, sharing a meal, or just hanging out in a hotel lobby, that creates a bonding experience. It certainly helps when every member of the choir, who had put so much effort into ensuring their

performances were a success, were also willing, even eager, to embrace those of us who were just "along for the ride." That willingness to share made all of us feel welcome, and, as the English might say, "that's down to leadership." It is undoubtedly true in this case that the choir members reflect their leader, Dr. Kristin Lensch. More than anything else, this is what I take away from being with the Calvary Choir—the sense of camaraderie, the feeling of community, and the sheer joy of sharing a bit of time with good friends, old and new. I'd join them on another adventure in a heartbeat.

Speaking of which, the Calvary Choir will be traveling to Durham for a choral residency in 2025. You would be doing yourself a huge favor by making plans to accompany them. When they make the official announcement, and you are wondering where to go to sign up, just look for me. I'll be first in line.





"If you are feeling alone and disconnected from the world, especially due to the tragedies as of late, going to Happening will allow you to become a part of something much bigger than yourself. Happening was a microcosm of what society should be like today."

"My weekend at Happening was a life changing experience in my religious journey because it allowed me to see God's love through community. As a group, we broke through the surface level and all bonded into one supportive and loving family. Everyone left Happening that weekend with a piece of wisdom they did not walk in with and that's why I couldn't encourage you enough to go to Happening."

~ Sam Shiberou

"Happening was one of the best experiences I have ever had. There are so many unique aspects of Happening that make the experience so lovable. Happening has many traditions that are a special surprise for the new happeners and something that previous happeners treasure. Previous happeners are eager to come back and make the new happeners' experience just as special as theirs."

"The Happening community is so loving and accepting. I was always having a great time with the group and I never felt alone. I felt so loved at Happening and I didn't want to leave."

~ Abby Trott

Happening

is a Christian experience presented by youth for youth with the help of clergy and lay adult leadership. This experience seeks to bring young persons and adults to a fuller personal knowledge of and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and to a deeper level of commitment and apostleship.

Who may attend?

Any student in 10th-12th grade may attend Happening. Adults who are involved in youth ministry are also encouraged to attend Happening.

When is the Happening registration deadline?

The final registration deadline (\$150) is Friday, Sept. 2.

What is the Happening stance on Covid-19?

Happening of West Tennessee requires that any participant in the Happening weekend be vaccinated against Covid-19. Booster shots for those eligible will also be required.

What if I need financial aid?

Finances never prevent a person from attending Happening. If you need financial aid to attend Happening, please contact your parish priest, youth minister, or happening advisor at happeningwtn@gmail.com.

Questions?

Email Happening at happeningwtn@gmail.com or Director of Youth Ministries Jeremy Demarest, jdemarest@cavlarlymemphis.org!

Getting to know Jocelyn Busby



Jocelyn Busby joined the Calvary community as director of children and family ministries at the end of July. Jocelyn brings insights from a career of teaching in various settings with a wide range of learners to our children's programming, and she has organizational and communication skills that will support our ministries through the coming seasons.

Jocelyn is a native of North Carolina and a graduate of Davidson College. She and her husband, Greg, have two grown sons, Henry and Max. They also have a daughter-in-law, Marlayna. Jocelyn has taught middle and high school Math and French in the Memphis area for 20 years. Most recently, she has acted as a private tutor for those with special needs. She is a lifelong Episcopalian and has been active in lay ministry as an adult via healing ministry, catechesis, pastoral care, and women's ministry. She considers serving others as the highest form of worship. Jocelyn is an avowed dog-person and has three furry companions named Mary, Arthur, and Percy.

What is your favorite thing about your career?

Both as a teacher and a layperson, I love partnering with parents and children to promote success. It is such an honor to have a hand in shaping their lives. Also, it is gratifying to create a safe place for children to learn and explore.

Who is your heroine/hero?

My heroine is my late grandmother, Eloise Moss Smith. She was born in 1903 in our hometown of Kings Mountain, NC. At a time when many women did not attend college, she graduated from Peace and became a social worker. Eventually she was the director of social services for the county and dedicated her life to providing food and medicine to those in need.

Do you have a favorite author?

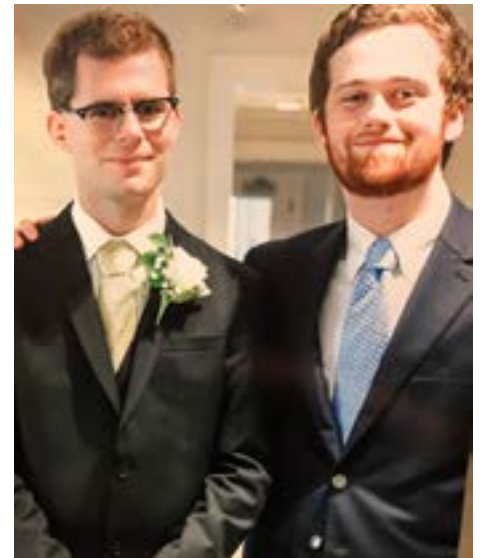
Yes! My favorite author is Iris Murdoch, a British philosopher and novelist who wrote stories that explore and define human interactions. Her use of language is hugely impressive, and her themes of goodness and beauty are enlightening.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Raising our sons, Henry and Max, has been my proudest accomplishment. Greg and I have a thousand reasons to be proud of them, but their most admirable qualities are good-heartedness, loyalty, and generosity.

What did you want to be when you were younger?

When I was a child in North Carolina, I wanted to be a ballerina. I studied ballet through middle school and modern dance in high school. When I was 10, my father took me to see Baryshnikov perform *The Nutcracker*. It was a magical experience! I still have the little dress I wore that night.



If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

My favorite supper has always been spaghetti! I could eat it every day and never get bored with tomato sauce, basil, and parmesan cheese.

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies include exercising, researching, cooking, and the decorative arts. My ideal Saturday includes a hike on the river or through the woods, some free time to read and study, making a meal, and antiquing.

SCHOOL FOR 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.

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

AUG
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Conversation with the Rev. Scott Walters

The Rev. Scott Walters

Scott will lead us into a new program year with thoughts and reflections about life at Calvary and a vision for our shared journey together.



AUG
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RiseUp and the LGBTQ story in Memphis

Dorothy Svgdik, Museum of Science and History

Dorothy is the Curator of Exhibits at the Museum of Science and History (formerly the Pink Palace), and she joins us to talk about the current RiseUp: Stonewall & the LGBTQ Rights Movement at MoSH. This national traveling exhibit is partnered with local stories of LGBTQ life in Memphis, and Calvary is featured in that exhibit!



Art & the Heart, Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28, at 2:30

Meet the Rev. Katherine Bush and others at MoSH for a tour of the exhibit and conversation about what we see and learn. RSVP to Katherine: kbush@calvarymemphis.org.

SEPT
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Faith at Work

The Rev. Katherine Bush

It's Labor Day, so let's consider the intersection of our spiritual lives and our work lives. We'll look at Biblical and contemporary messages about vocation, calling, tasks, and purpose. This conversation will also set the stage for visits throughout the fall from faithful folks who have shaped or reshaped their work lives to align with their values.

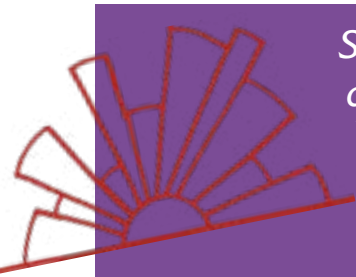


SEPT
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BRIDGES Celebrates 100 Years

Dana Wilson, President & CEO of BRIDGES

Dana Wilson will bring us the longer story of BRIDGES in Memphis. Unlike any organization in the Mid-South region, BRIDGES provides students an opportunity to find their voice through unique experiential learning activities that are adventurous, relational and transformative. As a result, participants are empowered to reach across racial and socio-economic divides, are prepared for secondary educational opportunities and careers, and are engaged in civic affairs in their communities. And it turns out that Calvary was there at the very beginning of this meaningful organization!



Sunset at BRIDGES, Sept. 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Jim Boyd BRIDGES Center (477 N. Fifth Street)

This outdoor event is free and open to the public. It will feature music from local soul/funk band - Hope Clayborne and the Soul Scrimmage and Bridge Builders alum and emcee Jared Boyd, WYXR Program Director, journalist host of Nervous Wreck radio. Food trucks will be available for food purchase. Participants are encouraged to bring their own blankets or chairs. Come support BRIDGES and enjoy a beautiful evening with a cross-section of Memphis.

SEPT
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Faith at Work

Kat Gordon, Muddy's Bake Shop

Self-described Cookie Enthusiast and Owner of Muddy's Bake Shop, Kat Gordon has built a delicious business on the foundation of her core belief of treating people with dignity and kindness. (Get it? "Treating" people!) She's a Memphis-lover, a baker, and a life-long Episcopalian who is clear about keeping her business aligned with her values.



SEPT
25

Faith at Work

Andy Nix, My City Rides

Andy is the executive director and Lead Flyer at My City Rides, where the mission is to make reliable transportation affordable and ownership possible for those in the workforce with limited means but unlimited potential, increasing opportunity for everyone. Andy will share the story of My City Rides and the story of integrating his Episcopal faith with his everyday work.



OCT
2**Faith at Work***David Rupke, Professor of Physics at Rhodes College*

Dave is a faithful scientist (not an oxymoron!) and will share with us the intertwining threads of his spiritual journey and his study of the reaches of the universe. We'll be doubly fortunate to hear his thoughts on and see some images from the James Webb Space Telescope and consider how these perspectives impact our faith.

OCT
9**Faith at Work***Kat Gordon, Muddy's Bake Shop*

Kat returns to share the story of her side-hustle that's way more than that. Beyond cupcakes, Kat leads visioning workshops for groups far and wide, and today she shares that work with us. We'll learn how she came to start the practice, and we'll get to do some of our own guided visioning helping everyone to craft a vision for a more faithful life of meaningful work.

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. Weekly subjects will include the Nave & Organ, Kitchen & Outreach areas, Program & Formation spaces, Community Gathering & Staff areas, Welcome, Way-finding, and Greenspaces.

NOV
20**Radical Gratitude**

Before the big meal, the football, the joyful and complicated family gatherings, the harried start of shopping, let's pause and consider the radical nature of living gratefully. Drawing on biblical messages and contemporary sources, we'll have a chance to learn, share, and reflect on thanks-giving.

NOV
27**Advent Festival**

A time for creative, crafty fellowship as we learn about and make Advent wreaths. This time in the Great Hall is for all ages, and we'll offer basic lessons from 9:15 - 10:15 and following the 10:30 service. Bring any extra greenery you might be able to clip, and we'll provide the wreaths, candles, and other supplies.

DEC
4**Advent Anew***The Rev. Joshua Narcisse, Church Health Center*

Lenten Preaching favorite, the Rev. Joshua Narcisse returns to Calvary for a conversation about the wondrous themes of Advent. Joshua is a Presbyterian minister who serves on the staff of Church Health Center as the director of spiritual care, and he is particularly interested in the intersection of Black church traditions and mysticism.

DEC
11**Annunciation Anew***The Rev. Katherine Bush*

Take another look at the story of the Annunciation and a wider variety of images inspired by the story of Gabriel and Mary. The Rev. Katherine Bush will guide a conversation inspired by ancient and modern interpretations of this familiar story.

DEC
18

Handel's Messiah

Robert Moody, Memphis Symphony Orchestra

Learn more about Handel's masterpiece with Robert Moody, music director of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. We will dig into the history and the biblical sources of this beloved work. This year will be the 100th anniversary of the first performance of *Messiah* at Calvary!



A Centennial Celebration: Handel's Messiah, Wednesday, December 21, 7:30 p.m.

100 years ago, in Dec. 1922, Adolph Steuterman presented the first full-length performance of Handel's Messiah at Calvary, and made it an annual event. In celebration of that tradition, Calvary is delighted to offer this free concert to the community, sponsored by Richard Tanner in loving memory of Bob Brown. Ticket reservations begin Oct. 15.

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

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.

Sunday Afternoons • 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

SEPT 11~FEB 19

Sacred Ground

facilitated by John Owen and Shannon Tucker

Vestry members John Owen and Shannon Tucker will facilitate this transformational and powerful small group discussion on race and

racism. 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. Location TBD.



Wednesday Evenings

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 Peebles, welcome & community, eepebles@calvarymemphis.org.

AUG 24~OCT 5

Book Study: Do I Stay Christian? by Brian McLaren

The Rev. Katherine Bush | Aug. 24 - Oct. 5 | 6:15-7:15 p.m. | Emison Room

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

Elizabeth Crosby and Anna Kathryn Word | Sept. 7 - Feb. 15; 11 sessions | 6 - 8 p.m. | Great Hall

Elizabeth Crosby and Anna Kathryn Word will co-facilitate this powerful small group discussion on race and racism. 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 series: Sept 7, 21, Oct 19, Nov 2, 16, 30, Dec 14, Jan 4, 18, Feb 1, 15.

OCT
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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

Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16 | 6:15-7:15 | Emison Room

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~DEC 7

This I Believe: Affirmations & Confirmations

Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7 | 6:15-7:15 p.m. | Emison Room

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.

Small Group Formation Opportunities

Education for Ministry

Wednesday mornings 10 - 12

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 is offering a new Wednesday morning class from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. beginning 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.

Weekday Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer from the *Book of Common Prayer* is offered live by one of the Calvary clergy at 8:00 a.m. on Calvary's Facebook page and YouTube channel each weekday.

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: Conversations with Scott Walters

Thursdays at noon on Zoom

When writer Kathleen Norris returned to church after decades away, the language of Christianity was a barrier. "Judgment," "sinner," "dogma," "salvation," were all part of the faith's "scary vocabulary." Norris's wrestling with those words became a book that's remained in print for more than 20 years. 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.

Children and Youth Formation Opportunities

Sundays

Nursery Care

Ages 0-5 | 7:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Orgill Room

Calvary maintains an excellent nursery facility staffed by trained, professional caregivers. Nursery Manager Robbie Phillips and Cassandra Booker welcome children ages 0-5. A loving atmosphere, personal attention, and age-appropriate toys and activities are all designed to make the nursery a safe, nurturing place for your child.

A child registration form should be on file for each child who attends the nursery. Child registration forms can be obtained from Ms. Robbie and are kept in a secure location. Please remember to bring diapers/pull-ups and wipes with your child every time they attend the nursery. Please also bring a change of clothing with your child, even if your child is potty-trained.

Children's Formation Classes

Ages 3 through grade 5 | 2nd Floor Education Wing

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to the Children's wing on the second floor. Our young people will be exploring their faith and scripture through *Godly Play* and *Weaving God's Promises*, two curriculums based in storytelling designed to connect our young people deeper to their faith.

Youth Formation Classes

Grades 6-12 | 3rd Floor Youth Room |

Junior and Senior High youth meet on Sunday mornings with Jeremy Demarest and others for conversation and connection. Following the *Faith Lens* curriculum, discussions revolve around topical lessons, intersecting current events, and exploring how we are to respond to them as Christians.

Children's Chapel

Ages 3-2nd Grade | 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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, collecting an offering, and exchanging the sign of

peace. At the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. worship service, children follow the children's cross out of the church to Children's Chapel, which is held in the St. Francis Courtyard or the Great Hall. Children are escorted back into the church at the time of the Peace to join their families for Communion.

Youth Sunday Fellowship Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Grades 6-12

The schedule for EYC is in flux as students settle back into the school year routine. There will be lunch gatherings immediately after church, afternoon and evening meet-ups for service and for fellowship at Calvary and around town. Make sure you're on the lookout for details and sign-up for the weekly youth emails for updates.

Wednesdays

Nursery Care

Ages 0-5 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Orgill Room

Calvary maintains an excellent nursery facility staffed by trained, professional caregivers. Nursery Manager Robbie Phillips and Cassandra Booker welcome children ages 0-5.

EpiscoPals

Grades K-5 | 6:15-7:15 p.m. | Room 205

EpiscoPALS is a fellowship group for our young people that meets to play games, work on arts and crafts, tell and live into stories, engage in acts of kindness and mission, and have fun together in a loving, Christ-centered community. Led by Jocelyn Busby and friends.

Wednesday Night Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Grades 6-12 | 5:15-7:15 p.m. | Mural Room & 3rd Floor

Each week, EYC and friends will get together for a meal, check-ins, and games. Compline ("night prayers") is led by youth and children in the church at 7:00 - all are welcome!

**** See also Music Formation Opportunities on p. 18 ****

Wednesday Evening Music Formation

St. Cecilia Choir

Grades K-2 / Room 203 / 6:15-7 p.m.

The youngest choir of the parish is the St. Cecilia Choir. They sing periodically at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and at special services. Using a variety of activities, the choristers learn to use their voices by means of hymns and other sacred songs. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7. At the conclusion of rehearsal, they have the opportunity to join their friends to say Compline in the nave until 7:15. The St. Cecilia Choir is directed by Melissa Warwell.

The Boys and Girls Choir

Students with unchanged voices in grades 3 & up / Crook Auditorium / 6:15-7 p.m.

The Boys and Girls Choir, made up of students with unchanged voices in grades 3 and up, sings at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Using the *Voice for Life* curriculum established by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), Organist-Choirmaster Kristin Lensch promotes a complete and quality approach to children’s music ministry that is as much a Christian education experience as it is musical training experience. Choristers often become peer leaders over time as they progress

through the program. At 7, choristers will go to the chancel to say Compline until 7:15.

Calvary Ringers

Room 208 / 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Calvary’s liturgical five-octave handbell choir, the Calvary Ringers, rehearses weekly on Wednesday evenings, from 6:15-7:15, and performs in select services throughout the year. New members are always welcome; the ability to read music is not required. Calvary Ringers are directed by Joseph Powell.

Calvary Choir

Crook Auditorium / 7-9 p.m.

Made up of both professional singers and auditioned volunteers, the Calvary Choir sings each week at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, monthly Evensong, and offers special liturgical services and concerts during the year. Strongly based in the music of the Anglican church, their repertoire spans the centuries and global traditions, from plainsong to spirituals. They are known for both their dedication to and love of music and close camaraderie. Directed by Organist-Choirmaster Kristin Lensch.

EVEN
SONG



Beginning Oct. 2, join us every first Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. for Evensong followed by a potluck dinner. You are welcome to attend either or both!

OCT	2
NOV	6
DEC	4
FEB	5
MAR	5
MAY	7

POT
LUCK



Dear people of Calvary,

It's been five years since you lured Scott (and therefore me as well!) to Memphis. Intertwined with the joy of getting to know you and Memphis that first year, was the pain of losing my mom and the stress of Scott's dad's suddenly declining health. The decision to move Jim to Memphis to be near us was monumental, and we were a tad nervous about our theological leanings clashing with Jim's in such close proximity. I offered to help him get settled at the church of his choice, but he'd already made up his mind that he would go to Calvary with us.



Ardelle Walters

What we didn't know until later was that he was a tad nervous ... about our new church. It wasn't until he'd fallen immediately and hopelessly in love with you all that he told us he'd been nervous, too. Nervous that his son had taken some big-wig job with no meaning in it at an uppity church. He had decided he wanted to be a part of our lives, but he was worried we had made a poor decision. He'd loved everything about Christ Church in Little Rock and couldn't imagine why we would move except for an unhealthy motive.

We knew none of these worries of Jim's at the time but were thinking about the fact that he had never sat under Scott's teaching and preaching on a regular basis. Quite the opposite, in fact. It was Scott who had sat under Jim's teaching and preaching for the first 20+ years of his life. And I distinctly remember Scott saying something along the lines of, "I mean, it's one thing to have your kids come to work with you. It's another thing entirely to bring your dad to work with you routinely."

But Calvary, you loved Jim so beautifully from the day he set foot in Memphis until the day he died in Silver Spring, Maryland. And boy, did he love you in return. The cards you sent stayed on his side table. So often he teared up in church, especially during the hymns and anthems. He would save the bulletins to send to his sisters and brothers in Pennsylvania, explaining to me on the drive home from church, "I just want somehow to tell my family how much this church means to me."

We wrote notes to individual people for particular things after we lost Jim in January of this year. But there is no way we will ever give adequate thanks for all the big and little things you all did to bring meaning and joy to the last few years of his life. I hope this note at least moves us in that direction a little bit.

Thank you, Calvary, for loving Jim Walters. That meant more to us than you could possibly ever understand. We hope that blessing is returned to you many times over.

With deep gratitude and love,

Ardelle, for the whole Walters family





PHOTO CAPTIONS FROM P. 10

(clockwise, starting top left): Some members of the Calvary Choir also sing in the Memphis Men's Chorale and sang in their Luminous Night of the Soul 2022 Spring Concert; We bid farewell and godspeed to former director of youth ministries, Gabbie Munn, who begins seminary at Seminary of the Southwest this fall; Kendra Martin, Jordan Edmundson, Cathi Moore, and Sandy West graduated from Education for Ministry, a four-year in depth religious studies program offered through the University of the South at Sewanee; The Rev. Scott Walters and Director of Finance and Operations Steve Smith attended The Episcopal Church General Convention in Maryland in July; The Calvary Ringers, Calvary's bellchoir, played for several services this year and have learned many new skills along the way—there is room for a few new ringers—if you are interested contact Director Joseph Powell, jpow89@gmail.com; Calvary offers a Noon Eucharist with prayers for healing on Wednesdays—come light a candle, say some prayers, and stay for a brown-bag lunch with clergy and staff afterward

INTERGENERATIONAL FUN DAY! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT ST. COLUMBA EPISCOPAL CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

You are invited to a day full of fun, food, and fellowship at St. Columba with your diocesan family! This all-ages event will have something for everyone - everything from small group walks through the lush grounds of St. Columba, to high-adventure zipline, ropes course, or waterfront activities.

The cost of this event is \$10/person for ages 6 and up; children under age 6 are free. Family cost maximum is \$40.

Registration is required. Please go to edwtn.org/event/intergenerationalfunday to register.



ANNUAL HARVEST EUCHARIST & LUNCHEON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT IMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH (LAGRANGE)

Together with Bishop Phoebe, the people of Immanuel Episcopal Church in La Grange invite you to a special outdoor harvest Eucharist on Saturday, October 22. The Mother Church of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee, Immanuel was founded in 1832 and was the first Episcopal church west of the Tennessee River. A luncheon will be served after worship.

Space is limited for this event, and registration is required. The cost of this event is \$10/person, with a family cost maximum of \$40. Please go to edwtn.org/event/annual-harvest-eucharist-and-luncheon/.



VESTRY UPDATE

by Zach Ferguson, Junior Warden



Of all the boards I have ever served on, serving on the vestry has been one of the best experiences. The work before us is important but getting to tackle it with such an amazing group of people is such a blessing. But I must admit that I love the beginning of vestry meetings the most.

Each month, a different vestry member offers a prayer to start our work together. It could be a prayer that speaks to them, the time we find ourselves living, gives them hope, or pushes all of us to live more fully into the lives God is calling us to. At that moment, the world around me pauses, and I find myself praying a prayer I've often never heard and written by someone I did not know before they offered that prayer. It's not earth-shattering to begin a meeting at church with a prayer but sharing in these moments reminds me that we are all connected to each other and that we are all connected to something much bigger than ourselves. The time of prayer grounds us, connects us to each other, and prepares us to enter into the work of Calvary together.

The vestry's work has not slowed during the summer, especially around our three initiatives: re-engaging parishioners, emergency/safety planning, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Our re-engaging committee continues to work on a project to re-engage our parishioners and support Calvary's ministries and outreach, while our emergency/safety planning committee is busy reviewing Calvary's emergency preparedness plan and working with key staff and parishioners to revise the safety strategies already in place.

The diversity, equity, and inclusion committee has been working on the plan for Calvary to offer "Sacred Ground," a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race and faith starting this fall. Small groups will walk through 11 sessions on America's history of race and racism while weaving in personal threads of family, class, and political and regional identities. There will be a Sunday afternoon class from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., location TBD, and a Wednesday evening group from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. here at Calvary. The classes usually meet every other week or by

a schedule determined by the group.

Another exciting initiative of the vestry is the creation of two youth vestry representatives. These two representatives will be high school students who are confirmed to represent the youth of Calvary on the vestry. They will serve a one-year term concurrent with the school calendar (August-July). Often in a church or organization, you hear youth referred to as "leaders for tomorrow," but at Calvary and for the vestry, these youth must also be leaders for today.

As we prepare for the capital campaign, and with all the excitement that comes from new beginnings, the vestry remains committed to ensuring that all we do at Calvary works towards making God's love visible in downtown Memphis. I am truly blessed to be a part of this great work and to walk alongside each of you.

IN CALVARY'S PRAYERS

Wedding Bells

Mary Harbert Stromberg & Townsend Morgan
Mary Royer & Erick New
Marie Kyle & Webster Cannon

Great Expectations

Olivia & Mike Hammond
Emily & Patrick Murphy
Molly & Wes Nelson
McKenzie & Wade Scofield
Hallie Balling Stout & JBen Stout
Barbara Radebaugh & Brie Wallace

New Life

Patrick Wilson Joyce, son of Maggie & Matthew Joyce, grandson of Gigi & Doug Franklin, and great-grandson of Fred Goldsmith
Eleanore Berkeley Jemison, granddaughter of Jeanne Jemison
Crew David Cocke, great-grandson of David Cocke
Sawyer Rawson Scruggs, grandson of Patty & Jerry Scruggs

Saints Departed

Michael Arnold, friend of Cathy Awsumb
Jorge A. Avila
Jane Johnson Barton, grandmother of Franklin Barton and Rachael Ruud
Anne Everett Barton, friend of Helen Bird and Zada Gates
William B. Bekemeyer, friend of Dee Wallace
David Blaylock, friend of Rhoda Smith
Justin Bolton, friend of Heidi Rupke
JoAnn Burkhalter, aunt of Jim Martin
Zach Burrier, friend of Dorcas VanGilst
Duane Bustle, cousin of Paige Whittle
Michael David Carroll, friend of Christine & Carroll Todd
Ebony Crockett
The Rev. Jim Dalton, friend of Robyn Banks
Gary Dempsey, cousin of Kendra Martin
Viridue Dominioni, mother of Dennis Dominioni
Charlie Ellis, friend of Nancy & Al Harvey
Graves Enck, friend of Susanne Darnell

Mehri Hakimian, friend of Mary Fortin
Nila Halloran, friend of Kate Schurch
Fr. Ernie Hardesty, cousin of Debbie Balling
William Hughes, friend of Rhoda Smith
Anne Jellinek-Telp, step-mother of Martin Jellinek
Ty Legge, friend of Kate Schurch
Tim Mason, friend of Barbara Etheridge
Mallory Morgan, friend of Clay Woemmel
Linda Neanover, friend of Mary Fortin
Randy Pennington, friend of Ruthie & Paul McLain
Anne Northcross Price, cousin of Susanne Darnell
Walter Rainey, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
John Ryder, friend of Bill Haltom and Rhoda Smith
Farley Salmon, nephew of Terre Sullivant
Martha Smalanskas, friend of Nancy & Al Harvey
Molly Walker, aunt of Katherine Bush
Mary Wheelwright, friend of Mimsy Jones
Sarah Yeager, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



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Entre Danzas y Paisajes (Within Dances and Landscapes)

After a season-opening reception beginning at 6:30,
join pianist David Córdoba and flautist Elizabeth
Osorio for an evening of music from Latin America.

Friday, September 16 • 7:30 pm