

Listen Up!

The Rev. Jane Morse became my new Hebrew professor in 1996. She had been a student of the Rev. Murray Newman, my original professor who retired in 1995. Jane was young and pretty and we became fast friends. There aren't many people who fall in love with Hebrew. I had originally struggled to learn the alphabet. Then the grammar. What brought me around the corner was vocabulary. There are so few words that some must serve several meanings. Certain stories take on different flavors depending on syntax, conjugation, translation. I loved that and I still study Hebrew words for sermons and for the Wednesday Women's Bible Study.

"The alphabet is not backwards! It's right-to-left!" Murray would bark at us. "It's the language God speaks!" (see Acts 26:14) He had us memorize the first chapter of Genesis in Hebrew and recite words aloud. Jane had just obtained her doctorate and held a gentle affection for the language rather than a command of every nuance.

She also got pneumonia and died that year. At her funeral, I watched her daughter Sarah sway to the hymn *I am the bread of life*. She was 25 and troubled. That week she was hospitalized. After complications from a pre-existing condition she died. In a freshly opened grave we cast her ashes upon her mother's casket in the seminary cemetery. I can't sing that hymn without weeping. Soon after, Jane's husband Clay gave me Jane's communion kit, a small wooden box, still practically new with a tiny paten and chalice for administering home communion. "She was fond of you," he said.

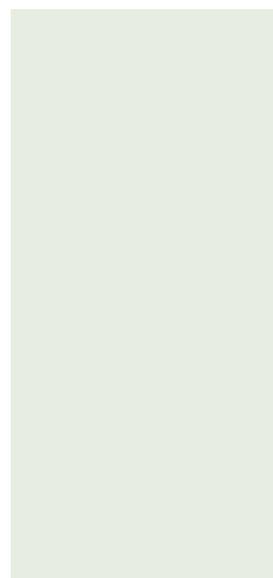
The Rev Jim Ross took the Hebrew post after that. He was gruff, like Hebrew, and we spent hours digging into the stories of Elijah, who sounds gruff in my imagination's ear, like a professor with a long scraggly beard and a laugh coated with cigarette tar.

I didn't think I would ever learn Hebrew, it was so difficult at first. When I finally gave myself to it I started dreaming in Hebrew. My biggest regret about graduating seminary was the loss of the Hebrew language community. I moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma in 1996 where I was ordained. Two doors up from me lived Bob and Marilyn Davis, parishioners of Grace Church where I served as Curate. Bob had served in the foreign service in Palestine in 1979 and he spoke contemporary Hebrew. Retired, he spent his days translating the psalms back and forth from Hebrew to English, English to Hebrew. He gave me his cassette tapes and met with me every week to practice speaking contemporary Hebrew. The only thing worse than my ear for it was my accent. Bob continued to mail me his translation notes until he died in 2012. By then he had been blind for 10 years but every day sat at his magnifying machine and worked his Hebrew.

The languages represented on June 4 in Calvary's Pentecost celebration are a rich offering of the expansive web connecting generations and friends and treasured memories and the hopes of promises waiting to be fulfilled. God speaks in many voices. Listen up!



H. Elizabeth Back, Priest-in-Charge



Calvary Connection

Save the Dates

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Old Louisville's Annual Street Fair with vendors, food trucks and artists. Rain or Shine. Penny Brisson is planning a Calvary dining group for late afternoon food and fun. Come make Calvary's presence known in our immediate neighborhood. Contact Penny Brisson at penelopekbrisson@gmail.com or 502-298-0557. Calvary T-shirts will be provided.

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Laundry Love Dates (see Don Snow for more details)

June 8 - St. Thomas

July 13 - Christ Church Cathedral

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Speaking of Tongues

THE BISHOP ARRIVES FOR PENTECOST...



Upcoming Sacred Arts Series



May 25 Ascension Day Service at Christ Church Cathedral—Combined Choirs

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Calvary's 2016-2017 Music Season

The music program at Calvary is closing out another active season. With everything from choral and organ music, to strings, brass, and gospel music, this season has included a variety of dynamic expressions. Calvary celebrated Christmas this year with a few of Judy Wilson's young violin students and Zach and Aidan on trombone and trumpet respectively. Margaret Dickinson, Musician Emerita, has also been heard several times playing the organ for choral accompaniments, hymns, and postludes.

The Calvary Choir is a semi-professional choir consisting of approximately 25 singers. Among its eight section leaders include four fine students from the University of Louisville, and one talented high school singer from the Youth Performing Arts School. The choir sings regularly at the 11:00 am Sunday Eucharist and has made special performances throughout the year, including selections from Fauré's Requiem, A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, and six Choral Evensongs which were part of Calvary's Sacred Arts Series.

Choral Evensong is sung evening prayer, which is a sublime service that dates back nearly 500 years. Its principle scriptures are the song of Mary (Magnificat) and the song of St. Simeon (Nunc Dimittis) both from the Gospel of Luke and sung by the choir. Before each Choral Evensong, the Sacred Arts Series features a soloist or small ensemble in a 30-minute recital. This year the Sacred Arts Series featured music by strings, harpsichord, flute, organ, and a Gospel singer.

Calvary has also been pleased to host outside groups as outreach to the community. The Youth Performing Arts School Chamber Choir led by Jacob Cook presented a program in October with the University of Kentucky's Men's Choir led by Dr. Jeffrey Johnson. Voci Novella, a high school choir from Horn Lake Mississippi, sang at Calvary in May as one of ten concert venues in their tour of Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

As plans begin for next season, we look forward to a vibrant year in 2017-2018!



Shawn Dawson, Interim Director
of Music and Organist

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Calvary is Reading and Sharing

The Book Aid group has been discussing which groups that would most benefit from the Calvary donated books. We will continue to support House of Ruth but will also look at potentially some new groups to support and ask that you remember to bring your books. There will be a designated area to leave them. In particular we would welcome more children's book – both for the Food Closet Corner and for the House of Ruth.

This month Calvary is reading **“Shoe Dog: A Memoir by the Creator of Nike: Phil Knight”**. A really fascinating book of how he created the company, who supported him and the close financial calls, including some that were possibly illegal.

“The Widow” by Fiona Barton a book with a sad plot about a missing child that builds slowly but has surprising and shocking plot twists.

It also has some interesting insights on relationships between spouses.

“The Chilbury Ladies Choir” by Jennifer Ryan which tells the stories of many women in small English village near Dover during World War II and what happens, not only to the church choir, but also to the village when all of the men go to war. Music, deception, death, adultery, family problems and all of the typical daily problems aggravated by the stress and restrictions of war. The author has created great characters that stay with you.

Also reading the latest from **David Baldacci** who started out writing about the **Camel Club**, a group of four men in Washington DC who act behind the government to protect the country, to the **Will Robie** series about

an Army sharpshooter, the **John Puller** series about a military investigator and a new series based on **Amos Decker** a detective who due to an injury can never forget anything. All demonstrate the author's knowledge of how the government and military work and his flair for conspiracy. Highly recommended as good airplane books. He also wrote a **King and Maxwell** detective series which was developed into TV series but this series is not recommended.

Please share the books you are reading, they will be included in the article, and also share the ones you have finished by donating to Book Aid.

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Pentecost Service

Traditionally, during the Pentecost Service at Calvary, Acts 2:1-21 is read during the service. The verse that reads,

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance,”

is read by different members of Calvary’s congregation in languages they were raised with or learned through their work and education.

Here is a list of the people who will read during this portion of the service and the languages they will use for this verse:

Linda French – Arabic
Anne Marie deZeeuw - Dutch
Cindy Curry - French
Margaret Dickinson - German
David Stewart - Kirundi
James Barnes - Latin
Linda French - Spanish
Dean French – Thai
Gionatan Surrenti - Italian

Have you ever wondered how these people came to speak these languages? Here are some of their stories:

Jim Barnes will be reading in Latin. His high school encouraged all students to take two languages during their high school experience. Jim chose Latin and German. Latin was a great help in understanding (and diagramming) English sentence structure.

David Stewart was raised in Burundi in Central Africa. At that time, Burundi was a Belgian colony so French was the language of government. Swahili was the language of commerce. And Kirundi was the indigenous tongue. David will be reading in Kirundi.

Cindy Curry will be reading in French. Although she can't recall her 1st exposure to French (opportunities in West Texas were rare), she was drawn to the almost mysterious lyrical beauty of the spoken language & studied it in school. Of course, she considers the ultimate contemporary proponent to be the inimitable Miss Piggy!

Linda French will be reading in Arabic as well as Spanish. She writes, “In 1982, I desired to join the International Schools System. I accepted a position at The

American School of Kuwait chiefly because I wanted to learn more about the Middle East. Arabic was studied and learned during my 7 years there.” Her history with Spanish? “While I was in college, my parents became missionaries in Bogotá, Colombia. I was enchanted with the people and the language. Following my first visit there, I became a Spanish major and have taught Spanish for 20+ years.”

Dean French will be reading in Thai. Immediately following college graduation, Dean was sent to Thailand with the Peace Corps teaching English as a Foreign Language to Thai high school students. He became fluent in Central Thai, which is a 5-tonal language and also in the 9-tonal dialect of southern Thailand where he was posted.

Margaret Dickinson. “My grandparents were German immigrants and I heard German often growing up. But it was Bavarian German and it in no way prepared me for organ lessons as a Fulbright student studying in Frankfurt am Main with the famous BACH organist Helmut Walcha. He knew no English, so Melvin and I used, and misused often, our college textbook German to communicate. It somehow worked, and we both became pretty fluent during the course of our two years there. I will be reading in German.”



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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:

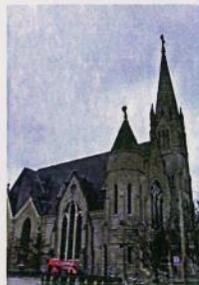
- Calvary Episcopal Church
- Christ Church Cathedral
- Our Merciful Savior
- St. George's

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:

MAY 21



Calvary
821 S. 4th St.

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Urban Partnership Fellowship Coffee Hour at Merciful Savior





The Woman's Board of the
Episcopal Church Home invites you
to join us for our annual Luncheon

Wildwood Country Club
5000 Bardstown Rd
Friday, May 19, 2017
at 12:00
\$45.00

Guest Speaker - Bob Valvano

To purchase tickets contact:

Susan Baker - nonnymomm@aol.com

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The Vestry Voice

On May 16th, the Calvary Vestry met and discussed the following topics:

- The treasurer reported that April Year-to-date, Calvary's expenses are \$15,000 under budget.
- The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP), of which Calvary is the Diocese of Kentucky's only member, is considering hosting its 2020 convention in Louisville. If Louisville is selected, then Calvary would be its host Church.
- The Finance and Audit committees are moving forward with a contract with Weleken & Associates to conduct a review of 2015 and a full audit of 2016 church finances.
- Next month, the Property Committee will be outlining a 3-5-year plan. If you have items that should be considered, please bring them forward to Ruth Robins or Will Cary.
- The Boy Scouts of America have contacted Calvary to ask whether the Church would consider hosting a Scout Troop. The Vestry will invite local Scout leaders to the next Vestry meeting to discuss the opportunity in more detail.
- The Communications Committee will be selling Calvary T-shirts for \$10. They will be available at future Coffee Hours.
- The Vestry allocated 30 minutes to discuss some existential questions about various programs and ministries at Calvary. Vestry members are encouraged to have small group or individual discussions with Church members to gather information on how Calvary perceives itself and what we think God's plan for Calvary is. Look out for an invitation.
- A draft Strategic Plan was disseminated for consideration and conversations will be forthcoming to refine it.
- Jamie Hendon gave an update from the ad hoc committee that has been created to assess the needs around the upcoming search for Calvary's next Rector.

Penny Brisson, Secretary



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The Bishop's Visit



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Calvary People





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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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"Now go out into the highways and hedges where not even the Bishops will try to hinder you. Go out and look for Jesus in the ragged, in the naked, in the oppressed and sweated, in those who have lost hope, in those who are struggling to make good. Look for Jesus. And when you see him, gird yourselves with his towel and try to wash their feet." Frank Weston, Bishop. (Thanks to Jim Barnes for the quote)