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PARISH OFFICES ARE OPEN WEEKDAYS 8:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP

8 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist
5 p.m. Evensong first Sundays, Sept.-May

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Imagine spending time on 'the mountain' in worship, fellowship, and outdoor activities. This is what several Calvary men experienced at the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee conference at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Sewanee, Tennessee, in mid-August.

Front cover: Construction continues at Calvary. Pictured is what will eventually become a hallway on the 2nd floor that will lead to the nursery and children's classrooms.

THE LEGACY OF 87 ADAMS

by the Rev. Scott Walters, Rector



Recently, Facilities Manager Richard Hendricks rolled a large-screen TV into the library for a series of interviews with design firms after an overwhelming response to a nationwide RFQ (Request for Qualifications). Fourteen teams of landscape architects, designers, and public artists, with offices in places like Oakland, Detroit, Houston, Washington DC, New York, and New Orleans (to name a few), had sent us letters of interest, team bios, and descriptions of past projects in hopes of being chosen to develop a memorial civic space on the site where a slave market operated on Calvary's block in the 1850s.

We were Zooming in the half-demolished Calvary library because an air-conditioning unit had gone out on the fourth floor. The background for those interviews made it look like we were huddled in a bombed-out building, which, in a sense, we were. We actually had to ask

the construction crew running the thumping jackhammers in the courtyard to knock off a little early. In case you haven't noticed, Calvary's a busy (dusty and noisy) place these days.

The team working on the memorial space project includes Tim Huebner, whose Rhodes history students did much of the primary research on the slave market site beginning more than eight years ago; Dr. Earnestine Jenkins, a professor of art history at the University of Memphis who has published research on urban slavery; and Rich Watkins, board president of the Lynching Sites Project. These folks are joined by Calvary parishioners Margaret Craddock, who worked from the beginning with Tim Huebner researching our block; David Lusk, chair of our building committee; and Christina Ross, representing the vestry. Two remarkable women who grew up at Calvary are also involved: Margaret Grace Haltom, who is working on her PhD in Urban Studies at MIT, and Annie Parker, who is studying for a master's degree in landscape architecture at Penn. The new bishop of Mississippi, the Rt. Rev. Dorothy Wells, who came into the Episcopal Church at Calvary as a choral scholar while a student at Rhodes, rounds out our team.

This group's breadth and depth of experience and expertise is truly remarkable. They also happen to be delightful humans to spend time with, I must say.

Back to that dusty shell of a library. Half a dozen of us gathered there while Annie and Margaret Grace Zoomed in from Philadelphia and Boston. We'd already winnowed the fourteen applications down to five interviews. After a week of virtual meetings with those five teams, we made the even more difficult decision to choose only two to bring to Memphis.

It was moving, challenging, inspiring, and so much more to learn about the work being done around the country and around the world to tell fuller truths about the histories of places like Calvary. We learned about projects in Charleston, Rio de Janeiro, Los Angeles, and Liberia, projects with different stories, approaches, and contexts. Still, each had something to offer to our collective imagination about what might come to be here in Memphis.

Since this process is ongoing, I won't go into the particulars about each design firm and each proposal. You'll hear more about those soon. What I wanted to do here first is to lift up and thank the people who have given so much of their

time, energy, knowledge, and love for our city so that this project might come to this point. When Monument Lab recognized Calvary's efforts with one of ten nationwide \$100,000 ReGeneration grants in 2024, these are the people who made that happen. And that grant made this much broader search for the right design team possible.

The work around this site began before I arrived at Calvary seven years ago. But the way Calvary was digging bravely and curiously into its own place and history is part of what attracted me to this congregation. It's been a joy to work alongside these folks in this work thus far.

I use the word joy intentionally here. Some say we should move on from the past when it contains sins and horrors we'd rather not dwell on. I don't believe ignoring our wounds and failures is a good healing strategy, whether as individuals, families, congregations, cities, or societies. During this process, I've also come to see that joy—a deep, honest, and abiding joy—really is possible amid this difficult truth-telling work.

A poet named Ross Gay once asked, "What happens if joy is not separate from pain? What if joy and pain are fundamentally tangled up with one another? Or even more to the point, what if joy is not only entangled with pain, or suffering, or sorrow, but is also what emerges from how we care for each other through those things? What if joy, instead of refuge or relief from heartbreak, is what effloresces from us as we help each other carry our heartbreaks?"

The story of what happened at 87 Adams is utterly heartbreaking. Maybe I'm finding so much joy along the way and each day here at Calvary because joy really is what rises in us as we help each other carry our heartbreaks. If being Church isn't about being a community that does just that, in ways large and small, for friends and strangers alike, what, on God's beloved earth, is Church for?



Our Mission

To uncover the story of enslaved people who were bought and sold in the shadows of historic churches in Downtown Memphis. To seek healing by honoring the thousands of lives traded at 87 Adams. To reckon with the legacy of slavery, ask how it shapes our community today and how such a reckoning can guide us to a more just society.

Our Future

Our coalition of local faith leaders, racial justice advocates, scholars of African American history and Reconstruction scholars, and lifelong church members is deeply committed to confronting the violent past of this place. We aim not only to surface a history long repressed and in need of healing at this site, but also to tell the truth about the systemic injustices perpetuated in these sacred spaces, to create a space for collective remembrance, and to lay the groundwork for city-wide reconciliation and healing.

Fall 2024 Formation at Calvary

In a sermon this summer, the Rev. Scott Walters talked about Christian community as a place where we recognize that the world needs to be changed, that we need to be changed, and even more so that we can change. This miracle of change and transformation happens in a thousand ways at church, from the bread being pressed into our open palms to the connection we make with a neighbor whose life differs from ours. And it happens when we gather in smaller groups for meaningful conversation and study. There is untold value in reading scripture and other inspiring texts together and engaging in dialogue beyond passing pleasantries. In a world lacking in places for deep listening and learning, when you and I spend time together, not only do we learn about ourselves and God, but we change the world. And we are undoubtedly changed for good.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15

SUNDAY FORMATION

SEP
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A Labor Day Conversation

THE REV. KATHERINE BUSH

This discussion will start with a few readings from Scripture and modern voices on the topics of work and rest. We'll consider the variety of messages we receive about productivity, value, and sabbath.

SEP
8

Civic Memorial Spaces

Sarah Zewde, founder of Studio Zewde in Harlem and assistant professor at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design, along with landscape designer Jessica Lock and poet Joshua Bennet, will be in Memphis exploring a possible partnership with Calvary and other community stakeholders in the design of a civic memorial space on the site of a slave market that was active on Calvary's block in the mid-19th century. Join us to learn about Studio Zewde's past projects and how they approach creating public spaces that are both truthful and healing.

SEP
15-
29

Faith, Hope, and Elections

SEPT. 15: TIM HUEBNER

Can and should our most deeply held values—our religious faith—inform our voting? Or does such activity constitute an unsavory mixing of religion and politics? And what happens if our deepest convictions lose in the public square and the other candidate wins? What is an appropriate response—to those who helped elect the other candidate and to the nation itself? Join Rhodes College Professor of History Tim Huebner as he explores these and other questions through the lens of history and faith.

SEPT. 22: DAVID WATERS

David Waters returns to Calvary, bringing his wise and insightful perspective on this moment and carefully examining our local and national electoral process. With his vast experience in journalism and his deeply held faith, David is uniquely qualified to help us navigate the messages of hope and fear that come at us.

SEPT. 29: JANEL BAKKER

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor, theologian, and anti-Nazi dissident, wrote from prison that "the Church is the Church only when it exists for others...not dominating, but helping and serving." This session will explore Bonhoeffer's political theology with an eye toward our own turbulent context. Dr. Bakker is a professor of the sociology of religion and of social justice at Memphis Theological Seminary.

OCT
6-13

Creating Faith

OCT 6: BILL BANGHAM

Bill Bangham arrived at Calvary about two years ago and has fully embedded himself in the community. Come learn about Bill's life and calling as a photojournalist and consider the manifold gifts we are each responsible for bringing forth.

OCT. 13: NOAH GLENN

Noah Glenn is an award-winning filmmaker (as well as a podcaster, producer, writer, husband, and father). Come see two of Noah's short films and join a conversation about his vision, creative process, and how his faith journey informs his work.

OCT
20

Rebuilding a Legacy: Clayborn Temple

ANASA TROUTMAN

In her current role as executive director of Historic Clayborn Temple, Anasa Troutman was instrumental in acquiring the building in 2019 and founding a new organization to restore Clayborn and steward their team and mission. A writer and producer by trade, Anasa has spent her life telling stories and finding ways for those stories to shape the way we see, experience, and interact with ourselves and others.

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NOV
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Calvary's Favorite Biblical Scholar

DR. MITZI MINOR

Dr. Minor will spend two Sundays with Calvary this fall, bringing her challenging, enlightening, and often humorous take on Scripture. She is currently on sabbatical from her position as the Mary Magdalene Professor of New Testament at Memphis Theological Seminary, and we are thrilled she'll spend some of that precious time with us.

NOV
10

Faith, Hope, and Elections, Redux

PROF. TIM HUEBNER AND THE REV. SCOTT WALTERS

On the other side of Election Day, gather with Tim Huebner and Scott Walters to reflect on this juncture. All are invited to join the conversation and reflect on this season in our shared life as citizens of the United States and of God's Kingdom.

NOV
17

The 87 Adams Slave Mart

MARGARET GRACE HALTOM, ANNIE PARKER, AND THE REV. SCOTT WALTERS

Calvary is one of ten Monument Lab Re:Generation grant recipients for 2024, continuing our work around the slave market that operated on our block in the 1850s. What's taken place since the grant was announced? Who has been involved, and what are the hopes and dreams for the site's future?

NOV
24

Conversation with Bishop Phoebe Roaf

Each year, Bishop Phoebe visits each parish in the diocese to confirm new members and to remind us of the larger Episcopal community we are part of. Come hear her thoughts on this season of life in our Church.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:15 AT ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

SEP
4-
25

Who is my Neighbor?

Readings On Empathy and Otherness in a Time of Division

THE REV. SCOTT WALTERS AND ARDELLE WALTERS

The stories in the first chapters of Genesis frame the world's brokenness in terms of estrangement. Humans are estranged from God, men from women, people from their own bodies, from the earth, from their labor. It's not much of a stretch to say that the rest of the Bible is about God's longing to unite a divided world through the lives and histories of people like us. Join a conversation on short readings on familiar divisions in our lives today, from politics to race to religion.

SEP
4-
Nov
20

Sacred Ground

KATY LEOPARD AND THE REV. KATHERINE BUSH

Sacred Ground is a soul-shaping, perspective-changing series of conversations about race and faithfulness. This carefully created, eleven-session curriculum offers readings, videos, and rich discussions to open up new ways of thinking about where we've been and where we are going. Contact the Rev. Katherine Bush, kbush@calvarymemphis.org, to learn more.

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NOV
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How to Know a Person

THE REV. PAUL MCLAIN

David Brooks asks, "How can we look somebody in the eye and see something large in them, and in turn, see something larger in ourselves?" The Rev. Paul McLain will guide us in living this question as we explore Brooks's book *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others and Being Deeply Seen*. Copies of the book are available at Novel Bookstore and other local booksellers. All are welcome.

OCT
2-
NOV
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Transforming Questions

THE REV. SCOTT WALTERS

Who is Jesus? Does God answer prayer? Why do bad things happen? By asking questions, we see our faith transform, deepen, and develop from something simple and superficial to something complicated and rich. And, by asking questions, we see ourselves transformed, as the answers that we find, or the new questions that we discover, demand that we respond, changing not only what we think but also how we live. *This class provides a path for adults seeking Confirmation on Sunday, Nov. 24, when Bishop Phoebe makes her annual visitation. It's also open to anyone who loves a good, meaningful conversation!*

SEP -
MAY

Education for Ministry

RICHARD HENDRICKS AND FRED PIPER

EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study and engage in theological reflection together. Participants are encouraged to commit to the program from Sept. through May. Contact Richard to learn more: rhendricks@calvarymemphis.org.

MORE SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Bible Study Group: Tuesdays 8-9 a.m.

THE REV. KATHERINE BUSH

Join Calvary women and friends at Barth House, 409 Patterson on the University of Memphis campus, for a weekly conversation about the Bible and the way we live our lives. Over the course of the year, we'll read passages from the Bible with Brian McLaren's *We Make the Road by Walking* as a guide. Participants should bring their morning beverage, a Bible, and a copy of McLaren's book.

Education for Ministry: Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Men's Bible Study: Thursdays 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

The Baguette Brothers gather at Barth House, 409 Patterson on the University of Memphis campus, to read and discuss the Gospel passage for Sunday to prepare for worship and deepen our understanding of Scripture. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on the first Thursday of each month at 7:15 a.m. All men are invited.

Gleanings: Thursdays at Noon

THE REV. SCOTT WALTERS

Join an online conversation group called "Gleanings" this fall as we read slowly through novelist Marilynne Robinson's *Reading Genesis*. Copies of the book are available at novel bookstore or wherever you buy books. All are welcome, and newcomers are invited to join the conversation anytime. To receive the weekly email with Zoom link and reading assignment, contact Scott Walters at swalters@calvarymemphis.org.

Sacred Ground: TBD by group participants

BILL ETNYRE AND DANA SUE PERCER

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The Rev. Katherine Bush
ASSOCIATE RECTOR FOR
FORMATION

SUNDAYS

Nursery Care

AGES 0-5 | 7:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

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. The nursery is currently located in the Grizzlies Prep building.

Children's Formation Classes

JK THROUGH GRADE 5 | 9:15-10:15 A.M.

Children in grades JK through 5th grade are invited to join us in the Grizzlies Prep building, room 004. Our young people will explore their faith and scripture in "Seekers: Exploring the Bible Through Children's Literature" – a literature-based curriculum written by Calvary's children's formation team.

Youth Formation Classes

GRADES 6-12 | 9:15-10:15 A.M.

Junior and senior high youth meet in the Grizzlies Prep building on Sunday mornings with Nathan Brasfield and/or volunteers for conversation and connection.

Children's Chapel

JK-2ND GRADE | 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

At the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. worship service, children follow the cross out of the church to Children's Chapel, which is currently held in the clergy vesting room adjacent to the nave. There, children experience the liturgy of the word in an interactive and age-appropriate manner. Children are escorted back to church at the time of the Peace to join their families for Communion.



Jocelyn Busby
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAYS

Nursery Care

AGES 0-5 | 5:30-7:30 P.M.

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Gathering

AGES 5 AND UP | 6:15-7:15 P.M. | DINING ROOM AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Gathering is a new opportunity for children and adults to "sit and stay a while" after dinner for an hour of fellowship. Games, books, puzzles, and coloring materials will be provided. Mrs. Jocelyn and friends will supervise children ages 5 and up if parents wish to attend a class. Look for the EpiscoPals table to sign your child in.

Wednesday Night Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

GRADES 6-12 | 5:15-7:15 P.M. | ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

Wednesday nights are for any youth in grades 6-12 to come together and participate in team-building activities, games, service projects, discussion, and prayer. At 6:55, we will walk together to the sanctuary for Compline starting at 7. Any and all are welcome to join us for Compline.

Fall Confirmation

The decision to become confirmed in the Episcopal Church is an important personal choice and an intentional commitment to faith. Those who are interested in taking this step will receive more information soon about joining in this process together.

**** See also Music Formation Opportunities on p. 9 and new offerings for children on back page****



Nathan Brasfield
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

St. Cecilia Choir

GRADES K-2 | WEDNESDAYS | 6:15-7 P.M.

The St. Cecilia Choir sings 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. At the conclusion of rehearsal, they have the opportunity to join their friends for Compline in the sanctuary. The St. Cecilia Choir is directed by Mary Jackson.

The Boys and Girls Choir

STUDENTS WITH UNCHANGED VOICES IN GRADES 3 & UP | WEDNESDAYS | 6:15-7 P.M.

The Boys and Girls Choir 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.

All choirs currently rehearse at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral on Wednesday evenings.



Dr. Kristin Lensch
ORGANIST-CHOIRMASTER



Mary Jackson
ST. CECILIA CHOIR DIRECTOR



Jackson Hearn
ASSOCIATE ORGANIST



Joseph Powell
CALVARY RINGERS DIRECTOR

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Sundays

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST BLESSING/ BASEMENT CHURCH

Year-round, Calvary volunteers prepare and serve a hot breakfast to approximately 200 neighbors experiencing homelessness in our community. A member of our clergy team leads everyone in prayer before breakfast. Volunteers are always welcome.

8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

This service uses more traditional “Elizabethan” language in a contemplative and intimate setting, with traditional hymns. It ends before 8:45 a.m.

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II WITH CHILDREN’S CHAPEL

The 10:30 a.m. Eucharist with Children’s Chapel attracts a varied congregation of all ages, including a strong contingent of young families. The semi-professional Calvary Choir leads music with participation from our Boys and Girls Choir, St. Cecilia Choir (second grade and younger), and the Calvary Ringers handbell choir.

5 P.M. EVENSONG

SEPT. 8 AND OCT. 6 AT CALVARY AND NOV. 3 AT ST. GEORGE’S

A service with ancient roots, Evensong is a 40-minute choral-led service of prayers and scripture. If you need to sit and reflect, if music feeds your soul, if you can’t quite make it in the morning, if you believe that beauty is a portal to heaven, this is a service for you.

Wednesdays

NOONDAY PRAYERS

Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing is offered at noon on Wednesdays and features a reflection by one of our priests.

Mondays-Fridays

6:30 A.M. EARLY MORNING PRAYER (ONLINE)

This prayer service is modeled on Daily Devotions (p. 137 in the Book of Common Prayer) and lasts about 10-15 minutes. All early risers (by preference or necessity!) are invited to pray together.

8 A.M. MORNING PRAYER (ONLINE)

Morning Prayer from the *Book of Common Prayer* is offered weekdays at 8 a.m.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DEC. 8 | 5 P.M. | AT CALVARY

Begin December at the beginning—at the advent—with God’s promises of comfort and salvation recalled in this service through scripture, poetry, and carols. Calvary’s four choirs lead this beautiful candlelit service, inviting you to step away from worldly stress and into a space that prepares you to meet Emmanuel.

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

Fall at Calvary brings many opportunities to love and serve our neighbors. Take a look at some of the opportunities below and contact Director of Youth and Community Ministries Nathan Brasfield, nbrasfield@calvarymemphis.org, to sign up for weekly email updates or for more information on how you can get involved.

October Book Club

POVERTY, BY AMERICA BY MATTHEW DESMOND

This #1 New York Times Bestseller by the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* offers a startling look at how our society perpetuates poverty. It culminates as a manifesto calling for the rise of a poverty abolitionist movement in our nation. Join us on Zoom one of two times on three Tuesdays in October as we begin a conversation about what it could look like for us to advance this movement at Calvary and in our own lives and communities.

The Problem: Prologue, Chapters 1-6 (p. 1-118) [Oct. 1 noon-1 or 6-7 p.m.]

The Solution: Chapters 7-9, Epilogue (p. 119-189) [Oct. 15 noon-1 or 6-7 p.m.]

The Movement: Poverty Abolition and Our Common Life [Oct. 29 noon-1 or 6-7 p.m.]

MICAH

Calvary is a partner congregation of MICAH (Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope), a vibrant, active organization that brings together members of different religions to address education equity, economic equity, and race and class equity in the justice system in our city. We need parishioners interested in this kind of work to serve as delegates and/or to serve on certain task forces or initiatives. (Delegate meetings are every third Tuesday night.)



Nathan Brasfield

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH
AND COMMUNITY
MINISTRIES**

Basement Church

We continue to welcome 200 people every Sunday morning from 6 to 7:45 a.m. at the Welcome Inn (82 N. 2nd St.) to help provide some of the things our neighbors need to make it through the day. Basement Church is a longstanding volunteer-led initiative at Calvary, so please come help distribute clothes and toiletries, hand out breakfast items, make coffee, or simply make sure everyone feels welcome. Basement Church also consistently relies on a steady stream of donations, so spread the word and help us collect needed items!

Room in the Inn

Room in the Inn (RITI) is dedicated to serving people experiencing homelessness by providing emergency shelter and meals during the hottest and coldest months of the year—June, July, August, and November through March—sharing the love of God through holy hospitality. Calvary hosts RITI on Friday nights in the Welcome Inn (82 N. 2nd St.). There are many ways to help with dinner and hosting on Friday nights, as well as taking care of specific tasks during the week such as laundry.

Emmanuel Meal

MONDAY, DEC. 16 AT 12 P.M.

Emmanuel Meal is our yearly Christmas dinner for our neighbors experiencing poverty or homelessness. You can volunteer to cook, serve, clean up, and more. You also can purchase paper turkeys for \$40 each to subsidize the cost of this meal.



SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER



Sept. 2: Race for Reconciliation

Sign up for the 5K Run or 1-mile Walk. Funds support literacy tutoring, vocational training, and leadership development. To register, contact Kristin Lensch at klensch@calvarymemphis.org or 901-312-5212.



Sept. 4: Wednesday Evenings Begin Again

Enjoy a delicious dinner Wednesday evenings 5:15-6:15 p.m. before classes and choir rehearsals at St. Mary's Cathedral. Cost is \$8/adults, \$4/child, \$25/family max.



Sept. 8: Evensong at 5 p.m.

Evensong is a 40-minute choral-led service of prayers and scripture. If you need to sit and reflect, if music feeds your soul, if you can't quite make it in the morning, if you believe that beauty is a portal to heaven, this is a service for you.



Oct. 5: Blessing of the Pets

Calvary will gather with other downtown churches at 10 a.m. to give thanks for all God's creatures, great and small. All leashed or restrained pets are welcome.



Oct. 6: Evensong at 5 p.m.

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Oct. 17-20: St. Clare Retreat

In between silent spaces of the St. Clare Silent Retreat for women, Ardelle Walters will lead us in our own encounters of Nouwen's book and Rembrandt's painting as they portray the ancient story of the prodigal. Learn more and register: saintcolumbamemphis.org/stclare.



Sept. 10: MIFA Our City, Our Story Luncheon

This year's honored guest is bestselling author Amanda Ripley. Her latest book is *High Conflict: Why We Get Trapped and How We Get Out*, which will be the timely topic of her presentation. To purchase tickets to this year's event, visit mifa.org.



Sept. 15: Coffee with Clergy

Newcomers and visitors: bring your stories, questions, and cups of coffee to the library for a conversation with Scott Walters about life at Calvary ... or life in general. Also on Nov. 17.



Sept. 21: Calvary Off-Campus Kickoff

A Fall party kickoff event at St. Mary's Cathedral from 5:30-7 p.m., which is open to everyone in the parish. Watch your email for a link to RSVP. Parishioners who attend the kickoff party will have first crack at the signups for the four Calvary Off-Campus gatherings this fall and winter.



Oct. 20: Annual Giving Kickoff

Annual Giving season at Calvary is upon us. Stay after church for a delicious lunch on the lawn with Memphis BBQ, music, and words from our annual giving co-chairs, Lisa & Louis Jehl and Holly Guthrie & Tom Barzizza.



Oct. 26: Feast of St. Columba

The Feast of St. Columba is a magical night of wonderful food, fellowship, and support for St. Columba - the camp and retreat center of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee. Tickets are on sale now at saintcolumbamemphis.org/feast. Anyone purchasing eight or more tickets will be listed as an event sponsor.



Oct. 30: Pumpkinfest

Help us celebrate the season of fall at Calvary's themed dinner, PumpkinFest. Chef Mary's delicious cooking will be accompanied by seasonal decorations, exciting music and lights, and treat bags filled with candy. Costumes are welcome!



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER



Nov. 1: All Saints' Day Worship

Come celebrate the story of all the saints in our lives with a noonday Eucharist.



Nov. 3 : Evensong at St. George's Episcopal Church

The choirs of Calvary and St. George's will sing the service of Evensong together at St. George's Episcopal Church, 2425 S. Germantown Rd.



Nov. 16: 43rd Diocesan Convention

Clergy and lay delegates from across the diocese will gather at Church of the Holy Apostles in Collierville to consider resolutions and elect diocesan positions. Please keep our bishop and diocesan staff and all delegates in your prayers.



Dec. 1: Advent Wreath Festival

All generations are welcome as we make Advent wreaths and share resources to move through Advent together. Wreath bases, candles, and some greenery will be provided; all are encouraged to bring more greenery and ribbons to share.



Dec. 8: Advent Lessons & Carols

Begin December at the beginning—at the advent—with God's promises of comfort and salvation recalled in this service through scripture, poetry, and carols. 5 p.m. at Calvary.



Dec. 16: Emmanuel Meal

Emmanuel Meal is a Christmas dinner for our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. You can purchase paper turkeys in November for \$40 each to subsidize the cost of this meal.



Nov. 17: Vestry Elections and Annual Giving Ingathering

In addition to vestry elections, we will wrap up our annual giving season with special guest preacher, the Rev. Buddy Stallings. Buddy served as interim rector of Calvary in 2016 and 2017.



Nov. 24: Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf, will make her annual visit to Calvary. She will also speak during the formation hour, sharing her reflections and observations. A festive reception will follow the 10:30 a.m. service.



Nov. 28: Happy Thanksgiving!

There will be no Wednesday evening classes or choir rehearsals on Nov. 27. Calvary offices will be closed Nov. 28 and 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Dec. 24: Christmas Eve

Calvary will celebrate Christmas Eve services at 3:30, 5:30, and 10:30 p.m. The children's Christmas pageant will take place at the 3:30 service and the 5:30 service will be live-streamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.



Dec. 25: Christmas Day

Celebrate Christmas Day with Eucharist and carols at 4 p.m.

CALVARY OFF-CAMPUS

by Jill Piper and Clay Woemmel

Introducing Calvary Off-Campus!

We may not be able to party in the Great Hall, but this parish can still party!

Your IPOs (Interim Party Officers) Clay Woemmel and Jill Piper have devised a schedule of fall and winter gatherings we're calling Calvary Off-Campus. Building on the legacy of Foyer Dinner Groups and the generosity of our hosts, Calvary Off Campus will offer five parties from September to January.

The first party is a kickoff event on Saturday, September 21, at St. Mary's Cathedral from 5:30-7 p.m., which is open to everyone in the parish. We'll be serving wine and soft drinks. So that our gifted Parish Chef Mary O'Brien will know how many hors d'oeuvres to prepare, please watch your email for a link to Signup Genius for Saturday, Sept. 21. "Calvary Off-Campus" will be in the subject line.

Parishioners who attend the kickoff party will have the first opportunity to sign up for the four Calvary Off-Campus gatherings.

Hosts will provide an entree, and parishioners will all bring a side dish or dessert. Capacity for each party is 40 individuals.

We are longing to see our EpiscoPALS at Calvary Off-Campus this fall!

Don't miss your opportunity to sign up for these fun off-campus gatherings!

Friday, October 18

Bodacious Potluck at the home of the Rev. Katherine & Stephen Bush

Sunday, November 10

Sunday Brunch at the home of Terri & Betty Jo Dulaney

Sunday, December 15

Holiday Open House at the home of Peg & Dan Wahl

Sunday, January 12

New Year's Resolution Buster, a dessert extravaganza at the home of Kate & Coleman Connell

IN CALVARY'S PRAYERS

Great Expectations

Sarah & Erik Ball
Skyler & Nick Street

Wedding Bells

July 6: Elizabeth Crosby & Chris Colbeck
July 6: Holly Guthrie & Tom Barzizza

Saints Departed

Fred Arnold
Cheryl and Shelby Brashier, friends of Susan Neely-Barnes
Libby Burdick, friend of Betsy Kelly
Kashy Daughdrill, friend of Paul McLain
Billy Denman, husband of Julie Denman
Don "Shoeshine" Dickerson
Christopher Donovan
Martha Drexler, friend of Mary Fortin
Gayle Evans
Karen Everhart, friend of Kendra Martin
Ned French, brother of Taylor French
Lucia Gilliland, mother of Kate Connell
Jeffrey Gross, friend of Milton Winter
Bill Houston, friend of Penn Owen
Marty McClellan Hudson, cousin of Brooks Monypeny
Nell Huff, grandmother of Libby King
Gina Koury Jackson, sister of Joseph Koury
Mark James, husband of Karen Zambon
Billy Ray Jones, friend of Paul McLain
The Rev. James Lawson, Jr.

New Life

July 8: William Witt Waddell, grandson of Julie & Billy Shaw
July 18: Eleanor Owings Waldrop, daughter of Locke & Reed Waldrop

Elizabeth Lemmonds, friend of Molly Polatty
Karen Leopard, relative of Katy Leopard
Dr. Charlie McCrary, husband of Janie McCrary
Mary Lou McGuire, great-grandmother of MC Hitt
Robert R. Milner Jr., friend of Nancy Manire
Lindsey Thompson Mobley, friend of Eleanore Maynard
David Norwood, friend of Miriam van Mersbergen
Sharon Owens, cousin of Monica Marshall
John Patton, friend of Maggie & Matthew Joyce
James Redmon, husband of Debbie Redmon
George Lawrence "Larry" Rogers III, brother of Deborah Mays
Beth Sanders, friend of Jackson Hearn
Jan Shoemaker, sister of Pat Anderson
Jean Sigmon, sister of Fred Arnold
Nicholas Smith, Sr., father of Jocelyn Busby
Freddie Solum, cousin of Erik Ball
Elizabeth "Betty" Cole Thompson, sister of Jim Cole
Cordell Walker, friend of Andy Cates
Nora Witmer, friend of Steve Smith





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EPISCOPAL CHURCHMEN OF TENNESSEE

Imagine spending time on 'the mountain' in worship, fellowship, and outdoor activities. This is what several Calvary men experienced at the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee conference at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Sewanee, Tennessee, in mid-August. We heard inspiring speeches on the 'Brothers Dwelling Together in Unity' theme and learned how to love and accept others no matter their worldview. Our own Bill Haltom was one of three featured speakers. The Diocese of West Tennessee men met with our Bishop Phoebe Roaf to hear 'the state of the diocese.'

The weekend ended with a service in the All Saints Chapel of Sewanee, the University of the South. Will Hayley carried Calvary's Banner in the Procession and had a "photo op" with Bishop Roaf after the service.

This conference is a gathering of Episcopal churchmen of all ages and persuasions from across the state of Tennessee. It's a place for worship, learning, and fellowship. We invite the men of Calvary to join us August 8-10, 2025 as we return to 'the mountain'. It's an experience that transcends age and background, truly a mountaintop experience for all!

(l-r) Will Hayley, Bill Haltom, Barney Elam, Bruce Watson, and Fred Piper with Bishop Phoebe Roaf

