

**Calvary Episcopal Church  
Annual Parish Celebration  
January 19, 2020**



# ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION-2019

Calvary Episcopal Church  
Sunday, January 19, 2020

Opening Prayer

Rev. Nancy Wilkes

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Appointment of Recording Secretary

A. Zentis

2018 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes Approval

A. Zentis

Head of Congregation Report

A. Zentis

Treasurer's Report

Christian Iversen, Treasurer  
Kathy Haley, Manager of Finance & Operations

Jr. Warden's & B&G Committee Report

Oscar Lozano

Christian Formation

Betty Anne Taylor

Outreach Committee Report

Tim Hillis, Roy Haley

Calvary Foundation Report, Elections

Charlie King

Calvary Episcopal School Report

Malcolm Smith, Headmaster

Introduction of Beth Dow, Head of School designate

Parish Statistics

Rev. Lecia

Acknowledgement of outgoing Vestry members  
(Roy Haley, Bob Watts, Betty Best)

Rev. Lecia, Amber Zentis

Plans for 2020

Amber Zentis

Closing Prayer

Rev. Lecia

**Calvary Episcopal Church  
2019 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2019**

Fr. Paul opened the meeting at 9:20 AM with an opening prayer.

David Taylor was appointed recording secretary for the meeting.

Anne Scarborough led a short birthday celebration for Fr. Paul, including a cake cutting ceremony.

2018 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting were distributed in the 2019 Annual Meeting Packet, which also contained reports from the Rector, Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden and Buildings and Grounds Committee, Treasurer, Calvary Episcopal Preparatory, Christian Formation, Calvary Episcopal Foundation, Inc., Outreach, and various other Calvary Ministries.

Catherine Clark made a motion to accept the minutes. Dorothy Lyons seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Rector's Report

Fr. Paul presented the highlights from his full Rector's report contained in the meeting packet. He began with a reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:13-18, with particular focus on the exhortation to "do good to one another and to all". He listed the many sacrificial and hands-on accomplishments of Calvary over the past year, and noted that Calvary raised \$115,000 for outreach, which was a record 16% of the operating budget. Fr. Paul noted that key to the many accomplishments of Calvary over the past year has been the relationships of love and cooperation among Calvary members, and this is an indispensable component of our identity. It was with a sense of satisfaction for Calvary's community that Fr. Paul announced he would retire in 2019, with his last Sunday being June 9 and his last work day June 30. His leadership will be greatly missed.

Sr. Warden Report

Jewlon Morris presented the Sr. Warden report, referring parishioners to page 9 of the Annual Meeting Packet. He noted that at the 2018 Vestry retreat, representatives of the church and school as well as the Rector and Vestry prioritized a list of future needs for the mutual campus. He reported that in 2018, CEP acquired two vans, which have the CEC logo and have been used by both youth and adults of Calvary Church. In 2018, the Rev. Nancy Wilkes was welcomed on staff as a newly ordained deacon, and Rev. Lecia Brannon transitioned from Curate to full time Associate Rector. Heidi Eland was hired as the new parish administrator. Calvary now supports three on-campus ministries by former EYC members, including Jacob Hillis and his wife Katy at Texas State University and Angel Gonzalez at Texas A&M. For the safety of CEP students, security doors were installed between the parish hall and the Thompson highway foyer, as well as cameras for surveillance of the campus during and after hours. The Vestry also approved creation of the Green Team ministry to identify ways Calvary can promote care of our fragile planet home. The Vestry also approved a 3% raise for Calvary's current employees.

### Jr. Warden Report

Oscar Lozano presented the Jr. Warden report, dividing the report into Building and Grounds maintenance, Calvary Episcopal Preparatory, Capital Improvements, Joint Facilities Planning Committee, and Flood Control Project. Significant work was done on air condition repairs, electrical inspections and repair of plumbing leaks, as well as upgrades of some light fixtures to convert them to LED. Because CEP had their 10-year accreditation in 2018, special effort was made to improve the appearance of the campus, including the removal of the temporary building. Duran Roofing was chosen and approved by Vestry to replace the Parish hall roof, and an extended warranty was purchased against future repairs. The Joint Facilities Planning Committee is seeking cost estimates of anticipated projects, from which they will develop recommendations. Flood control is being addressed by Richmond and Rosenberg with Ft. Bend County Drainage District.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented by Christian Iversen, who directed parishioners to pages 11- 13 of the Annual Meeting Packet. Year-to-date 2018 total revenues were \$698,841.00 and 2018 expenses were \$697,975.00, resulting in a net gain of \$867.00. It should be noted that the actual net gain included an additional \$15,000.00, which was transferred into an existing restricted account designated for Capital Maintenance (capital improvements or repair costs in excess of \$1,000.) It should also be noted that this budget does not include the \$33,000.00 of designated donations to the Hurricane Harvey project. Graphs on pages 12 and 13 illustrate how offerings are increasing and have exceeded budgeted amount in 2018, while designated and other income has reduced from the 2017 level but remains above budgeted amount. Predictably, church expenses continue to increase, but staffing costs are predicted to be lower in 2019 with the retirement of the Rector. Amber Zentis then provided an update on 2019 pledges, which total 117 pledging units with total pledges of \$546,310.00 for 2019 which includes 16 new pledging families.

### Calvary Episcopal Preparatory Report

Calvary Episcopal Preparatory (CEP) report was presented by Krista Kuperus, Director of Admissions and Advancement because the Headmaster was ill. She recognized Calvary members serving on the school board and the Rector, and reminded parishioners that her report covered the 2017 - 2018 school year. CEP was closed for eleven days in 2017 due to Hurricane Harvey, and several students' family homes were flooded. CEP accomplishments for the past year included that every grade and student participated in community service through Service Learning. CEP continues to have a diverse population and competes well in scholastic events. CEP has acquired 62 iPads for classroom use and a fiber upgrade for internet / phones. The Annual Golf Tournament netted just under \$20,000.00 and the school is debt-free.

### Christian Formation Report

The Christian formation report was presented by Betty Anne Taylor and is found on page 18 and 19 of the Annual Meeting packet. Highlights include Sunday School Without Walls, Children's Chapel, a parenting class presented with an evening VBS, two adult book studies, the Butterfly Effect dinner and the Fearfully And Wonderfully Made (FAWM) event which hosted the Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. Upcoming plans include a FAWM event at the Preston Street Garden March 30 and one at the George Observatory on June 7. Rev. Lecia reported on programs offered for adult Christian formation including Theology Conversations, book studies and video presentations. Dan Bradley and John Lyons continue to serve as co-mentors of EFM, which has eight seminar participants.

### Calvary Episcopal Foundation Report

The Calvary Foundation report was presented by 2018 President Charlie King, who directed parishioners to page 20 of the 2019 Annual Meeting packet. Calvary Church foundation received its non-profit status from the IRS in July of 2014, and accepts donations in four different funds. This year, the Heritage Fund spent \$30,023.07 on a new roof for the parish

hall. The Christian Discipleship fund spent \$204.90 to underwrite the Fearfully and Wonderfully Made event. The Youth Spiritual Formation fund contributed \$1,854.00 to Camp Allen summer camp scholarships. The Outreach fund gave \$6,000.00 to Calvary Episcopal school to assist with purchase of the two buses; \$1,000.00 to underwrite Rev. Lecia Brannon's participation in the Fort Bend Leadership program, and \$1,460.00 to the Adult Mission Trip. The Foundation administers and manages the Columbarium. In 2018, \$18,835.00 was received in memorial gifts and Columbarium payments and a \$25,000.00 gift was received for the Heritage Fund. Foundation Costs this year were \$1,360.99 for administration fees, Columbarium expenses and the tax return. There was an additional expense of \$35,260.00 for the Columbarium extension, of which 20% of the niches have been pre-sold. Carlos Salinas and Lisa Lemkowitz have completed their terms on the Board of Directors and Angela Cooley resigned to join the Vestry. Lisa Lemkowitz was nominated and willing to serve another term, and Dennis Gorka and Kathy Bethke were also nominated to fill the vacancies. The resolution to elect all three passed without motion.

### Into The Community Report

Tim Hillis and Roy Haley presented the update on Calvary's Into the Community Outreach activities, referring to pages 21 - 27 of the Annual Meeting packet. They reviewed the mission, to serve as the hands and feet of Christ in the community, to know our neighbors and be known by them, to provide opportunities for everyone to work together to restore relationships and to build new ones. They highlighted some of Calvary's many accomplishments in the community in 2018. Calvary raised over \$33,000.00 to re-build from the ground up a house that was destroyed by roof damage during Hurricane Harvey, with over 2,800 volunteer hours. The Preston Street Community Garden held two workdays, one with 20 volunteers from Calvary and the other with 24. The garden yielded 1,811 lbs of produce. Kairos ministry included 20 people on the Kairos team and raised \$1,000.00, which impacted 126 "Brothers in White." The Thanksgiving Feast served over 900 meals; the Blood Drive saved 138 lives; the Adult Mission trip enabled 32 orphan wards of the State to bond with Calvary adults in a trip to Schlitterbahn; Christmas Adopt-A-Family made Christmas possible for 145 children; and contributions to the Ft. Bend Summer Reading Project provided 230 books to 23 at-risk first graders to maintain reading skills. Other Outreach activities include Kids' Hope mentoring, Helping Hands, Action Teams and others. Plans for 2019 include launching the Laundry Love project, use of the remaining \$6,000.00 dedicated to Harvey relief to assist families still impacted, and participation in Habitat for Humanity houses. A directory of ministries was provided on page 26 to assist parishioners in contacting ministries for questions or volunteering. It is noted that Calvary's Scout Troop 1000 and Cub Scout Pack 1000 also participated in the Thanksgiving Feast and Christmas Adopt-A-Family as well as cooking breakfasts for Calvary Church.

### Calvary Care Team

Four members of the Calvary Care Team trained to become facilitators of *Walking the Mourner's Path*. Three healing services were held in 2018 as well as the Blue Christmas service. The Team hosted a Soup Supper and a *Planning Your Future* workshop, and sent 207 greeting cards for Get Well wishes, Thinking of You, Sympathy and Birthday wishes. This does not include the behind-the-scenes work of this team in providing meals to those recovering for illness or surgery, visiting or calling shut-ins, providing respite for families caring for loved ones, and providing transportation for medical appointments.

### EYC

Average attendance for 2018 was 14, meeting every other Sunday. The Youth collected \$1,000.00 for Souper Bowl of Caring and took a field trip to Helping Hands to present the check and tour the facility. EYC provided significant support to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and hosted the Maundy Thursday Shadows of the Cross. EYC took field trips to Splashway Water Park, 1000 Degree Pizza in Sugar Land and a Skeeters game. Stephanie Towne from the Diocese of Texas met with EYC to provide information on social media. EYC held a December lock-in during which they also shopped for their Christmas Adopt-A-Family.

### Communications and Marketing

Calvary provides ongoing information to members and community through the weekly e-blast, Calvary Life publication, the electronic outdoor sign, the church website, social media, the weekly Sunday service bulletin, which includes a “take home” announcements page. Additionally, Calvary has been featured this past year in stories in the Fort Bend Herald, Greatwood Magazine and Fort Bend Christian Magazine.

### Newcomers and Members

Welcome cards were collected on 59 visitors. 14 families / singles joined or re-joined Calvary (24 including children). Two Welcome Parties were hosted for newcomers by Fr. Paul and Sherry Wehner. Twenty guests were welcomed at these parties along with 16 members who visited and assisted. Calvary Connection Weekend was held in May with 12 attendees as a fun event to help prepare for Confirmation. Charlie and Susan King stepped down as leaders of the ushers and the Pohler’s and Kaminsky’s stepped in. Ginger Jackson and her Bread Ministry team provided 41 loaves of bread delivered to first time visitors. On Pentecost Sunday after a Baptism celebration, the annual picnic was held, including a waterslide. Rally Day in August highlighted 43 ministries and added two—a new Photography Club and the Business Directory. In November, Calvary’s new photo directory was initiated and should soon be completed. In December, Calvary hosted the Rosenberg Symphonic band for a Christmas concert and reception.

### Parish Statistics

Fr. Paul reviewed the 2017 parish statistics found on page 31 of the meeting packet. Rev. Lecia then said a prayer for those who passed away in 2018, and she read their names.

### Acknowledgement of Outgoing Vestry Members and Plans for 2019

Fr. Paul and Sr. Warden Amber Zentis thanked and presented gifts to the outgoing Vestry members, which include Jewlon Morris, Dorothy Lyons, Leslie Amentini, Scott McLemore and Joyce Strimple. Amber Zentis made some remarks about Calvary’s plans for 2019, to include meaningful worship, being the Body of Christ, being good stewards, responsive to the Diocese, and meeting the needs of our community.

### Closing Remarks and Prayer

Rev. Lecia said a closing prayer and at 10:20 AM, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by / David Taylor, Clerk

## 2019 RECTOR'S REPORT

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.  
God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into our  
minds. I know that there is nothing better for us than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we live;  
moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their labor. I know that  
whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done  
this, so that all should stand in awe before him. (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, 11-14)*

Dear People of Calvary,

The above passage from the book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that life, even with all of its ups and downs, is an incredible gift from God. And while we are often confused and unsure about life's meaning and our purpose in it, the writer urges us to appreciate what it has to offer today. Its message is that no matter how much we plan or try to intervene in the passage of time, life happens. No matter how much we may want things to go a certain way – no matter how much we may try to get our lives under control – in fact, we cannot. Because life is simply not meant to be controlled. Instead, it is to be experienced – a day at a time, a *season* at a time.

All of our lives have seasons – some that are good (that we relish and try to prolong) and others that we would rather just skip. There are seasons that mark our growth – our progress to old age. And some seasons that just mark us – and form us through adversity. But the point is that while we don't know or control what each day has in store for us, we are to embrace it anyway. And try to live each day to the fullest that it has to offer.

During my *season* as the Rector of Calvary Church, I hope not a single day went by without my notice and my thanksgiving for whatever it held, because we shared so much together. You lovingly watched our grandchildren grow up in your midst; you enfolded us with love and care when we gathered to celebrate the life of my mother; you prayed for me when we faced hardships together; you laughed with me at the many surprises in life and ministry; and best of all, you sent us into our next season with an incredible vacation to Colorado and a wonderful book of memories that we will cherish forever.

The church had seasons of its own: times of baptisms, graduations, and weddings, but also times of sickness and sorrow and death; times of welcoming new members and celebrating new ministries, but also times of saying goodbye to old friends; times of flooding and devastation, followed by the camaraderie of working together to rebuild and repair our church and the homes of our neighbors.

On July 1, 2019, I officially began a season of retirement – it is different and a little lonely so far, because Sherry and I and the kids miss our Calvary community so much. However, we are sure that it is right and good for us to be in this season of rest and are enjoying fresh opportunities to spend time together as a family. We also know that God will surely provide new purpose and ministry for us when the time is right.

Calvary is now in a new season called transition. It is a difficult time for sure, but God has taught us again and again that when we look to him in times of difficulty, we always discover a season of growth and purpose. My prayer for all of you is that your minds will not be on what is missing – but that you will be looking to God for how you can embrace the present and prepare for the future. You have a superb staff and lay leaders in your midst – please ask them how you can be of help. Your season of transition will certainly pass, but you don't want a day of it to go by without notice or without thanksgiving.

In the love of Christ,



*May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.  
(An ancient Celtic blessing)*

## CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH MEETING SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

*He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.*

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

Ephesians 2: 17-22

As Senior Warden and Head of Congregation during this time of transition, my eyes and heart have been opened in new and wonderful ways. The scripture from Ephesians tells us that we are God's people and members of the same household, with God as the chief cornerstone. I see that at Calvary every day. All of you are indeed loving contributing members of this household. We look to God as the source of our strength, and seek the Holy Spirit for guidance as we go forth together in worship, fellowship and mission.

The heartbeat at Calvary is strong. Church ministries are flourishing. Mission and outreach projects are growing. Membership is increasing. As faithful members of the church, you have pledged the resources we need to keep us strong in 2020.

In December we received exciting news! Calvary is the recipient of a grant for \$188,000. These funds will be used to renovate our Parish Hall, and to repair and protect our 21 stained-glass windows. What a blessing for the church, the school and the community who use this space.

Calvary's future holds great promise! In 2020, with God's help, we will call a new Rector. We have the opportunity to renew how we live together in Christian community, and look through a new lens at possibilities yet unknown.

I thank each and every one of you. You are the foundation- the rock – on which we build. Please take time to read through this Annual Report. You will feel the power of the Holy Spirit in every page. I am so proud at the breadth and scope of all you have done this year. May we as individuals, and as Calvary Church, bring new meaning and find increased spiritual energy in our life together in the year ahead.

God Bless You All,  
Amber

# Calvary Annual Parish Meeting 2019 Jr. Warden's Report

## I. Building & Grounds Maintenance

Maintaining this large and aging campus is always a challenge. The most significant repairs for 2019 revolved around re-caulking school windows, leaking roofs, plumbing leaks, broken sprinklers, broken kneelers, and sticking doors. More about these later. Overall the buildings are holding up well.

## II. Calvary Episcopal Preparatory

The West wing of the school flooded about two inches after the heavy rains on May 7. Thankfully, no real damage was experienced. We just had to remove the water and dry everything. The first-floor windows of the school were re-caulked. All of the fluorescent lights in the school were converted to LED as well as the lights in the gym at a very low cost, as part of the Ideal Impact contract that we signed. More about the Ideal Impact contract later.

## III. Church Capital Improvements

- The Columbarium was installed late 2018 and the first of 2019.
- The Freezer in the Kitchen was replaced with a new one in May.
- The leaking flat roof over the Comfort/Bride's room was repaired and converted to a sloping roof.
- The metal roof leaks in the youth building were repaired.
- A wheelchair ramp was installed for the youth building.
- Eagle Scout Candidate Garrett Huseman re-painted the stripes in the parking lot as his Eagle Scout community service project.
- Three of the church offices were remodeled and some furniture was replaced.
- We contracted to replace all windows in the Church offices.

## IV. Ideal Impact Contract

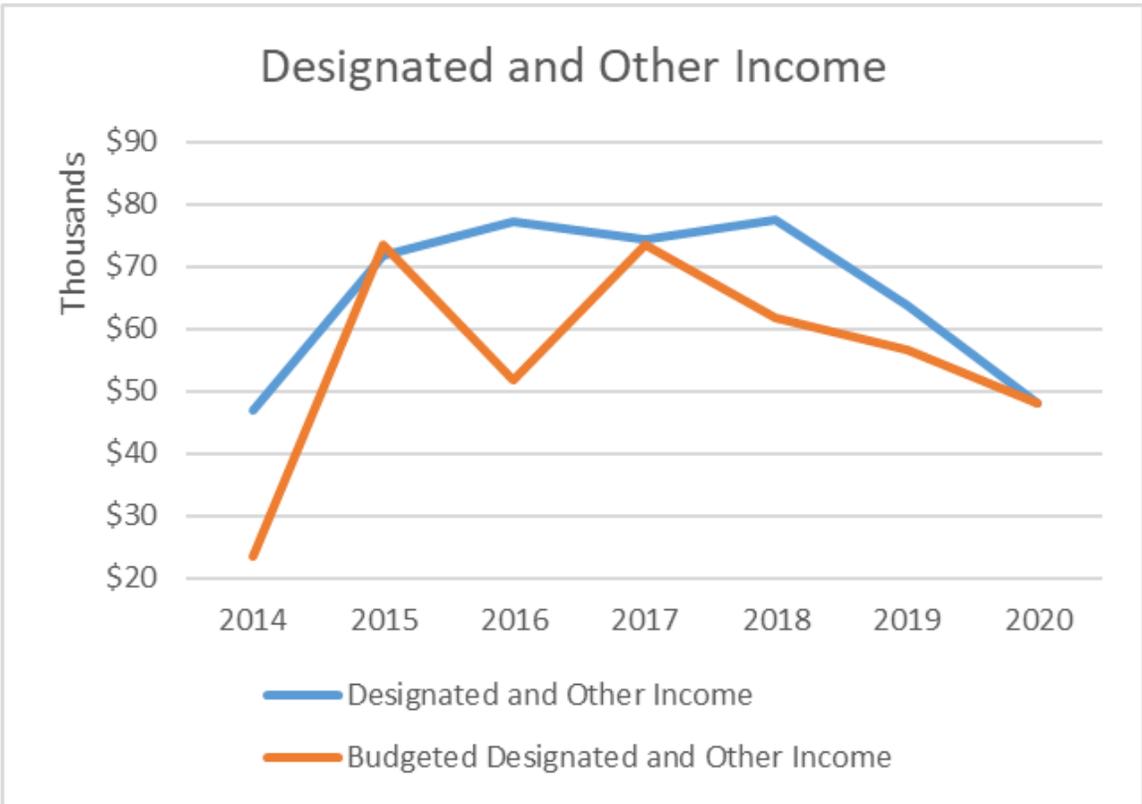
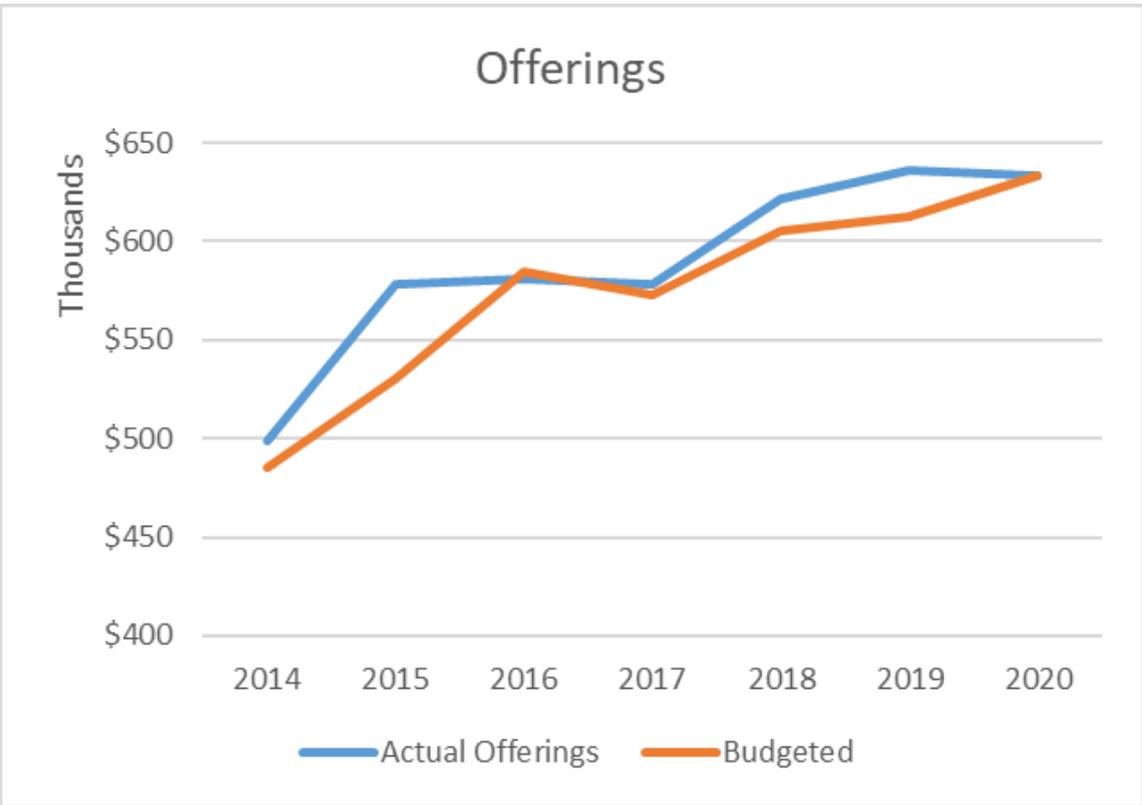
Calvary Church and School contracted with Ideal Impact in an effort to reduce our energy costs. There is no cost to us. Ideal Impact gets paid from the savings we incur from utilizing their program. The school did have to pay for converting their lighting to LED, but for 25% of what they had been quoted by other contractors. Once Ideal Impact recovers their investment, Calvary will reap the energy cost savings.

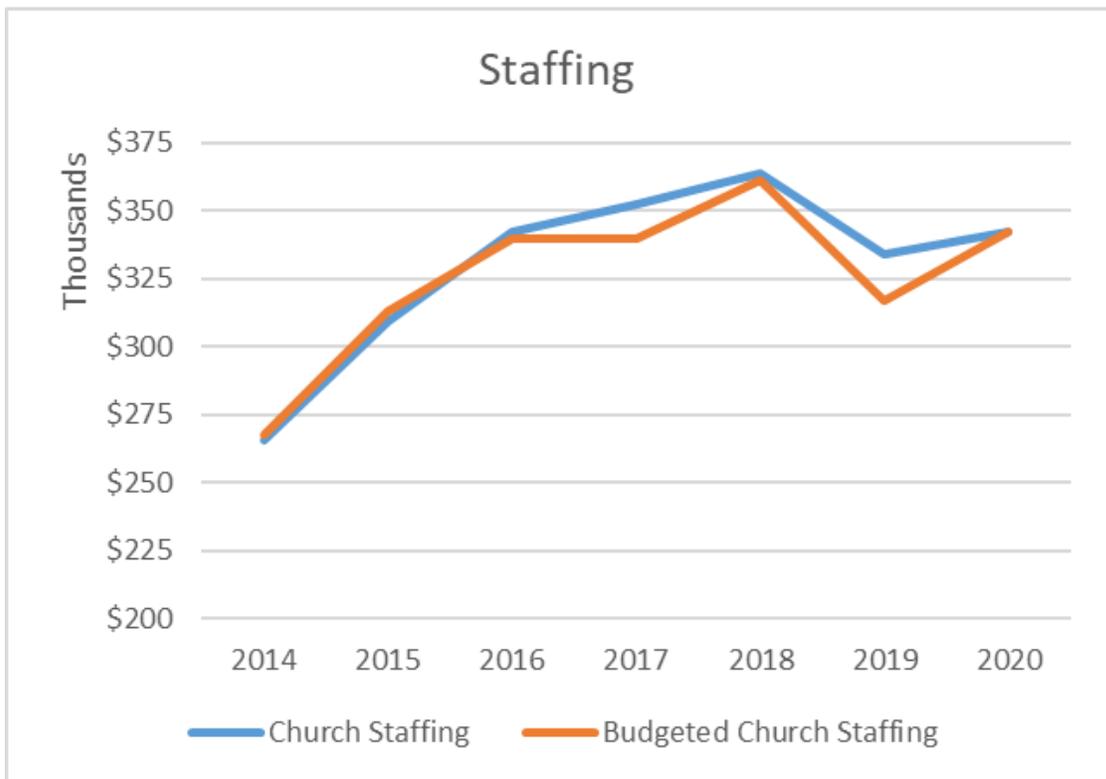
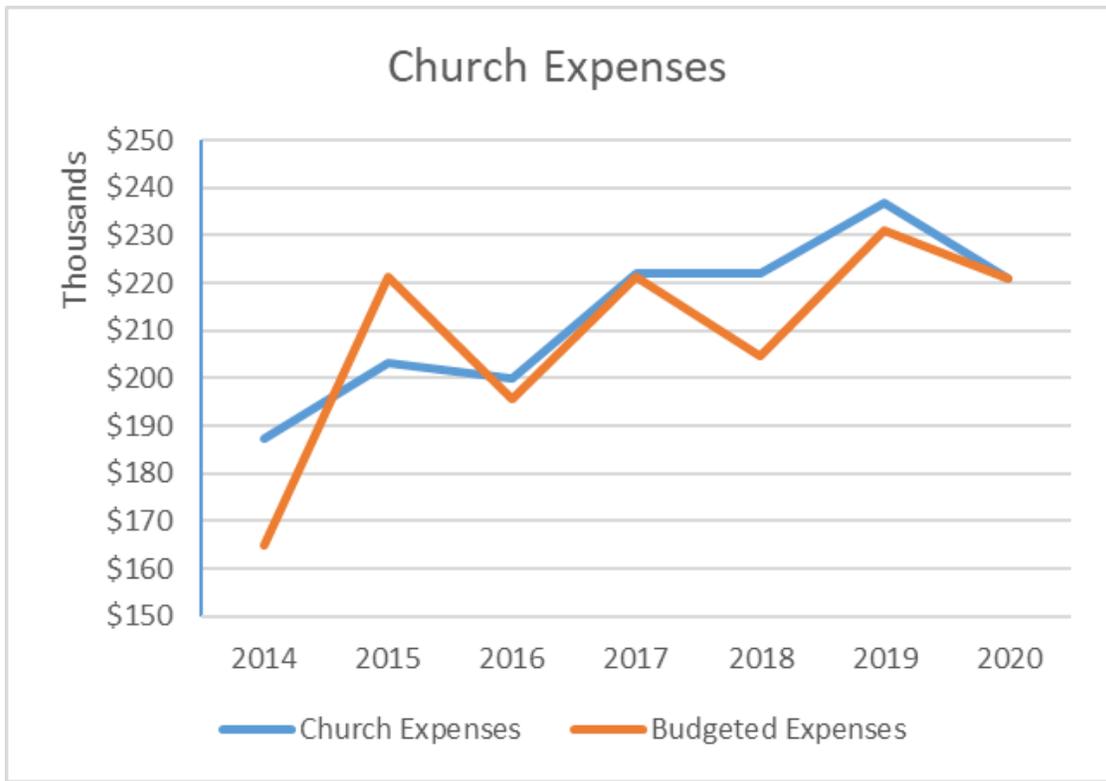
## V. Flood Control

A former City of Richmond Contractor met with us and wanted to understand what causes our flooding. We suspect they may be planning on doing some flooding remediation on the surrounding roadways during 2020 to help our situation. We will continue to work with the city and others on the flooding issue.

## Calvary Episcopal Church Year ending December 31, 2019

Accounts	2019 YTD Actual	2019 Annual Budget	2020 Annual Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Plate Offerings	\$ 91,146	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
Pledge commitments	545,036	548,000	568,400
Total Offerings	<u>636,182</u>	<u>613,000</u>	<u>633,400</u>
Investment Income	128	-	-
Church Usage	200	750	500
Designated Income	63,319	56,000	47,500
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 699,829</u>	<u>\$ 669,750</u>	<u>\$ 681,400</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Vestry Oversight			
Insurance	21,364	19,440	21,240
Office and Administration	43,687	43,150	37,150
Buildings and Grounds	83,104	80,088	81,160
Employee Compensation	333,923	317,061	342,062
Vestry and Stewardship	23,161	23,000	13,000
Total Vestry Oversight	<u>\$505,240</u>	<u>\$482,739</u>	<u>\$ 494,612</u>
Mission/Outreach Ministry	80,504	74,650	68,775
Finance Committee	6,091	6,000	6,500
Calvary Life Ministry	20,845	20,485	21,980
Worship Ministry	17,575	15,850	14,700
Formation/Spirituality Ministry	10,141	10,625	12,900
Diocesan Obligations	59,433	59,433	61,872
Maintenance Escrow	-	-	
Depreciation			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 699,829</u>	<u>\$ 669,782</u>	<u>\$ 681,339</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (32)</u>	<u>\$ 61</u>
2020 Restricted funds - Rector Search	\$ 13,391		
2020 Restricted funds - Parish Retreat	\$ 991		
2020 Restricted funds - Capital Maintenance	\$ 8,834		
2020 Restricted funds - Habitat for Humanity	\$ 3,500		
2020 Restricted funds - Audit	\$ 3,500		
2020 Restricted funds - EYC	\$ 500		
2020 Restricted funds - Alter Guild	\$ 600		
Total	\$ 31,317		
<b>2019 Excess Cash</b>	<u>\$ -</u>		





## Annual Stewardship Report

### *Shining Our Light!*

During his year's stewardship season we explored how the practice of intentional giving deepens our walk with Christ. We learned from and were inspired by Soni Oyekan, Greg Bethke and Angie Janota. At our annual celebration, Robin Garcia & Carol Freeman, Phillip Zanghi & Louise Myers, Karen Laird & Tom Boone and Dorothy Lyons & Nicole Cornwell told us stories about their life here at Calvary and George Doherty entertained us again! This congregation's generosity is evident in how we all shared our time, talent and treasure during this past year. It truly represents your faithfulness and trust in our almighty God.

#### Stewardship Committee Members

Rev. Lecia Brannon

Amber Zentis, Senior Warden

Wendy Doherty, Stewardship Chair

Susan Grotte

John Johnston

Kathy Haley

*"You were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the Gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit."* Ephesians 1:13

<b>As of 12/31</b>	<b>2020 Pledge</b>	<b>2019 Pledge</b>	<b>2018 Pledge</b>	<b>2019 New Pledges</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$509,796	\$546,310	\$558,980	\$57,210
<b>Number of family units</b>	115	117	118	17

**Calvary Episcopal Preparatory  
Annual Parish Meeting  
A Report on the 2018-2019 School Year  
January 19, 2020**

On behalf of our board, teachers and students, the following report to the church outlines some of the many accomplishments of Calvary Episcopal Preparatory during the 2018-2019 school year. The school community extends sincere thanks to Calvary church members who served on the School Board for their dedication to our students: **John Anderson, Bill Burelsmith, Steven Cherry, Mark Fisler, Kathy Haley, Jeff McClellan, Frank Plut, and Joe Robinson.** We especially thank our Chair, **The Rev. Paul Wehner**, for his pastoral leadership and service to our school community. I especially want to thank our current chair, **Ms. Amber Zentis**, who, as Senior Warden has served as chair since Fr. Paul retired in June, 2019. Ms. Zentis has been a true friend of the school and continues to serve as a champion of Calvary students.

Calvary Episcopal Preparatory enjoyed a year of many successes that includes academic and the arts, character and faith development and service to others. Credit for these successes can be shared by many: our school board, our faculty and staff, our many parent volunteers, the Calvary Episcopal Church community and most importantly, our outstanding students.

- Our school welcomes and embraces a diverse student population with 48% of our students coming from various ethnic and economic backgrounds. This includes our growing international population, including students from Kuwait, Vietnam, China and Nigeria.
- Service to others is an important aspect of our school. Every grade and student participated in Service Learning, and at least one project for the year.
- Matriculation chapel welcomed 40 new Crusaders to our school in the fall of 2018.
- The CEP float won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Fort Bend County Parade and 12<sup>th</sup> grader Amelia Wang won an outstanding art rosette for her painting "Morning Sunshine."
- In October 2018, the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES) visited the school for an accreditation visit. The event was successful, with CEP's accreditation being extended.
- Private School Interscholastic Association (PSIA). CEP hosted (with over 1,000 guests on our campus) and competed in academic, speech and the arts against 13 other private schools in the Houston area. As has become a tradition, we once again won our district competition, sending our students to compete at the state level in 27 different categories. The middle school one-act play, *The Yellow Boat*, won district and competed in the state competition, winning first place. Eighth grader Paul Lazarou won best actor at district and state competition.
- Although we enjoy a reputation as a strong academic school, we also celebrate the arts. We sent 40 middle and upper school students to compete at the Texas Thespians Festival in Dallas in all forms of theatre arts: with over 8,500 public and private school students throughout the state competing in musical theatre, acting and technical events. Four of our middle school students, Paul Lazarou, Rachel Lazarou, Emily Mandery and Kenzi Patton and high school senior Reese McBride qualified for and attended the nationals at The University of Nebraska this past summer. Rachel and Paul won a gold medals at the international competition.
- The annual spring musical, *The Music Man* was a huge success, selling out all 3 performances.
- Twenty-two of our students qualified for the Houston Area Private School Honor Band, representing the largest number of qualifiers from any private school in the Houston area.

- Over 77% of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade class qualified for the Duke University Talent Identification Program for gifted and talented students, and 20 students in grades 3-6 qualified for DECATS, a special summer program for academically talented students.
- Sports and Athletics:
  - The girls' basketball team won the West Houston Christian Athletic Conference tournament championship.
  - The girls' track team won the West Houston Christian Athletic Conference tournament championship.
- Our school board approved adding a PK-3-year-old class for 2019-20.
- There were several technology upgrades and initiatives with Apple iPad Carts with 62 iPads to be used in classrooms.
- We had a very small turnover of faculty or staff, allowing us to enjoy continuity of curriculum and instruction.
- Reese McBride, our 4<sup>th</sup> student to attend CEP from kinder through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, graduated.
- Our Annual Golf Tournament, with the continued support of many CEC participants, netted \$29,000. Additionally, our Annual Giving Campaign reached its goal of \$65,000.
- The Calvary PTO grossed \$95,000 at their Annual Gala and Auction.

Calvary Episcopal Prep understands how important it is for parish schools to enjoy a positive relationship with the sponsoring church. CEP would like to sincerely thank Calvary Episcopal Church for their continued support and enthusiasm.

Since I will be retiring in the summer of 2020, this is my last opportunity to give a report on the school to the parish. I want to thank all my friends at the church for the strong support that you have given me over the past nineteen years. I have been blessed to enjoy a positive partnership between the school and parish that has been a true point of pride.

Lastly, I am most pleased that I am leaving the school in good hands. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you Ms. Beth Dow, who will be taking the reins as head of school beginning July 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Malcolm Smith*, Headmaster

## Christian Formation Annual Report 2019

Presenting the teachings of Jesus and the church in a manner that fosters Spiritual growth in family's everyday life was a priority in 2019.

Sunday School without Walls, where we send out devotions and short Bible stories to children ages

4-11 via regular mail, continued. In the spring we had traditional Sunday School for this same age group. For the older children, EYC and special events were the main focus.

We offer Children's Chapel every Sunday except Easter and during the Christmas pageant using the Heart's Alive curriculum that follows the lectionary. We try to have a comfortable setting to learn about worship with age appropriate activities and routines. I am grateful for the many dedicated volunteers that support this vital ministry.

For children ages 5 and up, we had an Early Communion class this fall where eight children learned many different aspects about communion and celebrate together with the entire church when the class is completed. During the fall, we also tried a new way of teaching with "Bible Time" where 12 different volunteers read Old Testament stories to the children not involved in Early Communion class. It was a nice opportunity for different generations to learn and pray together.

We had one successful Fearfully and Wonderfully Made event on a Saturday morning with pancakes and lots of wonderful information about insects. Fun squeals by all when David Taylor revealed a big fat grub – one of God's many interesting creatures.

Calvary facilitated two book studies. In the spring, we studied "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans. This fall we did a video series about "Mere Christianity" by CS Lewis. Both led to many interesting discussions. We also did a short video series during the summer about parables by Jewish history scholar Amy Jill Levine.

The women got together in July for an ice cream social and told stories from summer time adventures. It was great time and it is amazing to hear how God's presence enters our lives in the most surprising ways.

This Advent, we did our traditional wreath making – a meaningful tradition of creating a Holy Space at home to wait for Christ. We tried a new event this year with a fun skit "How to Have a Merry Christmas" with a fabulous cast. With another wonderful much younger cast, the story of the birth of Jesus was shared in the delightful, heartwarming way that children bless us with in our annual Christmas Pageant. A wonderful telling of "The Greatest Gift of All" by TylerMae and Nicole Cornwell was another special time this Advent.

Adult Education for 2019 covered a wide range of topics with a focus on God's people and the work of building God's Kingdom in the world through Calvary church and others. We had live presentations and video lectures by scholars and theologians.

We began the year with a month-long study of St. Paul by Dr. David Capes and NT Wright. We explored spiritual practices for Lent. We learned about the real St. Patrick. By video, we took a tour of Jerusalem. During Easter season, we heard from Amy-Jill Levine, NT Professor at Vanderbilt University and a practicing Jewish woman and Alexander Shaia, mystic Christian author on Holy Week and life in the resurrection.

Over the course of this year, Adult Education included presentations from our Calvary Outreach and Action Team. We were updated on those properties and families still in recovery from Hurricane Harvey in which Calvary participates in with our partners, Friends of North Richmond. David Taylor shared the progress of the "House for Hearts" that Calvary assisted in completing for the owner anxious to return home.

We finished the year with Tim Hillis leading a biblical study of "What is God's Commandment and Expectation?". Tim will lead and teach us again beginning in February 2020.

Looking forward to our first Fearfully and Wonderfully Made event Friday evening January 24 when Beth Jordan will share her experiences from the Galapagos Island. It will be a fascinating study of how God gave animals the gift of adaptability. Mark your calendar. Sunday School starts January 26.

With gratitude for all the help and inspiration I received this year for each of these ministries and events,

Betty Anne Taylor

# Calvary Episcopal Church Foundation, Inc.

Report for Annual Meeting  
January 19, 2020

The CECF serves as means by which parishioners may financially support the Church now and in the future to meet needs that cannot be met by the operating budget alone, and to provide additional support to the many outreach projects this Parish undertakes. Since receiving our non-profit status from the IRS in July of 2014, we have enjoyed our fourth full year as a functional organization, with a website presence on the Calvary church website ([www.calvaryrichmond.org/foundation](http://www.calvaryrichmond.org/foundation)) and promotional brochures.

**Current asset value** of the Foundation at close of business Dec 31, 2019:

Edward Jones Investment Fund	\$251,912.47 of which \$100,000 is corpus.
Edward Jones Money Market	<u>\$107,630.37</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$359,542.84</b>

**Grants Given:**

\$2,570 - Youth Spiritual Formation  
\$7,500 - Outreach Fund  
\$9,200 - Heritage Fund

**Total \$19,270**

**Deposits:**

\$76,457.08 – Memorials Gifts, Heritage Fund Donations, and Columbarium payments

**Expenses:**

\$740 – Administration and tax return

**Board of Directors for 2018:** Charlie King, John Ondrusek, Robin Garcia, Charlie King, Dennis Gorka, Lisa Lemkowitz, Kathy Bethke and Amber Zentis, ex officio. Charles King and Robin Garcia roll off the board this year. John Ondrusek was elected to the Church Vestry so he needs to give up her seat on our Foundation. Betsy Zanghi has been appointed to fill the remaining term on John Ondrusek.

**Election of Directors:**

The following have been nominated to fill the 2 vacancies – each term is for three years:

Ron Best  
Clayton Cooley

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie King – President 2019

*Supporting Calvary Episcopal Church, its ministries and the community it serves*

# INTO THE COMMUNITY

## Outreach 2019 Annual Report

### VISION

Inspired by the Holy Spirit to serve God; we are the hands and feet of Christ in our community. We know our neighbors and are known by them. We provide opportunities for everyone to work together to restore relationships and build new ones.

### HOUSE FOR HEARTS

David Taylor

Calvary initiated the House for Hearts project February 26, 2019 to make a house livable that was inundated in the Tax Day Flood, rebuilt, and was flooded again during Hurricane Harvey.

Before the project began, the house had been elevated about 8 feet with a ramp to the front porch. Friends of North Rosenberg agreed to sponsor the project and the Rosenberg Housing Authority sponsored installation of new flooring. With assistance from volunteers from Habitat for Humanities, a porch and stairs were built to the side door and doors were hung.

Six volunteers from Heritage Christian School in Topeka, Kansas, removed trash from the site. Calvary volunteers cleaned and painted the interior, rebuilt the kitchen with lighting, cabinets and fixtures and installed a water heater provided by another group. Calvary also purchased the replacement of 16 broken windowpanes and refurnished the house, completing the project before Easter.

Altogether, 441 volunteer hours and \$6,573.00 of Hurricane Harvey funds were spent on the project. In gratitude, the widow living in the house with her son invited Calvary to participate in a dedication of her house to God on May 18.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Dan & Chris Bradley

Habitat for Humanity work progressed slowly in the first half of 2019, owing largely to permitting delays. In March, Calvary sponsored a table at the 2019 Habitat Gala, the annual fundraising dinner and auction for Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity.

In May, Calvary volunteers joined forces with Christ Church of Sugar Land to build a new house at 513 West Street in Rosenberg. Eight Calvary construction volunteers participated in this project; five more provided lunch and snacks on two occasions. Work continued through the heat of the summer, and the home was finally dedicated on September 8.

In December, work started on a new home at 202 Douglas Street in North Richmond, sponsored by St. Laurence Catholic Church of Sugar Land. Construction will continue through March, 2020. Permits have also been received to start another new house in North Richmond, at 802 Fields Street. Christ Church is the principal sponsor of this new build, but Calvary has been asked to contribute a 10% share of the total sponsorship, which would amount to about \$7000. Work is already underway on the foundation, and construction will start in February and run through May of 2020. Work on the Douglas and Fields projects will thus overlap for a couple months in the first quarter of 2020.

A new Habitat community called Hope Lane is also taking shape in North Richmond, which will accommodate 15 new homes. The George Foundation donated a 6 ½ acre site for this new development, and Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity has been working on the engineering and permits since 2018. Pending plat approval, utility and street construction will be commencing soon, and the first new home will break ground in the third quarter of 2020.

Thank you to all our Habitat construction and lunch volunteers! And a special thank you to Carol Freeman and her wonderful team of volunteers who went above and beyond to make Calvary's Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser another great success! If you are interested in joining our team of Habitat volunteers, please contact us.

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40*

# **INTO THE COMMUNITY**

## **Outreach 2019 Annual Report**

### **THE PRESTON STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT 2019**

Kate L. Brewer and Lois Whitehead

Calvary Episcopal Church and First Baptist Church of Richmond continue their relationship in managing and maintaining the community garden. Both churches have made it their mission for the benefit of the North Richmond Community. The garden committee includes Dr. Jimmy Robertson, the garden manager, and his assistant, Dan Bishop of FBC. Kate Brewer, Lois Whitehead and Dan Bradley are the leadership team from Calvary. Dan Bradley continues as caretaker of the orchard. Judy Holy and June Fryters are volunteers from the community.

We held two major workdays in 2019. The first one was on Saturday, March 2nd. A total of 35 volunteers came to clean up the Bell Garden and to prepare the individual raised beds and the production beds for spring/summer planting. A big thanks to Don and Lois Whitehead for providing a delicious lunch of hot dogs on the grill with all the fixings. Our volunteers from Calvary included 16 adults and 4 youth. Our second workday was on Saturday, October 5th, when we prepared the beds for fall/winter planting. We had 27 volunteers that included 14 from Calvary, 5 seniors from Austin High School and several members of a Girl Scout Troop from Greatwood. Another major ongoing workday project has involved leveling the soil in the NW orchard and laying new landscape fabric between the trees. Improving our irrigation system and controlling weeds in all parts of the garden are also important ongoing projects.

A majority of the raised beds have been assigned to members of Calvary, FBC and to individual residents of the Sugar Land/Richmond-Rosenberg area who are dedicated to helping maintain the garden. This year, from Jan. 1st to December 16th, approximately 1,530 pounds of spring/summer and fall/winter produce were donated to Helping Hands and the Ft. Bend Women's Shelter. Most of it was from the production beds and the orchard, however a considerable amount was donated by individuals who grew their own produce in their raised beds. We thank them for their generosity in sharing with those in need!

With the support of Calvary and First Baptist Church and the dedication of church and community volunteers who work hard on a weekly basis, the garden will continue to serve the needs of the community of North Richmond.

### **FRIENDS OF NORTH RICHMOND & ACTION TEAM**

Susan King

During the past year Calvary Episcopal Church and its members have been involved with Friends of North Richmond in various ways. Some of our members are helping the youth with their homework in The You Can Academy. Just by having caring adults share how homework and learning prepared them for their future gives real world application to its importance. Adults also encourage students to be responsible for completing assignments helping them to see how this impacts their success. The academy is now housed at Pink Elementary School in hopes of reaching even more children.

In June, Calvary helped by participating in and by helping fund Mission Week. A week-long event that included: Dance Camp, Home Repair, Kids Camp, Prayer and Street Team, Adult Hangout and a Basketball Tournament.

Currently a Calvary member is helping to develop a program called Power for Life. This program will enable students to get back on track so they can complete the requirements for either their diploma or GED.

Calvary volunteers also participated in Kaboom – construction of a brand-new playground at the Friends of North Richmond Community center donated by Rebuild Texas.

Six kid's bicycles and extra toys from Calvary Episcopal Preparatory School's Santa behind the badge were donated to the FNR Christmas Market.

# **INTO THE COMMUNITY**

## **Outreach 2019 Annual Report**

### **HELPING HANDS**

Lois Essells

Calvary provided \$3600 to Helping Hands in 2019. Part of this amount was budgeted by Calvary, but \$1000 was donated at Souper Bowl of Caring in support of parishioners' favorite football teams. Several hundred pounds of food was also donated at that time.

There have been five members of Calvary volunteering at Helping Hands in 2019. 507 hours of volunteer service at Helping Hands was contributed by these people.

In 2020, it would be helpful to have quarterly food drives at Calvary. It would also be encouraging to see a larger number of volunteers from our congregation. However, for the 5,312 families who were served by Helping Hands in 2019, we have made a difference.

### **KAIROS**

Dave Essells, John Johnston and Bob Watts

Calvary Episcopal Church keeps forging ahead for Christ and His kingdom through His people and your work. KAIROS is only one of the many services of the hearts, minds and hands God uses from our church in this fine work.

This year the Kairos team involved over 20 people altogether (not including each of the kids, prayer and financial partners) baking cookies, doing artwork, writing letters, praying and participating in the 3 events where we spent each weekend with our Brothers in White. Two of us (Dave E and John J) joined the Jester III Unit Advisory Council this year. We also volunteer to supervise Prayer and Share Meetings monthly. CEC collected and donated over \$1500 to KAIROS. Our 3 Kairos members helped to impact over 126 Brothers in White (inmates) who actively participated. The Brothers also impacted and enriched our lives in countless ways as well. It's fun and rewarding to watch the Spirit of God to join us in this effort. We can always use your prayers, finances and hands to do the work of God inside the walls of our Texas Prisons. Please contact any of us if you'd like to see if God is calling you into this area of service to our Brothers in White.

### **BLOOD DRIVES**

Frank Plut

We finished our 12th year of Blood Drives in 2019. We had 103 donors consisting of 82 whole blood and 21 automated donations for a total of 372 lives saved. I would like to thank all that donated during the year as the drives would not be a success without all of you.

The Blood drives in 2020 will be held on January 26th, April 19th, August 2nd (Blue Bell Month) and November 1st. So, mark your calendars. Hope you will try being a first-time donor this year or continue being a regular donor.

# **INTO THE COMMUNITY**

## **Outreach 2019 Annual Report**

### **THANKSGIVING FEAST**

Bill Daw

The Thanksgiving Feast was a complete success. The goal was to serve 1000 meals, and we exceed that by close to 100. Calvary was extremely well represented, in that, I believe, a majority of parishioners participated, either by preparing meals, delivering meals, or by donating turkeys, pies and bread. We partnered with Kroger to make it very easy for parishioners to donate pre-cooked turkeys. Dozier's also donated turkeys again. We frankly had too many turkeys at the end of the day. We also had a very large contingency of the scout troops affiliated with Calvary, as well as groups from at least three different churches in the area. Significant changes were made in the logistics. Most significant was the change from cardboard boxes to deliver meals to using reusable bags. This was done for expediency and to be consistent with the churches "green" efforts.

I believe that with some minimal work during the year, we have the capacity to deliver next year's goal of 1200 meals.

### **CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

Frank and Mary Ellen Plut  
Raymond and Debbie Pohler

Christmas 2019 was a joyous one for the 138 children that our Calvary Family and Friends adopted for Christmas. Gifts of toys, games, clothing and furniture, and 46 age appropriate Bibles were purchased, wrapped and delivered to 42 families in our church neighborhood and community.

Church groups and individuals, as well as, scout troops, local companies, and community supporters of our program all contributed to the Adopt-A-Family success.

Stories of memorable visits with the adopted families, smiles and hugs shared and a few tears too tell us all that we are blessed to be part of this ministry sharing God's love.

### **ADULT MISSION TRIP**

Lori Hoy

Our June 2019 Mission trip visited the Galveston Texas CPS / Family Crisis Center.

Our mission this year shifted from foster children to a shelter for Families in Crisis.

We visited families who lost jobs, had special needs, and were temporarily without a place to live.

Our volunteers had a positive impact on these families who were very appreciative to receive the items we provided as well as people to visit with them and chat.

We would like to thank those who participated as well as Leslie Amentini and all those who supported us with donations, gifts, and prayer.

We pray the families have moved on to better living conditions and that God will bless them with all their needs.

## **INTO THE COMMUNITY**

### **Outreach 2018 Annual Report**

#### **KID'S HOPE**

Chris Bradley

Through our membership in Kids Hope USA, Calvary is partnering with Jane Long, our neighborhood public elementary school, to mentor at-risk children.

Currently, nine Calvary members volunteer their time once a week, providing encouragement, support and academic enrichment to nine students. Each mentor is supported by a Calvary prayer partner. This outreach effort is recognized both here in our community and at the state level as a proven program to help kids learn, grow and succeed.

#### **LAUNDRY LOVE**

Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon

The Laundry Love Initiative began about sixteen years ago in Ventura, California with a mission to wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and/or families living in poverty. There are now Laundry Love's located throughout the United States. You can read more about the initiative at [www.laundrylove.org](http://www.laundrylove.org).

Laundry Love seeks to bring economic relief by giving the individual or family the option to redirect funds toward food, medical, gas or transportation costs or other everyday necessities. From the infant to the aged, and across a broad spectrum of ethnicity, culture and personal story, Laundry Love seeks to nurture the well-being of each person through intentional networking and friendship.

The first Calvary Laundry Love was held in January of 2019. In this first year, we helped 250 families by washing and drying 1,523 loads of clothes and bedding. Donations from the congregation of quarters and detergent make this ministry possible.

Through our conversations with those washing their clothes, additional needs in the community were identified. We received direct donations to meet those needs, and gave away 200 pairs of Bombas socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Kleenex, and Bibles. In addition, through these donations, we were able to give a \$20 Walmart gift card to each family who participated in the December Laundry Love.

The Calvary Laundry Love is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Collins Road Washateria in Richmond. Please contact Rev. Nancy if you would like to help with this ministry.

*Serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord, not men. (Eph. 6:7)*

#### **LOOKING FORWARD TO 2020**

Roy Haley & Tim Hillis

It is obvious God is at work in the community through Calvary based on the great work mentioned by the ministries above. It is awesome to watch as we continue to serve in our existing ministries and in amazing new ways as well. We see even more new exciting opportunities for Calvary to serve in 2020.

Calvary is set to co-sponsor our first Habitat for Humanity build, we look to get more involved with Friends of North Richmond by providing meals for You Can Academy, Laundry Love continues to identify new ways to serve our neighbors in need, and our other ministries continue to grow and bear fruit. We also see new possibilities for serving the community like being a host church for Family Promise and supporting our veterans through Operation Impact.

It is our greatest hope that God will continue to inspire us and lead us to those ministries that give each member of our congregation an opportunity to find their place in God's ministries. We know that God is calling, we will be listening and praying for Godly responses to His call.

## TROOP 1000 - 2019 Report

2019 was the founding year for Scouts BSA Troop 100 for girls. Calvary Episcopal served as the home base for this developing troop as well as the community of support vital to the longevity of the unit. The troop uses methods of scouting: outdoor programs, personal growth, advancement, and adhering to the Scout Oath and Law as a means to fulfill their vision. Together they strive to be pioneers as the first ever troop for girls in the Brazos District; developing leadership, citizenship, moral strength and character to last over their lifetimes.

Our scouts were honored to contribute back to the community through a meal preparation and delivery on Thanksgiving Day (Meal on Wheels), community garden clean up and replanting (spring break project), our ongoing citizenship campaign with US flags in the neighborhoods (Flags Across the Brazos), Calvary breakfast preparation once a month, and three families adopted for Christmas. In addition to these projects, 15 scouts served an additional 96 hours in the community.

Troop 100 was officially chartered on February 3, 2019 with five youth and three adult leaders. The first campout was held just 12 days later when seven scouts and four adult leaders embarked on 22 mile paddle and primitive camping trip on the Colorado River. The trip was conducted jointly with Troop 1000 serving as an established resource for the fundamentals of scouting.

In March, eight scouts camped at Baumgartner Pond in East Bernard, TX for a weekend of leadership training; knife, axe, and saw skills; as well as fire building practice and safety lessons. All scouts earned their Fireman Chit and Totin' Chip.

Scout Fair, a council wide annual event, was held at NRG Park in April. Troop 100 attended to explore scouting skills, technology, and Dutch oven cooked meals. A number of scouts from the troop served as volunteers at the Cub Scout Pack's booth on wilderness ethics and the Outdoor Code.

May's camping trip was the second joint adventure with Troop 1000. A shooting sports and gun safety themed campout was held in Navasota. Merit badge requirements were achieved by several scouts. In preparation for summer camp, logistics training was held via a hike around Texas A&M campus and a tour of Bonfire Memorial.

June was our annual summer camping trip. This year we traveled to Camp Chris Dobbins in Colorado Springs. We stayed in Amarillo, Texas overnight at the Kwahadi American Indian Museum and participated in a Native American dance show demonstrated by a local scout crew. We visited the Cadillac Ranch art exhibit and the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs just before arriving at camp. There were 28 scouts and 9 adults attending. A select few participating in a white-water rafting trip.

July was a time for reflecting and planning within the troop. New youth were elected to leadership and plans were made for advancement, growth, and service for the coming months.

An urban campout was planned by the scouts for August, with a goal of meeting specific rank requirements and completing their annual planning. Additionally, a select few from the Troop earned their Climbing merit badge at an indoor climbing gym in Katy and a number of scouts completed three outdoor cooking sessions led by Troop 1000 Scoutmaster. To complete their cooking merit badge, each scout planned, shopped for, prepared, and served a week's worth of meals to their family; and presented six dishes all prepared and cooked through different outdoor cooking methods.

Garner State Park south of San Antonio welcomed us in September. During this campout, the troop completed the remaining two modules of BSA Introduction to Leadership skills for Troops. They competed in two raft building competitions and closed the afternoon learning to paddleboard on the Frio River. Eleven scouts completed the requirements to earn the Stand Up Paddle Board patch. The weekend concluded with two female scouts leading a Scouts Own Service on Sunday morning along the Frio River bank.

During regular weekly meetings in October, the troop learned to make tent repairs to improve the quality of their gear. Valuable lessons were learned in caring for, storing and maintaining gear. The troop camped at Choke Canyon State Park where they focused on pioneering skills of making rope, tying lashings, and building chariots to out of ropes and staves.

In November we hosted Cub Scouts from Pack 133 during the Webelos Woods camping event where Cub Scouts get exposure to Boy Scouts and the methods we use to run our unit. Troop 100 received many compliments from experienced scouters for their station teaching First Class Scout pioneering requirements. The skills they taught led scouts to build and race chariots, as they practiced at the October campout. Four scouts elected by their peers, were called out into the Order of the Arrow (the Scouts Honor Society, and organization of selfless service and leadership development) this campout. We recruited two scouts into our troop from this event.

Three scouts elected into the Order of the Arrow in November completed their weekend long ordeal in December to become official members of the Lodge. Their ordeal encouraged self-sacrifice and fostered their hearts for continued service. The troop worked towards their Scholarship Merit badge during December meetings, inviting community members to engage 1:1 with scouts about their careers, continuing education, and pathways to success. Two of our scouts attend and complete the NYLT training, spending 6 days learning leadership skills and group dynamics.

Troop 100 closed the year with 15 registered scouts and a strong leadership team guiding, mentoring, and encouraging their path. The troop was awarded a Gold ranking in Journey to excellence for scout development, training, service, and 152 youth camping nights. There were 81 merit badges earned among these scouts and 34 rank advancements awarded. The young ladies have strategically planned their meeting time wisely to continue this path of advancement and skill building. Three of our current scouts will have the opportunity to earn their Eagle Rank in 2020 and me amidst the first females in history to reach this achievement.

Troop 100 is truly grateful for the support from Calvary Episcopal Church! You have helped us define our pathway forward as pioneers.

*Scotty Boss, Scoutmaster*

## **PASTORAL CARE ANNUAL REPORT – 2019**

Five participants completed the *Walking the Mourner's Path* eight week sessions in January and February, facilitated by Bob Watts and Janice Linsenmayer with Clergy, The Rev. Nancy Wilkes.

*Journeying Through Grief* booklet program was available to eight participants this past year. Cards of encouragement were sent through the year to all those taking part.

A Bereavement Minister program was added. The first bereaved family was helped in December.

A Prayer Shawl Ministry was also added and three shawls were presented.

We planned and facilitated two healing services in 2019, as well as the Blue Christmas Service of comfort and hope the first Sunday of Advent, introducing an Angel Tree for all to write the name(s) of departed loved ones on an angel to be placed on the tree.

We hosted a Soup Supper during Lent; invited the congregation to join us for a Wednesday evening in September introducing the program, YANA (You Are Not Alone), Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office program to the disabled and elderly in this county. Rally Day provided us the opportunity to have five new members volunteer to be a part of this ministry, as well as 27 participants for the Meal Train and Driving portion of pastoral care.

During the year 210 greeting cards of Get Well Wishes, Thinking of You and Sympathy Cards were sent, as well as Birthday Cards to all members.

In August as a time of retreat, Grace Episcopal Church of Bellaire once again invited our Team to walk the labyrinth. Our time of sharing at this retreat resulted in small group home meetings of *Finding Your Faith Story – Find Your New Friends*, facilitated by five hostesses in October.

While we do not count the number of meals we provide to those recovering from illness and/or surgery; or how many phone calls or visits to shut-ins, or those recovering at home or at facilities; or the number of times we provide respite for families caring for loved ones; or how many times we provide transportation for medical appointments that is our calling as we endeavor to *Bear One Another's Burdens*.

We are here as we are needed.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Care Team,

*Janice Linsenmayer*

## **EYC Report**

Calvary Youth Group, also known as EYC, has been going strong this past year. The average attendance is 14 youth per Sunday. EYC meets every other Sunday from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

The youth collected \$1000.00 in donations for Souper Bowl of Caring and they took a field trip on February 24<sup>th</sup> to Helping Hands to present the check and volunteer, and then to Guanajuato Mexican Restaurant in Rosenberg for dinner

EYC is a big part of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, which was on March 5<sup>th</sup> this year. The youth enjoys helping to service our congregation. The money raised from Shrove Tuesday is what the youth use to buy the Christmas gifts for their Adopt-A-Family.

Some EYC Events:

On April 13<sup>th</sup> the youth went on the Calvary Bus to see Chris Tomlin at that Cynthia Woods Pavilion. It was so cold however, we all enjoyed it.

On April 17<sup>th</sup> Shadow of the Cross

May 19<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed having an end-of-the-school year EYC pool party hosted by Kathy and Roy Haley.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> the youth loaded on the bus and headed to Fulshear High School to watch Brody McLemore perform in *Beauty and the Beast*.

This year in July Calvary hosted Episcopal Strong mission trip and we had 6 youth attend. They really enjoyed going to help those that were affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Our end of the year Christmas Celebration lock-in was held on Saturday, December 14 to Sunday, December 15. The youth traveled on the school bus to Sugar Land to watch Olivia Kniss dance with her dance company, dinner at Burger Barn, Walmart shopping EYC's adopted family, Pecan Grove Hayride, and ended the night with a glow in the dark Nerf gun wars in the Family Life Center.

Calvary EYC youth and leaders thank the congregation for their continued support and are looking forward to 2020.

If you have any questions about Calvary Youth Group (EYC), contact Suzette Hillis 832-893-7065.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING**

During 2019 Staff and volunteers continued to focus on maintaining a steady flow of communications to Calvary members and visitors.

- The weekly Thursday e-blast highlights the coming Sunday worship services and upcoming events
- Calvary Life showcases worship, outreach and social activities with lots of photos
- The outdoor sign, updated weekly, is a visible reminder to the community about Calvary
- The church website is updated regularly with current events, while ensuring the Calvary story is complete for people searching for a church home
- Social media is spot on for what's happening today!
- The weekly Sunday service bulletin now includes a one-page "take home" page of announcements that families can use to remember and register for activities that appeal to them.
- External communications remain an additional focus. Throughout the year, the Fort Bend Herald, Greatwood Magazine and Fort Bend Christian Magazine have featured stories and photos about activities at Calvary. We have taken limited paid advertising in two publications with circulations in geographic areas within easy driving distance to attract new members.
- If you have church news to share or ideas for additional communications, please contact Suzette Hillis or Amber Zentis.

## **END OF YEAR LAY READER MINISTRY REPORT FOR 2019**

We currently have 16 licensed Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Worship Leaders/Chalice Bearers in the rotation, with 14 being active.

I hope to get an updated roster with names and current contact information for Lectors and Lay Readers out soon.

We have a system in place for having the robes cleaned quarterly by Dry Clean Super Center on 359 in Richmond. Many of our robes are aging, and at the end of 2019 we were able to purchase 8 albs and 4 cinctures. We also give thanks for the Maldonado family gift of 2 chasubles with stoles.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Doherty

**NEWCOMER NOTES AND MORE...**  
**2019 -- Year in Review**  
**Anne Scarborough**  
**Calvary Newcomer Coordinator**

Looking back over 2019 we had a solid year of growth, but it did come with changes. We saw many new faces joining our Calvary Family, while we said good bye to Fr. Paul and Sherry. I have almost completed eight full years as Calvary's Newcomer Coordinator. I am still excited to share what Calvary has to offer—a family church connected to God and each other.

- We held our eighth annual Calvary Connection Weekend on May 10-11 with 20 attendees. This is a team led event of learning, fellowship and connection for new and old members.
- A big "Thank-you" to those who put on Calvary's welcoming face at the door and keep our service in order. Thank you to Glenn Kaminsky who helped clarify the duties of the early service Ushers and Greeters and helped put on a training in September. Thank you to Raymond Pohler and all he does to keep the late service on track.
- The Cookie Ministry continues the welcome after the 10:30AM service with lemonade and cookies. Thank you to Jo Murray and Lori Hoy for filling in whenever needed. Jam is given to first time visitors and homemade bread is delivered to their home the following week. Thank you to Ginger Jackson and her Bread Ministry team for baking and taking those 27 loaves.
- On June 9, Pentecost Sunday, we had a glorious bittersweet celebration, as Fr. Paul officiated his final services. The celebration of his ministry continued at our Pentecost Picnic. Delicious BBQ was served by the Swinging Door. Many good byes were said followed by his annual water slide competition. A going away gift of travel and a beautiful painting of Calvary (by Jan Yurasek) were among his gifts. Thank you to Jaime Garcia, Frank Plut, and Amber Zentis for helping to make this a memorable event.
- Rally Day was held August 25. There was excitement in the Parish Hall as we had 41 Ministries represented. There was renewed interest in Foyer Group, Parents Night Out and lots of volunteers to help the Care Team. Outreach had many different offerings to give back to our community. Thank you so much to the leaders who created displays and goodies to share. Thank you to Krista Kuperus who saved the day and got our slide show up and running.
- A new event – Coffee, Conversation and a Tour – was held on September 22. There were 18 guests who gathered between services to get to know each other a little better and enjoyed a history tour of our campus led by David Taylor.
- In December, I started collecting photos and contact info to update the Ministry Booklet. The new book will be published soon, with support Mark Duncan and Amber Zentis.
- On Sunday evening, December 15, we hosted the Rosenberg Symphonic Band and the CEP Senior Band for a Christmas Concert and Reception. The community was invited and we filled the church and Parish Hall. Everyone enjoyed the festivities – thank you to Frank Plut for bringing them to Calvary. Thank you to my church and school parent cookie bakers and helpers who put on that wonderful reception.

**FINALLY THE STATS! Since January 1, 2019:**

**We collected greeter cards or information on 49 visitors.**

**11 families/singles joined or rejoined Calvary (including all ages —26 people)**



# 2019 Parish Statistics

## **Baptized**

Madison Barber  
Zelena Hayter  
Harlow Stice  
Knox Stice

## **Confirmed**

Holly Bradshaw  
Teri Mason  
Jessica Reyes  
Shirley Tijerina

## **Received**

Joyce Kerobo  
Laura Reyes

## **Married**

Brittany Hastings and Marshall Grafft

## **Those We Love But See No Longer**

Jay Allen  
Rudy Blaschke  
Barbara Ford  
John Jacobson  
W. J. Mechura  
Jerome Smith  
Sheila Vaugh  
Lynne Watkins

## **NEW MEMBERS**

John & Holly Bradshaw (James)  
Ken & Maggie Fisher  
Diane Florencia  
Guy & Paula Grossman  
Gene & Pat Hooten  
Teri Mason  
Joe & Laura Reyes (Jessica, Alyssa, Erica)  
Rob & Jan Ritchie  
Fred & Kay Steinkamp  
Robert & Mely Tellez (Chrisitan, Nicolas, Emma)  
Shirley Tijerina

# Calvary Episcopal Church

Mission Statement: *Calvary welcomes all to join us in the work of embodying Christ in our community.*

## Ministry Leaders

Acolytes	Lynn Kidida
Altar Guild	Irene Iversen
Bereavement Committee	Dorothy Lyons
Bereavement Team	Janice Linsenmayer, Ruth Carrell Cynthia Buttram
Bread Delivery	Ginger Jackson, Anne Scarborough
Breakfast Team	Mary Lane
Bridge Group	Peggy Clingenpeel
Calvary Life Newsletter	Amber Zentis, Mark Duncan
Calvary Connection Weekend	Anne Scarborough
Calvary Care Team	Janice Linsenmayer, Rev. Nancy
Children's Chapel	Leslie Amentini
Christian Education	Betty Anne Taylor, Rev. Lecia
Confirmation Preparation	Reb Scarborough
Cookie Ministry	Anne Scarborough
Daughters of the King	Jeannine Hillis
Education for Ministry	John Lyons
Finance Committee	Christian Iversen
Foyer Groups	Lois Essells, Kay Hardee
Greeters	Anne Scarborough
Kitchen Crew	John Lyons
Lay Ministers	Wendy Doherty
Music:	
Choir (8:00 AM)	John Brun
POGS (10:30 AM)	Will Mason
Outreach:	
Community Garden	Kate Brewer, Lois Whitehead
Blood Drive	Frank Plut
Thanksgiving Feast	Bill Daw
Adopt-A-Family	Mary Ellen Plut
Action Committee	Roy Haley, Tim Hillis
Habitat for Humanity	Dan & Chris Bradley
Helping Hands	Lois Essells
Kairos Prison Ministry	David Essells, Bob Watts, John Johnston
Kids Hope USA	Chris Bradley
Laundry Love	Rev. Nancy Wilkes
Friends of N. Richmond	Susan King
Adult Mission Trip	Roy Haley
Parish Retreat	Susan Grotte
Prayer Team	Mary Catherine Maldonado
Stewardship	Wendy Doherty
Sound Board	Jim Kidida
Shepherd Groups	Rev. Lecia Brannon
Supper Club	Zahra Cook
Ushers	Susan King
VBS	Betty Anne Taylor
Website	Suzette Hillis
Youth Group — EYC	Suzette Hillis, Nicole Cornwell

## Church Staff

Rev. Lecia Brannon, Locum Tenens  
Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon  
Kathy Haley, Finance & Operations  
    Manager  
Heidi Eland, Parish Administrator  
Betty Anne Taylor, Christian Ed Director  
John Brun, Organist and Choir Director  
Will Mason, Worship Coordinator  
Anne Scarborough, Newcomer  
    Coordinator  
Suzette Hillis, Communications  
    Coordinator  
Jose Portillo, Sexton

## 2019 Vestry

Amber Zentis, Senior Warden  
Oscar Lozano, Junior Warden  
David Taylor, Clerk  
Eric Cain  
Angela Cooley  
Susan Grotte  
Tim Hillis  
Jim Kidida  
Frank Lemkowitz  
Missy Marek  
John Ondrusek  
Don Whitehead

## Other Officers

Christian Iversen, Treasurer