

CALVARY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

JUNE 27, 2021

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA
June 27, 2021

- I. Presentation of Vestry Nominee Biographies
- II. Report of the Rector
- III. Question and Answer Session
- IV. Report of Financials and Budget
- V. Question and Answer Session
- VI. Results of Vestry Election

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Our church statement reads, “Calvary is the home of a community of people who seek to make the church a place of welcome, service, and beauty.” It is a comprehensive statement that we embrace and constantly work toward fulfillment.

With COVID prevalent in 2020, it was a strange year of being physically away from our building for so many months. Outsiders would inaccurately conclude that Calvary was “closed.” They would think the church was dead with the parishioners never to return.

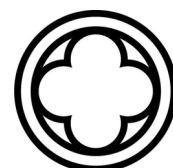
However, it just didn’t happen that way! Under Dr. Lee’s leadership (and thanks to ZOOM!), all committees held their meetings and fulfilled their duties. Please read the enclosed committee reports, and return to your phone or TV to view Lee’s recorded weekly services. Notice the construction taking place for easy access into the nave. In addition, our financial situation is thriving and our now in-person Sunday attendance is remarkable. Calvary is alive and well!

Of course, it is with sadness that I am exiting as your Senior Warden. Please know that I was humbled when elected to the Vestry 3 ½ years ago and I was astonished to become your Junior Warden and then Senior Warden, as well. I try always to ask “What would Jesus do?” before making decisions. I know that sounds trite and that I sometimes get it wrong. Therefore, where I have stumbled or failed, please forgive me. With successes, I wish sincerely to thank those of you who have helped me, counseled me, praised my efforts and shown me the way.

It has been a great honor to serve you as we worked together. That is how Calvary will continue to move forward. I treasure every day, every meeting, and every conversation we have had. You will be greatly missed.

With love and caring,

Linda French, Senior Warden



LITURGY & WORSHIP MINISTRIES

ALTAR GUILD

The Calvary Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the altar for services and maintaining the linens, as well as arranging flowers for the altar and chancel and for decorating the church for Christmas and Easter. We invite you to come and join us! You will find this is a rewarding ministry that is easy and takes only about one hour per month. We have carried on in spite of the pandemic and the conversion to online services.

I am grateful to all who serve on the Altar Guild: Cindy Curry, Margaret Dickinson, Donna Duvall, Glenna Harris, Lynne Lyndrup, Ben Sanders, Mary Sanders and Deborah Stewart. Many thanks to Art Dietz for helping us procure supplies.

Special thanks to all Calvary parishioners who have donated flowers in 2020 and 2021. If you are interested in donating flowers for the altar and/or chancel in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones, to celebrate a special occasion, or simply to the glory of God, please contact Margaret Bond.

We look forward to serving Calvary throughout 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Scharre

PASTORAL CARE

CALVARY CARE COMMITTEE

This is a committee which makes a difference at Calvary. Some of us also work for Calvary's Outreach, but Calvary Care works for our own parishioners.

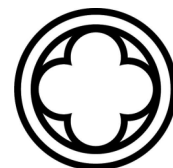
In the COVID year of 2020, with many Calvary members suddenly alone in their homes or in nursing facilities, it was more important than ever that we accelerate showing our love and concern in any way needed.

MANY of the 21 Calvary Care members contributed to the good works and not all send me numbers of contacts, so I'm sure there were even more than are reported below. Nevertheless, the following example gives you an idea of how we, at Calvary, cared for so many.

During the month of March, there were 74 acts of reaching out to others. The majority consisted of cards mailed, but there were also phone calls made, emails and text messages sent, dishes of food delivered,. Always wearing masks, groceries were delivered to those who couldn't cook and transportation was given to those who had no way to get to a doctor appointment. Even books and magazines were delivered to porches.

May God's blessings be on all the members of this thoughtful and essential committee who truly show His love by providing care to our own parishioners.

Calvary Care Committee, 2020
Linda French, Chairperson



COMMUNICATIONS

When I accepted the position of Communications Chair, I had NO IDEA how the function of communications would change for Calvary in the near future!

In March 2020 we began filming our services with the help of Britt Shelton (then the Communications Coordinator) and Will Cary. As I recall it was just an I-phone on a tripod for the first several weeks. Not too far into the 'virtual' services, Britt moved to California and we persevered without her over the summer of 2020. We luckily found Jacob Gary to take over, and during the summer months Jacob replaced and upgraded our recording equipment and software in order to have a better quality video and audio recording of our services. Every Sunday Jacob and Will have continued to set up and take down equipment and faithfully live stream our services for those who remain unable to attend.

In September we completed the VIRTUAL TOUR of Calvary, done by Google Earth, which is now featured on the Calvary website. Jacob also created a Twitter account for Calvary and started cross posting all FB content to our Instagram account, @CalvaryEpiscopal1860.

Over the last 15 months we have live streamed services, recitals, a carol sing-along, various recordings of hymns (with special thanks to Harvey Turner and Audrey Dawson). We went from approximately 200 followers to over 750 followers on FB, as people all over the city, state, and country tuned in for quality liturgy and music. On our Facebook page we post daily 'thought of the day' content, as well as special features about our Outreach and poetry curated by Tim Duncan. We also cross post the weekly email blast and the Calvary Connection to FB.

Speaking of the Calvary Connection, many thanks to Jonathan Smith, our dedicated Connection editor, who persevered with topics and content including two special issues: one dedicated to our Accessibility and Organ restoration projects and another dedicated to 'How I spent my Covid year' essays by our members.

Lastly, in late Spring we assisted Lee and Jacob in launching our new logo.

Many thanks to committee members Penny Brisson, Dorn Crawford, Jonathan Smith, Stephanie Smith, and Will Vail. And of course to Jacob for managing it all.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Redden



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

FOOD AND CLOTHING MINISTRIES

On March 16, 2020, the pandemic directly impacted our food and clothing ministries. Nobody could come inside, so we went outside with food bag distribution for what we thought would be a couple of weeks. Fifteen months later, we are still feeding the poor in multitude, still outside! Hunger knows no bounds in our neighborhood and the need continues to be great. To date, we have fed an astounding 12,317 people with 7,135 bags of food, including fresh vegetables, fruit, dairy products, and scads of toiletries (including toilet paper), in addition to the standard bag fare of peanut butter, spaghetti, bread, cereal, canned goods, ramen, chicken, and tuna.

Donations have poured in from everywhere - more than 10 churches, other food pantries, neighbors of our volunteers, monies from supportive individuals... it's been astonishing. St Paul's Episcopal deserves special mention for establishing "Service under the Trees" every Sunday, which nets us almost 1000 items every week.

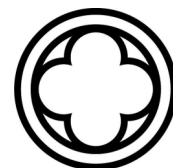
We have more than 16 volunteers who serve our clients each day. We risked exposure during the height of the pandemic by continuing to feed people, our only weapon being masks, which we handed out to everyone. To date, we have distributed 4,135 masks, many of them hand made by Burnell Esbenshade (576!!!).

Our clothing distribution has so far been reduced to handing out casual clothing through the Parker Hall door, such as 50 hoodies recently donated. The Well is still on suspension but we are working on solutions. All in all, it's been an unbelievable 15 months of service to others through Calvary outreach. In spite of everything, it's been a most rewarding time for the food ministry, especially for our many clients and those of us who serve day by day.

Thanks be to God for enabling us to continue this ongoing ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Dickinson



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION

The Calvary Adult Education Committee found many opportunities over the last 18 months to adapt our ministry to changing and unforeseen circumstances. In March of 2020 when it was clear that meeting in person was not going to be possible for a long time, we decided to try virtual meetings over the Zoom platform. After setting up an account, spreading the word about the meetings, and working through a few technical difficulties we quickly became confident in our ability to assemble and have meaningful discussions in this new online format. For many of us, the Sunday Forum became our only opportunity to see and speak with each other during the pandemic.

Discussions during the Sunday Forum included:

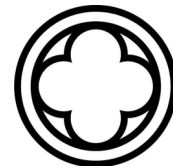
1. Several New Testament epistles led by Joseph Reese
2. History of the Lessons and Carols service presented by Lee Shafer and Shawn Dawson
3. Richard Rohr's book *Reframing Our Journey*, a discussion Calvary shared with the Veritas community
4. Several Chautauqua presentations organized for us by Sandra Cherry
5. Lenten studies including the book, *Winged for Longing for Better Things*, led by Lee Shafer
6. The Gospel According to Wordsworth led by Jonathan Smith
7. Paul Wefslund's discussion of his book: *Small Business Big Heart*
8. David and Shannon Carroll's discussion of their book: *One Thing Remains*

Additionally, during the pandemic Calvary restarted its Education for Ministry (EfM) group. Members Bart Brown, Donna Duvall, Jennifer Kling, Joseph Reese, Meg Scharre, Lee Shafer and Jim Todd met every Monday evening for 2 hours over the Zoom platform. The EfM Curriculum is a four-year curriculum aimed at developing a theologically informed and reflective laity capable of discussing the bible, church history and theology. Calvary's members this year were focused on the bible since we are all in the first two years of the curriculum. Once again, this ministry provided an opportunity for members of our parish to meet during the difficult times of the pandemic.

Special thanks to the Calvary Adult Education committee for guiding us through this difficult time: John Allen, Bart Brown, Tim Duncan, Linda French, Joseph Reese, Ben Sanders, Lee Shafer, Jonathan Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bart Brown, Chair



FINANCIALS

Calvary Members may request financial information from the church office.

