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Number Nine is my favorite Station of the Cross at Calvary.

Look at it next time you're here. It's the one by the Lady Altar where you can kneel and light a candle and say a prayer. It depicts Jesus falling for the third time while he is carrying his cross from Pilate's judgement seat to Calvary. *Third time.* Before this Jesus has been whipped, beaten, spit upon, and publicly humiliated. Before that his friends betrayed him and denied him. Then scattered from him. He's already fallen twice. This time it looks like he is down for a KO. His face is planted on the hard ground. His eyes are closed. If you didn't know the story you might suspect he is sleeping. Except his jaw bears a pained grimace. The soldier can hardly pull his heavy body up. The most powerful human being in the world is exhausted. Hurting. Possibly in shock. Done. And he has so much farther to go. He's not even nearly there. He still has yet to travel the longest 2 miles: the distance between loss and forgiveness, then between life and death.

I recently fell while running. Had I not been wearing long pants I would have needed stitches in one knee. While sutures were not required, that one untied shoe lace is a constant reminder of how fast the ground can come up on someone who's just going about their mission.

In my personal life and in the Church at large, I often meditate on number nine: that place where all has been given and there is simply nothing more. But then there is. The mission.

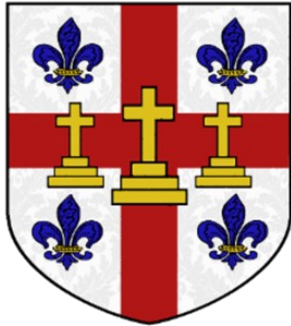
The elected leadership of Calvary, your vestry, has begun the conversation of mapping Calvary's assets. This conversation asks Where are our strengths? What do we do best? Who are our resources? We have a lot going for us. If you want to see the map up close visit Parker Hall and look on the wall. But all of those strengths, as wonderful as they are, will at some time be challenged by number nine moments. Some impacts hit the ground so hard that it may even feel like there are no assets to map. Perhaps. But one thing we always have even when our faces smooshed into the cement, is His mission. And that mission will take us all the way from loss to forgiveness, life to death, death to resurrection. Not because we are strong, or the best, or sit upon heaps of resources, rather because we cling to the mission even when it may feel like we are miles from it. Lent starts March 1 and provides the opportunity to judge the distance between where we are and where God is calling us. Let's go there together, through **all** the stations along the way.

The Rev. H Elizabeth Back
Priest-in-Charge



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Save the Dates



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The 2017 Lenten Recital and Luncheon Series begins March 8

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT at 12:05



GLENNA METCALFE, Organist at Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, begins our 28th annual Lenten Recital Series on March 8.

The complete recital schedule is as follows:

March 8 – Glenna Metcalfe, Organ

March 15 – Timothy Baker, Organ

March 22 – Dr. Stephen Black, Organ

March 29 – Margaret Dickinson, Organ

April 5 – Judy Wilson and the Youth Strings

All recitals begin at 12:05 p.m. and are followed by lunch at 12:30, prepared fresh by the Calvary volunteers. Admission is free!! Proceeds from a strictly free will offering will be targeted for our musical outreach efforts to provide free violin lessons to needy school children. Calvary Episcopal Church is located at 821 South Fourth Street. For further information, please call the church at 587-6011.

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Connections Past

In the last issue of this newsletter we recalled a 2006 survey of past Calvary *Connections* that profiled Calvary members and their varied contributions. The survey covered the period May 1995-October 2006. It identified 100+ persons or groups, the date of the specific *Connection* issue, and the context or reason for the profile having been written.

In this issue, we pick up where we left off: starting in September 2000 and ending in June 2003.

Don Duplantier	September 2000	Appreciation, Death
The Sherifi Family	September 2000	One-Year Anniversary
Fr. Andre Trevathan	September 2000	Interim Priest
Mary Ann Johnson	August 2001	Altar Guild Retirement
Jim Dissell	August 2001	Altar Guild Retirement
Bill Garner	August 2001	St. William Volunteer
The Sudanese Boys	November 2001	Welcome, Their Story
Carl Hausman	November 2001	Honored by U of L
Cathy Culpepper	November 2001	Returning to Louisville
Katie Reisz	July 2002	Acolyte, Headed to College
Julia Richardson	July 2002	Acolyte, Headed to College
Calvary Staff	October 2002	Appreciation by Vestry
Owen Stovall	November 2002	Appreciation, Death
Henry Baker	December 2002	Peace Corps Volunteer
Sally Meigs	December 2002	Visit to Washington, D.C.
Harvey Turner	February 2003	Many Contributions
Bob Forbes	February 2003	Retiring Webmaster
New Vestry Members	February 2003	Brief Biographies
Search Committee	February 2003	Assignment
Softball Team	April 2003	New Season
Graduates	June 2003	Graduation, Plans
Fr. Richard Humke	June 2003	Honored as Interim Priest
Judy Shively	June 2003	Moving

More profiles in the next issue.

John Bugbee

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The February 26th Sacred Arts Series will feature Kathleen Karr, Flute preceded by Evensong with the Calvary Choir. The concert will start at 5pm, followed by Evensong at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcomed to enjoy a wine and cheese reception and nursery care is provided starting at 3:45 pm lasting until after the service is finished.

Evensong will be led by the Calvary Choir, under the direction of Shawn Dawson and will feature the following repertoire by giants of Anglican choral music:

Preces and Responses, Kenneth Leighton

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Grayston Ives

Greater Love Hath No Man, John Ireland



Kathleen Karr is the Principal Flutist of the Louisville Orchestra and Flute Professor at the University of Louisville. In 2012, she was awarded the Distinguished Teaching Professor Award for the University of Louisville. A frequent soloist with the Louisville Orchestra, Kathleen has most recently performed the Mozart G Major Flute Concerto

with the Louisville Orchestra during the 2014-15 season.

Kathleen has twice performed at the National Flute Association's annual convention and frequently tours with her flute and guitar duo, The Astral Duo. A founding member of the Kentucky Center Chamber Players, Kathleen is also the flutist with the Grawemeyer Players. She has performed masterclasses and recitals throughout Israel, Mexico, and the USA.

Kathleen Karr is an Altus Flutes Performing Artist.

Upcoming Sacred Arts Series



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Meet Anita House



Anita House has been the bookkeeper and administrative assistant to Calvary for 12 years! She was hired by Reverend Ned Morris and remembers her interview well. In addition to Father Ned, Jim Barnes and Margaret Dickinson sat in to talk with her. She laughs now as she recalls, "Jim said, 'If Margaret likes you, you have the job!'" Margaret did like her and so did everyone else. She and Margaret have become close friends and Anita's heart has grown to include all of Calvary.

She says, "I have grown to love Calvary and things that happen touch me deeply. I have grown to love all the people of Calvary."

Anita is not a member of Calvary. She is a member of Bates Memorial Baptist Church and says she thinks being an "outsider" is important because it helps to remain impartial at times.

Anita and her husband, Homer, will have been married 38 years on May 3rd. They have five children,

three daughters and two sons. Their first grandchild, grandson, Sha'von, was born on their anniversary. She and Homer have three grandchildren. In addition to Sha'von, they have grandson, James, and granddaughter, Kiairra. James and Kiairra are siblings and twelve years apart. One of her most beloved memories is the sight of twelve-year-old James holding his newborn baby sister. Anita says it was like seeing an angel.

Anita is from Mayfield, Kentucky, and Homer is from near-by Hickory. "He was from the country," she jokes, "And I was from the city." Homer is a graduate of the Lincoln Institute and had been living in Louisville for quite a few years when his brother's wife introduced him to Anita. Anita's parents and her brother, Rodney, still live in Mayfield. Her mother is 93 and her father is 96. She and Homer try to visit at least once every two months. They are a close family and Anita loves to cook.

She is known for her chicken and dumplings, made from scratch. When I asked for the recipe, she told me it was a secret. Her children love it so well, she once mailed a batch to her daughter, who was living in Alabama at the time, for her birthday. Even now, when the family gets together, they forego Anita's chicken and dumplings so their absent sibling won't feel left out.

Meet the New Vestry Members

Will Cary

I have served on the Vestry three times and was Senior Warden twice. I am a lifelong member of Calvary with a medal for nine years of perfect attendance in our Sunday school. My main areas of contribution are in house and grounds, ushering, lighting and sound. I love everything about our beautiful church and its people. As a Vestry member, I will serve to help us find our future.

Kristel Fitzgerald

I am the Vice President of Special Projects for Goodwill Industries of Kentucky, Inc. I have over 20 years' experience in the nonprofit and human services industries, as well as work within several school systems and with severely emotionally disabled children. My husband, Tommy, and I moved from Somerset, Kentucky, to Sellersburg, Indiana, in August 2015, and soon after began attending Calvary Episcopal Church. We have two children – Kelby (22), a geological engineer, and Konnor (20), a junior at Western Kentucky University majoring in electrical engineering.

As a native of Kentucky, I received my BA in Education from Morehead State University and my MBA from Campbellsville University. I am currently a doctoral candidate at Valdosta State University in the Public Administration Program. I have served on numerous professional and community boards and committees. I currently serve on Calvary's finance committee.

My position, and commitment, on the Vestry is one of service, leadership, and love. I believe that today's church must focus on deliberate outreach and responsible stewardship – that the vestry is charged with seeking God's guidance, in concert with the rector, to build relationships and community.

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From the Past—Calvary Connection February 1994

(by Rev. Ben Sanders)

Labor and Rest

Usually, I write these articles while in my study at home. Just outside is a huge maple tree, now bare of leaves but still laden with life. A bird sings this morning, perhaps a harbinger of spring. The resurrection lilies pierce the ground already. I think of pruning the grapevines and clearing the garden for planting.

These tasks and thoughts take me far from the preoccupations of church and society. They form an interlude between moments of intense activity and pressure. If you wonder why I live so far from Calvary, it may be because I find great strength in these interludes. They form part of my character. When young, I would leave home for long walks in the open countryside. No sounds came to my ears, save those of trees, birds, and the occasional cow. Then, as now, I found perspective in such solitude. I no longer needed to decide, achieve, produce. A larger realm unfolded before me. With no great effort at all, I could dwell there a while.

The alternation of rest and labor gives us strength and balance. I shall spend some time today in that "other place." Its peace will revive my soul. Tomorrow I shall return to bolder pursuits. That is as it should be. God will sustain and bless us in both sides of life.

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The Grand Tour

On Sunday, February 13, the ladders and buckets, scaffolds and construction debris were carefully pushed to the side, behind yellow tape. We got to see our new building! Our architects - Norman Berry and his wife, Steve Eggers and his wife and children, Bob Hafferman (still single!), and our general contractor - John Campbell and his wife, all joined us for this adventuresome day. Divided into four groups, each led by one of the above, we did our walkabout. You could hear people exclaiming as they caught their first sight of the Bingham Choir Loft. "This could be a wonderful chapel!" "What a great idea to build a loft space!" Pleased by the size of the new Church School rooms above the office wing and the new crib nursery next to our present one, our people expressed gladness that we can now offer a full children's program in pleasing surroundings. Amazement was the predominant attitude as people looked through the double windows of Parker Hall to see our new lawn in the making. These and other visual images remain to tantalize us as the final touches are put on all the spaces. It will not be long now!

Our architects and contractor have helped us through the hard times. Thanks to their presence on the 13th, we got to ask questions, see dramatic progress, and imagine a reality that is just around the corner.

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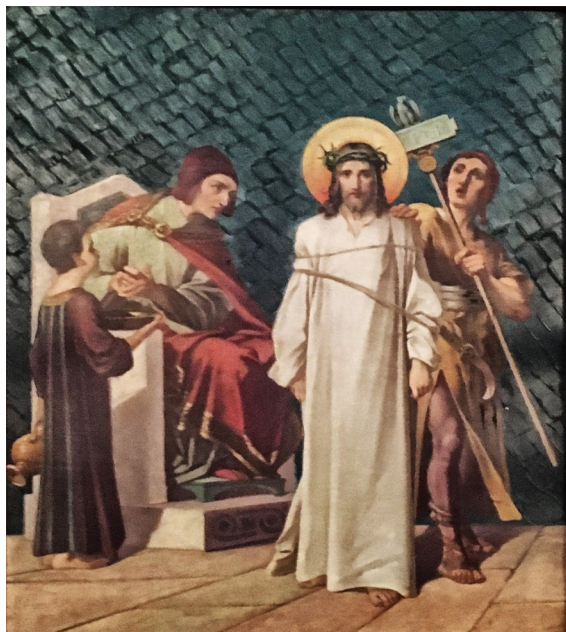
Help! We're Surrounded!

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."
- Hebrews 12:1-2 (NRSV)

Indeed, we are continually surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses – those who have gone before us, whether capital letter Saints as remembered in our Liturgical Calendar or lower case saints – believers who grace our lives throughout the centuries to the present hour. We ask them to assist us in our prayers, strengthen us in our purpose, and rejoice with us in our worship. In truth, help is always not only 'on the way,' but perpetually arriving! As we gather in Calvary's sanctuary, we are aware of its beauty – May we be mindful of those saints who – faithful to their God-given gifts – surround us in the words of the liturgy, the meditative/glorious music, the crafting of wood, brass, stained glass, and painting.

Here is one of those stories!

Cindy Curry



Pilgrimage

By Sandra Cherry

A pilgrimage is defined as a journey or search of moral or spiritual significance. Each summer for the last four years I have gone to Chautauqua Institution in Western New York, for a week of immersion in the arts, in music and drama, in daily religious sermons, and in inspiring lectures on the weekly themes. I plan to go to Chautauqua two different weeks this summer: 1) **The Human Lens** in Partnership with National Geographic with my daughter and granddaughter, and 2) **The Supreme Court: At a Tipping Point?** with fellow Calvary member, Beverly Haverstock.

Last Fall, I took a Veritas Course at Bel-larmine, called "Preparing for a Pilgrimage" where we vicariously walked with our teacher the 500 miles of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela (the Way of St. James). St. James's remains, according to tradition, were carried by boat from Jerusalem to Northern Spain. A movie, **The Way**, starring Martin Sheen is a touching portrayal of this walk by the main character carrying the remains of his son while making the pilgrimage.

This Spring, in my Veritas Biography film course, we will talk about St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, who made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in her later years, some say to atone for the suspected involvement of her son in the death of his wife and their son. Legend has it that she found the "true cross" and nails where Jesus was crucified buried under the rubble of Jerusalem. She is credited with the financing of churches erected on the various holy sights pertinent to the life of Jesus.

Pilgrimage is nothing new. In the Islamic faith, the pilgrimage to Mecca (Hajj) is a religious duty for Muslims which should be carried out once in a person's lifetime.

For the Christian, a pilgrimage to the

Holy Land in Israel, is a wonderful, yet sorrowful, experience in walking the Way of the Cross (Via Crucis), and paying homage to the path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary for his day of crucifixion. I have done this on two separate occasions with a large group of Christian pilgrims.

However, looking back at history, during the Middle Ages when Jerusalem then fell to the Muslims, Christians found other ways to make their pilgrimages. In some towns during Lent they would reenact the Passion with live figures portraying the scenes which became outdoor shrines of devotion. Later on the artisans had sculptures which were often life-sized placed around town to depict these events. They eventually found their way into the local churches as art work for devotional pilgrimages. These are known as the **Stations of the Cross**. Traditionally, there are 14 scenes, but throughout the centuries there have been many more (30-some) and sometimes less (7). These Stations can be found in Catholic churches world-wide, Anglican/Episcopal churches, Orthodox Churches, and some Lutheran churches.

Today, pilgrims from Calvary Episcopal Church have the opportunity to walk the walk with a guided booklet printed by the Church called, **The Way of the Cross**, either as a solitary way of devotion, or join with friends during this Lent, (or any other time of the year) and spiritually reflect on the sacrifice made by God in giving his only begotten Son to die for us. Usually, on Good Friday, there is a special time to walk with others in a service led by the priest. The walk takes about 30-35 minutes. I hope as a special Lenten devotion you will avail yourself of this opportunity.

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External Cameras Installed at Calvary

In their homes, many have taken the precaution of installing safety and security devices for added peace of mind for loved ones. The same thought could be applied to your spiritual home at Calvary and all its beloved parishioners, staff, and visitors. With this in mind, the Vestry approved installation of external cameras in strategic locations.

As you already know, being an urban parish is one of the great blessings God has bestowed upon us. We are in the very midst of our community, where we can see and minister first hand to each other and our neighbors. We are not detached. This is both humbling and uplifting.

There is also a practical side to consider as an urban parish. Our marvelous location draws much foot and vehicular traffic at all hours of the day and night. So, to shore up vigilance for clean-up or damage to property; to assist those on-call if they receive an alert, usually a simple matter, from our security company (the camera transmissions can be viewed internally and remotely); for staff safety when giving building entry; and as an added layer of safety for those leaving after dark, this seemed a prudent action.

Four cameras have been installed. Two are at the northwest corner for coverage of the porch and nearby parking spots. Another is high on the northeast wall for coverage of that wall and the entire parking lot. The final one is to cover the alleyway and wall approach to the rear door.

The cameras also record. A copy of a time segment can be made if needed. So, to all you ladies hugging Harold Six in the parking lot, here's a message. Hey, I get it! Harold's a handsome dude! Just keep in mind that Marion can now see the recording of that activity, and poor Harold will be in the doghouse – again.

In closing I want to give special thanks to Will Cary who was a great help to me and our vendor on this project. I am likewise grateful to the staff for their participation and patience in getting this done.

Peace,

Don Snow
Junior Warden



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Our Vestry “Maps” Calvary’s Assets

On January 28th, the Calvary Vestry worked with Canon Jason Lewis, the Diocese of Kentucky’s Canon for Congregational Vitality, to identify and organize Calvary’s assets. This was an important, constructive exercise meant to help Calvary be fully aware of its gifts, temporal, people, and spiritual.

As Calvary prepares itself for a search for a permanent Rector, identifying our assets will help us determine the skills needed in this position. Canon Lewis provided a framework of asset categories:

Individual Assets: gifts of knowledge and experience that members bring from their educational and professional abilities

Physical Assets: Property, Buildings the congregation may own and manage

Association Assets: Connections to groups, organizations and neighborhoods

Institutional Assets: Schools, libraries and cultural centers surrounding the parish

Economic Assets: gifts of stocks, endowment income and general income

Next time you are in Parker Hall, please look at all the assets the Vestry has identified and grouped into major themes. We also welcome your thoughts and additions to the many blessings we have to leverage as vehicles to spread Christ’s message in the world.

Penny Brisson
Vestry Secretary



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OPEN HOUSE

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOURS

You're invited to the Urban Partnership "Open House" Fellowship Coffee Hours. Get to know fellow Episcopalians within our Partnership and see our places of ministry within the urban community.

Who is in the Urban Partnership?
Urban Partners:

- Calvary Episcopal Church
- Christ Church Cathedral
- Our Merciful Savior
- St. George's

Supporting Partners:

- St. Thomas
- Church of the Advent
- St. Clement's House Church

Fellowship Hours begin 12:15/30 p.m. on the following Sundays and locations:

FEB. 19	MARCH 19	APRIL 30	MAY 21
			
Christ Church Cathedral 421 S. 2nd St.	Calvary 821 S. 4th St.	St. George's 1201 S. 26th St.	Our Merciful Savior 473 S. 11th St.

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(New Vestry Members—Continued from page 5)

Jamie Hendon

Serving the congregation of Calvary as a member of the Vestry as well as service participation, committee participation and supporting parish needs have all become ways of maintaining and remaining connected to the long term core of our community.

My focus in being a member of the Vestry is based on several goals:

- participating in the transitions we are going through as a parish... be it internally in helping see the corporate leadership rebuilt or externally discovering how we evolve as an urban institution and attraction...both of which one would hope leads to growth;
- participating in the stewardship and strengthening of the Church's assets, financial and otherwise, for the current and future benefit of our community, and;
- participating in the election process for Vestry membership.

Larry Reining

I came to Kentucky in 1996 as Library Director at Asbury College, near Lexington. Presently, I teach chemistry and physical science at Spalding University, right next door. Upon arriving at Spalding, I moved to downtown Louisville, just a couple blocks from Calvary. That was over nine years ago. I attended Calvary my first Sunday in town, and never left. Almost four years ago, I moved to Indiana to be nearer aging parents, but Calvary remained my church home. I have long been traveling the Canterbury Road, on pilgrimage from my Methodist/Holiness roots. Here, I continue to feel at home, and was officially confirmed as an Episcopalian in June of 2011.

While at Calvary, I have served on the Vestry, ushered, greeted, and joined the lector/prayer schedule. In the past, I have also participated in the choir and Eucharistic ministries, and hope to again in the future. But, perhaps my most significant activity at Calvary has been participation in the Sewanee program entitled "Education for Ministry" (EfM), which I completed in 2012. The added knowledge and perspective that these studies have offered has enabled me to better appreciate the tradition and liturgy of the Anglican Communion.

As an urban church, needs surround us. Calvary has shown me that it is important to acknowledge and to meet those needs as part of the message of the Gospel. Nowhere have I seen that better modeled than at Calvary. Being a part of the Vestry will continue to show me even more ways to be a servant of this church and the greater community.

Ruth Robins

I began attending Calvary in 1996. During my career I worked in Jefferson County with the Department for Human Resources as an administrator overseeing various aspects of the Commonwealth's child protection, foster care, adoption, and juvenile services programs. I also served in the Department for Mental Health as the Director of Psychosocial Services at Central State Hospital.

Being involved in the life of our parish is very meaningful and important to me. I am excited about the possibilities for Calvary's future that the Urban Missioner project can bring. I sing in the choir and serve on the Music Committee. I am a strong supporter of the Sacred Arts Series. I would like to see it be further developed and broadened to serve as a magnet to draw new people to Calvary. As a member of the property committee, I find it especially rewarding to work to beautify and preserve for future generations our marvelous church building and its courtyard and grounds.

I have served on the vestry twice and held the positions of secretary, junior warden and senior warden.

We are at a momentous point in the life of Calvary. As a Vestry member, I want to do all I can to support our priest-in-charge as she engages with us in the continuing work of renewal, healing, revitalization and envisioning which are so critical to moving forward.



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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.

For more information about Calvary Episcopal Church, please contact Rev. H. Elizabeth Back., our Priest-in-Charge. For questions about this newsletter or to help with its production, please contact the editor, David Stewart. Contact information: (502)235-1628 or dstewart@adcatmedia.com.

Would you like to get emails from Calvary? We send them out regularly to list the schedule for the week or happenings within the parish such as marriages, births and the passing of our members.

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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..."