

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.”

WELCOMING EVAN COGSWELL Calvary's Next Organist-Choirmaster

It is with great joy that we announce the appointment of Evan Cogswell as Organist-Choirmaster of Calvary Episcopal Church. His first Sunday will be July 25.

Evan is a doctoral candidate at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University where he studied organ with Chris Young. Prior to attending IU, Evan received his Master's of Music from the Yale School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music. During his four years in Indiana, Evan was the organist and then interim music director for Speedway Christian Church in Indianapolis. Evan also worked as the associate organ instructor at IU for his first two years there.

While at Yale, Evan gave several lectures on the organ music of Olivier Messiaen, a favorite subject of his. Evan also worked as an organ scholar for Marquand Chapel, gave private organ lessons to secondary students, and he taught several graduate level theory classes as a TA for music theory. His organ teacher at Yale was Martin Jean.

Prior to attending Yale, Evan graduated *summa cum laude* from the Hartt School in the spring of 2014 with a dual degree in composition and organ performance, where he studied organ with Patricia Snyder and composition with Robert Carl and Stephen Gryc. At Hartt Evan commissioned and premiered several new chamber works for the organ and other instruments.

Evan began studying the organ at age twelve with David Spicer in Wethersfield, CT, and he is eternally grateful for those early years of guidance and inspiration.

As an organist and composer, Evan has written works for organ that he has performed on several occasions. His most recent composition is an organ suite.

Q&A

We understand you are originally from the Northeast. Where did you grow up? Do you have any particular connection to this area and anything about Summit/Calvary that is of particular interest to you?

I grew up in CT, doing my Bachelor's degree at the Hartt School and my Master's degree at Yale. I've been in Indiana for the past four years, working on my Doctorate. I loved trips to New York in high school and college, and I look forward to being able to connect with the music scene there and enrich Calvary's music program as part of that larger community.

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How did you discover your love of music? How did you decide to study organ performance in particular? Are there other instruments you play?



I've loved music for as long as I could remember and always wanted to make a career in it. I played guitar first and shortly thereafter began composing music, which led to piano lessons. After about a year of piano lessons, I was asked to play piano in church once when no organist was available. At that point, my piano teacher suggested I take up the organ if I was going to play in churches. So I did, and fell in love with it.

I've kept up composing a little bit, and I have written a few organ works as well as anthems which my past choirs have sung.

Do you have a favorite composer or type of music?

My favorite composer is Olivier Messiaen. I tend to gravitate towards late 19th century and 20th century French music, but I listen to all styles of music from Baroque organ and choral works to Romantic symphonies to avant-garde contemporary music to progressive rock and Broadway.

Is there a particular hymn that you like to play in particular? Why?

It's so hard to pick one! I love the pedal line in For All the Saints, and the melody is great as well. I find Abide With Me beautiful and comforting, and I love playing the David Wilcocks reharmonization of O Come All Ye Faithful every Christmas.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love to cook and bake, watch movies, and care for my two cats, Juliet and Irene. I'm also an amateur fish keeper.

Are there any "fun" facts about you that you would like the congregation to know?

I've played in the pit for two musicals, Sunday in the Park with George and Matilda, which were my favorite gigs that I've done outside of church.

Please also welcome the Rev. Deacon Carrie Cabush, Assistant Rector / Curate, who begins her ministry among us on July 12. Deacon Carrie will focus especially on the youth and young adults of the parish. See last month's Canticle for an introduction and a Q&A.

THE MUSIC CORNER

by Warren Loy, Worship & Music Chair

We are very pleased to welcome Evan Cogswell as the new Organist and Music Director on Sunday, July 25.

The bell choir has continued to rehearse regularly since May 12, and they are preparing anthems that can be rung during church later this summer. As always, anyone interested in joining the bell choir is welcome and can contact the parish office for more details, or reach out to DeeDee Allen at emmalein@juno.com.

Calvary Services

A reminder that services of Holy Eucharist are back in-person at Calvary, at 8:00 am and 10:00 am on Sundays.

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.

IN THE INTERIM: PLAN & PLANT

by Mother Melanie Barbarito, Interim Rector

Gardening is not one of my gifts, but I do understand the concept. First you daydream and imagine what you want your garden to look like. Then you plan, taking into account what you have to work with. Where do you have sun and where is shade? You might want immediate gratification and plant annuals but want the pleasure of nurturing perennials over a long period of time. Perhaps you want to enjoy the fruits of your labors literally, and so you plant vegetables. If you plan to stay put for a while, planting a tree that will flourish and provide a place for future grandchildren to climb or swing might be just the ticket. You figure in the time and the money you have to spend, and then you begin to plant. It isn't finished in a day, but there is joy in seeing those dreams become reality.



This is where we are now at Calvary Church. After a fallow season, it is time to dream and plan and plant. What are your hopes for your parish? What do you dream for this incredible community of faith, this outpost of the Kingdom of God? What is it that you have most loved about being a part of this place? What stories about it do you like to tell? What memories are precious to you? What can Calvary be in the 21st Century for God, for you, for your family, for the community? People have dreamed this place into being before you and for you. You have so much to build on. How will you add your dreams to theirs?

Will you be going to the ocean this summer or to the mountains? Refilling your spent emotional resources with family or friends? During those lazy times when all you really need to do is breathe deeply, let your imagination drift and dream big for Calvary. Then come back and be a part of planning how to bring that vision to life.

Mother Melanie can be reached at (908) 277-1814, ext. 2, or mbarbarito@calvarysummit.org. You can also find her cell phone number by logging into the Breeze membership portal: calvarysummit.breezechms.com

Reading With the Rector: SIMPLY CHRISTIAN

Tuesdays, 12 noon – 1:00 pm

The Tuesday noon book group continues to discuss N.T. Wright's *Simply Christian* in July. Newcomers welcome!

From the back cover: "Why is justice fair? Why are so many people pursuing spirituality? Why do we crave relationship? And why is beauty so beautiful? N. T. Wright argues that each of these questions takes us into the mystery of who God is and what he wants from us."

The book can be purchased from Amazon or wherever you buy books. Check your emails for the Zoom log-in information.

THANK YOU
by Kevin Davis

Dear friends of Calvary,

Thank you for the wonderful send off and purse on April 25. I'm glad that I could see so many of you before leaving and that I had the chance to say "goodbye" in person. Jeff and I enjoyed our time at Calvary and will miss everyone. We will keep Calvary in our prayers during this time of transition with new staff arriving, a search for the new rector, and also a return to normalcy after Covid-19 restrictions. Calvary is such a warm and welcoming place that I know the future is bright.

I would especially like to thank the members of the Handbell Choir, Choir, Lay Weeders, Altar Guild (I considered myself a "fringe" member that focused on changing the frontals and lectern/pulpit falls) and the Staff (Melanie, Matt, Cimi, Flora and Sadie). Each of these groups made us feel a part of the family of Calvary.



Jeff and I are beginning to settle into our new life in South Carolina. We are staying busy trying to decorate the house and learn our way around while starting new jobs in a different denomination. We have met many nice people in our neighborhood and also in our respective churches. Our cat, Midnight, is enjoying the much larger space of the house and also the wide variety of wildlife (many squirrels, birds, frogs and moths) that may be seen from the windows.

Again, thank you for the party and especially for the purse. We think of you often and also tune in to your services on a regular basis.

Blessings,
Kevin



HOLY CROSS RETREAT
October 27-29

This fall, the Benedictines of Calvary will lead a retreat to Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY. The cost is \$225/person. This includes two nights' lodging, beginning with the midday meal on Wednesday and ending after the midday meal on Friday. The Thursday is a feast day (Saints Simon and Jude) so expect a yummy dessert!

To confirm your attendance, please send your payment, or at least a \$100 deposit, to Flora Attardi at Calvary Church, 31 Woodland Ave., Summit, NJ 07901. Please be sure to note "HOLY CROSS FALL RETREAT" in the memo line of your check.

Any questions, please contact Pam Kuhn (kuhnpam66@gmail.com) or Joe LaVela (jalavela1@gmail.com)



OUTREACH UPDATE by the Outreach Committee

As we work our way out of the pandemic, and as Deacon Carrie Cabush comes on board, we hope to expand and revitalize Calvary's outreach program. If anyone is interested in joining the Outreach Committee, please contact Mother Melanie.

Grace is no longer accepting shelf-stable food and has shifted back to their pre-pandemic model of providing fresh produce to about 400 food-challenged households.

However, we hope that Calvarians will continue to donate food in the baskets at the back of the Church for delivery locally to St. Teresa's to support their "Loaves and Fishes" ministry which is in need of help.

The items most needed are:

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| Pasta and Pasta sauce | Rice | Oil |
| Canned Tuna or Chicken | Canned vegetables | Dried or canned beans |
| Dinty Moore Beef Stew | Instant coffee | Peanut butter and Jelly |
| Hearty Soup like Progresso | Cereal | Cake Mix or a Pre-Made Dessert |

We are still waiting to hear more about the Summit Habitat for Humanity project at 146 Morris Ave., the site of the Summit Italian-American Club. Hopefully, this will give interested parishioners an opportunity for a hands-on outreach experience.

The future of Family Promise is still unknown at this time. During the pandemic, instead of housing clients in churches, alternate arrangements were made. When churches start hosting again, there will be many outreach opportunities for us to be involved with.

A WORD FROM THE VESTRY

by Julie Armour Jones on behalf of the Vestry



With Summer upon us, my family has been enjoying the fruits of our labors as the variety of plants in our garden come to life in different ways, day by day and year after year. The pop of color from our annuals give us instant gratification, and the perennials take years to come into their own: first they sleep, then they creep – until finally, they leap!

My husband and sons do the heavier work of preparing the soil and spreading the mulch, and I enjoy the planning process - accompanying them to the nursery to select new plants to adorn our garden and cater to the pollinators.

On the vestry, we each have a role to play in “planning and planting” by joyfully helping guide and cultivate our various ministries as we continue to work toward our collective vision for Calvary’s bright future.

May Vestry Meeting Highlights

May’s vestry meeting was brimming with discussion about upcoming plans and some of the past planning efforts coming to fruition! Below are some highlights from our meeting.

- With COVID restrictions beginning to ease, Mother Melanie shared that she would be making **Pastoral Care visits** to parishioners requesting them, and Susan Favate, Nancy Imbalzano and Nancy Babbitt planned a Parish Clean Up Day to prepare the grounds for our return to in-person worship and gatherings. The day featured a **planting event** for all ages honoring long time parishioner Lillian Cochran and a **fundraiser for a new church truck**.
- James Nelson spearheaded plans for an outdoor “**Moment of Solidarity**” **prayer service** on Tuesday, May 25, in the Garden of the Resurrection, and he also oversaw design and production of Calvary T-shirts available in all sizes for purchase by anyone who wishes to show their Calvary “spirit.” The shirts are \$30 each. Visit www.calvarysummit.org/shirts to order.
- Tom Barr shared the **Financial Report**, which was reviewed and approved by the vestry. While we are on track with our budget, we will still end up with a loss for the year – and this deficit will be covered with an infusion from the Heritage Fund. The Quarterly Financial Report was sent to parishioners, each with a personal note from Mother Melanie.
- **Good news and progress on the staffing front continued** with the review and approval of the Letter of Agreement to appoint **Deacon Carrie Cabush** as Curate. She has since signed and her start date will be July 12! We are so excited to welcome her. We discussed plans to introduce Carrie to the parish – and already the June Canticle featured a cover story and Q&A introducing Carrie.
- We were also thrilled about the opportunity to fill our open **organist position** after the identification of an excellent candidate by our ad hoc music committee led by Warren Loy, DeeDee Allen, Nina Deutz and Carol Graham. The vestry voted to offer the part-time position to **Evan Cogswell**, a recent graduate of Indiana University with a doctorate in organ performance. We look forward to welcoming Evan to Calvary this month. He will be living in Canterbury House.
- Kevin Schmidt, Todd Fairbairn, Laura Dudebout and I will be working over the coming weeks to find ways to help both Carrie and Evan get to know the congregation and vice-versa. Please join us in welcoming them!

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.*

KIDS' CORNER

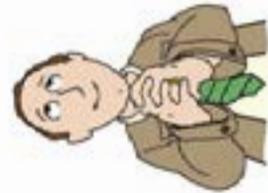
For Children 7+

We are made right in the sight of God by our belief in Jesus Christ, not by the laws we keep or the good things we do.

Fill in the 1st letter of each country to complete the sentence.

The law leads us to Christ so we may be ...

- __apan
- __ganda
- __pain
- __hailand
- __ndia
- __inland
- __raq
- __gypt
- __enmark
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For Children 3+

We are one in Jesus.

Connect the dots. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11



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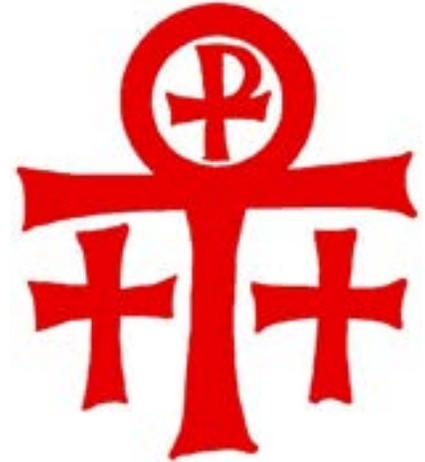


IN MEMORIAM

Calvary is saddened to announce the passing the following friends and parishioners in May and June:

Bob Savarese
Michael Long

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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**Calvary's Operating Summary
Five Months Ending May 31, 2021**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Revenue:			
Pledge Income	\$250,256	\$212,462	\$391,000
Open Offering	2,812	4,167	10,000
Payment of Prior Year Pledge	41,880	23,500	23,500
Other Income	103,954	24,312	78,000
Total Revenue	\$398,902	\$264,441	\$502,500
Expense:			
Administrative	\$24,440	\$27,445	\$57,500
Choir & Music	\$1,759	\$21,666	\$46,635
Christian Ed/Fellowship	\$535	\$3,333	\$8,000
Insurance	\$28,866	\$28,800	\$56,000
Payroll	\$147,667	\$166,104	\$434,543
Property Maintenance/Utilities	\$41,990	\$54,438	\$113,200
Diocesan Pledge	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$30,000
Outreach	\$750	\$6,770	\$14,820
Total Expense	\$258,507	\$321,057	\$760,698
Net Revenue over (Expenses)	\$140,395	(\$56,616)	(\$258,198)

Vestry

Bebe Lee, *Senior Warden*
Susan Favate, *Premises Warden*
Tom Barr, *Treasurer*
Charlie Rall, *Assistant Treasurer*
Caroline Lindabury, *Clerk*
Kevin Schmidt, *Finance*
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Laura Dudebout, Nancy Imbalzano,
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Warren Loy, James Nelson,
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