

Old Sayings—Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer, Rector

Dear Friends,

What a difference a day makes! That's an old—perhaps tired—saying, but I think the sentiment of the phrase is sometimes forgotten; at least I know that to be true for me. Certainly this year we have heard over and over again what a difference this year has made but maybe that statement is too obvious and so true that it's even more tired than the older version. We can get so caught up in the enormity of the changes that 2020 has wrought, and so anxious to see the other side of this current state of affairs, that we forget that each day within the larger scale of the year can make a difference. Perhaps this is the reversal of not being able to see the forest for the trees: not being able to see, or appreciate, the trees for the forest.

Just a few days ago, I was bemoaning the fact that my early pandemic frenzy of carefully tending seeds, then seedlings, then plants, had mostly come to naught. It was hot out, more humid than it should be in Kentucky, and the mosquitos were stealthy in their attacks on every uncovered inch of skin on my body. It was just one of those days when one feels like throwing in the towel; when all efforts, both great and small, seem to amount to nothing. And then, in the twinkling of an eye (as the saying goes), everything seemed to change.

My garden didn't change. It has remained unproductive, but oh well; it gave me a focus when there seemed to be none and fed the neighborhood critters, which can't be all bad, right? And the weather **did** change, and with it my querulous attitude. I have no idea what the weather will be like as you are reading this article but I hope it is still as beautiful as it is today: blue sky, high temperature of 75. This first day of fall is perfect, COVID and all. As a matter of fact, it's such a beautiful gift that one might just forget that we're in this pandemic—but don't forget to wear a mask if you're around others.

In the Gospel of Matthew, toward the end of the sixth chapter (25 ff.) Jesus reminds his followers not to worry:

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will





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we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.’

Of the ending sentences more can be said as well. Look for the beauty and the joy of today and do not worry what tomorrow will bring. I hope this day finds you well and joy-filled, even in the forest.

God’s peace,

Lee+

The Vestry Voice—Donna Duvall, 2020 Vestry Secretary

Due to the Covid-19 coronavirus, the Vestry met on August 25, 2020 on Zoom, with the following items of note:

Welcome new employees: We have the following new staff:

Administrative Assistant, Margaret Bond (in front office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon)

Communications Coordinator, Jacob Gary (working remotely and in office part-time on Monday)

Bookkeeper-- Teresa Mottola (in office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

Education: The Rector plans to lead EFM classes on Mondays beginning in October; anyone interested should let her know. She is also presenting C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, for Sunday Forum.

Finance: For the month of June, revenues were \$49,238 (30,000 being investment income). Expenses were \$60,439. Net Operating revenue/expense was \$(11,200). YTD net operating revenue/expense was \$25,664.

Diocesan Assessment: Calvary has received the 2021 assessment from the Diocese, 13% of revenue for 79,013 (\$2,300 more than last year.) We will not make an additional voluntary contribution.

Organ Repair & Accessibility Funding: The Stewardship committee is considering how to handle funding for both these planned large expenditures. We need a comprehensive plan for how to enter the building from the parking lot into the north entry, go upstairs to the second floor or down into the Nave and there are options for the Property Committee taking it on or forming a Vestry Committee for the project.

Property: Placing the new monument sign in front of the church requires a variance so we have filed an application with the Board of Zoning Appeals and the hearing is set for October 5.

Outreach: Clothing cannot be distributed during Covid-19, but over 1,308 masks have been distributed as well as enough bags of groceries to feed 4,040 people. We have averaged giving out groceries to about 25 people a day during Covid-19.



Are We Listening?—Linda French, Senior Warden

My thoughts for this month's entry actually began in Sunday Forum as Lee and Bart were leading us in the study of C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. As soon as something profound is said, it seems the others have instant understanding and can move forward. Maybe it's because I'm not originally from here, but my listening and speaking ability is at a slower pace. I can't move forward until I completely understand a meaning. It can be irritating to others, but it's just how I am.

The topic of "tithing" was mentioned. We seem to have an understanding that the very definition of tithing is the giving to the church (or "to God") one tenth of all income. We seem to have all heard this stated, perhaps in different ways, but to the same end. It is a partial return of the monetary gifts he sends to us.

My troubled thoughts were asking me if I give God 10% of my time. He gives me every minute of my life, so don't I owe him at least 10% of each day? And, if I do, **how** should I be giving something non-material to him? As usual, I was caught by the practical "how" questions.

Then I recalled the statement, "The louder the world, the quieter we need to be in order to listen to God's instructions." I've read this many times, but do not know who first said it. Nevertheless, the world is very loud right now. Do we have the ability to listen to God throughout the day? Do we even give him our attention at least part of each day?

When our boys were young, they say I never shouted at them, but rather "hissed." This was not a complimentary statement, but they admit it got their attention. Shouting is not a viable manner of communication, especially in today's political climate, but whispering can turn ears and hearts to God's way.

The old tune of "Whisper a prayer in the morning..." has long been a good bit of advice. I want to be quiet and listen to God. I want to whisper prayers for our country, for our friends, for our economy, and our environment. We need to let God know we are listening—and more than 10% of the time.

Whispering a prayer for all of us,
Linda French





Meet More New Staff!

Calvary has added the third key member to our staff—a new-to-us, but experienced, Bookkeeper. Even (or perhaps crucially) in this pandemic, we need to keep Calvary functioning as effectively as possible. Sally Reisz, in her role as Treasurer, has certainly seen to it that our financial matters and financial reporting have been tended during both Covid-time and a six month gap in staff—but she’s happy to have found someone to keep the books in real time. She said, “Teresa is great to work with and I feel like the weight of the world has been lifted from me.”



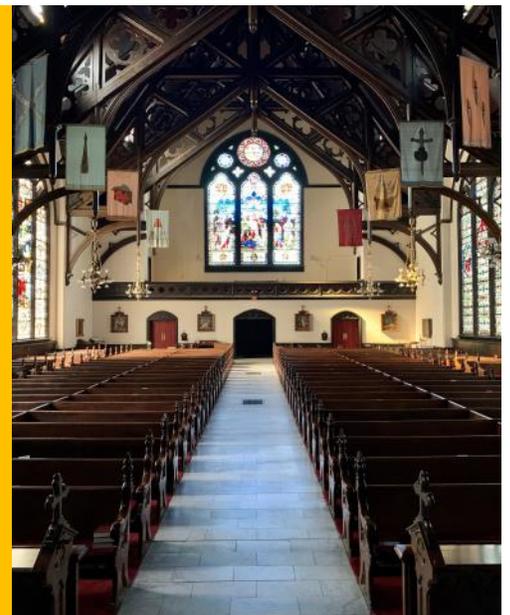
So meet Teresa Mottola. She grew up on the west coast, principally in the Bay Area, in an Air Force family. She arrived in Louisville about twenty years ago and raised her (now adult) daughter here. (Her daughter loves to travel and is a flight attendant, so Covid-19 has really had an impact on her!) Teresa’s experience includes acquiring excellent bookkeeping and office skills, but she has also gone to culinary school and worked as a baker. She’s enjoying getting to know Calvary and said “even with everything shut down, there seems to be a lot going on here, particularly with outreach. I’m looking forward to seeing how even much more lively things will be when we can open back up.”

Lee Shafer observed, “I’m not even sure how long Teresa has been in the position of Bookkeeper at Calvary, since she stepped in so seamlessly that it seems like she’s been here forever. She works so tirelessly and quietly that I often forget she is here. I have already heard kudos from folks who have had questions of Teresa, needed her help, or received a thank-you note for their gift to Calvary. We have found a jewel indeed!”

Teresa is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, and can be reached at bookkeeper@calvaryepiscopal.org.

Upcoming Schedules

Watch Calvary emails for opportunities to come together online in these extraordinary times.





New Venture for Emily Redden—Jonathan Smith

Most Calvary folks know Emily Redden as a lifelong member of the congregation, serving as acolyte, lector, choir member, and frequent soloist. Emily graduated from UK in 2019, with a degree in Voice Performance. She had also developed an interest in film while at UK, and after graduation she moved to Atlanta to work in the burgeoning film industry there, primarily as an actor, but also in a number of off-camera ways. “L.A. and New York were too far away and too expensive,” Emily explained. But with Georgia’s favorable tax incentives drawing the film studios—particularly the massive Tyler Perry Studios—Atlanta was the perfect place to start a career.

Then came 2020 and, as everyone knows well, two things in particular happened: the Covid-19 Pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement. The pandemic sharply curtailed new filming opportunities (as well as live performances and the voice lessons she was offering on the side), but as Emily took part in the BLM protest marches, and saw the energy of the movement in Atlanta, she realized that this was a story needing to be told, and her film background and connections provided an opportunity to tell it.



Starting with “family and friends,” as she put it, she quickly formed an organization of 25-30 volunteers (people are still coming aboard—most recently someone in Turkey!), with an array of artistic and rhetorical talents, for the purpose of “shining a much needed spotlight on the human rights issues of this country,” in order “to educate the mass public on these undervalued movements and to actively speak out against injustice.”

It is called Free Nation Productions. Its first project is a documentary film on the Atlanta protests, targeted for release in early 2021, in time to be submitted to the 2021 film festivals. It is raising money through a GoFundMe site. [Click here](#) to learn more about the project from its web site.

I asked Emily what challenge she would make to the people of my own demographic, which I daresay is the majority of people likely to read this article. Her reply:



“For the “comfortable white folks” or what I generally refer to as “the silent majority,” there are three very important things they can do:

1. Educate. Brush up on your statistics, your history, your political terminology. But more specifically learn these things from BIPOC scholars. So much of what we are taught in school is a white-washed version of history. [BIPOC is an acronym for Black Indigenous People of Color.]



2. Listen. Open your ears and your minds to what BIPOC/activists are saying. If something offends you, instead of shutting it off and turning away, sit with that discomfort and dissect **why** it is making you uncomfortable. A lot of my own discomfort with actions or statements came from my own bias and prejudice. This does not make us malicious, it just means we are humans taught by a malicious system. Listen to oppressed groups as you would listen to your own children or grandchildren. Treat them as you treat your own neighbor. Love them as God loves you. We can no longer justify the brutalization of minorities by victim-blaming those communities from our places of privilege and ignorance.

3. Take a stand. I rarely believe in the statement "if you aren't with us, you are against us," but in this case, white people's silence **is** killing people. If the only time we speak out is to condemn the property damage caused by a small percentage of rioters, but we say **nothing** about the thousands of people murdered by police, that silence is allowing those patterns to continue. **Use** your privilege to propel this movement forward. And use your numbers (still holding the racial majority at 60%) to vote for change!



Free Nation Productions offers resources to accomplish these steps. We currently have weekly discussions every Monday on Facebook, Instagram (@FreeNationProductions), and Twitter (@FreeNationProd). Follow our Facebook page to join in!"

Finally, I wondered about people who (again, like myself) might have friends, neighbors, or family members in the police force, and who might be offended by a movement seemingly antagonistic to the police.

Emily's answer: "I often see the argument of people being offended by BLM because they have a personal relationship with a police officer. This always baffles me because BLM is fighting police brutality, police murdering citizens with no due consequence, and a heavily racist legal system. If your husband, aunt, brother, mother, etc. are police and you believe they are good people who try to do the right thing in their job, why would you be offended? We aren't talking about all the good police; we are talking about changing the system their job falls under, and the corruption within. If you truly wish to better the community, wouldn't you want to be part of that change?"



Calvary Music—Sean Dawson, DMA, Director of Music/Organist

Music is and always has been an important part of the life and expression of Calvary Episcopal Church and not even a world-wide pandemic is changing that. Particularly in these days of isolation and never-ending virtual socialization and events, it is vital for us to keep music in our lives such that it inspires, uplifts, and points us to God. To that end, I am excited to announce to you the new season of Sacred Arts events, now under the appropriate title Calvary Music. Like all other events right now, these will be streamed live or recorded and in-person participation is not yet permitted. You will notice that there is a new series this year—the Fall Recital Series. This is designed much like the Lenten Recital Series but it takes place in October. Both series exhibit a variety of very talented musicians. The Choral Evensongs this year have been retained but without a recital before them. The Festival of Lessons and Carols is scheduled in December. Finally, in hopes that COVID-19 restrictions will loosen enough by May, a Bach Vespers is scheduled to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Please see the full schedule below.



Fall Recital Series

Wednesdays, 12:05 – 12:30

October 7

Anne Marie de Zeeuw and
Larry Frederiksen | bagpipes

October 14

Judy Wilson | violin

October 21

Mark Walker | organ

October 28

Nada Loutfi | piano

Services

Sunday, October 25, 4 pm

Choral Evensong

Sunday, December 20, 4 pm

A Festival of Nine Lessons and
Carols

Friday, January 22, 7 pm

Louisville Four Choirs Festival

Sunday, February 28, 4 pm

Choral Evensong

Sunday, May 23, 4 pm

Bach Vespers for the Feast of
Pentecost

Lenten Recital Series

Wednesdays, 12:05-12:30

February 24

Tim Baker | organ

March 3

Alice Culin-Ellison | violin

March 10

Audrey Dawson | mezzo-
soprano

March 17

Margaret Dickinson | organ

March 24

Elliot Eckel | piano

The Mission of Calvary Music is to present beautiful music to the Glory of God and enrich the worship of the congregation; honor both the influence of the Anglican Tradition and Bach at Calvary in a spirit of collaboration; and support the Outreach Ministry of Calvary by raising funds through music events and services.

I hope you are able to join us for all of these services and events!



CHILDREN'S

—please share with the children in your life

ORNER

Aesop Be-bop

(The Fables of Aesop versified by Jonathan Smith)

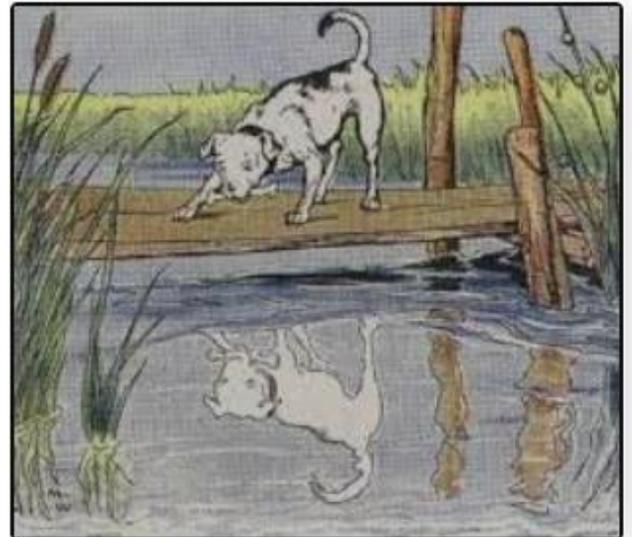
The Dog's Reflection

A butcher threw a dog a bone;
He snatched it and trotted happily home.
His route took him along a ridge
And over a pond on a small footbridge.

The dog's momentum began to slow
When he stole a glance at the water below.
Who was this dog that met his eyes,
Whose bone was bigger than his prize?

He dropped the bone, made a dive for his foe—
And found himself submerged below.
Now all he could do was swim for shore
And slink on home, alas, bone-poor.

Mr. Aesop, I think, believed
We should be grateful for blessings received.
If, in spite of all, we still feel needy,
We'll pay a price for being greedy!



If you are reading the Calvary Connection online, click [this link](#) to go to delightful Aesop-related coloring and age-appropriate printable lessons. Enjoy!

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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