

# 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.”*

IN THIS SEASON OF GIVING

**EMBRACE LOVE...**

**EMBRACE CALVARY**



The stewardship campaign will kick-off in November.

The theme this year celebrates the Love at Calvary and the opportunity we have to **be love** and to **spread love**.

Giving to God is a joyous thing: we give thanks (which is essential), we give of ourselves (which is meaningful), and we share our riches (which multiplies our offerings across our family in God).

**IN THE INTERIM**

by Mother Melanie Barbarito, Interim Rector



The search for a new rector . . . and you. After the strangest year and a half in church history, the Vestry is now actively working with Canon Margaret Clark on the process of finding the next rector for Calvary Church. Canon Clark is the assistant to the Bishop for transition ministry. The process will look very different from those in the past. The National Church has revised the process to reflect the technologies and sociological changes of the 21st Century. More about that when information is available. You have a part to play.

As the parish creates its profile, or portfolio as it is now called, one of the questions asked is the average Sunday attendance. That's hard to figure out for this year given that there were no in-person services until April. Then there was summertime when Calvary folks joyfully got outa' Dodge. Now we can begin to get a picture of who are the members of Calvary by those attending Sunday services. In order to show the vibrancy of the parish, it is important that you be in church.

We are often reminded that every vote counts. In church circles during the search process, every head counts, or rather every soul is counted. That's even more to the point. It is good for your soul to come to church every week. When you reestablish the habit of receiving the Holy Eucharist every Sunday, you receive healing and strength. If you have children, sharing the gift of your faith is as important as any life lesson you can teach them. Even if they sit there apparently bored and distracted or if they are playing with Busy Bags, God's grace finds its way in. In the 168 hours that you have in a week, the one set aside for God has the potential of reaping the greatest rewards.

The portfolio also indicates the programs available in the church and the participants. There are many ways to give a bit of your time to Christ's ministry in the world through Calvary. We are told that volunteering is healthy for us. You might consider what will give you joy in serving God and others through this parish. The portfolio will also ask about pledging. As members of Calvary, this is not only an easy way to show your membership and commitment; it is also a concrete way to give thanks to God. I like to say that it puts legs on our gratitude. Calvary Church doesn't have a money tree out back that can be shaken to take care of the bills. The income is derived solely through you, the members of the church. Many members of Calvary chose not to make a pledge for 2021. Through careful fiscal management and frugality—and by necessity dipping into savings—the parish will cover its expenses. But if you want to help to paint the very best picture of the parish, it will be important that you make a pledge when asked.

Perhaps some people are waiting for a new rector for Calvary to be a lively, engaging, serving, and thriving parish. It is all of that right now though numbers would be hard-pressed to show that. I like to say that in 25+ years of priestly ministry I've been around. This is a lovely parish and, though I will have nothing to do with the search process, it is my fervent belief that as more of you become more fully engaged, you will attract just the right person to lead this congregation.

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**Advent Wreath-Making****Sunday, November 21, After the 10:00 am Service**

Prepare for Advent by making your own Advent wreath!

Materials will be provided.

Suggested donation: \$5 per wreath



## THE MUSIC CORNER

by Evan Cogswell, Organist-Music Director

Concerts have returned to Calvary! On Saturday, October 16, we hosted Seraph Brass, who played a dynamic and wonderfully varied program of transcriptions and original works for brass quintet. The audience was treated to movements from operas, piano works, and orchestral suites played by the five brass players. They also programmed original, contemporary works that beautifully showed off the abilities of each instrument. If there was any doubt what a gorgeous space our sanctuary is for making music, the audience were reminded by Seraph.

The five women who performed also spoke eloquently and passionately about each piece, giving the audience the perfect amount of information to enrich their appreciation of each work. It was great to see them interact so professionally and personally with the audience in addition to being top-notch performers.



At the time of writing, the next concert Calvary will be hosting is on Saturday, October 30, at 6:00 pm. I will be playing a Halloween-themed organ concert interspersed with scripture readings for the All Hallows' Eve service from the Book of Occasional Services. There are several readers who will give dramatic readings of some spooky scripture passages, and I will be playing music to match them. There will be both original organ compositions and transcriptions of orchestral works and songs from musicals. It is guaranteed to be a fun evening - so, if this newsletter reaches you in time, come and celebrate Halloween with us!

Finally, I will be away from November 1 through 6, because I will be back in Indiana to defend my dissertation. Once I do that, I will be done with my doctorate. My dissertation is an in-depth analysis of Messiaen's *Méditations sur le Mystère de la Sainte Trinité*, focusing on the history, theory, and theology that went into this nine-movement work. When I return, on All Saints' Sunday, I will play the final two movements as voluntaries, one of which fittingly uses the Gregorian Chant Alleluia for All Saints' Day. It will be a privilege to share this portion of my doctoral work with you immediately after completing my doctoral requirements.

## OUTREACH UPDATE

by the Outreach Committee

Throughout the month of October we have been collecting donations for Welcome Baskets. These baskets will ease the stress of moving and celebrate when families in the Family Promise temporary shelter program are able to transition into their own apartments. We are hoping to fill 12 laundry baskets with items families might need as they move into a new apartment, such as laundry baskets, cleaning supplies, hand towels, and small kitchen appliances. November 7 is the last day to bring in donations, and we will be filling and decorating the baskets in the back of the church after the 10:00 am service. If you would like to be part of the team that delivers these baskets to the families throughout the year, please contact Deacon Carrie ([ccabush@calvarysummit.org](mailto:ccabush@calvarysummit.org)).



In November we will also be participating in a giving tree to collect gifts for the families in Family Promise's emergency shelter program. Be on the lookout for announcements on how to get involved and spread some extra delight and joy this Christmas!

## SOWING SEEDS

by the Rev. Deacon Carrie Cabush



In my family, November is the month we start putting leaves in the dining room table and bringing extra chairs up from the basement. Between Thanksgiving, Christmas, and birthdays, it is easier to leave the main floor ready for hosting guests. Even as we plan for smaller, safer gatherings this year, I find the sight of the longer table fills me with joy and excitement.

There is a phrase in ministry which says “when you have more than you need, build a longer table, not a higher fence.” Jesus calls us to share what we have and do so with radical welcome. At Calvary, we are preparing to do just that. As I type this, I am gathering ingredients to cook tacos and bake pizzas with our youth this coming week. In youth ministry we call this feeding formation, because there is something special about cooking and eating together that breaks down walls and builds up community. We are also planning for the youth groups’ upcoming outreach ministries as they learn about their spiritual gifts and Jesus’ commandment to love our neighbors.

Our middle schoolers have been talking about welcoming refugees and our high schoolers have been talking about feeding and caring for the homeless. And last but not least, we are hiring a young adult to help mentor both youth groups and support their continued growth. I am excited to see what this next month brings as Calvary sets up a longer table to continue welcoming our youth and as our youth venture out into the community, extending that welcome even further.

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**In this time of celebrating our Blessings,**

**We give thanks for the beauty and grace of the Calvary Community!**

**Happy Thanksgiving from Interweave!**



## A WORD FROM THE VESTRY

by Laura Dudebout on behalf of the Vestry

October was a busy month! You could feel the energy returning to the Calvary campus as we hosted a variety of activities. We kicked off the month with the Blessing of the Animals, held the Seraph Brass Concert on October 16 (the first concert since the onset of the pandemic), enjoyed great participation in both our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and youth program and, at the time of writing, we anticipate closing out the month with a Halloween Concert and children's costume parade. As we look towards the end of the year, we plan to continue our momentum with Advent activities, our annual Christmas pageant and several opportunities for Calvarians to give back to our community. Watch the weekly newsletter for more information.



### September Vestry Meeting Highlights

Many of our October activities were discussed and planned during the September vestry meeting. Below are some additional highlights.

■ Mother Melanie summarized her discussion with Canon Margo Clark, Transition Office of the Diocese. Due to changes in technology and people in the ministry, the process for calling a new rector has changed. Instead of a Profile/Search Committee, the Wardens and the Vestry are in charge of the process. This makes sense because canonically it is the Vestry that calls the next Rector. This will be a focus for Calvary's vestry in 2022.

■ Susan Favate, who leads property stewardship, detailed the damage Ida did to the basement of the Parish Hall. Even though the sump pump worked, the basement flooded because it was overwhelmed by the amount of water. The insurance adjuster noted that the drywall absorbed a lot of water and will need to be fully or partially removed. We are waiting to hear from the adjuster about how much insurance will pay.

*\*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.*



### ESCAPE WITH THE YOUTH GROUP!

All middle and high school students are invited to participate in an escape room on **Sunday, November 21!** We will work together as a team to solve the puzzles and escape The Lost Cabin: Book of Souls.

When: Sunday, November 21 at 3:45pm (game goes from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

Where: Escape Room NJ, 19 Waverly Lane Madison, NJ 07940

Cost: \$28 per person

Contact Deacon Carrie ([ccabush@calvarysummit.org](mailto:ccabush@calvarysummit.org)) to register for this event and with any questions you might have.

## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

by Sadie Bennett, Children's Formation Coordinator

What is faith formation? How does faith develop in your heart and mind? Did it seep in through the repetition of prayers and hymns as I sat on hard pews in itchy tights week after week as a child? Something touched my heart in that space and in those words, but I had no idea what was going on up there on the altar. I completed First Communion and Confirmation. I memorized the Lord's Prayer and the Nicene Creed, but I felt like an actor in a play. I went to Vacation Bible School and I participated in the Christmas pageant. But I had no idea how to read the Bible or what I was supposed to take away from these stories.

Although I lacked confidence in my understanding of my faith, it was rooted deep within me. And after a few meandering years of college and young adulthood, Jesus called me back to the church for the sacrament of marriage. Before I knew it, I had a toddler. And frankly, I began to panic. What was I going to teach him about faith? How could I answer his questions if I didn't know the answers myself?

Imagine that you are three years old. Leave all of your grown-up worries at the door. Forget everything you've been taught



about religion. Take off your shoes and walk quietly into a very special place that has been prepared just for you. The furniture and the materials are all the perfect size for your little three-year-old body. The artwork is hung right at your eye level. Everything is prepared and organized. The room is calm and quiet. In this room, you choose which material you would like to work with and no one interrupts you. There are no right or wrong answers. There are no teachers to please. Here, you are introduced to the Good Shepherd. He is the teacher. But, you sense that you already know Him. You've always known Him. He is already in your heart. His love is complete and unconditional. He calls you by name and you know the sound of His voice. His love is something you understand quite well. And from that love, from that relationship with the Good Shepherd, the mysteries and the customs of our faith unfold around you.

Training to become a catechist in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program was a beautiful and life-changing experience. I learned a lot of truly basic things that I'd never known before – like the seasons and colors of the liturgical calendar and the names and purposes of the gestures of the Eucharist. I learned typology and the parable method and what prophecies are all about. But, I also reconnected with my faith in a new and profound way. I learned how to wonder. I continue to grow in my faith each week as I work with the children in the atrium because they have incredible insight and they continue to teach me.

Formation for our children is crucial to their own development as wonderful little humans and to the health of our parish and the Episcopal church for years to come. And luckily (and selfishly) for us adults, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is not an altruistic sacrifice of time and energy, but rather, a wellspring of spiritual renewal. I encourage anyone and everyone – those with young children and those without – to consider training to become a catechist.

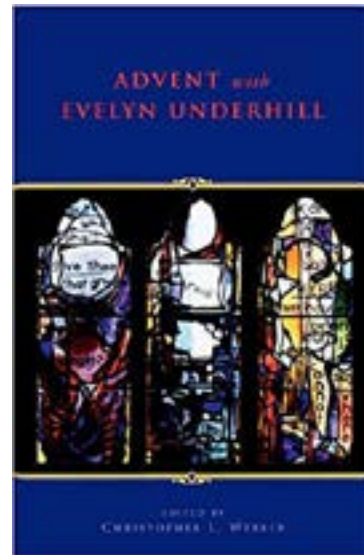
I am excited to announce that we will be hosting a Level 1 training here at Calvary starting November 6, 2021. Lynn Robinson, a talented and experienced catechist and formation leader, will be joining us one Saturday a month for the next year to offer the full course. I will be assisting Lynn and working toward my certification to become a formation leader myself. Please join us. I can be contacted at [sbennett@calvarysummit.org](mailto:sbennett@calvarysummit.org).

### ADVENT MEDITATIONS

Be on the lookout for a special offering coming straight to your inbox this Advent and Christmas season! Calvary is part of the Evelyn Underhill Regional Ministry Network in the Diocese of Newark, which also includes St. George's, Maplewood; Grace, Madison; St. Paul's, Chatham; St. Stephen's, Millburn; and Christ Church, Short Hills.

In an effort learn more about our namesake (an Anglican theologian and mystic), we will be reading Advent with Evelyn Underhill throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. Each day we will send out audio recordings from the book, read aloud by clergy and leaders from Calvary and other churches in the region.

If you would like to follow along and read the text, you can purchase the book from Church Publishing (<https://www.churchpublishing.org/products/adventwithevelynunderhill>) or anywhere you shop for books. There will also be a weekly discussion group (more details to come).



**DEADLINE FOR NOMINEE SUGGESTIONS IS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021  
SUGGESTIONS FOR NOMINEES  
TO THE VESTRY**

*Place completed form in the designated box in the Back of the Church*

*Or mail to the Parish Office  
31 Woodland Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901*

**TO:** The Nominating Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I suggest the following person as a candidate for election to the VESTRY of Calvary Episcopal Church:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please Print)



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lectionary Group Reconvenes**  
**Wednesdays at 12 Noon in the Guild Room**

*The Rev. Kay Locke writes:* In thanksgiving for the continuing prayers this congregation has offered to see me through the summer's complicated knee replacement and following surgical procedures, the Wednesday Lectionary group is meeting again on Wednesdays at 12 Noon. All welcome!

In affirmation that growth and healing occur within supportive and loving community, and that the prayers of this beloved church have seen me through a really tough time where I was unable to even return 'phone calls, all souls, saints and others sinners are invited to join in to celebrate the gifts of God within human hearts and hands.



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**Calvary's Operating Summary**  
**Nine Months Ending September 30, 2021**

	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Pledge Income	\$346,522	\$314,484	\$391,000
Open Offering	5,948	7,500	10,000
Payment of Prior Year Pledge	42,175	23,500	23,500
Other Income	262,765	42,991	78,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$657,410</b>	<b>\$388,475</b>	<b>\$502,500</b>
<b>Expense:</b>			
Administrative	\$43,802	\$43,176	\$57,500
Choir & Music	\$10,499	\$29,224	\$46,635
Christian Ed/Fellowship	\$2,022	\$6,000	\$8,000
Insurance	\$42,274	\$42,739	\$56,000
Payroll	\$266,021	\$316,956	\$434,543
Property Maintenance/Utilities	\$127,522	\$93,552	\$113,200
Diocesan Pledge	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$30,000
Outreach	\$4,551	\$11,370	\$14,820
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$519,191</b>	<b>\$565,517</b>	<b>\$760,698</b>
Net Revenue over (Expenses)	\$138,219	(\$177,042)	(\$258,198)

\* "Other Income" outstrips expectation primarily due to 2020 and 2021 Payroll Protection Program loans being forgiven this year.

**Vestry**

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- Susan Favate, *Premises Warden*
- Tom Barr, *Treasurer*
- Charlie Rall, *Assistant Treasurer*
- Caroline Lindabury, *Clerk*
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- Laura Dudebout, Nancy Imbalzano,
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