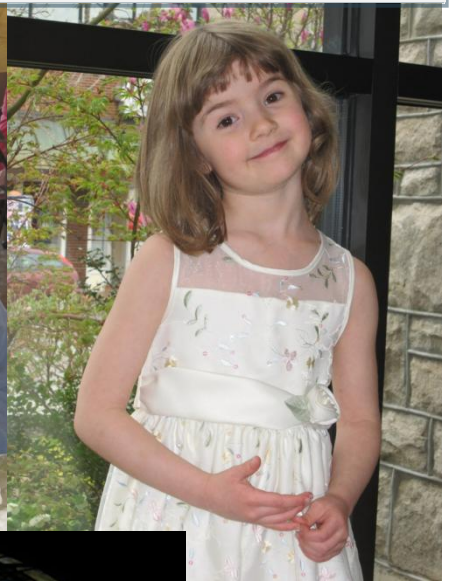




Parish Profile




Calvary Episcopal Church
 123 South Ninth Street, Columbia, MO 65201

INTRODUCTION

At this time of transition, we seek guidance on our path together.

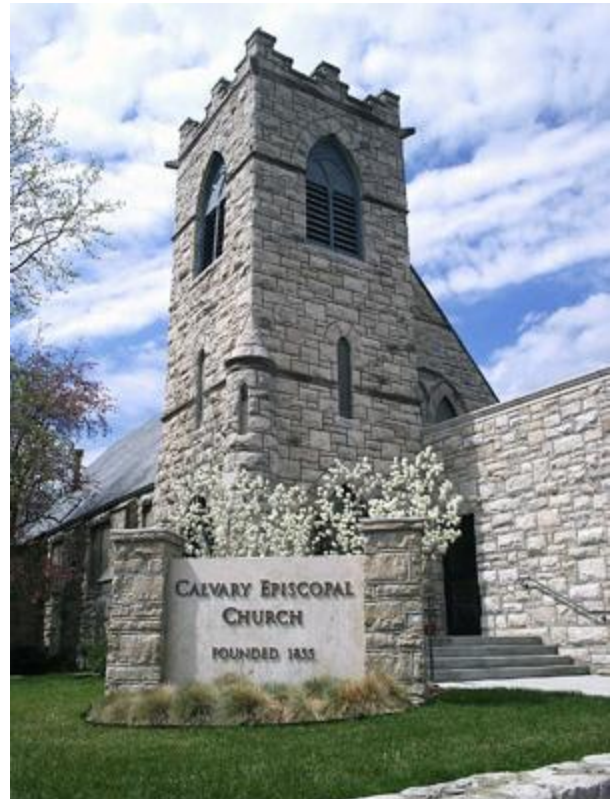
We love our church — the weathered limestone and dark wood of the sanctuary and the welcoming light and space of our newly renovated and enlarged parish house. We love the variety embodied in our three Sunday services, the balanced formality of our liturgy, the inspiration of our music, and the easy give and take of our work together. Even so, we resist complacency.

We seek a new rector to help us come to a deeper sense of what faith means in our daily lives. We want to understand how a Christian perspective can lead us through the personal challenges we inevitably face, as well as the many difficult social issues that surround us. In a world where the rules appear to change almost daily, we seek direction but not dictates, enlightenment rather than dogma. We want to know how prayer and patience can keep us not only from foundering, but also from the bigotry of extremes.

Calvary is blessed with a sturdy foundation, but there is much we long to build. Because we love our church, we hope for more from it — and from ourselves. We yearn for spiritual depth and the gifts that flow from it: energy, openness, and the will to forge a stronger sense of Christian community in our relationships with each other. We want a passionate worship that helps us reconnect to the faith of our fathers and mothers. We hope to shed our reticence and reserve and all the barriers of clique and class so that newcomers — especially young newcomers — see in us a more direct expression of Christ's welcoming love. We want to invigorate our youth programs to attract and nurture the next generation of Episcopalians, even as we continue to honor and rely on the experience and wisdom of our elders. We look for a new rector to expand our lay leadership. And we seek a vision that not only points a way for our congregation, but also tells newcomers and church seekers what they can expect if they decide to join with us. We believe that we must talk together and serve together as well as break bread together.

Calvary has stood at the corner of Ninth and Locust for over 100 years, but our church is much more than bricks and stone. It is the living, breathing body of Christ in downtown Columbia. We seek a rector who can empower parishioners of all ages to go out and do the work God has given us to do, to love and serve as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord — both in Columbia and beyond.

At Calvary we value tradition, but we also understand that our life in Christ and the cross is always now, not in the past or in some remote future. And we want to live that life now — and we will...with God's help.



WORSHIP

*Where contemplative liturgy meets joyful noise.
Summoning us to worship.*



Sunlight filtering through the breathtaking stained glass. Our gorgeous stone nave. Hand-stitched kneelers. A whispered turn of a page in the Book of Common Prayer. Candlelight. The deep, resonant sounds of the organ. Voices soaring in song.

Our beautiful Eucharist-centered liturgy is the cornerstone of worship at Calvary. But striking physical surroundings and unique attributes of each of our three Sunday services combine for a rich, restorative and meaningful experience whenever we gather together.

Calvary is best categorized liturgically as a “broad church,” with a range of Sunday worship offerings – from the early morning quiet of the 8 a.m. Rite I service to the more boisterous 10:30 a.m. Rite II overflowing with children and the sweet sound of our choirs. Our contemplative 5 p.m. service is jointly celebrated by the college chaplain and Calvary clergy. Holy Eucharist Rite II is also celebrated on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., with anointing and prayers for healing.



In addition to our two outstanding vocal music choirs, Calvary is also home to our talented handbell ensemble. Our worship is often enhanced by our gifted instrumental musicians of various types.

Our worship is supported by a cadre of trained and dedicated volunteers – from acolytes, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and ushers to a devoted altar guild. Worship leaders also take our ministry outside our walls during monthly services at The Bluffs retirement community.



Special services throughout the church year enrich and deepen our spiritual lives – from the somber foot-washing and stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday to the austere beauty of the Easter Vigil; from the gentle nativity of the children’s pageant – and rafter-raising glory of our Christmas Eve choral service – to the trumpet voluntary of a glorious Easter morning.

Worship – with its infinite variations and yet reassuring changelessness – is the true heart of Calvary.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

From the table to the classroom

On Sunday mornings, our faith is fed not only at the Eucharistic table, but also in thoughtful Christian education programs for all ages. Younger children follow the lectionary-based Seasons of the Spirit curriculum. The program offers intergenerational events that help to nurture a spirit of service.



Older children engage in discussion of scripture, study of the *Book of Common Prayer*, and the lives of the saints. Youth from sixth to twelfth grades meet for Episcopal Youth Fellowship for Sunday night pizza, fellowship, and service activities such as the annual Crop Walk and work at the St. Nicholas Advent Bazaar.

Adults have several choices for Christian education on Sundays, including a forum that offers sessions on theological and social justice concerns as well as sessions designed to deepen our spiritual lives. "Harried with Children" provides a relaxed forum for busy parents.



Christian formation also occurs throughout the week in a variety of small groups and classes. For example, our parish has been home to an Education for Ministry community for more than 20 years. Vibrant small groups such as Calvary Men, The Red Tent Women – a book discussion group – and the Daughters of the King offer opportunities for prayer, fellowship, learning and service. We also have weekday Bible studies and periodic newcomers, inquirers, and confirmation classes for those who want to learn more about the Episcopal Church or want to be confirmed or received into the church. In the summer, we offer a week-long summer Vacation Bible School, often through an interfaith partnership with one or more downtown churches.



Calvary's library is home to more than 1,300 books and subscriptions to a number of religious periodicals. Christian formation at Calvary means exploring life matters as well as learning *what* matters in our life together in Christ.

OUTREACH

Sharing our time, talent, and treasure.

A hot, nutritious meal. A winter coat. Help with utility bills. Or simply a helping hand. Calvary has a long history of reaching out to the needs of others, especially in our own community. From serving as a meeting place for a number of recovery groups to collecting cash and food items on the first Sunday of



every month for our Central Missouri Food Bank, we are a parish that believes in giving back.

We sponsor Boy Scout Troop 707

and host Habitat for Humanity's annual chili supper. Our clergy assist those needing help with utility bills, clothing for work, or medication. And our Calvary Advent Initiative provides clothing and supplies to local shelters and Christmas gifts for homeless teens.

Two time-honored Calvary traditions raise thousands of dollars for outreach. One is our St. Nicholas Advent Bazaar, known for its quality handwork and especially for the locally legendary Calvary "Church Mice" in all their hand-stitched,



whiskered glory. The other is our annual Calvary Episcopal Charity Horse Show, held every October. Over its 19-year history, the show has grown into a national, four-day equestrian event drawing entrants from all over the country. Net proceeds from both of these popular events go to local community outreach.

As important as these fund-raising efforts are, we believe that outreach means more than just writing checks. Twice each month, a faithful crew of parishioners prepares and serves Sunday night dinner for homeless men and women at Columbia's "Loaves and Fishes" soup kitchen. Calvary volunteers help staff The Wardrobe, a local store providing inexpensive clothing to low-income residents. And four times a year, Calvary members give of themselves – literally – at the blood drives held in the parish hall.

Calvary's newest outreach effort is the Saturday Breakfast Café. Every Saturday morning, our neighbors who live on the streets surrounding Calvary can come into our parish house for a simple but hearty continental breakfast. Parishioners bake muffins, serve breakfast, or just sit and have coffee with our guests. The Café involves all ages, including families who bring their children to serve or to help staff the "free store" that supplies our guests with donated toiletries and clothing. The Café has since become an ecumenical effort, involving other downtown parishes.

We also reach well beyond our own community. Calvary has a long-standing tradition of contributing more than our apportioned pledge to the Diocese of Missouri and the Millennium Development Goals. Last year Calvary sponsored and hosted the Waters of Hope cyclists as they rode across the diocese to raise awareness and funds for clean water projects in Swaziland and our companion diocese of Lui in Sudan. Further Waters of Hope initiatives included water bottle sales, a spare change "wishing well," and the Aquafest, a water-themed carnival held in the parish hall. Through these efforts, Calvary members of all ages helped provide the gift of clean water to those in need.



The ways in which Calvary gives are as individual as our parishioners, but the goal is always the same: to help our brothers and sisters in Christ to the greater glory of God.

PARISH LIFE

A major strength of our parish is the prayerful involvement and energy of our members. The laity give our parish direction and impact through service, often in imaginative and unique ways. In the many ways we find to serve, we live out the dictum that stewardship involves gifts of time and talent as well as treasure.

Calvary is a program-sized parish that fosters lay leadership for both in-reach and outreach. People step forward and groups form spontaneously to fill a parish or community need. A group known as “the funeral ladies” provides receptions for families and friends following memorial services.



Lay Eucharistic Visitors check in on homebound parishioners. Parishioners brew urns of coffee between Sunday services so we can linger with old friends and become better acquainted with new ones. From the Sunday Eucharist to potluck suppers, church picnics, and receptions, we gather at the table to break bread together.

For our sesquicentennial in 2005, parishioners designed and made commemorative vestments and a Calvary banner for the cathedral in St. Louis. They created year-long exhibits delineating our history and painted a mural depicting Christ’s life, death, and resurrection.

Our St. Claire Guild regularly turns out additions to an astonishing array of needlepoint kneelers. Our memorial garden is lovingly tended by parishioners.

Everywhere you look at Calvary, gifts of time and talent – through many and disparate ministries – grace our church, bearing witness to a living, growing, and searching faith.



FINANCES

Pledge payments and other contributions (e.g., open plate offerings) normally constitute about 98% of budgeted operating income. While Calvary's number of pledging units has declined in recent years, the average pledge and the total pledged have increased.

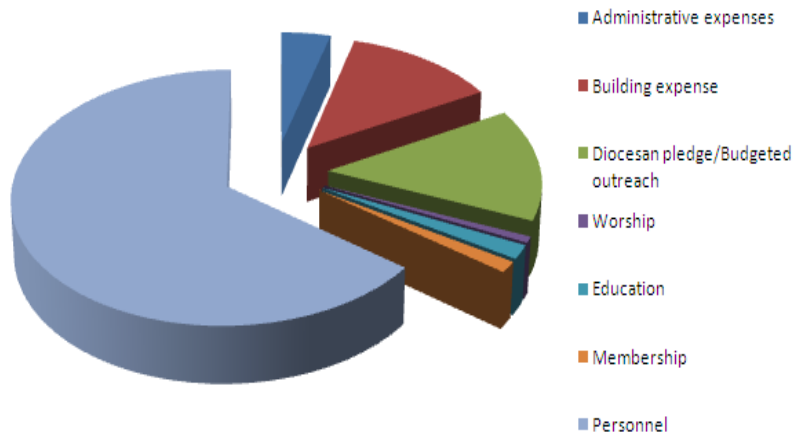
Year	# Pledges	Average Pledge	Total Pledged
2007	216	\$1,816	\$392,234
2008	209	\$1,931	\$403,561
2009	205	\$1,978	\$405,497
2010	187	\$1,977	\$369,757

Each year Calvary also receives significant amounts of unbudgeted income for various outreach purposes. In 2009, for example, more than \$8,500 was received for and distributed to the Central Missouri Food Bank and \$31,000 was raised from our annual Calvary Episcopal Charity Horse Show and St. Nicholas Advent Bazaar. Including these unbudgeted items, \$450,000-\$500,000 currently flows through Calvary's general operations on an annual basis.

Our most significant expenditure in recent years was a \$1.6 million construction project for renovating and expanding Calvary's facilities. A related capital campaign produced gifts and pledges sufficient to pay for most of the construction, which was completed in 2003. As of 12/31/09, there is still an unpaid debt of \$152,800 related to this project.

Typically about 65% of the general operating budget goes to paying salaries and benefits for Calvary's clergy and staff, which includes two full-time clergy, a full-time parish administrator and a sexton, and four part-time staff: a secretary, music director, organist, and youth education director. Following is a summary of Calvary's 2009 general operating expenditures.

Administrative expenses	\$ 17,607
Building expense	54,322
Diocesan pledge/Budgeted outreach	61,500
Worship	3,331
Education	7,547
Membership	5,980
Personnel	274,939
Total expenditures	\$\$\$425,226



HISTORY

Calvary Episcopal Church began more than 150 years ago as a modest mission of ten members with small group meetings in space borrowed from other churches. Services were conducted by visiting priests from nearby towns. Guerrilla activity just prior to the Civil War made such horseback visits too dangerous to continue.



After the war, the local economy improved, and by 1872 Calvary had built its own church. Tragically, during the service on Easter Sunday, 1898, a fire broke out. Parishioners rushed some of the furnishings to safety, but the building was badly damaged and records were destroyed.

Mrs. James H. Rollins and her family offered funds for a new church building as a memorial to her late husband, Captain Rollins. Mary Louise Hale, one of the few women architects in Missouri and a member of the congregation, designed the church, which was dedicated in June 1899. The current church building is located only two blocks from the University of Missouri campus.



The church was significantly updated in 1955, with the construction of the parish house, adding Sunday school rooms, offices, a chapel and a general meeting room with a kitchen. This served us well

until 2003, when a \$1.6 million capital campaign enabled us to enlarge the foyer of the church, expand and renovate the entire parish house, enclose the memorial garden, and install an elevator, enabling accessibility to all.

Today, a century and a half after our humble beginnings, Calvary is a home parish to more than 1000, with average Sunday attendance of 260. We're proud of our history, but our faith and hope are for our future together.

Time Line

May 1855

Diocese of Missouri votes to establish mission church in Columbia.

1872

The original church building, on the north side of Broadway between Fifth and Sixth streets, is completed and paid for.

Easter 1898

Fire destroys the original church building.

June 1899

The current church is dedicated at the northwest corner of Locust and Ninth streets.

1955

Following the razing of the old rectory building, a new parish hall is completed as part of Calvary's centennial celebration.

1968-1972

The first major renovation of the church occurs. Steel rods are installed inside the sanctuary to hold outside walls in place; the wooden interior walls are removed, revealing the stone; longer pews are installed and new carpet is laid.

1988

A memorial garden is created within the courtyard. The ashes of over 50 people are interred there.

2003

The Church renovates its Parish House and Foyer through a capital campaign.

2005

Calvary celebrates its sesquicentennial.

THE COLUMBIA COMMUNITY

In the Heart of Missouri

Columbia reflects both the advantages of the small town life in the Midwest, nestled in the Missouri River valley, and the cultural advantages of the larger city, situated exactly halfway between two major metropolitan centers, St. Louis and Kansas City. Columbia has a small-town feel, with a number of venues for community theater, arts, and music, as well as museums, parks, and trails. It is home to the True/False documentary film festival. But it is also a growing community; its population just topped 100,000. It boasts many of the advantages of life in a larger city, with a wide array of dining, entertainment, and sporting events.



In the heart of Missouri, you can enjoy four distinct seasons, including mild winters, hot summers, and glorious spring blossoms and fall colors. Average temperatures range from 18 in January to 88 in July.



University of Missouri

faculty and staff, and student enrollment topping 30,000. Calvary is just a block away from campus. Columbia College and Stephens College, just a few blocks away, draw more students, helping to make Columbia "Collegetown, U.S.A." With this focus on education, it is not surprising that Columbia's public schools are ranked some of the best in the country.

The flagship campus of the University of Missouri system is one of the largest employers in Columbia, with over 15,000



University of Missouri Hospitals and Clinics

Another hallmark of the community is health care. Columbia is second only to Rochester, MN (home of the Mayo Clinic) in patient capacity per capita, with the University's School of Medicine and two major medical centers: the University Hospitals and Clinics and Boone Hospital Center.



Katy Trail

With education, health care, and the insurance industry three of the major sources of employment in Columbia, the economy remains strong in the midst of a national economic decline. Unemployment remains significantly lower than the state average. The cost of living here consistently ranks lower than the national average. All of these factors contribute to Columbia being consistently ranked one of the most affordable and best places to live for people of all ages.

OUR NEXT RECTOR

We're looking for...

- Genuine warmth and human connection
- Energy and the ability to *energize*
- Vision
- Someone who can lead by example and by empowering others

Calvary is a program-sized church with the typical demands on financial and managerial skills – and we value these, particularly in these fiscally strained times. But our greatest yearning is for a rector with spiritual depth to lead us into a deeper communion of faith – someone who can bring vitality and meaning to worship, sermons, and pastoral care.

We seek a rector who can connect on a personal level, equally at ease with lively theological debate or a three-year-old's questions about God. We're looking for a person with passion who can support and diversify our lay leadership – and foster growth through programs that reach out to young people and newcomers. We want a rector who can further our ecumenical efforts and embrace the special responsibilities and opportunities of a downtown church. Did we mention a sense of humor and the gift of joy and wonder in all God's works? We'll need those too.

"Let us build the city of God," the hymn writer urges. At Calvary we have laid a good foundation, but we need a co-builder. We know you are out there, and we *will* find each other...with God's help.



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