

The Canticle

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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.”

**What would you like to see
in Calvary Church?**

**What would you like to do
with your church?**



As we continue to move forward together through this time of transition, tell us:

WHAT IS YOUR VISION?

There are displays in the back of the church and the Parish House.
Use the sticky notes to share your dreams for the future of Calvary.

Save the date
HOMECOMING SUNDAY
September 12

- Open House
- Sunday School Registration
- Ministry Fair

IN THE INTERIM

by Mother Melanie Barbarito, Interim Rector

July's Vestry meeting was the twelfth with me; I've reached our one-year anniversary together. This year we have continued to be the Church in spite of a historic pandemic. Every single week, God has been praised; children have been involved in worship and ministries; young people have been prepared for Confirmation; music has been made; homeless have been fed; Moms have connected; new members have been welcomed; babies and bigger people have been baptized; neighborhoods have been visited—I could go on. Even those members who have not been on the premises know that the church is still active and a presence available to them and the City of Summit. We have hired two new staff members, Deacon Carrie Cabush and Organist Evan Cogswell, who have already brought new enthusiasm to Calvary. We are planning with hope for the coming program year. There is an energy in this place that people can feel, particularly in worship. Could it be the Holy Spirit?

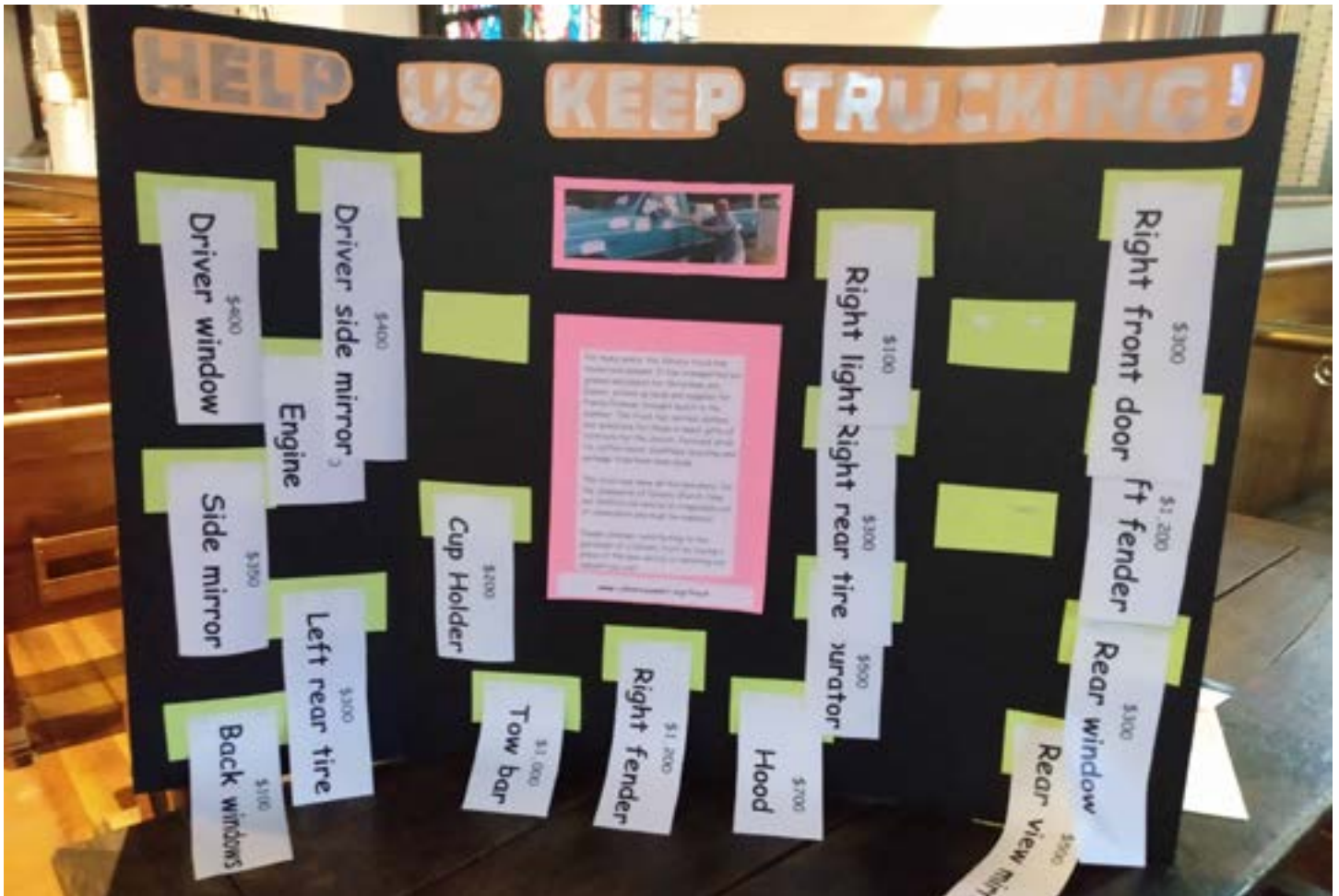


Calvary Church is a different place from what it was two or three years ago. It will never be quite the same, nor should it. Calvary Church was inaugurated in the 19th Century in the Second Millennium. We followers of Jesus Christ have made it to the 21st Century and the beginning of the Third Millennium. Imagine that!

Your mission as a member of Christ's family and one called by God is to build upon the best of what is this church. Remember, Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone. The COVID situation for the coming year is unknown. This may seem like a bad place from which to search for a settled rector. But, remember, it is pretty much the same for every single Episcopal Church in our country. I read recently that every church must now think of itself as a new start. This should not be daunting; it should be liberating because Calvary is starting with so much that is good. Your ideas, your energy, your passion, your hopes and dreams will be the building blocks on which to renew and refresh this precious place.

It's an honor to be here. I'm excited about the coming year. I look forward to meeting many more of you and discovering what you feel called to do for God as a part of the Calvary community.

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TRUCK FUND IS REVVING UP

Calvary is raising funds for a new truck! Please see the display in the back of the church to see how you can contribute by "purchasing" a component. Alternatively, consider making a general donation to the fund.

To take part online, or for more information, visit www.calvarysummit.org/truck.

Calvary Services

Services of Holy Eucharist are in-person at Calvary, at 8:00 am and 10:00 am on Sundays. The COVID risk level for Union County is currently Orange, which means masks must be worn, social distance observed, and there is no congregational singing (hymns are sung by a soloist at this time).

For those who cannot make it, or do not feel safe attending, you can continue to participate online via our YouTube channel at 10:00 am. Visit www.calvarysummit.org for a link to the YouTube channel, or check your emails.

A Service of Evensong Sunday, August 29 at 5:00 pm

Join us in-person or live online at our YouTube channel for this evening service of Bible readings and the singing of hymns, psalms and canticles.

A WORD FROM THE VESTRY by Laura Dudebout on behalf of the Vestry

“This is the moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities, what we value, what we want, what we seek and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of. God asks us to dare to create something new.”

~ Pope Francis, Nov 2020

I cannot think of more relevant words to describe the current work of our vestry. This is the moment we get to ask the parish, “What would you like to do with your church and how can we best serve our community?” Mother Melanie has posed this question to the vestry and we have started this work by hiring Deacon Carrie Cabush to lead our Youth Ministries Program and Evan Cogswell to serve as our part-time Organist/Music Director.



With our new staff in place, we have new energy, ideas and bandwidth, but we really need help from all of you. You must help define the vision for our parish and provide the leadership to get us there. This is a good segue into our June vestry meeting highlights.

Leadership and Volunteer

We need to find leaders to help us “dig deep and reach high.” This fall we will begin our rector search by creating a parish profile. Our parish has changed significantly in the last few years and we want to make sure we are accurately describing the needs and desires of parishioners who want to remain actively engaged with Calvary’s ministries.

Over the rest of the summer, the vestry will be working to update parishioners on Calvary happenings, future plans and gauging interest for programming. Our homecoming Sunday is scheduled for September 12 where we will be holding a Ministry Fair so everyone can see a list of ways to get involved.

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We are actively recruiting people to lead the following committees:

- Building Use
- Christian Education
- Pastoral Care
- Rector Search
- Stewardship
- Youth Ministry Council

We also need volunteers that may not be able to commit to a leadership position, but want to be involved. These include ushers, counters, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd volunteers, lay "weeders," audio-visual equipment operators (we will continue to stream our services on YouTube) and members of the flower guild. Please be thinking about ways you can contribute at this pivotal time for our parish.

Property Stewardship

We also discussed a number of projects underway to maintain our campus.

- Work on the red doors facing DeForest Avenue will begin soon.
- After discussion about ongoing elevator repairs, the vestry voted to purchase a service contract to ensure proper maintenance.
- A garbage truck damaged the steps and railings leading from our driveway to the Cloister Wall. There are ongoing negotiations with the waste management company to pay for repairs.
- We are halfway to our fundraising goal of \$32,000 to purchase a used truck for campus maintenance.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or would like a copy of our vestry meeting minutes, please ask Mother Melanie or our Wardens, Bebe Lee and Susan Favate.

**Note: our Canticle vestry update cadence lags by a month due to the approval process for vestry meeting minutes and The Canticle's publication deadline. If you are interested in "real time" information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mother Melanie, our Wardens or any member of the vestry.*

OUTREACH UPDATE

by the Outreach Committee

When Summit Warm Heart (SWH) completed its November to end-of-March season, it was decided to continue operating every Tuesday from 9:00 to 11:00 am, offering showers, something to eat, or to just enjoy some quiet time off the street.

Under the leadership of Staci d'Olier-Lees and Leonard Prentice, SWH started an arts and craft program. However, since the people from the street were not interested in the art project, SWH was invited to the Vito A. Gallo Senior Building at 12 Chestnut Ave. where arts and craft classes, knitting, crocheting, painting, origami, etc. are being offered. The seniors also make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to pass out to our homeless friends around town, pack bread and rolls for Grace Food Pantry, and meet to discuss other possibilities in assisting our "neighbors without addresses."

Calvary delivered its first load of non-perishable food to Loaves and Fishes at St. Teresa's. Please continue to drop off food at the back of the church.

FAITH LIKE A CHILD
by the Rev. Deacon Carrie Cabush

One of my favorite things about working with children and youth is their unabashedly honest answers. No filter, no embarrassment; just the truth as they see it. As we grow up, we start to adopt more “appropriate” answers. We say we are fine when we are not. We show interest in an event we know we will not attend. Lucky for us, God does not ask us to save face. God craves our honest answers and our whole hearts.



As you take time this summer to rest and recharge, I invite you to explore your own unabashedly honest answers to these questions: How is your spiritual life being nourished? What is inviting you to learn and grow in your relationship with Christ?

Over these past 17 months my honest answers to these questions have varied greatly. Perhaps yours have too. Exploring my own spiritual journey across the pandemic, I am recognizing anew how community plays a central role in my spiritual health. Being surrounded by others who pose questions I have not thought of and give voice to experiences I have not had helps me experience God in new ways. The times I felt stagnant in my relationship with Christ are most often the times I felt distant from a community of faith.

You do not need to share your honest answers with me (although I would welcome them!), but I do invite you to explore them for ways to continue your spiritual journey in the coming year. Perhaps assisting in a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium will reignite your childlike wonder. Maybe working with the youth will offer opportunities to ask the questions that you can't seem to ignore. Or maybe you crave an embodied spirituality and are looking for ways to use your unique gifts through outreach in your local community.

I am only one week into my ministry here at Calvary, but I am already seeing that this parish has ample opportunities for spiritual formation across the lifespan. Wherever you are in your faith journey, know that you are welcome and wanted here.

If you would like to talk more about spiritual formation across the lifespan with Rev. Deacon Carrie, she can be reached at (908) 277-1814 ext. 3 or ccabush@calvarysummit.org.

Calvary's Operating Summary				
Six Months Ending June 30, 2021				
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	
Revenue:				
Pledge Income	\$277,167	\$237,967	\$391,000	
Open Offering	3,127	5,000	10,000	
Payment of Prior Year Pledge	41,975	23,500	23,500	
Other Income	117,622	28,982	78,000	
Total Revenue	\$439,891	\$295,449	\$502,500	
Expense:				
Administrative	\$27,532	\$31,770	\$57,500	
Choir & Music	\$5,019	\$24,137	\$46,635	
Christian Ed/Fellowship	\$731	\$4,000	\$8,000	
Insurance	\$28,515	\$29,000	\$56,000	
Payroll	\$169,599	\$198,368	\$434,543	
Property Maintenance/Utilities	\$63,501	\$59,902	\$113,200	
Diocesan Pledge	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	
Outreach	\$900	\$7,920	\$14,820	
Total Expense	\$310,797	\$370,098	\$760,698	
Net Revenue over (Expenses)	\$129,094	(\$74,649)	(\$258,198)	

KIDS' CORNER

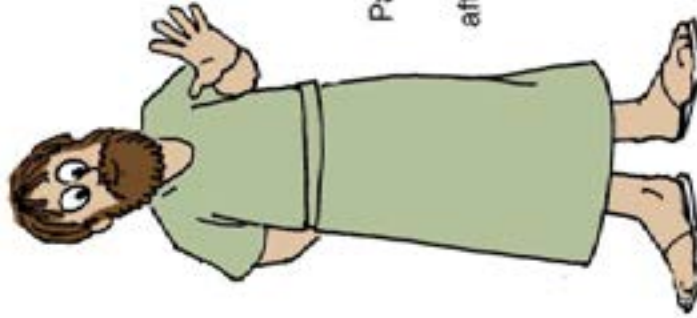
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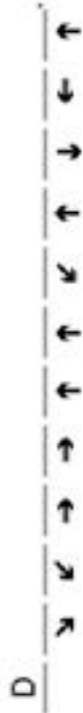
Paul wanted to be successful
in completing life's race.

Starting at the letter "D", travel in the direction
shown by arrows to find the remaining letters.

D	F	L
E	I	A
S	Q	U



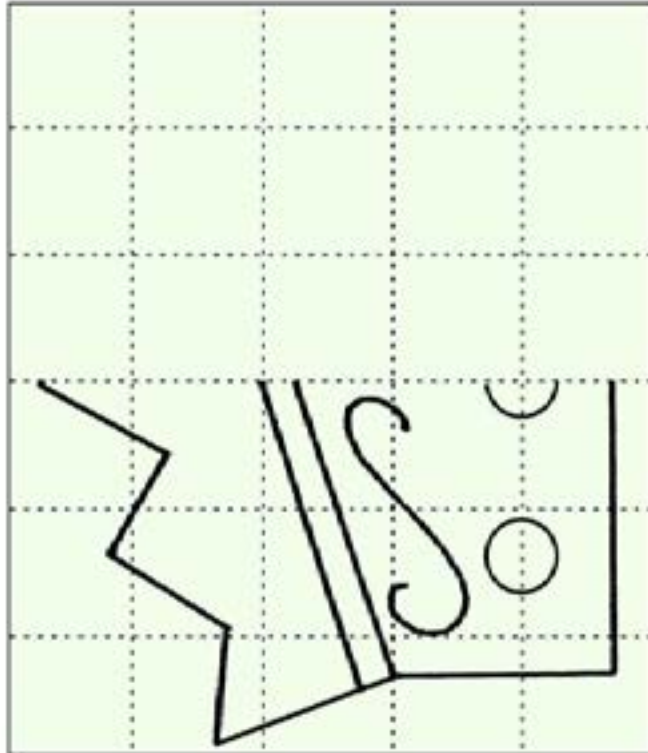
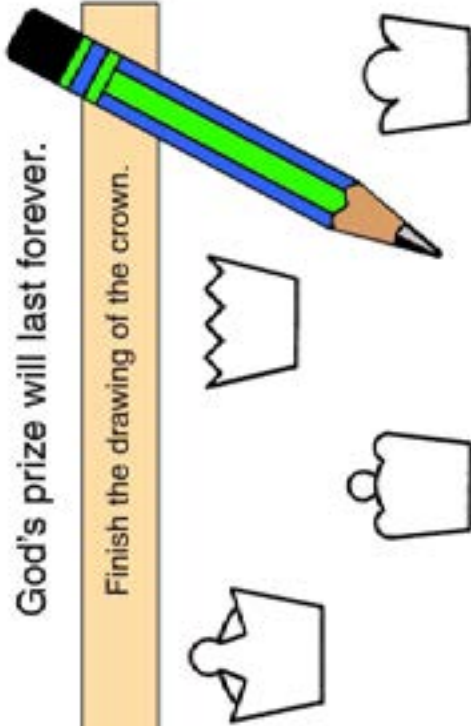
Paul disciplined himself so that,
after he had preached to others,
he himself would not be



For Children 3+

God's prize will last forever.

Finish the drawing of the crown.





SUMMER GREETINGS

Dear Friends,

What a year this has been! As many of you know, Interweave has continued to offer classes during these difficult pandemic times via zoom. Classes like Bible Book of the Month, Meditation and Poetry have offered comfort, and support during these trying times. Adaptability and resilience have been our guideposts.

Currently, we are in hiatus at Interweave. Like everyone, we wonder what this new year will hold. With the encouragement of vaccination protection and more relaxed regulations we look forward to some in-person gatherings in the Fall.

Interweave is grateful that Calvary is home to many of our programs. I want to thank Mother Melanie for her nurturing spirit and Calvary's amazing staff for their continued support.

Finally, I want to thank you - the community of Calvary for being part of the Interweave family. Your vibrant spirit is always evident. Your stories, your resilience is an inspiration.

Whether in person or via zoom, we look forward to celebrating community with you and wish you and yours a relaxing and restorative summer!

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Interweave Executive Director



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