

2021 Annual Report
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Calvary Episcopal Church

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Collect for the Church: Gracious God, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior. Amen. BCP, 816

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Your elected servants for 2020



We thank the retiring members of the vestry for their faithful service:
Fred Bingelli (18), Jon Klaas (18), John Owen (18), Carla Campbell (19)

We thank the Executive Committee for 2020:

Lisa Schenker, Sr. Warden (2019)
Jennifer James, Jr. Warden (2020)
Ron Webb, Treasurer (1non-vestry)

We thank the continuing members of the vestry:

Jennifer James (19), Lisa Schenker (19), Teresa Reeves (19),
Tom Frankman (20), Susan Hart (20), Gretchen Rohrs (20), Bob Worley (20),
John Smith (filling unfulfilled term)

We thank the Clerk of the Vestry, retiring this year:

Jon Klass (18)

Your clergy for 2020:

The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer, Interim Rector
The Rev. Janet Schisser, Deacon

~ *Remembering those who died in 2020* ~

Helen Branyan

Alice Dellande

Gordon D'Arcy Christensen

Vivian Mary Dobey

J. Robert Humphreys

Joan Lee Watson

Christine E. Marshall

Robert McKenzie

Henry J. (Hank) Waters, III

Ronald John Dobey

Youssef Mohamed Mebed

Robert N. Brock

Phyllis A. Rice

Sharon Ann Jungquist Devine

Sally Starr Nichols Fulweiler

Janis Baliman Godfrey



Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

BCP, 498

2021 Interim Rector's Report - The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer

2020 started off with a bit of a change: a vacancy in the Rector's office due to the retirement of the previous rector, Knute Jacobson. With supply in place and the Interim Rector set to arrive in March, the first quarter of the year glided along smoothly (from what I hear).

Then, everything changed on March 16, just two weeks after my arrival. Church buildings throughout the diocese - and the country - were shut down for in-person everything: work, worship, outreach, meetings.

As the Spiritual leader of the parish, it is my role to report on our worship life together at this Annual Meeting. I'm happy to report that the spiritual life at Calvary has remained rich in 2020 despite the pandemic limitations. In fact, it seems to have grown! Here are some of our figures:



Sunday Eucharists:	40 in-person, 74 online
Weekday Eucharists:	10 in-person, 6 online
Private Eucharists:	3 in person
Daily Offices - Sundays:	1 in-person, 75 online <i>(Note: in 2019 there were 12 in person, 0 online)</i>
Daily Offices - Weekdays:	4 in-person, 534 online <i>(Note: in 2019 there were 2 in person, 0 online)</i>
Funerals:	1 in church, 3 in the memorial garden, 1 at a funeral home
There were no marriages or baptisms due to the pandemic closing of our church building.	

Our time together in transition was going to involve change, and one always agreed upon goal was to bring Calvary to the place of offering online worship in addition to in-person worship - a reality of tending to those in the flock under 40 and over 70. The pandemic simply meant we had to act immediately rather slowly than over time. Thankfully, people stepped up willingly and joyfully when asked to dream of new ways of serving together. I have been struck by how genuine the friendships are at Calvary. Even when stressed, the love that binds this congregation together is strong!

In addition, the staff is amazing. Each one is a good person in their own right, but together they form a team that respects and supports one another, their clergy, and the church. They have responded with skill and good humor to the continual, whiplash-inducing changes we confronted month after month. Even with the personnel changes, the "machine" hummed on. A true blessing.

Our vestry has also met and exceeded expectations during this challenging time. God bless our wardens who have helped me connect people to ministries and by their trusted leadership, enabled our community to be responsive to the sudden and sometimes sweeping changes. Lisa Schenker has not only cared for our church with loving verve, she and David have also cared for my husband and me, recognizing how difficult it was for us to be marooned so soon after arriving. Each vestry member, in their turn, stepped up and encouraged, empowered, and entrusted persons and ministries at Calvary to press on and serve in the best way we could together.

Finally, I have been blessed to partner in ministry with our Deacon, Janet Schisser, who has one of the purist deacon hearts I've ever met. I thank Janet, and I thank God for Janet. Our ministry partnership has been life-giving to both of us and to Calvary.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

I'm a journaler. Writing in a prayerful mode helps me process information and hear the Spirit's guidance as I lead congregations through the interim process that leads to new life with a new permanent rector. It is through stories that we pass along our wisdom and God's purpose for us to the generations that follow. Below is my narrative of our 2020. It may seem like we'll never forget what

happened, but we will, some of it anyway. Details fade quickly - and that's a good thing. It indicates healing from our collective pandemic upheaval. This narrative, however, will be one way for us to remember some of those details.

FIRST QUARTER: My husband, Steve, and I arrived for our first Sunday with Calvary on **March 8**, where we enjoyed fabulous bell and choir music at our Eucharist. Our second Sunday, March 15 would



be our last in-person gathering with the congregation as the bishop, along with city and county leadership, closed the city and churches to stem the rapid spread of the coronavirus on March 16. Our Welcome Coffee (*pictured*) was lovely and our only cherished memory of in-person mingling with our Calvary family.

With a single day's notice, several faithful parishioners worked hard to get our Holy Week and Easter Vigil services recorded and ready to post online. Everything had to

be immediately upgraded or started new: our website, Zoom and YouTube accounts, music licenses (online rules are different for copyrighted hymns). We had no time to order Easter flowers so Kris Detmer cut daffodils and forsythia from her yard and arranged them with the palms from Palm Sunday - genius! (*pictured*)

It was an emotionally and physically demanding adventure doing the Triduum and Easter Vigil inside of a single day, but worth it. It also launched us into our current path of online worship. We knew if we could do Holy Week and Easter Vigil in a day, we could do anything! We joined with our diocesan family to celebrate Easter Day via Bishop Deon's online service at the cathedral.

With the ready help of a newly formed Liturgy Task Force, we jumped into the task of moving our worship completely into an online format as we shifted from Sunday and Wednesday Holy Eucharists to two online Sunday services of ante-communion, combining features of the Rite Place and Rite II services to nourish both of those communities.

"Getting to know you chats" by phone and video chat aided in my attempts to meet parishioners with whom I couldn't sit, eat, or walk with in-person. A Music Dir search team was formed and the job description was updated since Ed Hanson had already announced his impending move to Kansas. A Website Task Force was also formed with a goal to launch a new website. Children, youth, and adult Christian formation discussions commenced immediately. We were always planning to revisit and revitalize these ministries but had to adapt quickly to online until those discussions could happen later.

SECOND QUARTER: In **April**, weekday Compline enabled some prayer-based relationship building with parishioners in real life, even if from a Zoom box on a screen. A Worship Leader training was set up to encourage lay leadership of other weekday Daily Offices. We trained nine (9) lay Worship Leaders who, in addition to those already trained, enabled Calvary to offer Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, and Evening Prayer, in addition to Compline led by me, every day of the week. Full-service Daily Office bulletins were developed to simplify online participation. We were led to pray our way through this together!

One of my favorite memories of this month was that the feeding ministry was immediately adapted to a Blessing Box posted



outside our 9th Street door. This enabled us to keep feeding and serving our downtown neighbors.

Likewise, Saturday Café shifted deftly to a to-go format, maintaining an important feeding ministry to our neighbors. My other favorite memory is the launch of the Friday night Happy Hour (thank you, Dennis Gagnon!) gathering people together online for conversation and friendship.

The bishop established weekly clergy check-in meetings supporting us and informing us as we all struggled with steep learning curves as we adapted to online everything. Affinity groups were also established for clergy. Mine consists of Interims in our diocese. It's been very helpful.

The Music Director Search team updated the job description and began seeking outlets to connect with candidates. All other personnel upgrades to job descriptions were put on hold.

In May, the recording of our Sunday services found its rhythm as we explored how to improve our technology to enable live-streamed worship from the church. Weekday Daily Offices also hit their stride and we offered prayer multiple times a day every day. Weekly meetings with the bishop as well as clergy Affinity groups help us keep ourselves grounded as we climbed some very steep learning curves.



Graduation was unique this year due to the pandemic restrictions, so we sent graduation bags to our graduates to celebrate their achievements. We're so proud of them.

The business of the church, its building, and ministries, found a new foundation to stand upon and we got on about the business of being church in Columbia, MO. The interim period interfacing with the pandemic meant being constantly open to God's leading as we began to turn our attention again to the interim tasks before us.



We held two trainings for Licensed Ministries to enable our laity to take their rightful place in worship leadership with the Daily Offices, began our website re-do planning, and began talking with City Garden School about how/when/where their classes would resume. Dcn. Janet, Connie Carpenter, our parish administrator, and I rang our church bells to honor those who had died of COVID, completely unaware at the time how many would actually die from this dreaded virus.

Our Bible studies and book groups adapted immediately to online gatherings and have been a source of nourishment to our membership. Likewise for the Finance Committee, Liturgy Task Force, Music Director Search team, and Rite Place planning team. Clear that our reality would be online for the foreseeable future, all aspects of our worship and ministry began to meet to plan how to live online for a while.

Calvary has been so supportive of your clergy, for which I thank you humbly and deeply.

THIRD QUARTER: In July, we began holding outdoor services at Hulen Lake for our Rite Place community and enjoyed wonderful times in worship, visiting, playing by the lake, and being together. This community stepped up to provide music and our younger members read, did the Prayers of the People, and were patient about not sharing Communion (due to the pandemic, of course).



Our online Daily Offices continued going strong, providing prayerful community in this time of forced separation. Christian Formation took its usual

summer break while the Finance Committee pressed on toward getting us a PPP loan to help us through this extraordinary time. The Music Director search continued with several interviews, and we held a catered farewell party for Ed Hanson at Stephen's Park.



Our visitation by Bishop Deon Johnson had to change quickly from an outdoor service at a local park to an indoor service at the church with fewer than 10 people, masked and socially distanced. We had our first Holy Communion together since the pandemic shutdown of our building and enjoyed a drive-through Communion with the Bishop and Canon Whitney serving the bread to members in their cars.

Campus ministry talks continued with the diocese, and we took a summer hiatus for Christian Formation. An Inquirers Class was formed and the Liturgy Task Force met to prepare for the bishop's visitation and we commenced a new organist search after learning that Karen, our organist, would be unable to continue for medical reasons.

We continued discussions with City Garden School's 2020-21 school year plans. Finally, we held an interment service for our beloved Rob McKenzie in our beautiful memorial garden.

FOURTH QUARTER: We held our (online) Parish Summits - the first in October, the second in November. The third summit was postponed until January to allow us to tend to the adaptations needed for Christmas worship and formation.

Rite Place Worship continued in-person, outdoor meetings with wonderful participation until we had to stop due to weather and a resurgence of the virus among us. We held a wonderful Blessing of the Animals in our Memorial Garden and did drive-through blessings in our parking lot afterward. Pandemic adapting!

The Inquirers Class continued in hopes we'd have the bishop here for Confirmations and Receptions in October, but the pandemic didn't allow it. The Confirmation service was canceled. Nevertheless, we enjoyed our time together and when Confirmations can happen again, we have some folks ready!



Bazaar planning began in earnest, trying to envision how to do our major fund-raising event online only! It wasn't easy, but the Steering Committee quickly adapted and plans for an online-only bazaar began to take shape. This is a perfect example of the kind of open, learning community Calvary is!

The staff was encouraged to take their vacations, which most did, to catch a breath from all of the adapting! Worship was now fully online only. Our first live-streamed service of Holy Eucharist was held on Christ the King Sunday (Nov 22) inaugurating a new day at Calvary! Thanks to Jonathan Sessions and Susan Hart for getting us up to snuff technology-wise for this moment.

During this quarter, we moved into our new Sunday schedule: Rite I at 8 am, Rite Place at 9:15 am, and Rite II at 11:15 am. Daily Offices continued and we began an Advent Christian Formation series led by Rose Hayden as we bid our farewell to John Jacobson, our Youth Minister with a video send off from the parents and children. A huge shout out to Susan Hart and Jonathan Sessions who updated our technology enabling us to move into live-streaming for our Sunday, Rite II Holy Eucharist.

Our Music Director, Marvin Byas, IV, who began his ministry with us in July left right after Christmas. A new Music Director search team was formed immediately and - God bless him - John

Kazee offered to help out as Interim Music Director while we engaged in a new search. In the meantime, we had a successful organist search and welcomed Jared Schulse to the Calvary family as our new organist!



Most memorable in this quarter was the Virtual St. Nicholas bazaar on Dec 4 and 5. We had the mice, lots of gorgeous jewelry and home-made items, a virtual breakfast, and four (4) online raffles! While scaled down for the pandemic, our fundraiser was a rousing success - and all the funds raised went to support our Outreach ministries as always. Many thanks to the Steering Committee and volunteers who made this happen. What a compassionate accomplishment!

Christmas was online too (no surprise, right?). We adapted this as well to a 4:00 pm Children's service on Christmas Eve with Teresa Reeves as our story-teller telling the Christmas Story. A Christmas Vigil

Holy Eucharist took the place of Midnight Mass, and we offered a Christmas Day service Holy Eucharist as well. Online participation at our services was great, so God was truly glorified by our efforts! (Thanks to Susan and Jonathan too!)

Our Episcopal Youth Fellowship (EYF) met through December, then took a break as it usually did until January. Our wonderful children formation leadership of Teresa Reeves and Jennifer James sent out Advent packets to resource families during this liturgical season. Adult Bible studies and book groups continued through the end of 2020.



Yours in Christ, [Mother Valori+](#)



Senior Warden's Report – Lisa Schenker

As I reread my Senior Warden report from a year ago, I'm struck by my prophetic comment, "These are exciting times!" Truth be told, dealing with a pandemic and closing Calvary to in-person services was not at all what I had in mind when I wrote that. Still, I can say with all confidence that Calvary has blossomed and thrived during this challenging year!

Where would we be without the leadership of our amazing Interim Rector, The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer? Mother Valori has been the perfect person to lead us through uncharted waters with her unwavering strength and vision in spreading God's word and love with and among us. She has opened our hearts and minds to new possibilities with her many gifts and talents. On a practical level, thanks to Mother Valori's technological expertise and determination, Calvary now has been launched into a brand-new world of on-line meetings and services, with weekday and Sunday worship easily available. Additionally, with her extensive experience in website design, Mother Valori has created for us a beautiful, efficient, and effective website. Thanks be to God!

I also wonder where we would be without the presence of our amazing Deacon, Janet Schisser. Deacon Janet has carried us forward during this trying year, attending to so many of us with grace and love. I am eternally grateful to her for her tireless dedication to our Calvary family.

As you read through the various reports in this document, it's clear that the people of Calvary have been steadfast in ministering to each other and the Columbia community, even during a pandemic. I'm in awe of how ministries have been reimaged through the leadership of committed parishioners. Thank you all.

I applaud the talent, patience, and hard work of our Calvary staff members as they adapted to many changes this year. Connie Carpenter, our parish administrator, has managed to keep the church office running smoothly and efficiently in the face of many challenges. She is a gem, as I'm sure you all know. In addition to all she does, Connie will be learning a new church management software system, called Realm, in the coming year.

A huge shout-out to Ron Webb, our Treasurer extraordinaire, who has kept on top of our finances, even securing Calvary's participation in the unanticipated 2020 Payroll Protection Plan. I greatly appreciate Ron's "can do" attitude and sunny outlook for Calvary's future.

Craig Pepmiller, our sexton, has done a wonderful job keeping up with our building needs and all sorts of new cleaning protocols. He is patient and understanding—key qualities that help us navigate how best to use our building and keep everyone safe.

Our music program at Calvary has remained active this past year, even without in-person services. We are grateful for the gifted musicians, directors, and organists who have helped us this year, namely Ed Hanson, Marvin Byas, John Kazee, Rochelle Parker, Karen Haslag, and Jared Schulse.

I extend sincere gratitude to John Jacobson, who served as our youth director for most of the year, and wish him all the best in the future.

Finally, I'd like to offer sincere thanks to my fellow Vestry members for their leadership, flexibility, and commitment to Calvary this past year. We've had a lot of extra meetings, yet have continued to work well together and maintain positivity and focus. I give special thanks to our Junior Warden, Jennifer James, for her invaluable contributions in decision-making and problem-solving.

I close with the same summary I used last year because it still fits: we are a vibrant, growing, and changing community working in God's good name. Amen!

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Schenker

Junior Warden's Report – Jennifer James

2020 has been a year like no other! It has been my privilege to serve as a member of your vestry during this time. We have prayed for guidance and strength to support our missions, our congregation and the business of our parish and we have felt God's presence as we have navigated the many challenges.



One of the greatest blessings for Calvary in 2020 has been our Interim Rector. The leadership and skill sets Valori brought with her to Calvary has allowed us as a vestry and as a congregation to reimagine our worship, our missions, education, fellowship and many of our treasured traditions as we navigate the limitations created by the pandemic.

My role as Junior Warden this year offered me the opportunity to help reimagine our relationship with City Garden School. The contract was updated and, in order to create a safer learning environment and social distancing between the school and our clergy and parish, the school was moved to B1 – B4 in the downstairs. Our Sunday School and nursery were relocated to the rooms previously occupied by the school on our main level. Many thanks to City Garden School for their flexibility and to our staff and volunteers for their work to make this happen. This was not a small effort.

I have also continued to coordinate with our sexton and the Building and Grounds Committee to help communicate maintenance challenges and recommendations of the B&G committee back to our vestry.

I served on our Youth Education Committee as we explored ways to provide resources to support the efforts of our church families to continue the religious education of their children while we cannot be together physically in a traditional Sunday School setting.

I have also enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with Rev. Valori, Senior Warden, Lisa Schenker, my fellow vestry members, Lay Ministers and volunteers from our congregation to develop other creative solutions that have kept our church vibrant and relevant.

Until we can be together again in our beautiful church building, may we continue to take advantage of the many virtual opportunities available to us to grow in our faith and serve together as the hands and feet of our Lord here on Earth in 2021.

Jennifer James



2021 Deacon's Report - The Rev. Janet Schisser

My report for last year's parish meeting began with this sentence: "What an interesting time to be a Deacon – heading into transition at Calvary ... (and) at the Diocesan level." I certainly didn't know just how 'interesting' 2020 would be. Life as we knew it came to a screeching halt and we adapted to life filled with isolation, quarantine, masks, dry but clean hands, tension and chaos at every level in the government and political systems, and uncertainty at every corner. Or stated more positively, new opportunities at every corner. Who would have expected me to say prayers of thanksgiving for ZOOM? I've learned much about technology and how to be a "church online" and am enjoying learning from and working with Valori, our Interim Rector.

The love of our congregation for outreach was neither deterred nor diminished, but well adapted. Ministries for feeding and housing the homeless and at-risk populations continued with adaptations as needed, with both experienced and new leadership in place. Kairos Outside ministry was unable to adapt to pandemic restrictions, so is now dormant except for community emails, texts and calls. My own ministry focus evolved from outreach to pastoral work within our community, finding ways to keep our parishioners connected and cared for while staying apart. We created a Telephone Tree with that idea in mind and had mixed results. With Beth Simpson I offer Morning Prayer four days/week through ZOOM. The Lay Eucharistic Visitor team activity was limited because

of the pandemic, with very few Eucharistic visits being allowed. Visits to nursing homes and hospitals could only be done through various electronic or delivery means.

Work on the interactive system and resource map was halted. The community is still anxiously awaiting the release of this tool, but the date is a moving target as the efforts of social service and health care staff were necessarily diverted to dealing with the pandemic.

I continue to find my work here meaningful, albeit very different from previous years. With the delay in the search for a new Rector, my role as your Deacon will continue to evolve and remain 'to be determined'.

Respectfully submitted,
[Janet Schisser, Deacon](#)

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH MINISTRIES REPORTS

Christian Formation and Education

Children: The Children formation team, Teresa Reeves, Jennifer James, and Laura Gerding, met in April to make plans for adapting "Sunday School" due to the pandemic shut-down of our church building. Online resources were researched and developed for sharing and were posted on the [Education](#) page on our website. Videos and mail out activity packets were sent to families during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. A triumph in ministry adaptation! Submitted by: The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer

Episcopal Youth Fellowship (EYF): Under the leadership of John Jacobson, the EYF moved to online only formation gatherings at the end of summer. Prior to that, some activities were held outside. The youth and parents created a farewell video for John, who resigned his position at the end of the year, sending him off with thanks and praise for his ministry. A search for a new youth minister will commence in 2021.

Adult Formation:

- **Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** This Bible Study started in 2013 has undergone changes over the years. One change came in 2019 with the retirement of their leader, Fr. Knute Jacobson. The group felt that they wouldn't be able to continue but rose up to the challenge using members as leaders. Then, COVID came along and the group no longer could meet in their beloved Room 101. Again, this group (of not so young), truly rose up to the challenge of technology – ZOOM! Nothing slows this group down from meeting. Not only does this group enjoy being together but love continuing the study of how to be a Christian living in these challenging times.

Thanks to our lay leaders and to Mother Valori for keeping the group on track when they stray.

Each week the leader chooses a lesson with questions for group discussion. If you would like to join the Bible Study, please contact Annette Webb or visit the church website for further information. Respectfully submitted, Annette Webb

- **Seekers:** Seekers is a book club reading and discussing a wide range of books about God, religion, and life. The group met every other Wednesday at 8:30 am throughout the year.

However, due to Covid-19 the meetings have been by Zoom. A sample of books read and discussed include “To Heal a Fractured World: The Ethics of Responsibility” by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks; “White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism” by Robin Diangelo; “When Christians were Jews: The First Generation” by Paula Fredriksen; and “The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus Christ from the Cross” by Jon Meacham. Submitted by Ron Webb.

Mission & Outreach

Bazaar: 2020 was a bully of a year. It spoiled plans and thwarted many important efforts. In every community, there were countless events canceled. The St. Nicholas Bazaar was very nearly one of them until new ideas were considered, new systems discovered, and many of our faithful, talented people produced lovely things that could be sold online. Added to that was the generous gift of vintage Church Mice donated by Laura Perez-Mesa’s family. Many features of the bazaar as we have come to know it had to be omitted and as a result, the income raised for Outreach was considerably diminished. When the hard work was over, we were more than pleased to have raised enough income to be able to donate again to community organizations (amount still being determined). Many thanks to Calvary staff, valued customers and, of course, the talented people who created our merchandise. We’re going to launch 2021 with the goal of having a Bazaar that will bring people, music, laughter, and increased proceeds for the church’s outreach to the community. Submitted by the Bazaar Steering Committee: LeeAnn Ball, Laurie



Saunders, Carole Riesenberg.

Habitat for Humanity Ministry: 2020 was the fifth year for the Calvary Winter Games Night which raises funds to benefit Show-Me Central Habitat for Humanity. For several weeks prior to the event tickets were sold in the Narthex and church office. On February 29 approximately 55 parishioners, family and friends gathered in our Parish Hall for fun and games, dinner, and homemade bake sale goodies. Several members of EYF, parents of EYF and John Jacobson created the dinner and managed the kitchen expertly. A variety of games were provided, but everyone was also encouraged to bring their favorites from home to share. We also offered several specialty tables including the ever-popular poker table, which Bob Bartlett turned into a fundraiser all on its own. This year we added the option to purchase raffle tickets for a drawing for several gift cards. The evening culminated with people dividing into teams to showcase their architectural creativity, constructing tabletop houses from random building materials. The theme was sustainable living. The winning team was again photographed with Cal the Builder Mouse. Stop by the church library to see Cal surrounded by photographs of the winning teams for each year of our Calvary Winter Games events and a photo album documenting the fun and fellowship of the past five years. Calvary was able to donate \$1177.01 to the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity following our 2020 event. This is a slight increase over 2019. Thank you to all who helped make our 2020 event a success! We had too many volunteers to list and many folks who donated baked goods, building materials and gift cards for the raffle. Your time talents and treasures make this fun multi-generational event happen! Don’t forget that Show-Me Central Habitat For Humanity continues to build homes in our community to offer people an opportunity for home ownership even during COVID. Your ongoing support makes more of a difference than ever! How can



you continue to help during COVID? Shop the new Restore at 1305 E Business Loop 70 (the old roller rink) and consider continuing to make donations to Habitat during this time. Submitted by Jennifer James

Loaves and Fishes: Like much of life in 2020, the activities of the Loaves & Fishes Ministry of Calvary were shaped by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We began the year with our customary in-house meals prepared and served in the facilities of the Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church to numbers that ranged between 60 and 120, where Calvary cooks and volunteers mingled with the guests and frequently shared the meal at the same table. Our tradition has been to create our best ‘from scratch’ home-cooking around seasonally themed menus and annual church festivals.

By April 2020, however, public health measures required closing of indoor service. All meals



became bagged for distribution, and the menus centered around hearty sandwiches, augmented by pieces of fresh fruit, packaged puddings, ziplocked selections of sliced fresh vegetables accompanied by packet of ranch dressing dip, cookies or other sweets, and bottled water. Calvary's first-Sunday-of-the-month meals featured a variety of meat and cheese sandwiches, vegetarian sandwiches, PB&J sandwiches, some creative desserts, all nourishing, but all distributed to guests in the parking lot according to a protocol that called on young volunteers to conduct the distribution. The bagged meals were convenient because

they were portable, but they reduced our contact with guests.

With the onset of cold weather, we began experimenting with hot meals, soups (e.g., vegetarian and meat-based) and all-inclusive casserole dishes (e.g., ham and potato) offered in 12-ounce Styrofoam cups, with the addition of the sides and always some PB&J sandwiches for a snack or breakfast the next morning. We'll continue to experiment with ways to add some novelty to the menus and look to the day we can serve our from-scratch cooking to guests and volunteers in a sit-down setting once again, hopefully still sometime in 2021. Submitted by Mike Reeves and Louanna Furbee, co-coordinators.

Saturday Café: Thank you so much to everyone who gave their time, talent, and treasure to support the 2020 Saturday Café, re-envisioned due to the global pandemic. In order to keep our volunteers and guests safe, we created a physical distancing plan. Guests received breakfast bags to-go instead of eating in the parish hall. We observed limits on the number of volunteers inside the church and followed other safety precautions according to Diocese of Missouri guidelines. Even though the 2020 café looked very different from years past, we were still able to “open” the doors of God’s house to our neighbors by providing a home-cooked breakfast every Saturday in July, August, and September.

Dedicated volunteers supported the café in many ways, such as getting the breakfast assembly area set up each week, making food and delivering it to the church, and assembling to-go bags for distribution to our guests. We had to think creatively in order to provide delicious breakfast options in a portable format. Our menu expanded to include breakfast burritos, sausage and egg sandwiches, and sausage and gravy casserole. In all, we served breakfast to 356 members of our community.



Without the dedication and support of the members of our parish, this important ministry would not be possible. A special thank you goes out to Roger Pilkenton, whose produce sales provided significant funding which will support the continued success of the café.

Saturday Café Volunteers: Carolyn Amparan, Mike Currier, Molly Devlin, Trudie Fasel, Ben Hart, Susan Hart, Kristen Hayes, Tim James, Jerry Lucchesi, Mary Nesladek, Mike and Teresa Reeves, Gretchen Rohrs, Sara Rohrs, Linda and Gary Shillito, Beth Simpson, and John and Rachel Smith.

The Wardrobe: The Wardrobe is a local non-profit thrift store located on Park Avenue. The organization has been run by volunteers for the last 50 years. Calvary's volunteers serve at the Wardrobe on the first Wednesday of the month helping with the sales of low-priced shoes, clothing, and household items. Profits from the Wardrobe are used to purchase shoe vouchers for school children in need in the Columbia area.



Calvary's volunteers are responsible for staffing and operating the shop. These responsibilities include opening on-time, sales of donated merchandise, sorting and display of merchandise, and depositing funds at the end of the day. During Covid it has also included implementing and managing safety protocols.

2020 volunteers were: Karen Battjes, Ellis Froeschle, Mary Ann Ghosal, Kathy Jones, Mary Nesladek, Debbie Pearsall, Bobette Rose, Sharon Sessions, Linda and Gary Shillito, and Charlene Boyes. We welcome anyone who is interested to join our group in this ministry.

Pastoral Care

Eucharistic Visitor Ministry: Eucharistic Visitors (EVs) are licensed, trained lay leaders who work with the clergy to take the consecrated elements of the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to attend services regularly for various unavoidable reasons, such as health issues. There are 5 lay people who served in this capacity during 2020 and made 33 visits during January, February and March before the pandemic shut everything down. Subsequently, the visitors stayed in contact with their people in other ways. Submitted by The Rev. Janet Schisser, Deacon

Memorial Garden: Members: Laurie Saunders, Kay Glass, Jerry Lucchesi, David Carr, Carole Riesenber and, our newest member, David Rees. We enjoyed a busy and fruitful year with robust plantings, however, with Covid, the results were seen only by us, as "waterers", the staff and a few Parishioners as they completed the essential duties of the Parish. In the spring, we planted in hopes of Covid being under control by late summer, but clearly we were overly optimistic. Yet the Memorial Garden was a sometime sanctuary for some, and ready, as needed, for funerals.

As in prior years, the Committee elected to keep plantings inside the burial space to a minimum. We tried a few new annuals, looking for just the right mix of prior year's favorites and new options. We continued to improve the overall coverage of vinca and pachysandra while using the large pots (purchased in 2018) for bursts of color throughout the Garden space. Our plant choices were well received, although not as well as last year by the monarch butterflies.



Like everyone, we are hopeful to be "...back at church" soon. . We are preparing for summer in anticipation of that goal being realized. The Committee's goal has always been to provide a space for contemplation and conversation.



As noted in the 2019 report, the Judy Fallis fountain was completed at the end of that year. It continues to be a source of pride for our Committee and, as a result of Covid, remains mostly unseen by our Parish family. For those of us, who have been in the Garden this year, it is always on and provides a wonderful backdrop of sound and sight to the space. Our living memorial to Judy and Fr. Jim reminds us of how important they were (and are) to our parish family.

We are planning our designs and looking forward to the spring, when our fountain, flower-filled pots, and grounds will bring vibrant color and soothing sounds to our Memorial Garden. We look forward to your suggestions and comments. Submitted by David Carr.

Worship at The Bluffs Nursing Home and Solstice Senior Living Centers: Community worship services at The Bluffs Nursing Home and Solstice Senior Living Center were held in January and February only due to stay-at-home orders issued in March.

We were saddened when one of our pianists, Phyllis Rice contracted COVID-19 and after weeks in ICU succumbed to the disease in late September. Submitted by The Rev. Janet Schisser, Deacon.

Worship

Flower Ministry: In years past, following the 10:30 am service, members of Flower Ministry have arranged Altar Flowers in vases and delivered them to parishioners designated as recipients by the Church Office. In the face of the pandemic of 2020 and cancellation of in-person services, the Flower Ministry has taken on a new look. Instead of delivering flowers, we're sending notes each week to two or three recipients, expressing Calvary's love and care directly through writing. Even without the symbolic gift of flowers, we continue to show others that "your church family is thinking of you."

Currently the Flower Ministry is composed of thirteen individuals and families, totaling nineteen people who help to carry out this meaningful ministry. We'd love to have others join us; please email [Lisa Schenker](mailto:Lisa.Schenker) for additional information.

Tech Ministry: To provide outreach to our parish family during the pandemic, we invested in upgraded technology so we are able to provide good quality livestream of our services from our sanctuary. We first upgraded the fiber connection to our church facility and then installed a direct fiber line and connection to the north east alcove of the church sanctuary. A new desktop computer was purchased with memory and operating capacity sufficient to run the hardware and software needed. Software, camera and body microphones were purchased to provide the equipment to properly stream the services in real time. Submitted by Susan Hart.

As may be evident - all [Calvary choirs](#) were suspended in March.

Administrative

Building & Grounds: With the Covid-19 pandemic firmly in place throughout 2020, B&G has been mostly inactive, except for the water issues in the Undercroft and just inside the Memorial Garden near the office.

An extension to the upper downspout is being installed to divert more water directly into the underground drainpipe, which is hoped to reduce overflow into the NE corner of the Memorial Garden.

The water problem in the Undercroft where some items are stored on shelves under the old wooden stairs is of long standing, perhaps over a decade. In hard rains, water runs down between the stone courses (2 thick layers) and under the paint, pooling under the stairs.

However, the tuckpointing on the South wall by the emergency exit has mortar and tar between stones that have been partially repaired 4 to 6 times. The tuckpointing of this wall section needs to be completely replaced when the weather is better in Spring or Summer. Also, the metal flashing under the first 2 rows of slate just over the door and area where the leakage is happening are rusting out and believed to be leaking between the stone courses. This flashing should be replaced and slate layers reinserted in place.

Ditto for the rusting metal flashing over the Sanctuary door over the exit to the Memorial Garden. Estimates for this work will be obtained and presented to the Vestry.

Furnaces have been inspected, and proper function has been restored to one (of four) that was out of service. All other furnaces are working well. Submitted by Mike Reeves.

Stewardship: Team Members are: Bob Worley, chair, Lisa Schenker, David Schenker, John Smith, Roger Pilkenton, Dennis Gagnon, Bennet Fallis, Megan Hoyt, Ron Webb. Ex Officio: Mother Valori+, Martin Darby.

2021 Campaign Theme: Serving Community with Gratitude and Generosity. 2021 Goal: Increase both pledged dollars and pledge drive participation by 8%, to allow Calvary to address the greater community need that has grown out of the pandemic.



The Stewardship Team has worked diligently to conduct a pledge campaign during the COVID pandemic. The limitations on in-person contact made it difficult since we are unable to worship together in-person. Communication has been limited to the Calvary online newsletters, online Worship Services, the website, and regular US Postal Service mail. It is truly a challenging time for organizations to conduct pledge campaigns.



We realized that many individuals and families in our community would be adversely affected by the fallout from the pandemic and wanted Calvary to be in a strong position to help those in need. Given that we are still in the midst of the COVID pandemic and many parishioners may be uncertain about their current ability to make a financial commitment to Calvary at this time, we will revisit the 2021 Pledge Campaign mid-year.

Current 2021 Campaign Progress: \$350,592.97 from 110 pledging units. That compares to 2020: \$415,384 from 130 pledging units; 2019: \$433,356 from 140 pledging units; and 2018: \$455,016 from 150 pledging units.

Thanks to all who have worked so hard on the 2021 Pledge Campaign. Blessings, Bob Worley, Vestry Stewardship Liaison

RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE: Tom Frankman

The discernment team for Calvary's next rector met for the first time on January 16. During the video-conference meeting, team members received an orientation to their responsibilities from Canon Doris Westfall. Discernment team members are Dennis Gagnon, (chair) John T. Bolton (chaplain), Daive Dunkley, Lynn Frey, Rose Hayden (chaplain), Tom Frankman (vestry representative), Linda Shillito (chaplain), and Annette Webb.

Re-Commissioning of the Discernment Team

Vestry members: We present to you the Discernment Team: Dennis Gagnon as the chair, Tom Frankman as the vestry representative, Linda Shillito, and Rose Hayden as chaplains, John Bolton, Daive Dunkley, Lynn Frey, and Annette Webb.

Interim Rector: Are these persons whom you present prepared by a commitment to God, by regular attendance at worship, and by an understanding of and commitment to this responsibility, to exercise this ministry to the honor of God, and for the well-being of the Church?

Vestry members: We believe they are.

Interim Rector: My sisters and brothers, you have been appointed by your Wardens and Vestry, and you have agreed to serve on the Discernment Team which will seek a new rector for Calvary Episcopal Church. Do you accept this appointment as part of your Christian vocation?

Members of the Discernment Team: I do.

Interim Rector: Will you fulfill your responsibilities to the best of your ability?

Members of the Discernment Team: I will, with God's help.

Interim Rector: Will you, in the name of Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, call upon God for guidance and discernment?

Members of the Discernment Team: I will, with God's help.

Interim Rector: Will you seek not your own personal satisfaction, but the glory of God and God's will for this congregation?

Members of the Discernment Team: I will, with God's help.

Interim Rector: In the name of this congregation, I hereby consecrate and commission you for this ministry in the name of God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

Congregation: Amen!

The members of the Discernment Team then respond: Almighty God, we ask your guidance and blessing as we seek a rector for Calvary. Be present in our deliberations; make us aware of your

will for us; and keep us mindful of our calling to serve your purpose and to witness to your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Discernment Team members then face the congregation.

Congregation: We pledge to you our trust and support, and we promise to hold you in our prayers throughout this search process. God grant you patience, wisdom, open hearts, and a sense of humor for the work that you are called to do. Thank you for your service to God and to Calvary. God bless each one of you and all of you together as a discerning community. Amen.

Adapted from the service by Christ Church, Exeter, DioNH

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