

The Canticle

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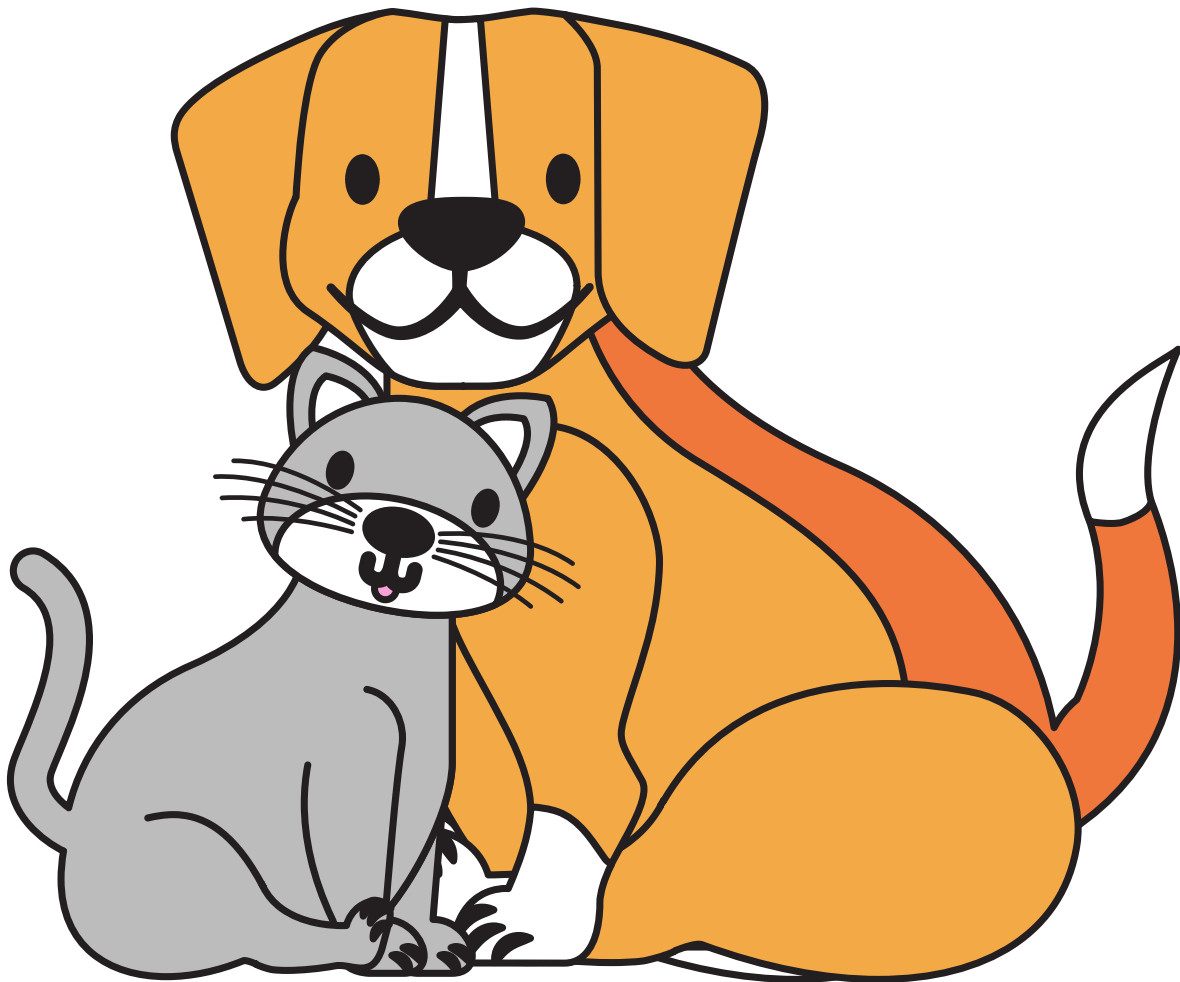
OCTOBER 2021

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

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 2 @ 10:00 am

On the hill outside the North Door



IN THE INTERIM

by Mother Melanie Barbarito, Interim Rector



“They’re Not Coming Back.” That was the title of an opinion piece in a Facebook Clergy Group. The writer said that folks who left the church during the COVID pandemic are not coming back. Maybe that’s you; maybe not. Let me suggest to you a reason to come back. The church is the only institution that exists for one reason, love. Not romantic love, not brotherly love, pure selfless love. It was in love that God created all that exists including you. It was for love that God became incarnate, human, and pitched his tent among us. Love is the warp of the weft of the fabric of our lives—love is that around which our lives are woven. Love is why the church exists.

If you have children, they may have a loving teacher, but their schools are concerned mostly about their minds. If they are involved in sports, they learn to function as a team and about competition. As adults we are a part of groups that enhance friendships, but book groups or country clubs or sports teams or choruses or political parties aren’t about love. The church IS or it’s meant to be. We don’t get it right all the time, maybe even most of the time. But we are drawn to the church as iron filings are to a magnet because it is the love of God that draws us.

An old term for the role of priests is the cure of souls. The church is in the soul business, your soul, your children’s souls. It’s meant to be, and I believe that Calvary is, a place for souls to find rest and healing. The article I mentioned states that every one of us is recovering from a shared trauma because of the pandemic. One of the paths to recovery is love. I have seen that love in the eyes of folks seeing other parishioners for the first time in over a year. Seen it in the hands of young and old as they receive Communion. Seen it in tears on peoples’ faces as what feels like grace settles around them. Seen it in the delight people are taking in seeing how children have grown. Seen it in the welcome given to visitors. You have a place here at Calvary. You are invited to be a part of something that exists only for love. You will not always get it right. Your brothers and sisters at Calvary will not always get it right. But since it is the love of God that draws us; the love of God will fill us if we let it. Embrace Calvary. Embrace Love.

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Many thanks to all who donated to the truck fund. Your generosity has allowed the purchase of a new vehicle - the Lillian Cochran Memorial Truck - to continue to work of hauling, plowing and transporting, along with many other functions critical to the smooth running of the parish!



The Woodworth Concert

Seraph Brass

Women's Brass Quintet

SATURDAY

OCT. 16, 2021

5:00 PM



Calvary Church Summit

31 Woodland Avenue | calvarysummit.org

Admission free. An offering will be taken
Concert is followed by a reception

THE MUSIC CORNER
by Evan Cogswell, Organist-Music Director

The choir has returned! They are a small but mighty group who have sung exceptionally well through September. I have managed to grow it from five members to nine and hope to recruit a few more. Due to COVID precautions, I don't want the choir much larger than twelve members for now, because that would make spacing out in the sanctuary difficult. Even with that we can still have two to four people per part. Once COVID ends, I plan to recruit intensely and grow the choir to at least twenty.

The bell choir is continuing to rehearse and ring about once a month. We could use one or two more members, so if you would like to try your hand at ringing, come to one of our rehearsals Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.

Calvary will be hosting Seraph Brass for a concert on October 16th, so mark your calendar and come for an evening of beautiful brass music!



On Saturday, October 30, I will present a Halloween-themed organ concert interspersed with scripture readings for the All Hallows' Eve service from the Book of Occasional Services. It will be a fun evening with a unique blend of scripture and music.

On a personal note, some of you may know that I have degrees in organ performance and music composition. As we will be observing St. Francis of Assisi's feast day on Sunday, October 3, I composed an anthem from Gerard Manley Hopkins' poem "Pied Beauty," which praises God for all the simple, beautiful aspects of God's creation—in keeping with the worldview of St. Francis. The choir has been doing a fantastic job of learning it, and I look forward to sharing it with you on October 3.

Calvary's Operating Summary
Eight Months Ending August 31, 2021

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Revenue:			
Pledge Income	\$328,691	\$288,978	\$391,000
Open Offering	5,375	6,667	10,000
Payment of Prior Year Pledge	41,975	23,500	23,500
Other Income	232,118	38,322	78,000
Total Revenue	\$608,159	\$357,466	\$502,500
Expense:			
Administrative	\$41,142	\$39,270	\$57,500
Choir & Music	\$7,739	\$26,403	\$46,635
Christian Ed/Fellowship	\$1,267	\$5,333	\$8,000
Insurance	\$41,945	\$42,466	\$56,000
Payroll	\$228,076	\$277,760	\$434,543
Property Maintenance/Utilities	\$110,772	\$79,894	\$113,200
Diocesan Pledge	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$30,000
Outreach	\$3,307	\$10,220	\$14,820
Total Expense	\$454,247	\$501,346	\$760,698
Net Revenue over (Expenses)	\$153,913	(\$143,880)	(\$258,198)

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

On Sunday, October 31, all children are invited to take part in a Halloween costume parade immediately following the 10:00 am service.
Check your email closer to the date for more information!

HALLOWEEN-THEMED ORGAN CONCERT

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SUMMIT NJ
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, AT 6:00 PM



Including selections from *The Nightmare Before Christmas*,
Sweeney Todd and *In the Hall of the Mountain King*,
interspersed with scripture readings for the All Hallows' Eve service
from the Book of Occasional Services.

A WORD FROM THE VESTRY

by Julie Armour Jones on behalf of the Vestry

As we welcome the brisk air of autumn, I can't help but feel we are also welcoming a new season at Calvary. Our Homecoming Sunday worship service was imbued with a hopeful energy that comes with the changing of seasons. The pews were filled with more than a hundred people of all ages with smiling eyes above their masks. The choir sang and the organ piped. The ministry fair following the service bustled as people browsed the many activities they could get involved in to share their time and talents.

Whatever the coming months bring in terms of our ability to worship in person or remotely, I feel hopeful and confident that the heart of Calvary is beating strong and that our collective love for this sacred place – and each other – will continue to lead us to a very bright future ahead.



August Vestry Meeting Highlights

Many of the activities that are now coming to fruition were discussed and planned during our August vestry meeting. Below are some highlights.

■ The Vestry proposed and agreed to a new **Sunday worship schedule** with the interests of all parishioners in mind. The schedule went into effect in September.

■ Homecoming Sunday plans were discussed, including a Vestry and staff organized **Ministry Fair** (pictured below) to offer parishioners the opportunity to sign up for various critical ministries we offer to the congregation and community, such as The Altar Guild, Pastoral Care, Fellowship, Events Committee, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and more. There is something for every talent and interest. If you are interested in getting involved, please let us know!

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■ Deacon Cabush got input from teens and parents and determined Sundays would be the best time to convene the Youth. Since then, the **Youth Group kicked off in September** with a great turnout and s'mores competition over the fire pit. The vestry approved a multi-generational program that Deacon Cabush had researched and proposed. It will be launched during Lent and will offer opportunities for intergenerational participation.

■ Vestry members signed a letter supporting **Deacon Carrie Cabush's ordination** to the priesthood, which is scheduled for later this year.

■ Regarding worship and music, **the choir has been rehearsing** and will sing at upcoming services. Monies from The Woodworth Fund will be used for brass at Christmas.

■ **Several events are being planned for Fall & Winter**, including the Blessing of the Animals, a Halloween activity for families, Advent wreath making and Lessons and Carols.

■ **The Lillian Cochran Memorial Truck fund has now reached its goal** and Cimi is looking at trucks. A suggestion was made to put Calvary's Logo, name address and phone number on the doors as a way of increasing visibility in the community.

■ **With regard to finances**, the two Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans have officially been forgiven. The Policies and Procedure Report has been completed and submitted to the Diocese. Expenses will be rising in the near term due to increased staff and activity. It was decided that we would reduce the rate for non-member weddings to align with other churches in the area.

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.*

SOWING SEEDS

by the Rev. Deacon Carrie Cabush



Over the past several weeks we have heard Jesus encourage the disciples to welcome children with open arms, again and again. At Calvary, we are doing just that! We have gathered school supplies for children of incarcerated parents in the diocese. We have watched as the children run to join us for Holy Eucharist after Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. And we have launched the youth group program, gathering Middle and High School students on the hill to roast marshmallows and create artwork for the youth room. I don't know about you, but this campus feels alive in a new way, brimming with the hope and excitement only children can bring.

As Fall settles in, we look forward to watching friendships blossom and building a beloved community with one another. You will also get a chance to see some of our youth participating in worship as acolytes and readers.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering with youth ministry, Deacon Carrie can be reached at (908) 277-1814 ext. 3 or ccabush@calvarysummit.org.

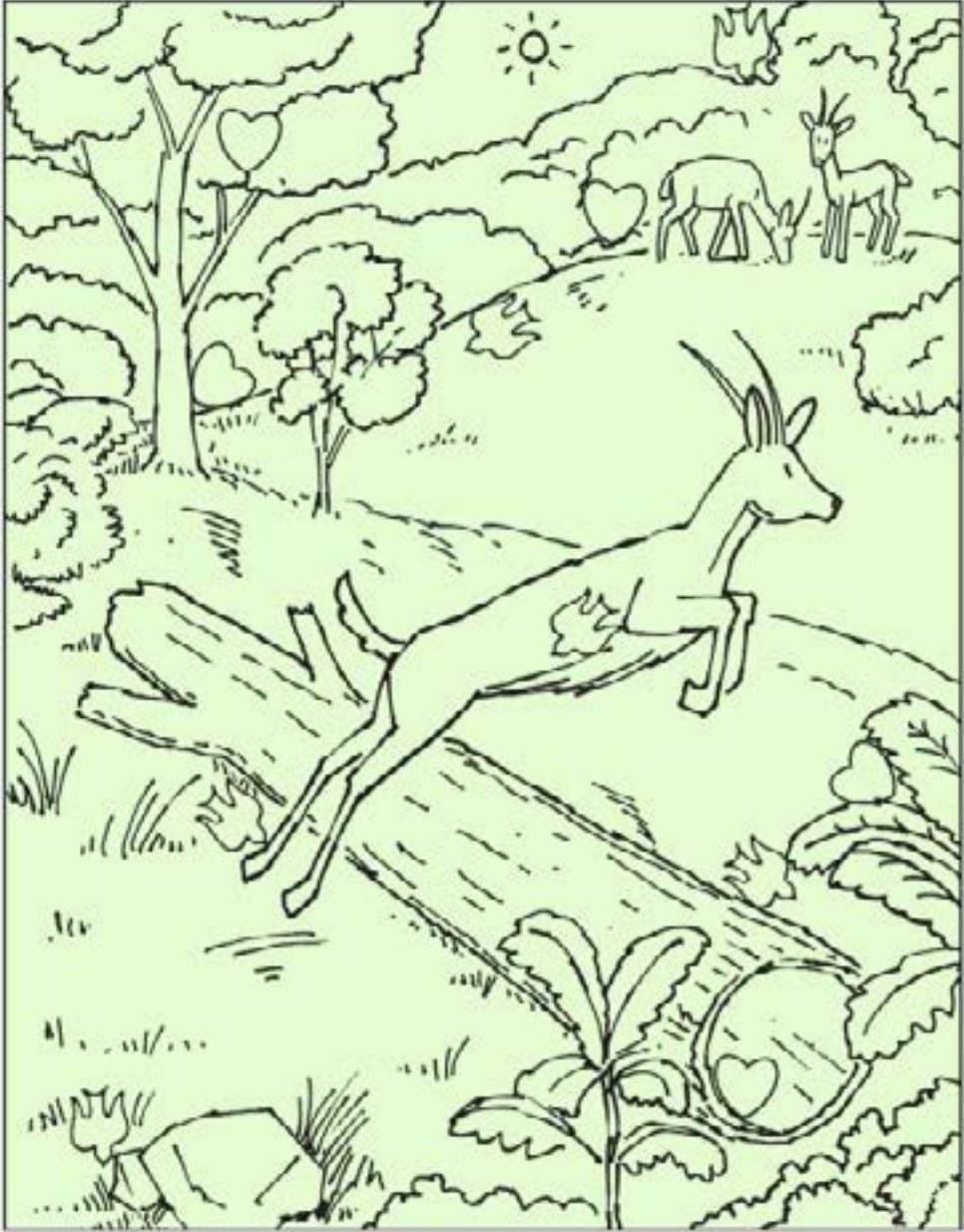
KIDS' CORNER

For Children 3+

Someone in love wrote, "The one I love is like a gazelle, leaping across the mountains and bounding over the hills."

Find and count the hidden hearts and doves in the picture.

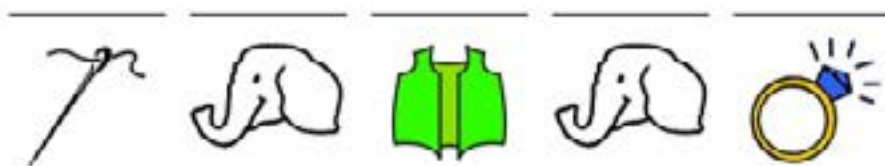
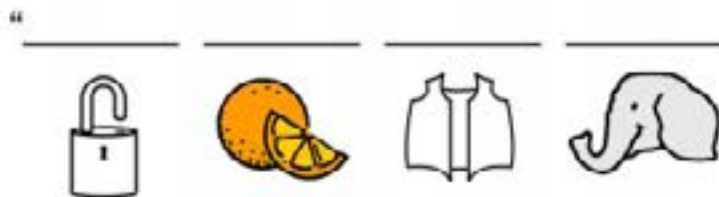
♥ 4 or 5? ♀ 5 or 6?



KIDS' CORNER

For Children 7+

Write the first letter of each picture on the line.
You will find an important verse from the Bible.



-1 Corinthians 13:8a

CALVARY CHURCH SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Through the Fall

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00 - 9:45 am

Adult Bible Study ~ The Path: A Journey Through the Bible
in the Guild Room and on Zoom
join any time

9:45 - 10:30 am

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Children join their families at the "sign of the peace" at the 10:00 am service

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
with Choir

3:00 pm

Youth Group: Middle-School Gathering

4:30 pm

Youth Group: High-School Gathering

Mid Week

Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon

Reading With the Rector ~ Love is the Way by Bishop Michael Curry
in the Guild Room and on Zoom

Tuesdays at 5:00 pm

Evening Prayer
In the church

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

Bell Choir
In the church

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Choir
In the church



Integrated Spirituality for Daily Living

October at Interweave

Welcome Back to another year of classes and gatherings at Interweave that support your spiritual journey! Safety and wellness are our priority at Interweave. Most classes will be held via zoom in the Fall with some in person gatherings safely held within the Interweave safety protocol. To learn more, sign up for classes Or to become a member go to www.interweave.org



Threads of Consciousness

Writing Circle - Oct. 2 via zoom

Seven Saturdays –10am -12pm

Oct. 2, Nov. 7, Dec. 4, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, May 7

Do you enjoy writing and sharing your stories but often cannot find the time or the energy - join our writing circle! Meditative time and a sense of connection are a source of inspiration and comfort. Each month we select a theme to help awaken the spirit and discover what is waiting to be said. All our sharing is done in an atmosphere of deep listening and respect. Lorri Lizza leads these sessions. Lorri is an Interweave faculty member who has facilitated workshops at the Omega Institute and the UN Commission on the Status of Women. [\\$ 90/\\$75 members](#)

Poet Wisdom- Navigating Our Way in Perilous Times

Sunday, October 3, 2 -4pm

On the grounds of Calvary Church, Summit

Floods; fires; pestilence; exiles – Sounds like apocalyptic times right out of the Hebrew Bible. But it is here and now. Poets and prophets are looked to for vision at such times to help navigate difficult and uncertain waters. Under the rubric of 'Seeing Things,' we will look at poems by some of the outstanding poets of our times. We will scrutinize their exact and apt language and their vivid imaging's to help us shift our perception, so that we see more clearly what is happening now and what we might hope for in the future. Timothy O'Connell will lead this afternoon workshop. [\\$40/35 Members](#)



The Ecological Self: Embodied, Embedded, Ensouled-

Sat Oct 16 at Calvary Church 9:15



Walking Daily in Reverence and Response - A year of spiritual exploration

People in almost every tradition are revising the place of Earth and the "earthly" in their beliefs and spiritual practice. For Christianity, this means recovering the neglected, even suppressed, encounter with the life of this planet as filled with wisdom, sacred presence, and the Divine. How can we walk this renewed Path alive to Meister Eckhart's sense of "God at the heart of all things"? How can we rediscover the Scriptures as a manual for living in this amazing evolutionary reality, which Isaiah saw as "full of God's glory?" How do we walk daily with the God who raised us from the primal dust to behold and breathe in the breath of heaven? The group will meet monthly on Zoom, with some periodic in-person gatherings at Calvary Church. The Reverend Robert C. Morris D.D. spiritual guide, and Interweave founder is the teacher and facilitator of this cornerstone spiritual intensive series. 3rd Saturdays 9:15am 1:15pm.: Oct.16, Nov. 20, Jan.15, Feb.19, Mar. 19, Apr.14, May 21, June 18 - [Tuition: \\$1000](#)

Visit www.interweave.org

OUTREACH UPDATE
by the Outreach Committee

This month the Outreach Committee has been building relationships in the community and talking to programs we have worked with in the past to learn about their changing needs in light of the pandemic and Tropical Storm Ida. The Family Promise offices were hit hard by the storm, but they have been able to continue all of their services in the meantime. Due to pandemic restrictions families are still being housed in temporary shelters rather than moving from church to church, but there are still plenty of ways to get involved.

Be on the lookout for an exciting project this Fall when Calvary will be creating welcome baskets for families who are moving out of the temporary shelters and into their own apartments!

We have also gotten exciting updates from Morris Habitat for Humanity, which is making steady progress on the Summit project, which will house 12 families. They are hoping to start welcoming volunteers in the Spring of 2022 once the modular homes are ready for finishing touches.

And finally, we were thrilled to hear that the Diocese of Newark's backpack drive for children of incarcerated parents was able to distribute over 200 stuffed backpacks!

At our Outreach Committee meeting this month, we agreed to donate money toward helping the Family Promise offices in Elizabeth recover from the storm. We will also be contributing toward Summit Interfaith Council's COVID relief grants, which directly benefit undocumented families who were unable to receive federal stimulus checks and are financially struggling in light of COVID.

So far they have awarded grants to 95 households, but there are still seven applicants who qualified and were unable to get funding.

This money will make sure all eligible applicants will be able to benefit from the program.



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