



**Calvary Episcopal Church
Annual Parish Celebration
January 16, 2021**

ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION-2020

Calvary Episcopal Church
Saturday January 16, 2021

Opening Prayer	Fr. Ralph
<p>Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <i>Amen.</i></p>	
Appointment of Recording Secretary	Amber Zentis
2020 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes Approval	Amber Zentis
Senior Warden's Report	Amber Zentis
Treasurer's Report	Christian Iversen, Treasurer
Jr. Warden's & B&G Committee Report	Oscar Lozano
Outreach Committee Report	Tim Hillis, Roy Haley
Calvary Foundation Report - Elections	Betsy Zanghi
Rector's Report	Fr. Ralph B. Morgan
Acknowledgement of outgoing Vestry members David Taylor, Frank Lemkowitz, Jim Kidda, Missy Marek, Oscar Lozano	Amber Zentis
Recognition of New Vestry Members Paula Grossman, Debra Helbert, Christian Iversen, John Johnston, Philip Zanghi	Fr. Ralph
Additional Vestry Changes	
Special Recognition	Fr. Ralph
Announcement of Wardens and Clerk for 2021	Fr. Ralph
Closing Prayer	Amber Zentis

Calvary Episcopal Church
2019 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2020

Sr. Warden Amber Zentis opened the meeting at 9:15 AM with an opening prayer.

David Taylor, Vestry Clerk, was appointed recording secretary for the meeting.

2018 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting were distributed in the 2020 Annual Meeting Packet, which also contained a letter from the outgoing rector and reports from the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Calvary Episcopal Preparatory, Christian Formation, Calvary Episcopal Church Foundation, Inc., Into the Community (Outreach), and various other Calvary Ministries.

John Ondrusek made a motion to accept the minutes. Frank Lemkowitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Head of Congregation Report

* In the absence of a Rector, Sr. Warden Amber Zentis presented the report, referring parishioners to page 9 of the Annual Meeting Packet. Quoting Ephesians 2:17-22, she likened Calvary Episcopal Church to the passage with each of us being contributing members of the same household, and God as chief Cornerstone, strengthening and guiding each. She noted there are about 50 active ministries at Calvary and reiterated Bishop Doyle's statement that Calvary is not a small church. She highlighted Calvary's loving hospitality, faithful offerings and extensive missions and outreach programs and shared the exciting news that Calvary has received a \$188,000.00 grant for renovating the parish hall and repairing/ protecting the stained glass windows.

Treasurer's Report

* The Treasurer's report was pre-recorded by Christian Iversen, who could not attend the meeting. Parishioners are directed to pages 11- 14 of the Annual Meeting Packet. Year-to-date total revenues exceeded budgeted amount by \$30,079.00. Restricted funds, including rector search, parish retreat, capital maintenance, Habitat for Humanity, Audit, EYC and Altar Guild totaled \$31,317.00. With special thanks to Stewardship Committee chair Wendy Doherty and members Rev. Lecia Brannon, Amber Zentis, Susan Grotte, John Johnston and Kathy Haley, there are 17 new pledgers for 2020 with new pledges totaling \$57,210.00.

Jr. Warden and Building & Grounds Report

* Oscar Lozano presented the Jr. Warden report, referring to page 10 of the Annual Meeting packet. He noted the school had flooded May 7, but did not incur significant damage. He reviewed significant repairs done in the past year and some to be continued in the coming year. Capital improvements for the past year include the installation of the second portion of the Columbarium on the north wall of the Baptistry; replacement of the freezer in the kitchen, revision of the bride's/ comfort room roof to a sloping one to prevent leakage; roof

leak repairs in the youth building as well as construction of a wheelchair ramp to the youth building; remodeling of three church offices and initiation of window replacement to the offices, conference room, Pre-K and nursery rooms. Eagle Scout Garrett Huseman repainted the stripes in the parking lot. Ideal Impact company has revised the thermostats and replaced lights with LED lights to reduce energy expenses.

Calvary Episcopal Preparatory Report

* The Calvary Episcopal Preparatory (CEP) report was presented by Malcolm Smith, Headmaster, and is found on pages 15 and 16 of the Annual Meeting packet. He began by recognizing Calvary church members who served on the school board, as well as former chair Fr. Paul Wehner and current chair Amber Zentis. He listed the various accomplishments of Calvary Episcopal Preparatory in the 2018-2019 school year. CEP is in good financial shape. CEP's diversity is reflective of Fort Bend County in that 48% of the student population come from various ethnic and economic backgrounds including international students from Kuwait, Vietnam, China and Nigeria. Each grade and student participated in one Service Learning project during the year. The Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools awarded CEP with continuing accreditation. The Middle School one-act play *The Yellow Boat* won first place in State competition, and 8th grader Paul Lazarou won best actor at State competition. Four middle school students and one high school senior qualified for and attended the International Thespian Festival at University of Nebraska and two students won gold medals there. Twenty two students qualified for the Houston Area Private School Honor Band, the largest number of qualifiers from any private school in the Houston area. The girls' basketball and track teams won the West Houston Christian Athletic Conference tournament championships. One student made a perfect math score on the SAT and will be matriculating at University of Texas. The school board approved adding a PK-3 year old class for 2019, and it now has 10 students. The Annual Golf Tournament raised \$29,000.00; the Annual Giving Campaign met its goal of \$65,000.00 and \$95,000.00 was grossed at the Annual Gala and Auction. Finally, Malcolm Smith introduced CEP's new headmaster, Ms. Beth Dow, who had retired from LCISD, served as area superintendent for HISD and has trained principals and assistant principals. Ms. Dow expressed her enthusiasm for Calvary Episcopal Preparatory.

Christian Formation Report

* Betty Anne Taylor presented the Christian formation report which is found on page 17 and 18 of the Annual Meeting packet. 2019 began with Dr. David Capes presentation of N. T. Wright's series on the Apostle Paul. Sunday School Without Walls provides periodic mailings of devotionals and Bible stories with verses to memorize to about 30 children. Children's Chapel uses the Hearts Alive curriculum which follows the Lectionary. Eight children participated in Early Communion Class while 12 DOK volunteers read Old Testament stories and said prayers with remaining children. The Fearfully and Wonderfully Made event featured a presentation on insects by Master Naturalists. Book study classes included Rachel Held Evans' *Inspired* and C. S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*, and a video series by A. J. Levine on parables. Betty Anne revealed Christian Formation plans for 2020. Tim Hillis will begin teaching Sunday School on the Kingdom of God beginning February 9 for adults. Betty Anne Taylor will begin a 7-week book study Monday nights January 27 on Rachel Held Evans' *Searching for Sunday*. Youth will return to monthly breakfast discussions at Whataburger. Betty Anne will start Sunday School for children pre-K through 5th grade and requested seven

pairs of volunteers to each take two Sundays to prepare activities for children from an Episcopal curriculum that provides fun activities for children to learn about Old Testament lessons from the Lectionary. Friday, January 24 will be another Fearfully and Wonderfully Made event, featuring Beth Jordan's presentation on creatures of the Galapagos Islands, and pizza will be served, but additional refreshments are requested.

Calvary Episcopal Foundation Report

* Charlie King, president of the Calvary Church Foundation, presented the report, directing parishioners to page 19 of the 2020 Annual Meeting packet as well as its website at www.calvaryrichmond.org/foundation. Calvary Church foundation was created seven years ago, and received its non-profit status in 2014, to serve as a tax-exempt way to financially support our church. The end-of-year asset value of the Foundation was \$359,542.84. The Foundation manages four distinct funds. The Heritage fund this year provided \$5,000.00 for a new parish hall roof and \$4,200.00 for the Youth Building wheelchair ramp. The Christian Discipleship Fund, which would have underwritten a Fearfully and Wonderfully Made event at the George Observatory had it not been cancelled due to weather. The Youth Spiritual Formation fund contributed \$1,570.00 to Camp Allen scholarships, \$1,000.00 for Spiritual Growth and \$800.00 for scholarships to Episcopal Strong. The Outreach Fund donated \$6,000.00 to Calvary Episcopal Preparatory, \$500.00 to Food for the Poor and \$1,000.00 to the Adult Mission Trip. In 2020, \$10,000.00 from this fund will be contributed to Calvary's Habitat for Humanity house. The Foundation performs administration and caretaking of the Columbarium and has received \$76,457.08 in memorial and outreach gifts and Columbarium payments. Costs were \$740.00 for administration fees and tax return. By-laws prevent more than two consecutive three-year terms, which have been served by Charlie King and Robin Garcia. Ron Best was nominated to fill Charlie King's position and Clayton Cooley was nominated to fill Robin Garcia's position. Two Foundation members, John Ondrusek and Angela Cooley have left to join the vestry. Betsy Zanghi was appointed to fill John Ondrusek's unexpired term and Kathy Bethke was appointed to fill Angela Cooley's unexpired term last year. To continue serving, Kathy Bethke must be voted upon as do Clayton Cooley and Ron Best. John Ondrusek moved to accept these candidates to the Foundation, and John Lyons seconded. The motion carried.

Into The Community Report

* Roy Haley began by reading the vision of Into the Community which is found on pages 20 to 26 of the 2020 Annual Meeting packet. House for Hearts provided renovations to a house ravaged by both the Tax Day Flood of 2016 and Hurricane Harvey in 2017, so that the widow who owns the house could move back in by Easter. Calvary sponsored a table for Habitat for Humanities and assisted with projects in Rosenberg in May and Richmond in December, and will begin a new one in North Richmond. Preston Street Garden, a cooperative effort of Calvary Episcopal Church and First Baptist Church of Richmond, produced 1,530 pounds of produce which were donated to Helping Hands and Fort Bend Women's Shelter. Calvary participated with Friends of North Richmond (FNR) in the You Can Academy, FNR Mission Week, building of a playground at the FNR Community Center as well as the FNR Christmas market. Calvary donated 507 volunteer hours and \$3,600.00 to Helping Hands. Dave Essells and John Johnston are members of the Jester III Unit Advisory Council for Kairos Prison Ministries this year and over 20 Calvary members participated in three events, helping to

impact 126 “Brothers in White”. 103 blood donors from Calvary saved 372 lives. The Thanksgiving Feast served 1,100 meals with help from scout troops and three different area churches, while switching to reusable delivery bags to sustain the environment. Christmas Adopt-A-Family served 42 local area families with toys, furniture, clothing and 46 age-appropriate Bibles. The Adult Mission Trip provided services to temporarily homeless families at the Galveston Texas CPS/ Family Crisis Center. Kid’s Hope has nine Calvary volunteers providing encouragement, support and academic enrichment once weekly to nine students in Jane Long Elementary, with each volunteer supported by a Calvary prayer partner. Laundry Love completes its first year, helping 250 families by washing and drying 1,523 loads of clothes and bedding, developing relationships with the working poor and identifying and providing for additional needs including socks, toothbrushes, facial tissues, and Bibles. Other than the one-time House for Hearts, a Hurricane Harvey renovation, Into the Community looks forward to continuing all the activities from last year as well as co-sponsoring a Habitat for Humanities build for the first time, hosting a Family Promise family and supporting veterans through Operation Impact.

Other Ministries

- * Due to a shortage of time to cover the many activities of Calvary Episcopal Church, verbal reports were not given on Scout Troop 1000, the Pastoral Care Annual Report, EYC, Communications and Marketing, Lay Reader Ministry, or Newcomer Ministry, written reports on these are available on pages 25 through 29 of the 2020 Annual Meeting Packet. Parish Statistics
- * Rev. Lecia Brannon reviewed the parish statistics, which are found on page 31 of the 2020 Annual Meeting Packet. She then said a prayer for those who passed away in 2019 and read their names.

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Vestry Members and Plans for 2020

- * Sr. Warden Amber Zentis recognized the outgoing Vestry members Betty Best, Roy Haley and Bob Watts.

Plans for 2020

- * Amber identified three areas of focus for Calvary Episcopal Church in 2020. The first includes both selecting a new rector and, more importantly, integrating the new rector into a loving and effective community of faith. The second area of focus is to utilize the \$188,000.00 grant to protect all the stained glass windows and complete a renovation of the parish hall and solarium, which is headed by a committee comprised of Betsy Zanghi, Beth Jordan and Oscar Lozano. The third area of focus is to maintain the momentum and enthusiasm that brought us to the peak we stand on. She ended by saying “We are successful in that we strive every day to do better and to love more.”

Closing Remarks and Prayer

- * Rev. Lecia said a closing prayer and at 10:05 AM, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by / David Taylor, Clerk

Rector's Report

John 15:5 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

90 days in! And I am confident that the best is yet to come!

Terri and I are so excited to be at Calvary Church and in the presence of such Spirit-filled people whom we now call family. My first 90 days have been spent forming relationships; safely re-opening the church for worship; marrying a longtime friend who played a major role in our wedding (Mark Duncan); and leading memorial services for several beloved members. There have also been meetings, meals, gatherings, and so much more – and I love it all!

When God and you called me to serve as your rector, I knew I was in for an exciting ministry. But little did I know quite how it would be. COVID-19 still has so many churches and ministries in our area and in the Diocese shut down. I feel blessed that we were able to re-open for worship on All Saints Sunday, and thankful we have added services to meet the needs of our Calvary family who are anxious to gather again. I realize that some of you are not yet ready to come back. This is understandable. I would venture to say that we have all had our lives touched by the virus, and we have had to learn a different way to live. I am thankful that your Vestry, staff, and ministry leaders have remained committed to the ministry and outreach of this Church, even when we were hunkered down and not venturing out. While our ministries were forced to slow down and cease for a while, once we picked up in November we have been moving at well over the norm in the Southwest part of the Diocese. Thank you for your support and faithfulness.

At the start of this new year we have some catching up to do, both in our out-reach and our in-reach. Several areas of Calvary tradition will need some focus, including Bible study, fellowship, stewardship, and our service to others in our community. Three of these are slowed by COVID restrictions, and we are praying and figuring out how to address the fourth – stewardship.

Over the next few months, we will be addressing some holes in our program team – ministers. We have added a Saturday night service, and to help with that and our other ministries we need a second full time clergy person. Calvary is known for raising up curates, and we are hopeful we will get this opportunity again. Please pray for the Diocese to send us a faith-filled curate. And we need for someone to fill the big shoes of our Christian Education Minister, Betty Anne Taylor, who is retiring to go to a new mission field called “grandmotherhood”. She will fill that role perfectly. Children, Youth, and Christian Education are top priorities, along with every other ministry Calvary offers. Please be patient a little while longer as we gradually reopen our ministries and outreach opportunities.

We have been remarkable in our efforts to keep safe by wear masks, social distancing, and cleaning the areas in the church that we use regularly. Have you seen our cleaning angels going around with sanitizing spray after our services? Worship has been wonderful, although we cannot yet sing. And we can't yet share a complete communion (the wine) but we can commune together with the Body of Christ. We haven't gathered in fellowship groups much except for Taco Tuesday and a few youth

gatherings; however, we do gather four times a week to pray, listen to the word of God through scripture, music, and sermons, and share the Eucharist. We are blessed.

Our history is strong. Our faith is deep. Our vision is wide. My hope is that we will all live out our Baptismal Covenant as we look to the coming year and say together “I will, with God’s help”. We can do nothing together without the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ leading the way.

Blessings my family,
Fr. Ralph⁺

Senior Warden’s Report

There is a time for everything,

and a season for every activity under the heavens:

Ecclesiastes 3

The year 2020 taught us that there is, indeed, a season for everything- even the unexpected.

Calvary’s year started strong. Our January annual meeting marked the activities and energy from 2019, and we carried that energy into 2020. Then the unexpected happened and we began a series of hellos and goodbyes; of welcoming the new and putting the known away.

In March, as we approached Easter and the Resurrection, we had to say goodbye to sanctuary worship, the Eucharist and the fellowship we share when we come together in this place. We said hello to online worship. While this seemed a poor substitute, we still worshipped together—although separately -- and reached people we had never reached before.

In May we said goodbye to Malcolm Smith, Calvary Prep headmaster for 18 years, and Paula. We said congratulations to our graduating seniors. All of this done with balloons, honking horns and drive-by celebrations.

July found us welcoming Mrs. Beth Dow as our new Head of School, with furious planning for how we could bring our children safely back to campus. The beginning of another season.

August found us in our vehicles again, this time wishing farewell to Rev. Lecia and Matthew. In mid-August we gave a high-five (with hand sanitizer, of course) to our returning students to a much different school environment, but one in which they continue to thrive. All-school chapel, lunch period, and extracurricular activities are dramatically different, and the smiling faces are hidden behind masks, but, again, we are moving forward in spite of this different season.

We launched our parish hall/solarium renovation in August. We also retained Foster Stained-Glass to address the serious needs of our stained-glass windows.

In September, the Vestry received the recommendation of the Search Committee to call the Rev. Ralph Morgan, who began his ministry with us on October 15. We welcomed back the season of in-Sanctuary worship in November, and we added a third weekend service, while continuing online worship. November was also the launch of our annual giving campaign, Walk by Faith, punctuated by our stewardship picnic and BBQ on the back lawns. This was the first

large social gathering for 2020 and over 100 Calvary parishioners enjoyed that sunny Sunday afternoon. The Parish Hall renovation ended in late October, and gradually small school and church groups are enjoying the new space.

We celebrated Thanksgiving but missed preparing dinner and feeding our neighbors. Advent and Christmas closed out the liturgical calendar in the beauty of the Sanctuary.

Much of our lives together looked and felt different this year. Our Worship, Outreach, Christian Ed, and other ministries found new and creative ways to be the face of Calvary.

Through it all, as a church and as individuals, we lived in the presence of the constant love of God. We shared that love with each other. I want to thank so many of you for staying connected and committed through this season that we have yet to understand.

Where does this take us? We are stronger, we are hopeful, we are ready for when it is time to be ready, and we have the desire for ministry we have always had. I thank you also for your patience. The year 2020 has been challenging, which clearly demonstrates what Christians can do when we harness God's love.

Peace be with you. Let us greet the season before us in 2021, armed with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amber Zentis
Senior Warden

Finance Committee Report

For 2020 the Plate Offerings were up 5.7% when compared to 2020 budget. We only received 90.4% of the 2020 Pledge Commitments. Therefore, our total revenue for 2020 was down 7.1% or \$48,163 when compared to the 2020 budget.

Due to the pandemic most expenses did see decreases throughout 2020. The operating expenses for church usage were down 11.4%. Because the inability for parishioners to fully engage with the community, mission and outreach expenses were down 26.9%. The church was left with a net surplus of cash for 2020 of \$56,650

A 2021 deficit budget of \$35,616 was presented to and passed by the Vestry. The Vestry is comfortable with a 2021 deficit budget and believes that the deficit can be offset by the 2020 surplus, if necessary.

When comparing the 2021 budget to the 2020 budget there is a decrease in total revenue of 5.1% or \$43,900. However, when comparing the 2021 budgeted "Total Revenue" to the 2020 actual "Total Revenue" there is an increase of 0.7% or \$4,263.

The 2021 budget shows a decrease in operating expenses for church usage of 1.9% and an increase in Mission and Outreach programs of 0.8% when compared to the 2020 budget. However, when comparing the 2021 budget to 2020 actual expenses, the operating expenses are up 10.7% and Mission and Outreach programs are up 37.9%.

In 2020 Calvary applied and received a PPP loan from the Federal Government for \$41,851.

Calvary received a grant from the Diocese of Texas for \$14,417 to help pay for 3 months of diocesan assessments. The grant was recognized as Designated Income in the 2020 YTD Actual numbers.

	2020 YTD Actual	2020 Annual Budget	2021 Annual Budget
Revenues			
Plate Offerings	\$ 68,702	\$ 65,000	\$ 60,000
Pledge Commitments	514,019	568,400	541,000
Total Offerings	<u>\$ 582,721</u>	<u>\$ 633,400</u>	<u>\$ 601,000</u>
Investment Income	292	-	-
Church usage	-	500	-
Designated Income	50,224	47,500	36,500
Total Revenue	<u><u>\$ 633,237</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 681,400</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 637,500</u></u>
Expenses			
Vestry Oversight			
Insurance	21,278	21,240	20,735
Office and Administration	33,674	37,150	38,650
Buildings and Grounds	78,783	81,160	78,800
Employee Compensation	297,521	342,062	339,684
Vestry and Stewardship	4,584	13,000	7,000
Finance Committee	8,983	6,500	6,500
Total Vestry Oversight	<u>\$ 444,823</u>	<u>\$ 501,112</u>	<u>\$ 491,369</u>
Mission/Outreach Ministry	45,434	68,775	67,050
Calvary Life Ministry	9,618	21,980	21,225
Worship Ministry	10,785	14,700	17,500
Formation/Spirituality Ministry	4,055	12,900	14,100
Diocesan Obligations	61,872	61,872	61,872
Total Expenses	<u><u>\$ 576,587</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 681,339</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 673,116</u></u>
Net Total	<u><u>\$ 56,650</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 61</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (35,616)</u></u>
2021 Restricted funds - Technology Committee	5,000		
2021 Restricted funds - Organ Restoration	10,000		
2021 Restricted funds - Capital Maintenance	42,650		
Total 2021 Restricted funds	<u><u>\$ 56,650</u></u>		

Jr Warden's Annual Report

I am pleased to report that the state of the campus is great. We have an old campus and with it comes the expected leaky pipes and roofs and broken sprinkler heads. Credit must be given to our Sexton, Jose Portillo, who with my assistance, made most of the repairs. Jose also did the tile work for our new coffee bar and painted the conference room. This, of course, saved the church a lot of money. This year we were able to make many, much-needed capital improvements, thanks to the grants from the Henderson-Wessendorff Foundation, funds from some of our foundations, gifts above pledge from some very generous individuals to make all this possible.

With these gifts and budgeted maintenance funds, we were able to replace all the windows in our offices, conference room, nursery, and pre-K room. We replaced insulation and ceiling tiles in our church offices. We remodeled our new rector's office with fresh paint and a new rug. We remodeled the bathrooms between the parish hall and the school. We repaired five of our stained-glass windows and added new glass and frames around all our stained-glass windows to protect them. We remodeled the Solarium and Parish Hall including new furniture. In the process we donated our old furniture to another church that was in need and were very appreciative to receive it.

During the stained-glass project, we discovered old termite damage around the Jesus window and flashing problems at the bottom of the big window on the back of the church, which was also addressed.

In late 2019, we entered into a contract with Ideal Impact to convert all of the school's lights to LED, to replace all thermostats to wireless, and utilize their program to help us save on our natural gas and electricity costs. Ideal Impact spent \$76,803 on this project and they were to be reimbursed monthly by receiving 80% of our utility bill savings. To date they have recovered \$7,748 of their investment.

I would like to give out a special shout out to Angela and Harrie Cooley, who throughout the year bring their landscaping employees to trim and replace shrubs, plant flowers, trim trees, and mow when our Sexton is on vacation. They help beautify our campus.

Thanks again to everyone for your generosity in helping make Calvary such a beautiful place to worship and have a great place for fellowship with our neighbors.

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.

Oscar Lozano, Jr. Warden

Outreach Committee

We are always amazed at the way Calvary reaches out to our community in so many different ways. This was especially true for 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. As you read through this report, you will see how Calvary truly does bless our local community. As we move forward into 2021 our goal is to continue to increase our current ministries and be open to hearing God's call to new ones.

If anyone is interested in joining the Outreach Committee, please contact us!!

Roy Haley, Tim Hillis, Susan King

Habitat for Humanity

In the first quarter of 2020, Calvary contributed \$7000 toward the construction of a new home at 802 Fields Street in North Richmond. Ten Calvary volunteers participated in construction efforts through mid-March, when work was halted due to COVID-19. Thereafter, limited crews of six volunteers – consisting mostly of Habitat supervisors – continued to work on the property until it was completed in late May. A virtual home dedication took place in September. This was the only new build of 2020.

Currently, there are no active Habitat projects in Fort Bend County. A virtual gala fund-raiser is tentatively planned for March. The next Fort Bend project will likely be at the new Hope Lane development in Richmond. Assuming that permits have been issued by the city, and street/utility installation has been completed, and COVID-19 concerns have sufficiently abated, the first of 15 new homes at Hope Lane may then break ground this fall.

If you have and questions or would like to join our corps of Habitat volunteers, please contact Dan or Chris Bradley (281-770-6711 or mdbradley05@gmail.com). As always, your financial assistance, volunteer time and prayers for Habitat for Humanity are greatly appreciated.

Dan & Chris Bradley

The Preston Street Community Garden Report 2018

The Preston Street Community Garden has been one of the safer missions in which to participate this year. Most all 29 individual raised beds were claimed by happy gardeners of the community including a local Girl Scout Troop. With the year-round efforts of generous volunteers, a total of 1668.85 pounds of 22 different vegetables and 258.75 pounds of fruit were donated to either Helping Hands or the 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.

Calvary Episcopal Church and First Baptist Church of Richmond continue their relationship in managing and maintaining the community garden. Workday was held on Saturday, March 7th.

There were 38 volunteers, 13 from Calvary, the rest from the First Baptist, a family of Boy Scouts, and 15 students from Austin High School. Our second Workday for end of summer was forfeited but small jobs were tackled with social distancing. There is now Bible verses and inspirational posts to read while strolling through the lovely Bell Garden. A potential partnership with Friends of North Richmond is blossoming for possible future use of the garden to benefit the North Richmond Community.

Lois Whitehead and Kate L. Brewer

Friends of North Richmond

Through connections with the Houston Food Bank, Second Mile and other organizations Friends of North Richmond (FNR) was able to provide over 26,000 units of food since the start of COVID-19! Calvary supported FNR in this effort through donations and volunteering. Calvary has also provided FNR with 3 iPads which will be used for some of their virtual programs and collecting information during community listening and mission week. A group of Calvary volunteers also cooked a spaghetti dinner for the homeless at FNR. We look forward to continuing to increase our relationship with the North Richmond community through our partnership with Friends of North Richmond.

Roy Haley and Susan King

From the FNR Director:

As we close out another year, we want to take a moment to celebrate all that God has done in North Richmond. From technology classes to virtual after school programming, learning pods to food distribution, prayer walks to free virtual counseling, we have learned a lot about flexibility and the power of relationships.

Our partnership with Calvary helps us in walking alongside individuals as they learn and live into their God given gifts and talents - as we work towards shalom in North Richmond and see hope rise!

Grace and Peace.

*Elise Caire, Director
Friends of North Richmond*

Helping Hands

In 2020, Calvary has had impact in our community through Helping Hands. Calvary budgeted and donated \$2000 for Helping Hands. An additional \$1000 was donated by parishioners making a total of \$3000 given to Helping Hands from Calvary. Thank you, Calvary! Also, as a result of the request for egg cartons, Calvary members donated many cartons. **That need is now met, and no more egg cartons are needed.** A new parishioner at Calvary works for an egg corporation. He has facilitated the donation of cartons in bulk.

Overall, in 2020, Helping Hands assisted Richmond/Rosenberg residents with 23,000 units of service, up from approximately 5,000 last year. Most of the assistance was in the form of food because of food insecurity. Customers have been able to access clothing assistance by appointment for the last three months.

Lois Essells

Kairos

Kairos is an interdenominational ministry that shares the Love of Christ with those behind prison walls.

During 2020, we completed one extended 4-day weekend at Jester Unit Prison before the COVID-19 epidemic struck. As of this writing, the prison remains on lockdown. No visits from family, friends, or others have been permitted for almost a year.

In cooperation with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Kairos was able to provide personal hygiene kits to inmates twice during the year. We meet regularly to be ready to enter the prison again as soon as permitted.

For 2020, Calvary members have generously donated over \$1300 to the Kairos International Ministries. Thank you for your continued support and prayers

John Johnston and Dave Essells

Blood Drives

We were able to host 3 blood drives this year despite the pandemic. One drive was in the Family Life Center. Two drives were in the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Coach due to the Church facilities being closed.

We had a total of 70 donors donating 81 units for a total of 243 lives saved.

Four drives are scheduled for the year 2021 and the dates are shown below:

January 31st, April 25th, August 1st - Blue Bell month, and November 7th

Please consider donating in 2021 as the need for blood continues throughout the pandemic.

Frank Plut

Christmas Adopt-A-Family

Our Calvary Family and friends of Calvary should be proud of keeping our over 20-year Christmas tradition of bringing some joy into the lives of those less fortunate. There were challenges with the Covid-19 restrictions, but we were successful in bringing smiles to many area children. There were 133 children from 36 families that received gifts. We also provided 48 age appropriate Bibles.

It takes many of us to make this happen. Our families joined together to adopt the larger households, our scout groups adopted our largest families, and our loyal corporate groups participated as well as those that gave generous financial donations. We had a new group adopt a family this year, Sara Jackson's 4th grade class at Calvary Episcopal Preparatory. Sara tells us it was a special experience that they want to continue! We have heard from many of you that Adopt-A-Family is a highlight of your Christmas; that you receive so much more than you give. God is Great!

Mary Ellen and Frank Plut

Raymond and Debbie Pohler

Kid's Hope

Over the past 6 years, Calvary has partnered with Jane Long Elementary School through the Kids Hope program, to mentor at-risk children. When school closed for spring break last March, there were 11 Calvary mentors working one on one with 11 Jane Long students. Since the end of spring break 2020, Jane Long's campus has been closed or closed to visitors due to COVID-19 restrictions. While face to face mentoring is currently suspended, two of our mentors continue to stay in contact with their students through letters or notes delivered by email to the students at school.

In the meantime, we have continued to support Jane Long by providing markers, dry erase sheets, scissors and notepads for students who are virtual learners doing schoolwork from home. Funds for these supplies, totaling about \$1300, were generously provided through cash donations from Calvary parishioners.

Plans are in place to restart on campus mentoring when COVID restrictions are lifted.

Chris Bradley

Laundry Love

The Laundry Love Initiative began about seventeen 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.

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 strives to nurture the well-being of each person through intentional networking and friendship.

Due to the COVID virus, the Laundry Love ministry was only active the first quarter of 2020. However, in those three months, we helped 65 families by washing and drying 435 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. In January, a donor paid to repair the brakes for one of our clients and in February we gave away toothbrushes and toothpaste received through a direct donation.

Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon

Family Promise – Returning Ministry

Family Promise provides meals and temporary shelter to homeless families by partnering with local churches. Recently they opened a location in the Richmond/Rosenberg area. Through this partnership Calvary provided 14 meals for 4 families for a week.

Family Promise has asked Calvary to provide meals for families one week per quarter in 2021. We are looking for folks who would be able to help with this ministry. Please call Roy Haley if you are interested (281-871-8172).

Roy Haley and Tim Hillis

Other Outreach Initiatives

A woman who lives close to Calvary had no water in her home for months during the beginning of the COVID-19 shutdown. To get water, she filled buckets from her neighbor's faucet and was boiling it to do dishes and used it to flush toilets. Through our relationship with Attack Poverty and The Sanctuary Fellowship Church the plumbing is now fixed!! It's amazing what we can do when we work together.

We were able to utilize the remaining Harvey funds to purchase materials for a porch for a Rosenberg resident who was impacted by Harvey. The porch was completed by a small group of volunteers.

Roy Haley

Calvary Episcopal Church Foundation, Inc.

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 sixth full year as a functional organization, with a website presence on the Calvary church website (www.calvaryrichmond.org/foundation) and promotional brochures.

Current asset value of the Foundation at close of business Dec 31, 2020:

Edward Jones Advisory Solutions Fund	\$160,758.08	of which \$100,000 is corpus.
Edward Jones Money Market	<u>\$ 44,841.38</u>	
TOTAL	\$205,599.46	

Note: At last year's APM, the end of year balance was mis reported as \$359,542.84, when the actual value was \$251,912.47. The Advisory Solutions balance was \$144,282.10 and the Money Market value of \$107,630.37. The Money Market value was inadvertently added twice to the total investment value.

Grants Given:

- \$350 From Heritage Fund for Altar Guild for pew signs
- \$1,190 From Youth and Spiritual Formation for Camp Allen Scholarships
- \$15,000 From Heritage Fund for Parish Hall Remodel
- \$6,000 From Outreach to Calvary Church for its financial support of CEP

Total \$22,540

Designated Gifts Dispersed:

- \$20,800 From Heritage Fund for Parish Hall Remodel
- \$25,000 From Outreach fund for Malcolm and Paula Smith Scholarship for CEP

Total \$45,800

Deposits: \$6,033 Memorials Gifts and Columbarium payments

Expenses: \$705 Administration and tax return

Board of Directors for 2020: Betsy Zanghi, Clayton Cooley, Lisa Lemkowitz, Kathy Bethke, Dennis Gorka, and Ron Best. Betsy and Kathy have completed their terms and are eligible to serve another full 3 year term.

Election of Directors:

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

Betsy Zanghi
Kathy Bethke

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Zanghi – President 2020
Supporting Calvary Episcopal Church

Calvary Episcopal Preparatory

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 2019-2020 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 Fidler, Kathy Haley, Jeff McClellan, Frank Plut, and Joe Robinson**. We especially thank our Chair, **Ms. Amber Zentis**, who, as Senior Warden served as chair since Fr. Paul retired in June 2019. We are excited to have Father Ralph Morgan joining us!

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.

The 2019-2020 school year showed, more than ever before, the dedication, passion, and loyalty our teachers have to Calvary. When COVID-19 hit after spring break our teachers and technology department sprung into action to make sure students were learning and being successful from their homes. This was no small task and has been a hard transition for everyone. This report is not like any other year as every aspect of the school was impacted by COVID. As schools and businesses seem to be closing their doors daily, we are eternally grateful for God's guidance.

- 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 47 new Crusaders to our school in the fall of 2019.
- In August of 2019, we welcomed our first Pre-K3 class to CEP with 10 new Pre-K3 students, all of which enrolled in our Pre4 program in 2020-2021.

- CEP competed in Private School Interscholastic Association (PSIA) 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. Unfortunately, State Competition was scheduled for May of 2020 and was cancelled due to COVID.
- The middle school one-act play, *The Girl in the White Pinafore*, won PSIA district. Calvary also earned best actress, 6 All Star Casts and 4 Honorable Mentions and a Tech Award for lighting. Unfortunately, COVID did not allow this phenomenal performance to compete at State.
- 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. Calvary had 7 students qualified for the nationals at The University of Nebraska this past summer. Due to COVID, national competition ended up being virtual. We had four students compete and all received medals at Nationals.
- The annual spring musical, *The Little Mermaid*, with great reluctance, was cancelled due to COVID.
- In past years, CEP has many students qualify for the Houston Area Private School Honor Band, due to COVID, this was cancelled.
- Calvary Episcopal Band hosted a solo and ensemble concert for the entire school in late February. 8th grade student Niki Barnhart auditioned for and was placed in the Houston Youth Symphony.
- Over 77% of our 7th 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.
 - Archery is Calvary's newest sport and is hosted at Long Acres Ranch.
 - Most sports were cancelled or cut-off mid-season due to COVID.
- COVID quickly showed us the need for technology updates. During the summer of 2020, there were several technology upgrades including 100 new student issued iPad, MacBook pros for all of our faculty, server updates, and Wi-Fi wireless access points added.
- Our Annual Golf Tournament, with the continued support of many CEC participants, profited just under \$50,000. \$30,000 of which went directly to student scholarships. Additionally, our Annual Giving Campaign just missed its goal of \$65,000.
- The Calvary PTO grossed \$150,000 at their Annual Gala and Auction.
- Thanks to a grant from a local foundation Calvary was able to do many necessary renovations in the summer of 2020 including, new flooring throughout, new whiteboards, updated library circulation desk and cabinets, Parish Hall bathroom renovations and other cosmetic upgrades.
- In May of 2020, Malcolm Smith retired after 19 years of service.

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.

Beth Dow, Head of School

Annual Stewardship Report

Walk by Faith! As with all things this past year, we have had to learn how to adapt and to change how we live our lives whether it be going to church online or in-person with a mask and being socially distanced or having our annual celebration outdoors. All these things we've done by having faith that God is in control and will guide and protect us. Stewardship this year looked a little different however as always, this congregation's generosity has shown through even though we are in the midst of a pandemic in how we all shared our time, talent and treasure. It truly represents your faithfulness and trust in our almighty God.

Stewardship Committee Members

Rev. Ralph Morgan

Amber Zentis, Senior Warden

Wendy Doherty, Stewardship Co-Chair

Kathy Haley, Stewardship Co-Chair

John Johnston

John Ondrusek

"...know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5: 6-7

	2021 Pledge	2020 Pledge	2019 Pledge	2021 New Pledges
General Fund	\$421,368	\$509,796	\$546,310	\$34,300
Number of family units	91	115	117	8

Newcomer Notes And More...
2020 -- Year in Review
Anne Scarborough
Calvary Newcomer Coordinator

Looking back over 2020, it was a year like no other. I have almost completed nine years as Calvary's Newcomer Coordinator. I am still excited to share Calvary with visitors who now can come through our doors or connect with us on line and even complete a virtual Welcome Card.

Due to the Corona Virus outbreak we halted live church services in mid-March. Facebook Live became the new way to view our Sunday service. Eventually, we also started to use YouTube to post recorded services.

Instead of the usual activities (Welcome Parties, Cookie Ministry, Pentecost Picnic, Rally Day, Newcomer Tours, Rosenberg Symphonic Band Christmas Concert, Newcomer Weekend/Confirmation Class) we spent a lot of our time planning how to re-open safely. I was part of a task force, trying to figure out what opening church could look like within the Diocesan guidelines. We tentatively tried to re-open at the end of July outdoors, but the weather did not cooperate and the Covid-19 cases kept rising. Rev. Lecia left us in August to head up her own church. We were sad to see her go, but very happy for her. We kept the on-line services going with visiting priests and virtual sermons until Fr. Ralph arrived at the end of October.

I polled my Ushers and Greeters and asked when they would be willing to come back and serve should we start live services. I met with the Usher leaders in July to see how they thought the service could be held safely. On Oct. 20 we had Usher/Greeter training in the sanctuary with Fr. Ralph following all protocols. The group was very excited to meet our new rector and to get closer to in person worship.

Amber Zentis and I worked on the new Ministry Directory which was published in January 2020. The book is a great resource for how to get involved. Little did we know, most of the activities would be curtailed in 2020.

We did get in a few fun activities. We had a Zoom Coffee hour following our Pentecost service. It did not compare with the Picnic and Waterslides, but it was great to seeing everyone's faces.

In August families who had recently joined Calvary, were invited to attend a Fiesta Zoom Happy Hour. They received their invitation delivered to their door with a cute invitation, a bag of chips and homemade salsa by Shirley Tijerina. The gathering was a wonderful way to connect and share our stories.

I attended, via Zoom, a Welcome Roundtable group once a month. This gathering was a great resource to learn what other churches in our Diocese were doing during the Pandemic. I also attended a national Invite, Welcome, Connect Conference, also held via Zoom. This was also a great way to learn what others were doing across the country.

Along the way, I headed up making encouragement cards for a retirement facility and the children and adults of Friends of N. Richmond. I would like to thank Susan Hugule and her Del Webb group and the 14 Calvary families that made 74 cards-- personally addressed to each recipient for Friends of N. Richmond.

Finally the STATS! Since January 1, 2020:

We collected greeter cards or information on 27 visitors.

6 Families/singles joined Calvary (including all ages – 18 people)

Sharing our Services on-line:

An average of 146 people in December watched the Sunday service on-line either live or during the following week.

Our Christmas Eve Services were viewed 578 times live or in the 2 days following its airing.

New Members 2020

Brian and Megan Broerman (Caroline and Cora)
Ted and Julia Case
Jim and Joni Duke
Susan Hugel
Jonathan and Brooke Iversen (Colt and Wyatt)
Chris and Kimberly Windham (Lydia, Easter and Stephen)

Scouting Report Troop 100

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.

Troop 100 began 2020 with 15 scouts, 85% of them actively involved in weekly meetings, service projects, and outdoor programs. Throughout the year, our scouts were honored to contribute back to the community through our ongoing citizenship campaign (Flags Across the Brazos) with US flags placed in the neighborhoods on National Holidays. During the COVID-19 pandemic, scouts from Troop 100 sewed masks for family, friends, and co-workers; collected and distributed PPE and cleaning supplies; wrote letters and notes in both English and Chinese to elderly residents of nursing facilities that were isolated; and worked as caregivers at a Community Center that was offering childcare to essential workers. This Christmas, two families were adopted by the troop and provided gifts and family needs during the holiday. In addition to these projects, 8 scouts served an additional 132 hours in the community – 30% more community service than twice as many scouts performed in 2019.

In January, combined with Troop 1000, seven scouts and two adults traveled to Guadalupe Mountain National Park in far west Texas. Together they hiked over 14 miles with a 3000 ft. elevation change during 8.5 miles of the hike. Each scout earned 12 Frost Points during the trip – one point for every degree below freezing the temperature was during the night camping in the National Park.

February marked the one-year anniversary of Troop 100. We planned to celebrate on a campout at Lost Maples State Natural Area in Vanderpool, TX. The youth leaders of our Troop had arranged a conservation project with the local park rangers, doing trail maintenance. At the very last minute, the campout was cancelled due to several scouts having the flu.

Just as the world changed, the way we scout changed in March as well. Troop 100 moved all of its meetings to online Zoom meetings. Together, scouts created a 30-day plan to earn two merit badges together over zoom. They invited merit badge counselors to teach them and used online platforms to showcase their work. Eight scouts earned the Art and Public Health merit badges together.

April and May brought more zoom meetings and the need for more ideas to keep scouts engaged. Troop 100 built an online escape game that focused on the history of scouting. Scouting Councils around the country began offering online merit badge classes taught by subject matter experts. Our scouts earned merit badges like Weather from a Meteorologist from Boston, MA; Stamp Collecting from a lifelong collector in North Carolina; Journalism from a Chicago Tribune writer; or Gardening and Plant Science from a farmer in Hawaii. This was an incredibly unique opportunity to meet and build relationships with scouts across the country. To close out May, two of our scouts earned the Hiking Merit Badge by hiking 75 miles in one week.

In June, our scouts continued to meet weekly over zoom, sharing ideas and planning as a troop and continued to study merit badges through nationwide online class offerings. They even arranged a virtual campout where scouts camped individually in their own backyards and connected with each other over zoom for meals, activities, and campfire. Two scouts blazed a trail in a local wooded area and invited the troop to accomplish the socially distanced hike by following trail signs they created.

Alongside Troop 1000, Troop 100 marched in the Greatwood Fourth of July Parade with adult leaders, all carrying flags. Several Troop members attended day long merit badge classes at Bovay Scout Ranch in Navasota, TX. They learned skills such as archery, rock climbing, shotgun shooting, orienteering, basketry, and leatherworking.

August 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. As a Saturday service project, the Troop retired nearly 300 flags that could no longer be respectfully flown. August 31st marked our first official Troop meeting face to face. Scouts and leaders met in the Calvary parking lot, socially distanced with masks. The excitement was evident in those first hours together. A Dutch oven dinner of chicken and dumplings complete with Dutch oven chocolate cake was served during the time of fellowship.

By mid-September we had completed enough research and preparation to campout together as a Troop. The Troop spent one night camping at Baumgartner Pond, approximately a 15-minute drive from Calvary. The Troop spent Friday evening cooking outdoors, hiking, and having our first campfire of the year together. Saturday the completed a conservation project that rebuilt a large-scale fire pit in a ceremony area on the property. This has been the location of 100s of campfires over the years for local Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs. With the newly laid bricks and stones, the ring will once again be a safe place to gather for many more years. Saturday afternoon was dedicated to learning canoe paddling and water safety skills.

The Troop spent one more day together at Buffalo Run Park learning canoeing and water rescue skills. Mid-October, the Troop traveled with Troop 1000 north of Bastrop, TX to paddle on the Colorado River. Several scouts were paddling on their very first canoe trip. The troop accomplished 18 paddle miles in just one day.

In November we attended Webelos Woods Cub Scout recruiting event where Cub Scouts get exposure to Boy Scouts and the methods we use to run our unit. Our scouts taught bear bag skills (which can be applied to any rodents or campsite pests). They closed the day by hosting a rocket launch to encourage young scouts to continue their journey in scouting. Our Troop also served to support the Eagle project of our first ever Eagle Scout candidate, who earned her rank of Eagle in December 2020. PPE supplies, food, personal hygiene supplies, and cold weather essentials we collected, sorted, packed and distributed to dozens of homeless people in Houston.

In December one scout was elected, by her peers, into the Order of the Arrow (the Scouts Honor Society, and organization of selfless service and leadership development). Five scouts attended a local Winter Camp hosted by Troop 1000, working on requirements for merit badges such as metal working, cycling, cooking, orienteering, and citizenship in the community. Three additional scouts spent the week learning about vision and leadership and applying that knowledge through various challenges at National Youth Leadership Training. The knowledge gained will be applied to their leadership of the scouts in our troop.

Troop 100 closed 2020 with 13 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 125 camping nights. There were 132 merit badges earned among these scouts and 18 rank advancements, and 5 special awards. The young ladies have strategically planned their meeting time wisely to continue this path of advancement and skill building. Four of our current scouts will have the opportunity to earn their Eagle Rank in 2021 and join their peers 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. - Angie Gardner

Troop 1000 Report

What an exceptional year we had in Scouting during this past 2020! We all went into this year with heightened excitement for the outdoor activities that the Scouts had planned and to see the Scouts grow. I personally had the chance to start connecting with some of the older Scouts in order to be one more adult in their life that they had confidence in and could turn too when life got rough. But enough about my motivations, here is a rundown of how the Scouts fared with the challenges of life in 2020.

Troop 1000 recruited 10 new scouts for 2020. The youngest of the new scout group is the Blue Wolverine patrol, made up of Scouts from 3 different area Packs, as well as scouts that have moved to Texas from states like Utah and Illinois. Troop 1000 has a very good reputation in the Brazos District for being a welcoming Troop that is highly successful at building leaders through adult guidance and hands-on experience. Troop 1000 also has a reputation for higher adventure experiences, even allowing the younger scouts to push themselves to new limits, all in a safe, lowest risk environment.

The troop provided flags for all 6 flag based national holidays, conducted over 100 hours of voluntary service in the community at churches and charitable organizations, adopted 2 families to provide gifts at Christmas, set up flags and created a Scout cheering section in partnership with River Pointe Church to honor Veterans on their day for a pizza drive thru giveaway and participated in a Greatwood 4th of July parade to celebrate our nations independence. This was all done safely and with acknowledgement of the Covid guidelines or restrictions as they have changed.

The pandemic offered our scouts many opportunities that a normal year would not. We did not skip a meeting when the pandemic restrictions and stay at home orders hit from the county. Other troops stopped meeting, and stopped everything, but our resilient scouts and adult leaders had the vision and determination to come up with a plan to take scouting into the pandemic, even before the examples and guidance was offered by the council. The scout leaders offered a way to meet via Zoom just like with school. Those leaders scheduled planning meetings weekly, instead of the monthly or quarterly cadence of the past. This increased communication and kept leadership on their mind, as well as offered a glimpse into the real world of leadership, planning and execution of plans. The meetings were rich with teachings, video usage, both live and recorded, games played over zoom, jokes and stories told.

In August we were thrilled to hear that we could meet outside at the church parking lot, and so considering the guidelines of the county, we came up with games that involved social distancing, we kept cool in the heat, and when the cool fronts came, it offered the scouts a chance to practice fire building in a safe portable fire pit, as well as Dutch oven cooking with charcoal, giving them small glimpses of skills required for outdoor experiences, as well as entertainment with campfire programs that were energetic and fun.

Troop 1000 had a banner year in advancement and achievement with Scout Ranks. Due to the pandemic and virtual school, and summer of light travel, many Scouts took online and in person merit badge classes, totaling 80-100 merit badges, all of the 2019 new scouts achieved 2nd Class rank, all of the 2018 scouts achieved 2nd Class at least but most hit their Star and Life ranks. There were 6 scouts that achieved Life rank, and 12 scouts achieved the rank of Eagle Scout!! Those 12 scouts have contributed massively to our community with their projects, their service, and their presence over the last 5-7 years of their scouting career.

The scouts missed a few key outdoor activities due to the pandemic, and there were some disappointments for sure, but they were able to climb to the highest peak in Texas at ~8,700' at Guadalupe Mountains National Park in freezing weather, backpack into their campsite at Lost Maples State Park with a 7 mile hike, kayak 15 miles with a primitive overnight camp on the Devil's River, canoe 18 miles down the Colorado River between campsites in one day, show younger scouts how to build fires at Webelos Woods at the Long Acres Ranch while showing how well organized they were at setting up camp and their newly decorated camping equipment trailer, a large attendance at the Bomgartner Pond property for the first ever self conducted Winter Camp, as well as a trip by the Voyageurs via van to the Gila National Forest for a 5 day Trek experience.

The adult volunteering crew is EXCEPTIONAL, with a standard of excellence like I have not seen before. They are all kind to the scouts, understanding, but firm and help the scouts set and achieve a high bar. The group is well bonded with each other and enjoys serving together like a family of brothers and sisters. I have personally been blessed by being a member of this dynamic team.

Troop 1000 is honored to be a scout troop associated with Calvary Episcopal Church and we appreciate all the support the church provides and will provide in the future. We look forward to serving the Kingdom together as part of the body of Christ, in any way that He would lead us.

Bryan Moss

Pastoral Care Annual Report

Six participants completed *Walking the Mourner's Path*, the eight week Christ-centered small group for those mourning the death of a loved one, whether a friend or a relative. The workshops were facilitated by Bob Watts and Janice Linsenmayer with clergy oversight by Rev. Nancy Wilkes.

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

A big project for the Care Team this year was the phone tree which began in April. We attempted to check-in by phone with everyone on the Calvary membership list during the months we were unable to gather in person for worship.

During the year, 145 Greeting cards of Get Well Wishes, Thinking of You, and Sympathy cards were sent, as well as Birthday cards to all members.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry donated shawls in December. Fr. Ralph has blessed the shawls and they will be given out during 2021.

We planned and facilitated a Blue Christmas Service of comfort and hope the second Sunday in December. A special feature of this years' service was the music provided by John Brun and the Choir.

In addition, we provided meals to those recovering from illness and/or surgery, made phone calls or visits to shut-ins, or those recovering at home or at facilities, and provided respite for families caring for loved ones.

It is our calling to *Bear One Another's Burdens*. And we are here as we are needed.

The Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon

Lay Reader Ministry Report

We currently have 10 licensed active Lay Eucharistic Ministers/Worship Leaders/Chalice Bearers in the rotation.

There are 10 active Lectors.

There are a total of 6 inactive Lay Readers that are not attending church in-person due to the Pandemic or have chosen to be on sabbatical for a while.

We have 2 new Readers that have signed on within the last few months and 3 more pending.

At this time due to the Pandemic the Lay Readers and Lectors are interchangeable since we do not Vest or serve as Chalice Bearers.

Wendy Doherty

Christian Formation

We started off the year with Children's Chapel using the curriculum from Hearts Alive. Thank you to the many volunteers for this important ministry, especially Leslie Amentini who did all the scheduling. We made available a Children's lending library full of wonderful books. We also began Sunday School focusing on some of the surprise heroes of our modern world.

In January, Beth Jordan led a "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" photographic journey of the Galapagos including helping the children making their own volcanoes. Jan Yurasek led a related fun art project, and we all ate lots of pizza. Adults had a book study of Searching for Sunday by Rachel Held Evans that lasted for 7 weeks.

Then the world changed and like everyone else we had to rethink the way we teach. For Lent, we sent out weekly Lenten prayers via text to the parents with permission from the "Book of Common Prayer for Children and Families" by Jennifer Gamber and Timothy Seamans.

Throughout the spring we taped books for the children which we posted on Facebook and the Thursday email blast. We had a variety of books: Yellow and Pink by William Steig, The Very Best Day by Roger Hutchison, The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson, and This is the Church by Sarah R Cunningham along with questions if the parents wanted to have a Sunday School lesson.

In May, we did an online class via Zoom for the children on the book of Acts.

For four days in July, a wonderful virtual VBS was provided by Christ Church Cathedral, St. John the Divine and St. Martins that several of our families participated in.

In the fall, Sheila Phillips kindly shared her storytelling talents with us to make other Sunday school lesson opportunities for the children. Tim Hillis offered online Thursday night classes on the book of Psalms followed by the book of Ephesians.

To start off Advent, we had our traditional wreath making event in our new Parish Hall! We had an uplifting video of Zoya and Yeva Cherry along with Anna Estes performing "The First Noel".

There were lots of messages and phone calls and sharing of God's Word to keep us all lifted up during this time of isolation and turmoil. Christian Formation became a church family event where we all took care of each other. I am so grateful for each of you.

David and I are leaving Richmond to be closer to our children. We will miss all of you. What a joy it has been to be part of this church family since 1999!! Y'all are the most welcoming loving church and I know you will reach many more families for Jesus in the coming years. I am very sad to leave the best job I ever had, but David and I feel God's Presence in this move and are looking forward to this new part of our lives. I hope to continue to hear from you!

With love and a grateful heart,

Betty Anne Taylor

EYC – Episcopal Youth Community

What a crazy year this has been. EYC started off the beginning of 2020 strong. Our first community service day was January 26th with the youth group from St. Marks in Richmond. The EYC and leaders went to the Beacon to help prepare food for the homeless. After our shift was over, we headed over to Christ Cathedral for Sunday worship and then to Dave and Buster for lunch and fun. On Sunday, Feb 2nd the youth collected over \$1000.00 for Souper Bowl of Caring that was donated to Helping Hands. The youth had Sunday School at Whataburger and enjoyed sharing God's love. During the pandemic we have had many zoom meetings which the kids had a chance to win \$100.00 for figuring out a challenge over the course of two weeks. The youth ended the year with an in person meeting in the youth building with a Christmas game and just enjoying each other's company.

Suzette Hillis

Myers Endowment Report

At the start of 2020 there was a total of \$770,795.39 in the Foundation account invested with Edward Jones. The board meet three times this year, and that included a Zoom meeting and the Joint meeting in December. In March then Head of School Malcolm Smith made the request that the Foundation contribute to the restoration of restrooms in the Parish Hall and the Foundation granted up to \$30,000.00 to be used in renovations of the Parish Hall and bathrooms used by the school. At the Joint meeting in December new Head of School Beth Dow reported the funds had been drawn from the Foundation of \$30,000.00 and that the renovation was completed. An additional \$1,000.00 was withdrawn for the account to cover auditing services. The return on the investment for 2020 was \$63,289.80. After the withdrawal of \$31,000.00 for the year the account closed at the end of 2020 with \$803,085.19.

Calvary Episcopal Church

Mission Statement: *Calvary welcomes and embraces all who join us in doing the work of Christ in our community.*

Ministry Leaders

Acolytes	Tiffany Maldonado
Altar Guild	Irene Iversen
Bereavement Committee	Dorothy Lyons
Bereavement Team	Rev. Nancy Wilkes
Bread Delivery	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	Rev. Nancy Wilkes
Children's Chapel	
Christian Education	
Confirmation Preparation	Reb Scarborough
Cookie Ministry	Anne Scarborough
Daughters of the King	Jeannine Hillis
Finance Committee	Christian Iversen
Foyer Groups	Lois Essells, Kay Hardee
Greeters	Anne Scarborough
Kitchen Crew	John Lyons
Lay Ministers	Wendy Doherty
Music:	
Choir	John Brun
POGS	Will Mason
Outreach:	
Community Garden	Tim Hillis
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, Roy Haley
Adult Mission Trip	Roy Haley
Parish Retreat	Susan Grotte
Prayer Team	Mary Katherine Maldonado
Stewardship	Wendy Doherty, Kathy Haley
Sound Board	Reb Scarborough
Shepherd Groups	
Supper Club	Zahra Cook
Ushers	Susan King
VBS	Jeannine Hillis
Website	Suzette Hillis
Youth Group — EYC	Suzette Hillis, Nicole Cornwell

Church Staff

Rev. Ralph B. Morgan, Rector
Rev. Nancy Wilkes, Deacon
Kathy Haley, Parish Administrator
Brenda Zatopek, Finance Assistant
Suzette Hillis, Communications
Anne Scarborough, Newcomer Coordinator
John Brun, Organist and Choir Director
Will Mason, Worship Coordinator
Jose Portillo, Sexton

2021 Vestry

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John Ondrusek, Junior Warden
Marian Briscoe
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Paula Grossman
Susan Grotte
Debra Helbert
Tim Hillis
Christian Iversen
John Johnston
Bob Todor
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