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FROM THE RECTOR

After the death of their matriarch, the legendary Hilola Bigtree, who leapt from a high dive into a gator-filled pool four evenings a week in Swamplandia!’s halcyon days, the Bigtree family fell upon hard times. Kiwi ran off to the World of Darkness, Swamplandia!’s sworn theme park enemy, where he worked plunging toilets and vacuuming the carpeted tongue of the Leviathan. His sister Osceola started summoning boyfriends on her Ouija board. Ava raised a rare red alligator in secret and hoped to save Swamplandia! from ruin one day by mastering her mother’s show-stopping dive.

Naturally, when I first read Karen Russell’s *Swamplandia!* a few years ago, it got me thinking about the Church. Also Advent. After all, we Christians are an eclectic family of odd characters looking, hoping, and praying toward some new future together with God. And we do so with a hunch that when Christ comes fully among us, our differences won’t be blended into some bland mass of Christian perfection but will be freed up, our peculiarities and bright colors made only starker and bolder, our quirks finding their place and purpose within an expanding vision of the people of God. Read Revelation with an open and curious imagination, and you’ll at least be convinced that blandness is not in the ultimate offering for us. And with the advent of Advent, John the Baptist comes raging onto the scene again in a camel’s pelt. He’s eccentric even by the standards of Russell or Revelation, surviving on locusts and wild honey, possibly the only human ever who would have welcomed Pharaoh’s eighth plague as a miraculous bounty, snacks raining from the heavens onto the prophet’s shaggy head.



This Advent, our bishop will make her annual visit. And, no, Bishop Phoebe does not remind me specifically of John. Her peculiarity tends toward grace, dignity, and prayerful good sense. But in the Christian tradition, a central ministry of a bishop is to travel between worshiping communities, reminding us that, in spite of differences and distances, we are members of one another. A bishop is an embodied reminder that the body of Christ is living and diverse, and that we are bound to lives that are strange to us, whether those lives are removed from ours by neighborhood or denomination, by cuisine or clothing, by oceans or languages or centuries. And each year at Advent, we stand again on the brink of the future with all these strange fellow saints, looking for the coming of Jesus in some new and unexpected way into our world and into our lives.

And so, I wish you a blessed Advent, my assorted friends, whether you’re a bishop or a baptist or an alligator wrestler or someone who can’t quite believe such exotic creatures could be part of your religious family tree. But they are. They truly are. May you meet at least one of them this season who will expand not only your vision of Jesus’s Church, but your expectations of how and where and into what sorts of lives he still comes.



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Getting to know the Rev. Katherine Bush



The Rev. Katherine Bush joined Calvary's staff as associate rector in October. Katherine's primary area of oversight is Christian Formation, where her gifts as teacher, retreat leader, and writer will serve our community well.

Katherine says, "Over twenty years ago, Calvary nurtured my marriage and my call to ordination. Much has changed at Calvary and in my own life, of course. Since then, I have only been an occasional interloper, but from the sidelines, I have continued to see how Calvary and her people have followed the thread and been brave searchers and steady witnesses for love. Your faithfulness to this particular city of God and the story of God unfolding in this place draws me as it has drawn others to come alongside you. I am excited to follow the thread and join the staff and the people of Calvary in this season of renewal and discovery."

Tell us about your family.

Stephen and I married at Calvary in 1998, and we are the parents of twins John and Henry who attend high school at Crosstown High. I'm fortunate that my sister and parents live in Memphis too.

What were you doing before you came (back) to Calvary?

Most recently, I served as the Chaplain at St. Mary's Episcopal School for twelve years. I was a priest and teacher in that community and loved that combination of roles. It's one of the reasons I was drawn to this opportunity, to serve as a coordinator and leader of classes and small groups.

What is your favorite thing about being a priest?

Preaching—the whole process: reading, preparing, writing, speaking, and especially the conversations that follow.

What is currently on your nightstand?

I just finished a blitz read, and I loved *Why Fish Don't Exist*, *Hamnet*, and *Cloud Cuckoo Land*. I'm open to suggestions for what to read next! I should also give out a shout-out to my book club of twenty-plus years for keeping me reading and for keeping me sane.

What is your favorite Memphis restaurant?

Second Line, Cafe 1912, Catherine & Mary's, Hog & Hominy, any taco truck.

What is your favorite family vacation?

One of the great gifts of my extended family is that we have traveled widely together. Before COVID, we went out west to Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks, and I was awed.

What is your favorite movie/line from a movie?

"Hello, the house!" from *Out of Africa*

There's a thread you follow. It goes among things that change. But it doesn't change.

"The Way It Is" by William Stafford

What would you sing at Karaoke night?

My goal in life is to escape without singing into a microphone.

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

Tacos

If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to?

As difficult as 2021 has been, in many ways things are better now than they've ever been, so I'll stay here.

Aside from necessities, what one thing could you not go a day without?

Chai, it's my preferred caffeine source.

If you could share a meal with any four individuals, living or dead, who would they be?

Annie Dillard, Michelle Obama, Mary Oliver, and Mary, but I'd really prefer a one-on-one with each.



Adult Formation Opportunities

Sunday Mornings • 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

DEC
5

Developments and Dilemmas in Gene Technology

Dr. Bill Walker, former lead research immunology scientist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

What is CRISPR? How has recent work in gene editing and gene therapy changed our lives? What will be the bioethical implications for us and for future generations to come? Dr. Bill Walker, former lead research immunology scientist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, will enlighten us about this powerful scientific breakthrough and there will be plenty of time for questions.



DEC
12

Tracy K. Smith: The Call of Advent

The Rev. Katherine Bush

Former Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith speaks with a confident voice about the beauty and the strangeness of this world. She's not quite John the Baptist, but she does call to us to look again at our lives, our lives with others, and our lives with God. Join the Rev. Katherine Bush for a look at the work of Smith during this holy season.



DEC
19

Wendell Berry: Nativity, Incarnation, & the Givenness of Things

The Rev. Scott Walters

Among other things, Wendell Berry is a farmer, poet, novelist, essayist, critic, and Christian, not necessarily in that order. As we approach the Feast of the Nativity, we'll explore themes in a few of Berry's vivid and accessible poems that can help ground our spiritual lives in this given world into which Jesus was born.



note: there will be no formation classes on Dec. 26 or Jan. 2

JAN
9

Conflict and Healing in the Modern Middle East

Beverly Tsacoyianis, Professor, University of Memphis

You probably heard that the conflict in Israel and Palestine has been in the news again this summer, but are you familiar with the ways in which the political, cultural, religious, and historical dimensions of this and other conflicts in the modern Middle East connect? Join University of Memphis professor Beverly Tsacoyianis as we discuss conflicts plaguing the region and some modes of healing—emotional, religious, medical,



social, and even political—developing in these regions to build safer and more resilient communities to cope with a challenging political and economic landscape. For those who want to dig deeper, Dr. Tsacoyianis's recent book, *Disturbing Spirits: Mental Illness, Trauma and Treatment in Modern Syria and Lebanon*, is available at novel bookstore and online.

JAN
9

This Changed Me

Panel

Epiphany is the season of celebrating those moments when we come to see the world more clearly or, perhaps, differently. Come hear the stories of the movies, songs, books, and encounters that changed the hearts and minds of Calvary parishioners and clergy. And be encouraged to examine your own life's experiences that shaped the way you understand God and the world around you.

Wednesday Evenings • 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

DEC
1-15

Advent Unbound In-Person

The Rev. Katherine Bush | Dec. 1-15 | Emison Room

An open and casual Wednesday night conversation with Katherine Bush. We'll use the "Advent Unbound" readings as a starting point and see where it takes us. Come whether you've read or listened or not to recenter in this busy season.



JAN
12-
FEB
23

Searching for Sunday

The Rev. Katherine Bush | January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, & 23 | Library

Using Rachel Held Evans' memoir *Searching for Sunday*, this class will offer a time to consider our own stories in light of the stories and sacraments of the church. Evans makes connections between the ancient stories and rituals and her life in the 21st century, and she'll help us do the same. Bonus—her voice is both irreverent and beautiful. The Rev. Katherine Bush will lead this conversation, and it's perfect for newish-to-Calvary folks and those who are ready to renew their life of faith.



JAN
19 & 26

Many Hands

Christine Todd and Friends | Jan. 19 & 26 | Emison Room

Be a part of Sunday Basement Church on Wednesday night. If serving early Sundays doesn't work for you or your household, you can still support the cause. Come sort donations for the Clothes Closet. Come with your friends and pass the time with connections and conversations while you fold—many hands make light work!



Ella invited her classmates to help sort clothes in the Clothes Closet one Saturday afternoon this fall.



Making God's Love Visible

By Ella Peeples

Part of the International Baccalaureate program's requirement for graduation is CAS—creativity, activity, and service. As a junior, every student at Lausanne must create a project that engages in

at least two of these criteria.

For me, the answer was simple. I have worked around Calvary's outreach for most of my life. Whether it be taking part in the Emmanuel meal, Breakfast

Prep, or Room in the Inn: I've been there. In recent times, Calvary's outreach ministry has expanded to suit the needs of the community in COVID times. Basement church, as it's called, has taken off.

Downtown Memphis looks more familiar now.

So when it came time to design my project, I knew exactly what I was going to do. Of the ministries that Calvary offers, the clothes closet is one of the most reliant on volunteers. New donations come in constantly (which is a blessing!), and they need to be sorted every week so that the closet is prepared for Sunday morning's use. And then, after the closet is used, it needs to be put back together. It's a bit like Humpty Dumpty in that way.

I decided to go in three times a week for three hours, organizing and sorting the clothes. I labeled shoes, sized jackets, and folded pants. I learned the closet inside and out, and I must have put away fifty garbage bags worth of donations over the summer. It was so fulfilling to see the donations ready for the community.

One Sunday late in the summer, I shadowed Elizabeth Crosby on a Sunday morning and saw

the Basement Church and the closet in action. I saw pants I had sized, labeled, and hung up go to people who needed them. I watched what I had been working on for weeks as it made a visible change in the lives of people served by Calvary. Driving home that afternoon, I started to see faces I recognized from that morning. Downtown Memphis looks more familiar now.

When it came time to go back to school, though, Christine Todd reached out to express how much the need for volunteers had increased. By that point, I knew what to do. I asked around and put together a group of nine friends that were interested in helping out. My friends from different faith communities and different areas of Memphis came together and supported a community they had rarely interacted with.

We spent three hours sorting 15 garbage bags of donations one Saturday afternoon—getting

the closet completely caught up and prepared for Sunday morning. We had so much fun laughing together and listening to music as we worked. It was meaningful to me that not only were my friends willing to drive all the way downtown but that they took part in this ministry that means so much to me and the community around Calvary. I watched as my friends and I spread a little love into downtown Memphis.

I'm looking forward to putting together a larger group to help with Calvary's Emmanuel Meal on Monday, Dec. 20.

Ella Peeples is a senior at Lausanne Collegiate School and has been a member of Calvary her whole life.





A Heavenly Aura

By Kathryn Jasper

For 15 years, each summer I would spend a week at an interfaith choir camp in a monastery nestled in the shadows of Mt. Magazine in Arkansas. Choir Camp days were filled with singing, theater, worship, and play. It was there I learned to play the handbells. Where other musical experiences involve each person performing most or all of the music, many times in parts, handbell music requires parts to act as a whole, with each person playing two to four notes out of the scale, counting along and playing notes on cues based on the music. Handbell music requires you to be particularly aware of the other members of your choir, as you depend on each other to make the notes come together as a song.

While I fell in love with handbell music in those Arkansas summers, it was at Calvary in high school that I solidified my role in the handbell choir. I joined the handbell choir as a junior in high school and—with pauses for college and children—have been playing ever since. As a musician who finds worship experience enriched through song, the bell choir offers me the opportunity to lift my prayers as I ring my bells, all the while creating community with other Calvary Ringers. And while we joke that most of us can't read music (a secret tip is that we mark our notes and proclaim our motto "If it's not marked, we don't play it"), by the time we have practiced weekly, the songs come together in worship, with the bells giving off a heavenly aura.

As the Calvary Ringers reassembled this fall, we were joined by our new director, Joseph Powell. A staff singer, professional musician, husband to Sam, and dad to Ellis, Joseph is the choral director at White Station High School by day. Joseph has a collegiate history with handbells, and his musical instruction may end up teaching a few of our ringers to read music after all.

Kathryn Jasper is married to Jake and they are raising three girls, Ruthie, Kate, and Eliza. Kathryn has been a member of Calvary her whole life.



Christmas at Calvary

CHRISTMAS EVE AT 3:30 P.M. WITH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

This lively liturgy is specially designed for families with children, but all are welcome to participate. The service 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 five. This service will be live-streamed on Calvary's Facebook page, YouTube channel, and on our website.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT 10:30 P.M.

This service begins with the *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi at 10:30 p.m. A Festival Eucharist will follow at 11 p.m. and will reflect the glory and beauty of the story of Christ's birth with Anglican worship with candlelight and incense.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT 4:00 P.M.

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

From Problem to Gift

by the Rev. Paul McLain

Early this year, I got a call from parishioner Catherine Stevens offering to donate eggs from her family's chickens to the Waffle Shop. All I needed to do was come by and pick them up. For a number of weeks, my Tuesday morning ritual was to pick up cartons and cartons of eggs at her home and take them to our Calvary kitchen. Over time, I got to know Catherine. She showed me her artwork ranging from block prints to paintings and mosaics. She told me stories about herself and her family.



After she no longer had eggs, she invited me to continue to drop by, just to say hello. On one such recent visit, she surprised me by giving me one of her block prints. It depicts an older sister helping her little brother learn to walk. Catherine said this particular print was pivotal to her journey as an artist. When she started working on it, she saw creating it as a problem to be solved. But she could not envision anything. It was not until she had a moment of epiphany that art is not a problem to be solved but is instead a gift to be offered. Then the print came together in her mind and on her block of wood.

I grew up around the theology that God sent Jesus into the world to solve the problem of human sin. That theology asserts that the only way to solve this problem was to send God's son to take on human flesh and be crucified as a sacrifice with all our human sins somehow taken upon him. But if this is entirely true, after solving God's problem, why did Jesus rise from the dead, why did he teach and commission his disciples, and why does he still stay with us as an abiding presence in our lives?

I believe God creatively imagined the same thing that my friend Catherine discovered. God knows that the art of salvation is not so much a problem to be solved as it is a gift to offer. It is an ongoing gift of coming into humanity as a child, experiencing it fully as he grew, and then continuing to be the divine spark within each of us.

Like many of you in our congregation and our world, I'll be experiencing my first Christmas without someone I love deeply, my mother. There are parts of my mathematical mind that make me think of grief as another one of life's problems to be solved. Something just to get past. But I'm discovering that even grief can be a gift. The hurt lets me know how much I loved, was loved, and am loved. I am flooded with fond memories and still feel Mom's abiding presence, knowing that we share a mystical bond through the communion of saints.

Catherine entitled the block print she gave me, "Learning to Walk in Balance." Like the little boy in the painting, I am learning to walk through my grief and all of life by balancing my left-brain problem-solving skills with my right-brain creative and generous imagination. In the print, the older sister is guiding the little boy toward what looks like a Christmas tree. She gently points him toward the ever-abiding evergreen presence in all our lives.





Calvary's Dynamic Duo Returns!

by the Ven. Mimsy Jones

“Oh, thank God it's coming back! My sister and I haven't missed a Wednesday in years, and we felt lost without it last year. We will be there every single Wednesday this year. I may even take a day off just to be there.”

That was the reaction of my friend who attends Lindenwood Christian Church when I told her that Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series and Waffle Shop would be back in person for Lent, 2022.

“What makes it so special for you?” I asked, and instantly she replied, “Those wonderful, amazing preachers! And then the fabulous food. I love the whole thing. What you all do is such a gift; coming to Calvary during Lent is the highlight of my year.”

Friends, in a nutshell, that is what our 99-year-old Lenten preaching/Waffle Shop tradition means not just to my friend but to hundreds if not thousands of other Memphians. The combination of inspiring, provocative preaching, delicious, tempting food (oh, that chicken salad; that Boston Cream Piel), held in a grand old church that welcomes people of all ages, stages, and opinions is a rare, even precious experience for this community.

After a very different kind of Lent in 2021, Calvary's LPS and Waffle Shop are rising to the fore in 2022 with a dynamite list of preachers, hot waffle irons, legendary cooks, and a stellar group of volunteers. The only other component needed is us... as many of us as possible to be physically present, sitting in

the pews upstairs and filling the tables downstairs.

Calvary's live stream has been a tremendous help during the pandemic. Still, there is nothing like being inside Calvary Episcopal Church during Lent, and here are just a few of the preachers we will hear from, and, God willing, all will be with us in person. (Including the Rev. Dan Matthews, Lion in Winter extraordinaire.) The entire list is worthy of mention, but here's just a thumbnail of seven of them:

The Rev. Buddy Stallings. Need I say more? For those who don't know him, Buddy was our Interim priest between Chris Girata and Scott Walters; he won our hearts, inspired us, taught us, and made us laugh out loud when he preached.

Canon Stephanie Spellers: Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Creation; Associate Rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Manhattan, and one of the Episcopal Church's leading thinkers and consultants around 21st century ministry and mission. A friend of mine who is a parishioner at St. Bartholomew's sent me a video of one of her sermons. It was riveting, dynamic, and engaging, and I can't wait to have her at Calvary in person.

Padraig O'Tuama—Irish poet and peacemaker. Last year, Padraig spoke to us from home in Ireland, and I found myself leaning in as close as I could get to my laptop to be sure I didn't miss a bit of the gospel story he was telling in his own meticulously chosen words. I have heard some really fine preachers 'unpack' the gospel

stories, but Padraig has a unique gift of bringing familiar Biblical readings to life. I will never forget (I hope) some of his insights, and I will probably be on the front row when he is with us in Lent.

The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary, and **Dr. Ellen F. Davis,** Distinguished Professor of Bible and Practical Theology at Duke Divinity School, are two preachers whose names may not be familiar to us, but they promise to be significant voices for LPS this year and in the future. Each has written several books which I am ordering before they come. I am particularly excited about having both of them with us.

Get in line now for April 6! **The Rev. Sam Teitel and Rabbi Micah Greenstein** will do two joint presentations on Wednesday, April 6: at noon, 'The Church of Abracadabra: The

Magic of Preaching,' and that evening, 'A Memphis Rabbi and a Memphis Minister Walk into a Waffle Shop After Dark.'

No doubt about it: 2022 will be a banner year. My friend from Lindenwood is right: LPS and Waffle Shop are irreplaceable gifts to this community. I am proud to be part of such a church, aren't you?

Mimsy Jones is the archdeacon for the diocese and a member of Calvary's clergy team.



Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series committee, headed by Heidi Rupke, can't contain their excitement for the 2022 Series.



Looking for a Christmas gift?

Heidi Rupke, Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series coordinator, has put together the following list of books either written by or recommended by speakers who are part of Calvary's Lenten Preaching Series in 2022. These would be fantastic gifts to prepare for Lent.

Call it Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World

The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones

Readers of memoirs, anyone who is seeking personal stories with surprising theological ties. Revisit some giants of Christian thought alongside the current president of Union Theological Seminary

Trauma and Grace: Theology in a Ruptured World

The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones

People who want to dig a little deeper into trauma studies while using scriptures and faith claims as one lens for understanding. This is a collection of essays and deals with heavy subject matter.

Getting Involved with God

Dr. Ellen F. Davis

Anyone who is looking for a good guide through the Old Testament scriptures. Dr. Davis has an approachable and often dry wit in her writing.

The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for the Beloved Community

The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers

Anyone who is curious about one perspective on the future of the Christian church. The Rev. Canon

Spellers serves as Canon under Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

Radical Welcome: Embracing God, The Other, and the Spirit of Transformation

The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers

Those who may be looking for some new paradigms in light of modern divisions. The Rev. Canon Spellers has roots in Kentucky and Tennessee and now serves in the office of the Presiding Bishop. She has served in various roles in the Episcopal Church, but her passion for clear-eyed reconciliation among people of all stripes permeates her work.

Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community

Pádraig Ó Tuama

People with a daily spiritual practice or those looking to establish one. Corrymeela is a community built around conflict resolution and the lived implications of faith.

Sorry for Your Troubles

Pádraig Ó Tuama

If you enjoy listening to Ó Tuama discuss other writers' work on his podcast, try this collection of his work. The rough framework of this book is the framework of bereavement, in all its dimensions and shades, including generosity and surprise.

In the Shelter: Finding a Home in the World

Pádraig Ó Tuama

Readers of memoirs, people who may be surprised to find themselves inside a faith community where some say they don't belong, lovers of narrative and poetry.

Borders and Belonging: The Book of Ruth: A Story for Our Time

Pádraig Ó Tuama and Glenn Jordan

Anyone wanting a contemporary perspective on an ancient and beloved story.

The Book of Eels

Patrick Svensson

The Rev. Sam Teitel recommends this book, acknowledging it is not theology, but definitely theology-adjacent. *The New York Times* describes it as "a combination of natural history, memoir, and metaphysical musings." Intrigued yet?

One Long River of Song

Brian Doyle

From the Rev. Buddy Stallings: The book that continues to be a lovely companion for me is Brian Doyle's book of essays, *One Long River of Song*. Its deep resonance for me is somewhat inexplicable. I think it is the

deep humanness with which and about which this lovely man writes that inspires me, makes me laugh, and breaks my heart. When the world seems craziest to me, a short Brian Doyle essay can reconnect me to hope.

How the Word is Passed

Clint Smith

Recommended by the Rabbi Katie Bauman, this book by fellow New Orelanian Clint Smith explores the legacy of slavery on ordinary landmarks and practices of modern life, from a Confederate cemetery to Angola prison. It was longlisted for the 2021 National Book Award and was a NY Times bestseller.

No Cure for Being Human

Kate Bowler

A favorite of the Rev. Joshua Narcisse, this book is written by scholar and popular podcaster, Dr. Kate Bowler. Bowler's dissertation on the prosperity gospel of wealth and happiness was ironically contrasted with her own Stage IV cancer diagnosis at the age of 35. She has gone on to investigate the interplay of human connection, suffering, and grace.

Jesus and the Disinherited

Howard Thurman

Recommended by the Rev. Joshua Narcisse, Calvary parishioners will recognize *Jesus and the Disinherited* as a favorite of the Rev. Scott Walters

as well. Howard Thurman, a Black theologian whose work was instrumental in laying a foundation for the modern Civil Rights Movement, seeks to answer the question, "What does the religion of Jesus have to offer those with their backs against the wall?"

What Do Our Neighbors Believe?

Rabbi Micah Greenstein, Dr. Kendra Hotz and Dr. John Kaltner

When religious divides seem sharp, a deep dive into stories and theologies of our friends and neighbors can help us to bridge those perceived differences. Take it from three of Memphis's respected scholars and practitioners of distinct faith traditions.

2022 LPS Lineup

March 3 & 4

The Rev. Buddy Stallings

Former rector of St. Bart's, Manhattan

March 9

The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation

March 10 & 11

The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones

President of Union Theological Seminary

March 16

Mr. Pádraig Ó Tuama

Irish poet, peacemaker, storyteller, podcaster

March 17

The Rev. Rosalyn Nichols

Organizing Pastor of Freedom's Chapel Christian Church and MIFA Interfaith Officer

March 18

The Rev. Joshua Narcisse

Director of Spiritual Care, Church Health Center, Memphis

March 23

The Rev. Rufus Smith

Senior Pastor of Hope Church, Memphis

March 23 & 24

Rabbi Katie Bauman

Senior Rabbi at Touro Synagogue, New Orleans

March 25

The Rev. Lisa Anderson

Executive Director, Room in the Inn, Memphis

March 30

Dr. Ellen Davis

Theologian and Old Testament Scholar, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC

March 31

The Rev. Dan Matthews

Former rector of St. John of the Divine, New York

April 6

Rabbi Micah Greenstein and the Rev. Sam Teitel

Senior Rabbi at Temple Israel and Minister at Church of the River

April 7

Mr. Geoff Calkins

Columnist at *The Daily Memphian*

April 8

Mr. Justin Pearson

Co-founder, Memphis Community Against the Pipeline

IN CALVARY'S PRAYERS

Wedding Bells

Hallie Balling & JBen Stout
 Gracie Shaw & Matt Waddell
 Theresa Monypeny & Hillary Simpson
 Miranda Cully & Brian Campbell
 Grace Ernst & John Deane Stuart

Great Expectations

Sarah & Erik Ball
 Jessica & Mike Flynn

Saints Departed

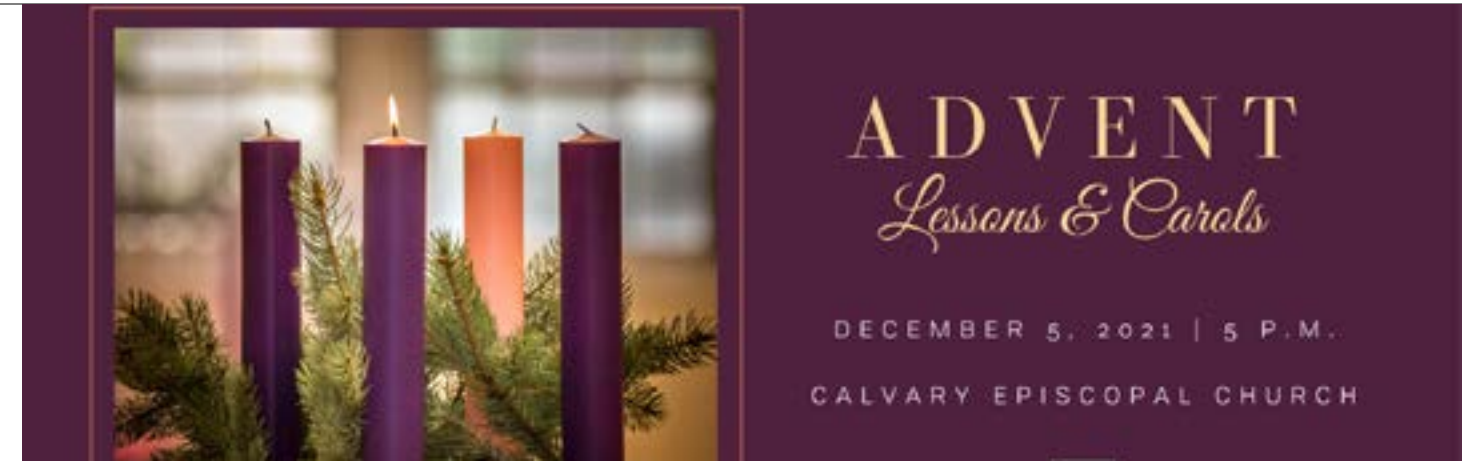
Amanda Hudson Adams, friend of Robyn Banks
 Raymond Otto Aldinger, Jr., brother of James Aldinger
 Lorin B. Allen, cousin of Nino Shipp and Malinda Lewis
 Virginia Andrews, mother of Chris Hitching
 Bob Bagwell, uncle of Dee Wallace
 Anna Barbara Bernil, mother of Bernie Bernil
 Reginald Bishop, father of Terrence Bishop
 Charles Bogard, cousin of Robbie Phillips
 Fred Bryan, father of Mary Fortin
 George E. Cates, father of Andy Cates
 Sister Nicholas Catrambone, friend of Martin Jellinek
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 Kay Daugherty, friend of Paige Whittle
 Doug Deaver
 The Rt. Rev. Alex Dickson, first bishop of the Diocese of West Tennessee
 Michael DiCola, friend of Michelle Pellay-Walker
 Geraldine Driver, mother-in-law of Robbie Phillips
 Charlotte Dunne, mother of Tyrina Browning
 Neil Evans, cousin of Betty Jo Dulaney
 Dennis Falanga, friend of David Lee
 Steve Finch, friend of Betsy Kelly
 Jean Fourmy, cousin of Jill Piper and friend of Martha Boyd

New Life

Camille Monroe Wiley, daughter of Jessie & Chris Wiley
 Parker James Sanders, great-nephew of Kendra Martin
 Braylon Lamont Lester, grandson of Monica Marshall
 David Powell Edmundson, son of Jordan & Bryan Edmundson
 Emiliano Paredes, son of Anna & Alejandro Paredes, grandson of Peg & Dan Wahl
 Anderson Crenshaw McKnight, son of Lucia & Joe McKnight
 Silas Bobo Bixler, son of Semmes & Trevor Bixler
 Henry Alexander Wise IV, grandson of Carrington & Alex Wise

Tony Gaines, friend of Len Grice
 Cameron Gale, friend of Stella Blocker
 Charlene Gill, friend of Paul McLain
 Betty Graham, friend of Kendra Martin
 Yancey Green, cousin of Susanne Darnell
 Mary Ellen Gunther, friend of Joe Brandenburg
 Virginia Hallock, friend of Kendra Martin
 Marilyn Hedgepeth, mother of The Rev. Paul McLain
 Jonathan Hesford
 Edith Ho, friend of Jim Gabbert
 Leon Hogue, friend of Robert Williams
 Walter Howell, father of Lowry Howell
 Tyler and Kyler Hunt
 Myron Bryant Jones, brother of Debra Streeter
 Rita Jones, friend of June Rose
 Paula Mixon Kelly, sister-in-law of Ed Kelly
 Chris Kelly, husband of Caroline Kelly
 Janet King, friend of Gabbie Munn
 Kendall King Lambert, friend of Suzanne Henley
 Jennifer Leathers, friend of Kendra Martin
 Amsey Grace Liebenow, friend of Brennan Seltzer and Chloe Madden
 Gale Mason, friend of Judy Tucker
 Jeannie McCabe, friend of Robyn Banks
 David McCandless, friend of Gayle & Raymond Spence
 Fran McKendree
 Robby McLeod, brother of Katy Leopard
 June McMaster, friend of June Rose
 Robert McRae, friend of Crady Schneider
 Sinclair Moorefield, sister of Gaby Moorefield
 Cindy Neal, friend of Sue Johnson

Robert W. "Bob" Neely, uncle of Susan Neely-Barnes
 Rachel Lewis Nelms, friend of Audrey & Gary Hager
 Paul Netz, uncle of Heidi Rupke
 Robert C. "Bob" Owens
 Christine Palmer, friend of Michelle Pellay-Walker
 The Rev. Catharine Phillips, friend of Ted Schurch
 John Rauscher, friend of Lynda Gayle Deacon
 Jean Reid, friend of Katie Dann
 Richard Ripley, friend of Robyn Banks
 Rachel Rogers, mother of Deborah Mays
 Jim Russell, step-father of Nina Sublette
 Cynthia Garland Rutherford, friend of Julie Bethell
 The Rev. Timothy Joel Shaw, friend of Ted Schurch
 Shannon Shivers, friend of Annie Billions
 Irene Smith, friend of Olivia Wilmot
 Austin Smith, cousin of Betsy Kelly
 Patricia Miller Story, friend of Michelle Pellay-Walker
 Michael Surette, nephew of Kathy Williams
 Rhonda Tate, daughter of Jaymes Garrison
 Jo Tubbs, friend of June Rose
 Jean Vandiver
 Dexter Lewis Varnell
 Tempe Virginia Walker, friend of Hilary Chipley
 The Rev. Noble Walker
 Gary West, brother of Sandy West
 Milton Wyman, brother-in-law of Dana Sue Percer



Calvary's Emmanuel Meal

MONDAY, DEC. 20 @ 12 PM

COME HELP SERVE 300 POOR AND HOMELESS NEIGHBORS
A DELICIOUS TURKEY DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

How can you help?

- Make cornbread at your house and bring to Calvary by Friday, Dec. 17
- Volunteer to serve
- Buy a turkey to offset the price for the meal (\$40)
- Decorate on Monday, Dec. 20
- Sign up with your family to help clean up Monday, Dec. 20, from 1:30-3PM

Give Christmas Flowers

in honor or memory of a loved one

Contact Bookkeeper Cindy Yeager by Dec. 15
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STEUTERMAN-HARDISON ORGAN RECITAL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022 | 7:30 PM
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all are welcome to

A Twelfth Night Service



wednesday, january 5
6:15 p.m.

An Epiphany Eve worship
service for all ages,
family-centered

Epiphany EVENSONG



THURSDAY, JANUARY 6
7 P.M.