

2023 Annual Report
presented at the
Annual Parish Meeting on February 5, 2023



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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 anything 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

Your Elected Servants for 2022



We thank the retiring members of the vestry for their faithful service:
Tom Frankman (2020), Susan Hart (2020), Gretchen Rohrs (2020), Bob Worley (2020)



We thank the Executive Committee for 2022:

Bob Worley, Sr. Warden (2020)

Susan Hart, Jr. Warden (2020)

Ron Webb, Treasurer (non-vestry)



We thank the continuing members of the vestry:
Tony Simones (2021), Megan Bounous (2021), David Rees (2021), Sarah David-Stober (2021), David Carr (2022), Mark Coggeshall (2022), Laurie Saunders (2022), and Linda Shillito (2022).

**Calvary Episcopal Church
2023 Annual Elections and Meeting Agenda
February 5, 2023**

- 1. Opening Prayer (with remembrance of the departed)**
- 2. Suggestion of a Quorum**
- 3. Reading of the minutes of the 2022 Annual Elections and Meeting**
- 4. Election of a Secretary**
- 5. Nomination of Candidates for Vestry and Delegates to Convention**
- 6. Appointment of Tellers of Election**
- 7. Election of Vestry Members**

Nomination of Members to the Foundation Trust

- 8. Senior Warden's Report**
- 9. Treasurer's Report – Ron Webb
2022 Financial results and the 2023 Budget**
- 10. Building and Grounds Report**
- 11. Other Corporate Business**
- 12. Benediction and Doxology**

~ Remembering those who died in 2022 ~



Laura Rollins Napier

Florence M. Mueller

Lydia Schoene

Evelyn Marjorie Peck

Ron Lister Hansing

David Horner

Mary Louise Bussabarger

Harriet Martin Riggs

Laura Lee Hager

Reba Nelson Cassin

Barbara Spande Overby

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

MINUTES from the Annual Elections and Meeting
January 30, 2022
By Tom Frankman

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Rev. Ann Dieterle, Rector

1. Opening Prayer by Rev. Dieterle (with remembrance of the departed)

Prayers of dedication to the church and to the parish were made, as was a prayer remembering parish members who died in 2021: Gloria Diane Markel, William Walker Kennard, Kay Lynn Powell Glass, Robert Keith Bush, Ann Thayer, Sharon Ann Sessions, Janeva "Jan" Elsie Abadir, Ruth Rose Welliver, Anita Woehlk, Edwin Sydney Stephens III, Lillian (Joy) Spencer Johnson, Ruth Ann Brandon, James Lee Lowary, Charles James Stuth, Carol May Meyer, John Wilson Phillips, John F. McGowan and Shirley Joy Thompson.

2. Suggestion of a Quorum

A suggestion a quorum was made by Gail Garey seconded by Bob Worley and others. No objections.

3. Reading of the minutes of the 2021 Annual Elections and Meeting

Rev. Dieterle noted that the minutes of the 2021 Annual Elections and Meeting were in 2022 meeting packet. The reading of the minutes was waived and the minutes were accepted as presented.

4. Election of a Secretary

A motion to nominate Tom Frankman as Secretary of the meeting was made by Rev. Dieterle and seconded by Kristina Detmer. Motion approved.

5. Nomination of Candidates for Vestry and Delegates to Convention

Lisa Schenker introduced the slate, Roger Pilkenton moved to close nominations. The candidates for 2022-25 vestry terms were David Carr, Mark Coggeshall, Laurie Saunders, and Linda Shillito.

The candidate for a one-year term as Diocesan Convention delegate (Darlene Hillier) and alternate delegates (Lynn Frey and Tim James) were presented.

6. Election of vestry and convention slates

Separate polls were conducted by the rector via Zoom for the vestry and convention delegate slates. Both slates were approved.

7. Rector's report

Rev. Dieterle noted that she had been with the parish for three months. She said that her immediate priorities as Calvary rector would include getting to know more members of the parish, expanding youth and children's programs, and the newcomers' ministry. She said more information would be sent out in the coming month concerning a parish-wide book study for Lent on the text "Atlas of the Heart," by Bene Brown.

8. Senior Warden's Report

Bob Worley praised Jonathan Sessions on the latter's recently minted Mohawk and noted that the days he could have sported one have passed. Worley thanked the outgoing members of the Vestry, particularly Lisa Schenker, who served two terms as senior warden; Janet Schisser, for her service as Deacon; Rev. Susan Kennard and Deacon Beth Simpson, for their service between the parish's times with its interim and permanent rectors; Dennis Gagnon and the search committee, for their work in finding the new rector; and Jonathan Sessions, Susan Hart and all others on the parish tech team.

Worley referred members to the meeting packet for the remainder of the Senior Warden's report. He thanked those who have pledged and encouraged those who have not. As of January 25, 109 pledging units had combined to pledge slightly over \$380,000.

Mother Ann thanked Bob Worley and Susan Hart for agreeing to continue in 2022 as senior warden and junior warden, respectively.

9. Treasurer's Report – Ron Webb

Webb noted that the parish received a Payroll Protection Program grant.

Calvary has eight months of cash reserves. The parish is also debt free. Contributions exceeded budgeted amount by approximately \$12,000. Finished 2021 with \$53,582 excess income, budgeted

A subcommittee of the parish Finance Committee is reviewing the balances and purposes of the memorial accounts and restricted funds.

Webb presented Calvary's 2022 budget, based on \$385,000 in pledges. Approximately \$10,000 in donations have been received, which will cover about half of the anticipated repairs for the organ.

A significant increase in utility rates is budgeted for in 2022. Budgeting for half-time assistant rector to serve starting in July. (It is not known if such a person is available.) A youth minister is budgeted for, although the position is currently open. The Youth director position may receive financial support from the diocese.

Dieterle thanked Webb for his service

10. Junior Warden's report – Building and Grounds

Susan Hart thanked Mike Reeves, chairman of the Building and Grounds committee, for his work on multiple projects - Heat pump in the narthex, water leak in the narthex, more handrails added on west steps to parking lot, painting in the sanctuary, parish hall and choir and bell rooms, mold removal in undercroft.

11. Commissions – Reports were given by Annette Webb (Diocesan council), Ed Hanson (Hymn of the week in the diocesan newsletter), and Janet Schisser (Deacon Community).

12. Benediction and Doxology – Prayer given by Rev. Dieterle, Doxology sung by Ed Hanson, Dismissal by Janet Schisser

2022 Rector's Report - The Rev. Ann Dieterle

Recently, Jerry Lucchesi visited with me about using the Baptismal Covenant more frequently in worship. I made a copy from his book and underneath the Baptismal Promises were included “The Marks of Mission.” Neither of these are unfamiliar to me, but I was struck by the Marks of Mission in a new way, and wanted to preface this report with their inclusion, in hopes they’ll help us to measure how the work we have done this past year and the work we will do in 2023 conforms to the mission and ministry of Jesus.

The Marks of Mission

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom;
- To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers;
- To respond to human need by loving service;
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society; to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation;
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

P.S. We are going to include the Baptismal promises during Lent.

The year in review

Do you remember the Omicron surge? I do! We went virtual for 2 weeks in late January/early February, including the Annual Meeting. People who hadn’t gotten sick with COVID for 2 years came down with the virus for the first time. We came back strong to in person worship after the 2 weeks of virtual purgatory, and my sense of the community is that we’ve felt more and more vibrant with each passing month. For Lent we did a Calvary OneRead, which we will repeat in 2023 with Kate Bowler’s book: *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*. There will be opportunities for discussion and reflection on Sunday mornings from 9:15 - 10 am in the Chapel. You are free to bring coffee with you as we reflect together on what we are experiencing through the book and through our Lenten devotions more generally. We had good participation last year in various small discussion groups, including the EYF (Episcopal Youth Fellowship) who came back to meeting in person. Also in Lent 2022, Sarah Davis-Stober led us through some nature walks, so we could observe the earth waking back up after her winter slumber. The pattern of resurrection that we see in Jesus’ life is mirrored throughout creation.



Omicron receded as we moved through Lent, and we were able to hold the Agape Meal, a tradition of a simple soup and bread supper before this moving first service of the three Holy Days that precede Easter. (The Thursday service is Maundy Thursday, and the Church term for these three days is the Triduum) Thanks to the Rev. Dn. Janet Schisser, who came out of retirement to help me during Holy Week and Easter. Thanks also to the tech team: Jonathan Sessions, Susan Hart, Dominick Kaczofsky

and Nate Cotner. They are always wonderful, but there are a lot of moving parts to the services that begin on Palm Sunday and run through the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. Not only did they find quick and easy solutions to streaming the parts of the service that happen in the Memorial Garden, but they helped the still pretty new Rector get her head around an important week in a new-to-her worship space. As one of my professors frequently said: “the space always wins.” The space makes a particular difference in the observance of these holy days, and their help kept me sane.

Several wonderful things happened after Easter. The Rev. Dn. Beth Simpson returned from her winter sojourn in Mississippi, and we got to approve the ordination for a certain seminarian, Mr. Josh Huber. Shortly afterwards, and in partnership with the Diocese, we won the Curate lottery and following his ordination to the Priesthood in June, the now Rev. Josh Huber came to join us on staff. I know that I am not sharing news that you don’t already know, but it is great to have Josh and Angela back in Columbia and at Calvary. Having Josh on staff opens up our capacity to do Campus Ministry, and brings additional energy and creativity to our parish and worship life as a whole.

One theme for the second half of 2022 (and into the first half of 2023) is: “after a hiatus because of COVID.” In September we were able to hold our annual picnic, where approximately 100 people gathered for food and outdoor fun at Twin Lakes Park. The week after that we changed up our worship schedule.

I want to give a description of what our worship schedule is throughout the week:

Sunday

8 a.m. is a spoken service in the Church using more traditional language. (with thee/thy/and thou instead of you/your/yours) It includes communion, generally last 45 - 50 minutes, and is also livestreamed on YouTube. The Prayer Book titles it “Rite 1,” and it is the closest you can get to what you would have experienced 50+ years ago in the Episcopal Church, back when we were using a Prayer Book from 1928. (the current Prayer Book is from 1979)

10:30 am is held in the Church and has music, communion, and uses more contemporary language. It generally lasts a little over an hour. The Cambridge Choir sings at this service for most of the year. We have a handbell choir that plays periodically at this service, and our hymns are typically from the hymnal that was authorized for use in 1982 with music played on the organ. It is called “Rite 2” and is also livestreamed.

4:30 pm is held in the Chapel and has more contemporary music that is accompanied by guitar and drum. It uses the most contemporary language of any of our worship services. It is called the “Rite Place” and generally lasts 35-45 minutes, featuring communion and a shorter sermon, often with some dialogue between preacher and congregation. Children are welcomed at any and all of our services, but the space in our chapel is particularly comfortable for sitting on the floor. The proximity to an alcove with toys and the parish hall which is fun to run around can be particularly attractive to littles who need to burn off some extra energy. If you are looking for something more informal, this service might be inviting to you.

Monday

6 pm: Campus Ministry Evening Prayer (I’ll let Rev. Josh tell you more about that)

Tuesday & Thursday

7:30 am Morning Prayer on Zoom (led by Deacon Beth and Roger Pilkenton)

Monday - Thursday

8 pm Compline, or bedtime prayers, on Zoom (led by Mary Ann Ghosal)

Wednesday

5:30 pm Healing Service with Communion- Held in the chapel, this uses a blend between evening prayer and communion, with some a capella music and healing prayers accompanied by laying on of hands & anointing with holy oil.

I believe that our new schedule has many positives that work well for us. The 10:30 time slot, which moved forward from 11:15, has a good rhythm. It allows for some crossing over between attendees of the two morning services, particularly at coffee hour which returned this Fall and is flourishing under the leadership of Kirsten Richards. I believe that it is a positive to have an evening weekend service. I also believe that it is a positive to have a more contemporary and informal worship service. EYF is held at 5:30 pm on Sunday nights, and it works well to move from worship into that time of fellowship and formation for our middle and high school youth.

Some growing edges and challenges exist. Attendance at the Rite Place service has not rebounded to pre-pandemic levels and an afternoon service means that there isn't much mixing between attendees in the morning and those who come later in the day. While the timing of the Rite Place service and EYF works well for staff who are attending both, it is not frequent that the youth who attend the Rite Place also attend EYF, or vice versa. Along with staff and our Vestry, I continue to evaluate how the timing of our worship services works to incorporate youth activities and the variety of experiences we have on a weekend. How we deploy our clergy staff and lay volunteers is critical as we look to serve God's people without overloading ourselves and burning people out.

At the end of September, Calvary participated for the first time in the Mid-Missouri PrideFest. We had a booth that was staffed with volunteers both Saturday and Sunday. The congregation participated by writing blessings that people could take during the weekend. Many parishioners contributed to make this a successful first outing from Calvary.

In October, all of the pandemic related restrictions were lifted. We returned to receiving the wine with communion. We added more participants back into the worship service, which has been wonderful. There was a Newcomers/confirmation class that ran from Oct. 2 - Dec. 4 with an average attendance of about 10. Six people were baptized, confirmed, and/or reaffirmed and received into our congregation when Bishop Deon visited on Dec. 11th.

After a COVID hiatus, the Bazaar, our annual fundraiser and mouse/craft/bake sale returned! Kudos to those volunteer leaders, and particularly LeeAnn Ball who presided over the event at a new time of year. The Advent Bazaar transformed into the All Saints' Bazaar, a Fall Festival, and had net proceeds of approximately \$11,000. Plans for the 2023 Bazaar are already underway.

In addition to what we do around Columbia, Calvary is very active in Diocesan activities. Rev. Ann is Chair of the Commission on Ministry (COM) and Rose Hayden also serves on that committee. Rev. Josh, Annette Webb, and Anne Binggelli serve on Diocesan Council, and Darlene Hillier serves as warden for the Jane Dey Convocation. Ron Webb is on the Diocesan TIAA committee, Janet Thompson serves on the Cathedral Chapter and the emergency preparedness team, and she helped to develop the Strategic Plan. (of which we're in year 1) Apologies in case I missed anyone. In addition to that, we are a communications hub here on the western edge of the diocese. In that capacity, we

hosted the first gathering of the Requiem or Renaissance program for the Diocese back on April 2, 2022.

I'm excited about the year ahead, and could name a lot of reasons for that. Rather than writing another novel, I want to tell you about three priorities I'm working on for 2023.

- 1) Children and Youth Ministries: Darlene Hillier kept the EYF going during the pandemic. Kudos to her and my heartfelt gratitude for her work and to all of the teens and parents who hung out over Zoom and made the best of the situation. We are focusing this year on building on the good foundation we had moving out of the pandemic, as well as building our youth mentor volunteer base. The EYF made use of a \$1000 grant from the Diocese to assemble blessing bags that will go to our unhoused neighbors via our blessing box and through RATI. We were the only church in the diocese that engaged our youth in this project. We were also the recipients of a gift that was used to establish a Mission and Pilgrimage fund for the EYF.

Ministries for children birth through 5th grade is an area that is in need of a renaissance, to borrow language from a Diocesan program. Jennifer James has provided seasonal materials to use in the home and those have proved popular. Erika & Effie Leitzan and I reassembled the children's worship basket so that our youngest members have something age appropriate to engage them during the service. Ed Hanson was available for several Sundays to lead children in faith filled music activities, and though we didn't have any takers for those several weeks we would like to revisit that in the near future. Sunday School as we knew it will likely never return. The death of a ministry is always hard, but we are a resurrection people. I am looking for others to join a team that will dream big about what might rise in its place as we discern how best to serve our children and their faith formation.

- 2) Building Usage & Space- We'll be doing some cleaning, reorganizing, and reconfiguring of our space in the coming year. The first rooms to be tackled will be the kitchen and room 201 (the EYF room). On March 1, the staff will spend the afternoon doing some prep work to sort through items that we may not want or need anymore. From March 2 - March 15, key stakeholders will have a chance to 'claim' items that are needed for their ministries. On March 18th, we'll make good use of a rent a dumpster to clean out things that are no longer needed and cannot be donated.

It will feel wonderful to be able to reclaim our space for ministry, reimagine new uses for these rooms, and potentially invite new ministry partners to share the space with us.

Becoming Beloved Community

Telling the Truth; Proclaiming the Dream; Repairing the Breach; Practicing the Way

These are the four parts to the National Episcopal Church's vision of Becoming Beloved Community. Becoming Beloved Community is the Church's long term commitment to racial justice, healing, and reconciliation. Represented by a labyrinth, this lifelong journey signifies faithful and intentional steps along the path.

There are a variety of reactions to the phrases "racial justice," "dismantling racism," and "racial reconciliation." Everything from 'that's divisive and there's no need for it' to 'we should be way past this by now;' and everything in between. I imagine that many if not all of these reactions are present at Calvary. I am always happy to speak to anyone about nearly anything, and I invite you to come talk to

me about this topic in particular. To pick up the metaphor of the labyrinth, wherever you are on it, that's where you are. The only way to fail is to stop because it will get you to the center if you continue to put one foot in front of the other.

St. Paul reminds us that "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." And so we're all invited to continue this walk and this work in three distinct ways that are mirrored around our diocese and throughout dioceses and parishes across the country:

- 1) Sacred Ground Circles. These are small group discussions based on reading assignments and films. More details to follow, but for now know that they will begin in September and last into 2024.
- 2) A Racial Justice Pilgrimage (most likely to sites in Memphis, Montgomery, Birmingham and Selma). We'll travel by coach for this one. Dates that I'm exploring are all in 2024 and include: MLK weekend and March 25 - 29 (Spring Break for CPS & Mizzou). The Diocesan Dismantling Racism Committee is organizing a trip to Springfield, IL to visit sites associated with Abraham Lincoln this coming April 1st, if anyone is interested. (see me or the Diocesan Website at diocesemo.org)
- 3) Calvary's Dismantling Racism Committee. This was an active group in years past, and we'll be reforming and reenergizing it before Easter of 2023.

BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY



One more thing to note: Bishop Curry is coming to Missouri for a Revival! Mark your calendars for November 2-3, 2023. This will be a part of the Diocesan Convention, but anyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Senior Warden's Report – Bob Worley



WOW! What a year 2022 was in the life of Calvary.

It is hard to believe that just over a year ago, November 2021 to be exact, The Rev. Ann Dieterle was joining us as our new Rector. She arrived just in time for Advent and worked toward settling in during a very busy Christmas season as we continued to work our way through the COVID pandemic. In June our Curate, The Rev. Josh Huber, was ordained and returned to Calvary as full-time clergy. Meanwhile, The Rev. Deacon Beth Simpson who herself had just begun her stint as Calvary's ordained

Deacon in mid-2021 completed our clergy team as we worked to reopen our campus and return to in-person worship as COVID began to wane.

We began to gather to worship and sing in-person in the spring. Masks became optional. The Eucharist returned as did coffee hour. Our revamped Sunday worship schedule offers three distinctly different worship services while we continue to hold a Wednesday evening healing service and regular opportunities to pray the Daily Office. A quick glance at the calendar on our website (www.calvaryonninth.org) reveals a dynamic, busy parish.

None of this would have been possible without the people of Calvary who found new, exciting and creative ways to continue and reimagine the many ministries of the parish. Saturday Café became an in-person experience again, the Calvary Bazaar became a fall event and proved to be very successful at its new time slot in October and in-person Sunday worship attendance has grown steadily all year. Thank you for all you do to make Calvary the vibrant parish that it is.

As my term on the Vestry, and as Senior Warden for the past two years, draws to a close I'd like to thank all the wonderful servant leaders that I have had the opportunity to work with. It is hard to believe that when I was first approached to serve on the Vestry, Fr. Knute was still Calvary's Rector and COVID was just a minor blip on the horizon. With God's help and the blessing of a fantastic group of staff (Connie, Craig and Ed), clergy (Interim Rector Valori, Deacons Janet and Beth, Rector Ann and Curate Josh along with The Rev. Susan Kennard who served us faithfully when we were without full-time clergy) along with my fellow Vestry members and Calvary's volunteers and parishioners we made it through to the other side.

Junior Warden's Report – Susan Hart

It was a busy year at Calvary with elevator, roofing, and HVAC repairs. Much thanks to Mike Reeves as chair of the Building and Grounds Committee. He spent many hours and phone calls researching the best solutions to our many repair issues. Also, please reference his report for more details on the repairs.



It has been an honor to serve as Junior Warden these last two years and I have loved caring for our physical plant. Our church property is a valuable asset and one that has been entrusted to us from those who worshipped at Calvary before us. As with older buildings and systems, we are facing many upcoming repairs and maintenance, specifically with the heating and cooling systems. These systems were installed at the last major construction addition/renovation and therefore are coming to the end of the useful life. The Vestry is aware of this and with the strong Finance committee and strong building and grounds committee, we have the pieces in place to properly plan for these challenges. Just as those before us were stewards of these physical assets, we find ourselves in this same position so Calvary's wonderful places of worship will be utilized for those who will follow us for generations to come!

Deacon's Report - The Rev. Beth Simpson

2022 found all of us emerging from the restrictions imposed upon us by the pandemic. It had been challenging to adapt our programming during the lockdown and it has also been challenging to remember how we did it all before! It is such a delight to return to in-person service and gatherings and



to enjoy coffee hour and meals together again. Ministry leaders continue to inspire and guide us as we feed the hungry in our community.

The Missioner for Jubilee Ministries asked me to apply for Calvary to be recognized as a Jubilee Center in the Diocese. It was a joyful and humbling experience to complete the application last week. A Jubilee Ministry empowers the poor and oppressed in the community by providing services such as food, shelter and healthcare and advocating for rights and justice. In his earthly ministry, Jesus stood with the poor, and all followers of Jesus are

called to carry on his ministry of caring for the least and the last. The work of Jubilee is rooted in our baptismal covenant. As I thought about and listed all that we do at Calvary, I became more convinced that we are doing the work of Jubilee.

I described our participation in many ministries: Loaves and Fishes; The Saturday Café (including the foot clinic with new shoes donated by the parish); The Wardrobe; Room at the Inn; The Calvary Bazaar; The Advent Tree; The Blessing Box; The Calvary Winter Games; Worship at The Bluffs; Food Bank Sunday; and Pridefest. Each of these ministries is coordinated by the laity, and each has continued to thrive over time. Look for more information to come soon.

This time last year, I was on the Mississippi Coast, avoiding the cold and snow. This winter we are braving the weather along with you! For several reasons, we decided to sell our second home. I am especially glad that I will be here this year for Lent and Easter. I look forward to serving alongside the many volunteers who support the good work done by this parish.

Curate Report – The Rev. Josh Huber

Prologue: After moving with Angela from New Haven, CT and arriving in Columbia, MO on June 17, I was ordained a priest by Bishop Deon at Calvary the morning of June 18th. On June 19th, I celebrated my first three eucharists (each different) as a priest. None of this—the returning, being ordained or having my first eucharists as a priest at Calvary—was expected, yet all of it was full of joy. Calvary feels like home.



I officially started as Calvary's curate for parish and campus ministry on July 1. The first month or two of my time was spent learning the basics of my new role and settling into that role in terms of liturgy, education, pastoral care, and day-to-day operations. I also began planning for the launch of a new campus ministry in the Fall 2022 semester.

By the time the semester rolled around, we had joined our campus ministry efforts with St. Andrew's Lutheran (ELCA) and were ready to pour time, energy, effort, and food into recruiting students and getting a regular weekly meeting going. Based on the last iteration of campus ministry at Calvary and our Lutheran partnership, we named our new ministry Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry. We are focused on embodying Christ's love, welcome, and inclusion for all as we create a community that is curious, fun-loving, joyful, and dedicated to learning from each other and Jesus.

The lay chaplain and volunteer support from both Calvary and St. Andrew's has been incredible. With hours and hours of tabling, stacks of food, and a lot of preparation and planning, we've been able to establish a Monday night evening prayer and dinner. Our student group is small but engaged and we're starting to gain momentum as we recruit new students. We've also been able to begin supporting student groups working for social justice at MU and in Columbia. And we've had success in beginning to build an affirming campus ministry coalition with other local churches (including MUMC, First Christian, Broadway Christian, First Presbyterian, and First Baptist). This coalition is planning a series of liturgies, beginning with ashes to go at Speaker's Circle and ending with an Easter day sunset service at MU, for Lent and Easter.

In the "other" category, I was privileged to help plan and host the annual church picnic, be declared the parish's unofficial candle coordinator, and facilitate Calvary's inaugural Living Windows efforts. Additionally, I've had the delight of getting to lead the Tuesday Morning Bible Study since around October of 2022.

Overall, I look back at the past half year or so with both gratitude and, still, a bit of bewilderment that it is all really happening. I can't wait to see how God works among us in 2023 as we continue to follow Jesus together. We will certainly face challenges. But there is truly a Spirit of creativity, joy, and abundance in this place!

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH MINISTRIES REPORTS

Christian Formation and Education

Episcopal Youth Fellowship (EYF): submitted by Darlene Hillier-Kaczkofsky



The Youth continued to meet weekly virtually for the first part of the season on Sunday mornings. However as COVID restrictions lifted the Youth began meeting in person in the Spring on Sunday evenings. The Youth continue to meet on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. following the Rite Place Service.

Over the course of the 2021-2022 EYF year the Youth participated in the parish one read "Atlas of The Heart", the Fall Bazaar and weekly meetings filled with lively discussion and games. The Youth enjoyed a year end wrap up Ice Cream social with their families that was hosted by Rev. Ann. The Youth also put their Faith into Action through a \$1000.00 grant from the Diocese by using the funds to purchase items for care packages to benefit the homeless population in our neighborhood. The project was dubbed "Beyond The Blessing Box " and is ongoing. A short video was produced showcasing "Beyond The Blessing Box" that was shared at Diocesan Convention.

All Youth from 6th grade to 12th grade all welcomed to join and attend EYF.

Adult Formation:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: submitted by Annette Webb

The group met every Tuesday morning to discuss the Gospel lesson for the following Sunday. The study was led by Rev. Ann and Rev. Josh who joined in July. The group continues to learn and develop a better understanding of the Bible. With the addition of “Owl Capone” and a big screen TV the group is now able to visually see everyone whether online or in person which has added to our lively discussions.

If you are interested in joining Tuesday Morning Bible, please contact Rev. Josh Huber or Rev. Ann Dieterle.



Seekers: submitted by Ron Webb



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. The meetings have been by Zoom as well as in person. A sample of books read and discussed include “The Seven Storey Mountain: An Autobiography of Faith” by Thomas Merton, “American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation” by John Meacham and “Morality: Restoring the Common Good in Divided Times” by Jonathan Sacks.

Mission & Outreach

Advent Bazaar: submitted by LeeAnn Ball

Never say we Episcopalians are predictable! As a group a decision was made to completely change the timing and format of the annual fund-raising bazaar in 2022. Some of our “regulars” missed the show, but many faithful friends found us and shopped with abandon. Kudos to all the faithful volunteers and artisans who provided a wonderful array of products to sell and to parishioners who invested in those goods. It was a delight to be back “in person” for the event. The Outreach Committee will have \$10,000 to distribute to selected charitable organizations in the community. Decisions will be made about the timing and nature of the 2023 Bazaar at a meeting in early February.



Loaves and Fishes: submitted by Mike Reeves and Louanna Furbee, co-coordinators.



We started Year 3 of the COVID pandemic continuing serving meals and feeding the homeless and hungry members of the Columbia community. Through much of the year we served meals bagged for distribution to guests in the Wilkes parking lot. We’ve modified the meals in recent months to allow service of a hot entree such as ham plus a warm vegetable and tossed salad in a 3 compartment takeout style clamshell package. We’re glad to be serving from-scratch cooking to homeless and hungry guests in an indoor sit-down setting once again, which started with cooler weather in fall. The numbers of dinner guests has been rising through 2022, and some

nights of the month see 150+ dinners served to the community. Calvary served 1,205 meals to Loaves and Fishes participants in 2022, an amazing accomplishment for our Calvary group of volunteers! We welcome new participants from Calvary and invite all that are interested in helping to check the monthly Google Docs sign-up sheet that is published in a mid-month Constant Contact newsletter. Many Thanks to Calvary Episcopal Church and Calvary people for the continued support of and participation in the Calvary Loaves & Fishes Ministry!!!

Saturday Breakfast Café: submitted by Jerry Lucchesi and Gretchen Rohrs

Thank you so much to everyone who gave their time, talent, and treasure to support the 2022 Saturday Café! We were able to gather in the parish hall this year to provide a delicious, home cooked breakfast to 583 guests during the months of July, August, and September. Dedicated volunteers supported the Café by purchasing, preparing, and serving food, donating toiletries, and assisting guests at the “free store.” What a blessing it is to love and serve our neighbors through this ministry!



2022 Saturday Café Volunteers: Connie Carpenter, Mark and Bettina Coggeshall, Molly Devlin, Ann Dieterle, Tim and Sara Echternach, Kent Froeschle, Louanna Furbee, Jeanne Galliher, Susan Hart, Kristen Hayes, Darlene Hillier, Megan Hoyt, Josh Huber and Angela Page, Tim James, Bob and Kathy Jones, Rex Morgan, Mary Nesladek, Blair Pickard, Mike Reeves, Janet Schisser, Linda Shillito, Beth Simpson, and Ron and Annette Webb.

The Wardrobe: submitted by Charlene Boyes



The Wardrobe is a local non-profit thrift store located on Park Avenue offering gently used, low- priced clothing, shoes, and household items. Organized by churches of Columbia, the organization has been in operation for more than 50 years. Calvary’s volunteers serve at the Wardrobe 12 times a year—the first Wednesday of the month. The Wardrobe’s proceeds allow it to provide free clothing and bedding to in-need families and shoe vouchers for in-need school children in the Columbia area. More than 800 families were served, and 1,600 shoe vouchers were distributed in 2022.

Calvary’s volunteers are responsible for staffing and operating the store. Their responsibilities include sales of donated merchandise, sorting and display of merchandise, and depositing funds at the end of the day. Calvary’s 2022’s volunteers included: Ellis Froeschle, Mary Nesladek, Debbie Pearsall, Gary Shillito, Linda Shillito, Kristin Hayes and Charlene Boyes. We welcome anyone who is interested in this ministry to join this volunteer group.

The Blessing Box: submitted by Rev. Beth Simpson and Sara Davis-Stober

Early in the pandemic, Connie Carpenter and Annette Webb determined that a Blessing Box outside the door of the church would enable our downtown neighbors to access emergency food during a time when services were harder to access. The sexton installed a large plastic box with small baskets and placed a cooler for water next to it. Almost three years later, the Blessing Box is still providing protein-

rich snacks, nuts and crackers, etc., and hygiene items and water to all who come by. A grant from the Diocese has enabled us to purchase some more expensive items, such as foil packs of tuna and Vienna sausages, peanut butter, etc.

Volunteers stock the box almost every day, and occasionally members of the community come by and fill it. After two years of shopping, Connie and Annette passed the torch to Sarah Davis and her family, who now do the shopping. In

addition, the congregation is invited to donate high-protein foods to a box in the narthex. You are also invited to make monetary contributions toward purchasing food.



BSA Troop 707: submitted by Mike Currier



Boy Scout Troop 707 was chartered through Calvary Episcopal Church in 1966. Fundamental to scouting is the development of strong character and leadership through outdoor adventure. As such, we camp every month with themes ranging from canoeing to primitive survival (no tents, no utensils). In 2022 there were four scouts who earned their Eagle Rank, the highest rank in Scouting. We continue our service projects to benefit the Columbia community and are working on getting back

to pre-COVID normal by hosting the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**, a popular event that attracts many parishioners on **February 21st from 5:00-7:00 pm**. The supper is a fund raising event for scouts who are working to pay their way to summer camp.

Pastoral Care

Eucharistic Visitor Ministry: Submitted by The Rev. Beth Simpson, Deacon

When parishioners are not able to come to church, they often wish to receive communion at home. Four visitors regularly see nine parishioners. Anyone who is interested in becoming trained to take communion should contact Rev. Ann or Deacon Beth to discuss training for this very special ministry.

Feeding Our Flock: Submitted by The Rev. Beth Simpson, Deacon

A small and faithful group of good cooks continue to keep a variety of frozen meals in the Calvary freezer. When we hear that a parishioner is recovering from illness or surgery, we assemble and deliver a care package. Typically, we include a warm meal and instructions for warming the frozen meals. Everyone can help with this ministry by keeping your ears open for anyone who might need food for a few days. Contact the church office or Deacon Beth if you or someone you know would appreciate receiving food. If you would like to know how to join our faithful shepherds, contact Deacon Beth.



Memorial Garden Committee: submitted by David Carr

The Memorial Garden Committee continues to maintain the burial area for ashes of those departed. We endeavor to provide a serene and pleasant environment for the funeral and memorial services held there. During 2021 and 2022, there were a total of 17 burials.



The Garden also serves as a place for all parishioners who want a moment of respite, relaxation, meditation or place for conversation. It has also been used as a place for services during Easter, as well as blessing of the animals.

This year we:

- in coordination with Church staff, cleaned the grounds prior to all burials and services;
- kept the burial area free of weeds and debris;
- added one large pot to the collection and planted and maintained the annual flowering plants, and experimented with perennial natives;
- added ivy to the corner trellises;
- extended the season of the garden into Advent by adding evergreen decorations to some pots and some lighting;
- power washed and then painted the metal furniture;
- consulted with a mason about possibly straightening/repairing the concrete block wall around the burial ground;
- employed Daisy (Carole Riesenberg's terrier) to send visiting rabbits on their way.

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

Committee Membership: Laurie Saunders, Carole Riesenberg, David Rees, David Carr

Worship at The Bluffs Nursing Home: Submitted by The Rev. Beth Simpson, Deacon

Every third Sunday of the month, a small team takes “church” to residents at The Bluffs, a 132-bed nursing home. We lead a simple liturgy with readings, a Psalm, and a reflection. Residents especially enjoy singing the old hymns that they have known for years. We sing “How Great Thou Art,” “I’ll Fly Away,” “Amazing Grace,” and other old favorites. We assist residents who need help finding pages, and we include their prayer requests in our prayers. We offer communion from reserved sacrament at the end. If you would like to be part of the worship team, contact Deacon Beth.



Worship

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: submitted by Tom Frankman

Rev. Dieterle conducted training sessions in the Sanctuary during January 2023 for lectors and Eucharistic Ministers assisting in the Rite I (8 a.m.) and Rite II (10:30 a.m.) services. Those interested in joining these ministries should contact Tom Frankman (tfrankman62@gmail.com) for more information.

Altar Guild: submitted by Mary Nesladek

Altar Guild members undertake the care of the Altar and make sure the Altar is ready with the correct Liturgical colors and to carry out the wishes of the rector. This includes regular church worship services, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. We also hold three cleanings a year to make sure all the silver and brass shines brightly. We are a group of 15 members, with the welcome addition of new member Margaret Post. We would like to increase our membership, so please let us know if you are interested in joining this group of men and women at the central point of Christian worship.

Flower Ministry: submitted by Lisa Schenker

With Calvary church services meeting again in person in 2022, members of the Flower Ministry are back at work after 10:30 Sunday services, arranging Altar Flowers in vases and delivering them to parishioners designated as recipients by the Church Office. The symbolic gift of flowers expresses Calvary's love and care for such reasons as get well wishes, birthday and anniversary greetings, and to say, "Your church family is thinking of you." Flowers are delivered each Sunday, except during Advent and Lent when the Church does not have Altar Flowers. We also deliver Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias to a large number of our church family members.



Currently the Flower Ministry is composed of fourteen individuals and families, totaling eighteen people who help to carry out this meaningful ministry. We'd love to have others join us; please contact Lisa Schenker (lisa_schenker@hotmail.com) for additional information.

8:00 am Usher's Report: submitted by Tim Ireland

I volunteered to coordinate the 8 AM ushers following the service of Tom Frankman and Russ Breyfogle. The team—assembled by Russ Breyfogle—consists of Charlene Boyes, Russ Breyfogle, John & Kay Clark, Tim Ireland, and Janet Thompson. The team works very efficiently. I am most grateful for its service. Our only challenge is to remember to ring the 7:55 call to worship bell. Ray Dockweiler serves as a faithful timekeeper.

10:30 am Usher's Report: submitted by Rose Hayden

Regarding the Rite II Sunday service ushers, the ten Calvary parishioners listed below serve in pairs on a rotating basis: Rune Mussett-Sharp, Judy Thimisch Harper, Mike Reeves, Teresa Reeves, Jennifer James, Tim James, Tim Echternach, David Schenker, Rose Hayden and Meichele Foster

Calvary's Music Programs: submitted by Ed Hanson, Director of Music, Choirmaster

Music programs at Calvary continue to be under the leadership of Ed Hanson, Director of Music, and Barb Berwin, organist. With the vestry's blessing, Ed was able to secure two MU singers to join us this past spring in the Cambridge Choir. Emma Rowden, soprano, and Jack Grant, baritone, provided sectional leadership and stability for the group. They returned to join us in the fall. Jack is still singing with us, but Emma left us in



December to do her student teaching in St. Louis. Amy McKinsey is joining the choir in mid-January. The Calvary Bell Ensemble has enjoyed ringing together throughout the year, and they once again filled the sanctuary for their annual Christmas Handbell Concert – approximately 170 people attended! They are a dedicated group of musicians who love what they do!

Calvary's Sunday Recital Series was a new addition, with afternoon recitals being scheduled throughout the year. Attendance at these events has been very good, and Ed already has a couple of surprises coming this spring! The choir also provided an Evensong service in November, and another is being planned for this February; these are open to the public. We continue to view our music program as a way of reaching out to the community and encouraging new faces to see what a beautiful and welcoming space we have!

Administrative

Building & Grounds: Submitted by Mike Reeves

It was an exciting year for Building & Grounds. Some highlights of the year:

The elevator door would not close in the Narthex starting in February. After numerous service calls and replacing several parts, the door was fixed. On July 4th weekend, a big electric power surge damaged circuit boards in the elevator, again disabling it. After many more service calls and replacement parts, the elevator is back in service. Keeping my fingers crossed for 2023!!

Spring and Fall Outdoor cleanups were held, with numerous volunteers helping, followed by a community lunch in the Parish Hall.

Roof repairs were completed late in the year on the slate roof over the Sanctuary. The company thinks our roof is good for another 20-30 years.

Heat pumps are aging and more of them are needing repairs to keep the Parish Building warm and cool seasonally. These use compressors (think refrigerators) installed in 2003, so more work to keep these in service is expected.

Fall inspection found a problem with 1 of 4 furnaces under the Sanctuary, amazingly still in warranty after 19 years. After further inspections, 3 of the furnaces have been replaced under warranty!

Stewardship: Submitted by Bob Worley

Stewardship is alive and well at Calvary. Stewardship is more than an annual pledge campaign, it is a way of life. We are called to be faithful stewards of the gifts and talents that we have been given. At Calvary, stewardship truly is a way of life.



Whether participating in one of our worship services, tending the Memorial Garden, feeding our neighbors, singing in the choir, or working in Calvary's many outreach ministries, the people of Calvary take the call to stewardship seriously.

Of course, the annual pledge drive is a key component of stewardship at Calvary. Our pledges help fund our regular worship, care of our building and grounds and provide the necessary money to cover our daily operating expenses.

Thanks to the leadership of Jennifer and Tim James and Lisa and David Schenker, with David Carr serving as the Vestry liaison, our annual pledge campaign exceeded its goal for 2023. The pledge drive exceeded \$400,000.

Thank you to all who pledged support to Calvary for 2023.

Finance Committee: submitted by Ron Webb.

The Finance Committee has met several times this past year. The group has been very active in overseeing the financial performance of Calvary Episcopal Church. Members of the Finance Committee are Bob Ball, Connie Carpenter, David Carr, John Clark, Ray Dockweiler, Susan Foster, Gary Shillito, Bob Worley (Senior Warden), Rev. Ann Dieterle (Rector), and Ron Webb (Treasurer). In addition, a new sub-Committee was approved to coordinate Calvary's Endowments and investments. David Carr has graciously agreed to chair this new sub-committee. Other members are John Clark, Gary Shillito, and Ron Webb.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CALVARY'S MISSION & MINISTRIES!

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