

# CALVARY Catalyst

FALL 2023



## HERE WE ARE!

### From Romans 12: 10-13

*Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving God. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

All types of music and especially song lyrics are running through my head most of the time. As I returned to the office after vacation I kept hearing, "wherever we go and whatever we do, we're gonna do it together." Those lyrics remind me that we, you and I, come together at Calvary time and time again to give thanks, sing our praises and to serve those in our faith community and the greater community. No matter what our walk of life may be, no matter where we venture in our city or in the world, we come together at Calvary, as followers of Jesus to reach out in love and through hospitality to welcome all and to live out our faith in Christ. Calvary's location on the map graphic remains the heart and home of our community since the church was built in 1914. The location is indicated by the red marker and it becomes a focal point for many of us and the community as well.

Calvary is the place we come to as we connect with friends and those we are meeting for the first time. It is the place that I like to call – "Here we are!" A place to call home, as it is filled with the care and love of God shared by all.

Over this past year we have made strides to be together as the pandemic settles into some sort of 'new normal'. We continue to be connected through worship services,

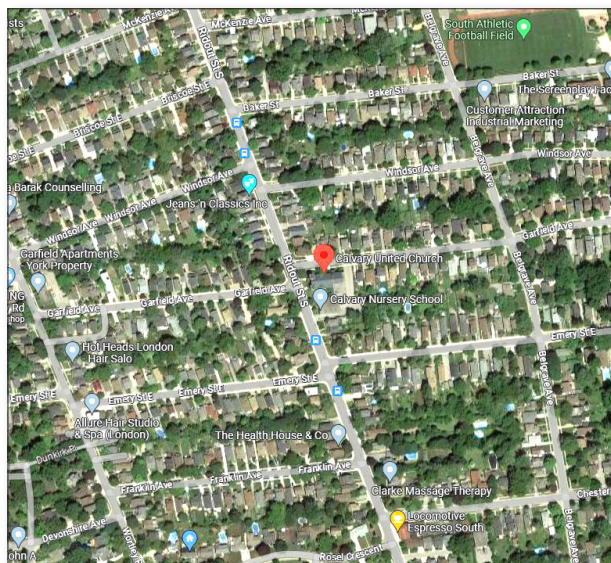
by participating in the activities that join us with our friends and family members at Calvary, and there are meetings and other gatherings where we still utilize Zoom. Every time that I think of a moment that we are together, not just on Sundays, I am reminded that Calvary serves each other faithfully and the greater community. In the verses that I selected from Paul's letter to the Roman church, these are words of encouragement that are instilled in me, and I hope all of you, that we are devoted to one another and those that we serve in His name.

It is with great joy that we are involved in many community outreach activities through the Outreach Committee and the projects that many others share with the congregation also. Each project, each request for support, encourages us to share with those in need. There is a blessing that I continue to give thanks for in my first two years at Calvary and that blessing is the deep feeling of hospitality and a spiritual fervour that comes through, not in any grandiose way, but in the subtle ways that each of you offer by giving thanks to God for the many blessings that you have experienced.

As we continue to serve in His name may our hearts continue to be open to God's love in our lives, to the lessons we can learn from our rabbi (teacher), Jesus Christ, and may the Spirit guide us as we continue to find strength and courage to share the Good News in our daily living.

Here we are, at Calvary, our heart and our home. Thanks be to God!

In faith and in peace,  
Rev. Kerry (he, him)



## From the office files

On June 18th, Calvary welcomed through baptism:

*Bryce Nguyen*, daughter of *Mike Nguyen* and *Erin Buchner*

*Ellis Kathleen Gilvesy*, daughter of *David Gilvesy* and *Jill Buchner*

*Diane Maiolino*,

On June 18th, Calvary welcomed six new members:

*Joshua Vossen*

*Cathy Vossen*

*Diane Maiolino*,

*Jane King*

*Ron Salt*

*Rev. Dr. D. Graham Tipple*



The Calvary community was saddened by the recent passing of:

*Betty MacMillan*

*"Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted."*

Matthew 5:4

## Mark your Calendar!

September 24 – Coffee time following the service

September 28 – Calvary Bridge, 1:30pm in the Parlour

October 1 – World-wide Communion, Benevolent offering and Friendship Lunch

October 4 – Jazz Vespers at 7pm

October 22 – Coffee time following the service

November 4 – Fall Bazaar, 9am to 1pm

November 5 – Winter clothing collection for Life\*Spin starts

November 8 – Jazz Vespers at 7pm

November 19 – Anniversary Sunday with guest speaker Rev. Gordon Duncan. Outreach will be serving a fund-raising lunch for the CFGB Caradoc project. Cost will be \$10

November 26 – Baptism  
Coffee time following the service

# CALVARY Catalyst

The Calvary Catalyst is published four times a year. Its purpose is to inform and report on news and events at Calvary United Church.

Submission deadline for the next issue is:  
Friday, November 10th, 2023.

Send submissions to Bruce Jones: [scouterbruce@rogers.com](mailto:scouterbruce@rogers.com)

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## Outreach Committee's Advent Project

The Outreach Committee's Advent project this year will be in support of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (Caradoc Growing Project). On Anniversary Sunday, Nov. 19, the committee will be serving a lunch to raise money for this important cause. Donation Envelopes will be available at the back of the sanctuary as well as in the church office beginning Sunday, Oct. 1, the launch date for the project. Also, we will be selling apple pies in late November/early December. Stay tuned for more information on the church website and the Calvary Compass.



## LIFE SPIN

Due to the success of the Lenten project last spring to collect clothing and other items for Lifespin, Outreach will begin a winter clothing drive to support them. This will be introduced on Sunday, Nov. 5 during the Minute for Mission.

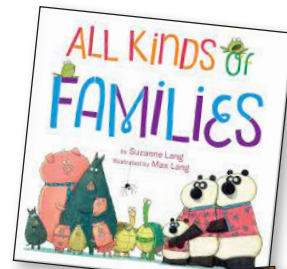
Thanks for the continued support of the congregation for Outreach endeavours!

– *Karen Butt and Bonnie McNichol*,  
co-chairs of the Outreach Committee

## From the Calvary Library

### All Kinds of Families by Suzanne Lang

This is a board book which gives a silly and positive inclusive message about non-traditional families. The message given is this; *'If you love each other then you are a family.'* Children will love the illustrations by Max Lang. Truly a wonderful little book to share with a young child.



### Fatty Legs

This is a true story written by Christy Jordan-Fenton and her mother-in-law, Margaret Pokiak-Fenton. Margaret was only eight years old in 1944 when she travelled to Aklavik, NWT, from Banks Island, just north of Victoria Island, to attend a Catholic residential school. Children's clothing was taken away and hair cut short. They were not allowed to speak their native language. Children were stripped of their culture and skills. They were abused and endured unpleasant chores and unfair punishment. Margaret was willing to endure almost anything to learn to read! The book is intended for Grades 4-6 but adults would find it moving and educational.



– *Reviewed by Darlene Sanderson*,  
Calvary Library Committee

# Walking in Solidarity



On Sunday, July 23rd approximately a dozen members of Calvary United participated in London's Annual Pride Parade. From the staging area on Quebec St. the parade followed Queens Ave. to Victoria Park, where celebrations continued for many.

Siloam United provided a large trailer for those who wished to ride. The truck was festooned with the names of the 13 participating United Churches of London. Others walked behind carrying banners from participating churches, including Calvary's for the 2.5 kilometre parade. London United Churches were part of almost 130 different groups supporting the Pride movement.

Rev. Charmaine and the musicians of Trinity and Mt. Zion churches provided soulful entertainment at the front of the UCC contingent. The weather behaved, and the crowd lining the route was exuberant. The support of the London police along the route kept everyone in a good mood.

Rev. Kerry is to be thanked for his many efforts to coordinate our presence.

This was a very proud day for the United Churches in London. Coming together as a group showed that we are a family with wide open arms.

All who would like to participate in this event next year would be very welcomed.

– Kathie Leigh  
*Affirm ad hoc committee*



## Gloria's book event

Here are members of our Calvary family at Gloria Dickie's book event at Indigo. Thank you for your support, and also to those who were unable to attend but purchased her recently released book, "Eight Bears: Mythic Past and Imperiled Future."



## Bazaar News

Calvary's 2023 Bazaar will be Saturday, Nov. 4th. All our leaders are in place and will be making specific requests or giving directions over the next two months.

If you have any purses, scarves or unwanted jewelry please notify Karen Butt (519-868-8367) [kbbutt@gmail.com](mailto:kbbutt@gmail.com) or Kathie Leigh (519-672-1917) [bobkatleigh2@gmail.com](mailto:bobkatleigh2@gmail.com).

If you have craft items, please notify Pam Harrison (519-868-2559) [twoharrisons@rogers.com](mailto:twoharrisons@rogers.com) prior to the day of the sale.

If you're willing to do some baking please contact Liz MacDonald (519-663-5020)

[davidmac373@rogers.com](mailto:davidmac373@rogers.com) or Brenda Radforth (519-685-6196) [radforth@hotmail.com](mailto:radforth@hotmail.com) or they may contact you.

If you're doing some preserves for us, Mary Kannakko is our contact leader. Again, we'll let you know when we can start bringing the items in.

The gently used area will be led by Heather Guild who will send out word when we're able to start collecting items at the church.

Bob Leigh, Bruce Jones and Bill

Butt will be happy to sort and set up your donated books when we're able to start storing them. Please make sure

the books are in good shape and still current.

Marg LaRocque will be looking after any frozen food items that may be for sale.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help at the sale tables, as well as helpers for

setting up the day before, and taking down following the sale.

Please keep your eye on the Compass for ongoing information about the bazaar, and feel free to contact any of the leaders for more information. We would really like to hear from you to ensure we have enough table space. Thanks!

We're excited!

– Pam, Marg and Kris

**Calvary United Church**  
**Fall Bazaar**  
**Saturday 4th**  
**November 4th**  
**9 am to 1 pm**



**Home Baked Items,  
Preserves, Books,  
Handcrafts, Gently Used  
Items, Jewelry & More.**

290 Ridout Street South, London  
Enter at the Garfield Ave entrance  
Proceeds support the work of  
Calvary United Church

**Bring cash and your own bags**



## Scholarships and Bursaries Awarded for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

This year there were no applications for the Calvary Scholarship Program. A total of 18 scholarships have been awarded over the last 19 years for a total amount of \$8,400. Scholarships under this program are currently \$750 each. Up until 2013, the Scholarship Program was funded by donations from the congregation. In 2013, the Trustees agreed to fund \$3,500 for future scholarships.

This year, bursaries totaling \$4,000 were awarded to two students under the Calvary Bursary Program. Because bursaries are based on financial need, we do not publish the names of the recipients or the individual amounts of the bursaries. In the last 19 years a total of \$63,000 has been awarded under the Bursary Program. The Bursary Program was permanently funded several years ago by the estate of Miriam Lois Gibson.

The Calvary Scholarship Program and the Calvary Bursary Program are administered by the Board of Trustees. Each year the Board appoints a Selection Committee to review applications and award scholarships and bursaries. Details of the two programs are available on the church website. ([www.calvaryuc.ca](http://www.calvaryuc.ca))

– Wally Robinson  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

## Calvary Book Club

The Calvary Book Club will be meeting on Monday, Sept. 25th at 7:30 pm on Zoom.

If you would like to join us, you are welcome to come online. Please let Mary Kannakko ([mkannakko@rogers.com](mailto:mkannakko@rogers.com)) know so that she can send you the Zoom ID and Password. We will be reading the following books this Fall:

**Sept. 25th:**

*Seven Fallen Feathers* by Tanya Talaga

**October:**

*Precious Cargo* by Craig Davidson

**November:**

*On the Ravine* by Vincent Lam

– Mary Kannakko

# The Fall 2023 Edition of Calvary Green...

**H**ere's what is happening around the GREEN. The rain and sunshine have caused an explosion of colour and height... what a difference a year makes! Plans for the Memorial Bench are underway. As always, thanks to the watering teams, the mulchers and clean-up crews for all their efforts over the summer months.



**FOR THE LOVE OF CREATION**

The small expansion at the front steps should eventually add some colour and interest... along with flagstone leading to our *Secret Garden*. Our plan is to add more hostas and other shade plants there, as well as lots of mulch. We have also planted several small flowering beds at the rear to brighten the parking lot door entrance and a few more around our Calvary sign.

Any weeding is appreciated... no need to be part of an organized day. We are ALL part of Calvary Green. These are our gardens. Take some time

and walk about. Enjoy the views.

Our Bulletin Board keeps us informed and reminds us of our greening commitment.

The Recycling Bins are always open for business !

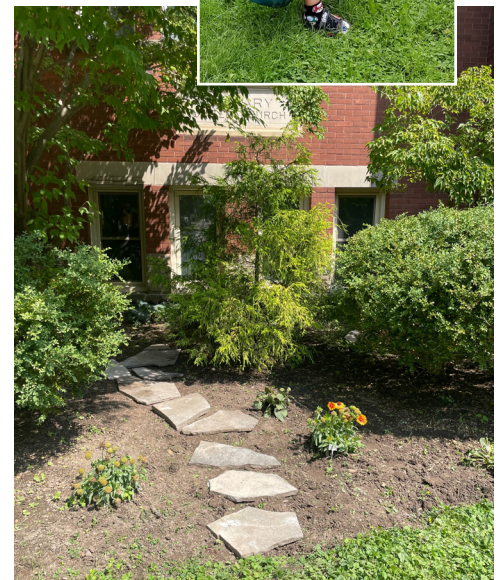
An Old South neighbour, Elmwood Presbyterian, has reached out to us through *Greening Sacred Spaces* for some guidance with their plans to start a pollinator garden. We have visited them and offered our support .

THE INTERFAITH TREE PLANTING EVENT is on Sunday, Oct. 22 (2:30-5) at Glen Cairn Park East (170 Helena Ave) off Thompson Rd. Please mark your calendar. Join us for a fun, friendly, family outing.

Let's celebrate London... our diversity, our community spirit and our faith.

Did You Know? TREES are mentioned over 136 times in the *King James Bible* as supporting life! Now let's support our Tree Planting Event!

– Lyse Geldard



# Hello from the London Community Chaplaincy

Rev. Pam writes...

“Summer at the Chaplaincy was an exciting and meaningful ministry time. This summer, we added a breakfast program to help with the high inflation food costs for families. Each week, we served 150 breakfasts to happy children!

“Summer camp sponsorship was in full swing with 75 children and youth attending a host of day camp and overnight experiences. Highlights included fourteen youth completing a City of London program, and three families enjoying single parents’ camp at Camp Kee-Mo-Kee.

“Each week at the Chaplaincy, we offered outside recreation, drop-in play time, youth outings, pool and splash pad trips, and the Library joined us for a morning of literacy-based fun! Daily, 60 children were engaged in meaningful summer opportunities.

“We are grateful for your support, and look forward to a wonderful fall!”

– Linda Baker, Outreach Committee

