

# Ministry Engagement Opportunities





## **Children's Ministries**

At Calvary, we believe that children, from their infancy on, absorb and learn, are curious and faithful, naturally. As our faith life develops and grows over a lifetime, we are never too young to learn about love, community, and faith. Whether in the church nave, classroom, nursery, or choir room, we open our doors and our hearts to welcome everyone. We provide time and space for creative engagement that is clean, safe, and nurturing.

### Calvary's Nursery

With experienced and consistent caretakers, Miss Darlene and Miss Joann, children are welcomed wholeheartedly. Sunday mornings include free-play, snacks, story time (related to the Scripture) reading, music, etc. Children are encouraged to soak in the joy and welcoming in the Nursery knowing they are appreciated, cared for, and valued.

### Children's Class/Formation

Class is from 9:30 am to 10:00 am in Room 206, the Animal Room, where we explore a topic related to the Sunday lectionary, followed by music rehearsal (10:00 - 10:15 am). Together we learn and grow in community, exploring and applying the Church's teachings and Jesus' lessons to our lives. Whether the lesson comes from a story, Scripture, or dramatic play, the children are encouraged to not only learn, but to also go further with the lesson and explore ways of opening themselves to the teachings in their daily experiences, whether it be through prayer, acts of kindness, helpfulness, etc.

### Children's Worship

During Children's Worship, we engage in age-appropriate worship and activities as we explore and respond to each Sunday's lectionary, returning to church for the Peace. If weather permits, we may worship outside. Usually the children write or color prayers which are then placed in a Prayer Box which is offered at the altar during the offertory. We look forward each week to sharing traditions, worship, prayers, responses, and crafts, as we grow in community. This Fall we are focusing on praying and creating our own Prayer Book for the children to take home for Christmas.

### Children's Music

Music rehearsal is from 10:00 – 10:15 a.m. in the Choir Loft, directed by Mrs. Katie Cook. Children rehearse to prepare to sing during the service four times a year.

### Prayground for Calvary's Youngest

We provide a space for young children during worship that is known as "The Prayground". This is a soft space near the ramp on the North side of the nave for young children to quietly enjoy their own style of worship. There are books and a few manipulatives available to explore while in the Prayground.

### Special Family Events

Several times throughout the year, seasonal activities for families and/or the parish are sponsored by Children's Ministries, including an Opening Program with a scavenger hunt and/or Parents Meeting, an Advent Event, a visit from St. Nicholas, activities at the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, and a closing program in May.

### Mini Lessons

After church several times throughout the year, a special lesson is offered that are age appropriate which might include:

- 1) a tour of the sacristy
- 2) a lesson on communion around the altar,
- 3) a demonstration of the organ
- 4) baking pretzels or altar bread
- 5) Tour of the Food Pantry/packing a bag

### Children in the Procession

Thanks to Don and Burnell Esplanade, we have a cross and several banners that the children carry as they process behind the choir and clergy during the procession, on their way to Children's Worship.

### Prayer Basket

The children love to offer prayers that they prepare during Children's Worship. Some especially enjoy caring the Prayer Basket up to the alter to be blessed and received.

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## **Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee supervises the financial affairs of the parish. It is chaired by the Treasurer and has members from the Vestry and the congregation. Specific responsibilities include preparing an annual budget for the Vestry's consideration, reviewing the monthly financial statements and annual Internal Audit, as well as providing for the annual external financial statements by an outside CPA firm.

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## **Calvary Altar Guild**

The Calvary Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the altar for services and maintaining the linens, as well as arranging flowers for the altar and chancel. We also decorate the church for Christmas and Easter. We invite you to come and join us!

Altar Guild members work in teams and are assigned to one weekend per month. We set up the altar and arrange flowers on Saturday morning, then clean up after the Sunday service.

If you are interested, please contact me. You will find this is a rewarding ministry that is easy and takes only about one hour per month.

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## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Eucharistic Ministers, previously known as Lay Eucharistic Ministers, assist the priest at the altar by administering the bread or the wine. This position must be licensed by the bishop and training takes place with the rector. Please see Lee if you are interested in serving in this way.

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## **Acolytes**

Folks of all ages can be acolytes. Acolytes perform various duties within the service, including processing the cross, torches, Gospel book, bells. If you would like to take part in the service in this way please let Lee, Callie, or Judy Wilson know.

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## **Education for Ministry**

EfM is a four-year certification program hosted through the University of the South, Sewanee. It is probably the best course of study offered in the Episcopal Church. Generally, EfM runs in conjunction with the school year. The first year of study is the Old Testament, the second is New Testament, the third is Church History and the fourth is Theology. There is a fee for EfM but there is also scholarship money available. Please contact Bart Brown or Joseph Reese for more information.

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## **Parish Life**

One of the main responsibilities of Parish Life is to ensure there are people signed up to host coffee hour each Sunday. It's important to our congregants as a way to get to know each other. We keep sign-up sheets for the year in a binder on a counter in Frazier Hall. We try to keep coffee hour simple as far as the snacks offered.

It is also our responsibility to plan for big events such as the Bishop's yearly visit and this includes the welcome for new Confirmands. This requires a bit more planning and needs to be organized well in advance. Other events may include a picnic or a chili supper, also with advanced planning. We spread the word for these in weekly email blasts and Lee announcing at the church service. We provide a signup sheet for these in Frazier Hall and provide suggestions for items we'd like people to bring.

When any committee wants to host a coffee hour we offer our help to make sure they have the right supplies and can find things in the kitchen.

We are very lucky that we have Terrance Griffiths as our Operations Assistant. He always helps with setup and cleanup for coffee hour and the other events.

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### **Property Committee**

The Property Committee has the challenging job of protecting our 100+ year old church and trying to keep it in good repair. We repair, we enhance, we improve, and we design. We have had to repair and/or replace our HVAC units, dishwasher, and stove in the kitchen. Windows in various places throughout the church have had to be replaced. Sections of the roof and several downspouts have needed repair. Several sections of the marble tile floor in the Nave and Chancel have been repaired, although other areas still need work. Classrooms have needed to be updated, decorated, and refurnished. An old, rarely used women's restroom has been converted to a bright and welcoming Family Restroom.

The Property Committee also is responsible for the exterior of the church. This involves not only the structure itself, but the grounds as well. We have a couple of gardeners on our team who weed, plant and repair. Although we hire a landscaping company to do the heaviest work, it is too expensive to hire them for everyday grounds maintenance.

The Property Committee currently has seven members. We could certainly use more people, either on the committee or those willing to work with committee members, in areas such as maintenance, landscaping and gardening. Financial and budget planning know-how are also welcome.

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### **Food Ministry**

Who would think that so much good could come to the community out of one room called Parker Hall? Calvary has served over 60,000 of our struggling neighbors since the Covid Pandemic. They line up and come to the door of Parker Hall to receive a bag of groceries, plus fresh produce, desserts and deli items, pet food, toiletries and whatever else is donated and displayed. Clients are often greeted by name. All are given a warm welcome. We serve all who come. Our policy is very clear. No restrictions apply. You will be treated with dignity. For this reason, @ fifteen churches and agencies as well as specific grocery stores donate large amounts of food and trust us to distribute it.

Can I help? Of course. Volunteers are ages 8 to 88.

The best job is on site during Pantry hours because you can interact with the appreciative and pleasant clients. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings 9:30 to 11:30. You can work on site on Sunday during Coffee Hour by helping unload food from cars, shelving canned goods, sorting and displaying breads and sweets, or repackaging pet food, cookies, and bulk items. When you see help is needed, just pitch in! It is a great way to get to know some wonderful servant/leaders.

You can be a shopper on your own schedule. Coordinator, Margaret Dickinson, will provide a list of items needed and payment. You can be a consistent contributor. A dozen individuals have favored items they consistently bring: bagels, popcorn, dog food, peanut butter, stuffed animals, cookies or home-grown items from their garden. You can make a one-time gift in honor of a friend's birthday. You can always identify the Pantry as recipient of what you put in the offering during services. Just walk right in and we will find a job for you! We LOVE this work, You will, too.

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### **Calvary's Well**

The Calvary Well started with the idea of "a drink from the well" – water to those living on the streets...

Currently, after the COVID-19 shutdown the Well was restarted on Wednesday 14 September 2022. As society emerged from COVID, we wanted to offer a snack and drink that was more safe, sanitary so our snack is a little bag of pre-packaged food items. Typically, the snack is a package of peanut butter or cheese crackers, a fruit cut and a package of cookies. We added a peanut butter/jelly sandwich called an "uncrustable" (also pre-packaged). As it turned cold last winter we realized a pair of gloves would be a welcome item for people on the street, then seeing people without shoes or socks we also added socks. The original idea of a "cup of cool water" is still here, a bottle of cool water but in the cold months hot chocolate is a big hit! We set up a table on Wednesday afternoons for an hour or so out-side the Wayside Christian Mission (corner of Jackson and Jefferson) and will offer between 20 to 50 snacks and a drink from the Well to those who pass by. So far this year (10-18-23) we have had about 1140 persons make use of a drink from the Well. There is always room for more to help, we could also offer at a second location or at an additional time.

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### **The Arts at Calvary Committee**

This committee is a subcommittee of The Welcome Committee. It has long been a tradition of the Episcopal Church to provide a space for the arts and the Arts at Calvary Committee is charged with organizing, facilitating and planning performances and events on behalf of the community. In the past, Calvary has been host to such things as a performance of Handel's Messiah, The Louisville Mandolin Orchestra and our annual drag performance, Drag Me To Church. It's the job of the Committee to maintain these events and brainstorm new ideas to help Calvary be a welcoming community space where all can come to enjoy the arts.

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### **Sunday Forum**

A variety of offerings are provided on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in Parker Hall for Adult Christian Education exploration. Topics have included Chautauqua Lecturers and Preachers, Hymnody and Lyrics with Jon Smith, A look at Genesis with Lauren

Anderson as well as Bible Study led by a variety of members and clergy. To be a part of this group join us in Parker Hall on Sunday Mornings. If you'd like to lead a discussion please contact Joseph Reese.

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### **Wedding and Funeral Committee**

The Wedding and Funeral Committees were established under the Direction and Guidance of the Rector, Lee+

#### **Wedding Committee**

Once the Bride and Groom or Couple have met with the Rector and have reviewed and agreed to the Wedding Guidelines, the Committee Chair is informed of the plan for the Wedding at Calvary. The Wedding Committee members will be notified of the date and plan in order to establish committee members availability to attend rehearsal and ceremony dates. Member assignments will be established.

The Wedding Committee was established to assist the Bride, Groom, Family, Officiant (as applicable) with the logistics, guidelines, regulations, requests and planning for the Rehearsal, Wedding and/or Reception at Calvary.

#### **Funeral Committee**

Funeral Committee was established to assist the Family of the deceased with the logistics, guidelines, requests, support including ushers for the service at the Church and/or Calvary Burial Grounds. Member assignments will be established.

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### **Abby's Library**

Abby's Library is named in memory of Abigail McLemore Hernandez, a splendid young soul who lost her battle with cancer at the age of 27. Its purpose is to provide free books to the clients of the Food Closet, especially for children, but for other ages too. A fairly steady stream of donated children's books from Half Priced Books sustains the library, but books from the shelves of parishioners are always welcome as well. Books may be left near the book carts in Parker Hall.

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### **Lectors**

Lectors read two lessons and the prayers of the people from the lectern each Sunday, and at other special services during the year. Lectors receive a rotation schedule covering roughly half a year, on which they will be scheduled to read three different times. (The schedule is subsequently adjusted to deal with conflicts.) In their week to read (usually on Thursday), they receive a reminder and a copy of the text to be read.

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## **The Vestry**

The vestry is the governing body of a parish (comparable to a board of trustees in many other church affiliations). The vestry's role is to promote the health of the parish through direction and decision making related to a variety of parish matters. Four members of Calvary's vestry are elected to 3-year terms each year at the annual parish meeting, making a total of 12 vestry members. The rector is the presiding officer of the vestry. Additionally, two vestry positions known as the senior and junior wardens are elected by the vestry. The senior warden's role is as a support person for the rector and to lead the parish between rectors. The junior warden is responsible for care and maintenance of the church property. All confirmed members who have attended Calvary for at least one year are eligible to be nominated for election to the vestry. Nominations are typically made in the months leading up to the annual parish meeting in January of each year. Please see Joseph Reese or another member of the vestry if you are interested in learning more.

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