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September 2019

Stewardship—The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer, Rector

Dear Friends,

At the end of the month we will begin to focus our attention on Stewardship, specifically on the giving of our treasure. The fall stewardship campaign in churches is as predictable as the return of college football, and, as much as Episcopalians appreciate predictability, it is a bit of a shame that our minds and our hearts tend to focus on stewardship only at this time of year.

The word stewardship is one that we really need to take some time with because it is an important aspect of who we are. Stewardship is defined (by Google) as "the job of supervising or taking care of something." Stewardship is not defined as the amount of money that you pledge to give to your church after you have paid all your bills. If we remember that everything we have has been gifted to us by God, then we understand that we are merely stewards, or caretakers, of everything that God has given.

We are asked to give back to God out of what we have been given, and the standard that has been set in Scripture is the tithe, which is 10%. It seems a bit odd that we are only asked to give back 10% to God when we are asked to tip servers 20%. And still many of us do not come close to that goal of even



10%. When Tom and I married we made the decision to tithe and we have not regretted that decision even once. We have been blessed by God and are happy to give back a minimum of 10% out of our gifts.

Sometimes folks get into deep weeds trying to determine what portion of their income should be tithed. "Is that before or after taxes?" is the most common question and my answer is, that is between you and God. It really doesn't matter what standard you choose to determine your level of giving but you should set a standard percent and try to increase it gradually until you reach the level of the tithe.

Giving is not really about paying the bills; it's about responding generously because we have first been given so much. We are people who were created to give, and we find that when we give generously, we feel much better about ourselves. I invite you to consider your blessings and give accordingly.

God's peace, Lee+

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The Vestry Voice—Donna Duvall, 2019 Vestry Secretary

The Vestry met August 27, 2019. The following were items of note:

- Urban partnership picnic is scheduled for October 12th at 4:30 p.m. in the Garden of Goodness. Everyone is invited. Bring a dish in a disposable container. Musicians will perform, and there will be activities for all ages.
- The Diocese Pilgrimage to the Civil Rights Monument in Montgomery will be March 29 through April 24.
- Calvary's Well is needing more help as the need has increased substantially.
- Jordan Williams is working as Sunday school leader for our children and youth part time.
- Britt Shelton has been recording services and preparing You tube videos.
- A bequest to Calvary was received from Frannie Lewis.
- For the month of August revenues were \$38,237.34 (\$28,000 being investment income). Expenses were \$35,423.19. Net operating revenue/expense was (\$2,814.15). The year-to-date actual revenues were \$394,650.12. YTD actual expenses were \$363,631.78. YTD net operating revenue/expense was \$31,018.34.
- The plastering is complete, and a paint color has been chosen.
- Communications/Connection Program is looking for new members and asks for volunteers.



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Special Topics Coming to Calvary—Linda French, Senior

We know you will enjoy the options we have planned for you beginning soon for Sunday Forum. Pull out your calendars and mark the dates so you won't miss a thing!

October continues the Inquirer's Class led by Lee Shafer. It is intended to answer all your questions about the Episcopal Church and is designed for new attendees and those who may have been Episcopalian for years, but still have questions. The class has been quite well-attended and will end on October 27th with the visit of Bishop Terry White.

Bible Study led by Joseph Reece and Will Summay will continue every Sunday morning, 10:00-10:45 a.m. It will meet each week either in Parker Hall or the Rector's office.

Special Topics is being introduced to begin in November. It will not take place every Sunday, but will be announced as a choice taking place at the same time as Bible Study. It is being called Special Topics because that's exactly what will be presented.



October 20: The Violins of Hope Louisville will give a presentation of their organization and the violins, violas, and cellos owned by people of the Jewish Faith before and during the Holocaust of World War II.

Mr. Amnon Weinstein, who created the project to restore and preserve these special instruments, will talk in detail about the Violins of Hope program during the 10 a.m. Sunday Forum. During the 11 a.m service, Reverend Shafer will speak about the VOH program in her comments to the congregation. Judy Wilson will play with the choir and musical director, Shawn Dawson.

November 3 and 10th Father Ben Sanders will present information on Long-Term Care. His clever "teaser" follows:

When the joints creek and the years pile up, what are good options? Come to the Calvary Forum at 10 a.m. on November 3 and Nov. 10 to engage with Beverly Edwards, CEO of the Episcopal Church Home, and Beverly Heckel, Director of Development, to explore the landscape of aging. It's never too early to plan."

November 17: Jonathan Smith resumes his series, *Poets of the Hymnal*. This is the eighth installment, but Jonathan plans to give his introduction to the whole series once again, for people who missed it the first time around. Then there will be four new poets, and four of their hymns, which the class sings together, to Winfrey Blackburn's accompaniment on the piano.

<u>Dec. 8:</u> Tim Duncan is preparing an interesting and informational presentation for us titled "The Spiritual Disciplines of Advent."

Dec. 15: Jonathan Smith returns with Poets of the Hymnal, Series Nine: Christmas Hymns

Please make every effort to join us for the "New Face" of Sunday Forum. You will be glad you did!

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Fall Music at Calvary—Shawn Dawson, Organist/Director of Music

It is a pleasure to have the choir back in the chancel at Calvary, assisting in leading worship in our beautiful space every Sunday morning at 11:00 and during monthly prayer services at 4:00 p.m. Music in our worship provides a beautiful reflection on the scriptures and prayers at each service. The choir is currently preparing music that spans almost 500 years, by some of the best composers in each era. Here are some highlights by month.

At the first Choral Evensong of the season, on September 22, we welcomed the choir of St. Paul's Episcopal, Louisville with their organist and director, Gary Pope. There was music by English composers Martin Neary and Ralph Vaughan Williams, and American composer Robert Powell. Other music still to come in September features both German and French composers, including a favorite eight-part chorus from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, "For He shall give His angels charge over you."

In October, we will hear music ranging from Palestrina to Distler, along with Fauré's lovely "Cantique de Jean Racine." The first Bach Vespers of



the season will be October 27, when we look forward to Bach's *Cantata* 77 "Du sollst Gott, deinen Herren, Lieben," Buxtehude's *Magnificat*, "A new Commandment" by Tallis, and an excerpt from a Handel trumpet concerto.

On November 3, the Calvary Choir will sing portions of Fauré's *Requiem* in honor of The Feast of All Saints. Other music in November will include selections from *Messiah*; Bruckner's motet, "Locust iste;" and music by Purcell and Tomkins for Choral Evensong.

In addition to the choral music, there are some instrumental highlights to mention. On October 20, we will have a unique opportunity to hear one of the "Violins of Hope," which will be on tour in Louisville. These instruments were recovered from various Holocaust locations, and Judy Wilson will play one at Calvary during the Sunday Forum and the 11:00 Eucharist that morning. Calvary's Choral Evensongs are always preceded by a recital. Recitals this fall will be given by Dr. Stephen Black on organ on September 22, and Con Brio, a string trio, on November 24.

You can find more details regarding the Calvary Choir's fall repertoire on Calvary's website, as well as details regarding the Calvary Sacred Arts. You can support the Calvary Sacred Arts by making donations to the Sacred Arts Fund, or you can support the further growth of the Calvary music program by donating to the Warner/Snyder Fund.

Ministry of the Month— Jonathan Smith

Lectors

It is symbolically important in the Protestant tradition that members of the laity read and hear scripture and prayers in their own language, read by their lay peers. At Calvary, lectors typically read the first lesson, the epistle, and the prayers of the people. At the 8:30 a.m. service, volunteer lectors are drawn from people who have chosen to attend that service. There is a more formal process for the 11:00 a.m. Sunday and other feast day services. A schedule of readers for roughly half a year goes out in advance, and changes are made as people report on schedule conflicts. In the week before a given service, lectors are sent the draft bulletin as both a reminder and an opportunity to look over their reading assignment. There is also a reference shelf for lectors in the Library, including, among other things, pronunciation guides for difficult names in the Bible. In the service itself, all lay reading is done from a printed text on the "Eagle" lectern, aided by a microphone. Over the years we have been blessed with lectors from very young to very old, and in all sorts of accents. If you are interested in being a lector, contact me at smith@hanover.edu.







"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 <u>Calvary Web Site</u>.





URBAN PARTNERSHIP







NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Sat. October 12th @ 4:30 pm Worship - 4:30 pm Picnic Meal - 5:00 pm

Laundry Love guests, UP congregations, and community neighbors are invited to a joyful evening of food and fellowship.



Garden of Goodness 1228 S 7th St





New Roots, Fresh Stop, and Calvary's Food Closet—Tim Duncan



IThe earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it—Psalm 24:1

"Justice and righteousness" is how the Bible, as if in a slogan, summarizes the character and spirit of God, the Creator, and therefore the destiny and future of God's created earth. It points to distributive justice as the Bible's vision of God... All people must receive a fair share of God's earth. Do all have enough? If not and the biblical answer is "not" - how must things change so that God's people have a fair, equitable, and just proportion of God's world? [When Jesus multiplies the loaves and fishes, and then instructs his disciples to distribute the food to the crowd] Jesus brings the disciples over to his vision that, with the kingdom of God already present on earth, they are responsible for the adequate distribution of food.

from The Greatest Prayer by John Dominic Crossan

We believe that just like air and water, everyone has a human right to fresh food. Karyn Moskowitz, Director of Louisville's New Roots and Fresh Stop Markets

It all came together because of two questions. For Calvary Episcopal Church the question came at the end of a study on the home-grown spiritual journey and vision of Kentucky writer and farmer, Wendell Berry. What can we do as an urban congregation to help Kentucky's distressed and rapidly disappearing small farms and farming communities? For New Roots, a non-profit organization in Louisville that works to bring fresh produce grown by local farmers to fresh food insecure urban neighborhoods through its ten Fresh Stop Markets, the question was a practical one: what to do with left-over produce that was not purchased or picked up at its Old Louisville market. And so it was that Calvary and New Roots came together on the issue of food justice for Kentucky small farmers and for our Louisville neighborhood. Calvary invests in a share of fresh, local, organic produce at the Old Louisville Fresh Stop Market and provides a volunteer to help with the distribution of produce at the Wednesday market, and New Roots donates the produce not purchased or picked up at the market to Calvary's food ministry, vegetables that are then distributed to the community the next day. Collards, kale, and mustard greens, carrots, lettuce, turnips, and potatoes in the spring and fall. Beans, corn, peppers, squash, okra, tomatoes, and watermelon in the summer. New Roots provides to small farms, like Rootbound Farms in Oldham County, a pre-paid market for their vegetables and fruit, and in turn, organic food is made available to fresh-food-insecure neighborhoods, while Calvary's food ministry ensures that nothing is wasted; every vegetable from the Old Louisville Market is given out to our neighbors. "God is good" is heard as people select and bag vegetables from tables loaded with produce on Thursday morning at Calvary, the sharing of God's earth with God's people.

If you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry that supports and brings together local, organic farmers with our neighbors, consider purchasing a share from a New Roots Fresh Stop Market. You can either use the share for your own meals or donate it to the food ministry at Calvary. For more information, please contact Jim Barnes or Tim Duncan at Calvary Episcopal Church or New Roots at www.newroots.com.

Who/What is Spalding University? (Part 3)— Larry Reining

The previous articles about Spalding in the *Connection* have dealt with its History and Geography (Buildings and Facilities). This final submission focuses on the Mission and Vision of Spalding. Following that, the author will give his personal thoughts on his Spalding experience.

The following is taken from the Spalding Catalog, and are the official Mission and Vision Statements.

Mission Statement

Spalding University is a diverse community of learners dedicated to meeting the needs of the times in the tradition of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth through quality undergraduate and graduate liberal and professional studies, grounded in spiritual values, with emphasis on service and the promotion of peace and justice.

Diverse Community of Learners

Spalding University welcomes students, faculty, staff, and administrators who are diverse in age, experience, intellect, race, class, minority status, gender, religion, and culture. Participation within this inclusive learning environment promotes the acceptance and appreciation of the values and unique life experiences of each individual.



Dedicated to Meeting the Needs of the Times

Since 1814 Spalding University has been, and continues to be, a community committed to providing curricula and programs that address evolving needs and to contributing knowledge and understanding derived from teaching, scholarship, and creative activity.

Quality Undergraduate and Graduate Liberal and Professional Studies

Spalding University provides a stimulating educational atmosphere, personal student/faculty interaction, and individual attention to a student's total learning. Throughout the educational experience, students practice habits of mind, or ways of knowing, that transcend disciplines and cultures, and realize habits of heart that relate understanding and judgment of life.

Grounded in Spiritual Values

Rooted in the Catholic tradition, the Spalding University community embraces individuals of all traditions, encouraging them to live from a personal philosophy centered in a value system beyond self.

Service and the Promotion of Peace and Justice

Spalding University serves human needs by challenging, encouraging, and supporting members of its community to exercise leadership in applying their learning to the fundamental needs of human life--physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual--in whatever social or professional context they may find themselves. All are encouraged to recognize moral, social, economic, political, and environmental issues, and to engage actively in the promotion of a just and peaceful world. Students at Spalding University represent a broad range of ages and come from various academic, social, economic, and national backgrounds. Their interaction with a well-prepared, experienced faculty is marked by mutual concern in a climate where learning is valued.

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The manner in which faculty and students engage in the learning process is determined by the character of the particular discipline being pursued and by the knowledge, ability, and creativity of those involved in the pursuit.

Vision Statement

Spalding University aspires to become the first choice for students of compassion and service, distinguished for cultural diversity, celebrated for a rigorous yet nurturing environment, emulated for interdisciplinary collaborations, and acclaimed for contributions to the community.



In the final section of this Introduction to Spalding, I will take this narrative into the first person in order to be clearly expressing personal thoughts. I have come to love Spalding and all it stands for as I approach the end of my professional career, at least as it relates to serving at an academic institution. To do so, I must make a contrast with the context in which I spent most of my efforts—and Spalding. I will try to organize my thoughts according to the sections in the Mission Statement above.

But first, some background. I spent most of my professional academic career in the service of evangelical "Christian" Colleges and Universities. Other than being predisposed to life in academia, I had other, less noble reasons. I knew from adolescence onward that my sexual orientation was simply not to be allowed in an evangelical context. Period. My brilliant solution was, first of all, hiding in the ivory tower where the "baser" things would be minimal at best. Even better, there would be no temptations or opportunities! Later, it came to be believed that there was a sure thing that there was a way to a "cure" and God expected me to take it. Went there, did that. No effect. Meanwhile, I was searching for a better solution, ultimately necessarily beyond evangelicalism. Thanks be to God, I found it on the "Canterbury Trail" eventually bringing me to our blessed Calvary!

This was all leading up to my full-time employment at Spalding beginning in 2007. Let me relate, in the context of the points in Spalding's Mission Statement, what the contrast in perspective has given me.

"Historically Catholic" thankfully has more to do with the ethos of an order of nuns than official church dogma. Service was first and foremost. Previously for me, the expectation was to stay away from sinful things and make sure students did too! This makes for an interesting dynamic when the "problem" had more to do with "internal wiring" than "choice." Spalding's inherent inclusivity and vast array of diversities made one feel that one was, to quote Chaucer, among "God's plenty," and it was good, even if certain yardsticks implied that it was not right enough. Many, if not most, of my students at Spalding have had at least one of these characteristics: first generation American, first generation college, family person, working person, driven to succeed. And most fully understood that the end of the process was to serve others. Nearly half of Spalding's students are pursuing



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graduate service profession degrees. The "value system beyond self" is alive and well at Spalding.

Of course, most of those graduate professional degrees are designed to help those who need it. The nuns seemed to have that vocation naturally; Spalding has largely retained it even in difficult times.

Issues of peace and justice fall easily in line with being of service to others. To-day's political climate unfortunately puts the lack of it on full display. My necessary turning inward due to my "secret" and the need to remedy that *before* I could truly serve God, kept me from, frankly, being truly Christian. Spalding knows that, and attempts to instill the need for honesty into everyone it touches.

All this finally coalesces in the issue of character. My experience of my evangelical background was more concerned with where one stood with respect to hot button issues and what you believed about them. And you were often told, in no uncertain terms, what that belief should be! I have come to realize that one of God's greatest gifts to me has been my "problem," because it forced me to look elsewhere, literally, for my salvation. The "born again" conformity simply wasn't going to cut it for me.



And it doesn't cut it at Spalding, either! Thank God! My previous existence was one of keeping my nose clean and believing the right things. That secured the fire escape into Heaven. How hollow and lifeless that seems to me now. How self-absorbed and petty! I think I know maybe just a little of MLK's "free at last, free at last, thank God in heaven, I am free at last!" In many ways, I also have Spalding to thank for that.



Join the CEEP 2020 Experience!— Cindy Curry

Q. What IS the CEEP 2020 Experience?

A. It is IMMERSION in the Annual Gathering of the **C**onsortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes network which Calvary is hosting Feb. 19-22, 2020.

Q. Tell me more about this network....

A. CEEP's mission is "Strengthening Leaders for a Changing Church through Connecting, Equipping, and Diversifying." It is on the cutting edge of the 'New Missionary Age' which seeks 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; hence, the theme of the gathering is Leading Beyond the Walls.

Q. What happens at this Annual Gathering?

A. Most of the activities will occur at the Omni Hotel in downtown Louisville, and the Opening Eucharist will be celebrated the evening of February 20 at Calvary, with a reception following at Christ Church Cathedral, across from the hotel.

The program will feature twelve education tracks and nine pre-conferences on topics ranging from strategic planning and stewardship to liturgy and music to reimagined local and global approaches to partnership and ministry. Preliminary announcements indicate that "sessions are crafted to bring members and guests together with thought leaders for exceptional peer-to-peer learning and to create communities of learning and support that continue beyond the Annual Gathering."

Q. What relationship do Calvary and the Diocese of Kentucky have with CEEP?

A. As endowed parishes Calvary and St. James in Peewee Valley are members of the consortium. Recent changes have opened membership to *all* Episcopal parishes, enabling the entire national church to benefit from the reciprocal 24/7 - 365 days' access to ideas, strategies, and resources.

Joe Swimmer, Executive Director of CEEP, has stated, "As a way of furthering this work and thanking you for your hospitality, non-member parishes in the Diocese of Kentucky and friends from surrounding dioceses are invited to attend at the member rate."

Q. How can I become 'immersed' in this experience?

A. Attend all or a part of the Gathering. More information about the program will be available online at https://www.ceepnetwork.org with **registration** beginning **October 1, 2019.**

VOLUNTEER to help 'stuff' bags for the anticipated 700 attendees the day before the conference and/or serve as a host during activities at the hotel, Opening Eucharist at Calvary, and the reception at Christ Church Cathedral. Volunteers will be able to attend sessions of their choice **free of charge** during the days on which they host.

Check out the CEEP network website above or contact a member of Calvary's host committee—Lee Shafer, Meg Scharre (co-chair), Bart Brown (co-chair), Jamie Hendon, or Cindy Curry.





Calvary is Reading— Jonathan Smith

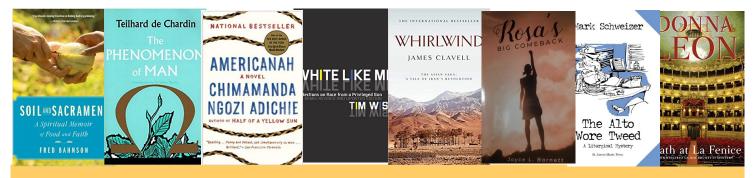


Looking for ideas for your next good read? Here are some of the books your fellow parishioners have been reading over the past few months:

Susan Baker was fascinated with Tony Horwitz's last non-fiction work, *Spying on the South*, about the southern travels of a very young Frederick Law Olmsted in the 1850s. Glenna Harris recently finished, and recommended, *Last Hope Island*, about exiled continental leaders who took refuge in Great Britain during World War II. Billy Hower has been reading the postmodern epic *Gravity's Rainbow*, by Thomas Pynchon; while Dana (Atyia) Dukes was enjoying something a bit lighter, *Weekend in Paris*, by Robyn Sisman. And Georgea Ward has, as usual, been reading a lot, finishing three novels recently: *Body Surfing*, by Anita Shreve, *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens (about an abandoned child on the North Carolina Coast), and Sally Rooney's *Normal People*, which Georgea said "meant a lot" to her.

Several of this month's contributors to the *Connection* also shared what they had been reading. Tim Duncan has been reading the "inspiring and beautiful" memoir *Soil and Sacrament*, about finding God in the garden. Larry Reining has been exploring the concept of the "omega point" by dipping into works of Teilhard de Chardin, such as *The Phenomenon of Man*. Lee Shafer has been reading *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, a brilliant Nigerian novelist's take on race and gender (among other things) in America; and *White Like Me*, a memoir/essay collection by Tim Wise. Lee also shared that husband Tom has been reading James Clavell's *Whirlwind*, about the events in Tehran in 1979. And Linda French has been reading Calvary parishioner Joyce Barnett's novel *Rosa's Big Comeback*, about which there is more on the next page.

Summer is mystery-reading time, and some of us have been escaping and binging that way. Jim Barnes has gotten into the "Liturgical Mysteries," which are set in a small Episcopal Church (go figure!) while Stephanie and I followed up a recent stay in Venice by reading the novels of Donna Leon, which are set there.



Read any good books lately? Share them with our readers by sharing them with me, at smith@hanover.edu. I would also be happy to print a full review of a book, if you feel moved to write one.

And here's another question: do you have one or more favorite podcasts? I would love to share those as well.



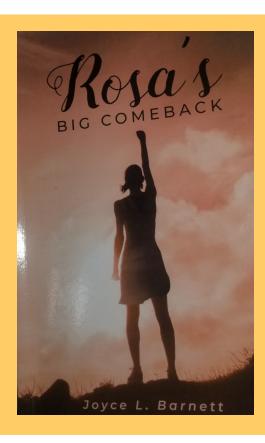
And Speaking of Reading . . . Rosa's Big Comeback: a novel by Calvary's Joyce Barnett

Linda French

If you haven't yet met Joyce Barnett, you have missed a treat! She attends our Sunday Forum weekly and contributes to our Bible studies. On most Sundays, you will also see her in the 11 a.m. service and again at Coffee Hour. No matter what has happened in the world the past week, Joyce has interesting insights sprinkled with a good sense of humor. She is definitely worth getting to know.

Her particular passion is to help homeless or struggling women to find their way in the world. She knew at a young age that someday she would become a writer and began publishing articles during the 1990's. She was raising a special-needs child in a difficult home situation and found writing to be her "therapy." When she found herself divorced with her life style and finances challenged, she felt unprepared for a future as a single woman. Many weeks were spent staying with friends as she learned how to take care of herself.

In 2012, she became a Life Skills instructor for homeless women in Washington, D.C. She found some of the churches would eagerly help while others had a lack of understanding about homelessness. She asked herself, "Why don't I tell about the homeless situation in the form of a novel?" Thus, she published Rosa's Big Comeback. To purchase your own copy, please follow this link: http://covenantbooks.com/books/?book=rosas-big-comeback







CHILDREN'S —please share with the children in your life

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Aesop Be-bop

(The Fables of Aesop versified by Jonathan Smith)

The Fox and the Grapes

A fox went walking one summer day And found some grapes along the way But not at eye level, easy and free-These grapes hung in a lofty tree.

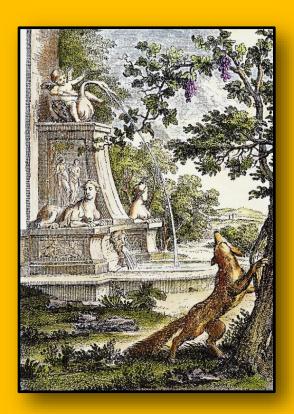
"Harumph," said the fox, "I'd love to dine On the luscious fruit of that grape-vine, Grapes big and juicy as a peach, But high on a branch and out of reach!"

But the fox thought he would rather die Than not at least give it a try. So he backed away a yard or two, Ran hard, then through the air he flew . . .

... and missed. "Well dang," he moped, "That grape-vine's higher than I hoped." Though again and again he gave it a try The grapes were always a bit too high.

At last defeated at this game, The fox returned the way he came; And bitterly had this to say: "Those grapes were sour anyway."

(They weren't—I tasted them myself, Made perfect jam—it's on my shelf. And Aesop told this tale to teach: Don't pretend to hate what's out of reach!)



If you are reading the Calvary Connection online, click this link to go to delightful Aesoprelated coloring and age-appropriate printable lessons. Enjoy!

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





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12:05 pm Holy Eucharist with Anointing

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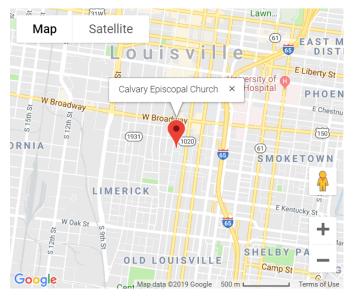
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