

Come! Share the Day!

Bishop White will be with us on Sunday, October 28th for Baptism, Confirmation, the Holy Eucharist and a grand “Coffee Hour”. Make sure that you have this on your calendar! There will not be an 8:30 service on that day and all of the Sunday school classes, including the Adult Forum led by Bishop White, will meet at 10:00. Then together we can gather for worship at 11:00. This will be a time to celebrate all that has been going on here for the last year.

Since the start of the school year, the ministries at Calvary have become greatly enhanced in many ways. Consider that the Sunday School now has three classes where there was only one last year and Britt is continuing to work to continue to get the word out about this. The Adult Forum is having great attendance which is due to the many great offerings. The Coffee Hour has grown in its many manifestations and continues to provide food and beverage around which we can gather for fellowship. The food and clothing ministry and that of the Calvary Well continue to care for the needs of many in our neighborhood. The Stewardship Committee has managed a comprehensive program to help fund these and the many other ways in which our faith is expressed in action. Our music ministry supports our worship and also provides other grand occasions like the Sacred Arts series. The Search Committee has been faithful and diligent and is now close to completing its work after fourteen months of this ministry.

In this piece I would like to lift up an aspect of our music program that has been mentioned in times past but, to my knowledge, has not been fully developed. I admit that until recently, I had viewed the Sacred Arts offerings and other special presentations as a time for us to enjoy these grand musical experiences and that certainly may have been the case. Although we have always publicized these offerings to the community around us, it seems to me that what we have not done is to use these programs to their full potential as an opportunity to invite our friends and neighbors to join us.

I understand that it is not always an easy thing for most Episcopalians to invite friends and neighbors to come with them to church on Sunday mornings. It is much easier to say “Come with me to listen to some outstanding music on a Sunday afternoon”. Our next Sacred Arts presentation is Sunday, October 28th. (Yes, we are well aware that that is the same day as Bishop White’s visit.) This is a Bach Vespers worship offering. John Hale will begin the program with a presentation about the music at 3:30 and the program will continue with a Bach cantata at 4:00. When you come, please sit near the front. The choir will sing primarily from the steps between the nave (where the congregation sits) and the chancel where the choir usually is. We also will be using a special organ which will be placed facing the choir on the nave level.

So, plan to come and share with us in a great day of enjoyment.



Fr. John Allen

Interim Priest

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The Blessing of the Animals



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The Vestry Voice

The Vestry met on October 16, 2018. There were the following items of note:

- The Search process continues to move along, and we anticipate making a call before the end of October. We established terms, such as salary and benefits, of a Letter of Agreement to be offered with the call.
- At the request of our Director of Music, Shawn Dawson, we established an Organ Committee to gather information about our organ, any issues related to it and, if needed, possible options. This is a task which had been included in the job description for his position.
- We continue our focus on improved accessibility for all in the Church property. The Property Committee is working on getting the door buttons in place by the end of the year as a first step in that process. They have needed to spend more than was budgeted on general facilities maintenance and the vestry approved that spending and any more from that account for necessary repair and maintenance before the end of the year.
- The Stewardship Committee is working on the fall campaign and reported that 53 of the goal of 92 pledges have been received, for a total of \$144,650 against our goal of \$241,335.
- We reviewed our financial position. The September financials showed revenue of \$38,521 (of which \$27,916 was investment income from our endowment) against budget of \$47,125 and expenses of \$43,952 against budget of \$47,125 for a net negative of \$5,431. YTD we are at \$57,007 against budget of \$0. We have received the first of funds from Lois O'Hara's estate.
- The budget process for 2019 has begun.

Stephanie Smith—2018 Vestry Secretary



Note From the Editor

For the past two years, I've enjoyed the process of editing and putting the Connection together each month. I've always been provided with such wonderful content by so many people.

Now, it's time for a change.

Changing faces in any situation typically brings up fresh ideas and new ways of doing things. Where I may have fallen into the "same-old-way" tendencies, a new person has to ability, and the eye, to take the Connection beyond where it is now.

Jonathan Smith has kindly agreed to take over. During the next couple months, Jon and I will work closely together to make the transition from one editor to another a seamless one.

David Stewart

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Coffee Hour Schedule

Join Us Every Sunday at 12:15

Nov. 4 Sunday School and Bridge the Gap

Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY—Donna Duvall and Corky Sachs

Nov. 18 THANKSGIVING—Susan & Nick Baker; Ted Mussler & Lou Henson

Nov. 25 THANKSGIVING LEFTOVERS—James Moody & Bart Brown with Special Guest: Mr. Turkey, himself!

Adult Forum Schedule

Sundays, 10:00-10:45

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Oct. 21: Jonathan Smith---Poets of the Hymnal, Series 3

Oct. 28: Bishop White

Laundry Love

The Urban Partnership hosts the Laundry Love Initiative on Nov. 8 and Nov. 13.

Everyone is welcome to assist even when Calvary is not the host.

If you have questions, please contact:

Jennifer Kling, Urban Partnership Liaison at 502-905-5586

ESL

Please spread the word about English As a Second Language (ESL) classes at Calvary!

Each Thursday @ 10AM—Frazier Hall



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Rector Search Committee

The Rector Search Committee will soon recommend someone we feel God has placed to be near us, to help us, to comfort us, to guide us in all our earthly endeavors. Someone who listens to our stories and recognizes our needs, calms our fears, shares and celebrates our joys and has the personal gift to seek God's everlasting light in our darkest hours.

Pray for our discernment of God's presence in our midst. Pray for Calvary's next Rector. It is a sacred duty.

Deborah Stewart – Chair Rector Search Committee



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2019—A Year of Celebration

Undeniably, for several years, Calvary has had to weather some stormy times that have tested our faith and future. But by the grace of God, a congregation that pulls together in good times and bad, and steadfast, loving guidance from Father John and Mother Elizabeth, Calvary has navigated through the storms into calmer waters. 2019 promises to be a banner year of celebration!

We will soon have a new, permanent rector. The Search Committee has done extraordinary work and is working still to bring forth its recommendation for a rector from a group of highly qualified finalists. The committee has been diligent in voicing our strengths and hopes to candidates while listening intently to how those candidates relate to those hopes and the skills and passion they bring to the vision.

As always, Calvary has not stood still while awaiting the coming of a new rector. We've all put in hard work to stabilize our community. We've lovingly reached out to our neighbors. We've cared for each other in times of loss or celebration.

The work is not, and never will be completely, done; but we and our new rector can look to 2019 with great anticipation. We can look at how far we've come – into joy and out of despair. The heavy lifting has been done. Now let's get ready to celebrate!

Peace,

Don Snow - Senior Warden

Marion Six



Many thanks to everyone who sent a card to Marion Six to help her celebrate her 90th birthday. She received 30 cards! Margaret Dickinson visited Marion and took this wonderful photo to share with the rest of us.

Happy Ninetieth Birthday, Marion!

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Sharing Faith Dinners

When have you had a conversation about your faith? What did you learn?

From the beginning, this was the premise of the National Episcopal Church initiative for Sharing Faith Dinners. Calvary was willing to participate from the first announcement in August. We were somewhat timid, but ready to give it a try.

With 61 participants in 5 different homes, we exceeded all expectations and learned that we actually needed at least 7 homes. We had to invite additional moderators and to divide ourselves into smaller groups. It was an easy concession for a worthy cause.

Around the table with friends enjoying delicious food (lasagna being a favorite!), we learned to become comfortable in vocalizing our faith. It was a surprisingly humbling experience.

What did we learn? We learned about each other's experiences and, report after report stated that we developed a stronger bond to our Calvary parishioners and to a sense of community.

There were no photographs taken at these evenings. It was a time of intimacy where cameras seemed inappropriate. We drew closer to God and closer to each other through the endeavor. Many have said they would like us to do it again next year. And so we shall!

My sincerest gratitude to the hosts: Margaret Dickinson, Dean French, Jean and Art Dietz, Corky Sachs, Meg Scharre, and David Stewart.

...and to the Moderators: John Allen, Tim Duncan, Linda French, James Moody, Don Snow, and Deborah Stewart.

Calvary has been blessed by your good work in God's name.

Linda French - Junior Warden

When has God surprised you?

What is your favorite part of worship? Why?

When have you experienced belonging?

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Calvary's Outreach

Reaching out? What's new in outreach? While all of the "old" volunteers still continue with food, clothing, and Calvary's Well, we do have some new people and venues to stir the pot. All of us are emotionally addicted.

By now, most people are aware of our change of venue for the routine morning distribution of food and clothing. Parker Hall has been our dream for a long time, and one day an entry emergency caused us to transfer operations to that site. Everyone loved the additional space, the beautiful garden entry, the handicap accessibility, and the hospitality the sitting opportunities offered. With Fr. John's blessing and those of others in charge, we have stayed! It is great, and the north entry is happier as well!

We also changed venue for Calvary's Well, moving across the street from the original Salvation Army property and to the corner nearest the Underpass at Floyd and Breck. Much more room now for Thursday afternoon distribution of our popcorn, sandwiches, cookies, lemonade, bottled water, clothing of all sorts, and general care for our homeless brothers and sisters. Jon Smith is a one man pruning phenom, clearing brush from the fences and filling huge bags of trash wherever he goes.

We always welcome others to join our outreach efforts and

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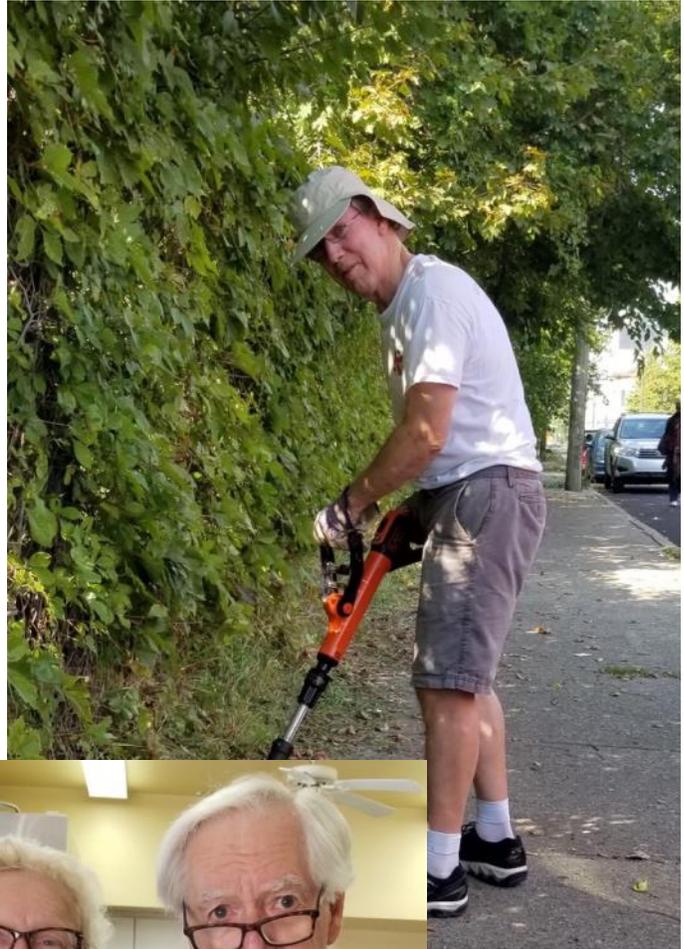
are grateful for at least four new volunteers who have entered the fields of giving: Cindy Allen, who spreads a mean PBJ and loves serving lemonade; Andrea Morris, who volunteers for food and clothing duty every Monday; Sandy Peterson, whose specialty has become bagging chicken legs!!!!; and Joan Wempe, who assists in all of our marathon Thursday operations and made the ultimate sacrifice last Sunday of arising at 6:00 am to procure our Costco baked goods gifts!

So new and old work together to serve our clients in the best ways we can. We reach out to them and they reach out to us, and we all are the better for the opportunities we have. Interested? Always room for more!!!

Margaret Dickinson on behalf of the Calvary Outreach Team

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Calvary People



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The Garden of Goodness Picnic

Suddenly we had cold winds and too much rain! Just one week ago, we would have been complaining about the heat and humidity. But the picnic had been planned and we moved forward. On Saturday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m., there were 42 attendees with 12 from Calvary! We were well represented.

The Garden of Goodness picnic is one of the unifying activities of the Urban Partnership led by Canon Jason Lewis and with Jennie Kling as our Calvary committee member. The Partnership is intended to offer venues for the seven Episcopal churches of membership to work together and enjoy each other's fellowship.

Bruce Cohen (shown in photograph) is the owner of the piece of property which provides the area for the community garden. On sunny afternoons, Bruce can be seen there working in the garden along with Tim Duncan, Ruth Robins, and others. It is a downtown community area for sitting in the shade, enjoying the sounds of nature, and for planting or harvesting the fruits and vegetables.

There was an abundance of food, fun, and fellowship. Thanks to Bart Brown for being the Master Griller and for all who stopped by to eat and visit. Look at the photos for an idea of the evening and plan to join us next year!

Linda French - Junior Warden



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Every Member Canvas

Our beloved church has many missions. Its central mission is spiritual: the regular reading of Scripture, centering on the Gospel's message of open-hearted love and acceptance of others. As part of its spiritual life, Calvary provides services of shared communion that renew our ties to Jesus and to one another. We offer prayers for ourselves and for the world and we provide ministries of music and Christian fellowship.

Calvary is also committed to providing material support for those in need in our congregation and throughout the wider community.

Once a year, Calvary calls on each of us for sustaining contributions that go beyond our Sunday offerings to the collection plate. This call from our church is known as the Every Member Canvass (EMC). As we make these annual pledges and renewed commitments, we join spiritually with other Episcopal congregations throughout North America. We also renew our tie to Calvary's founders. The original congregation of our church set an example to us by raising the money to buy the land on Fourth Street, and then to build this church, stone by stone, from its deep foundations to the cross atop the steeple. Look up at the West Window the next time you leave after a service – the money for the stained glass was raised by the children of the Sunday school.

We have reached a turning point in the existence of our beloved church, now more than 150 years old. After weathering many crises and uncertainties, Calvary is surging forward once again in its preparation to call a new rector. It is up to each one of us to ensure the momentum continues. We must also commit ourselves to expanding Calvary's mission of vigorous outreach programs. These activities have transformed Calvary into a central place for our neighborhood initiatives ranging from free music lessons to regular meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous. And here at our church, thanks to your donations, food and clothing are distributed daily to those in need.

As you believe in Calvary's mission, we are now most urgently beseeching you to increase your pledge of support for Calvary in the coming year. Please help our church continue its work, both in our own lives and in the lives of hundreds more throughout the city.

Gratefully,

John Hale, Chair

EMC Committee

Meg Scharre, Chair

EMC Committee

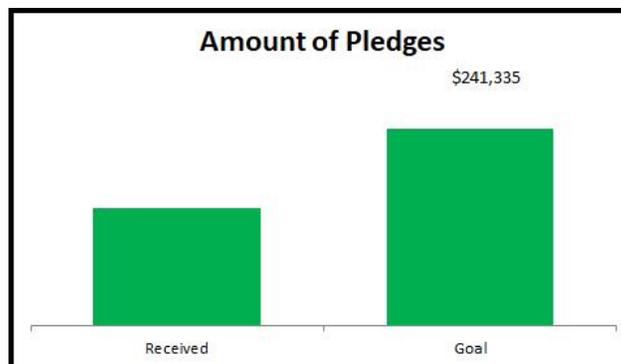
Bart Brown, Chair

Stewardship Committee

As we make these annual pledges, we renew our commitment to God and to our mission to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ the center of our life and work through support of our beloved church. We are counting on everyone to participate so the Vestry can create a budget for 2019. You may fill out a pledge card or make your pledge online at Calvaryepiscopal.org.

As of October 10, we have received 52 pledges totaling \$144,375.

Thank you for your commitment to Calvary!





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Calvary Episcopal Church is a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky. Calvary is a vibrant community of faith in downtown Louisville. We strive to make the Gospel known in worship, word, and action. Calvary draws its members from all walks of life, and many different neighborhoods in and around Louisville. We take great joy in the way our members join together in worship of God and in service, drawing on our many backgrounds.

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"And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love..."