

# Calvary *Connection*

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## The Most Important Thing?—The Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer, Rector

Dear Friends,

Time certainly has a way of marching on or even flying by. It is hard for me to believe that I have been with you at Calvary for almost six months. This has been a full time indeed and I have enjoyed getting to know you and Louisville. What a fun city!

As we move into what is generally thought of as a less congested time in church life I hope we will take some time to consider how we best plan for our future at Calvary. I have had one on one conversations with several folks and hope to have them with each member as we plan together.

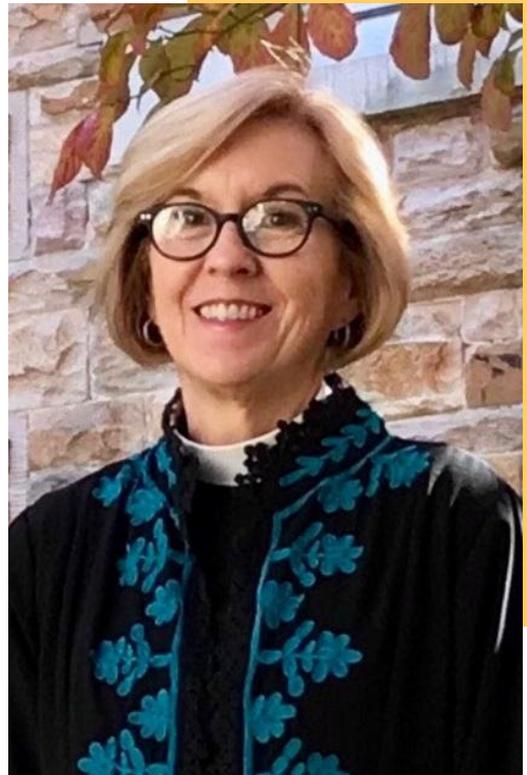
The question I want us to seriously consider is “what is the most important thing the church (universal) does/should be doing?” There is no right or wrong answer here. What I would like to know from this ‘survey’ is what you believe that the church does or should be doing in the world. I believe that until we can determine what we at Calvary think is the role of the Church as a whole and then specifically our place in that we will continue to make hit or miss or even aimless decisions about our future.

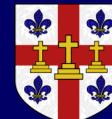
I don’t expect that there will be universal agreement on this, and that is fine. I do hope that through our taking time to really determine what we think our purpose is, our way of moving forward will become clear. If Christians do not have a well-defined understanding of their purpose in the world, why do we wonder why others are confused about what Christianity is all about?

This may sound a bit repetitive after having just gone through a rector search and the surveying that accompanies that process but my experience is that during search surveys the questions circle around what you want; ‘What do you want in a rector?’, ‘What do you want the church to look like in 5 years?’ The question I’m posing is very different. It in no way asks what you want but what do you think our purpose is as the Church

I very much look forward to hearing your thoughts on this. Your input will be foundational to how Calvary moves forward as the Body of Christ on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Louisville.

God’s peace,  
Lee+





## The Vestry Voice—Donna Duvall, 2019 Vestry Secretary

The Vestry met on April 16, 2019. There were the following items of note:

- A thank you letter to Calvary has been received from Episcopal Migration Ministries.
- The Rector will be polling everyone to ask what they think is the thing the church should be doing. She is requesting responses be a text, email or reply in person from all individuals.
- The Rector's Installation will be 6 p.m. on June 11; Susan Baker will be asked to coordinate the celebration.
- The Senior Warden noted summer coffee hour shall be simplified; cookies or coffee cake with lemonade and coffee. Volunteers may sign up in Parker Hall.
- The Property Committee will be doing balcony as well as air conditioning repairs. Also, Highland Roofing will be repairing the leak in the church roof.
- The financial report for March was submitted. March current revenues were \$38,684.63 (\$28,000 being investment income). Expenses were \$50,450.08. Net Operating revenue/expense was (\$11,765.45) with a budget of \$0.00.

The Vestry met on May 21, 2019. There were the following items of note:

- The Vestry changed the meeting date to the fourth Tuesday of the month. This was done to accommodate timely reporting for the meeting.
- The cost of altar flowers is now \$75.00; chancel flowers are now \$40.00.
- Calvary will be hosting the CEEP conference in February of 2020 (this is the largest Episcopal church conference outside of the Episcopal Convention). During coffee hour on June 2, the CEEP team will give a talk and answer questions.
- Work has begun on the balcony which is necessary for safety reasons. This project will require extensive scaffolding as well as engineering as we need to plaster the wall up to the ceiling and repair or replace I-beams.
- The HVAC unit which serves the nave will be replaced as it cannot be repaired.
- The Financial Review for 2018 has been received, and the auditor noted that we have done well on liquidity. This comes at a time when we are needing to use some of our funds for major repairs, as stated above. This will bring the surplus \$64,000 down to \$27,090.
- For the month of April revenues were \$45,800.68 (\$28,000 being investment income). Expenses were \$42,041.73. Net Operating revenue/expense was (\$3,758.95). The year-to-date actual revenues were \$215,016.63. YTD actual expenses were \$185,713.22. YTD net operating revenue was \$29,303.41.

## June Schedule: Calvary Coffee Hour

Sunday, June 2—CEEP Planning Committee

Sundays, June 9 and 23—Coffee Cake with Joan, Linda, and Stephanie

Sunday, June 16—Alex and Mary Redden

Sunday, June 30—Ruth Robbins

## June Schedule: Sunday Forum

Sundays, June 2, 9, 23, and 30: Bible Study: The Gospel of John, led by Bonnie, Will, and Joseph

Sunday, June 16—"Gender and the Doctrine of God." What comes to mind when you pray, "Our Father who art in heaven"? Come to Parker Hall on June 16 to see what Ben Sanders has to say, and join in the discussion. We may even need a second session!



### Calvary's Polyglots—Linda French, Senior Warden

When I was a child, I had three favorite church services every year. As I look back from where I am now, I can see why my favorites would have been these three. One was the community ecumenical Thanksgiving service where all denominations participated together. The second was the Easter Sunrise service where there was an adventure as 100 or so of us trekked in the dark to the top of the highest hill in our nearby park to see the glorious rays of the Easter morning sun. The third favorite was the service of Pentecost where various parishioners would read the scripture of Acts 2:4, "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." It was utterly fascinating to realize there were other languages being spoken in other places of the world. I couldn't wait to find out for myself!

Calvary has a long-standing tradition of what we gently call our "polyglot" service where various parishioners read the Acts 2:4 verse in various languages. Editor Jonathan Smith suggested it would be interesting to invite this year's readers to tell why and how we became familiar with our chosen language. Most have replied to the invitation. I hope you find it as interesting as I did when I received these replies.



Ben Sanders:

My language is Hebrew, learned in seminary. To read from right to left fascinated me, but the Hebrew grammar of time really hooked me.

James Barnes:

I took three years of Latin in High School and two more at Transylvania University in pre-seminary classes.

Matalia Wong:

Mandarin is my mother language and English is my second language. I began studying how to read the Bible scriptures here at Calvary in the ESL class. It is more difficult than reading the news of the newspaper. Now I am happy to have become a reader in the Sunday morning services.

Will Summay:

When I was age 12, God called my family as missionaries to Bosnia. We were immersed quite deeply in language learning very early on so as to relate authentically to the people. Though I moved back to America eleven years ago, I still very much love and value the Bosnian language as the language of my teenage years.

Cindy Curry:

Once upon a time, I wanted to become an interpreter at the UN -- French literally SOUNDED like the most beautiful place to start, so I studied it in school.

Margaret Dickinson:

My grandparents were immigrants from Bavaria who arrived in Zanesville, Ohio, at age 18. They were the founders of a German church that spoke exclusively Bavarian German (an almost unintelligible dialect) until I was 9, when German was outlawed due to WWII. I studied German in high school and at Oberlin, but the written word is nothing like the spoken, so when I went to Frankfurt am Main for two years, it was almost like starting from scratch. Nobody at the Hochschule spoke English, so it was like being thrown into the deep end of a swimming pool with minimal skills to stay afloat. That made me learn in a hurry! Biggest plus was meeting fellow Fulbrighter Melvin, whose initial German was worse than mine because nobody in his native Trenton, KY had ever heard a word of German. We both became fluent, got married, and throughout



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our 52 years of marriage, spoke German almost exclusively at home. Our children also learned German at home in self defense because they didn't want us talking about them in German without being able to understand. German as a second language often still becomes the primary language whenever I get a chance. And I always remember Melvin's mother muttering at family dinners, as Melvin always insisted in praying in German, "I hope the Lord speaks German!"

Linda French:

My parents were missionaries in Bogota, Colombia and I was enchanted with Spanish as such a lively language. I had to learn it!

Many years later, when Dean and I were teaching in Kuwait, we were surrounded by the beautiful sounds of Arabic. We studied it in the evenings and used it just as much as possible in our daily lives.

Dean French:

I was always determined to see the world and learn as many languages as possible. I became fluent in Thai as a 3-year Peace Corps member in Thailand. Summers in Malaysia and Puerto Rico taught me Malay and Spanish. Russian, German, and Chinese were studied in college as I was preparing for a career in the U.S. Diplomatic Foreign Service. When Linda and I were teaching in Cambodia, I studied Khmer to have better communication with the Cambodian people.

David Stewart:

My first birthday was celebrated in Antwerp, Belgium. My parents were studying French to be able to go to the Belgian Congo (a tiny kingdom Ruanda-Urundi in those days; Rwanda and Burundi today) as missionaries. My mother was a teacher. My father, a physician, was studying tropical medicine.

Ten years of my life were spent in Africa. Those around me spoke French, the "official language" of the Colonial Power, the language of trade, Swahili, the regional language, Kenyauganda, and the Burundi language, Kirundi. Kirundi is as similar to Kenyauganda as American English is to Australian.

While I've used Swahili in my portion of the Pentecost reading once or twice over the years at Calvary, I have basically stayed with the language of my childhood, Kirundi.

Penny Brisson:

My father was an exchange student in Germany in 1959. He became beloved by his host family which had four sons of their own. My entire life I grew up aware of them, as Oma and Opa would send us Christmas presents each year. When I was 9 (1986) my parents took us to Germany to meet all the families in order to establish an exchange between their kids and ours. In middle school I started learning German and continued through high school. When I was 13, I lived with a brother in Munich for the summer and upon graduation from high school (1994) I lived with another family near Stuttgart for 8 months. I attended the local "gymnasium" during my time.

In the middle of my 8 months in Germany, I visited a family friend whose wife was a US diplomat in Prague. After that visit I decided I wanted to join the Foreign Service and therefore I needed another language. Upon entering college in NY, I was already fluent in German but my freshman advisor was the Japanese professor. Interestingly, he is non-Japanese from Bowling Green, KY and an Episcopalian. I decided to major in Japanese under his direction and spent a semester in Western Japan in the fall of my senior year.

Upon graduation I worked in DC for a Japanese company but decided to go back to grad school to study intensive Japanese at Cornell University. After that program concluded I went to Japan for 3 weeks.

I also speak small but functional amounts of French and Italian. My elementary school offered French, with which I studied from K-4th grades. With Italian, I decided to do a study abroad program in Rome (1998) where I got a decent immersion in the language and culture. I've been lucky enough to have returned twice since then.



### Ministry of the Month — Judy Pease Wilson

#### Calvary-Engelhard Suzuki School, Spring, 2019

The Calvary-Engelhard Suzuki School meets on Tuesday afternoons at Calvary. Each of the 12 students enrolled have a 15-minute lesson and once a month we have a group class accompanied by a very experienced Suzuki accompanist, Florence Pilkinton.

Here are some of the musical events we have participated in this spring:

- Pancake Supper, March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Solo Recital, Bingham Calvary Choir Loft, March 16<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Concert, Nazareth Home, April 27<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Kentuckiana Suzuki Teachers



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One of our students, Danni McKenzie, is fortunate to have a generous aunt who is sending her to the UofL Suzuki String Institute in June for the second time. She was wonderfully inspired by this experience last year and is progressing rapidly. The Institute is very expensive, yet both an intense and motivational week, so I am thrilled she has been offered this opportunity,

The students in this program are all on scholarship, which includes instruction, instruments, accompanist, and books. A parent or grandparent is required to attend all lessons with their child, to practice with the child, and listen to the provided Suzuki Book 1 CD. All students started school at Engelhard Elementary.

The mission of this outreach program is to bring the Suzuki Mother Tongue Method of teaching violin to students who would not otherwise have this opportunity. The Mother Tongue Method is Dr. Suzuki's own title, believing that since all children learned to speak their own language no matter how difficult, they could learn violin the same way, through listening and imitating in a nurturing environment. This ministry would not exist had it not been for the vision of Winfrey Blackburn, who funded the first few years and believed the Calvary parishioners would embrace and support it both financially and spiritually. Winfrey continues to support it and has graciously donated his proceeds from his recent children's books, *The Mystery of Hank's Woods* and *The Adventures of Sid, A Cirpal*.

I recently had the opportunity to attend the first Suzuki Conference of the Americas in picturesque Cancun. Aside from being a beautiful location, it was inspirational as well. Teachers, families, and students from all over this hemisphere not only playing music, but espousing the philosophy of Dr. Shinichi Suzuki to help create beautiful hearts. To Winfrey and the parishioners of Calvary, I remain and shall always be eternally grateful.

"When Love is deep, much can be accomplished.." - *Shinichi Suzuki*



Pancake Supper, March 5<sup>th</sup>



Suzuki Institute, 2018

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



## A Welcome Visitor— Margaret Dickinson

### Outreach Report

Our Calvary Well team was treated to a surprise helper a couple of Thursdays ago in the person of teenager Lyman Brackett. In fulfillment of Trinity High School’s requirement of service hours, he chose to join us in preparation for and visitation of our usual Thursday outing to the homeless who come to the Floyd and Breckinridge corner right next to an underpass and across from a Salvation Army site.

As soon as Lyman got to Calvary shortly after noon, we had him spreading peanut butter and jelly on bread. These were then passed to the next volunteers who stuffed them into bags, along with cookies, snack items, and bottles of water. We always have interesting conversations in this stage of assembly, and Lyman joined right in and lent us his important perspective.

He was most helpful as we reached the loading stage, for those tables and chairs and clothes are not light and neither are the boxes of sandwiches and coolers of lemonade. Tom Gift popping popcorn provided a welcome snack, however. Once on site and unloaded, Lyman joined Tim Duncan as they pulled a wagon with the aforementioned items to other underpass sites in our immediate area. They served over 50 homeless people in their travels, while we ministered to more than 150 on our regular site.

But Lyman wasn’t done yet! He took trays of eight glasses of lemonade over to the Salvation Army site to quench the thirst of those waiting for the evening meal. Bravo!

Having known Lyman since he was a little tyke with a gorgeous soprano voice, it was quite an amazing thing for me to see a six foot two grownup standing in the Parish Hall saying, “I’m Lyman and I’ve come to help.” And help he did! We hope that he was inspired by what we do, and we would love for him to come back again this summer. Thank you, Lyman!

CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

**The Rev. Dr. Lee Franklin Shafer**  
17th Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church



**Service and Celebration**  
with Calvary Choir

**The Rt. Rev. Terry White**  
Bishop of Kentucky, Officiant

**June 11 | 6 pm**

Join the Diocese of Kentucky  
and Calvary to welcome and  
celebrate the new ministry.  
Reception to follow and all  
are invited to attend!



### Who/What is Spalding University?— Larry Reining

One can hardly enter Calvary's western door without noticing the rather imposing limestone building almost directly across 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Nor can one miss the U-shaped complex just south of the courtyard, playground, and memorial garden, just across the parking lot on the other side of the fence. These are the Columbia Gymnasium and the Mansion Complex of Spalding University, respectively. They are the core around which Spalding has grown over the last nearly 100 years in Louisville. But the roots of the institution go back even further. A brief history of the evolution of Spalding is worth noting, from the University Catalog.

Spalding University celebrates almost two centuries of academic tradition and service, extending back to 1814 when the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth established Nazareth Academy at Nazareth, near Bardstown, Kentucky. The earliest public examination ceremony was held in 1825 with Henry Clay presiding and presenting the awards. The charter enabling the institution to confer academic diplomas was granted by the legislature of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1829. The name of the University honors Catherine Spalding, the founder of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, who was responsible for securing the 1829 charter and is also regarded as the founder of social work in the Louisville area.

As was the case with many 19th century academies for young women, Nazareth Academy not only conducted the standard secondary school curriculum but college subjects, as well, and served as a training center for sisters who were to teach in other schools. Before the turn of the century, 84 new schools and academies had been established by the sisters in various parts of the country.

During the Civil War, faculty and staff members of the school served as nursing sisters for both the Union and Confederate armies. Abraham Lincoln issued a letter of protection so that the sisters at Nazareth would not be disturbed. The sisters served both sides with distinction but always for the purpose of better caring for those in pain, in need, and in fear. Six of the 39 sisters who served in the Civil War died during that conflict.

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In 1920 Nazareth College was opened in Louisville, Kentucky, as the first four-year Catholic college for women in the Commonwealth. One year later, Nazareth Junior College was formally opened on the old Nazareth campus. The two institutions were merged in 1940 into Nazareth College with two campuses. The two separated in 1961 to form Nazareth College at Nazareth and Catherine Spalding College in Louisville, but merged again in 1969 to form Spalding College. In 1971 all instructional activity was consolidated on the Louisville campus.

In 1973 the College was incorporated as an independent, urban, coeducational institution in the Catholic tradition for students of all traditions. In 1984, in recognition of the wide range of programs offered, the institution was designated Spalding University. The 2005 Carnegie Classification identifies Spalding University as a Doctoral/Research University.

In addition to selected associate's and bachelor's degrees, Spalding University currently offers a variety of graduate-level programs leading to the master's degree or the doctoral degree.

Today, the University maintains its characteristically innovative stance on the cutting edge of educational service to the greater Louisville community and beyond. A new schedule for daytime undergraduate students was introduced in Fall 2003. The schedule consists of seven 6-week sessions per year, enabling students to earn a bachelor's degree with a highly flexible schedule.

It is interesting to realize that Calvary and Spalding have co-existed on 4<sup>th</sup> Street for over half of Calvary's history, and all of Spalding's Louisville existence. Now Spalding has grown to incorporate much of the real estate in the two blocks south and east of Calvary, between York and Kentucky Streets, stretching between 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets, and a little beyond. A new athletic complex is in the planning stage for property along 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Breckinridge and Kentucky Streets. Much of this expansion has occurred since 2000 during the presidencies of Joanne Rooney (now President of Loyola University in Chicago) and Victoria (Tori) Murden McClure. Tori is something of a local celebrity for her many global exploits and connections to many local and national organizations. She also has the distinction of being the first non-Roman Catholic president of Spalding!

The last of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth working at Spalding retired this year, but there is still a presence from the Order on the Board of Trustees, as well as the Archdiocese of Kentucky. While Spalding's governance is clearly more diverse today, it remains rooted in the ethos of the Sisters, retaining the charity, compassion, and spirit of service to the broader community of Louisville, that has been its hallmark.





# CHILDREN'S

—please share with the children in your life

## O R N E R

### The Summer Sun Shone Round Me

By Robert Louis Stevenson

The summer sun shone round me,  
The folded valley lay  
In a stream of sun and odor,  
That sultry summer day.

The tall trees stood in the sunlight  
As still as still could be,  
But the deep grass sighed and rustled  
And bowed and beckoned me.

The deep grass moved and whispered  
And bowed and brushed my face.  
It whispered in the sunshine:  
"The winter comes apace."

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

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



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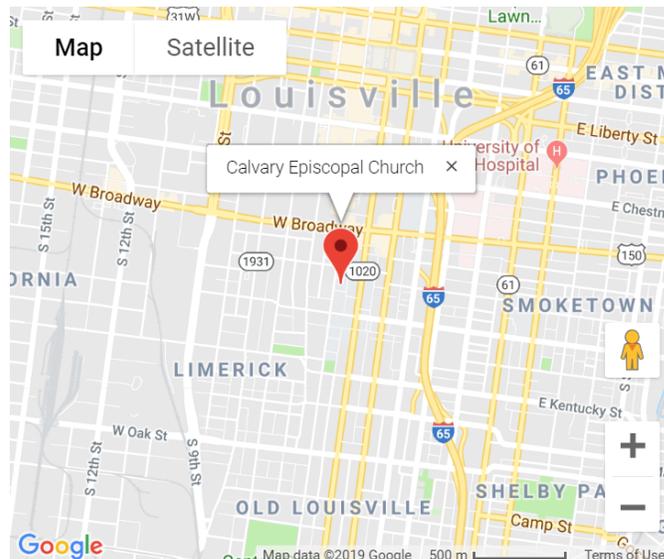
8:30 am Holy Eucharist - Rite I (Traditional Language)  
11 am Holy Eucharist - Rite II with Choir

### Thursdays

12:05 pm Holy Eucharist with Anointing

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Monday - Thursday 9 am - 3 pm



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