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# The Capacious Hand of God

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by the Rev. Katherine Bush

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**C**apacious:  
*adjective* having a lot of space inside; roomy.  
“She rummaged in her capacious handbag.”

I was in my forties when I learned the word “capacious” while listening to a podcast with children’s author Kate DiCamillo. Maybe it had been on a vocabulary list when I was in middle school, but it struck me as a brand-new word. Kate DiCamillo, in turn, learned the word from the author William Maxwell, who ended a short story of his with this sentence: “And I think that if it is true that we are all in the hand of God, what a capacious hand it must be.”

Capacious means ample and generous; it rhymes with its synonym, spacious. DiCamillo invoked the word capacious in her 2014 Nerberry Medal acceptance speech in which she told a roomful of librarians, writers, and readers, “We have been given the sacred task of making hearts large through story. We are working to make hearts that are capable of containing much joy and much sorrow, hearts capacious enough to contain the complexities and mysteries of ourselves and of each other. We are working to make hearts that know how to love this world.”

I can’t think of a better job description, not just for librarians, but for all of us. Making hearts large is the work of parenting, the work of friendship, the work of citizenship; it’s the work of the church at the core. We are drawn into community with each other and with God to make our hearts larger, “capable of containing much joy and much sorrow, hearts capacious enough to contain complexities and mysteries.”

And this capacious word showed up again for me this summer, reading some reflections by former Archbishop Rowan Williams. He describes his growing up in the church, and then as a

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university student “coming into contact with ... human need and human suffering that I hadn’t quite registered before, meeting homeless people ... the sense that you needed to have quite a capacious picture of human nature in order to see the dignity and the need—that reinforced my feeling that the faith I’d grown into was something which actually allowed you to engage at depth with people.” He needed a capacious, larger picture of human nature that encompassed both need and dignity. And he celebrates the fact that the faith offered to him had the capacity to hold all of that, the capacity “to know how to love this world.”

There are days when it’s hard to figure out how to hold all that. There are days when my heart feels small, shriveled even, and I can’t make room for mystery or

complexity, much less the dignity of every human being with all their neediness, nor all the world along for the ride, too. And this is one of the reasons that I keep coming to church. Because our faith not only “allows us to engage at depth with people,” it encourages and demands such depth. And though that is hard work, being reminded of the capacity of my heart and mind is the antidote I need to combat the temptation toward small living and small-mindedness so that I can love the world.

As you turn through this capacious magazine, I hope you’ll read the stories about the arrival of Wesley Rowell and of the return of Samaritan Counseling to Calvary. And maybe you’ll take note of a new class or a new opportunity to serve. And we honor the very large-hearted work of Margaret Craddock, David

Lusk, and Charles Shipp. We have a sacred task of making hearts large through story and through conversations, through worship and through service. This work is part of our calling as Christians in this time and place.

And whether here in these pages or when you walk through the doors of Calvary into our bright, newly wide-open and spacious hallways and rooms, I hope we are also reminded about the capacious hand of God. “And I think that if it is true that we are all in the hand of God, what a capacious hand it must be.” One of the few things I know for sure is that God is always bigger than my mind and soul can comprehend. In that huge embrace, there is room for me regardless of the shape and size of my heart, and in that capacious hand, we are all held.

# Who are you?

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by Wesley Steven Rowell  
Minister for  
Congregational Care

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**W**ho are you?? It's a question I've been asked more times than I can count. In church basements and airport terminals, by bishops and by baristas, and most recently by the woman taking my barbeque order in Memphis. We were chatting, just making small talk. I suppose I was wearing one of my more outré outfits, and when I mentioned I worked at Calvary, she paused and said, "Wait, **you** work at a church?" before blinking and adding, "You don't look like it."

And there it was again. The question under the question. Who are you? Really?

For most of my life, I've been composing an answer. I grew up a queer Black boy in the South, trying to find room to breathe in a world that kept insisting there wasn't space for all of me. I learned early on how to read a room, shape-shift, and soften my edges. I became a master storyteller, sometimes even to myself. My identity was something I protected, performed, and occasionally pretended didn't matter. But of course, it did. As I got older, I told myself new stories. That I was accomplished. That I was strong. That I was called. And all of those were true. But underneath them all, I was still trying to answer that quiet, aching question. Who am I? And even more deeply, who does God say that I am?

I came to seminary in midlife, not as a bright-eyed 24-year-old, but as someone who had already lived, loved, and grieved. I've lived through the AIDS



*top two photos courtesy of Wesley Rowell;  
bottom photo by Bill Bangham*

epidemic, 9-11, and a pandemic. I've also lived and loved and celebrated and rejoiced. And then came seminary. Mine was a second-career call that was persistent, and sometimes painful. There were moments when I felt too late, too tired, too different. But God never stopped whispering, insisting, demanding even: *You are mine*. And I'm still, always, figuring out how to tell the truth about who I am, with no filters, no edits, just the Wesley that God already sees.

Because here's the thing I'm learning: the stories we tell about ourselves are powerful. But they are not always true. Some of them are stitched together from fear. Some are old hand-me-downs we never asked for. And some are just... incomplete.

But there is a deeper story. One that began long before we could name it. Genesis tells us, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). That's the first truth about you. And me. That we are made *Imago Dei*, in the image of God. Not as a metaphor, not as a theological concept, but as a spiritual reality. That means that every one of us carries a divine fingerprint. Every curve, every scar, every laugh line. Holy.

I think I knew this once, before I had the language for it. I remember being a little boy, maybe 5 or 6, standing in the backyard in the late afternoon Carolina sun. I had a towel tied around my neck like a cape, convinced I was Superman with

my cape fluttering, bare feet in the grass, heart wide open. I wasn't performing for anyone. I wasn't hiding anything. I just felt free. Alive. Whole. I didn't know yet what the world would try to take from me, or what I'd be told I had to hide in order to be safe. But in that moment, I knew who I was. I belonged. I was made for delight. I know God was smiling.

Augustine, in all his searching, wrote, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." That line has walked with me through so many chapters; when I was unsure if the church could love someone like me, when I was waiting (and waiting) to find out if I'd been accepted to seminary, when I felt like the story I was living didn't match the one I hoped for.

And yet, even in those restless spaces, God was there. Not waiting for me to earn anything,

spoken over you before you could even speak.

So, who **am** I? I am a Christian. I am queer. I am Black. I am middle-aged and just starting to feel like I'm truly stepping into my own voice. I love Diana Ross, mid-century design, Beyonce, Howells, sushi, Stevie Wonder, catfish, Bach, and James Baldwin, not necessarily in that order. Back in my drinking days, I once got drunk with the late Jeff Buckley, and we sang Cher and Liza together. And now I live just a few blocks from his final home. My version of heaven is one where he sings 'Hallelujah' to me. I am someone who still sometimes wonders if he belongs, and who knows, deep in his bones, that he absolutely does. And, oh yes, my oh my, I love Jesus. And Jesus loves me.

And who are you? You are beloved. You are *Imago Dei*. You are not too much or not enough.

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but reminding me: *You are already mine*. Paul says in Galatians: "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith... for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26, 28). And that's the core of it. Child of God. That's the name that holds all the others. That's the identity that doesn't change with your zip code, job title, or relationship status. It's the one that was

You are not behind. You are not broken. You are God's own. That's not just a nice idea. It's the truth. It's your truest name. And no one can take it from you. Not even you. My hope is this: that you'll tell your story from that place. From the sacred, simple truth that you are a child of God.

Start there. Everything else will follow. Tell **that** story.

# Welcome Back to Calvary!

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by Mary Fortin

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Calvary is glad to welcome Samaritan Counseling Centers of the Mid-South back into our midst. Historically, Samaritan had an office at Calvary from its early days to the late 2000s. With the completion of our renovation, Samaritan's therapists will be serving clients out of office spaces on the 4th floor of Calvary and will be well-positioned to support those who desire to meet in a downtown location.

For 44 years, Samaritan Counseling Centers has been providing high-quality, affordable mental health counseling and educational resources for children, adults, couples, families, and groups.

Samaritan was initially founded in 1981 by Calvary Episcopal Church as the Episcopal Counseling Center to serve the needs of the Episcopal congregations. In 1987, the Episcopal Counseling Center became the Samaritan Counseling Centers of the Mid-South, to shift the scope of the work to include the broader Mid-South community, and has been committed to providing

professional counseling services and educational programs to all in our community who are in need of high-quality, affordable care, respecting the spiritual and personal values of all individuals served.

There is clearly a demand in our community for mental health

sessions, serving clients from all economic and racial backgrounds across 71 zip codes throughout the Mid-South, and hosting three Community Lunch and Learn educational events. In addition to their new offices at Calvary, Samaritan's eight clinical therapists see clients at Germantown Presbyterian,

Church of the Holy Communion, First Baptist, and Idlewild Presbyterian.

Over the organization's 44-year history, many at Calvary

have served on the board of directors—including, most recently, Will Hayley, the Rev. Paul McLain, Margaret McLean, and me.

Calvary is honored and deeply grateful to welcome this long-serving mental health organization back to our sacred space!



## SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTERS OF THE MID-SOUTH

services. Tennessee ranks 43rd in access to mental health care nationwide. One out of five adults in the U.S. experiences mental health challenges, and suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth, ages 10-14. Less than one-half of those diagnosed with mental health conditions can access care. The average cost of a therapy session in Tennessee ranges from \$130 to \$150, creating a financial barrier for many individuals and families. *(Source: 2024 Community Report, Samaritan Counseling Centers of the Mid-South)*

Some of Samaritan's recent highlights include: providing 3,249 financially accessible counseling



# Something Holy

by the Rev. Gabbie Munn

There is something holy about learning the customs and particularities of a new place. For example, Memphians use the river as a navigational tool. “Drive on Poplar Ave. towards the river, then turn South on 2nd St.”

When I arrived at the Seminary of the Southwest, I found that in seminary, you introduce yourself by making your diocese a sort of last name. For example, I wasn’t just Gabbie Munn; I was Gabbie Munn, Diocese of Mississippi. While it was true, it always felt as if it were missing something integral about how I ended up on a seminary campus on the track to ordination in the first place.

After all, I did pack up my belongings in Cooper-Young, wave goodbye to the Bass Pro Pyramid, and take with me memories of four years at Calvary Episcopal Church, located at 102 N. 2nd St., Memphis, Tennessee. Y’all know the one.

So, I began introducing myself as Gabbie Munn, Diocese of Mississippi, by way of Memphis, Tennessee. It was a bit of a mouthful—and possibly more for me to cling to the place that formed me deeply—but it felt more true to what I desired people to know about me.

My four years spent at Calvary as your director of youth ministry were a bit like being a rock in

the Mississippi River. I spent four years on the Calvary block and with the Diocese of West Tennessee, learning and serving alongside the curious and creative Calvary youth, hard-working and enthusiastic volunteers, incredibly gracious and patient colleagues, and all of the vastness of God’s children that came through our doors. I didn’t go far, but every encounter at Calvary left me different from what I was before.

From Neighborhood Breakfast to EYC, to serving at the altar as a chalice bearer, to having a cup of coffee in the old staff kitchen, I was transformed by the steady stream of God’s people entering my life at 102 N. 2nd St.

There is surely something holy about learning the customs and particularities of a new place, particularly one like Calvary, where difference is celebrated, burdens are shared, and people are left transformed by the Holy Spirit working through an eclectic bunch of Memphians seeking to serve Christ in one another.

To be transformed by encountering Jesus Christ is not a new story—Zacchaeus, the Samaritan woman at the well, and Paul would all testify to that Gospel truth. I didn’t meet Jesus Christ in a sycamore tree, by a well, or on the road to Damascus, but I surely met Jesus in an

Episcopal Church just a few blocks east of the Mississippi River—and was transformed.

On Pentecost, I started my curacy at St. Columb’s Episcopal Church in Ridgeland, Mississippi, just a few hours south of Memphis and east of the Mississippi River. I hope I bring some of the customs and particularities—the deep care for those around me and the courage to respond to their needs, the hospitality and good cookin’, and the abundant love made visible by each person at Calvary—to the people I serve.

It is holy, indeed.



*Calvary members at Gabbie’s ordination from l-r: Carter Webster, Ella Peeples, Katie Owen, Gabbie Munn, Ebet Peeples, Gayle & Raymond Spence*

# Discover JOY with the Daughters of the King

by Lynda Gayle Deacon  
and Dana Sue Percer

**A**t Calvary, the Daughters of the King (DOK) live out a sacred commitment to prayer, service, and evangelism—a quiet yet powerful ministry of support and faith. This lay Episcopal order of women is recognized by the distinctive cross they wear daily, a symbol of their life-long vows and a visible reminder of their dedication to Christ, the Church, and one another.

Calvary's chapter is called JOY—short for Jesus, Others, and You—a name that beautifully reflects the spirit of the group. Our 30 members gather monthly to pray, share tools for spiritual growth, and offer encouragement through fellowship. Meetings alternate between Wednesday evenings at Calvary

and Tuesday evenings in members' homes, creating space for both structure and intimacy.

Each woman who joins DOK begins with a season of discernment, a time to listen, learn, and reflect before choosing to take life-long vows. This fall, a new discernment group will begin, and we invite you to consider whether God might be calling you to this path of devotion and community.

To learn more, reach out to Lynda Gayle Deacon, Nina Grice, Renee Patey, or Ginny Webb—we'd love to talk with you.



## Guild of the Holy Spirit Theresa S. Hardison Award

by Laurie Monypeny  
Guild of the Holy Spirit

**F**or Theresa S. Hardison, education in all areas was one of the most important aspects of a child's life. Teaching children to be prepared to further their education and embrace learning, both physically and spiritually, was one of her most important goals. Many children still remember her from her early teaching years at Shady Grove Elementary and later at Westhaven Elementary. Theresa was also a volunteer director of children's education for many years and was very active in forming Calvary Sunday school curricula as well as teaching classes to our many children.

After Theresa died in 2013, the Guild of the Holy Spirit established the Theresa S. Hardison Award to be given to a graduating high school senior at Calvary Episcopal Church. This award of \$500 is presented annually to one of our outstanding seniors

in recognition of their hard work, dedication, and commitment to Calvary as well as the diocesan Episcopal community. This year's recipient of the Theresa S. Hardison Award is Morgan Thompson, whose participation in all levels of church activity has been truly impressive. The Guild of the Holy Spirit is so proud of Morgan and wishes her the best in her college career at Northwest Community College.



## Phase II of Calvary's Columbarium Coming This Fall

A second phase of Calvary's columbarium will be installed this September in the church courtyard, located between the Church and Great Hall. Originally built in 1990, the columbarium offers a sacred and serene final resting place for those who choose to be interred at Calvary. The new installation will extend along the remaining length of the south wall of the church building and will match the existing design, with elegant black polished granite niches.

This new addition will include 192 new niches and is made possible through the generosity of the Calvary Endowment Foundation. Each niche is available for \$3,500, of which \$550 is retained by Calvary for engraving. The remaining \$2,950 is a tax-deductible donation to the Endowment Foundation, helping ensure Calvary's ministry continues far into the future.

For more information or to purchase a niche, please contact Steve Smith, [ssmith@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:ssmith@calvarymemphis.org).

## Walking Through Grief: A New Group at Calvary

by Robyn Banks

When my husband, Bill, died at age 49 in December of 2022, my world cracked open. Grief didn't arrive politely or in stages—it was a tidal wave that knocked me off my feet. As the days and months went on, I learned what so many of you already know: that grief doesn't go away, it just changes. Sometimes it softens. Sometimes it flares. It lives beside us in ways we never expected.



Since Bill's death, I have been reminded time and again how much we need each other. We need a place where we don't have to pretend. A place where we can speak our person's name out loud. A place where faith doesn't offer tidy answers but holds space for the mystery of it all.

This fall, I'll be facilitating an 8-week grief group. We'll gather on Tuesday evenings at Calvary, from Sept. 16 to Nov. 11, to share stories, silence, laughter, scripture, and whatever else shows up. You don't need to be "ready." You don't need to know what to say. Just come.

Whether your loss is recent or long ago, whether it's a spouse, a parent, a friend, or another kind of heartbreak—you are welcome. There will be no right way to grieve, just room to breathe, and companions for the road.

If you'd like to know more, please reach out at [rbanks@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:rbanks@calvarymemphis.org). I would be honored to walk this part of the journey with you.

# CALVARY CELEBRATES EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

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by Bill Bangham

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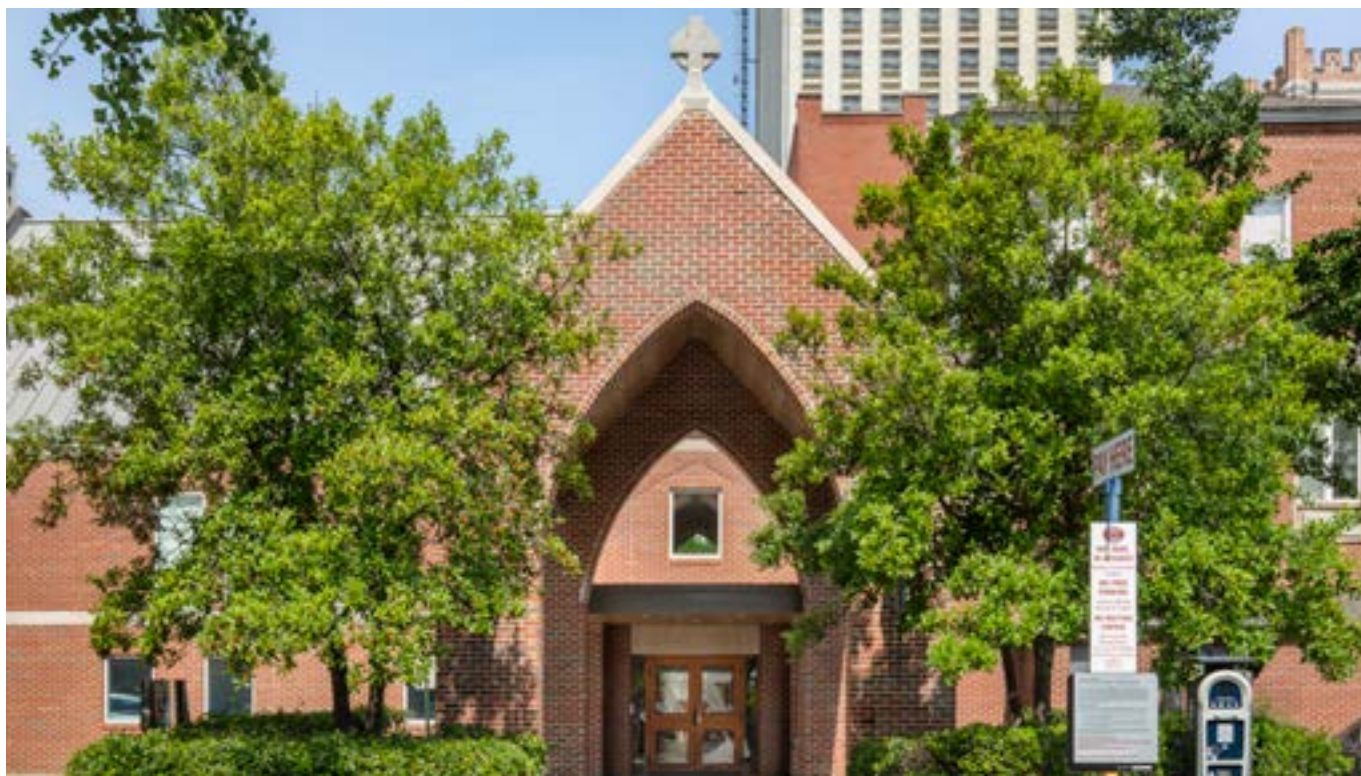
**L**ong gone are the days when horse-drawn carriages discharged their passengers at 2nd and Adams, and parishioners entered through the red front doors of Calvary Episcopal Church. For decades, they have parked their cars in the lot behind the church, crossed the alley, and entered through the nondescript back door.

There, they were greeted by a dismal hallway. It was dim with closed doors at the far end.

To the left were other closed doors. To the right, an open hallway that led to an elevator on the right, stairs to the left, and a ramp ahead, down to the kitchen and Mural room. For visitors to get to a worship service meant reading signs, and/or depending on others, to direct them up the stairs or elevator, then weaving through a rabbit's warren of twists and turns to get to the Nave.

Until recently.

photo courtesy of Mellon Studio





*photo by Robyn Banks*

Now, an elegant porte-cochère with a cross on its roof-line reaches out to the parking lot; a two-story shelter to discharge passengers, a statement that this is no longer a back door, but a primary entrance to the church.

Double doors lead down the long hallway that now explodes with light. At the far end is a common area—which has quickly become a favorite gathering place for Calvary—and a stairway leading up a level toward the Nave. To the left, a

large glass wall brings in more light. Behind it are the church offices, easily accessible now, where once they were on the fourth floor and required a key for the elevator to access.

Along the right wall, a series of backlit, stained-glass windows, taken from Montgomery Foyer, adds further light. Light floods The Commons from skylights in the roof. There are four double doors, large entryways leading down into the Mural Room and the reconfigured kitchen area. Off to the left is the new chapel

with more beautiful, backlit stained glass, rescued from the former chapel. The old chapel had become a storage area few ever saw. On the second floor, a large floor-to-ceiling window wall of an upstairs meeting area called the Emison Room looks down on The Commons.

All this is stunningly beautiful, elegant, and inviting, and functional.

When Calvary began this nearly \$9 million renovation and reconstruction, Rector Scott Walters asked three Calvary members—Margaret Craddock, David Lusk, and Charles Shipp—to work with him and the architects, designers, and builders to bring the project to fruition.

It would be hard to choose four better people to shepherd it.

Charles is an architect, David an art dealer, and Margaret an activist who is involved in and has quietly driven several of Calvary's outreach efforts. Scott was a carpenter and builder before becoming a priest and helped a church in Little Rock go through a renovation before coming to Calvary.

"We had started twice before," said David. "The economy, leadership, timing, people's experience doing it ... it all came together. We knew we were ready. We were just waiting for



the right time.”

“Someone said, ‘We should be thinking like Crosstown Concourse,’” continues Charles. The million-square-foot, deteriorating warehouse had been transformed into a vibrant community of apartments, businesses, stores, medical offices, a radio station, a high school, a theater, and a YMCA with a pool.

“Margaret had a contact,” said Charles.

It was quickly decided, like the Concourse, another addition to Calvary was not needed. “We didn’t need to add to our footprint,” continued Charles. “We had to use our space better. There were three separate buildings with little interaction between them. We could have three things going at once, and one would not know the others were there.” The first year focused on the church—flow, acoustics, pew spacing, a ramp to the communion rail, handicap access, renovating and

restoring the organ. The second year focused on the rest of the facility.

The old Orgill Room—which would become The Commons—with skylights in the ceiling, became the hub. A new staircase leading to the second floor and walkways overlooking The Commons would transform the three buildings into one. Turn right or left at the top of the stairs; either way would lead to the Nave in a loop, past—depending on which way one turned—classrooms, the nursery, the Great Hall, the Emison Room, and Crook Auditorium.

“David and Charles could visualize all this,” said Margaret. “I couldn’t.”

What she could visualize was what was needed in the kitchen and Mural Room.

Getting in and out of that area for Waffle Shop during Lent was a mess. At times, hundreds of people, coming

and going, would be crammed together on the stairs and elevator, trying to negotiate a single, narrow, slanted hallway that led to the kitchen, serving area, and seating in the Mural Room.

The four large, double doors from The Commons, with steps leading down into the Mural Room, resolved that. The kitchen was redesigned with new, needed equipment and a better workflow.

“I wouldn’t want anyone to think I did this all on my own,” said Margaret. She worked with architects, designers, and construction people. “But most importantly, I worked with our Parish Chef Mary O’Brien, her kitchen staff, and volunteers.”

For their efforts, Margaret, David, and Charles were honored earlier this year with the Calvary Medal. It’s been nearly 20 years since the medal was last awarded. Joe Clift, a Calvary parishioner and metallurgist, designed and crafted the new medal. Joe

took a different approach. “No one wears a medal anymore,” he said.

A round, enameled Calvary logo sits on a small bronze column with the recipient’s name engraved on it, perfect for sitting in any number of places in a home or office.

As for the project, “I’m very pleased how things turned out,” said Charles. “The building feels like it’s been here for a long time, yet it’s up-to-date and pleasing.”

In a sense, the renovation continues. It seems that each week, a new work of art—a painting, rendering, poster, or architectural element—appears as David sifts through the storage, closets, and attics of Calvary, looking for treasures to display and add to the elegance.

Calvary gives thanks to these three, and to all who made this project possible.



photos courtesy of Mellon Studio

# Fall 2025 Formation at Calvary



Sometimes people ask why we use the word “formation” instead of just saying Sunday School or Christian Education. It’s a bit more Episcopal, sure—but it also points to something deeper: the way we’re shaped, and even reshaped, by encountering new ideas, different perspectives, and glimpses of God. It suggests growth and a kind of structure—not rigid, but like a cloud formation: always changing, expanding, becoming. Come and be formed, re-formed, maybe even made new.

***The Rev. Katherine Bush***

ASSOCIATE RECTOR FOR FORMATION

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### ***What I Did on My Summer-Vacation Sabbatical***

THE REV. SCOTT WALTERS

We’ll launch the fall season with some storytelling and reflection from Scott Walters on his sabbatical journeys.

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### ***A Slightly Belated Introduction***

WESLEY ROWELL

Wesley arrived at Calvary mid-summer and is already deep in the work of this place. Come hear a little bit of his story and how his winding path to faith and church brought him to Memphis.

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### ***Spirituality of Giving***

A conversation about how to live generously now and how to continue to give beyond your mortal years. We often avoid conversations about money and death. Come participate in a joyful reflection about these realities that we’ll all navigate.

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### ***Wisdom Then & Now***

DR. CATHERINE MEEKS

Dr. Meeks is the author of *The Night is Long but Light Comes in the Morning* and was the founding director of the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing. She is a favorite Lenten Preacher, and we’ll be in dialogue with her as a teacher this morning.

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### ***Samaritan Counseling Returns to Calvary***

KRISTIN FOX-TRAUTMAN AND JEREMY PITZER

Calvary was a founding supporter of the important work of the Samaritan Counseling Centers. We are delighted to host an office on-site again, an outpost of support and care in downtown. Meet Jeremy Pitzer, LCSW, who will serve here at 2nd & Adams, and hear from Executive Director Kristin Fox-Trautman about this renewed partnership.

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19***Faith at Home*****ALLISON PACE**

Local author and Episcopal leader, Allison brings wisdom and lived experience to a conversation about faithfulness in our households at every stage of our lives. She'll be speaking today about lessons applicable to just about every home.

*Following this conversation, Calvary will offer follow-up small groups for fellowship and connection on Sundays and Wednesdays with her workbook, The Sacred Order of Parenthood.*

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NOV  
3***The Sacred Order of Parenthood*****A SMALL GROUP MEETING IN THE CORNER ROOM**

Following the wisdom of local author Allison Pace, we'll offer a series of conversations using her text and learning about seven truths of parenting. Parents, godparents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and friends at every stage are invited to connect with one another about this blessed and difficult work. This will also be offered on Wednesday evenings.

OCT  
26***The Art of Calvary*****DAVID LUSK AND FRIENDS**

Have you noticed all the beautiful artwork bringing our new spaces to life? Come hear about the historical pieces we've brought forward and the new commissions for this next chapter of Calvary. David, the Rev. Katherine Bush, and some of the artists will be in conversation on this Sunday morning.

NOV  
2***The Enneagram for All the Saints*****THE REV. SANDRA SMITH**

The Rev. Sandra Smith is a certified Enneagram teacher. Her 25 years of teaching the Enneagram as a tool for personal, professional, and spiritual growth gives her a solid foundation of the system as well as a fluidity in her teaching. She teaches internationally and is the author of *The Enneagram Map to Your Deeper Self: Living Beyond Your Type*.

*Sandra will offer a day-long workshop at Calvary on Saturday, Nov. 1. See back page to learn more.*

NOV  
9~16***Sacred Secular Texts*****DR. TIM HUEBNER**

Dr. Tim Huebner, Rhodes Provost and History professor, guides us through a close reading of the *Declaration of Independence*. As we approach America's 250th year, what does this secular text have to say to us?

NOV  
23***The Inner-life and Inner-workings of the Organ*****JONATHAN AMBROSINO**

For our recently-completed organ restoration, Jonathan Ambrosino of Boston directed the project's artistic side. Jonathan will discuss the original sound and some of the remarkably low-tech yet detailed ways that sound is achieved.

# WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

## AT 6:15

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### **Sacred Ground**

**PAIGE WHITTLE AND  
STEPHEN 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. *This is a commitment class, and participants are encouraged to commit to the group for the duration.*

SEP  
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MAY  
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### **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, worship, and engage in theological reflection

together. *Calvary offers a morning and evening option of EfM. This is a commitment class, and participants are encouraged to commit to the group from September through May.*

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### **Craft of Calvary**

What we do and make at Calvary can help make and shape our lives in the world. Flower arranging, being a friend in a crisis, knitting, and more. Join us for some very hands-on opportunities to practice the art and arts of being church.

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### **Theologians in the Wild**

**THE REV. KATHERINE BUSH**

Well, not the wild-wild, but the wild internet. Learn about the theology and thought of former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams (with a side of Nick Cave) from recent interviews and articles. One of the wisest Christian leaders we've ever known gets down to earth.

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### **Games and Fellowship**

It's a night for fun and games! Bring your favorite board game to share or come learn a new one.

After dinner, we'll have an array of opportunities from Catan to Rummikub, and maybe even a Mahjong tutorial table.

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### **How We Learn to be Brave**

**WESLEY ROWELL**

Mariann Budde is the Bishop of Washington DC, and her sermon on mercy went viral this past winter (at least by Episcopal standards). Join Wesley in reading her *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*, and

glean more of her wisdom for the living of these days. *You are encouraged to get a copy of the book from novel, Burke's, or your favorite bookseller.*

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### **The Sacred Order of Parenthood**

Following the wisdom of local author Allison Pace, we'll offer a series of conversations using her text and learning about seven truths of parenting. Parents, godparents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and friends at every

stage are invited to connect with one another about this blessed and difficult work.

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### **Confirmation Class**

Engage in a journey alongside Calvary clergy, staff, lay leaders, and our bishop 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. 7, when the bishop is our preacher and celebrant.*

# MORE SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

## SMALL GROUPS

### ***High School Bible Study Group: Mondays 6-7 p.m. at Panera on Union***

**NATHAN BRASFIELD**

High schoolers, join us for a Bible study at the Panera Bread at 1961 Union Ave. on the second, third, and fourth Mondays of the month (excluding holidays and school breaks) beginning Monday, Sept. 15. You don't need to bring anything, and your attendance secures you a Panera cookie of your choice! We will send a text to those subscribed to youth ministries text messages each Monday morning to ask for RSVPs and will confirm that we're on. Email Nathan at [nbrasfield@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:nbrasfield@calvarymemphis.org) to be added to the text group.

### ***Women's Bible Study Group: Tuesdays 8-9 a.m. at Barth House***

**THE REV. KATHERINE BUSH**

Join Calvary women and friends at Barth House, 409 Patterson on the University of Memphis campus, for a lively and life-giving conversation. Together, this open-hearted group of women examines the biblical stories, discovering their relevance and wisdom.

### ***Grief Support Group: Tuesdays 6:15-7:30 p.m. | Sept. 16 - Nov. 11***

**ROBYN BANKS**

Grief changes everything. Whether your loss is recent or long ago, you are not alone. Led by Robyn Banks, with occasional guest professionals, this group will offer space to tell our stories, reflect theologically and emotionally, and gently hold both sorrow and hope. We'll explore the many faces of grief, the presence of God in our pain, and how we live into love as we continue on the way. *No meeting on Oct. 14*

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

**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.

### ***Men's Bible Study: Thursdays 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. at Barth House***

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 discuss the appointed readings for the upcoming Sunday, preparing our hearts and minds for worship ... and musing about what the preacher will say. All men are invited.

### ***Gleanings: Thursdays at Noon Online***

**THE REV. SCOTT WALTERS**

Join Scott Walters for an online conversation this fall as we read and pull meaning from a variety of essays and texts. All are welcome, and newcomers are invited to join the conversation at any time. To receive the weekly email with Zoom link and reading assignment, contact Scott Walters at [swalters@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:swalters@calvarymemphis.org).

# 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 provide a loving atmosphere, personal attention, and age-appropriate toys and activities, all designed to make the nursery a safe, nurturing place for your child.

## ***Children's Formation Classes***

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

Children in grades SK through 5th grade are invited to join us for Godly Play, a Montessori based faith formation curriculum led by the children's formation team. Children are grouped by the following grade levels: K-1 in room 203, 2-3 in room 202, and 4-5 in room 201.

## ***Youth Formation Classes***

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

Middle and high school meet in separate rooms on the 4th floor with Nathan Brasfield and adult volunteers. Middle schoolers collaborate on themed activities geared to engage their creativity, and high schoolers focus on connection and conversation about topics related to scripture, theology, belonging in the church, and being teenagers approaching young adulthood. Let Nathan know if you need elevator access to the 4th floor because it requires a key!

## ***Children's Chapel***

**10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

At the beginning of the worship service, children follow the banner out of the church to Children's Chapel, which is currently held in The Corner Room, adjacent to the nursery. There, children experience the liturgy of the word in an interactive and child-friendly 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.**

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

## ***Gathering***

**6:15-7:15 P.M. | MURAL ROOM**

Gathering is an 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.**

Middle and high schoolers meet in separate rooms on the 4th floor from 6:15 - 6:55 p.m. for community-focused activities like games and service projects. At 7 p.m., we walk to the nave together to join Children's Ministries for Compline until 7:15 p.m. Parents of middle schoolers will pick students up in the church.

**\*\* See also Music Formation Opportunities on p. 23 \*\***



***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.

## ***Calvary Ringers***

**WEDNESDAYS | 6:15-7:15 P.M.**

Calvary's liturgical five-octave handbell choir, the Calvary Ringers, 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***

**WEDNESDAYS | 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 with assistance from Associate Organist Jackson Hearn.



***Dr. Kristin Lensch***  
ORGANIST-CHOIRMASTER



***Mary Jackson***  
ST. CECILIA CHOIR  
DIRECTOR



***Jackson Hearn***  
ASSOCIATE ORGANIST



***Joseph Powell***  
CALVARY RINGERS  
DIRECTOR

Calvary Friends of Music presents

*An Evening of Grace & Jazz on Friday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.*

In the heat of summer, come cool off with American Idol finalist (and Memphis local) Alexis Grace and the Pat Fusco Trio as they play some of the greatest hits of Ella Fitzgerald and other jazz singers. Small bites and beverages served in the Commons.

# GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

## Sundays

### NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST BLESSING

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. 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.

### 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

#### EVERY FIRST SUNDAY, SEPT.-MAY

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 clergy.

## Wednesdays & 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 at 8 a.m.



# 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](mailto:nbrasfield@calvarymemphis.org), to sign up for weekly email updates or for more information on how you can get involved.

## September Book Club

### **INVISIBLE CHILD BY ANDREA ELLIOTT**

Add to your summer reading Andrea Elliott's Pulitzer Prize-winning nonfiction book *Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival, and Hope in New York City*, then join us for a discussion the week before MIFA's Our City, Our Story luncheon on Sept. 18 when Elliott and the subject of this book, Dasani Coates, will both appear as the event's keynote speakers. Contact Nathan Brasfield to sign up for the online Zoom discussion on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m.

## MICAH

Calvary is a partner congregation of MICAH (Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope), which is a vibrant, active organization bringing together members of different churches and religions to address housing and neighborhood liveability, transit equity, and transformational justice. We need more parishioners interested in this kind of work to serve as delegates and/or to serve with certain task forces or initiatives.

## Neighborhood Breakfast

Every Sunday morning we continue to welcome around 200 people from 6 to 7:45 a.m. for a free to-go breakfast, clothes closet (including toiletries and other items), and a variety of healthcare services. Neighborhood Breakfast is a longstanding volunteer-led initiative at Calvary so please come help distribute clothes and toiletries, prepare and hand out breakfast items, or simply help everyone feel welcome.

## Welcome Inn Lunch Bags

Lunch bags for our downtown neighbors are handed out at the door of the Welcome Inn Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donate sandwiches (or other items which must be either ready to eat or require very little preparation) and help serve!

## 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—May through August and November through March—sharing the love of God through holy hospitality. There are many ways to help with setup, providing food, serving dinner, and hosting overnight as well as with other tasks the next morning and during the week such as cleanup and laundering bedding.

## Emmanuel Meal

**MONDAY, DEC. 22 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. The Emmanuel Meal depends entirely upon donations, and opportunities to donate on Sunday mornings will begin Nov. 30.



**Nathan Brasfield**  
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH  
AND COMMUNITY  
MINISTRIES

# SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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## Early Morning Prayer and Morning Prayer Return

Join Calvary's Facebook page or YouTube channel for morning prayers at 6:30 and 8 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Wednesday Evenings at Calvary Resume

Dinner (\$8 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$25 family max), choir rehearsals, and formation and fellowship for all ages return this fall. Come be fed in more ways than one!

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## Invite · Welcome · Connect

Want to help Calvary become even more welcoming, connected, and spiritually vibrant? Invite Welcome Connect is a one-day workshop that equips congregations to build deeper hospitality, belonging, and evangelism—moving from maintenance to mission. RSVP to Ebet at [epeoples@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:epeoples@calvarymemphis.org) by Aug. 25.

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## Evensong

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.

## EYC at Amuse Adventure Park

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to Amuse Adventure Park at 3115 Walnut Grove from 2 to 4 p.m. RSVP to Nathan at [nbrasfield@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:nbrasfield@calvarymemphis.org) by Thursday, Sept. 4 with subject line: Amuse.

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## EYC Office Hours at Sugar Ghost

Drop by Sugar Ghost (2615 Broad Ave.) anytime between 3-6 p.m. for free ice cream or bubble tea—Calvary's treat! Hang

out with Nathan Brasfield and whoever else stops by!

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## Community Ministries Book Club: *Invisible Child* by Andrea Elliott

Learn more on p. 23



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## Royal Renaissance: Music for kings, queens, princesses and dragons

Join us Saturday at 10:30 a.m. for a fairy tale journey with lute, flute, trumpet, and drums! Come in costume, play make believe, and enjoy Renaissance fun. Peanut Butter & Jam brings families together for joyful, hands-on music—perfect for ages 2-6. Wiggles welcome! Sponsored by Calvary's Friends of Music.

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## Coffee with the Clergy

New to Calvary or coming back after time away? Bring your coffee and questions to the Memphis Room after the 10:30 service for a relaxed chat with one of our clergy. Curious minds and open hearts welcome!

## Memphis Pride Festival

Join us Sunday, Sept. 14, 2-8 p.m. at the Levitt Shell. Sign up for a shift at Calvary's booth and help us share the message: God loves everyone—no exceptions. [calvarymemphis.org/event/pride](http://calvarymemphis.org/event/pride)

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## High School Bible Study Group Begins

Learn more on p. 19

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## High School Retreat at Snow Lake

Grades 9-12: Wrap up summer with an overnight escape full of fun and meaning at Snow Lake, just an hour from Memphis! Join Nathan and amazing leaders for the adventure—RSVP by Sept. 5 to [nbrasfield@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:nbrasfield@calvarymemphis.org) (subject: High School Retreat).

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## Coffee and Playdate!

Join us for fun, fellowship, and connection! Kids play while parents relax and chat. Locations announced monthly. Questions? Contact Jocelyn Busby at [jbusby@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:jbusby@calvarymemphis.org).



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## Pilgrimage with Dr. Catherine Meeks

Join acclaimed author and activist Dr. Catherine Meeks for "Wisdom Then and Now," a Memphis pilgrimage Sept. 24-26, ending at Calvary. A powerful voice for racial healing, faith, and activism to every space she enters. For details and to register, contact Tom Momborg at [fathermom1949@gmail.com](mailto:fathermom1949@gmail.com).

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## New to Calvary? Let's Celebrate!

If you've joined or visited Calvary in the past year, you're invited to a casual get-together at the home of Clay Woemmel & Brooks Terry. Enjoy snacks, drinks, and great company while connecting with other newcomers, staff, and vestry. RSVP: [calvarymemphis.org/newcomer](http://calvarymemphis.org/newcomer)

# OCTOBER EVENTS



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## Family Feast Days Resume

Celebrate St. Francis with songs, stories, and a simple communion—designed just for little ones. Join us 5:15–5:45 p.m. on the first Wednesday of Oct–Feb. All ages welcome! Stay for dinner or head home after. Questions? Contact [kbush@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:kbush@calvarymemphis.org) or [jbusby@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:jbusby@calvarymemphis.org).



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## Blessing of the Animals

Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends to Calvary's South Lawn at 10 a.m. for a joyful worship and blessing. Stay afterward to connect with fellow animal lovers! Remembering pets who have passed? Email Clay Wommel at [cwoemmel@gmail.com](mailto:cwoemmel@gmail.com) with subject: "2025 Pets Departed" and include the pet's name and your name. Let's celebrate all God's creatures together!

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## Evensong

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.

## Middle School Monster Mini Golf!

Join us from 2 to 4 p.m. at Monster Mini Golf (7990 Trinity Rd., Cordova) for spooky fun and friendly competition! RSVP to Nathan at [nbrasfield@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:nbrasfield@calvarymemphis.org) by Oct. 2 (subject: Monster Mini Golf).

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## St. Clare Women's Silent Weekend Retreat

October 16-19, 2025 | St. Columba, Memphis  
Escape the noise for a weekend of rest, reflection, and renewal. Open to women of all faiths, this silent retreat offers a sacred space to recharge and find peace. Led by the inspiring Rev. Sarah Cowan, promising a deeply meaningful experience. A shorter retreat option (Oct. 17-19) is available. Registration opens late August. Questions? Contact Heather at [heartbrainbody@gmail.com](mailto:heartbrainbody@gmail.com). Mark your calendar—don't miss this chance to refresh your spirit!



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## Calvary's Friends of Music Present APOLLO5

The acclaimed British vocal ensemble, APOLLO5, consists of five voices (SATTB) with unparalleled individual talent create an immaculate blend that captivates audiences across genres including jazz, pop, classical, and early sacred music. As one of three principal ensembles of the VOCES8 Foundation, the APOLLO5 concert will be a choral tour de force and will celebrate the ensembles' 15th anniversary. A reception follows in the Great Hall.

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## Coffee and Playdate!

Join us for fun, fellowship, and connection! Kids play while parents relax and chat. Locations announced monthly. Questions? Contact Jocelyn Busby at [jbusby@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:jbusby@calvarymemphis.org).

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## YOUnited Diocesan Youth Event

Harvest Eucharist at Immanuel Episcopal Church in La Grange Join youth from other parishes in the diocese for a 45-minute drive from midtown Memphis to one of the oldest parishes in our diocese. We will participate in a service project for the community and enjoy lunch together. RSVP to Nathan at [nbrasfield@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:nbrasfield@calvarymemphis.org) by Thursday, Oct. 9 with subject line: Immanuel.

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## Adult Confirmation Classes Begin

Learn more on p. 18

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## Youth Confirmation Classes Begin

Confirmation

meetings for youth in grades 10-12 who aren't yet confirmed will be held Sundays, 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m., from Oct. 26 to Nov. 23. Bishop Phoebe will confirm all youth and adult confirmands at the 10:30 a.m. service on Dec. 7. Confirmation lets those baptized as children make their own personal commitment to the church's life and mission as they grow into adulthood. Nathan will send a registration form in Sept.

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## Fall Jamboree

Help us celebrate the changing of the seasons at Calvary's themed dinner, Fall Jamboree. Parish Chef Mary O'Brien's delicious cooking will be accompanied by seasonal decorations, candy centerpieces, music, lights, and a photo-op! Wear your favorite fall colors or a family-friendly costume.

# VESTRY UPDATE

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by Clay Woemmel

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I am writing to you this morning from the beautiful town of Durham in northern England, as Brooks and I join the Calvary Choir during their residency week at the local cathedral. Many thanks to Organist-Choirmaster Kristin Lensch and Associate Organist Jackson Hearn for all their work planning and organizing a fabulous trip, and to the Calvary choir for all the beautiful music this week and always.

Back at home, the Calvary vestry has been working throughout the summer to help things run smoothly as we settle into our newly renovated spaces and complete some small remaining renovation projects.

In May, we said goodbye to the Rev. Paul McLain and his wife, Ruthie, as they were called to a new ministry at Trezevant. Then, in June, we sent the Rev. Scott & Ardelle Walters on sabbatical with our prayers and blessings, wishing them a time of rest and refreshment. While Scott is away, we have greatly benefited from the Rev. Katherine Bush's leadership as we continue to move forward with all our summer programs.

We are also grateful to have the Rev. Eyleen Farmer with us once again, assisting with pastoral care and sharing her outstanding sermons. We are likewise thankful for the Rev. Mimsy Jones and her leadership of our adult formation class this summer.

The vestry members are thrilled to welcome Wesley Rowell as our new minister for congregational care. Senior Warden Jessica Flynn assisted the clergy with interviews, and the hiring recommendation was approved unanimously by the vestry. We look forward to Wesley's ordination at Calvary this fall.

Back in May, vestry members joined with staff and clergy to participate in a theologically-grounded safety and security training with guest presenter Jeanie Garrett. It was a great formation and learning experience, and we gained many excellent ideas from Jeanie. Some of these ideas have already been implemented by the Calvary staff in our refurbished spaces, and we will continue to move toward a comprehensive safety plan upon Scott's return.

We hope that you are enjoying a great summer! Please remember to send in your annual giving and capital campaign pledges as you are able. We depend on each of you to keep all the wonderful things at Calvary going. Together, we will move into fall with new formation opportunities, worship, music, outreach, diocesan convention (hosted at Calvary), and a newcomer welcome party, to name just a few.

# IN CALVARY'S PRAYERS

## Wedding Bells

Andrea Vancil & Luis Herrera - 6/14/25

## New Life

Pallas Wilkerson Beasley, daughter of Ainsley & Battle Beasley - 07/09/25

Laurence Crenshaw Cowan, daughter of Miller & Hunter Cowan - 06/14/25

Edwin Pratt Crenshaw, son of Bridget & Clay Crenshaw - 07/17/27

## Great Expectations

Caroline & Cameron Ellis

Elizabeth Parrish & Hazem Hassan

Brooke & Christian Man

Hudson Teague McFalls Deacon, grandson of Lynda Gayle Deacon and Madge & Whit Deacon - 04/30/25

Maddox Kash Markin, great-grandson of Gayle & Raymond Spence - 05/12/25

Ruby Frances Payton, granddaughter of Allison & Beau Peyton - 06/10/25

## Saints Departed

Zach Brewer, friend of Crady Schneider

Michael Carter, friend of Nina Sublette

Bobby Clements, great uncle of Joseph Powell

Emma Flautt Crisler, friend of Len Grice

Dennis Whitehead Darling, friend of Sarah Squire and Joseph Powell

Minna Thompson Glenn, friend of many

Hilton Hallock, friend of Kendra Martin

Alyson and Josephine Hardin, friends of Gwen Owen

Ida Holmes, mother of the Rev. Julie McKenna

David Johnson, Sr., friend of Kendra Martin

Dr. Wilma Jones, friend of Bill Etnyre

Evelyn Long, great aunt of Clay Woemmel

Jerry Maulden, cousin of Robyn Banks

Charlene (Charlie) Moorefield, mother of Gaby Moorefield

Richard Murray, friend of Jackson Hearn

Dave Price, friend of Joseph Powell

Veda Reed friend of Carissa Hussong & David Lusk

Allen Riggins, brother of Mary Honey

Sally Embry Robertson, sister of Betsy Kelly and cousin of Louis Jehl

Debbie Scott, friend of Bill Bangham

Fred Smith, cousin of Mary O'Brien

Sylvia Strange, friend of Madge & Whit Deacon

Ygondine Sturdivant, cousin of Stella Blocker

Annette Pinkston Thorpe, mother of Edwin Thorpe

Lar'Juanette Williams, friend of Joseph Powell

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*



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## Enneagram Retreat with Sandra Smith Saturday, Nov. 1 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Join nationally recognized Enneagram teacher and spiritual director Sandra Smith for a transformative day of self-discovery and growth. Whether you're new to the Enneagram or seeking to deepen your understanding, this retreat will offer insights into how the Enneagram can illuminate your path toward greater compassion, clarity, and connection—with yourself, others, and God. Registration details coming soon.

## Connect in the Commons

Looking for Rally Day? It's every Sunday! Connect in the Commons is an opportunity for you to get acquainted or re-acquainted with a different ministry every Sunday. Come to the Commons after the 8 and 10:30 a.m. worship services to meet leaders of various ministries and learn where your passions meet the church's needs! Questions? Contact the Rev. Katherine Bush, [kbush@calvarymemphis.org](mailto:kbush@calvarymemphis.org).

