

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.”



Calvary Episcopal Church

HOME COMING SUNDAY

- **Ministry Fair**
- **Open House**
- **Sunday School Sign-Ups**

Sunday, September 12
Eucharist: 8:00 & 10:00 am

CALVARY CHURCH SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Beginning on Kick-Off Sunday

September 19

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00 - 9:45 am

Adult Bible Study
in the Parish Hall

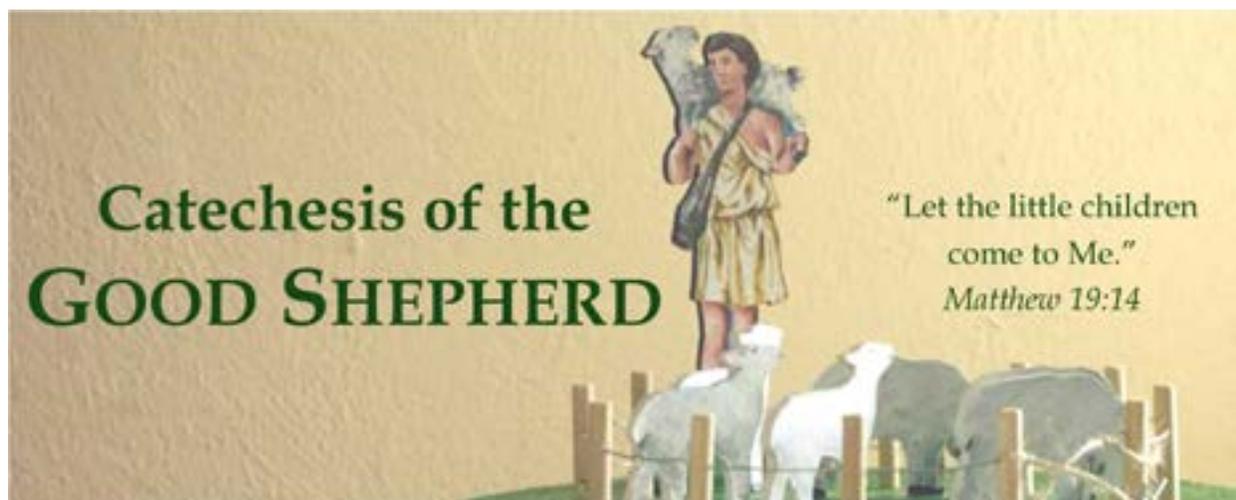
9:45 - 10:30 am

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Children will join their families at the "sign of the peace" at the 10:00 am service

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
with Choir



CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

Children

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program will kick-off on Sunday, September 19. You can register your child on the Calvary website: calvarysummit.org (there will be a link on the front page).

Catechesis will start at 9:45 am in the Atrium. Parents are invited to drop off their children and head upstairs for some coffee and conversation before the 10:00 am service. Children will join at the "sign of the peace."

Youth

Middle School and High School formation is currently planned for Sunday afternoons. Deacon Carrie Cabush is looking for parent and student input to choose the best time slot.

THE PATH: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

**Sundays at 9:00 am (Beginning September 19)
In the Parish Hall**

Join us on Sundays for Adult Bible Study. This series produced by Forward Movement Publications (as in Forward Day by Day) takes small chunks of the Bible to weave the path of our faith from Creation to Revelation.

Mother Melanie will lead the sessions which will be both in person and via Zoom.

The book is available on Amazon or forwardmovement.org, but each chapter will be made available in paper and electronic form.

Check out the display at the Ministry Fair on Homecoming Sunday, September 12.



IN THE INTERIM

by Mother Melanie Barbarito, Interim Rector

Planning with hope . . . and flexibility. That's the strategy we've been using all summer as we prepare for the coming program year. "We" includes the Calvary staff, Vestry, and others who have remained involved in the ministries of the parish over the last year and a half. None of us knows what the coming year will bring, or even what the coming month will bring. Nonetheless, we are scheduling activities in the hope of some kind of normalcy.

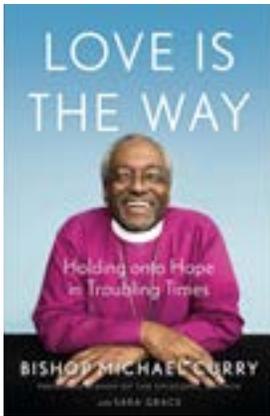


There will be Christian Formation for all ages, from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the youngest, programs for youth, and Bible study for adults. The choirs have already been practicing. Outdoor fall activities are in the works, and we're looking ahead to Christmas. The Vestry is also looking to recruit leadership for the search for your next Rector. Creating a Parish Profile will be the first step.

One of the best ways to interest the most attractive candidates is to demonstrate an active and engaged congregation. There will be many ways for you and your families to participate in the life of Calvary Church. The most important is attending the Sunday service of Holy Eucharist. It is from there that all of our life as a part of the Body of Christ is nourished and enabled. As the summer winds down and we return to a weekly routine, I pray that you will make this, your church home, a part of that weekly routine. And I look forward to seeing once again those of you whom I have met and meeting many more of you. We can make a start of it on Homecoming Sunday, September 12.

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

**The Choir is back! Rehearsals are from 7:30 to 9:30 pm on Wednesdays. Bell Choir rehearses 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
Interested? Contact Evan Cogswell: (908) 277-1814, ext. 6, or ecogswell@calvarysummit.org**



READING WITH THE RECTOR: LOVE IS THE WAY

Tuesdays at 12 Noon, Beginning Again on September 14

This month, the Tuesday book group will continue Bishop Michael Curry's newest book, *Love is the Way*. Newcomers welcome!

The book is available through Amazon or your favorite book dealer.

The group meets on Zoom (check your email for log-in) **and will also meet in-person, in the Guild Room, from September 14.**

A WORD FROM THE VESTRY

by Laura Dudebout on behalf of the Vestry



When September rolls around each year, it brings a sense of new beginnings. The landscape changes color, kids start new school years and our favorite fall sports are back in full swing. I love this time of year. However, it also brings a sense of anxiety and anticipation as my family adjusts to new schedules and the "lazy days of summer" become a distant memory. As we start a second fall amidst this pandemic, I love to remind myself of this quote by John Wooden, "Flexibility is the key to stability."

At Calvary, we are really excited about all the plans we have made for the fall. Unfortunately, the COVID threat in Union County is up again and we need to remain flexible. Safety is our top priority and we will remain extremely careful by requiring masks indoors, social distancing and not singing together during worship.

Despite all of this, we are excited to welcome everyone back for **Homecoming Sunday on September 12**. We have a great service planned followed by our inaugural ministry fair. Vestry members, along with new staff members Associate Rector Carrie Cabush and Organist / Music Director Evan Cogswell, will have tables set up to discuss our ministries and how you and your family can get involved this year. We are actively recruiting for: worship, music program, leadership, pastoral care, building stewardship, fall activities, Christian Formation, outreach, flower chapter, hospitality and fellowship. In addition, we are forming the Rector Search Committee with the anticipation of hiring a new rector for the fall of 2022.

To bring all parishioners back together, we will continue with our current worship schedule of 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Both services will be under one hour to comply with the Diocese's safety protocols. There will be formation opportunities for children, youth and adults, and you can read about that elsewhere in this issue.

In addition to formation, concerts are planned to return to the sanctuary. **The Woodworth Concert, featuring Seraph Brass**, which was originally scheduled for spring of 2020, has been rescheduled for October 16 at 5:00 pm. A reception will follow. See next month's Canticle for more information.

We have an exciting fall in the works. I look forward to seeing all of you back on our beautiful campus. 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

One of the hidden blessings of moving is rediscovering things. This month, as I unpacked boxes that had been stored away for years I found a very special scrapbook.

When I was baptized my parents were still new to New Jersey, so they chose friends from the West Coast to be my godparents. These were people they knew well, whose faith they admired and wanted me to learn from. Looking back now, I can understand why. Despite a distance that only allowed us to meet in person three times, my godparents took their duties very seriously. Almost every holiday they sent me a card, asking how I was doing, updating me on their lives, and reminding me that I was a gift from God for whom they prayed every day. My parents made sure I responded to every letter, and our relationship grew. When I turned 23, they sent a scrapbook filled with copies of every photo and letter they could find – a beautiful testament to the unique bond we shared. Those letters were not filled with theology or scriptural teachings, but they taught me about God’s unconditional and expansive love in a way nothing else has.



As the saying goes “it takes a village to raise a child,” and it is no different in the church. Our youth need to hear that we see God’s image in them, we love them just as they are, and we are here to support them. And the more voices they hear it from, the better. I am so excited to walk alongside the youth of Calvary on their spiritual journeys this coming year, and I hope some of you will join me. If you feel the Spirit nudging you to lean into youth ministry, please don’t hesitate to reach out. There are so many ways to share your gifts with the youth of this parish, whether that is attending youth gatherings on Sunday afternoons

and evenings, serving as a mentor or confirmation sponsor, or partnering with youth in outreach projects. I have no doubt you too will be blessed by the relationships you build.

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.

**Calvary’s Operating Summary
Seven Months Ending July 31, 2021**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Revenue:			
Pledge Income	\$298,971	\$263,473	\$391,000
Open Offering	5,243	5,833	10,000
Payment of Prior Year Pledge	41,975	23,500	23,500
Other Income	217,540	33,652	78,000
Total Revenue	\$563,729	\$326,458	\$502,500
Expense:			
Administrative	\$33,062	\$35,285	\$57,500
Choir & Music	\$7,196	\$25,270	\$46,635
Christian Ed/Fellowship	\$801	\$4,667	\$8,000
Insurance	\$28,518	\$29,000	\$56,000
Payroll	\$195,843	\$238,064	\$434,543
Property Maintenance/Utilities	\$69,445	\$70,995	\$113,200
Diocesan Pledge	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$30,000
Outreach	\$1,157	\$9,070	\$14,820
Total Expense	\$353,522	\$429,852	\$760,698
Net Revenue over (Expenses)	\$210,206	(\$103,395)	(\$258,198)

KIDS' CORNER

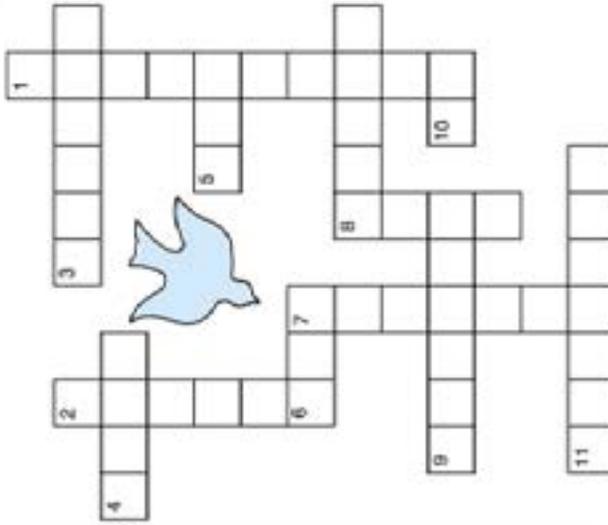
For Children 7+



God's Spirit helps us when we aren't quite sure how to pray about something.

Fit the list of words into the boxes, then arrange them according to their numbers to create a sentence.

- us
- for
- the
- that
- with
- Spirit
- words
- cannot
- groans
- express
- himself
- intercedes



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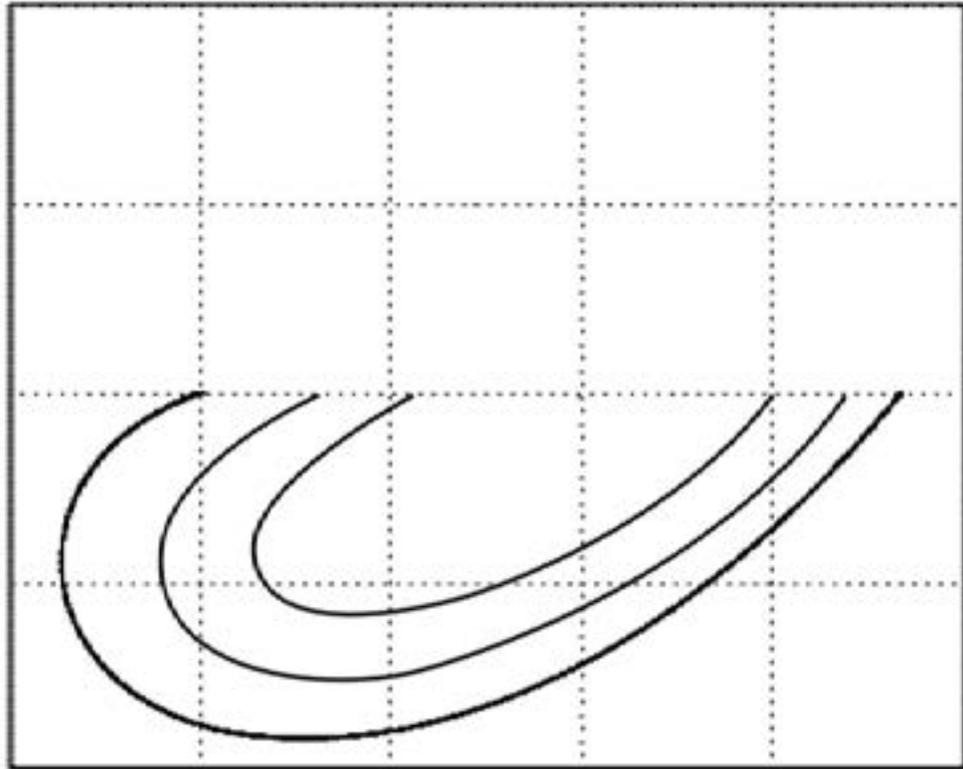
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For Children 3+

God searches our heart.

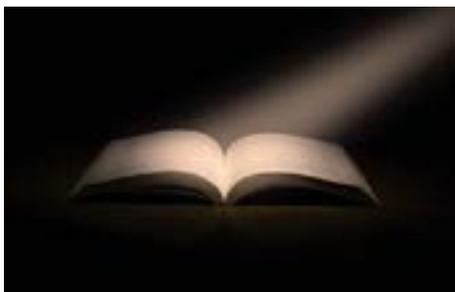
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September at Interweave

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 or to sign up for classes go to www.interweave.org or email us at information@interweave.org



Bible Book of the Year

Wisdom's Child: A Fresh Look at the Gospel of John

Second Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14, June 11

The Fourth Gospel is a real challenge! Startlingly speeches come out of Jesus' mouth, different from his words reported in the other gospels. The story line is different. And there are real tensions between the all-inclusive love of God, abiding in love and communion with Christ, and harsh words of exclusivity and judgment. Newer scholarship has revealed that this Gospel is rooted in a mystical, apocalyptic strand in second Temple Judaism, with Jesus seen as the earthly embodiment of Divine Wisdom, *Sophia*.

Enormously influential, both for good and ill in Christian history, it has sustained the mystical practice of "making one's home in God," and fostering an ethic of love, but also (mistakenly?) fueling anti-Semitism and the damnation of non-Christians. We'll unlock the secrets of this skillfully crafted, highly archetypal and symbol work, chapter by chapter. **Tuition: \$100/ \$90 Members**



The Hearth

Third Thursdays starting Sept 16

7 – 8:15 pm Via Zoom

In extraordinary time, membership has taken on new meaning. Each month we will come together around the hearth, a place where we can gather ourselves and our strength for the journey we share.

Join us for this time of reflection and sharing. Free to members.

Do you have any gently-used living-room furniture that you might consider donating to the church? Our reception-area couches and chairs are in need of being replaced! If you have furniture you don't need, please email info@calvarysummit.org or call the office at (908) 277-1814.

OUTREACH UPDATE

by the Outreach Committee

Throughout the month of August, Calvary participated in the diocesan Prison Ministry Backpack Project, led by Grace Church in Nutley. On August 29 we filled around 30 backpacks with basic school supplies, generously donated by members of the parish and supplemented from existing outreach funds. Going back to school this year brings many uncertainties, but for the children of incarcerated parents in our diocese, school supplies will be one less concern. Thank you to all who donated and helped stuff the backpacks!



Be on the lookout for our table at the Ministry Fair on Homecoming Sunday (September 12). You will have a chance to sign up for the Outreach Committee which helps decide which ministries Calvary supports every year. We also invite you to bring your ideas! Have a passion for a nonprofit or project? Put it on our poster board and help our parish continue to meet the needs of our community, nation, and world in new and inspiring ways.

Finally, this month's Outreach Committee meeting took place in the wake of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. Recognizing an important moment for action, the committee decided to donate funds to Episcopal Relief and Development's emergency assistance efforts in Haiti.



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