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RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE: STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM HANDS OFF REPORT TO PROFILE TEAM

The Strategic Planning Team has completed Phase I of the three-phase process that ends with the calling of a new rector. The team's goal was to define what Calvary is, where Calvary is and where we believe the Holy Spirit is leading us right now.

The team organized the results of its research into three presentations for the congregation: "Who Calvary Is and What Calvary is Doing," "Who We Say We Are," and "Calvary's Expectations of Our Next Rector." Audio of the presentations is available at www.calvarymemphis.org. A final report was submitted to the Vestry on October 11. The report is based on what many members told the Strategic Planning Team by way of the discussion groups, the survey, and informal chats in and out of the church. We want to thank the hundreds of parishioners who contributed to this report.

Now that the work of the Strategic Planning Team is complete, Phase II picks up speed: the Profile Team paints a picture of Calvary. With this picture, the Search Team will begin Phase III as it goes forth to seek a rector.

Here is an excerpt from an e-mail that Strategic Planning Team Co-Chair Bob O'Connor sent to the Vestry when the final report was issued:

Laura Trott and I owe a debt of gratitude to the entire Strategic Planning Team for the way in which they responded to the challenge we were given last spring by Philip and the Vestry. The work produced is thorough, thoughtful and we hope challenging to the status quo. About the members of the Strategic Planning Team, we can only say that we praise them, we admire

them, we love them and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts. Laura and I also want to point out that within the context of hard work and personal sacrifice by all the team members, the accomplishments of Clay Woemmel and Jan Elam stand out as leadership gifts to Calvary.

Your Strategic Planning Team was: Adam deNobriga, Penn Owen, Clay, David Armbruster, David Leigh, Hall Gardner Jan Elam, Margaret Craddock, Pat Morgan, Susanne Darnell, Laura Trott, Bob O'Connor.

A NOTE FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR



First, a special thanks to Laura Trott and Bob O'Connor and all of the Strategic Planning Team for their extraordinary effort in building a thorough self study of Calvary. I wish I could take them with me to my next assignment! Now that the Strategic Planning Team has completed the parish self study, Calvary moves to the next phase of the Rector search process – the writing of a profile that will be used by candidates to learn who and what Calvary is at this time. If all goes well the Vestry will receive the profile in November. After vestry approval, Bishop Johnson must approve before it is posted on our web site. Again, assuming all goes well, Calvary should be officially posting the vacancy for Rector shortly after the first of the year. Depending upon the number of applications, the speed with which the Search team operates, and other factors, the Vestry may be calling a new Rector some time next summer.

While my perception is that the parish has traveled some distance in the pasts twelve months, there is more work to be done in terms of coming to grips with issues of identity and authority. We have identified the problems but need more work living into the solutions. As you are able, do the following:

- Give thanks for the amazing things that happen in and around Calvary
- Understand your personal family system and how it affects your relationship with Calvary
- Take responsibility for your own actions (no circular firing squad)
- Avoid triangulation
- Be the Body of Christ twenty-four hours a day, not just Sundays
- Allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through you to create new opportunities for ministry at Calvary Episcopal Church
- Pray daily for Calvary and the search process

You have a glorious history. Your best days are still ahead of you because God will continue to be there.

Blessings,
Philip

MEETINGS, RETREATS, RENEWAL



Did you know that our diocesan conference center, St. Columba, is available for groups, meetings, and retreats? Located on 145 wooded acres in

Bartlett, TN, St. Columba is open to all businesses and/or organizations for day or overnight rentals. Meeting rooms include secluded wooded views coupled with all the necessary technology, including A/V projection and WiFi. Both not-for-profit and for-profit are more than welcome. Plus, you will find the food delicious and the hospitality generous. To plan your event, go to www.saintcolumbamemphis.org.

VESTRY UPDATE

by Junior Warden Gary Wilson

Life is hectic. Going to work, getting groceries, paying bills, doing school activities, volunteering at church, taking care of family. During all this rush it can be hard to take a step back and reflect on important issues.

The same is true for the Vestry. We are all busy taking care of the month to month issues at church such as building and grounds maintenance, looking at financial statements, approving minutes.

We therefore have to be intentional in our efforts to be reflective and think about the long-term big picture. In our recent September Vestry meeting Philip led a great exercise where we each made a list of our personal values, Calvary values, and Vestry values. Some of the Calvary values mentioned were tolerance, diversity, history, and outreach. Vestry values listed included spirituality, active participation in the Church, openness, financial stewardship, discernment, and inclusiveness.

These are wonderful values. Speaking for myself, I am not always perfect in living them out. But we as a Vestry try in various ways, and here are a few examples. First, we start each meeting by having a Vestry member

lead us in a Bible study. This helps set the tone for the meeting and helps us to remember Calvary's mission of making God's love visible in downtown Memphis. Second, we are actively involved in various aspects of the Church. Each Vestry member acts as a liaison to one of the Ministry Groups and provides updates at the Vestry meetings. Finally, we want there to be an open atmosphere. Parishioners are welcome to attend Vestry meetings (typically held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month), minutes of the meetings are available, and there is a suggestion box outside the Great Hall.

It is important as we continue on the search process for a new rector that we are discerning, strategic, spiritual, and open. The Vestry has been and will be working in consultation with the strategic planning, profile and search teams. We are very appreciative of all the time they have committed and they deserve a big thank you.

We all care deeply about Calvary and are excited about Calvary's future. We know we have a lot of work to do, but also a lot of reflection as well. We welcome your feedback, questions, and comments as we go through this journey together.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

NOVEMBER 1

Calvary will observe All Saints' Day, Tuesday, November 1st, with a grand Requiem Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. All Saints' is an ancient celebration, finding root in the remembrances of martyrs in the Dark Ages and officially sanctified by Pope Gregory III (731-741) with an oratory in St. Peter's for the relics "of the holy apostles and of all saints, martyrs and confessors, of all the just made perfect who are at rest throughout the world." Calvary will celebrate the feast with an ornate and beautiful worship experience including incense, vestments, chant, bells, a musical response to the Gospel in lieu of a sermon, and an Invocation of the Saints in lieu of the Prayers of the People. The Calvary Choir will offer music of Josef Rheinberger, Leo Hoiby, Geraint Lewis, and Daniel Gawthrop. Child care for ages 5 and under will be provided in the Orgill Room. Please join us for a very special evening.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 7

The Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon, acting Bishop of Washington, D.C., will return to Calvary again this year to be our guest preacher and celebrant during the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services on Sunday, November 7, where we will celebrate Baptism and Confirmation. Bishop Dixon, the second woman to be elected bishop in the Episcopal Church, had oversight of 94 congregations in the District of Columbia and four counties in Maryland. She has been "up close and personal" with lots of churches and knows a vibrant, healthy parish when she sees one! Bishop Dixon will reflect on her experiences of the things that make for a God-loving, Jesus-following, Spirit-filled church in the Great Hall at 10:15 a.m.



Photo courtesy of Shannon Finney

Other highlights of the day include a festive processional during the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services. During all three services, we will have the opportunity to celebrate all the saints who have played a role in our lives.

RECOVERY SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 20



The last Sunday in the church year (November 20 in 2011) has become Recovery Sunday at Calvary. Around the Episcopal Church, congregations pause at this time of year to learn from those in our community whose knowledge of addiction and recovery gives them so much to share with the rest of us about walking a spiritual path. Our preachers have included the Rev. Dr. Joanna Seibert from Little Rock, the Rev. Lane Denson from Nashville, and our own Gee Sharp and Shannon Tucker.

Dr. Ken Tullis will be our guest preacher and Great Hall speaker this year. Dr. Tullis, a survivor of seven suicide attempts and multiple addictions, is an award-winning psychiatrist specializing in addictions. He is Board certified in Addiction Medicine and a founding member of the American Academy of Psychiatrists in Alcoholism and Addictions. He is known in the recovery community as a tough-as-nails therapist and as one who has helped countless people who decided to seek health. Dr. Tullis will be speaking on "The Will to Wholeness."

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NOVEMBER 27

Sunday, November 27 is the first Sunday in Advent, and marks the beginning of a new church year. Advent is the original season of hope. It reminds us that the one we call Light of the World entered our lives and our world at a dark and difficult moment in history. Advent's wonderful traditions help us to live as people of hope. Our traditions provide the foundation for a time of spiritual reflection as we enter another cycle of a new liturgical church year (Year B/Daily Office Year Two).

One tradition, the lighting of the Advent wreath during worship services at Calvary, calls us to remember that the light of the world, Jesus Christ, is coming. The evergreens represent life, both our present life and our hope for eternal life. The circular arrangement of the greens has no beginning and no end. May the Advent season bring you hope and love, as your anticipation of the arrival of Christ builds.

MESSIAH: NOVEMBER 27

Calvary's *Messiah* performances date to 1922. At the time of the first concert, *The Commercial Appeal*, Memphis' local newspaper, wrote "800 hear (Dr. Adolph) Steuterman's majestic presentation...first complete rendering in 25 years." Calvary is proud to have performed this monumental work almost every year since. Members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra join singers from Calvary's choirs and choirs from the city to share music that many consider the kick-off to the Christmas season. This concert is Sunday evening, November 27 at 7:00. Childcare for 5 and under will be available.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

All women of the diocese are invited to the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting to be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, November 12. Registration will begin at 9:45 a.m. and will be followed by a short business meeting, church service, luncheon and a talk by the Rev. Laura Foster Gettys. For reservations send a check for \$15 payable to ECW West TN to Merrill Ann Cole, 120 S. Mendenhall Rd., Memphis, TN 38117 before November 9. For more information, visit www.ecwwtn.org.

CALVARY & THE ARTS FREE CONCERTS WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

November 2

Maria Spence



One moment she's delivering some of the gutsiest down-home blues, the next she'll sweetly jump into a soulful ballad that tugs on your most tender heartstrings. This is one show you won't want to miss.

November 9

Memphis Jazz Orchestra



This concert honors our veterans with that great music that kept the country swinging, dancing and sometimes crying. Standards by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Goodman and Frank Sinatra along with a

medley of the service anthems will fill this program. Dancing in the aisles is permitted!

November 16

Joyce Cobb



Joyce returns to our stage with her own blend of soul, blues and jazz. She has brought her own Memphis style to clubs near and far. Let her soul get your fingers snapping and your feet tapping.

November 30

The Memphis Boy Choir

Come and celebrate with us as we honor and Chamber Choir and The Memphis Boy Choir in their 24th season. Join us for a concert of beautiful music for Advent and Christmas.

ECW PLANS ARTISTS MARKET FUNDRAISER



The Episcopal Church Women will host the first-ever Calvary Artists Market on Sunday, November 20 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Great Hall.

The Calvary Artists Market will feature works for sale by many Calvary artists and artists from the community. Some of the items for sale will include jewelry by Katie Dann, Hilary Chipley and Cindi Marshall; paintings by Joy Routt, Betsy Bird and Judy Nocifora; pottery by Mimi Dann; photography by Susan Clement; baked goods by Shoaf's Loaf; and much more. Proceeds from the Calvary Artists Market will benefit the many programs of our church community. Bring your Christmas list and a checkbook and be prepared to have a great time! For more information, please contact Dee Boyland at deeboyland@msn.com.

ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – ADVENT I



On Sunday, November 27, Calvary celebrates the feast of St. Nicholas. During the Education Hour, we will gather for this inter-generational event to kick off the Advent season. We begin

by listening to the story of St. Nicholas. Participants are encouraged to bring new unwrapped preemie and newborn clothing and blankets as "Gifts for the Christ Child." St. Nicholas will load them into his sack and

deliver them to The MED's newborn center. Calvary's "Gifts to the Christ Child" help families throughout the year who cannot afford to buy clothing for their new babies.

Then, the festive celebration of the Advent season will continue with Advent crafts, cookie decorating, games, and fellowship in the Great Hall. Supported by wonderful volunteers, this occasion is suitable for young people of all ages! Anyone who would like to assist participants in the making of Advent wreaths and other Advent crafts is encouraged to contact Andrew Moore at 525-6602, ext. 125 or amoore@calvarymemphis.org.

YOUTH EVENTS

EYC – Trivia Challenge – Sunday, November 13

Join us for the Great Trivia Challenge. Test your knowledge and capacity for random trivia as we compete for some great prizes. Young people in grades 6-8 will meet from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and those in grades 9-12 will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Communion.

EYC – Outreach Project – Sunday, November 20

We're excited to have the opportunity to make Christmas cards for members of our armed services. Wear your creative hats as we have a great time working together to make the holidays brighter for those serving our country. Young people in grades 6-8 will meet from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and those in grades 9-12 will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Communion.

Youth Confirmation Classes Begin Soon!

Are you in grades 10-12 and interested in being confirmed next spring? Youth confirmation classes meet once a month beginning Sunday, November 13. Contact Andrew Moore, amoore@calvarymemphis.org or 525-6602, ext. 125 to get information on how confirmation classes will work as well as the full schedule of events.

Winterfest Registrations Available

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to spend New Year's with young people from across the state at Winterfest, December 28-January 1. It's a time of celebration, exploration, growth, fun and worship at DuBose Conference Center. The registration deadline is Monday, November 21. Registration forms are available online or from Andrew. Sign up now!

TRANSITIONS IN YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

by Andrew Moore



The Youth and Family Ministry programs are undergoing some significant, but natural, changes. After much prayer and consideration, Heather Anderson has decided not to return to her work with Calvary after baby Gwinn arrives. We will miss her and her dynamic ministry.



Meanwhile, I'm nearing the end of several years of discernment and will likely be starting seminary in the fall. I will be the Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry for the remainder of my time here while we deliberately search for a new Director. In order to ease this transition, Ellen Coleman has graciously agreed to rejoin

the Calvary staff on a part-time basis to support our programs. Lots of change in a short amount of time!

These changes are exciting and full of possibility. We have an opportunity to deeply examine our existing programs for young people from birth to college. How can we make them stronger? What will make Youth and Family Ministry, and subsequently Calvary, thrive for years to come?

To help us imagine the possibilities for the future, we've contracted with Youth Ministry Architects, a nationally-renowned consulting firm based in Nashville. They will be joining us January 29-31, 2012 to hear our stories and make recommendations for the future. Look for more information coming soon about their visit and how you can be involved.

If you have any questions about this process or about any of the changes that are being made, please don't hesitate to contact either Ben Robertson or myself. I look forward to imagining the future!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH YOUNG ADULTS

PUB THEOLOGY

God Community Beer

The Brass Door
152 Madison
Nov. 27 12:30

Save the Date!

Calvary Episcopal and Idlewild Presbyterian Churches present:
Ira Progoff Journaling Workshop: Life Context

“The Intensive Journal process is our inner workshop, the place where we do the creative shaping of the artwork of our life.”

Ira Progoff, Ph. D.

When: January 28-29, 2012
Saturday 8:30-5:30 and Sunday 1:30-5:30
Where: Idlewild Presbyterian Church
Who: Those looking to deepen and nurture their inner lives
Facilitator: Ellen Faith, Ed.D., professor of teacher education at Christian Brothers University
Cost: \$150 covers program fees and materials. Generous scholarships are available.

For further information call or email:
Eyleen Farmer: 525-6602 or efarmer@calvarymemphis.org

Welcome Class



New to Calvary Church?
Interested in becoming a member?
Want to learn more about this faith community?

Sunday Morning **November 13** Parish Library - 10:15 a.m.

- Meet with Ebet Peeples, Director of Newcomer Ministry, to
- See how we're "Making God's Love Visible in Downtown Memphis"
 - View Calvary's Welcome Video
 - Learn about Calvary's Core Values of FAITH
 - Talk about how you can serve, worship, and grow in this faith community

For more information, contact Ebet at 525-6602 ext.138 or epeeples@calvarymemphis.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: KOINONIA

Koinonia, the Greek word for Community, refers to Calvary's Wednesday evening program of dinner, worship, classes, and choir rehearsals, during the fall, winter, and spring. Don't miss out on all of the exciting opportunities available for you and your family!

November 2, 9, 16, 30, December 7, 14

Finding Our Way Again



This six week series, led by Interim Rector Philip Wiehe, will explore what it means to be the Body of Christ in the 21st Century. Philip will call on several sources: *Finding Our Way Again* by Brian McLaren, *The Great Emergence* by Phyllis Tickle, and *The Future of Faith* by Harvey Cox. The class will consider how

Christianity itself is changing and growing and how we can change and grow as Christians who follow the Way of Jesus. The class will also look at how shifts in our understanding of our faith will affect the way Christians gather in parish churches and particularly how these shifts might affect Calvary Church.

November 2, 9, 16, 30, December 7, 14

The Family Sanctuary



Every Wednesday evening of Koinonia parents of young children are invited to be with other parents to share joys and frustrations, victories and setbacks, along with strategies that work to make family life more manageable and fulfilling. Part support group, part therapy, part live

comedy, this group will settle jangled nerves and broaden your circle of friends.

KOINONIA MENU

Dinner is offered in the Mural Room from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Koinonia. The meal includes an expansive salad bar, soup, hot entree with sides, kid-friendly items (cheese pizza, chicken fingers, hot dogs), dessert, and water, tea, and coffee. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under, and a family maximum of \$20.

November 2: Soup of the Day • Parmesean/Panko-breaded Chicken • Macaroni & Cheese • Green Beans

November 9: Soup of the Day • Salisbury Steak with Gravy • Mashed Potatoes • Broccoli

November 16: Soup of the Day • Meatloaf • Roasted Sweet Potatoes • Cauliflower

November 30: Soup of the Day • Baked Tilapia over Wild Rice • Mixed Vegetables

YOUTH & CHILDREN

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Grades 9-12/Room 301

Grades 6-8/Room 302

Youth in grades 6-12 gather each Sunday morning for a time of fellowship and formation. Using *Episcopal Curriculum for Youth*, our Sunday School program strives to enable young people to develop a mature, consequential faith through scripture, community building, and relationships with mentors. By exploring themes from scripture and our daily lives, we are able to focus on how we grow into our faith.

4 years old-Grade 5/2nd Floor Education Wing

Godly Play is the educational curriculum that Calvary uses for children ages 4 through fifth grade. It is an imaginative approach to working with children, an approach that supports, challenges, nourishes, and guides their spiritual quest. In Godly Play, we enter into parables, silence, sacred stories, and sacred liturgy in order to discover God, ourselves, one another, and the world around us.

Ages 0-5/Nursery/Orgill Room

Childcare is available in the Nursery/Orgill Room for children 5 and under on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until the end of the 11:15 a.m. service (12:15 p.m.) and on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:30. Children in the Orgill Room during the Education hour on Sunday mornings are introduced to Bible stories.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

LIFT: Grades 6-12

Each Wednesday, from 6:45-8:00 p.m., young people in grades 6-12 from Calvary, St. John's, Grace-St. Luke's and Holy Communion meet at the St. John's Parish Life Center for a time of fellowship, innovative worship, singing, and reflection in large and small groups. We gather at 6:45 and begin worship at 7:00. Bring your friends and experience a mid-week LIFT with us!

Wise and Wonderful Wednesdays: Grades K-5

Carrington Wise, the Mary Poppins of choir directors, welcomes all children in Kindergarten through grade 5 for fun, fabulous music, faith formation and fantastic fellowship. Activities are built for multi-fun effectiveness while teaching principles of music, worship and community. Children meet in the Mural Room at 6:25 p.m. to move upstairs for this amazing time together. The group releases promptly at 7:30 (parents, please pick up your children in a timely manner).

CALVARY PET BLESSING: OCTOBER 8



2011 AIDS HEALING SERVICE: OCTOBER 23



Prayer Leaders for the 2011 AIDS Healing Service at Calvary were: (back row, l-r) *The Very Rev. Andy Andrews, St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral • The Rev. Ben G. Robertson, IV, Calvary • The Rev. Myron Donald, Greater Lewis Street Baptist Church • The Rev. Dr. Scott Morris, Church Health Center and St. John's United Methodist Church • The Rev. Deacon Audrey Gonzalez, Calvary • (front row, l-r): The Rev. Eyleen Farmer, Calvary • The Rev. Michael Briggs, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Jonesboro, AR • The Rev. Jarad Bingham, Shady Grove Presbyterian Church • The Rev. Sonia Walker, First Congregational Church • The Rev. Tommy Shepherd, St. Francis Old Catholic Church • The Rev. Carol Richardson, First Baptist Church*

CALVARY PARISH RETREAT: OCTOBER 14-16



VOLUNTEERING AT THE HOSPITALITY HUB



by Will Hayley

Wednesday afternoons my role at the HUB is Intake Counselor for first-time homeless guests/clients. I conduct an interview to gather personal data, complete required legal forms, and lead a discussion concerning the guest's reasons for

homelessness, immediate needs, and a referral plan to improve their condition. In terms of age, education, health, and background, our guests represent a wide spectrum of people who you see on Memphis streets every day. Some you would immediately recognize as homeless, other you would assume are tourists or 8-5 regular, working folks. Every personal story is memorable, unique, and sometimes heart-breaking. As in most worthwhile volunteer opportunities, I learn more than I invest in time and contributions at the HUB.

Some of my lessons learned include:

When Memphis was identified as the poorest metropolitan city in the country, I dare say no one on the HUB's team was surprised. One of the treacherous conditions of poverty is that a family or individual is one, two, or three paychecks from a homeless condition. I have interviewed more than one guest who was functioning within a normal family with kids going to school when the main bread winner lost their job due to layoff, illness, legal run-ins, etc. As a result the family lost their apartment and faced a homeless condition. When some people get behind on rent payments for only one month, they do not make enough money to ever catch up. Some may slowly descend into homelessness by moving into temporary housing, such as an inexpensive motel or to a friend/family member's home. Nevertheless, when they miss a paycheck, they are in a financial crisis.

Local, state, and federal services for the homeless can be perceived as complex and sometimes challenging. If a guest just got out of prison or has no place to stay, they also don't have a car, smart phone, or laptop. The most accessible directions for most government services are internet-based. Also, if you don't have ID you are a non-person to any level of government (except for

the police). To get ID you must deal with two to three different government agencies in different locations and with different rules of engagement. Homeless people become discouraged and a little cynical in dealing with this complexity. The HUB provides a very valuable service for its guests in explaining and facilitating ID acquisition. Frequently this is the first step in helping a person move from homelessness to a job and home.

Team wins at the HUB include small steps like getting a person's full ID, helping a young lady get into a temporary shelter at the "Sisters," or getting an abscessed tooth fixed. Big wins are helping a guest get sober through our Breakfast Club and placement into long-term treatment or a permanent job placement.

The HUB is well run. Most of the human capital is volunteers. My observation is that the HUB's staff and volunteers take their jobs seriously: meetings start on time; guest services have rules and proven best practices. The HUB provides real value to its guests and to the city of Memphis.

GIVING DAILY THANKS

by Laurie Monypeny



The United Thank Offering is a way for each person to express tangible thanks to God. United with the prayers and offerings of other Episcopalians, its ministry reaches around the world.

The United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering will be held on All Saints' Sunday, November 6. You are invited to count your daily blessings by putting coins in a "Blue Box" in thanksgiving for the large and small daily gifts from God that brighten your life and the lives of those around you. When you bring your Blue Box to the Fall Ingathering, it will be combined with the offerings of thousands of others to become the United Thank Offering. The United Thank Offering then awards grants for projects that implement significant change and that address issues that concern those in need throughout the world.

Please consider your many blessings and give to the UTO, not only on November 6, but every day

throughout the year. UTO Blue Boxes can be found throughout the church. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Laurie Monypeny, UTO Chair, 452-0960 or lmonype1@comcast.net.

OUTREACH FLASHMOB SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13



We need 40 frozen turkeys and hams for families at Carnes Elementary. You may bring your turkey or ham to the Calvary Kitchen prior to the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services.

THE EMMANUEL CELEBRATION



Annually the people of Calvary invite our homeless brothers and sisters to the Emmanuel Meal, a delicious meal prepared and served by Calvary parishioners.

People of all ages are welcome to help with this wonderful way to celebrate the holidays and to make a difference not only for the people we serve but also for the volunteers. On this day we expect to feed around 300 people. This year the Emmanuel Celebration will be held Monday, December 19.

In addition to volunteering, please consider giving a contribution to support this meal. Please send a check earmarked "Emmanuel Meal" to Calvary Church. Volunteer opportunities include:

Cooking Prep in Calvary Kitchen:

Friday, December 16, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 17, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Decoration and Set Up in the Mural Room

Monday, December 19, 9:00 a.m. till

Kitchen Help, Hostess, Servers, Clean Up:

Monday, December 19, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Sharon Lee, 299-4212 or smahoneylee@gmail.com. Sign-up sheets will be available on Sunday mornings, December 4 and 11.

ERD GIFT MATCH CHALLENGE

Through November 30, any donation made to Episcopal Relief & Development will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$500,000. This means a total of up to \$1 million for relief and development programs in the places that need them most. The Matching Gift Challenge is a chance for donors to give with the knowledge that their contribution will have double the impact. Any size gift to any of Episcopal Relief & Development's funds – online, by mail or by phone – will be matched in full until November 30, or as long as matching funds are available. The matched gift amount will be donated to the Global Needs fund, which sustains the organization's work toward alleviating hunger, promoting health, creating economic opportunities and overcoming disaster. Learn more at www.er-d.org.

2011 Jazz & Pasta Party

Featuring music by

Di Anne Price & Her Boyfriends

Pasta Dinner from great area restaurants
Silent & Live Auctions



\$65.00/Person

\$650/Table

Benefiting The Samaritan Counseling Centers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2011

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Memphis Botanic Garden

For reservations call 901.729.3900 or

Email: admin@samaritanmemphis.org

POEM BY BEECHER SMITH

When Beecher Smith was in second grade at Idlewild Elementary, he wrote a poem about Easter and entered it in the Memphis City Schools Poetry Contest. It won first prize, and he's been writing poetry ever since. He was honored as Poet Laureate of the Mid-South Writer's Association (1996), and has been inducted as a Fellow in the International Society of Poets Laureate. Many of his poems have been published in various magazines and journals. Beecher affirms that "although (a poem) is the writer's creation, ultimately it belongs to all those who love and appreciate poetry." It is in that spirit that he wishes to share his most recent prize-winning poem (Poetry Society of Tennessee) with readers of *The Chronicle*.

Christ's Clouds

Wispy pale cirrus clouds do their duty: dispersing into mists, clearing away, so three wise men from afar can see and follow the wondrous star that guides them through the cold night to Bethlehem, where they find our newborn Savior lying in a manger.

Billowy cumulus clouds congregate like a canopy above that sandy shoal in the river Jordan, where the prophet John baptizes his cousin Jesus. From Heavenly heights a deep, majestic voice announces, "This is my only Son, with whom I am well pleased!"

Cirrocumulus clouds, like airborne islands of white cotton harboring curious angels, float in a blue sky, as a bright sun pierces through, shining down on the young Rabbi preaching his first sermon to the assembled multitude, revealing the categories of those who are blessed.

Dark nimbus thunderheads hover low, sending lightning flashes over a rolling sea where twelve frightening apostles pray inside a leaky boat. Then the Rabbi orders the skies to clear, and the waters to calm so He can walk across to join his followers.

Wary clouds disappear from the sky, leaving it open for the sun to shine on Jerusalem that Sunday morning when the Rabbi enters in triumph, riding a donkey, while an adoring crowd lays green palm fronds in front of his path. Cherubs shudder, knowing what must follow.

Angry black stratus clouds blot out the midday sun. Thunder rumbles, earthquakes rend the Temple veil. The Rabbi, nailed to the Cross, slowly suffocates. With his dying breath, he pardons his killers, saying, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Dazzling white altocumulus clouds reflect golden light, like magnificent mountains floating in an azure sky

above blessed Bethany. They smile down from Heaven and receive our risen Lord as He is taken up to sit there, at the right hand of God.

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MAKING GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE...



May Eggleston presents a book to Patti Stephens, the librarian at Carnes Elementary. At her 6th birthday party, May's friends brought books for Carnes in lieu of gifts to May.

GOD'S GRACE

by Carrington Wise



About 15 years ago when we were living in Richmond, VA, I attended an ECW talk that had a lasting effect on me. The guest speaker was Bishop Atkinson (former rector of Calvary), retired from the diocese of West Virginia. He spoke of seeing God's work in the world in this way:

Imagine a wheel. It begins turning by grace from God which is received in gratitude which is expressed by generosity. That generosity becomes a form of grace for someone else. And the wheel keeps turning but does not stay in the same place. It travels on.

In Bishop Atkinson's words: grace begets gratitude which begets generosity which begets grace. Think

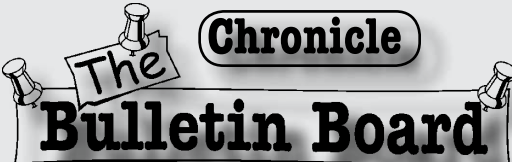
about that for a moment. Suppose you are given a gift – something unexpected and maybe undeserved. You are thankful for it, and touched to have been given it. It is a wonderful feeling, one that you'd like to give someone else. So you look for a chance to do the same for another, and that person recognizes it as a gift. Grace begets gratitude which begets generosity which begets grace.

At the time of that ECW meeting, I was depressed. My father had died recently without warning thrusting me into a tailspin. And now our son was bent on a path of self-destruction requiring tough love from Alex and me. I could see how this wheel could work but I wasn't feeling it myself. Not grace or gratitude or generosity. I had no reserve. I was stuck. I raised my hand and asked the bishop, "What happens when your wheel has stopped? How do you get it going again?" After a pause he answered, "That is when you reach out and ask for help from your friends."

We took his advice, reaching out to church friends and clergy. Over time they led us to people and programs and that would be instrumental in helping our son turn his life around. The church even helped us afford it. Now that was grace. In our gratitude, even before our son got himself back on track, Alex and I felt compelled to give hope and guidance to families in similar situations. And we certainly increased our church pledge! The wheel was cranking because of where God had led us through our church.

We are now happily at Calvary, a vibrant church family committed to and successful in showing God's love to our parish and in outreach to our community. Many people depend on Calvary's gifts of grace to keep or to get their wheels turning again. Bishop Atkinson's wheel illustration is evident at Calvary. We have each received God's grace. When we reflect on it, our thankfulness can only be expressed in the form of generosity, and grace is then transferred forward. If Calvary is to continue its good work, we each need to contribute so that the cycle continues.

As one of the many ways to show your gratitude, please make a pledge to Calvary. If you already pledge, increase that amount by 1% of your income. Your gesture will bring God's grace to someone else. And who knows where that will lead?



The Chronicle Bulletin Board

- ✘ **The Chronicle Deadline** for the December *Chronicle* issue is Tuesday, November 15. Please send articles, announcements, and pictures to: rmauldin@calvarymemphis.org.
- ✘ **Integrity Memphis (GLBT)** will meet at Calvary on Tuesday, November 15, beginning with worship led by the Rev. John Leach at 6:00 p.m. Dinner (\$10) and a presentation by Kendra Hotz on *Homosexuality in the Bible* follows in the Mural Room.
- ✘ **Attention all parents and people who love and support parents:** We are blessed to have many new Calvary babies and want to show our love! Please contact Leslie Norman, 827-7402 or lesliebnorman@yahoo.com if you would be interested in taking a meal to a family who has a newborn. It is a nice way to get to know families who have little ones.
- ✘ **Thursday Lunch @ Calvary (TLC)** is offered each Thursday from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in the Mural Room for \$8. This cost includes soup, entree, salad bar, and dessert. A Women's Bible Study meets during this time in the Luke Room.
- ✘ **Coffee in the Great Hall-** Enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Great Hall following the 11:15 a.m. worship service. To sign up to host a Coffee in the Great Hall, contact Doralina Anghelescu or Bob O'Connor, 756-5566 or roberto@okpi.com.
- ✘ **Upcoming Baptism Date:** The Baptism of Our Lord, Sunday, January 8. If you are interested in Baptism, contact Ebet Peoples, 525-6602, ext. 138 or epeoples@calvarymemphis.org.
- ✘ **Cook a meal for Rhodes students:** CORE: Community of Rhodes Episcopalians meets weekly during the school year at Rhodes and shares a home-cooked meal to begin their hour of contemplation and worship. If you would like to prepare a simple meal for these students contact Noell Wilson, nrwilson@olemiss.edu or 452-1777.



*In your prayers at home, please remember those
on the Calvary Prayer List.*

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To have a loved one or yourself added to the Calvary Prayer List, please contact Alison Merritt, 525-6602 ext. 130 or amerritt@calvarymemphis.org.

CALVARY CYCLE OF PRAYER

*We give thanks for the many blessings God bestows upon
Calvary Church through the gifts and talents of our
parishioners.*

During the week of Sunday, November 13, we lift up...
Dee Boyland and son Imhotep • Allison & Andy Cates
and children Stephen & Frances • David Cocke • Kay
& Lawrence Cohen • Kate & Coleman Connell and
children Gil, Alex, & Kate • Camille & Al Gamble
and daughters Caroline, Maggie & Olivia • Dottie
Hartsfield • Laurence Ritter • Heidi & Dave Rupke and
daughters Rosie & Marilla • Jim Withey

During the week of Sunday, November 20, we lift up...
Bob Carlile • Suzanne Henley • Ross Herrin and
children Carnes & Kathryn • Tricia Horton and
daughter Anastasia • JD Armstrong & Joey Houston •
Nancy Manire • Rhoda & Curtis Smith and daughter
Anne • Ainsley & Hardy Todd • Peg & Dan Wahl and
children Anna & Jeff • Carrington & Alex Wise and
daughter Margaret

During the week of Sunday, November 27, we lift up...
Betty Brooks and son Andy • Madge & Ross Clark
• James Dowd • Jenny Emison • Margaret & Hall
Gardner and children Miriam & Frazier • Joanna
Hwang • Robyn Mauldin • Deborah Mays • Jennifer

& Ermyias Shiberou and sons Jonathan, Sammie &
Addis • Linda & Duane Spiese

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Heather & Ed Anderson • Deseree & John Brittingham
• Heather & Ben Jordan • Christiana & Joe Leibovich
*Are you expecting the birth or adoption of a child? Contact Ebet
Peeples, 525-6602, ext. 138 or epeeples@calvarymemphis.org.*

NEW LIFE

Kyle Wren (10/18), son of Karyn & Paul Bondi

SAINTS DEPARTED

Ellen Clark • Diana Crump, mother-in-law of
Michele Crump • Caroletta Mitchell, mother of Mark
Mitchell • Ann Rosen, sister of Kay Cohen

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Buster & Frances Spence and Jean & Lloyd Partridge
 and in honor of
Kyle Wren Bondi
 by Gayle & Raymond Spence

and in memory of
Jeanne Walker Craddock, Jane Matthews Day,
and Robert Clark Day
 by Margaret & Bill Craddock

THE AUMBRY CANDLE

is given to the glory of God and in honor of
Jacob Martin by Kendra & Jim Martin

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Elizabeth & Frank Fitzhugh Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Taylor, Mr.
& Mrs. Hugh Street, Mrs. Pearl Street Mattice & Mrs. Dorothy
Street Sherman by Robert McQueen Taylor

THE PAVEMENT FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in memory of
J. C. & Elizabeth Watkins, W. D. & Clarice Blakely
 by Jordan Cole Watkins

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Charles Philip Percer, W.C. & Ethel Percer, Bill Percer,
and Letha & Alva Neff
 by Dana Sue, Ann, David, John & John Philip Percer

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Ellen & Fred Muller, Jr.
 by Cristina & Cap Pinkham and Ginny & Philip Strubing

 and in memory of
Pendo Joshua, Wendy Ann Whittemore, Dr. Wendell Lawrence
Whittemore, and Mary Ann Griffith McKnight
 by Lucia & Hal Crenshaw



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Calvary's Vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Emison Room, beginning at 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted. All are welcome to attend. Minutes from Calvary's Vestry meetings are posted on the web site at:

www.calvarymemphis.org/about/minutes.htm



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It's not too early to send in contributions for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day flowers and decorations. If you would like to make a Christmas-time gift in honor or in memory of a loved one, please send your checks and printed loved ones' names to Cindy Yeager at the church, cyeager@calvarymemphis.org or 525-6602, ext. 139. Or use the online form found at: www.calvarymemphis.org/makeagift.

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