

# THE CALLER

## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Winter/Spring 2016

### Pastor Erica's Bookshelf



One of my favorite sources of inspiration and imagination is through books. Here is what is on my shelf right now. Most of these titles are available in local public libraries! Check it out!

***Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today***  
by Adam Hamilton

Currently the Arise group is studying this book. The first half begins with some overview of background and history of both Testaments in the Christian Bible, including nuanced explanations of inter-denominational and Christian tradition differences. The second half wrestles with questions all people of faith wrestle with- inspiration, evil, providence, prophecy, creation, science, sexuality, gender, the book of Revelation, and more. Hamilton does not offer answers per se, rather conversation starters, points of reference, and accessible background.

***Out of Sorts: Making Peace with an Evolving Faith*** by Sarah Bessey

Have you experienced an overhaul in your faith and/or theology? Are you skeptical about the worldview you were raised with? This book is for you! Bessey weaves personal narrative with theological discussions that kept me nodding my head in shared experience as I read. "It's a book about making peace with unanswered questions... And being comfortable with where we land for now, while holding our hands open for where the Spirit leads us next.

***Ms. Marvel* series (2014-current)** by G. Willow Wilson

A great selection for tweens, teens, & graphic novel lovers! Ms. Marvel has gone through many iterations and evolutions since she was first introduced in 1968. The current Ms. Marvel also goes by the name Kamala Khan, a first generation American Muslim high school girl with anxious parents to go with peer pressure and teen angst. This series includes all the usual action of super heroes, multiple identities, and villains, with added layers of thought provoking experiences of immigrant families, sexism, ageism, and religious and ethnic minorities. The first volume, *No Normal*, won the 2015 Hugo Award for Best Graphic Story!

***No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series** by Alexander McCall Smith

McCall Smith is a British gentleman born in Zimbabwe and a former professor at the University of Botswana. This fictional series follows the life Precious Ramotswe, Botswana's first and only woman private detective, aided by her faithful assistant, Grace Makutsi, and love interest, Mr J.L.B Matekoni. If you enjoy British mysteries, this is a series for you. McCall Smith seamlessly incorporates themes of colonialism, racism, sexism, and more. Occasionally, Precious finds herself in ethical dilemmas and her solutions are informed by her Christian faith. HBO produced a season of episodes from the book series, too!

***Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life*** by Barbara Kingsolver

Barbara Kingsolver is well known for writing fiction [*Poisonwood Bible*, *Prodigal Summer*, etc.] and essays [*Small Wonder*, *High Tide in Tucson*, etc.], though she is lesser known for this moving and personal look at how her family committed to a year of hyper local sourcing their food. Kingsolver takes the reader through the ups and downs of practically implementing this green conscious and ethically sensitive lifestyle change with her family of 4. Her background in biology with her faithful convictions, combined with columns by her scientist husband and teen daughter make this an enlightening read for anyone who desires to raise their plate to a new level of consciousness.

# We are Calvary Baptist Church: What does that mean?



As the season of Lent runs head on into the celebration of Easter, I am reminded that Calvary Baptist Church is a congregation of dedicated people who are committed to being church in our community, and recognize that we are the church even during interim periods between Senior Pastors.

I am also convinced that part of Lent's call for self-reflection should include a look at what is important to each of us and how we live into that. When we consider those priorities as part of extremely busy lives, they become clearer by how we spend our resources: time and money.

So what does that mean for your commitment to Calvary? Is it a priority? Are you feeling detached from the Calvary community? This is the perfect time to reprioritize and connect.

Sign-up sheets were out during Lent for committees and other volunteer opportunities. Committee chairs are listed on the next page and just an email away to answer questions. You can also click [here](#) to sign-up online.

We belong to each other and are motivated by an unconditional love that provides peace beyond understanding. That inspiration drives a desire to be part of, and support our community in whatever way works for each individual. **Don't wait to be asked.** Step in and find your place of service. Let me know if you have suggestions, concerns, or questions as we move forward.

*Becky Vaughn, Moderator (becky@beckyvaughn.org)*

## Calvary@Work

At Calvary we have many members who are extremely gifted and highly trained in their respective professions. Our weekday work is part of each of our personal callings, and therefore our collective calling as well. So we are asking, "what skills, gifts, experiences, connections, and specialized training has God already given us, and how can we help to coordinate and encourage God's work through these gifts?"

In an effort to explore this question and to foster a deeper and broader connection between each of our work lives and our ministry through Calvary, we have created a "Calvary@Work" group on LinkedIn. If you have a LinkedIn profile, check it out (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8444725>)! Who knows where this might go? The important thing is to make ourselves (our *whole* selves) available to God and to each other - and to be open to the creative work of the Spirit.

It's also a great way for church leadership to find people who may be able to help with specialized needs at the church. It will also provide another way to connect new members to others in the church who have similar skills and interests.

## Direct Debit and Recurring Credit Card Charge Options Available

Help support the work of Calvary's community of faith as we open our facilities to the community that surrounds us. If you would like to set up a regular automatic payment, contact Paul Rosstead in the Church Office. Contributions can still be made online using your credit card by visiting the Calvary website, [www.calvarydc.org](http://www.calvarydc.org), or if you pay your bills online, consider instructing your bank to make a regular payment to Calvary Baptist Church.



# Calvary 2016 Officiary

**Board:**

Moderator	Becky Vaughn
Secretary	Claudia Moore
Treasurer	Barbara Hoffer
Christian Formation	Daniel Alcazar
Diaconate	Abbey Ammerman
Facilities	Amy Shaw
Finance	Corina Lopez
Latino Fellowship	Eugenia Reyes
Membership Development	Salima Appiah-Duffell
Missions	Jackie Wright
Nominations/Vice Moderator	Jay Mayfield
Personnel	Jess Lynd
Stewardship	Tim Shaw
Music and Arts	Keevin Lewis

**Diaconate:**

Abbey Ammerman – chair	Marili Alvarado
Yolanda Appiah-Kubi	Ashley Becker
Jeremy Fretts	José N. González-Alfaro
Amparo Palacios-Lopez	Nancy Renfrow
Lu Shan	

# Business Meeting Dates

The Church Board has set the following dates for Quarterly Business Meetings in 2016 and the Annual Business Meeting in January 2017

Sunday, April 24; Sunday, July 24  
Sunday October 23; Sunday, January 22, 2017

# New Member Spotlight



Josh Russell joined Calvary in November of 2015. Josh is from South Carolina, but has also lived in South Africa and has been in DC for a couple years now. Josh works for the Mennonite Central Committee on legislative and policy issues. He is an active member of Theology on Draft and volunteers with the Children's Sunday School class. We are excited to welcome Josh to Calvary!

## Summary of the Annual Business Meeting February 7, 2016

The Annual Business Meeting of the Calvary Baptist Church was held on February 7, 2016 in the Chapel. Printed copies of the information packets for the meeting are available in the church office, and official minutes will be forthcoming from acting secretary Carol Blythe. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Becky Vaughn and a devotion followed. Minutes of the quarterly business meeting of October 25, 2015 were approved.

Reports concerning membership, staff activities and committee activities were presented in writing through the packets. Church Treasurer Barbara Hoffer presented her report and reviewed our financial position at the end of 2015.



Carol Blythe presented a report from the Ministerial Selection Committee, including a list of Ministry Priorities developed by the group focusing on five main areas: worship; building community; the Latino community; spiritual development and Christian education; and maintaining the church's voice for social justice. A "Calvary Conversation" will be held on February 21, 2016 so additional information can be presented and questions answered.

A constitutional amendment was presented allowing members to be received by affirmation of the church rather than by vote. Discussion followed about steps related to joining the church and the conferral of membership. The amendment and consequent changes to the bylaws were approved, and further consideration of new member education was referred to committee.

A motion to approve a special draw on endowment exceeding the 5% included in the budget plan was approved.

The budget for 2016 was presented and approved. New officers and church leadership nominations were approved as listed.



## Ministerial Search Committee

The Ministerial Search (MSC) has been hard at work since our first meeting in November. At our first meeting, the members of MSC all signed a Covenant about our work together. That covenant stated in part:

*In response to the call of God in Jesus, we—the Ministerial Selection Committee of Calvary Baptist Church—seek to fulfill the mission for which we have been entrusted by our church family. We accept the responsibility for providing leadership to our church family as we discern who God is calling to Calvary for our pastoral leadership. We respond to the mission acknowledging the body is dependent upon the gifts of all its members. . . Grounding our lives and meetings in prayer, we seek to be honest with one another. . . We affirm our desire and will to live together as community and work in partnership fostering God's beloved community on earth. Guided by the Spirit, filled with hope and faith we commit to listen to one another with openness. . . We commit to regular communication and updates with the Calvary Baptist Congregation, with the Calvary Baptist Church Board, and with the Calvary Baptist staff. . .*

Our meetings to date have been focused on developing a congregational profile which can be shared with applicants. We have had conversations about our congregation's history, worship style, and congregational style of governance. We have talked about "what we believe" and what the vision of ministry is for Calvary Baptist Church in 2016 and going forward.

Currently, we are excited to announce that we have a job description and a final congregational profile and have shared both of those with our denominational partners and have begun accepting resumes. Our current denominational partners are: DC Baptist Convention, Alliance of Baptists, American Baptist Churches – USA, and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Please continue to hold our committee in the light as we work with you to discern what ministry God is calling us to at Calvary Baptist Church as we journey to our future together.

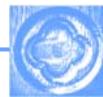
May the peace of Jesus be with you,

Carol Blythe, Chair, Ministerial Selection Committee

Daniel Alcazar, Amaka Anku, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi, Sandra Auman, Soren Dayton, Carly Kinney, Jessica Lynd, Jay Mayfield, Courtney Miller, Eugenia Reyes, Amy Sullivan and Becky Vaughn  
Members of the MSC

## A Voice Cries Out from the Wilderness

During the month of February, we celebrated Black History Month by listening to "voices" that we have not normally heard. The inspiration for this sermon series came from Isaiah 40 where the prophet declares, "a voice cries out from the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord." In the book of Isaiah and other Hebrew books of scripture, we are constantly being reminded that sometimes the best way to prepare for an encounter with God is to first go through the wilderness. The wilderness is where Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, and Jesus all had life changing moments with God where they found their calling. Each of these biblical heroes listened to God's voice in the wilderness. My hope with this series, is that we too could venture out into the wilderness and try to discern what God was saying to us during this time. I am grateful for how Pastor Chris from Covenant Baptist reminded us that God loves us deeply. I am inspired by how Pastor Tim from Wilshire Baptist reminded us that we are called to step out and see the stars even and especially during the darkest of night. I am encouraged by how Pastor Julian made it clear that God has named us and calls us beloved no ifs, ands or buts. I am blessed by how Pastor Neichelle encouraged us that there is significance in throwing a stone and resisting evil. Each of these pastors and preachers blessed us with their time and I believe channeled their voice of God. My prayer is that as a church, we will continue to listen for the voice of God, in the wilderness or wherever we may find it and from whomever God chooses to speak through. Amen



## Resident Partner Spotlight

### *Sharing our Facilities – Our Mission Through Resident Partners*

Have you ever wondered what happens in our facilities during the week? Do you picture silent hallways and darkened rooms? You couldn't be further from the truth! Our church is packed with people every day, with activities crammed into every corner. Our work with Resident Partners is a vital part of our mission to Washington and the world. It also helps pay our bills in ways that might not be readily apparent.

These groups have offices here as well as sharing our space for programming/events/classes. They all contribute facility use fees to help with our expenses. Theatre Lab, Kid Power, Brain Food and Milestones Enrichment Center have all been here for about 10 years. The Friday Morning Music Club is the most recent Resident Partner (they don't actually have office space here - but do store their grand piano and other supplies with us). The Congressional Chorus regularly holds their evening rehearsals here. Living Classrooms currently manages and operates Camp Fraser for us, and will begin to pay a camp use fee to help cover utility expenses this year.

Our criteria for Resident Partners is that they must be a 501-C-3 (not-for-profit) organization (or provide a necessary service to the community such as Milestones Enrichment Center); compliment Calvary's mission and ministry with no theological or ideological conflict, and be able to contribute to or share our expenses.

Calvary Burmese Church started as a Fellowship of our Congregation but have since become their own congregation that continues to use our facilities. They make quarterly tithe payments and love gifts and they also provide the flower arrangements for our Sunday worship service.

Our other affiliations are listed at: <http://calvarydc.org/learn/partners-affiliates/> missing from the list are Washington Interfaith Network (<http://www.windc-iaf.org/> ), and Downtown Cluster of Congregations (<http://www.downtowncluster.org/> ).

We also have a Covenant of Sisterhood with the Shalom Baptist Church of San Salvador, which says in part, "We, Calvary Baptist Church of Washington, D. C. and Shalom Baptist Church of San Salvador, El Salvador, Central America (C. A.) by which we agree to develop bonds of fellowship across language and cultural differences in order that we might experience more fully the love and unity of Jesus Christ and to mutually help each other in carrying out an integrated and holistic Christian ministry."

While not a resident partner, we also share space and expenses with Grace Presbyterian Church (a Presbyterian congregation purposely without a building).

Information about our Resident Partners can be found at: <http://calvarydc.org/serve/resident-partners/>

## Prayer for Peace—Sunday, March 20 Violence in El Salvador—Victims and Victimizer

By Rev. Edgar Palacios

Each year on the third Sunday in March as a church, we have the Prayer for Peace. We always pray so that situations that destroy human life and the environment will change. This year the theme is violence in El Salvador—victims and victimizers.

We have chosen this reality because besides being against violence, we love the Salvadoran people, admire their nobility, their dedication to work and not give up in adversity.

Now, El Salvador is faced with the serious problem of insecurity and violence caused by gangs and organized crime; also due to the lack of job opportunities for youth. Regarding the problem of violence and insecurity, official figures say that in 2015 there were 6,657 homicides, about 18.2 homicides a day. What makes this small country one of the most violent in the world. The current government is making a great effort to change the course of death, distress and suffering among the people, even amid economic constraints. So far these efforts have been insufficient. Also some churches are making calls for peace, the cessation of violence, and others are offering specific opportunities for changing lives of young gang members. But that too has been insufficient.

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## Prayer for Peace—continued from previous page

It is in this situation that Calvary Baptist Church does not only want to know the problem of the Salvadoran people, nor only make calls for peace, or regret this sad story. With our limited efforts and support of our friends, we have a project of scholarships for poor Salvadoran youth so that they can study university courses in El Salvador. We also support scholarships for technical courses awarded by the Shalom Church of San Salvador.

With the Prayer for Peace we intend to raise awareness of the problem of violence and insecurity in El Salvador, to know what is being done to overcome this problem and make the call to support the government, churches and social forces that are working for peace. The call is to advance the organization for investment to generate profits and decent jobs. It is organizing for guidance to families to support community organization.

The call is to use our media to influence personal and collective consciousness, to affirm the values of life, education, freedom and work. It is to influence personal and collective consciousness, to indicate that the path of extortion, robbery, corruption, violence, rape and murder, are not the way, are not the solution to the situation of human poverty and helplessness in which the groups find themselves. That is a path that leads to death or to prison. The call is to contribute to the peace movement and dignity of all Salvadorans to oppose more strongly to the trend of death and social disintegration.

From a Christian and biblical perspective, the Prayer for Peace is a call to commitment because God is known in El Salvador, because knowing God is to respect life, others' rights and justice.

The service will be held Sunday, March 20, beginning with a reception at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING AT CALVARY?

**THEOLOGY ON DRAFT** meets each **Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.** in Butler Hall, for conversation about current events and *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Contact Pastor Elijah.

**ESTUDIO BÍBLICO**, **Wednesdays through March 30, 6:30 p.m.** in Pastor Edgar's office, studying *Life and Death in the New Testament*. Contact Pastor Edgar.

**ARISE: A QUEER THEOLOGY COLLABORATIVE** meets each **Thursday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in the Calvary Library, to discuss *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. Arise is an ecumenical group for any LGBTQ-identified people. Contact Pastor Erica.

**FRIDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB.** No concerts **March 18 and 25**. Join us in the Chapel Friday, April 1 at noon, when Calvary's Resident Partners in FMMC continue their tradition of free recitals each week.

**HOLISTIC HEALTH PROJECT** is back! Join Pastor Edgar **each Friday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in Shallenberger Hall and gym (GB on the elevator), for a time of wellness, yoga, and soccer.

**LABOR TRAFFICKING, A CALVARY CONVERSATION.** Amanda Butler and Soren Dayton volunteered in India for 16 months, working on labor trafficking with International Justice Mission, a Christian human rights organization. Come to a Calvary Conversation, **Sunday, April 10**, to learn about India, their experiences, labor trafficking, and IJM. They'll share pictures, stories, and answer questions. Join us!



Calvary's youth serving dinner at the Calvary Women's Shelter



## Snapshots



December 13, 2015, The Day of Joy, excerpts from **Handel's Messiah**.  
Calvary soloists, Festival Choir, and Festival Ensemble.

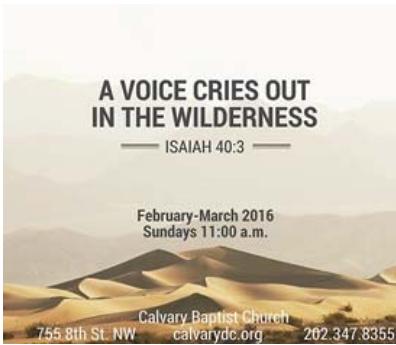


December 20, 2015, dedication of the Lovos twins



March 10, 2016, Pastors Erica and Elijah  
At CBF Advocacy in action





Sermon talk back with Pastor Tim Peoples

## Black History Month and Lent 2016 Sermon Series Guest Preachers and Sermon Talk backs



Pastor Elijah and Pastor Neichelle Guidry



Pastors Erica, Elijah, and Pastor Julian DeShazer

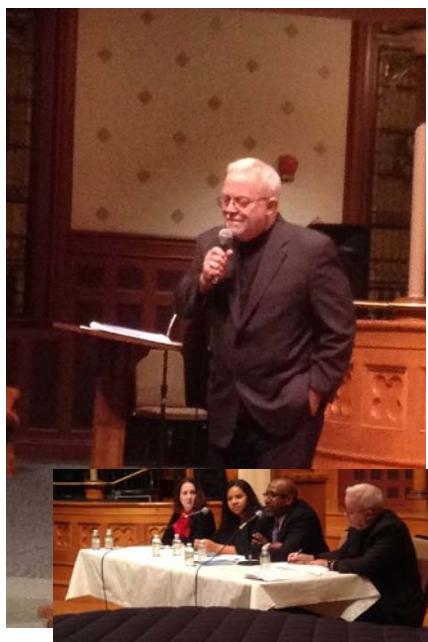


Pastor Elijah and Pastor Chris Wiley



Lemonade Album listening party with J Kwest

## Book Tours, Readings and Conversations



January 28, Jim Wallace and Amy Sullivan  
*America's Original Sin Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*



March 10, LeDayne Polaski of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America



March 10, Shaka Senghor  
*Writing My Wrongs*



# Alleluia! He is Risen! Are you ready for Easter 2016?



# Music and Arts at Calvary: What a Season!

Cheryl Branham, Director of Music

## Wrapping-Up 2015

**November.** All Saints worship on November 1 featured excerpts from Rutter *Requiem*, with Ashley Dalton, flute, and Calvary Ringers. On November 8, we dedicated the Baldwin Grand Piano in worship, featuring pianists Matt Daley and Avery Nielsen. Festival Choir afternoon rehearsals began November 15, reviewing *Messiah* for Advent. November 22 featured Christ the King Sunday, plus Thanksgiving worship. And Advent began on November 29, The Day of Hope.

**December** was full of great opportunities in music and worship! The Day of Peace, December 6, featured Calvary Ringers and student organist Graham Velsey. December 13, The Day of Joy, featured Calvary soloists, Festival Choir and Festival Ensemble in excerpts from **Handel's Messiah**. **We have DVDs to share! If you would like a disc to keep, or extra copies to share, contact Cheryl Branham or Paul Rosstead; your \$10 donation will help offset recording costs.** A substantial gift from Victor Tupitza, in memory and in honor of his beloved wife Sarah (Sallie), supported our instrumentalists—thank you, Victor and Tupitza family! Festival Choir did a superior job—bravo and congratulations to all! December continued with The Day of Love, December 20 and a special dedication of the Lovos twins. Worship on Christmas Eve included our annual Nativity scene; special thanks to our coordinators Corina Lopez and Eugenia Reyes! And December 27, we offered A Service of Lessons and Caroling in worship.

## Kicking-Off 2016

**January** worship, Epiphany Observed, January 3, to close the holiday season. Pastor Elijah's three-part series on "water" themes began January 10, Baptism of the Lord. January 17, Beloved Community Sunday, featured music to remember Martin Luther King Jr. And January 31, Interfaith Sunday, featured hymns and service music from many countries and cultures.

**February** worship featured music each Sunday to celebrate Black History Month. Lent began with Ash Wednesday, February 10, music in worship changed for the season starting February 14—Alleluias were put away "in the box" until Easter! Dwayne Pinkney and Calvary Young Musicians sang in worship February 28, and we learned more about Dwayne's upcoming adventure—living in China to teach English! Thanks for all your great work here at Calvary Dwayne—we will be thinking of and praying for you!

## Special Events

**University of Chicago Motet Choir in Concert, December 14**, on a tour of the East Coast they made great use of the Sanctuary space—singing not only on the front platform, but also in the balcony and around the outside walls. Thanks to Jojo and the building team for lots of help with set up and strike; and to Soren Dayton, Keevin Lewis and Sandy Auman for their work on publicity.

**NSO In Your Neighborhood.** This year, NSO targeted the Penn Quarter area for the week of January 5-11. Cheryl submitted six applications, presenting a variety of ideas for programming and collaboration.

Calvary hosted three events, **Thursday evening, January 7 in the Sanctuary:** Chamber Concert featuring Holly Hamilton, violin; Claudia Chudacoff, violin; and Kathryn Brake, piano, presenting a fun and varied program. **Saturday morning, January 9 in the Chapel:** A Masterclass with Holly Hamilton. Ms Hamilton is an experienced teacher in both the private setting and in the workshop setting. Four high school students participated, each performing a piece and then participating with Ms Hamilton in a lesson.

**Sunday, January 10, worship in the Sanctuary:** Steven Hendrickson, trumpet, with Eric Schnobrick, piano, performing a variety of music for worship. After worship, NSO leadership joined these musicians, plus Jeremy Filsell (Director of Music, Church of the Epiphany in DC), in a Calvary Conversation Chapel.

**Art Exhibit.** Thanks to Carol Blythe for recommending the Calvary for a special exhibit entitled *Art in the Midst of Despair: Voices of Palestinian Refugees*. This installation of paintings and photographs was in place through February. Such installations are a great idea for Calvary.

**Claire Jones, Harp**, in concert Saturday, **March 19**, presented by the DC Chapter, American Harp Society. Claire Jones is an international performing and recording artist and former royal harpist from the UK on tour in the US. Calvary members have a special opportunity for tickets, contact Cheryl Branham!

## Lent and Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, March 20.** Calvary welcomes harpist Anastasia Pike helps lead worship. Anna is on faculty at several universities and serves as president of DC Chapter, American Harp Society. Worship



opens with children and youth participating in the Procession of Palms, meet at 10:45 a.m. in the Narthex!

**Maundy Thursday, March 24.** We gather in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. for a Soup Supper and Communion. Festival Choir Dress Rehearsal follows in Sanctuary, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**Good Friday, March 25.** Join us at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for worship with the Calvary Chamber Singers and special guest organist, Graham Velsey.

**Easter, March 27.** Calvary Festival Choir brings a selection of music by Jean Berger, Randall Thompson, John Rutter and Gerald Custer, with organist Matt Daley. Be sure to take your seat for our early start time, 10:50 a.m., when we remember Good Friday and make the transition from death and darkness to light and resurrection, in a flurry of spring flowers!

### Introducing...

In 2016, we're excited to introduce **Keevin Lewis** as Calvary's first Board Representative for Music and Arts. Thanks for serving in this vital role, Keevin! Got ideas to share about programming at Calvary? Want to help out on specific tasks or projects? Be sure to talk with Cheryl and Keevin!

### Spring at Calvary

Sanctuary Choir continues and Music for Kids resumes in April and May, so be sure to join us! We look forward to Pentecost on May 15, celebrating Calvary's 154th anniversary on June 5! And our Summer schedule begins June 12.

## Birthdays

### March

- 1 Leah Davis
- 2 Matthew Daley  
Lee Jeter  
Brenda Perlera
- 4 Laura Canfield
- 5 Henry Wray
- 7 Alison Soto Reyes  
Becky Vaughn
- 9 Laurie Bryant
- 10 Michael Fahey  
Sarah Irvine  
Allison Lee-Villanueva  
Pat Neighbarger
- 14 Hank Altman
- 15 Bobbie Michael
- 17 Raymond Chin
- 19 Ashley Becker
- 20 Rameen Chaharbaghi
- 21 Jac Whatley
- 23 Santiago Alcala-Laboy  
Hayden Butler  
Ryan Harvey  
Holly Miller
- 25 Amaka Anku
- 26 Eli Bebber  
Katie Thomas-Canfield
- 27 Mike Overby
- 28 David Mein
- 29 Caroline Armijo
- 30 Grace Lipman  
José Nuñez-Santamaria
- 31 Sandra Eusebio  
Nia Rogers

### April

- 2 Cedie Labis
- 3 Michelle Harris-Love  
John Salazar
- 4 George Baker  
Mike Labis
- 8 Betty Mein  
Sandra Pereira-Nuñez
- 13 Lu Shan
- 14 Marili Alvarado  
Howard Ammerman  
John Dautzenberg
- 15 Virginia Teller  
Ken Butler
- 19 Anthony Love  
Deacon Robinson
- 21 Anna Xochitl Settels-Palacios
- 22 Roberto Reyes
- 23 Laura Beth Blythe-Goodman  
John Dehnel  
Yu Mon Min
- 24 Henry Armijo  
Harry F. S. Ng
- 25 Cristian Durán  
Allyson Wisdom Vamplew
- 26 Russell Harrison
- 28 Jonathan McMaster
- 30 Anabel Montesano  
Kathleen Smith

### May

- 3 Sadie Healy  
Theodore Kyin Oo
- Harold Ritchie
- Chelsea Thomas

- Lucas Vamplew
- 4 Andrea Mae Angdisen
- 5 Doreen Maran  
Aung Myint
- 6 Oliver Armijo
- 7 Seli Anku  
Lorena Pereira-Decorado
- 8 Ben Mann  
Billy Michael
- 9 William Sugiyama
- 10 Tim Strait
- 12 Hka Tawm Maran
- 14 Lucy Armijo  
Amy Sullivan
- 17 Robert Ellis  
Wallace Huie
- 18 Thelma Jeter
- 19 Mohamed Hassan
- 20 Jeremy Fretts  
Jocelyn López-Arias
- 22 Rich Havard
- 23 David Grise  
Clayton Magruder
- 24 Hannah Breckenridge
- 25 Jacquelyn Ballew  
Karen Heidelberger
- 26 Van Rin
- 27 Gene Goon
- 28 Matthew Maxwell
- 29 Bill Harris  
John Thayer
- Carol Thomason
- 30 Tina Angdisen  
Tin Hlaing
- 31 Liliana Guandique  
George Lucas



## LENT AND HOLY WEEK AT CALVARY

**A VOICE CRIES OUT IN THE WILDERNESS.** Words and wilderness are consistent and essential themes throughout the Bible. During Lent we explore the Lectionary texts and see how we as the Calvary community can continue to elevate voices that historically have been silenced.

**SERMON TALK BACKS,** each Sunday during Lent, following worship. Come to the Chapel for extended conversation and deeper engagement with our preacher of the day.

**EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR.** Sunday afternoon rehearsals continue, **1:15–3:00 p.m.** in Music Suite. We sing in worship Easter Sunday. All are welcome—come sing with us!

**2016 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL,** written by Calvary community members, available in both digital and printed formats for your daily spiritual formation.

**CLAIRE JONES, HARP, SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 7:30 p.m.** Concert in the Sanctuary, presented in collaboration with DC Chapter, American Harp Society. Contact Cheryl Branham for ticket information.

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 11:00 A.M. Worship in the Sanctuary.** All children and youth, nursery through high school, are invited to participate in the Procession of Palms; meet at 10:45 a.m. in Narthex.  
**Prayer for Peace in the Chapel, 5:00 p.m.** Contact Pastor Edgar for information.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 6:30 P.M.** Soup supper, fellowship, and communion in the Chapel.  
All ages welcome!

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 7:30 P.M.** Tenebrae Service of Darkness in the Sanctuary. Please email Pastor Erica by Wednesday, March 23, if you would like nursery care.

**CONSIDERING BAPTISM?** We are excited to be in preparation for Easter Sunday baptisms. If you are thinking about baptism, contact Pastor Edgar, Pastor Elijah or Pastor Erica. Pastor Edgar will host an Agape Dinner: the feast of love with baptism candidates **Saturday, March 26, 6:00 pm.**

**EASTER, MARCH 27.** Churchwide breakfast in Woodward Hall at **9:30 a.m.**, hosted by Latino Fellowship. Easter worship begins at a special time, **10:50 a.m.** in the Sanctuary, featuring baptism and Festival Choir. Potluck lunch and egg decorating in Woodward Hall to follow.

**Be sure to invite family and friends to worship at Calvary this Holy Season!**

## **Easter Lilies**



Easter Lilies displayed in the sanctuary will enhance our Easter worship services. These plants may be ordered in memory or honor of the person(s) of your choice. Our Easter worship bulletin will include a listing of the donors and the persons being honored. Please fill out the form below and attach your payment (with the notation Lily on the memo line). The form may be mailed to the church office, or placed in the offering plate on or before **Monday, March 21.**

I / We would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Lily(ies) at \$15.00 each.

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After worship I/we would like to:  donate the Lily(ies)     deliver the Lily(ies) to a shut-in     take the Lily(ies) home

Donor's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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