

Dear Calvary Friends,

Each year we ask our members to nominate persons to serve on the Vestry, our leadership core group. These potential nominees will be screened by the Vestry committee on nominations as to whether they meet the canonical and by-laws requirements for election. This committee will then present a recommended slate of four nominees before the Annual Meeting for consideration. Anyone not on the slate may certainly be nominated from the floor by written form at the Annual Meeting.

The office of Vestry member is one of the most important ministries in the parish. The vestry is responsible for all the temporal affairs of the parish and catalyzes other parishioners to be active and involved. Each vestry person serves on at least one of eight sub-commissions which deal with compartments of parish programming and outreach.

In order to serve on the Vestry one must be at least 16 years of age, be a communicant in good standing (bona fide member) and be a responsible giver to the parish. Ordinarily four members are elected each year and agree to serve a three year term.

While our Lord can use anyone, we want to be intentional about our leaders because we rely upon them to lead by example. Knowledge of and involvement in Calvary life is a needed prerequisite. Elsewhere in this issue you will find guidelines (“Are You Called to This Office?”) for consideration of a godly Vestry leader. Do they worship faithfully and regularly, study the bible often, and strive to tithe? Are they excited about their faith in Christ and communicate it to others? Please don’t try to “force the issue” if you have a nominee in mind who cannot say “yes” to the above. They may be nice people but probably not the strong leaders God and His people need at Calvary.

Pray about who might become an effective leader for Calvary. Ask God to reveal His ideas of such a person to you. Remember, this is His church—we are ‘the sheep of his pasture’ (Ps. 100). We’re here to serve His bidding, not our own “wants”.

If you have such a person in mind please use the nomination form in this issue and return it to Kathy Setterman, nomination chairperson, c/o Calvary Church. The Annual Meeting will be held January 25, 2009.

Faithfully,

## 2009 Vestry Nomination Form

The annual Parish Meeting of Calvary Church will be held on Sunday, January 25. Four Vestry members will be elected at this meeting. The office of vestry is one of the most important ministries in the life of our church. The Vestry is responsible for the temporal affairs of the parish and serves to advance the spiritual life and mission of the church in cooperation with the Rector and clergy. Persons elected serve as active members of parish commissions and other special positions of responsibility for the ministries of Calvary. You are urged to take an active part in this process and help us select strong and gifted leaders for our parish. See guidelines entitled, 'Are You Called to This Office?'

Our church bylaws require that "members of the Vestry must be parishioners sixteen (16) years or older who are communicants in good standing and who are regular financial contributors to the parish." Our bylaws also require that one year lapse before a former member of the Vestry can be reelected. **Nomination forms must be returned to the church office by Monday, December 1, 2008.**

I am a communicant in good standing and have obtained the permission of \_\_\_\_\_ to nominate him/her for the Vestry. I hereby submit that name to be voted on at the Parish Meeting on January 25, 2009. He/She has been involved in the following church-related activities, past or present (list at least two):

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Signature

### ARE YOU CALLED TO THIS OFFICE?

(Guidelines for all who would serve God as a member of the Calvary Vestry)

1. Have you accepted Jesus Christ as the Son of God, acknowledged him as your Savior, and surrendered to him as Lord of your life? (See: Acts 4:12, John 1:12, John 14:6)
2. Are you committed, as God enables you, to worship with your parish family in church every week? (See: Deuteronomy 5:12, Luke 4:16, Hebrews 10:24)
3. Are you involved in (or actively seeking) some form of Christian ministry by which you will give your time and talents to or through your church? (See: Romans 12:6, I Corinthians 12:7)
4. Are you working to develop your personal devotional life through regular prayer and study, and through regular gatherings with a small group of Christians for fellowship, study and prayer? (See: Mark 1:35, 3:14, 9:2, Matthew 18:19)
5. Are you and your family committed to trusting God with a tithe of your anticipated income? If you are not already tithing, will tithing begin today? (See: Malachi 3:10, Mark 12:41f)
6. Are you prepared (or will you learn) to seek opportunities to give verbal witness to your faith, describing in appropriate ways God's action in Jesus Christ and his work in your life? (See: Romans 10:9-10, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15, Acts 1:8)
7. Do you accept the responsibility of giving witness to your faith through your living, maintaining a good reputation with all people and manifesting the fruit of the Spirit in such ways that Christ is glorified? (See: I Timothy 3:2-7, Romans 12:1-2)
8. Are you willing to serve as an "elder" of your congregation, seeking only Christ's will for his church, and giving as much attention to the spiritual life of the congregation as to the financial and administrative decisions? (See: Acts 1:21, I Corinthians 1:26-31)
9. Are you willing to support parish functions—social and spiritual—with your work and attendance, and to place parish activities high on your list of priorities? (See: Ephesians 4:1-2, 11-16; Acts 2:42; 2:44-46)
10. Are you committed to attend every meeting of the Vestry, to participate in the annual retreat and to pray daily for your parish? (See: John 20:24-29)

## For Your Information

### The Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost - November 9

First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13  
Psalm: Ps 78:1-7

### The Twenty-Seventh Sunday After Pentecost - November 16

First Lesson: Judges 4:1-7  
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30  
Psalm: Ps 123

### The Last Sunday After Pentecost - November 23

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23  
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46  
Psalm: Ps 100

#### Prayers Are Requested for:

##### For the Sick and Those in Need

Bill Moore, Betty Lou Moore, Brian and Becky, and Tom Ed Moore

##### Shut-in/Convalescing

Nell Hutchinson, Marie Kephart, Tootie Morefield, Lucille Kazee,  
Phyllis McKenzie, William and Betty Brown, Duane Chapman,  
Martha Compton, and Chuck Hood

##### Anniversaries

18 Sam and Helen Hall (1966)

## Children's Education and Programs

9:30 - 10:15 Youth Sunday School

10:30 Morning Eucharist

Sermon  
Children's Chapel  
"Godly Play"  
Stories of the Bible shared  
through loving messages of  
the heart.

Christmas Program Sunday, December 14, 2008  
"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

## DISCIPLES COURSE

The new adult education course continues this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. It will run for approximately 5 more weeks and is entitled "Invitation to John." Session 7 is called "Would You Believe It," Session 8 is "What Time Is It," Session 9 is called "Look Out," Session 10 is called "Believing Without Seeing," and Session 11 is called "Do You See Him."

Each session will include a 15 - 20 minute video followed by discussion. The sessions will be facilitated by the Adult Education Committee of the Vestry in the Parish Hall.

2008-2009

Calendar of Events

**The Little Disciples** (20 months – Preschool) and **The Get Along Gang** (Pre K - 2nd grade) offer our children an opportunity to gather every month for a time of Bible stories, crafts, refreshments and fellowship. We will follow our summer 2008 VBS curriculum, *Rainforest Adventure*, at First Christian Church, 1930 Winchester Avenue.

#### Schedule of Events

Sun., Nov. 30	Xmas Gift Workshop	2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 4	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 1	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., March 1	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., April 5	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Sun., May 3	Monthly Meeting	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

#### PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

We are pleased to lift up special needs and thanksgivings related to loved ones. Names are carried for one calendar month unless otherwise requested. Thanksgivings change weekly. Please try to be as concise and specific as you can.

#### PLEASE BLOCK PRINT

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

NAME OF PERSON(S) TO BE PRAYED FOR:

\_\_\_\_\_

Their Need (healing, hospital, convalescing, dying, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving for:

\_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(important)

Please place form in offering basin or mail to the office.

## All You Need Is Love, God's Love

(A Sermon Preached by Katherine O'Nan on Youth Sunday, October 26)

Growing up in today's world could be called a nightmare. Rising gas prices to where we get excited over anything under \$3.50, global warming, the risky stock market, and our failing economy are just the start of our many problems.

But I think one of the biggest problems in our world is hate. Terrorists, bombings, and wars can all fall under this heading. All of them being translations of it.

But then there is love. Love; a word that can be so powerful. Love cannot be measured but if it could you could say that God's love for us is the highest amount you could possibly have, plus some. Think for a second of all the things God has done for us that show his love. He forgives us, He sent His only Son for us, and we wouldn't be here right now without him and his love. Do we show near as much love for our Lord as he does for us?

Let's think back to June 4, 2008 when the Presidential Primaries were going on. On this day Hillary Clinton dropped out of the Presidential Race. Does anyone think that gender was an issue for Hillary? Women out there right now are probably thinking that this is directed to the men but just as easily the issue of gender could be turned around and be focused on women judging because of gender. Do you think if you are concerned more about someone's gender you are showing God's love?

Still on the Presidential Campaign let's think about Senator Barack Obama. Just as Hillary was discriminated for her gender, Senator Obama is discriminated for his race. Racism is a big issue in this Presidential Campaign. Senator Obama is an African American which some Americans do not like. Why do they think this? If Senator Obama was a white man with the same ideas that he has now do you think he would have more votes? Probably. It doesn't make any sense but it's true. Do you think showing racism shows God's love?

Now let's come to the church. In the congregation we have different types of people. There are some people that come most Sundays, and others that barely come to any of the services if not any at all. On Easter Sunday you look around and see this sanctuary packed, everyone with their fancy dresses, coats, and ties. Everyone is so happy to come together to worship God. The next Sunday we're back to less than 50 members scattered around the pews that were just filled. The same thing happens on Christmas. The church is packed one week and not near as full the next. What happened to all those members that were there on Easter and Christmas and only a few if not any other Sundays? Whenever this happens children of the members who do this grow up to think that church is not important and is a twice annually event. Do you think this shows God's love?

Those are just three ways that God's love is not being shown. Even the littlest things can not show God's love such as teasing someone at school or gossiping about someone. But even with there being many ways to not show God's love, there are many ways you can show His love which is something we should all do.

One of the easiest things to do that shows God's love is just to smile. I know when I feel bad a smile warms me up and I know that person is caring. One small simple gesture that shows God's love. Or you could invite someone to church. Don't you think God's love would be shown through that?

Something else you can do is to follow what Jesus tells us to do. Two of these things stand out. These were talked about in today's Gospel. In the Gospel, when asked about the greatest commandments in the law Jesus replied that the greatest was "You shall love the Lord our God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and the second greatest was "You shall love your neighbor as yourself". If you follow these things he has told us through the Bible (especially the two talked about in the Gospel) you are showing God's love to Him and the world.

Another way you can show God's love is if you don't show racism, gossip about people, or tease them. God knows everything you do - it being good or bad. When you gossip about someone you might think that no one hears it besides the person you are telling it to but God hears it. Do you think if God hears what you are saying about someone else (which he does) it would be showing God's love? If you don't do any of that then you know you are showing God's love to Him.

One more thing you can do to show God's love is to come to church. When you are one of the people who only come to church a few Sundays a year it doesn't show God's love. When anyone comes to church, though, they must actually be there - not only physically but spiritually. If you are saying the Nicene Creed and thinking about what you are going to eat for lunch you aren't showing God's love. The same thing with singing, too. As it says in Psalms 47:6-7, Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with *understanding*. This means you need to be singing with understanding and not think about what you are going to wear tomorrow. Those are all other ways you can show God's love.

With all this in mind think of the times you have not shown God's love and the times you have. Which is a better representation of a Christian? Don't we represent God, Christianity, and Even Calvary better when we look past gender and race? From now on before you gossip, tease someone, or think on Sunday morning you don't need to come to church remember that our goal as Christians is to show God's love to others, and when you do one of the things that shows God's love you are reaching that goal for God.

## **Making It Through the Holidays**

### **A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

Thanksgiving and Christmas are holidays that normally elicit feelings of joy, peace and togetherness. However, when someone has experienced the loss of a loved one, the holiday season can be a terribly difficult and lonely time.

“Making it through the Holidays” is a four-week support group designed to help those who are grieving during the holiday season. Group members will learn how to better cope with their loss in an atmosphere of comfort and reassurance.

**Beginning Sunday, November 16**

**2 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Meeting each Sunday through December 14**

**KDMC's Health Education Center  
(lower level of Lexington Avenue parking garage)  
2201 Lexington Avenue, Ashland, KY**

To register or for further information, please contact KDMC Pastoral Care Services at (606) 408-4560 or (606) 408-6118.

**KING'S  
DAUGHTERS  
MEDICAL CENTER**  
Taking Medicine Further

### **Vestry Highlights - October**

The Vestry of Calvary Church met in regular session on October 27 and

- Welcomed new members Dicky Martin and Donna Yacoe who were elected to fill the unexpired terms of Mark Gordon and Ray Franks respectively.
- Noted that increased membership in shut-in members will require more Lay Eucharistic Minister visitations to bring communion; commended Katherine O’Nan for her message on 10/26 Youth Sunday and noted 63 in attendance; appointed Kathy Setterman chairperson of Vestry Nominations Committee; received pledge cards from several Vestry members and noted that as of 10/25 \$65,000 has been pledged.
- Adopted a parish visitation plan to connect with Calvary members.
- Submitted a list of repairs to Jr. Warden Richard Ford for attention.
- Thanked David Stewart and the Communications Commission for the display board of parish surveys placed in the parish hall.
- Approved a plan to buy-out the office copier lease for \$1500 and continue use for two more years.
- Asked Dicky Martin to work with Ernie Pitt on the details of our interests in mineral rights on property in Martin County.
- Established the Annual Congregational Meeting date as January 25, 2009.

- Moved December meeting to 12/15 due to Christmas seasonal activity.
- Discussed staff Christmas gifts in closed session.
- Adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with prayer.

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**The Ashland Area Ministerial Association  
Cordially Invites You to Attend  
The Community Thanksgiving Service  
November 23, 2008  
Holy Family Parish at 7:00 p.m.**



**Refreshments will be served  
Immediately following the Prayer Service**

**The Chalice Hymnal**

Calvary members and friends are encouraged to help us provide a new hymnal for use at our worship services. The Vestry unanimously agreed that we need to provide better, singable music and that the congregation be encouraged to memorialize or honor loved ones by donating toward the purchase of these books. The Chalice Hymnal would not entirely replace the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal, although it would become our primary sourcebook for worship. Gifts will be recognized with a suitable memorial plate on the inside cover of the Chalice Hymnal. Cost per book is \$21.00. An inscription with the Calvary name and address will be imprinted on the blue cover. Blue was the chosen color to distinguish it from the red Prayer Books.

To make a gift of one or more Chalice Hymnals please attach your check to the form below.

CHALICE HYMNAL

\_\_\_\_\_ # copies at \$21.00 each. \_\_\_\_\_ check attached

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person to \_\_\_ honor (living) \_\_\_ memorialize (deceased)

Please print clearly:

\_\_\_\_\_

Note: One name per book. Use additional forms as necessary.

**We Care - Let Us Know!!** Please let us know ASAP when a family member goes to the hospital or nursing home or is scheduled for a procedure. We want to help you share the burden. Call the office at 325-2328 or chip@calvaryepiscopal.com.

**Calvary's Book Club** will meet on Wednesday, November 19, in the Heritage Room at 7 p.m. It will be led by Leannah Leslie. This session will cover chapters 6-10 of Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs. If you haven't already experienced the study, come and enjoy a unique clear sighted approach to understanding those other women in scripture, combining a contemporary retelling of their stories with a solid verse by verse study of their mistakes and what lessons we can learn from them.

**2008 Fellowship Hosts**

- Nov. 9 Sharon and Chip Valentine
- 16 David and Lori Slagel
- 23 Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
- 30 Mary Riley
- Dec. 7 \*
- 14 Tina and David Mussetter
- 21 David Stewart
- 28 Kathy and Don Setterman

\*No luncheon in December.  
The people that decorate the church will bring pot-

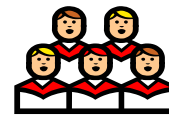
**Kroger Cards**

Don't forget the Kroger Card program when honoring loved ones. "Gift" your family and friends with Kroger cards. You will not only be providing them with a useful gift, you'll be helping our church earn rebates as well. Call Tina Mussetter at 232-2336 for your special Calvary-keyed card!

**Magazine Drive**

Please don't forget that we still need your used magazines for the area nursing homes. See Pam Womack for more details.

**MUSIC IN MINISTRY**



As anyone can see, our Calvary Adult Choir may be on the small side, but they have a lot of fun...and you too might enjoy making a joyful noise with them! Only an appreciation for church music is needed. You can learn as you go along. With Advent and Christmas not far off this is a great time to be a singer. The choir practices each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for about an hour. Questions? Contact Carol Greene (carol.greene@kctcs.edu or cmg1965@alltel.net)!

**JOIN THE CHOIR...**  
**You'll Be Glad You Did!**

## Inquirer's/Confirmation Classes to Begin

In the Episcopal Church (as is the case in most denominations) at some point in their development every Christian is encouraged to make a "mature affirmation of faith". For those who were baptized as infants this usually involves being "confirmed" with laying on of hands by the bishop and it is our liturgical way of owning for ourselves as adults the faith and vows which were taken on our behalf by parents and godparents. "Inquirer's Classes" is a helpful tool in helping one reflect on the Faith, the Church and one's importance to God's work in the world. For those adults who may be new to the Episcopal Church or have never made such an affirmation of faith in any other denomination, this is a great opportunity to ask lots of questions in an informal setting. Everything is fair game! Baptism makes one a Christian; confirmation makes one a committed Christian!

Beginning in December Fr. Chip will hold Inquirer's classes on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for anyone who seeks more understanding of Christianity, its history, sacraments, government, rituals, vocabulary, etc., etc., etc. Youth 7th grade and above are welcome to attend along with any and all adults. The more classes you can attend the more informed you will be. Anyone wishing to be confirmed by Bishop Stacy F. Sauls on Sunday, February 15, at the 10:30 service may do so by attending these classes. The class sessions are:

December 7, 14, 21 (break for Christmas)  
January 4, 11, 18 (no class 1/25 - Annual Meeting)  
February 1, 8 (rehearsal on 2/15 at 9:30)

To help me plan the course I ask that you fill out the registration form below and return it to the office by Sunday, November 30.

<u>Inquirers/Confirmation Class Registration</u>	
Name _____	
Address _____	Phone _____
E-mail _____	Baptized? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Already confirmed? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	Where (Church, City) _____

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***Birthdays in Our Parish Family in*** Nov. and Dec.

November 01 David Stewart, 04 Miles Mussetter, 08 Jim Adams, 11 Ryder Riggs, 14 Martha Ross, 17 Brian Gunnoe and Charles Watson, 19 George Fleshman, 22 Thomas Blunk, and 26 Ray Franks

December 02 Judy Ford, 04 Christine Farrington, 06 Kathy Setterman, 08 David Mussetter and Christopher Todd Smith, 11 John Newman and Pam Watson, 13 Whitney Martin and Caroline Proffitt, 14 Bill Moore, 15 William Brown, 19 Lillian Sebastian, 25 Karen Newman, and 30 Brooke Gunnoe

**The deadline for the next Crucifer is November 17.** Please have all articles for submission in to the office by the above date.



The Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls, Bishop  
The Rev. Mann S. Valentine, Rector  
Dr. Carol M. Greene, Music Minister

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