



# The Messenger

Calvary Baptist Quarterly Newsletter • Winter 2018

Welcome to the Winter 2018 edition of Calvary's quarterly newsletter, The Messenger! It's our chance to showcase the stories of Calvary: the members that make up our wonderful community, our leaders, our volunteers, and all of the opportunities for ministry. Have a story idea for the next issue of the Messenger in March? Have a photo from a church event? Email Pastor Alice (ahornernelson@calvarydenver.org)!



## A Word from Pastor Anne

Calvary,

Thank you for a wonderfully moving and entertaining 10th anniversary celebration! The words of love and appreciation you shared truly blessed me and lifted my spirits. I'm a pretty lucky pastor to have members share about how I've impacted their life, to get my own Hamilton rap, to have a custom Namaste yoga song and act

(starring my husband!), to have a slideshow review of memories, and to have our kids and youth bring back the nostalgia of Adventures with Anne! And – to receive such a lovely robe and stole from the church presented by my parents just topped the day off. I know many, many people went into make that celebration a success. Thank you! It is an honor and a privilege to share in life and ministry with you at Calvary. Damon and I are so grateful for our church family and for the journey we are all on together!

With love,  
~ Pastor Anne





# Worship & Music

On December 9th, we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas concert featuring the Calvary Choir, Festival String Quartet, Calvary Handbells, and the Calvary Children's Choir. Thank you to Dr. David Farwig, Denise Lanning, our Calvary Choir, and all our musicians for all your hard work in bringing a festive, spectacular performance! If you'd like to re-visit it, a recording is on our Youtube channel.



Dr. David Farwig



*A full house!*

## Coming Up in Our "Yes, And..." Series

### Epiphany/Winter Season

January 6 - March 3

"Passion + Humility"

Yes, you feel what you feel...and you can practice humility.

### Lent Season

March 10 - April 14

"Challenge + Celebration"

Yes, life pushes you to your limits...and celebration can come in unexpectedly places.

### Easter tide

April 21 - June 2

"Preparing + Improv-ing"

Yes, you can stick to a plan...and you can improv(e) along the way.

We are always in need of worship participants to lead us in calls to worship, litanies, scripture readings, and even prayer!

If you feel called to lead us in the worship of God, please contact Pastor Alice at [ahornernelson@calvarydenver.org](mailto:ahornernelson@calvarydenver.org). Your pastors will appreciate it!





# Birthday Fun!

**December Birthdays**

1	Kristina Yarrington
3	Barbara Ford Margie Jonell
4	Amelie Haas
6	Chris Wylde Tim Bennet Karen Gutjahr
7	Jim Armstrong Emma Goodrum
8	Jared Leonard
9	Phil Doty Linda Jagger
10	Andrew Brown
12	Rachel Padworski Clara Sjoberg
13	Cindy Ponkivar Peyton Vinson
16	Pat Redifer
15	David Farwig James Thurbil
17	Damon Scalfaro Henry Laurion
21	Jim Dykes
22	Angela Leonard
22	Adelaide Leonard
24	Abigail Scarpella-Straub Don Worford
25	Doug Chapman
26	Alice Horner-Nelson
27	Linda Sjoberg
31	Charlotte Kochman David Peterson

**January Birthdays**

1	Decarious Wang Mimi Leonard Abraham Tuom
2	Julie Haynie Fred Michel
4	Nyakai Tuom Brenna Brooks
13	Myron Chartier Robert Daniel Padiet Wang
14	Jennifer Jonell
16	Garrett Pelton
17	Tim Michel Brianna Friend
18	Levi Newhouse
20	Sarah Brooks Bill Leonard Heather Michel Derek Michel
23	Rita Berglund
24	Jan Davey Jack Fredericks
27	Jack Hammon Jahn Gordon Kieft
30	Stephan Barry
31	John Goodman

**February Birthdays**

2	Joseline Umulisa
3	Cheryl McCulley Charlie Stanley
6	Doug Hulst Dee Claassen
9	Bob Hoffmaster
10	Dena Stanton
12	Ken Pinkham
14	Abigail Stanley
15	Pal Wang
16	Olga Ashworth
16	Sabrina Bish
17	Tom Madden Ginger Waymire Royce Nation Carol Weale
18	Cassie Kochman
20	Nancy Chick Jan Chartier
21	Freddie Tsao
22	Nell Nation
23	Robyn Hulst
24	Michael Jonell
25	Jeremiah Vinson Randall Waymire
27	Nelson Cox Sebastian Ralston Ted Cowan
28	Morgan C. Fletcher

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## 'Tis the Season for Giving!

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Good news! You may remember that we budgeted to use about \$50,000+ of "cash from previous years" to fund our ministry in 2018, and to date, we have NOT had to use any of that money – which is a testament to the winning combination of your generosity in giving and a close monitoring of expenses. We've made it 11 months without dipping into that money, and with your extra Christmas gift we can make it 12! Our church has a history of strong giving in December...and every extra gift, no matter the size, is a sign of encour-

agement and a much-needed boost to ensure we finish the year "in the black." You may give online (link to give page) or mail a check to the church (all checks post marked by Dec. 31 will be counted for 2018). Whether you are fulfilling your pledge for the year or giving an extra Christmas offering, thank you helping to spread the good news of God's love through the ministries of Calvary.

Giving at a Glance:

YTD Received Gifts (1/1 to 12/12)	\$635,599
YTD Budgeted Gifts (1/1 to 12/31)	\$698,749



# Connect

One of the best ways to connect at Calvary is to join a church school class or small group. Calvary offers lots of small group options, from church school on Sunday mornings to casual Monday Night Pub. To view more, simply go to the Church School classes page under the Learn tab on our website ([www.calvarydenver.org](http://www.calvarydenver.org)), or grab a church brochure off of the Welcome Kiosk in the Narthex.

The Caritas Class & Friends recently fellowshiped at their Christmas Party.





## A Word from Pastor Alice



Hello Messenger Readers!

Thank you for reading our quarterly newsletter. It's been a busy season here at Calvary moving through the Christmas season. I just wanted to update you on what I've been working on these past few months.

I've been working continually on our website. It is one of the most important communication tools we have. The website is often the first impression that a visitor receives, and information needs to be accurate and communicate Calvary's story in an effective way. One way you can help me is to check out the website and alert me to any changes that you deem necessary. As frequent attenders, we often don't look at our own website, but visitors use it as their main source of information. Also, I encourage you to always look at Calvary through the eyes of a visitor. What would make their first visit easier? Is there more we can be doing to make Calvary a more hospitable place?

Another area of focus is our information kiosk. Like the website, it's often the first stop when visitors enter our community. One key part of communications is streamlining information. One of my goals these past few months was to update our publications and condense Calvary's identity and story into a few easy-to-read publications. I restarted our newsletter which provides an additional outlet for telling Calvary's story, and made some flyers for our different ministries.

Additionally, we recently hosted Lifetouch here for church directory photos. After four years we are getting a new, updated directory! Thank you to all who participated and those who sent me submitted photos. The directories should be arriving in two to three months.

Last but certainly not least is The Gathering, which is our monthly contemporary service on the fourth

Saturday. The Gathering team is hoping that 2019 holds more frequent services to help build momentum for the service. If you're unsure about contemporary music, or maybe you've never heard any before, I encourage you to give us a try. Contemporary music is not just for "the young folk," but its for everyone.

I would be remiss if I didn't give a shout-out to our *Messenger* contributor. Thank you so much to Pat Hagen for writing several profiles for this issue. Her journalistic passion and talent is very much appreciated.

Have a very merry Christmas, Calvary!  
Pastor Alice

### Calvary Book Club

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in  
the Board Room

January 21: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

February 18: *When Breath Becomes Air* by  
Paul Kalanithi

March 18: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

April 15: *Before We Were Yours* by  
Lisa Wingate

May 20: *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult

Questions? Email Gordon Kieft at  
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# Member Profile

by Pat Hagen

Andy Gibbs considers himself one lucky guy. Meeting Kate Ketchum through a mutual bridge club friend and working for “Big Brown” (UPS) are just two examples of his good fortune in a very full life.

Born a twin in upper New York state in May of 1939, Andy survived whooping cough and pneumonia while his twin didn't. Andy attended elementary school in New Jersey and continued his schooling in Cortland, NY after losing both parents by age 14. His high school social studies teacher encouraged Andy to go to college, where he earned a degree in Physical Education from Cortland State College.

His first job was in Skaneateles, NY as the football and basketball coach where his basketball team won all but one game over a two year period. (Andy says it was fantastic luck but I think the coach had something to do with it.) Andy continued to coach and teach periodically throughout his life.

During the summers, Andy started driving for UPS and as he says “looked pretty good in brown.” Upper management must have thought so too and Andy was transferred to Denver in 1973. Serving as Team Manager, Andy oversaw the development of UPS in the Pacific Rim and Far East. Travelling to 47 countries, he enjoyed the challenge of creating relationships despite language barriers. Andy also worked as the Employee Relations Manager in Denver for five years and was known as the “People's guy” for always being fair. His philosophy of management: “Treat people the way you want to be treated.” Andy also spent four years representing UPS in DC to our senators and congressmen, spreading the message that UPS was the answer for package delivery in the United States. A highlight of that year was when he successfully coerced Congresswoman Pat Schroeder to wear brown and ride in the truck to experience the job.

Andy met Kate in Denver, found out they had much in common and married in 1989. A teach-

er himself, Andy appreciated what Kate did as a first grade teacher, which she was recognized for by the Denver Public School system in 1991 as “Teacher of the Year”. Although they didn't know each other at the time, they grew up 7 miles apart in New York state and were both one of seven kids. In 1963, they even crossed paths at

a high school football game where Kate was cheerleading and Andy was refereeing. Gardening, travelling, and love of a golden Lab named Murphy are hobbies they have shared. Andy is also a fisherman, known as one of the Magnificent Seven (you know who you are), who made an annual sojourn to Rocky Mountain fishing spots for forty years.

Andy started attending Calvary because his uncle, who was a Baptist minister, went to seminary with Larry Loughhead. When Andy walked in the door, he felt welcome here. Andy has served as moderator and on the Staff Relations, Public Worship and Property Resources committees.

Diagnosed with Parkinson's 16 years ago, Andy now lives in Shalom Parker with Kate in an apartment next door. He participates in some form of physical activity every day and enjoys dinner with Kate at her condo almost every evening. His walls are lined with photos of friends and family as well as recognition of his service to UPS. He enjoys reading and the tremendous support and love from Kate.





## A Bootstraps & Blessings Ministry Update

Bootstraps & Blessings is our Monday ministry to those who need food, a shower, or need their laundry done. Thank you Calvary for your generous response to recent requests. With the holidays here, B&B has a few more requests and would be deeply grateful for anything you can share. Our clients need:

- Serviceable shoes, especially work boots. We would be happy for gently used, any size.
- Wash cloths for those who shower each week.

Starting in January, Pat Hagen will be taking over as co-ordinator for B&B, giving Mary Hulst a break (although Mary will still be volunteering). Thank you Mary for your leadership with B&B!



*Pictured here are B&B volunteers at a training meeting.*

## 2018 Bequest Report: Generosity Abounds!

Bequests are a wonderful way to extend your generosity and ensure Calvary's future!

### Nancy Mitchell (1931-2016)

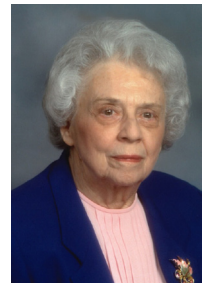
***\$2,000 - Per our bylaws, half of Nancy's bequest went into the Building Repair & Replacement fund. The other half is helping fund the new sound system in Fellowship Hall installed this month.***



Nancy's daughter, Jennifer Titus, consulted with the family over Thanksgiving and they unanimously agreed that this was a wonderful use of Nancy's funds and that Nancy would be pleased with enhancing the sound in such a key space at Calvary. Hearing was important to her, as it is to all of us! In 2005, Nancy gave \$70,000 to the Columbarium Fund, funding nearly half of the cost to build the Foot of the Cross Courtyard. We celebrate Nancy's faithful generosity — her significant gift to the Foot of the Cross Courtyard, her regular giving to Calvary, and now her final giving.

### Martha Morgan (1916-2017)

***\$7,764.38 - Per our bylaws, half of Martha's bequest went into the Building Repair & Replacement fund. The other half helped fund the new landscaping on the south (Hampden) side of our property, which adds both beauty and protection to our property.***



Martha loved nature and experienced the presence of God through the beauty of creation. "Mom always used nature to draw us back to God," her son Craig remarked. He once said, "Mom, I'm not sure I believe in God." Martha replied, "See that colorful bush out there...now do you believe in God? Didn't God create a beautiful world for us?" The use of these bequest funds to enhance Calvary's church property with the beauty of nature very much honors the memory and heart of Martha Morgan.

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# A New Way to Look at Retirement Savings and Giving to Calvary

Do you have an IRA? Did you know that your IRA can help you and Calvary by taking advantage of the qualified charitable distribution (QCD) feature for an IRA distribution? If you have reached age 70 ½ years old or will reach that age in the near future consider supplementing your giving to Calvary by using your IRA. Here are a few things you might want to discuss further with your tax preparer or financial planner.

The IRS requires that once you reach age 70 ½ you generally need to start taking required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your retirement account each year. This distribution must be taken by December 31, beginning with the year you first reach age 70 ½. Even though you may not need the income, you still must take the distribution. We suggest you consider using that “excess” income to add to your regular giving to Calvary.

If you have an IRA, one way to take that distribution is with a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to a charity – like Calvary! If you’re not ready to dip into your IRA because of other sources of retirement income, the qualified charitable distribution (QCD) of some or all of that required minimum distribution (RMD) can benefit both you and Calvary.

- You can donate up to \$100,000 annually, directly

from your IRA account.

- You might even benefit more if you won’t be able to itemize deductions on your income tax return because of the increased standard deduction in 2018. You can fulfill the RMD requirement and still get a tax benefit (no taxes on the IRA distribution) all while supporting a ministry you love!



## 2018 Bequest Report, Continued

### Barbara Alexander (1942-2018)

**\$15,415.63 - Per our bylaws, half of Barb's bequest went into the Building Repair & Replacement fund.**

**The other half, plus gifts given in Barb's memory, funded the new outdoor lighting on the south (Hampden) and west (Monaco) sides of the church.**



erosity of spirit and resources was one of her hallmark characteristics, and this project honors her life and legacy in the best of ways.

### Marjorie Musil (1942-2018)

This summer we received notification from the attorney for Marjorie Ann Musil's estate that she has provided for Calvary in her planned giving. We are grateful to both Marj and Virg for including Calvary in their estate.



Barb Alexander's closest friends remember her as a “bright light” in their lives, and in the life of this church. Not only did Barb's smile light up a room, but her favorite color was yellow! More importantly, Barb cared deeply about the safety and security of people walking to and from and around our church property, particularly women who were walking alone and/or anyone walking in inclement weather or at night. Barb's gen-





# New Member Profiles

**Jacob Goertz** is a Colorado native who went on a few adventures (Miami, South Korea, Virginia, and Pennsylvania) before returning home last September. He has an M.Div from Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University and is currently a chaplain resident at St. Anthony's Hospital in Lakewood. Jacob enjoys writing poetry, hiking (especially at Brainard Lake Recreation Area), playing nerdy board games, Nebraska football (GBR), and discovering new music. He also loves hanging out with his nieces and making them laugh.

## Amy Kehew

Amy grew up in a small borough north of Pittsburgh, PA called Bradford Woods, the place where my parents were also raised. After she graduated from Grove City College in PA, she got a teaching job in Massachusetts. She taught third grade at Liberty School in the town of Braintree for 46 years - same grade, same school for all 46 years. Amy was active in an American Baptist Church in Quincy, MA. She also played viola in the Quincy Symphony Orchestra for many years.

After she retired from teaching, she decided to move to Denver to be closer to family - her sister has been here most of her adult life. Amy has lived here for almost a year. She came to Calvary because it was a church that she had often driven past when she was here visiting her sister, and also because a friend in MA who grew up in this church mentioned it often. From that very first Sunday Amy felt welcomed and comfortable, and she knew she had found a special place.

Amy also plays piano, and has played violin, viola, and recorders in the past. She loves to read, to write, and to do counted cross-stitch needlework, and she's learning to quilt.

## Matt and Fabiola Mansfield

**Matt** has attended Calvary since February 2018, is a Colorado native from Wheat Ridge and now lives near the church. Matt's been a Realtor since 1993. He enjoys cycling, hunting, fishing, motor sports and studying the Bible. After a near death



*From left to right: Alice Horner-Nelson, Jen Friedel, Amy Kehew, Matt Mansfield, Fabiola Mansfield, Abraham Conneh, and Daniel and Estela Schweissing (featured in our last newsletter).*

experience in 2017, I wanted to find a church that I felt at home and be baptized. I was drawn to Calvary by Pastor Anne's sermons, programs, and the architecture of the sanctuary that I saw on the internet as it reminded him of his childhood church. He says, "Pastor Anne's kindness and attention to detail for my Baptism was wonderful and her sermons and programs are lovely and I love her very much! I have made many special friends at Calvary that will be with me for my lifetime and I am so blessed to have found my church family."

**Fabiola** has been attending Calvary since February. It was "love at first sight" and she felt at home immediately. She is very happy to have Pastor Anne as her shepherd with sermons that are meaningful with a great dash of humor. She says, "I consider every single member of Calvary my family. I am thankful and blessed how everyone has welcomed me with loving hearts." Her hobbies include recreating her family recipes that have been passed down generations but with a modern twist, Bible journaling, spending time with Matt and her dogs, and practicing non-meditative yoga.



Look for Jen Friedel and Abraham Conneh's profiles in the next issue!



## Calvary Volunteer Profile

by Pat Hagen

Walter Rowell can't sit still and is pacing around the desk for Bootstraps and Blessings. He is always busy helping someone or doing something positive, except when he's telling one of his stories. (His children actually numbered them one year so they could play "family stories" bingo during their family reunion.)

Born and raised in Boston, Walter attended the Boston Latin School, the oldest continuously running high school in the USA. He met his wife Edith in the church choir there where she was the Choir Director and Organist. Walter was smitten and eventually got into her good graces by playing the clarinet at some church services. They've now been married 60 years in August and raised one son and three daughters. They recently had a family reunion this summer in Dillon where they played Rowell Family Jeopardy, Not so Newlywed game, and had a scavenger hunt. Fun runs in the family.

Walter graduated from Northeastern University with a Bachelors in Electrical Engineering. He joined United Engineers & Constructors who later promoted him to open the Denver office as VP of Western Operations. Walter prospered as a manager for UE&C and was sent to be their man in England his last 3 years before retirement. He and Edith lived in a row house in Worcester Park, a very English London suburb, where Walter found out he was known as "Mr. American" by the local dry cleaner.

Walter scared me when I first met him, with his intense eyes and Boston accent. I soon realized he possessed a wicked sense of humor and was a great storyteller. When volunteering and really just all the time, Walter's goal is to send you away smiling. Mary Hulst recognizes that talent and says Walter is an effective Bootstraps volunteers due to his sense of humor.

A lot of Walter's week consists of volunteering. On Mondays, at least once a month, he can be found at Bootstraps. Wednesdays, it's Metro Caring (where he's been for 20 years). He also serves as a board member and past president for the Arapahoe Philharmonic, and is residents council president in the retirement community where he and Edith live. At Calvary, Walter serves on the Membership Team, Columbarium and Nominating committees, sings in the choir, and helps out with Family Promise. At 82, Walter's goal now is to shed leadership roles and to just serve.

Music is a shared component of Walter's life with Edith. He is a baritone most of the time and can play some piano. Hard to believe but when he and Edith lived in Lon-

don, they initially had few outside contacts and had time to play piano duets together.

When Edith and Walter first moved to Denver in 1982, they were in need of a church home. A Boston friend had recommended Calvary so they stopped in. After hearing Larry Loughhead, it was the first and last church they visited. Raised American Baptist by his parents, Walter considers Calvary his second family.

To Walter, family is the center of life and is so critical to one's well-being. Working with Bootstraps and Metro Caring, he sees the effects of how the lack of family can adversely impact an individual. Walter's own family has grown to 10 grandchildren and one great granddaughter plus his four kids and their spouses. Edith and family are his greatest joys.

Asked about his bucket list, Walter admits to being pretty satisfied at this stage of life. Having traveled to all 50 states and 39 countries Walter admits Nova Scotia is a place he still needs to visit since there are strong connections with almost all Bostonians.

So if you need a good story or a smile, find Walter. He'll probably be at the church.



Shown here is Walter (left) with his VIP Tom Moss.

Did You Know You Can Check Out Our Church Calendar Online?

Go to [www.calvarydenver.org](http://www.calvarydenver.org) and click on Events, and then click on Calendar.



# Youth



Pastor Morgan C. Fletcher

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**This past fall, the youth had fun monthly activities.**

September- Lock-in  
 October/Corn Maze  
 November/Day Retreat to Estes Park  
 December/Spider Monkey

In church school, students have been studying how Scripture apply to their lives and have been exploring various ways to read Scripture:



- Lectio Divina
- How You Fit in the Story
- Scripture Journaling
- Writing Scripture in Your Own Words
- SOAP – Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer
- APPLE – Attributes of God, Promises of God, Principles for Life, Lessons learned or Sin to Avoid, Example to Follow.



### First Sunday

Coco & Sara are youth leaders for Church School. Students will explore how Scripture applies to life today.



### Fourth Sunday

Youth Group will consist of games and activities that help us learn about ourselves and each other, reminding us that community is key to our wellbeing.



### Third Sunday

Church School leaders Coco & Sara will lead students on an exploration of characters throughout Scripture and compare them to current leaders.



### Second Sunday

Morgan & a rotation of youth leaders will join students for activities that connect us as a community and remind us that God is one of humor and play.



Sundays  
 Youth Lounge  
 9:00-10:00am  
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5th Sundays  
 Doughnuts in Fellowship Hall



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