

Final report to the Vestry by our Priest-in-Charge

My personal meditation from the Daily Office today is from 1 Cor. 6-8.

“Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? **7** Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. **8** Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”

While the entire list is too long to include tonight, here is a short list of leaven for which I say thank yous to:

Don Snow, among countless other reasons, including reaching out to all the scattered sheep in 2016, and for leading the way for this ship to be seaworthy again with the phones repaired and the cameras installed. I am happy to report there has not been a single poop incident since.

Meg Scharre who kept a level head at the wheel of rough waters.

Ruth Robins for changing that which was musty into that which holds mustard.

Sally Reiz for making our reports and budget ship shape.

Penny Brisson for reigniting the lighthouse so all could reconnect in communications.

Stephanie Smith for asking helpful questions as she came aboard the Vestry.

Linda French for her kind diplomacy.

Leroy Malone for his discerning eye and compassionate heart.

Shawn Dawson for being a professional and an artist.

Britt Shelton for her fresh and honest perspective and inclusive attitude.

Cindy Curry my first friend.

Jonathan Erdman who hired someone who thought herself a pirate at best.

Ben Sanders a captain's captain.

Larry Reining and Tim Duncan who in two very different ways have championed a course of compassion and justice.

Women's Bible Study which has become a witness as much as it is a study.

The Stewardship Committee for trusting me and entrusting Calvary with something new.

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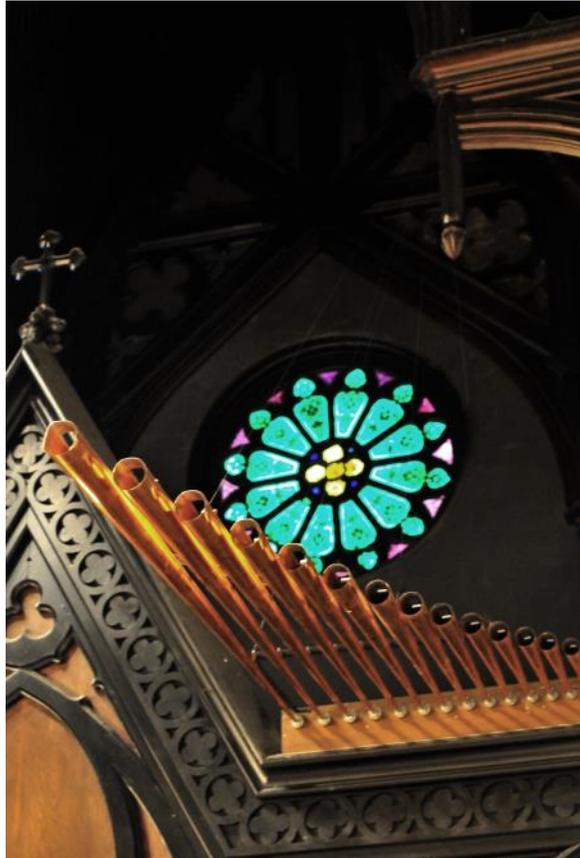


H. Elizabeth Back—Priest-in-Charge

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2018 Lenten Recital and Lunch Series

The 2018 Calvary Episcopal Church Lenten Recital and Lunch Series began on Wednesday, February 21.



The Lenten Series continues:

The series concludes on March 21 with a BACH Birthday Bash performed by the Bellarmine University SCHOLA directed by Timothy Glasscock and accompanied by Margaret Dickinson.

The concerts and luncheons, freshly prepared by Calvary volunteers, are free, with an opportunity to participate in a free will offering to help support Calvary's outreach program. For further information, please call 587-6011 or 893-7954.

All recitals begin at 12:05PM, with lunch following at 12:30PM. Proceeds from a strictly free will offering will be targeted for our outreach efforts.

We look forward to you joining us for this wonderful series!

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Adult Forum Schedule

- March 18 Jonathan Smith—The Creation Story, part 2
March 25 Linda French—Sharing God’s love with others
April 22 Suzuki Violin Class & Judy Wilson.

Please join us at 10 a.m. for a time of studying and learning.

Coffee Hour Schedule



- March 18 Calvary Lenten Brunch---The Hensleys & The Browns
March 25 Palm Sunday and Hot Cross Buns (The Snows)
April 1 “Eggster” Easter Deviled Egg Smorgasbord (All!)
April 8 The Reddens
April 15 The Sheltons
April 22 The Bakers
April 29 The Dietzes & Ginger Ray
May 6 Derby Sunday---All Derby Party Leftovers
May 13 Mother’s Day---Britt Shelton, Sarah Riggle, & Aunt Lou Henson

(Please see Lou Henson to host a Coffee Hour. Volunteers needed!)

Please join us at every Sunday at 12:15 for coffee, snacks and fellowship.

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New Beginnings

As I was sitting at my desk at home this morning on February 19th, I looked up and saw bright sunshine breaking through the clouds. I quickly checked the temperature and forecast for the remainder of the day and immediately decided that the paperwork could wait for an hour or two. With temperatures in the 60s and headed toward 70, with the rain finally through for a bit, it was time to break out my bicycle for a late winter ride!

Bicycle enthusiasts like Dorn Crawford, David Stewart, Jerry Lyndrup, and others can easily understand my passion for biking. For me, it's a time when I get some much needed exercise after a lethargic winter; a time to enjoy the feel of the bike under me, a time to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow enthusiasts from my bike club (today was a solo ride); a time to think how much I enjoy this city as I ride through its streets and parks; a time to look around at the beauty of God's creation in every season and marvel at His grace to let me live in it. It's also a time to clear my mind and to feel at peace.

It's a new beginning. A new season. It's a time of thankful remembrance of the past and joyful anticipation for the future. Now isn't that our story at Calvary too?

Lent calls us to pause, to reflect, to take on more discipline and prayer, to await the celebration of the risen Christ. Don't you feel as I do that we can at once embrace our past while stepping boldly into our future knowing God watches over us? It's OUR new beginning.

By the time you read this, many things will have come to pass or soon will. Think about the new energy you see all around us. Look at the large number of volunteers in all manner of old and new ministries. Take stock of visitors who are finding comfort, fellowship, and worship with us. I could go on and on.

It's near the time when we will say goodbye and God bless you to Rev. Back. We will say it with gladness of heart for her time with us and for the

future, hers and ours.

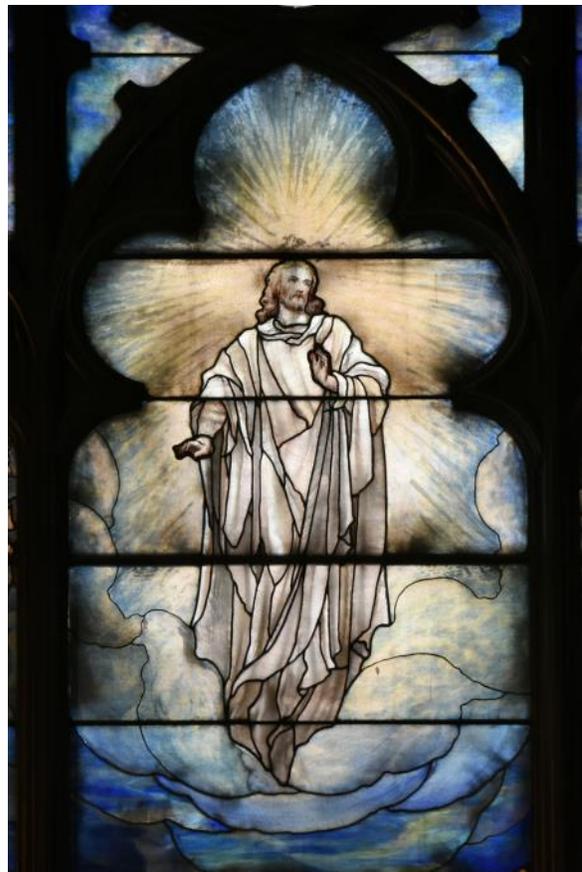
As of this writing, we are nearing completion, and presentation to the Vestry for approval, of a letter of agreement with a new Interim Rector. I expect we will be able to announce all the details very shortly. Another new beginning.

The Search Committee is making much headway in the process for seeking a new permanent rector. Yet another new beginning.

Spring is just around the corner. So, join me in shaking off those winter blues. Join me in awe of what we are, can, and will become at Calvary with God's grace. Join me in our new beginning.

Here's hoping you dust off your "bicycle".

Don Snow—Senior Warden



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The Vestry Voice

It is a little daunting to take this on, especially following Penny Brisson, but like all other new Vestry members, I'll try to live up to the standards set by the departing ones and do my best.

The Vestry met on February 27, delayed one week because we sent delegates to the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP.) There were the following items of note:

Mother Elizabeth noted that she was attending her last vestry meeting and expressed her appreciation for members of the Parish. We, in return, expressed our appreciation for her.

We have submitted the 2017 Parochial Report to the national church. Among other statistics, we reported a total of communicants in good standing of 221, with an average Sunday attendance of 98. We showed year end cash of \$252,383 and investments of \$8,079,110. We reported estimates of 2,075 people served from the Food Closet and 324 served in the Clothes Closet.

Our January financials showed income of \$83,005 (of which \$27,916 was investment income from our endowment) against budget of \$ 47,125 and expenses of \$42,728 against budget of \$47,125 for a net positive of \$40,276.

Members of the Vestry are completing formalities including review of the Conflict of Interest policy and individual statements, as well as the annual background checks.

The Search Committee reported on its progress toward getting our Profile, Portfolio and Pay Package for a new Rector posted. The Vestry approved a Pay Package and after we receive Diocesan action on their open items, we will be able to post.

We are waiting for Diocesan action in order to call an interim Rector.

Calvary's phone will be answered by a person during business hours. Ginger Ray has organized a rotation of volunteers to take on this important task of giving a welcoming voice to those who call the Church.

Stephanie Smith—2018 Secretary To the Vestry



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Sunday School Enthusiasm!

Britt Shelton, Sunday School Coordinator, summed up her vision for Calvary's program by saying, "I want these children to have the same experience I did growing up here at Calvary."

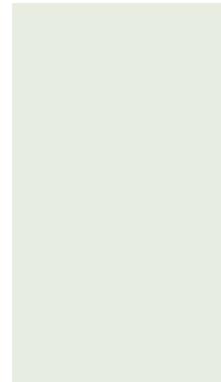
She and her family moved to Old Louisville and began attending Calvary when she was 11 years old. Britt continued until she left for college at the University of Texas El Paso where she earned a degree in business. She then moved to Los Angeles for several years where she became associated with a large church and taught a Sunday School class of 30 students.

When she moved back to Louisville with her son Darin, Britt returned to Calvary "because I wanted him to have the same experience I did," describing the church's people as "loving, caring, and accepting." She recalls the special long-term relationship she developed with the Sunday School coordinator during her early years and hopes to watch the children under her care flourish and have positive experiences about church.

The curriculum in Sunday School uses the Scriptures that are read in the morning service. The children stay in church with their parents for the beginning of the service, then leave for their "learning time together" which focuses on the theme of the Scripture. They rejoin their families at the Peace.

Britt reflects awareness that "sometimes people have issues with the church because they have been hurt," adding that she wants to provide instruction and create an environment that will help them, "understand and feel God's love so that they will stick with it, knowing that God's love is forever and God's promises are forever."

Cindy Curry



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The Personnel Committee for laying the foundation for the solid future of a happy staff.

The Thursday Outreach Crew who takes the sacramental experience to the Salvation Army and beyond.

To **this Vestry** for sailing back into the long lost waters of CEEP. For helping Calvary become **THE** flagship for the Urban Partnership, and for praying for my parents.

Jim Barnes for providing an anchor during storms and a true compass under sunny skies.

When I was in San Antonio for CEEP I was able to visit my godmother, who suffers from Alzheimer's. Helen could not remember me but could remember this poem we often shared together. She recited it with me and I leave it with you as a parting gift.

Love that is will always be
Even tho there is a sea
Parting life and love and all
For in the end the sea is small
And all that was to be will be
And all that was to see we'll see
And all the roads that we do trod
Will be the ones that lead to God.

God bless you,
Elizabeth

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Calvary Nursery News

I just wanted to give you a little info on what we do in the Nursery. It seems that lately the new buzzword around here is "Sunday School". I know that our name Nursery is very misleading. Yes, we do provide care for children ages Infant thru 5 yrs. old. The image I get when I hear the word Nursery is rocking/feeding a baby, which we will do...BUT it is also so much more than that!

We are a very active room with toddlers and preschoolers, and even school age kids at times. We do more than just play, which is also important. We have been having Bible story lessons with a coordinating color sheet each week (our "Sunday School"). This is geared toward our preschool age, but also beneficial for all ages. We have been doing this weekly for the 2 1/2 years I have been here. I feel it is important for these children to learn about God/Jesus at an early age. You might be surprised at how receptive the children are and how much they remember about the lesson! I have been using the Bible Story Color'n'Learn curriculum by Michelle Medlock Adams.

During our morning we also go over the class room rules. Please ask your children some of what they are. :) After lesson time and coloring, we provide a snack. We make sure to say a prayer first. We use the "God is great...." one, and encourage you to do it with your children before meals. If you don't know it, feel free to ask me, or them! We also do several seasonal crafts, which they seem to love doing. When the weather permits, we go outside to the playground, depending also on what ages of kids we have at the time.

We encourage you to come and check us out if you haven't been up to see us. There is a window in the door where you can just watch if you don't want to disturb the children. It is my goal to make all our children and parents feel welcome. If you have any further questions, please ask me or Ms. Darlene. Hope to see you and your children soon!

In Christ's love,

Joann Wingfield



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Rector Search Committee

Calvary's Rector Search began on August 22, 2017. The Search Committee was appointed that evening. There are nine members. They are Susan Baker, Bart Brown, Cindy Curry, Art Dietz, Dean French, Ted Mussler, Ruth Robins, Corky Sachs and Deborah Stewart.

Deborah Stewart was elected to chair the committee which has met nearly weekly since August of 2017.

We were charged with the following:

1. To conduct a congregational assessment using Holy Cow Consulting. This cost \$490.00. It took two weeks to roll out and then was open for three weeks. The results were assessed and sent to the Bishop's office. Canon Amy Coultas reviewed the results and met with the Search Committee and Vestry on November 15, 2017 to present the results. Chair, Deborah Stewart, presented a detailed report of these findings at an Adult Forum where all were invited to attend.
2. The Search Committee studied the Vestry's Strategic Plan and the Congregational Assessment Results. Based on these two documents, we assembled answers to the Portfolio Narrative Questions which would be presented to the Bishop's Office and Vestry for their review.
3. A Profile of Calvary Church was composed, and David Stewart was hired to assemble the profile, integrating photos and videos to the text. This profile will be posted as a link to our Portfolio Narrative Questions for potential candidates to view.
4. The Search Committee met with the Vestry in late February to discuss our work to confirm that we had included the Vestry's Strategic Plan in our narrative and to discuss the benefits package which would be posted for potential candidate's review.
5. At this point, we are scheduled to meet on March 14, 2018 with Canon Coultas who will conduct an interviewing workshop. At that same meeting, Penny Brisson, Chair of Calvary's Communication Committee, will update the Search Committee on Calvary's new website. Also, David Stewart will present the completed Profile.
6. Canon Coultas will post the Portfolio Narrative Answers, along with a link to the Vestry Packet of Benefits and the Calvary Profile to the Episcopal Church Data Base.
7. Potential Candidates will respond, and Search Committee will interview those potential candidates. Once the field is narrowed, members of the Search Committee will travel to meet the candidates in their current parishes.
8. Finally, the Search Committee will make a recommendation to the Vestry of viable candidates who feel called to serve Calvary.
9. It will be the Vestry who makes the final decision to call our next Rector.

Deborah Stewart—Chair Rector Search Committee

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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..."