

Calvary *Connection*

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On the Tiptoe of Expectation—Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer, Rector

Dear Friends,

As our friend St. Paul says, it feels like we are on “the tiptoe of expectation.” Once again we find ourselves entering the unknown. But if the truth be told, we are always entering the unknown, we are just lulled into thinking that we know what is coming. There is a prayer in our Book of Common Prayer (p. 528), used at ordinations, that I have always been drawn to:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*



I appreciate being reminded of God’s unchangeable power in the midst of the constant changes in life, and I also need to be reminded from time to time that God is still working God’s purpose out; that “things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new and that all things are being brought to their perfection” through Jesus. There is hopefulness in these words. There is assurance that the job of being Church and doing Christ’s work in the world is not solely up to us.

That said, we do have responsibility to be Church, Christ’s living body, in the world. We do have a role to play in raising up that which has been cast down, and bringing new life to that which has grown old.

Being apart has certainly grown old, and not having in-person services has grown old; we are doing everything we can to plan to come back together as quickly and safely as possible. In an effort to move that along, it would be very helpful if you would let me know when you have been fully vaccinated. Please send me an email or give me a call to let me know you’ve received both of your vaccines.

As we work to bring life back into this space we all love, we are imagining the many possibilities that will bring a new, inviting and exciting face for Calvary in our neighborhood and the city as a whole.

Yours in Christ,
Lee+



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Our New Logo—Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer, Rector

Over the past few months as we began to realize that there actually would be life after a worldwide pandemic, conversations on how Calvary would look and function began to sprout up like daffodils. The ideas that have been bounced around are widely varied, as one would expect, and are each worth exploring. Some can be implemented immediately and others will take more time to consider. The overarching theme has been new life and there is certainly no better time of year to think about new life than as we enter Easter season.

One item on the list that we considered when thinking of who we want to be as we move forward was actually begun before COVID ever came to be in our presence. In January of 2019 Britt Shelton, then our Communications Coordinator, went to the National Episcopal Church FORMA conference in Atlanta, and came back on fire with ideas. One that she was especially keen on was developing a new logo for Calvary. She had attended a workshop on how churches present themselves, and the current trends on what is inviting and attractive. One thing that stood out strongly for Britt was that folks, especially younger and unchurched folks, are put off by shields. In the minds of many a shield represents clans, groups of folks who are not inclusive, nor welcoming; shields are seen as militaristic and dominating, and I know that is not the face we want to put out in the community. Further, our most recent logo (we have had many through the years) is very expensive to reproduce because it has four colors and is not easily transferred to a variety of textures or formats.

Unfortunately, after Britt left and COVID arrived the work of developing a new logo was put on the back burner. Recently, I began working with a graphic designer to consider what sort of symbol would be unique to Calvary, and would be inviting and open, welcoming and pleasing to the eye. On Tuesday, March 23, the vestry met and, with a slight modification, approved the new logo. The logo is a symbolic rendering of the Calvary Cross. Below you can see some of the many places that this symbol is found: throughout the nave, for example, at the top of the Ascension window, across the balcony front, above the chairs in the Sanctuary, on the font, and in the Rector's office.

I'm very excited about the possibilities we have for welcoming folks to Calvary and presenting Calvary as a warm and welcoming, enthusiastic community and Spiritual Home for all.



The Inspiration



The Logo



The Vestry Voice—Donna Duvall, 2020 (extended) Vestry Secretary

The Vestry met in a Zoom Room on February 23, 2021, with the following items of note:

- The Rector reported that Holy Week services will be joint with the Urban Partnership churches: Calvary, St. George, Our Merciful Savior, and Christ Church Cathedral.
- Lenten activities include the recitals at noon on Wednesdays and the Urban Partnership Bible study on Wednesday evenings. Both are online.
- Reports on our Facebook Live Sunday Services indicate that 445 people watched the entire service recently.
- The food ministry had to take one week off due to the winter weather making the outdoor surfaces dangerous. We continue to feed the needy and are open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9:30 until 12:30. We need more volunteers.
- Improvements to the Church buildings move along: The family bathroom is almost completed; the cabinets for the food closet have been received and will be installed soon; the contract for the organ restoration has been signed; the architects are working with the contractor to finish preparations for accessibility construction; stone for the new monument sign has been chosen.
- Financials: For the month of December, revenues were \$54,072.11 (\$30,000 being investment income). Expenses were \$38,093.11. Net Operating revenue/expense was \$15,979.00. Year end actual revenues were \$ 567,618.53 and Year end actual expenses were \$534,758.27 for a Year end net operating revenue/expense of \$32,860.26. Finances for the month of January: revenues were \$88,066.19 (\$30,000 being investment income). Expenses were \$46,837.48. Net Operating revenue/expense was \$41,228.71.

We need YOU to tell us how you spent your 'Covid Stay-cation' in 2020.

Calvary will be producing a special edition of the Connection in April, consisting solely of articles from our members about their lives during lockdown. Did you:

- Pick up a new Hobby?
- Catch up on your Reading?
- Adopt a Pet?
- Make new Friends?
- Learn to use Zoom?
- Change jobs?
- Move?
- Work from home?
- Take on a home improvement project?

Anything and everything you would like to share -

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We would love to see **pictures** of your kids, grandkids, fur babies, gardens - whatever got you through.

The deadline for submissions is **April 10th**, but please don't wait.

Email submissions to rector@calvaryepiscopal.org.



Easter Reflections— *Linda French, Senior Warden*

As a child, the phrase “He is risen!” brought joy to my heart. My friends and I knew that Christ had been crucified to take away our sins and that He had risen from the dead. We didn’t understand with any deep or philosophical undertones. We simply knew and accepted that Christ would be with us forever! As I look back, I wonder if that isn’t the best kind of understanding that exists. It still brings me joy to hear those three words and to recall when this understanding began.

We had a “Sunrise Service” on Easter morning. There would be 300-400 parishioners at the 11 a.m. service, but a group of perhaps 70 would drive in the dark to the top of the local park to await the sun. As the adults held lanterns, we all sang hymns in the glowing light. At the crack of dawn, the sun would burst across our group and the words “He is risen!” would reverberate across the treetops below. What excitement and what joy!

Following the pronouncement and a prayer of thanks, we would hurry to our cars for the drive back to church. In the days when little girls wore flowered hats, new dresses, and white gloves, we once made a dreadful mistake. Running, we lost footing and had little girls with torn hats and soiled gloves rolling towards their cars. Our mothers temporarily forgot their Christianity in the anger that ensued, but it didn’t dampen our joy for the day. We remained happy no matter what!

There is nothing that can separate us from the knowledge that He is risen and that He is with us through every minute of every day. He is there to share our joy and to guide us through our troubles. He is risen!

May God be with Calvary this year as we face the re-opening of our dear church. May God be with you as we face important decisions on how we go forward. There is nothing to fear because Christ will lead us. He is risen!



Upcoming Schedules: Watch Calvary emails for opportunities to come together online—or perhaps even in person—in the weeks ahead!



Recent Improvements— Stephanie Smith, Junior Warden

In addition to the big construction projects to make Calvary accessible, we have been working on a number of other projects to improve our facilities and our ability to function as we prepare to reopen. Here are some to look forward to seeing for yourself!

The Family Bathroom. This bathroom, located on the hallway between Frazier and Parker is now a fresh, useable space for a family with small children—or a single person desiring more privacy than our multi-stall restrooms across from Parker. Improvements in addition to fresh tile and paint include a grab bar, pull down changing table, touchless faucet, wide counter for diaper bags—and little chairs for small people waiting. Lynne and Jerry Lyndrup made it happen and did a great job on something we’ve been eager to add.



The Food Closet. Literally. These cabinets, 12 feet long, are stuffed with donated food that goes out in our Food Ministry. During Covid-time, that supply took over Frazier’s tables and now it is being organized into these cabinets, as well as the prior storage in the Refrigerator closet and another 12 feet of storage for dry goods in a closet in Parker Hall. This is a signature ministry of our church and we need to store donated supplies, without losing appropriate space for other church functions in Frazier and Parker. These additional storage areas enable that.



The Bride’s Room. There are couples eagerly awaiting their weddings at Calvary! Now that the North Tower has been restored and is a beautiful space, we can return that room in the Narthex to an appropriate space for a bride and her attendants to await their entry into the Church. With the Narthex bathroom close by, places to sit, to hang garment bags or rest bouquets, and lots of mirrors, it is functional and appropriate for these occasions.



Records storage room. To preserve and organize church records, we have a file room in the basement. Thanks to Walt Morris, we have the file cabinets we need to preserve and organize what we need (or want) to keep. A shredding company came in to dispose of a truckload of excess paperwork (after it had been sorted, of course) and we now have records organized in metal cabinets, not in stacks of boxes and shelves piled in various places.





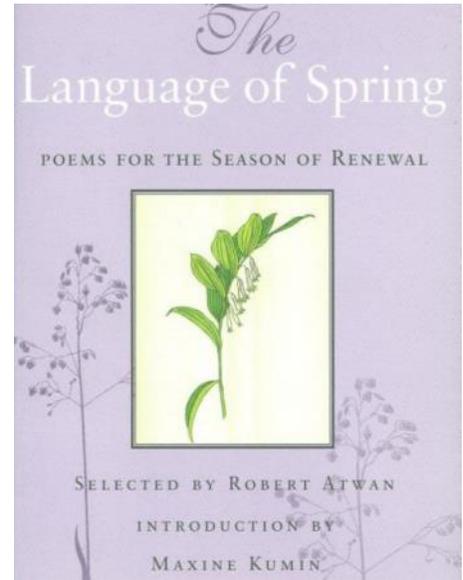
Book Suggestions for Spring—Mary Redden, Book Editor

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

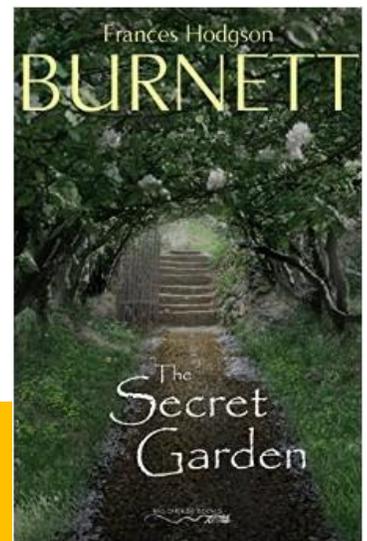
For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will
But which it only needs that we fulfil.—“A Prayer in Spring,” by Robert Frost



After the long, long, LONG “winter of our discontent” we finally see signs of new life emerging. From the construction inside and outside at Calvary, to happy vaccination news, to the flowering of early buds of forsythia, crocus, and primrose in our yards and gardens; hope truly does spring eternal.

After all the heaviness of political strife, sickness, and wretched weather, I have been uplifted by enjoying some simple poems of Spring. **The Language of Spring: Poems for the Season of Renewal**, selected by Robert Atwan, has given me daily moments of joy as I add a poem to my morning devotional. The anthology contains a sampling of poems by Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost, William Shakespeare, and D.H. Lawrence, among many others. Give it a try—it’s a real mood lifter!

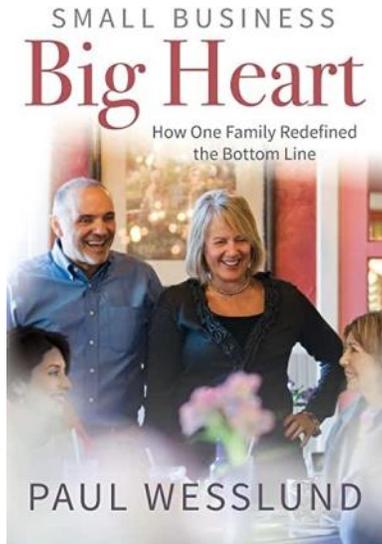
If you are looking for a bedtime book to read to your children or grandchildren, I highly recommend **The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett. This beautiful book about the healing power of nature and friendship is a great read-aloud book that can be spread a chapter at a time through many bedtimes. No children in your household? Don’t let that keep you from revisiting this timeless classic which has been adapted as a feature film, a TV miniseries, and a Broadway musical. (Note: The script and lyrics of the musical were written by playwright Marsha Norman, who hails from Louisville!)





Sunday Forum at Calvary—Sandra Cherry

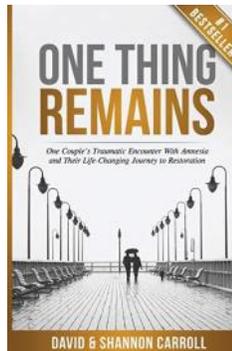
As we look forward to the month of April, we have two authors who will be with us on the Zoom platform to share their books.



Paul Weslund will be with us at 9:00 a.m. on April 11th to discuss his new book: *Small Business, Big Heart—How One Family Redefined the Bottom Line*. It is a story about a Louisville couple, Sal and Cindy Rubino, who were in the restaurant business. After some successes and failures, they decided to be less concerned about the fiscal “bottom line,” but to hire people that needed to find a new life who would work hard to regain their dignity and self-respect. The Rubinos hired refugees, people getting out of prison, people with drug records, and any other souls who needed a second chance in life. Their restaurant is called *The Café* on Brent Street in downtown Louisville.

On April 18, we will be joined by Southern Indiana authors David and Shannon Carroll, who will share the story of their traumatic encounter with amnesia and their life-changing journey to restoration. Their book is titled: *One Thing Remains*. David is a pastor of a growing, thriving church in Southern Indiana while Shannon, a nurse, runs a wellness business.

Both of the books can be ordered on Amazon, or at any bookstore, if you wish to purchase.



Calvary Episcopal Church: Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/309101219?pwd=dzllSmpkSUJnMjhsNTJlOUFpdFdqZz09>

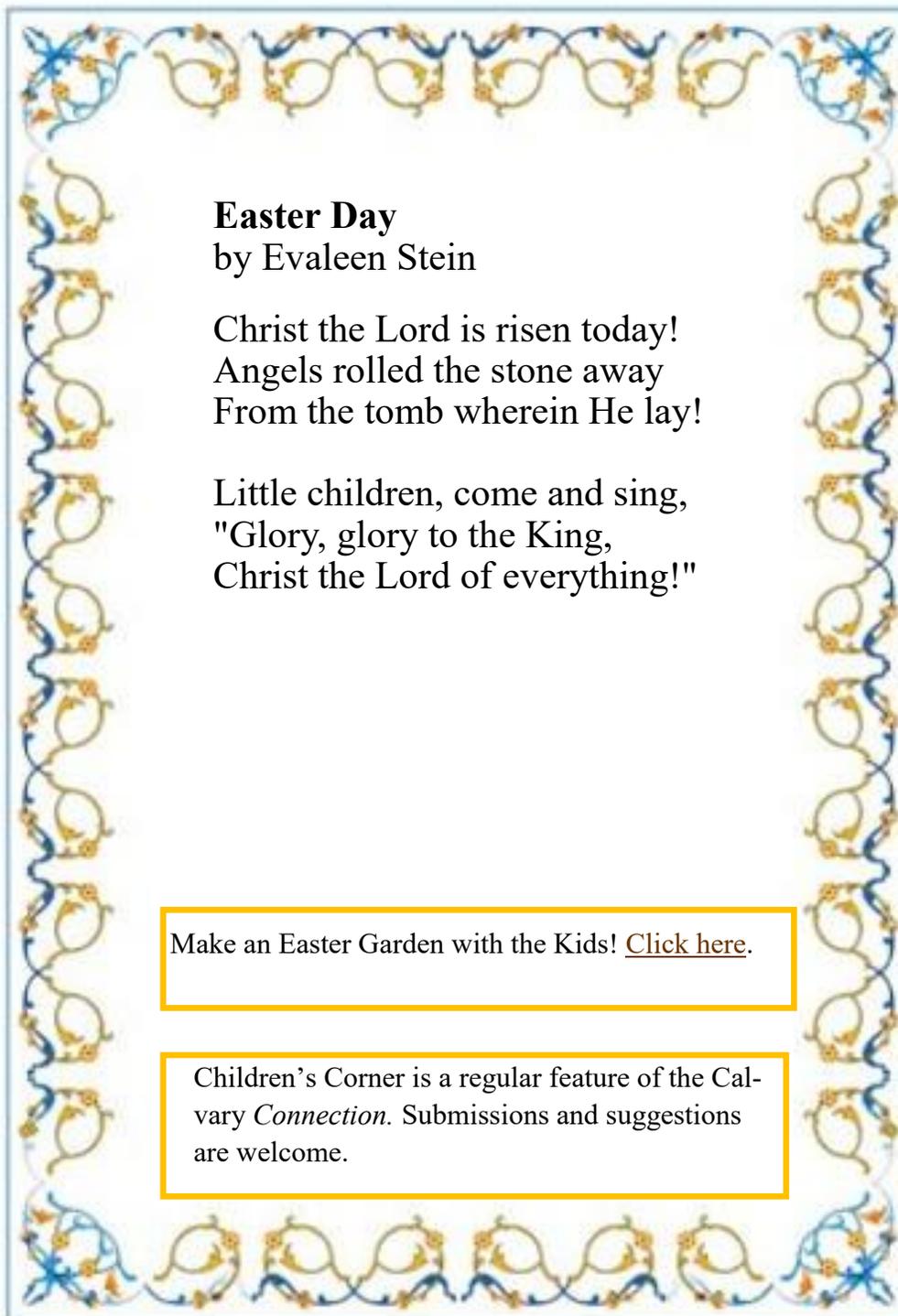
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CHILDREN'S

—please share with the children in your life

ORNER



Easter Day by Evaleen Stein

Christ the Lord is risen today!
Angels rolled the stone away
From the tomb wherein He lay!

Little children, come and sing,
"Glory, glory to the King,
Christ the Lord of everything!"

Make an Easter Garden with the Kids! [Click here.](#)

Children's Corner is a regular feature of the Calvary Connection. Submissions and suggestions are welcome.



Office Hours and Service Times

Sundays

Facebook feed of services only

Thursdays

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist with Anointing (**suspended**)

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 3 pm (**suspended; Mon., Tues., Thurs. 9-noon during pandemic**)

Food and Clothes Closet (**food only, MTT**)

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