



Gratitude, not Fear—Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer, Rector

Dear Friends,

Our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, has reminded us, by pointing us back to Jesus, Gabriel and any number of heavenly hosts, that the opposite of faith is not doubt, but fear. When the Archangel Gabriel approaches Mary with the heavenly plan for the salvation of the world, the words with which he greets her are, “Do not be afraid.” When Jesus appears to the disciples, holed up in a room presumed to be safe after the crucifixion, he, too, tells them not to fear. ‘Do not be afraid’ is the most oft-used phrase by Jesus, seventy times, as noted by one source.

As we find ourselves in the time of the year that we are reminded of our need to be thankful—to have an attitude of gratitude—and as we enter the season of Advent—a season of watching and waiting—I wonder if fear or fearfulness is a stumbling block to our ability to be truly thankful or comfortably to watch and wait for the coming of the Christ child.

During this season perhaps we should hold in mind what Jesus says in John 17:16: “They [the Disciples of Jesus] are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.” We are constantly bombarded by the world telling us that we are not good enough, have not done enough, have not decorated, or cooked, or bought enough. The world of social media has ramped that up even more. The words of Jesus should provide comfort during this worldly season of stress. You are good enough. You have done enough. You are loved beyond compare—just as you are. There is nothing more you need to do. There is nothing more you need to be. You are loved. Do not fear. For this we can be thankful.

God’s peace,
Lee+





The Vestry Voice—Donna Duvall, 2019 Vestry Secretary

The Vestry met on October 22, 2019. There were the following items of note:

- The Rector reported on various topics: She is planning to take communion to the streets, with non-alcoholic wine in disposable cups. She has been approached by the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice for Calvary participation. The Bishop will be at Calvary on October 27. The Diocesan Convention is November 8 & 9, with Meg Scharre and James Moody as delegates and Tom Shafer as alternate. Christmas Eve services will be consolidated into one, at 6 pm with music beforehand at 5:30.
- The Rector’s housing allowance was approved as required by the IRS. It is based on fair rental cost (\$4,000) of her home; The Rector requested \$2,800 (without including utilities and being unfurnished). \$33,600 is to be backed out of the salary.
- Various items about the physical property were discussed, among them that the telephone system is antiquated, the property committee is working on improving the restroom, and plastering and painting work on the North Tower will begin soon.
- Shawn Dawson demonstrated and explained the problems he was experiencing with the organ and presented options for solutions. There was discussion among the Vestry regarding how repairs could be funded.
- For the month of September revenues were \$39,188.55 (\$28,000 being investment income). Expenses were \$39,532.32. Net Operating revenue/expense was (\$343.77). The year-to-date actual revenues were \$433,838.67. YTD actual expenses were \$403,164.10. YTD net operating revenue/expense was 30,674.57.

December Schedules

Sunday Forum

Sundays, 10:00-10:45

Bible Study also meets at the same time, led by Joseph Reece.

Dec. 1—Jordan Williams—*Intergenerational Advent Event*

Dec. 8—Tim Duncan—*“The Spiritual Disciplines of Advent”*

Dec. 15—Jonathan Smith—*Poets of the Hymnal, Series Eight: Christmas Hymns*

Calvary Coffee Hour Hosts

Sun., Dec. 1—Linda & Dean French
Celebrating Saint Nicholas

Sun., Dec. 8 –Donna Duvall

Sun., Dec. 15—Lou Henson

Sun., Dec. 22—Penny & Charlotte Brisson

Sun., Dec. 29—Calvary Care Pizza Party



With Mindful Giving of Thanks—*Linda French, Senior Warden*

When I was a child, celebrating the Thanksgiving Holiday was quite a joyous and busy time. The extended family was young and vibrant. Aunts and Uncles could all travel to be together as one large group. How we looked forward to that time with our loving grandparents, uproariously funny uncles, and adored older cousins. There was also our annual church “potluck” Thanksgiving dinner with friends and with others at the community ecumenical Thanksgiving service.

In later years, we hosted our own family Thanksgiving dinner, attended another with Dean’s large family, and usually hosted a third with my parents, siblings, and the little ones. I have a myriad of good memories from all of those occasions.



My world is smaller now. My dear parents and all but two aunts are no longer with us. Even Dean’s family is smaller than it once was and cannot all travel to be together.

As we face Thanksgiving nowadays, we give thanks to God in a different way. Although it may not be the “fun” that it once was, it has become a time of more “mindful” thanking as we are thankful for those who were given to us to love and those with needs.

And whom can we help? We must step outside our immediate families and extend our hands to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us look around in Calvary’s neighborhood and be aware of those who would not have warm clothing, food, and a special dinner without our help. It seems we can never do too much!

Please permit me to copy part of a quotation from Jimmy Carter. Certain that you have read this already, it still shakes my awareness each time I see it :

“...My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference.”

We praise God that He has given us the strength to help others and to make a difference in His name. There is joy in acknowledging that this giving is what enriches our lives.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving with your families, your friends, your Calvary parishioners, and with all the others God has given us to love.



Ministry of the Month — Margaret Dickinson

Turkey Day!

Turkey Time! On November 26, Calvary will continue its long tradition of providing free turkeys to our clients who have received food from us during the past year. Three hundred of the birds are scheduled for arrival at the crack of dawn on that Tuesday, and the human early birds will already be forming lines for the 9:00 opening, vouchers in hand (we hope!). Arriving at the north entrance, they will be welcomed into a veritable “shopping mall” of clothing in Frazier Hall (all free, of course), and then on to Parker Hall to pick up the turkey. There they are also invited to linger over coffee or hot cider, popcorn and donuts, and enjoy the fellowship of both clients and volunteers.



When the morning is over, the fellowship among the volunteers extends through a joyful lunch together.

As one of the original “turkeys “ who founded this chaotic, joyful event years ago, I have many wonderful memories. To name a few: Harold Six and Steve Shelton running all over the city in a truck gathering the cheapest turkeys; contractor John Campbell donating many turkeys in support of our mission as his men built the 1994 addition; 500 people sitting in the church pews waiting, with snow outside, gazing at the beauty inside; a record 900 turkeys given out one year with the theme “buy one for you, buy one for the needy;” and Bonnie Fritschner and the “Bobbsey Twins” (stellar sisters who supply clothing every Tuesday) making sure everyone is warmly clothed. And, if you like, ask me for some of the unprintable memories, of which there are many also.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 26 for a stimulating session of neighborly love and thanksgiving.



“Ministry of the Month” will appear in each issue of the *Calvary Connection*, to enhance and encourage participation in the life, worship, and outreach of the parish. For more information on the various ministries, go to the [Calvary Web Site](#).



For All the Saints—Ben Sanders A Pair of Beloved Saints: Lois and Pat O’Hara

The season surrounding All Saints Day provides an occasion for remembering people who have made a lasting and good impression on their earthly companions. On November 1, I sat still for a few minutes traveling in memory over all the landscape of my years in ordained ministry. As I turned over each visualization, the faces of friends scrolled by. Each contributed blessings of faith, hope, and love, often in ways that remain beyond the power of the senses to perceive. The effect, though, is to give me incentive to keep on course and not lose heart.

Pat and Lois O’Hara take a special place in this panoply of saints I remember. As a married couple they demonstrated the magic attraction of opposites. Pat came across as outspoken, garrulous, and in charge of the moment. Lois, however, remained a quiet presence, seldom raising her voice or dominating any scene. But how deceiving these surface appearances are! Pat, singer and poet, reminds us in his poem, “Hiding in the Front Row,” that when his mom asked him to sing after dinner to entertain his father, he would hide in the hall closet to sing, “thinking Pa wouldn’t know who it was.” His poem ends with singing the Hallelujah Chorus in the Bach Society or Calvary’s choir, Pat contributing his part in the bass section, “hiding in the front row.”

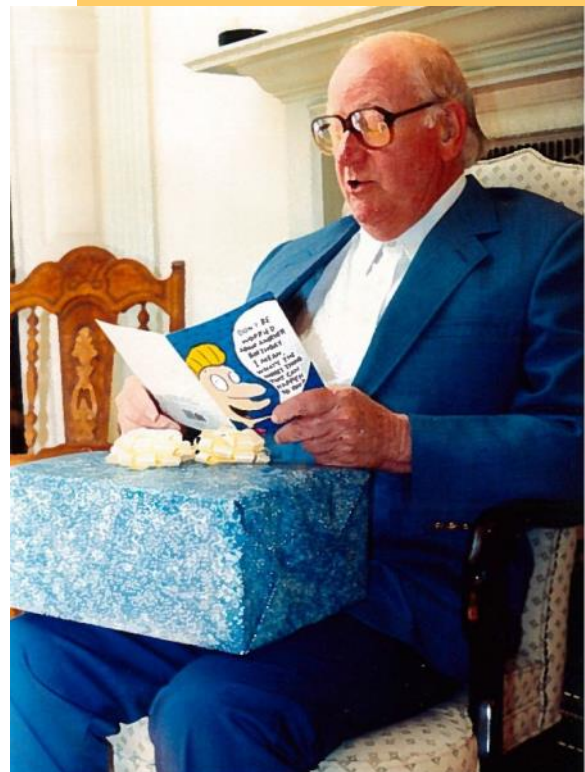
Listening to Pat’s poetry gave me an appreciation of the inner geography of this outwardly vocal but inwardly contemplative man. In a poem entitled “Poem Climbing” he writes,

It’s easy this climbing, easy
As one rock after another.
It is easy, the first plateau.

You sit savoring the climb.
On three sides, like leaves
On a tree, toil those you left,

Travelers on the inky road below.
But you look down on sparrows,
You do not menace eagles.

Ahead climb bare peaks.





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Pat's burial inaugurated Calvary's Burial Ground, on January 13, 1996.

And what of Lois, the quiet cat lover who delighted in wearing pink but otherwise had no desire to stand out? Ever the precise and organized person, she made a perfect example of her vocation at Male High School where she taught business practices to generations of Louisvillians. In retirement her life centered in their A-frame home in Anchorage, entertaining friends at festive meals, and serving the Bach Society at the ticket table for each concert. In Calvary she became a fixture as the Clerk of our Annual Meeting. Her prose summaries of those deliberations distilled our ramblings into clarity. Such grace!

On a personal level, Lois came to serve as my wife Mary's second mother, bringing comfort and stability whenever life in the Sanders household or the world of neonatal nursing filled with stress. She also appeared to sustain us at weddings of our children and the burial of Mary's mother. Just being with us then meant more than any words could express.

In one of his poems entitled, "Things That Last", Pat writes this about Lois and her beloved cat:

His mistress lifts him
Like a newborn baby—
He protests weakly—
Turning him on his back
Into the crook of her left arm.
The protest becomes song.

"Your fine things," she says,
"If you coddle them,
Last almost forever."

Amen. The fine things often come wrapped in the warm uniqueness of personal qualities and habits. For all the fine, small, comforting memories of two wonderful friends to many, I give praise to God now and always.

Lois was buried at Calvary on July 21, 2018. Requiescat in pace.





Living Our Why— Meg Scharre

Report on the 192nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Kentucky

With the theme “Living our Why,” the Diocese of Kentucky held its annual convention November 8-9, 2019, at Christ Church Cathedral in Louisville. Calvary was represented by our rector, Dr. Lee Shafer, and two lay deputies, James Moody and Meg Scharre. With participants representing 31 congregations from around the Diocese, the meeting was upbeat and congenial.

The theme was chosen to emphasize the importance of understanding and sharing with others *why* we offer the ministries that we do. We have found connection to God and are ever searching to deepen that relationship and we find it important to do so with others on the same journey. To convey this to others – to “evangelize” - we need to go beyond simply telling others **what** we do within our parish life and ministries and **how** we do it, to share our very reasons for our faith – the **why**. Convention attendees participated in group discussions to begin to explore the *whys* for our Diocese.

Several workshops were offered to clergy and lay deputies, covering a range of topics:

- Church Media as Evangelism
- Deep Green Gospel: Proclaiming and Becoming Good News to all Creation
- Racial Reconciliation Task Force
- The Way of Love
- Dismantling Racism
- Light from Light: Engaging the Nicene Creed in the 21st Century
- Living from the “Why”
- Mental Health/Substance Task Force

During the business meeting, our rector, Dr. Shafer, was elected to Trustees and Council. This is the committee that manages the temporal affairs of the Diocese. In effect, it serves as the “vestry” to the Bishop, formulating long-range plans as well as making immediate decisions about the life and work of the Diocese.

James Moody, a parishioner at Calvary, was elected as an alternate deputy to the General Convention, which will be held in Baltimore in 2021.

Ben Sanders, Calvary’s rector emeritus, will continue on the Disciplinary Board for Ecclesiastical Discipline. Meg Scharre will continue on the Diocese Church Pension Fund Committee.

On a final business note, the convention adopted a budget for 2020 in the amount of \$1,753,097. If anyone would like details on Diocesan committees or the budget, please see any of us.

The next Diocesan Convention will be held at Grace Church, Paducah, November 13-14, 2020.





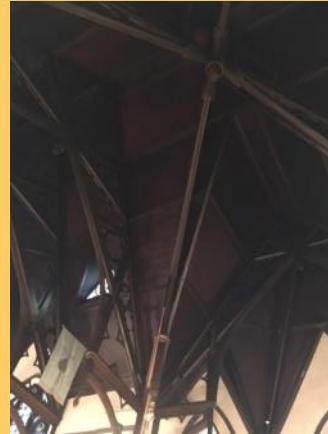
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Five Things You May not Have Known—Stephanie Smith

(Note: these items are part of the preparation of a new brochure for Calvary visitors, to be published soon.)



1. The hammer beam ceiling is of Norwegian spruce and is designed after the 14th-century ceiling of Westminster Hall in London.



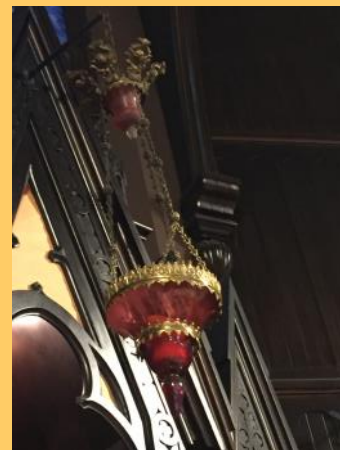
2. The south steeple was the only cut-stone spire in America until 1943.

3. We have two 17th-century three-and-a-half feet tall candlesticks which were on an altar at Canterbury Cathedral for centuries and were damaged when the Nazis bombed the Cathedral in 1942. (You will see one of them as the base for the Advent wreath. Next year the pair will be restored and returned to the Sanctuary.)



4. Not only do we have windows from the Tiffany Studios, but the altar rail was also designed by the Tiffany Studios.

5. The 17th-century Spanish ruby glass and brass Sanctuary light above the altar was a gift—which had been acquired by the donor in return for a case of wine!





CEEP 2020 Update— Cindy Curry

Q. What's the latest word on CEEP2020?

A. **V-O-L-U-N-T-E-E-R** is the latest word on the Annual Gathering of the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes which Calvary is hosting Feb. 19-22, **2020!** The event, which will be held at the Omni Hotel in downtown Louisville, will require volunteers from Tuesday, Feb. 18 through Saturday, Feb. 22 to assist in 'stuffing' information bags for the anticipated 500+ attendees and offering guidance/answering questions during the 3+ days of activities. Since the Opening Eucharist will be celebrated at Calvary, followed by Dinner (to be held at Christ Church Cathedral) on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 20, volunteers will also be needed to welcome attendees and guests and to provide hospitality for those events.

Q. How do I sign up to help?

A. A schedule of opportunities will be provided in Frazier Hall and you are invited to add your name to any 'shift(s)' on which you wish to serve. About a dozen 'Calvaryites' have already indicated their intention to participate, and volunteering is also open to interested individuals outside the parish. **NOTE: Volunteers may attend conference sessions free of charge on the days they are serving.**

Q. How can I find out more about the conference? A. To learn about the details & see a complete listing of offerings during the 3 & 1/2-day Annual Gathering, just go to the network's website, www.ceepnetwork.org, and click on 'Annual Gatherings,' then on '2020 Louisville.' Clicking on the 'Register Now' button will access detailed information about the Smart Start sessions, agenda, and workshops being offered. You are encouraged to explore the site menu to learn more about CEEP and its stated mission of **Strengthening Leaders for a Changing Church**. The theme of the 2020 gathering is **Leading Beyond the Walls**, which focuses on developing avenues and strategies to take the Church – grounded in its Faith and Practice – into our broken world, making its ministry available to communities and people in non-traditional ways....

Q. Who are some of the speakers scheduled to present at the conference?

A. The Rev. Adam Hamilton, Founding Pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, will deliver the Annual Gathering Keynote Address on *Leading Beyond the Walls*. The Church Report named Hamilton's congregation 'the most influential mainline church in America' and he preached at the National Prayer Service as part of the presidential inauguration festivities in 2013.

In addition, a Presenting Speaker is Bob Chapman, Chairman and CEO of St. Louis-based Barry-Wehmiller, a \$2.5B global manufacturing business with 11,000 team members. He was recently named the #3 CEO in the world in an *Inc.* magazine article, and 'is very intentional about using his platform as a business leader to build a better world.' He will be speaking about *The Privilege of Leadership: The Courage to Care*.

Another Presenting Speaker is the Very Rev. Michael Battle, Ph.D. He is currently the Herbert Thompson Professor of Church and Society and Director of the Desmond Tutu Center at General Theological Seminary in New York City, and will discuss *Saints in Ordinary Time: Desmond Tutu and Accepting the Call to Reconciling Work Beyond Our Walls*.

Preaching at the **Opening Eucharist at Calvary** will be The Rev. Winnie Varghese, who is a priest on the Strategic Clergy team at Trinity Church Wall Street. She previously was the rector of St. Mark's in the Bowery, a historic Episcopal congregation in New York City, and has also served as the Episcopal Chaplain at Columbia University.

Please contact your Calvary Host Planning Committee (The Rev. Dr. Lee Shafer, Meg Scharre, Bart Brown, Jamie Hendon, and Cindy Curry) with any questions or to volunteer.



CHILDREN'S

—please share with the children in your life

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SARAH CYNTHIA SYLVIA STOUT

By Shel Silverstein



Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout
Would not take the garbage out!
She'd scour the pots and scrape the pans,
Candy the yams and spice the hams,
And though her daddy would scream and shout,
She simply would not take the garbage out.
And so it piled up to the ceilings:
Coffee grounds, potato peelings,
Brown bananas, rotten peas,
Chunks of sour cottage cheese.
It filled the can, it covered the floor,
It cracked the window and blocked the door
With bacon rinds and chicken bones,
Drippy ends of ice cream cones,
Prune pits, peach pits, orange peel,
Gloppy glumps of cold oatmeal,
Pizza crusts and withered greens,
Soggy beans and tangerines,
Crusts of black burned buttered toast,
Gristly bits of beefy roasts. . .
The garbage rolled on down the hall,
It raised the roof, it broke the wall. . .
Greasy napkins, cookie crumbs,
Globs of gooey bubble gum,

Cellophane from green baloney,
Rubbery blubbery macaroni,
Peanut butter, caked and dry,
Curdled milk and crusts of pie,
Moldy melons, dried-up mustard,
Eggshells mixed with lemon custard,
Cold french fries and rancid meat,
Yellow lumps of Cream of Wheat.
At last the garbage reached so high
That it finally touched the sky.
And all the neighbors moved away,
And none of her friends would come to play.
And finally Sarah Cynthia Stout said,
"OK, I'll take the garbage out!"
But then, of course, it was too late. . .
The garbage reached across the state,
From New York to the Golden Gate.
And there, in the garbage she did hate,
Poor Sarah met an awful fate,
That I cannot now relate
Because the hour is much too late.
But children, remember Sarah Stout
And always take the garbage out!

If you are reading the Calvary Connection online, click [this link](#) to go to Bible-related coloring and games. Enjoy!

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



Office Hours and Service Times

Sundays

8:30 am Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Traditional Language)

11 am Holy Eucharist - Rite II with Choir

Thursdays

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist with Anointing

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