

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 ANNUAL MEETING 2022

**Sunday, January 16
11:15 am in the Parish Hall and on Zoom**

Join us as we elect new vestry members, receive committee reports
and discuss the financials of the church.

Attendees must be Communicants in good standing and contributors of record in 2021.

Zoom attendees must register in advance. Check weekly e-blasts for more information.

IN THE INTERIM

by Mother Melanie Barbarito, Interim Rector

It's a new year and a time when some people make resolutions. Resolutions are statements of intention, and they differ from goals, which are statements of commitment. Deciding to lose weight this year is a resolution; losing 10 pounds before the high school reunion is a goal. I've never made New Year's resolutions as they are way too vague for my personality type. Even goals are slippery things for me, and deadlines are often suggestions. (Just ask Matt Potter who knows that I rarely get my Canticle article to him by the deadline of the 20th of the month.) That being said, I've recently added "A Morning Resolve" from *Forward Day by Day*, to my daily prayers. It reads:



I will try this day to live a simple, sincere and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a childlike faith in God.

In particular I will try to be faithful in those habits of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, *, eating, and sleep which I believe the Holy Spirit has shown me to be right.

And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to thee, O Lord God my Father, in Jesus my Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

That's a tall order, but see, it begins with "I will try," and ends with a plea to the Holy Trinity for help and strength in attempting and doing it. You've heard that the road to hell is paved with good intentions, but my Old Testament professor said that, in God's eyes, sincere intention goes a long way.

We are beginning 2022 in uncertainty again. If 2020 was a year of fear due to COVID-19, and 2021 a year of anxiety, 2022 might be a year of anger; so Bishop Hughes has warned her clergy in our most recent Zoom meeting. I don't anger easily, but that seems to be where my emotions, if unchecked, go lately. But angry at whom or what? There's no answer to that and misdirecting it will have no good result. So, I find that Morning Resolve helpful—along with several deep breaths. Calvary Church is a resilient community of faith that has remained healthy, if shaken, over the past two difficult years. One way or another we will still worship God together, we will still support one another, and we will still share the love of God with others. How about if we make that our common New Year's resolution?

* I think that fun should be added to that list, don't you?

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INQUIRERS' CLASS IS COMING

Any adults who have not been Confirmed or received are invited to attend a six-week series that includes information about the Book of Common Prayer, the Sacraments, Church history and polity. This is a preparation for those who would like to be Confirmed/received (if you don't know what this means, this is the class for you!). It is also a great refresher for all Episcopalians. Contact Matt in the office (mpotter@calvarysummit.org or 908-277-1814, ext. 1) if you are interested. Times and dates TBD.

Vestry

WHAT IS THE VESTRY?

From comments I've heard since coming to Calvary, it almost sounds like some people think the Vestry is a nefarious cabal that meets in darkened smoke-filled rooms for secret purposes. The reality is that the Vestry is YOU. It is made up of members of the parish who accepted the call to serve in the ministry of stewardship of the parish along with the Rector. Their role is outlined in the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church (you can Google Episcopal Constitution and Canons Vestries to read it). The regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry is the third Tuesday of every month. During the worst of the pandemic, the Vestry met via Zoom. Currently, the meetings are a hybrid of in-person and Zoom. Vestry meetings are open *provided, however, that any meeting may go into closed session to discuss financial, personnel or other matters for which confidential treatment is deemed by the Vestry to be appropriate.* (Calvary By-laws.) A report of the monthly meeting can be found every month in The Canticle.

Every parish I have been a part of elects Vestry members differently. That is consistent with the Canons of the Church. A few parishes have the luxury of having eight parishioners stand for four seats—very few. Often there is a slate of the exact number to be elected. Here at Calvary for the past two years, the parish at-large has been given the opportunity to nominate members. According to the by-laws, a sub-committee of the Vestry becomes the Nominating Committee and presents the slate of candidates. For 2021 it was very difficult to find parishioners willing to serve a full term but several were willing to serve for one year. Because of this, in order to have the usual twelve-person Vestry, it is necessary to elect seven people in 2022. Fortunately, this year seven people have agreed to stand for two- or three-year terms. Those individuals are listed below. Photos and brief bios will be available on the Calvary website prior to the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be on Sunday, January 16, after the 10:00 am service.

Lourdes Aboud
KC Artemenko
David Brewer
Nina Deutz
David Dietz
Donald Peck
Susan Watts

Many, many thanks to departing members DeeDee Allen, Todd Fairbairn, Warren Loy, and Kevin Schmidt.

A WORD FROM THE VESTRY

by Laura Dudebout on behalf of the Vestry

The past is behind, learn from it. The future is ahead, prepare for it. The present is here, live it.

~ Thomas Monson

I have mixed feelings about New Year's resolutions. Instead of trying to set an unrealistic goal that I drop by mid January, I've decided to adopt a new mantra. I framed the above quote and placed it on my dresser so I am continually reminded that each day is a fresh start.

I think this message is also incredibly salient for our parish this year. We closed December with a visit from our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes, to provide a forum to discuss the conclusion of the Title IV process, and it was met with an array of perspectives and emotions. We can't change the past - but we can reflect upon it, seek to understand each others' point of view and learn from it. An important step towards preparing for our future, will be our annual meeting on Sunday, January 16. I hope you will join us to hear important updates about Calvary. The budget for 2022 will be presented, we will vote on our new vestry members, and attendees will be welcome to ask questions about the budget, the search process, or anything pertinent to the Annual Meeting. Until then, embrace the here and now with your family, friends and congregation.



November Vestry Meeting Highlights

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.

Staff/Clergy News

- Our Assistant Rector, the Rev. Carrie Cabush, was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, December 18, at Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark.
- Organist/Music Director, Evan Cogswell, who successfully defended his doctoral thesis at Indiana University, was voted to move from a part-time position of 25 hours/week to a full-time position beginning January 1, 2022.

Title IV Update

- Mother Melanie and the Wardens received a letter from Canon Andrew Wright stating that he and Laura Russell, President of the Disciplinary Board, would be inviting those persons interviewed at the onset of the Title IV process involving the Rev. Matthew Corkern, Calvary's 13th rector, to a Zoom/Webinar update on November 20. Following that update, on November 29, Canon Wright and Laura Russell informed the vestry about the status of the process. At that meeting, the vestry voted to invite the Bishop to share the update with the congregation at her earliest convenience. [The congregational update occurred on December 14.]

Finance Committee

- Treasurer Tom Barr reported that we continue to move along as expected. When we proposed the budget in 2021, we did not anticipate we would receive a second Payroll Protection Program loan. As a result, we ended the year better than expected.
- The Proposed 2022 Budget was reviewed and labeled as a "careful budget." It was decided not to make cuts with the expectation that our revenues will gradually return to pre-pandemic levels with an increase of programming and a new rector. Even so, we could still see a deficit for the next 3-5 years.
- It was unanimously approved that Brad Stone be appointed for another three-year term on the Heritage Fund.

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Leadership Update

■ The Vestry's Meeting with Canon Clark on Sunday, November 14, was reviewed and discussed. The process for the rector search was discussed, including the pros and cons of hiring a consultant to aid us in our search. Canon Clark recommended hiring the Canon for Transition and Community Engagement, the Rev. Gail Avery. After discussion about the competitive environment for qualified priests, a motion was made to hire Canon Avery to help the congregation in its search, but to not exceed a total of \$5,000. Canon Clark will continue to be available to us. Please see the two-page article in the December Canticle about the Search Process or check it out on the church website, under the "About Us" tag.

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.



THE MUSIC CORNER

by Dr. Evan Cogswell, Organist-Music Director

Last Christmas Eve was a virtual service. This year we were not only in person, but the choir and five instrumentalists provided about 20 minutes of prelude music, heralding Christ's birth in a truly festive fashion. The rest of the service was equally beautiful, with a stunning rendition of "O Holy Night" by our soprano section leader Franchesca Henry, as well as gorgeous performances of anthems by Mathias, Rutter, and myself. If you missed the service, make sure to watch the recording of the 7:00 p.m. on our YouTube channel.

I have every intent to start a children's choir soon. However, given the Omicron surge, I am going to wait a few weeks for the COVID case numbers to come down. Meanwhile, continue to email me at ecogswell@calvarysummit.org if you have children who are interested in singing. We will meet on Sunday afternoons, at a time that is still TBD.

Music will continue at Calvary regardless of the challenges that COVID presents. The choir is fully vaccinated, and we will continue singing masked for everyone's safety. I have worked with several choirs before, and I have to say that Calvary's is one of the most professional, friendly, and all-around top-notch groups that I have worked with. I am deeply indebted for the hard work that all of them, section leaders and volunteers, have put in and all of their commitment to the safety of the group. The work they did for Christmas Eve was truly spectacular. I would encourage everyone to thank the choir and let them know of your appreciation. And if you would like to join the choir, we always welcome new volunteers.

It has been a pleasure working at Calvary these past five months, and I look forward to many more.



SOWING SEEDS

by the Rev. Carrie Cabush



With all the talk of New Year's resolutions, I find myself thinking about Calvary's brand-new confirmation class. Starting January 9, this group of ninth graders will embark on a unique, spiritual journey that began with their baptism. As they learn about the Christian faith and the Episcopal Church, they will move toward making a mature commitment – a resolution – to live a life of faith, guided by their baptismal vows. In an age when we are quick to voice what we are against, our youth will be embracing an opportunity to stand for something; to stand for love of God and God's image in the world, found in their neighbors and in themselves.

Like most resolutions, confirmation builds on a foundation laid before, during, and after that moment of commitment. Throughout December our youth have gathered regularly for youth group. They have built community with one another and explored their faith. They successfully completed an "Advent Amazing Race;" learned about God's image in themselves; debated whether God is just, loving, or both; worked as a team to create buildings out of graham crackers; and served as ministers of the word, retelling the Christmas story at the pageant. And come January, they will continue to gather, learn, and serve God's people in new ways.

These youth are a vital part of our parish life. They model for us how important it is to ask questions, dream about the future, and prioritize play and laughter. So I hope you will join us at the 10:00 am service on January 9 as we pray for these new confirmands. And I hope you will continue to encourage them whenever you see them participating in worship and outreach ministries.

Rev. Carrie can be reached at (908) 277-1814 ext. 3 or ccabush@calvarysummit.org.

OUTREACH UPDATE

by the Outreach Committee

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for the Family Promise Giving Tree! There was so much interest that we added six gifts to our original commitment and surprised the staff of Family Promise when we showed up with a car full of gifts! Because of you, eight families received 46 gifts that enabled them to celebrate this season without added financial stress.

This month we were also able to deliver multiple bags of food to the Loaves and Fishes pantry and our second welcome basket to a family who had just moved out of the temporary shelter program into their own apartment.

As we step into the new year, we are taking note of the needs in our community so that we can live up to our calling to be good neighbors, and the hands and feet of Christ. One of the biggest needs we are seeing is for volunteers at Summit Warm Hearts. As it gets colder we will see more neighbors without addresses needing a warm place to stay during the day and access to food. We are so grateful to the Calvarians who have already volunteered as hosts and lunch providers for this essential ministry. If you are able to volunteer in person for a two-hour shift or bring a lunch, you can sign up here: <https://www.summitbeacon.org/swh>



SUNDAYS AT CALVARY

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00 am

Adult Bible Study [on hiatus this week]
in the Guild Room and on Zoom

9:45 - 10:30 am

Children's Formation: 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

11:00 am

Coffee Gathering

3:00 pm

Middle School Youth

4:30 pm

High School Youth

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## WEEKLY

**Tuesdays at 12 Noon**

Reading with the Rector  
*in the Guild Room and Via Zoom*

**Tuesdays at 5:00 pm**

Evening Prayer  
*in the Church*

**Wednesdays at 12 Noon**

Lectionary Study  
*in the Guild Room*

**Thursdays at 9:30 am**

Coffee & Conversation  
*in the Guild Room and Via Zoom*

**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

**Carter Hagaman**

Saturday, January 15, at 11:00 am  
at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Rochester, MI

**Susan McCallum**

Saturday, January 22, at 10:00 am  
at Calvary



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**Calvary's Operating Summary  
Eleven Months Ending November 30, 2021**

| Revenue:                       | YTD Actual       | YTD Budget       | Annual Budget    |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Pledge Income                  | \$392,387        | \$365,495        | \$391,000        |
| Open Offering                  | 24,472           | 9,167            | 10,000           |
| Payment of Prior Year Pledge   | 42,175           | 23,500           | 23,500           |
| Other Income                   | 272,949          | 52,531           | 78,000           |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>           | <b>\$731,983</b> | <b>\$450,693</b> | <b>\$502,500</b> |
| Expense:                       |                  |                  |                  |
| Administrative                 | \$51,233         | \$52,349         | \$57,500         |
| Choir & Music                  | \$13,099         | \$34,164         | \$46,635         |
| Christian Ed/Fellowship        | \$2,890          | \$7,333          | \$8,000          |
| Insurance                      | \$55,701         | \$56,000         | \$56,000         |
| Payroll                        | \$330,235        | \$395,347        | \$434,543        |
| Property Maintenance/Utilities | \$158,830        | \$107,950        | \$113,200        |
| Diocesan Pledge                | \$27,500         | \$27,500         | \$30,000         |
| Outreach                       | \$14,484         | \$13,670         | \$14,820         |
| <b>Total Expense</b>           | <b>\$653,971</b> | <b>\$694,314</b> | <b>\$760,698</b> |
| Net Revenue over (Expenses)    | \$78,012         | (\$243,621)      | (\$258,198)      |

**Vestry**

Bebe Lee, *Senior Warden*  
Susan Favate, *Premises Warden*  
Tom Barr, *Treasurer*  
Charlie Rall, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Caroline Lindabury, *Clerk*  
Kevin Schmidt, *Finance*  
DeeDee Allen, Nancy Babbitt,  
Laura Dudebout, Nancy Imbalzano,  
Todd Fairbairn, Julie Jones,  
Warren Loy, James Nelson,  
Leonard Prentice, Kevin Schmidt.

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

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