

The Canticle

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“O send out your light and your truth that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.”

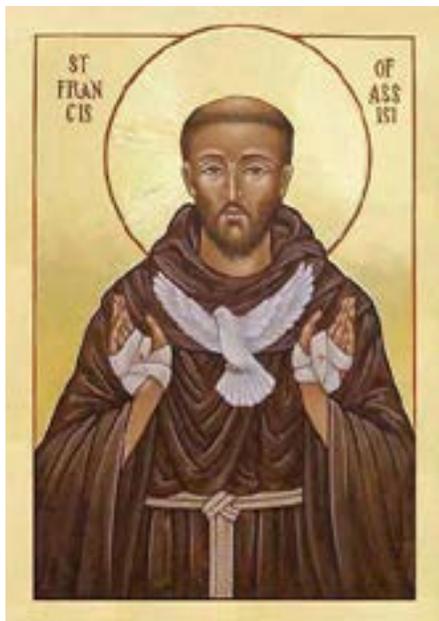


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The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is in early October, so that's a great time to have a blessing of animals. Covid restrictions make it unwise to gather as a group, but your furry friends can still get a blessing from Mother Melanie Barbarito. Each household signs up for their own time slot. All furry, scaly, fuzzy, or feathered friends are welcome—even if they're stuffed. And they'll get a St. Francis medal along with a blessing.

Can you help out? Folks are needed to direct crowd flow, hand out doggie bags or doggie treats, take photos, and just to provide a friendly greeting. Teens would be wonderful at this ministry of welcome. Please contact the church if you are interested.

DONATIONS FOR GRACE

On that day, we will also be collecting goods for Summit-based GRACE (Giving and Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials). When you come for animal blessings, please consider supporting our neighbors by bringing one or more of the following:

Shelf-stable food

- * Dried beans and Rice in 1 lb. bags
- * Canned tuna, salmon, chicken, and beef
- * Canned vegetables and fruit

Cleaning Products

- * Clorox wipes, disinfectant spray, paper towels, and toilet paper.

Personal Care

- * Shampoo and conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste and brushes, baby wipes, and diapers

IN THE INTERIM: Consider Your Ministry

by Mother Melanie Barbarito, Interim Rector

Q. Who are the ministers of the Church?

A. The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons

~ *Book of Common Prayer*, Catechism, page 855

Whenever I hear someone say that an individual is “going into the Ministry” meaning becoming a priest, I bristle. The rector of the first parish I served as a new priest made it clear that every member of the church had the capacity, and even the responsibility, to find his or her ministry within the context of the community. You are probably aware of some of the ways people have exercised their ministry here at Calvary, particularly in the service of Holy Eucharist. There are acolytes and lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers, choir members and Altar Guild. Each serves Jesus Christ in their chosen roles by serving the congregation. But what Christian Ministry can be done during a pandemic that prevents us from gathering as we normally do? I’m glad you asked.

First of all, you can pray. Each week in the Sunday bulletin we publish the names of individuals for whom prayers have been requested. You can commit to praying for those people every day, or you can at least pray intentionally for Calvary Church and all of its members. You can join in worship; we have Morning Prayer every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook Live (facebook.com/calvarysummit). If you can’t make it at that time, you can catch it later on video. It still counts.

Check out the article, *What’s Up With Worship*, on Page 4. Our new audio/video equipment is being installed. We’ll need people to be trained to use it both for Morning Prayer and, later, when we gather in person, for the Holy Eucharist. Is that ministry? It is in service to God, so it can be. Do you have any experience with video production—on YouTube or other platforms? You might help create something from videos provided by other parishioners. I’m thinking that we may have some teenagers who might be interested in these.

When we gather together, we’ll need extra people to take temperatures and individuals to serve as a “medical responder” if a member of the congregation is in distress during worship. We may need a few people to help sanitize the nave after each service to be sure it’s ready for the next one. If you like linens and preparing for parties, then the Altar Guild might be right up your alley—really! The Flower Guild could use more members. The coming months might be a great time to learn a bit about flower arranging and decorating. Perhaps you can’t sing, but can you ring a bell? We have a bell choir, which will provide a voice for each of us until we can once again sing together in church.

Do you have any experience researching and writing grants? You don’t have to be at the church to do that. It is difficult to do hands on outreach projects, but the Outreach Committee could use more members to frame the parish’s outreach mission going forward. And as long as the weather holds, we’ll need Lay Weeders to pull up the unwanted foliage.

Sometimes when we talk about Stewardship, it is explained as using our Time, our Talents, and our Treasure in the service of God as followers of Jesus Christ. Think about your talents or interests. What do you do well that brings you joy? Is there a way to serve God with those talents? “Discerning Ministry is primarily a lifelong process of attending, perceiving, listening, and discovering how I can best express Christ’s ministry wherever I am.” (*Context for Ministry* by Linda Curtoys and Sam McClain.)

Please spend some time discerning how you can help Calvary Church thrive through the exercise of your ministry. Contact the church with your ideas: info@calvarysummit.org. Give me a call or send me an email if you’d like to talk about it: (908) 277-1814, ext. 2 or mbarbarito@calvarysummit.org.

Blessings and stay safe.



IN-PERSON MID-WEEK WORSHIP

Evening Prayer

Tuesdays at 5:00 pm
in the Garden of the Resurrection

Eucharist

Wednesdays at 7:00 am
in the Church

All are welcome. Masks required!

What's Up With Worship at Calvary?

Online and In-Person Services

Morning Prayer continues on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/calvarysummit; you do not need a Facebook account to tune in). The church has received a generous grant from the Lydia Collins deForest Trust to enable us to install new equipment to provide more edifying viewing. Watch for more information in the next few weeks.

Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. Everyone must wear masks, and pews are cordoned off to keep everyone at a safe distance. Communion is in the form of bread only, no wine. But the grace of the sacrament is complete in either one. Unfortunately, use of the lavatory is not available. Wear your coats: as long as possible windows and doors will be opened to provide air flow and ventilation.

The target date for beginning in-person worship is Sunday, November 1, All Saints' Sunday. Servers will be needed in some usual and some unusual roles. Every effort is being made to eliminate as much risk as possible; in these uncertain times, all we can do is mitigate risk, not make everything completely safe. It will be live-streamed and recorded. Of course, if conditions change, the start date will have to be postponed. But we're praying that Covid conditions will stay the same or improve.



Responding to the Call

Calvary Outreach

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me.*
~ Matthew 25:35

During the pandemic, Calvary has endeavored to continue the call of our Lord to help those in need beyond our church community. Your newly formed Outreach Committee recently met to discuss how we might do more. Since in person interaction is limited, we decided to make donations to help support ongoing community efforts that are struggling to meet increasing need at this time:

- **Apostles' House, Newark** – Direct contribution of \$1,000 instead of purchasing food to be delivered to Apostles' House.
- **Family Promise** - \$1,000 to help defray costs while families are being temporarily housed during the COVID-19 pandemic instead of being housed in churches.
- **GRACE, Junior League of Summit (New)** – In addition to a \$1,500 contribution, food collected at the church will continue to be delivered to GRACE which has been helping about 500 Summit area families.
- **Summit Interfaith COVID Relief Fund (New)** - \$1,000 will be contributed to help families in need in the local community.
- **SAGE Eldercare** - \$1,000 will be contributed to help support Meals on Wheels.
- **Bridges** - \$500 will be contributed to help homeless persons in need.
- **Episcopal Relief & Development (New)** - \$1,000 will be contributed to help this important organization.

Special thanks everyone who has brought food to the church over the past few months or donated funds to these organizations or to the Calvary Outreach Fund.

We hope that there will be safe opportunities in the future for Calvarians to come together for outreach projects.

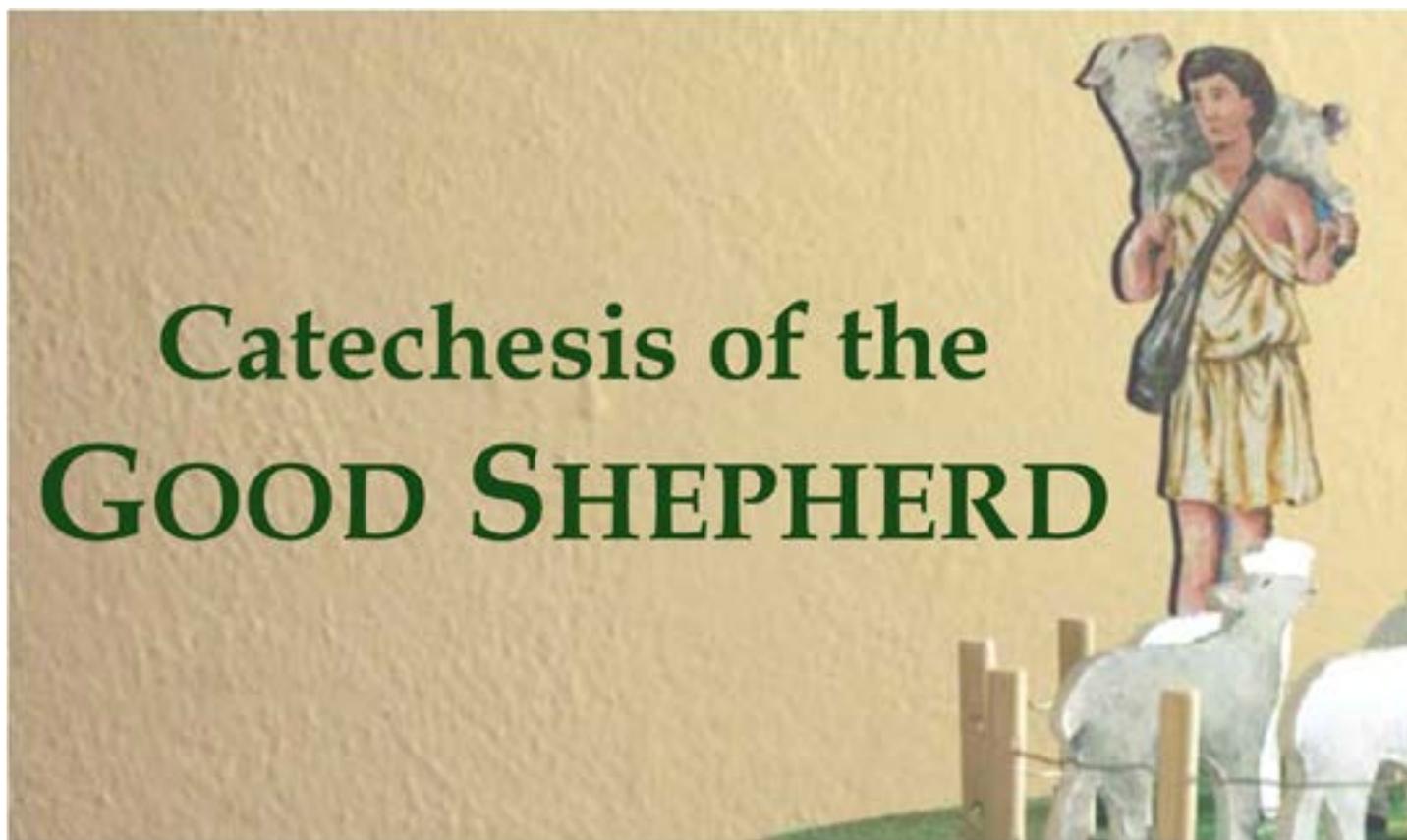
The call to help those in need at the very heart of who we are as Christians.

Calvary Outreach Committee

Leonard Prentice, Vestry

Jeff Clearman

Dick and Brenda Ash



Register Your Children Today!

By Sadie Bennett, Children's Formation Coordinator

Children's formation shall continue at Calvary this fall! Mother Melanie, my fellow catechists and several parents have come together to help me re-envision the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for the reality in which we find ourselves during COVID-19. With guidance from the National Association for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and the diocese, we are planning several ways for families and children to pray together in their homes as well as meet with catechists in small groups at the church and on the church grounds.

The first step is to reconnect with all of you. We are assembling DIY at-home prayer table kits for each family. To make sure that you get one, and to express your interest maintaining contact with the children's program, please visit calvarysummit.org/children to register!

By registering, you are simply expressing an interest in staying informed about the children's program. There is no obligation or expectation to attend any in-person events. We are also planning ways for families to engage in the program from the safety of their own homes. If we have your information, then we can make sure that you are aware of all the opportunities.

Once you register, you will also be invited to complete a survey about your level of interest and comfort in participating in various children's formation activities.

I look forward to reconnecting after the extended COVID-19 break and I extend my sincerest thanks to everyone who continues to support the program and the children of Calvary!

THE MUSIC CORNER: Evensong and Handbells

by Kevin Davis, Organist-Choirmaster

EVENSONG

We had a very successful Evensong service on August 30 at 5:00 pm. It featured music from the hymnal lead by Mother Melanie and Palmer Haffner, our Tenor Section Leader. As we can't have choirs, we will be live-streaming Evensongs for every month that has five Sundays.

If you missed this service, please go to Calvary's Facebook page (facebook.com/calvarysummit) and experience a fully sung Evening Prayer service. The music is accessible and the service is an important part of our Anglican heritage. To date, we have had 166 views. Our next live-streamed Evensong will be on November 29.

Please consider joining us online!

HANDBELLS

Calvary's Handbell program has been re-envisioned and has begun to rehearse following *Journey Forward: Guidelines for In-Person Worship* in the Diocese of Newark. We are practicing in quartets and scheduling rehearsals so that each person is in the building for only 45 minutes. We also have two very brave souls that have taken the challenge and are preparing handbell solos—one is playing 18 bells!

Please keep your eyes "pealed" for these solos and ensembles to become part of our worship when the new video system is fully installed and used for our live-streamed services.

If you are interested in playing bells, please contact Kevin at kdavis@calvarysummit.org.

Calvary's Operating Summary Eight Months Ending August 31, 2020

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Revenue:			
Pledge Income	\$393,828	\$431,880	\$600,000
Open Offering	6,997	10,000	15,000
Payment of Prior Year Pledge	30,808	5,000	5,000
Other Income	48,511	86,272	124,265
Total Revenue	\$480,144	\$533,152	\$744,265
Expense:			
Administrative	\$43,400	\$46,092	\$66,284
Choir & Music	\$17,892	\$19,167	\$27,000
Christian Ed/Fellowship	\$3,996	\$7,333	\$11,000
Insurance	\$41,970	\$41,500	\$57,000
Payroll	\$283,930	\$324,204	\$483,991
Property Maintenance/Utilities	\$72,239	\$90,437	\$134,500
Diocesan Pledge	\$13,333	\$13,333	\$20,000
Outreach	\$580	\$4,533	\$6,800
Total Expense	\$477,340	\$546,598	\$806,575
Net Revenue over (Expenses)	\$2,804	(\$13,446)	(\$62,310)



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**Bible Book of the Year
Witnesses to the Morning Star**
Monthly, 2nd Saturdays,
Oct 10 - June 12
9:00-11:00 a.m.
A Year Long Study
of the Gospel of St. Luke
Via Zoom

Gathering the testimony of various witnesses, the writer of the Third Gospel (traditionally ascribed to Luke the physician, one of Paul's traveling companions, sets out to tell a two volume history of the Jesus movement from Christ's birth through the imprisonment of Paul in Rome. Unlike Matthew's emphasis on the "new law" and Mark's emphasis on Jesus as hidden Messiah, Luke emphasizes Jesus as the "Spirit-filled" healer, reconciler, social critic and prophetic visionary. Our nine monthly sessions will take us through the Gospel step by step, asking the question, "What are we witnessing through these texts?"

The Reverend Robert Corin Morris, D.D., Author, teacher, and founder of Interweave will lead and facilitate this series.

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\$140 (\$120 Members)

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