

## The Annual Report—Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer, Rector

(Below is the Rector's Annual Report, prepared for the Parish Meeting on January 26.)

Dear Friends,

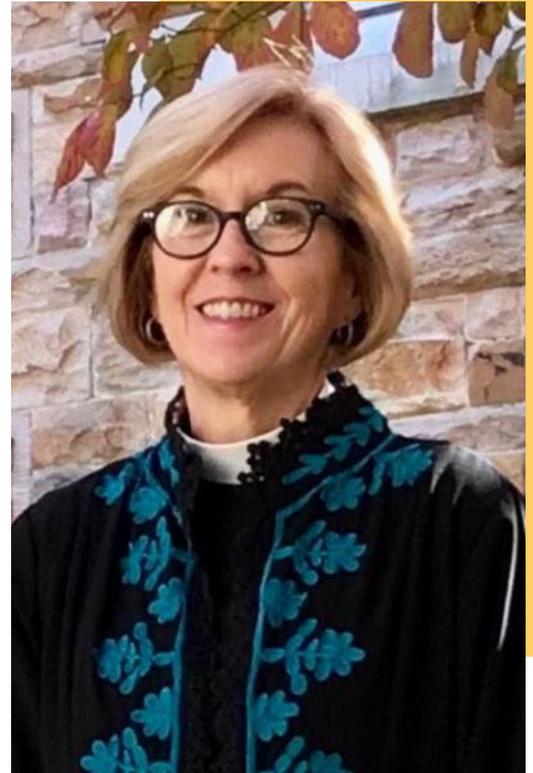
I want to begin by saying thank-you to each of you for making our first year together at Calvary a wonderful year. The year has passed very quickly and with the passing of 2019 came the passing of a decade. I find inspiration in thinking about the passing of a decade, which holds more significance than merely the ending of one year. More, it seems, can be put behind, and I hope that putting behind that which needs to be put behind is something that we can continue to build on.

2020 begins in a time of stability of Calvary, a time of reclaiming that which is good that has been carried throughout Calvary's history, and letting go that which has held us back and kept us from fully living into the church that God has called us to be. You may remember that early in our time together I asked folks to share with me what they believe is the most important thing the church is, or should be, doing. Apparently, that is as difficult a question as I surmised that it might be. I only got a handful of responses and they were as varied as I anticipated. This gives us an opportunity to work together to talk about and clarify what it is that we as followers of Jesus at Calvary Episcopal Church in the year of our Lord 2020 and forward should be focusing on and being and doing. One place

that we can have these conversations is in our Sunday Forum. We will also draw heavily from the input given in the search process through Holy Cow. I am always anxious to hear your thoughts and dreams for Calvary and how we might continue to serve God, each other and our community.

While no broad and sweeping changes have taken place over this year, by design, there have been incremental changes and we have built on the wonderful work that has been on-going. Our Sunday Forum continues to bring in engaging speakers and topics and the number in attendance is steadily growing. To the Forum we have added an on-going Bible Study which thus far has been following the Gospel of John and will continue to move through other parts of the Scripture as the year unfolds. Inquirer's classes were held during the fall with much engagement. They will meet again in the fall of 2020 to prepare those wishing to be confirmed at the Bishop's visitation and to refresh all interested in the history, practice, and faith of the Episcopal Church. In the meantime, individual sessions are on-going in my office. If you would like to be a part of a one-on-one conversation, or if several would like to find a time to explore our Church and our Faith, I am more than happy to do so.

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Our Children's formation has new leadership with Jordan Williams, who is doing a great job engaging the younger members of Calvary and is looking for ways to expand how we raise our children in faith. Communications is under the wonderful leadership of Britt Shelton and is expanding with the support of the communications committee and vestry. You have surely seen the info screens in Frazier Hall and in the North Entrance area. Keep looking and listening as we expand our presence in the neighborhood and community at large.

The Food and Clothing ministry continues to provide much needed items to those who come through our doors on Monday-Thursday. A committed and caring crew of volunteers work tirelessly in a variety of roles to make sure that this ministry continues to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters. Calvary's Well continues to expand in the numbers served, the numbers serving and the items provided. This year our Bishop has committed his support both personally and financially, for which we are very grateful. He also approved our providing Holy Communion to our brothers and sisters on the streets which invites folks to the table in every good way.

Our property committee continues to tackle one tough project after another. The number of hours put in by individuals on this committee is staggering and we are indebted to their care and concern for our beautiful historic building and its grounds.

Hospitality keeps us well fed and cared for, music draws us more deeply into worship and is always a foretaste of the heavenly chorus. Our budget is balanced and our endowment is very sound. We will be talking about that over the next year as we look at what it truly means to be faithful followers of Jesus. We have begun to live into our claim that the two most important pieces of Calvary are outreach and music by including outreach in our operating budget. Well done, good and faithful servants.

The vestry has had a good year of oversight of the Parish. I am very grateful, as I know you are, for those who served their three years and rotated off; Will Cary, Jamie Hendon, Larry Reining, Ruth Robbins and Pat Vaughn, who is eligible to be reelected. Each of these members have gone above and beyond in their care and leadership and I trust that none will go too far. Today we will elect five new vestry members to serve for the next three years. We have a good slate and cannot go wrong.

One thing I noticed even before I came here is that everyone is deeply committed to Calvary and willing to do whatever needs to be done. The level of engagement of each person here, whether paid staff or volunteer, is more than I have witnessed before, which is an attestation to the deep care we all have for Calvary and for its success both now and in the future. We are fine. We will be fine. Do not be afraid. Do not worry. Trust God; trust each other and trust me. There are areas that we can grow into and strive toward and we will. There are things that need to be left behind in the decade of the teens and they will be left there. I am excited to see where the Holy Spirit will continue to lead Calvary in this new time in the life of the Church.

The next big agenda item is the CEEP conference in February. Please be sure to sign up to help. I am very much looking forward to sharing how wonderfully it went and how Calvary shone. I am sure it will be true.

God's peace,  
Lee+



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# urban partnership 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
- Church of the Advent
- Our Merciful Savior
- St. George's

#### Supporting Partners:

- St. Thomas
- Church of the Advent
- St. Clement's House Church
- Church of the Resurrection



Fellowship Hours begin 12:15/30 p.m. on the following Sundays and locations:

FEB. 16



Christ Church Cathedral  
421 S. 2nd St.

MARCH 15



Calvary  
821 S. 4th St.

APRIL 19



St. George's  
1201 S. 26th St.

MAY 17



Our Merciful Savior  
473 S. 11th St.



## The Vestry Voice—*Donna Duvall, 2020 Vestry Secretary*

There were two January Vestry meetings—one immediately after the Annual Meeting and one at the regular time, on January 28. New Vestry members were welcomed and the Rector announced that she had asked last year’s officers to continue for another year to ensure continuity as we address issues. They were re-elected: Linda French as Senior Warden, Stephanie Smith, Junior Warden, Donna Duvall, Secretary, and Sally Reisz, Treasurer. The rector reminded the Vestry that the Conference of Endowed Episcopal Parishes will be held February 19-22, 2020 at the Omni Hotel, hosted by us. Volunteers are needed to welcome participants, give directions and answer questions.

Other events to note:

- The Congregational Leadership Conference will be in Bowling Green on February 15 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Central time, with a dozen of the Vestry members who have agreed to represent Calvary.
- The Urban Partnership Joint Coffee Hours will resume, starting with February 16, at the Cathedral.
- Shrove Tuesday is February 25. Everyone is invited to attend the pancake supper, which will include a performance by the Calvary Suzuki students.
- On Ash Wednesday, February 26, there will be two services; 12:05 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- A Welcome Committee is forming to respond to the wish of the Congregation to attract new members. As part of the Communications role in that, Britt attended a conference in Atlanta to bring back new ideas and approaches, among them the need for a new logo. We will also change from livestreaming the entire service on Facebook to using a podcast for key portions, such as the sermon and the anthem.
- The Property Committee will be looking for funding for various projects including the flooring in the Nave and accessibility—there are connections between them; for example, a lift into the chancel may require work on the flooring to support it first.
- December revenues were \$69,038.45 (\$28,000 being investment income). Expenses were \$48,942.10. Net Operating revenue/expense was \$20,096.35. The year-to-date actual revenues were \$602,846.49. YTD actual expenses were \$559,971.02. YTD net operating revenue/expense was \$42,875.47. The 2020 budget totaling \$591,740.00 had been approved by the Vestry in December’s Vestry meeting.

### Upcoming Schedules

#### Sunday Forum

Sundays, 10:00-10:45

Bible Study also meets at the same time, led by Joseph Reece. All views are welcome.

March 1-April 5—For the six Sundays of Lent, Rector Lee Shafer will lead the Sunday Forum in a time of reflection.

#### Calvary Coffee Hour Hosts

Sun, Feb. 16 UP Coffee Hour at Cathedral

Sun., Feb. 23 The Hospitality Committee

Sun, Mar. 1 NEED VOLUNTEERS

Sun, Mar. 8 Donna Duvall and Lou Henson

Sun, Mar. 15 We host Urban Partnership! Please let Linda French know if you can help by bringing a dish.

Sun, Mar. 22 Carolyn and Don Snow

Sun, Mar. 29 NEED VOLUNTEERS



## New Vestry Members

(Five people were elected to the Vestry at the Parish Meeting on January 26. The autobiographical statements were submitted when they were candidates.)



**Larry Frederiksen** I am neither a native born Texan, nor a cradle Episcopalian. I as a war baby sandwiched between two native born brothers, and I was converted from the Southern Baptist at St. Thomas Episcopal in College Station while at A&M. I was a Zoology major and commissioned officer. I then went on active duty as a Medical Service Officer. After the service, I attended University of Texas, where I met Anne Marie while singing in the All Saint’s choir. I moved to San Antonio to teach science, and sang in the St. David’s first class of cantors. Marriage to Anne Marie led us to Louisville and Calvary. Besides being a choir member, Lector, and sometimes phone operator, I have served previously on two vestries, as Junior and Senior Warden and as treasurer. I am now retired, and am in involved with bagpipes, the Zoo, and travel.



**Jennie Kling** is currently in her 23rd year of teaching as a music educator. As a member of Calvary Episcopal Church, she is a representative on the Music Committee and has recently served as the chairman for the Urban Partnership committee. Jennie performs trumpet at Calvary during Sunday services throughout the year, and has assisted with the Well Ministry, Laundry Love, and flower delivery when available. As an educator, she holds an ED.S. in Leadership and Administration from Bellarmine University, has served as a Site-Based Decision-Making committee member, and is currently the Assistant Clinic Manager for the Indiana University Summer Music Clinic. Jennie and her husband Carl have two children, Elizabeth and Mark.



**Mary Redden** is a lifelong member of Calvary. Her parents joined the Episcopal Church in the early 70s and except for a brief absence during the college years, Calvary has always been Mary’s church ‘home’. She is a member of the choir, and also participates in Lay Reading, Coffee Hour Hosting, Flower Delivery, and Calvary Music Memory Makers. In the past she has served as the Vestry Secretary and as the Director of the Calvary Treble Choir. Mary’s particular areas of interest are communications, organization and efficiency. She has been the Office Manager at Connect Marketing, Inc. since 2005. She has been married to Alex for over 27 years and together they have 2 adult children: Logan (residing in Cincinnati) and Emily (residing in Atlanta).



**Meg Scharre** My interest in serving on the Calvary Vestry is to help our parish fulfill its mission to: make the Gospel of Jesus Christ the center of our life and work; welcome all people into our church family; love and support one another; and actively seek out the human needs in our community, responding vigorously with respect and understanding. I believe Calvary has made great strides in the past few years, by calling Lee to be our rector and by offering a range of ministries and programs that open our doors and reach out to our surrounding community. Our future is bright and I hope to support Calvary to continue in the coming years. Currently, I serve as chair of Altar Guild, as a Eucharistic Minister, and as co- chair of the CEEP Conference Planning committee. I am participating in the  
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Education for Ministry (EFM) study program. I have been on the Calvary Vestry in the past and most recently served as senior and junior warden. I have also represented Calvary as a deputy to Diocesan Convention and participated on Diocesan Convention Planning committees as well as Rector Search committees. If chosen, I would be honored to serve on Calvary's Vestry.



**Pat Vaughn** Joined Calvary in 1965 when I married a lifelong member Patricia Cary. Was absent for 15 years when we were transferred to Florida. I returned 5 years ago. I served on the vestry this past year as a replacement for a vestry member who could not complete the term. Professionally, I am a MBA-CPA with many years of experience in financial management as well as serving on several not for profit boards. If retained on the vestry, I would hope to continue on the finance committee.

## The 2020 Lenten Recital Series—Shawn Dawson, Organist/Music Director

The 31<sup>st</sup> Lenten Recital Series is just around the corner, beginning on Wednesday March 4. The series consists of five mid-week recitals which all begin at 12:05 on Wednesday afternoons. A lunch, prepared by dedicated volunteers and organized by Margaret Dickinson, will be provided for all immediately following the recital. A free will offering will be taken and donated to Calvary's Outreach Ministries.

The series this year will begin and end with organ, with a few contrasting options in the middle. On March 4, I will present an organ recital consisting of the Passacaglias by Bach and Rheinberger. On March 11, Jamie Monck, a creative classical guitarist, will explore repertoire on the guitar in imaginative ways. On March 18, we will be honored to have Nada Loutfi in piano recital. On March 25, Audrey Dawson, mezzo-soprano, will sing music from Bach to Rachmaninoff with the help of Judy Wilson. On April 1, our very own Margaret Dickinson will close out the series at the organ.



Jamie Monck



Nada Loutfi



### Eat, Pray, Learn—at Calvary—Linda French, Senior Warden

At Calvary, it seems we are always asking something from you. This time we are giving you opportunities to learn, to grow, to share, and to lead. February has many dates and activities to explore. Take a look below.

The Sunday Forum continues to be a viable part of weekly growth. Bible Studies are led by Joseph Reese at 10 a.m. We are a casual group with our Bibles and our coffee as we learn and discuss. In the six Sundays of Lent, Lee will lead us in learning and understanding. Could you come just one hour earlier or stay one hour later to participate in learning God's word? We would love to have you join us!

Sunday School at 10 a.m.: Jordan needs teachers on a rotational basis. It generally requires only a few turns per year. Could you help our Calvary children to learn about God's love?

The Thursday Healing Service 12:05-12:30 is my favorite part of the week. Lee leads us in Healing and The Eucharist. We are a small group of people who are able to get to Calvary in the middle of the day, but the blessings are well worth the effort.



Calvary's Well on Thursday from 12:45-5:30: You could join us to help at any section of the day, but we start preparing the sandwiches, the popcorn, the bags to be delivered, cooking the hotdogs, etc., by 12:45. Near 2:30, we begin loading the truck with tables, folding chairs, large bins of food, bottles of water, hot chocolate, boxes of clothing, blankets, etc. to take to the corner of Brook and Breckinridge. There we unload while the already-formed line helps us get everything out of the truck. We reload starting at 5:00 and reverse the order, bringing the empty containers back to church to be washed and ready for next week. What a blessing it is to help those in need. Just join us one Thursday and see what you could do to help.

Coffee Hour—Every month, we need 4 or 5 volunteers to serve coffee and snacks to our own parishioners following the 11 a.m. Sunday Service. Please sign in the binder in Frazier Hall. It, too, is a blessing to serve your own friends here at Calvary. This is the time to socialize and get to know your fellow parishioners.

The 2020 Congregational Leadership Conference will be held in Bowling Green, 10-2:30 CST, Saturday, February 15. It is free and lunch is provided.

CEEP will be hosted by Calvary February 19-22. There are still sign-up spots for "meeting and greeting" participants at the Omni Hotel. See the pages in Frazier Hall.

Shrove Tuesday is Feb. 25. Who doesn't enjoy a pancake dinner with friends? Join us for an evening of fun and entertainment.

Finally, Ash Wednesday services will be held Wednesday, February 26 at 12:05 and 6:00 p.m.

It's busy at Calvary with fun, interesting, and fulfilling activities. Challenge yourself to see if you can add one or two of these to your calendar. You will be blessed for your efforts.



Calvary  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Bach Vespers

821 South Fourth Street Louisville, KY 40203 | calvaryepiscopal.org



Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

3:30 pm | Lecture | Dr. John Hale

4 pm | Vespers | Calvary Choir

Soloists | Alex Redden and Aaron Hill

*Shawn Dawson, Conductor*

## Bach Vespers Repertoire

Bach, Cantata 131

*Aus der Tiefe rufe ich,*

*Herr, zu dir*

Schütz, *Psalm 130*

Pachelbel, *Magnificat*



Dr. John Hale

“Bach’s First Church Cantatas:  
The Road Not Taken”

All are invited to a reception following the service. Nursery care is provided.



## Communicating with the Homeless — Joyce L. Barnett

(Calvary member and author Joyce Barnett was invited to write an abstract or summary of the Sunday Forum class she led on January 5, on “The Different Faces of Homelessness.”)

A crowd of homeless and poor working class people are gathered together at a church meeting, dining hall, or public place. Among the crowd is a man or woman who has aggressive behavior. They become loud and disrespectful to the workers. Everybody wonders if things will escalate at some point. There is usually the question: “What do we do?” When there is a team of workers, they all have different functions. Not everyone has the stamina, or the courage, to face down a bully.

Sometimes we have to speak the same language as people on the street. This may not sound appealing, but it would be to one's advantage that works on a team. The right words at the right moment might de-escalate an argument. Speaking someone else's language may literally entail learning the language of another culture, like Spanish. There is a large population of Spanish speaking people in every city. But we must be willing to also learn Street Language.

I had the opportunity to work in Washington, DC with homeless women, and I discovered that having group discussions helped boost self esteem. When we finished talking, the women seemed to have more faith and hope about their future. I think that this would be ideal for any organization that works with the homeless population.

Society is built as a body of people. Some of us are arms, and others are legs. One has no authority to tell any others that they are not important. Each function contributes to the advancement of our work whether it's done on an individual, church, or community basis. We are all one.





## It's Almost Here!— CEEP 2020!— Cindy Curry

You've probably heard CEEP (pronounced SEEP) reverberating through Calvary's halls recently.... That's because excitement about hosting the ANNUAL GATHERING is mounting & we are preparing to offer Calvary's particular brand of hospitality to almost 700 attendees February 19-22!

As you probably know by now, **CEEP** is the acronym for the **C**onsortium of **E**ndowed **E**piscopal **P**arishes of which Calvary is a member. While it remains a vital resource for those who benefit from its expertise and resources for the management of endowments and related financial matters, the consortium has evolved into a network which focuses on developing avenues and strategies 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.

CEEP's stated mission is **Strengthening Leaders for a Changing Church**, and the theme of the 2020 gathering is **Leading Beyond the Walls**. You can explore both the network and the conference by going to [www.ceepnetwork.org](http://www.ceepnetwork.org) or Calvary's website ([www.calvaryepiscopal.org](http://www.calvaryepiscopal.org)) and clicking on the drop down box for CEEP 2020. The agenda for the conference and form for VOLUNTEERING can be found there.

You still have time to register to VOLUNTEER during the event, with most activities held at the Omni Hotel in downtown Louisville. Help will be needed from Tuesday, Feb. 18 through Saturday, Feb. 22 to assist in stuffing information bags for attendees and to offer guidance/answer questions as they gather and move among sites for presentations, vendors, meals, etc. Volunteers will be provided with written instructions beforehand and will be given a list of restaurants/attractions in the area for those interested in exploring Louisville.

Since the Opening Eucharist will be celebrated at Calvary followed by Dinner (to be held at Christ Church Cathedral) on the evening of Thursday, February 20, volunteers will also be needed to host those events.

How do you sign up? Put your name on the schedule available in Frazier Hall or go to the Calvary website (see above) or contact a member of the Host Planning Committee (The Rev. Dr. Lee Shafer, Meg Scharre, Bart Brown, Jamie Hendon, and Cindy Curry). **NOTE: Volunteers may attend conference sessions free of charge on the days they are serving.**

The Opening Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. February 20 will be of special interest to Calvaryites, since all can attend. Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Terry White, will be Celebrant, and the Preacher will be The Rev. Winnie Varghese, who is the priest for Justice and Reconciliation on the Strategic Clergy team at Trinity Church Wall Street in New York City. She is a native Texan with family roots in Kerala, India. She was previously the rector of St. Mark's- in-the-Bowery, a historic Episcopal congregation in New York City which tripled in size under her leadership. She also served as Episcopal Chaplain at Columbia University and UCLA.

Throughout the gathering Rev. Varghese will be joined by a varied roster of nationally known speakers and other presenters who offer their experience and expertise in Leading the Church in meeting needs of God's People Beyond the Walls.

Come join us!





# 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)

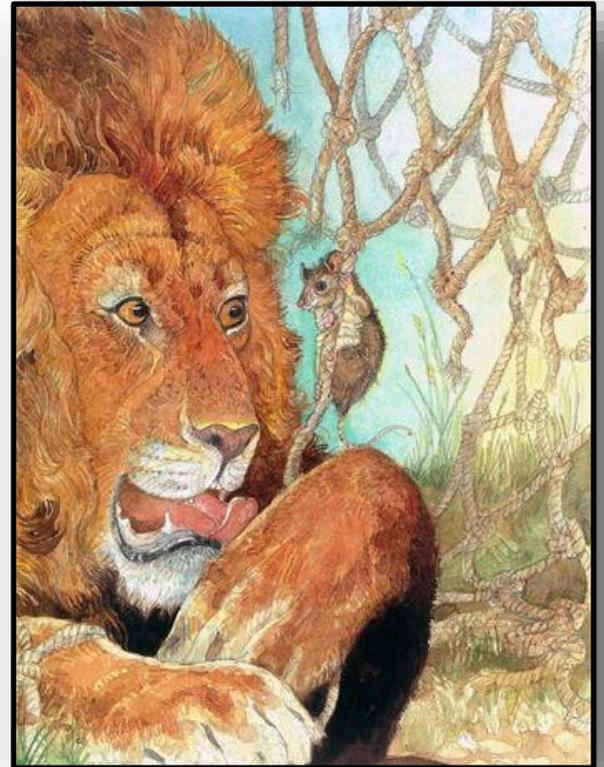
### The Lion and the Mouse

A mighty lion was taking a nap  
When a tiny mouse ran across his lap.  
He woke and cuffed it in his paw,  
Thinking to crush a pest so small.

“Wait!” squeaked the mouse. “Spare me, I pray,  
And I might be useful to you some day.”  
The lion thought that could hardly be,  
Still, he laughed and set the small thing free.

But the lion was hunting the very next day,  
When he fell in a rope-trap across his way.  
It bound him so tight it made him sore,  
And the forest rang with his painful roar,

And the mouse, knowing who that cry must be,  
Came and gnawed the ropes, and set him free!  
This tale should give you just a taste  
That a kindness will never go to waste.



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

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

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 3 pm



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