



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

Today, Fr. Paul is preparing for his week at Camp Allen with the family as he pastors the youth there. Sunday, June 9 was his last Sunday of worship at Calvary as he heads into retirement. I hope many of you were able to join in the Pentecost picnic as we said our formal farewells.

For many of us, that raises the question: *"What happens now?"*

In most instances the Diocese requires a substantial waiting period when a rector leaves so the parish has time to better understand and prepare for the transition process. Not so with Calvary. With Rev. Lecia and Rev. Nancy remaining, we have permission from the Diocese to get started immediately. Together, they will continue to guide us in worship and pastoral care. We are blessed to have them.

Some people ask if we have formed a search committee. No. It is too soon for that. The first step is for Calvary to create a parish profile. This is a document that proclaims who we are as a church, what's important to us, where we want the church to go, and what type of rector should lead us. The work of the search committee can only begin once the profile is done. So the first step will be to get started with a parish survey to help us answer these questions.

The Parish Profile is important. Potential rector candidates will study it to determine if Calvary is a Call for them. We need to get it right. To do that requires your participation. I hope we count on you to help. You will hear more about this very soon.

Mark Sunday, June 23 on your calendar

The Rev. Blake Rider is the Transition Minister for the Diocese. He works with every church in the Diocese facilitating its transition, and your vestry has already been in conversation with him. He will be here on Sunday the 23rd to preach at both services and to host a Q&A session for all who are interested.

Join us in the Parish Hall at 9:15 for a light breakfast and to hear what Fr. Blake has to say

Diane, I have great faith that the Holy Spirit will ever guide us during this time of discernment and that, as a people, we will bond together in true Calvary fashion. We have a big job ahead of us, and we are up to the task!

Prayerfully—for your Vestry,

Amber Zentis, Senior Warden