

Crossways

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Did You Know?

Everything that happens at Calvary is done by volunteers. Aside from a small handful of paid staff, everything having to do with the life of the church and the ministries you see are volunteer led and volunteer accomplished. That means there is an incredible legacy of volunteers in this church's past who have given much to carry the church along to what it has become today.

If you are a member or regular visitor at Calvary you are invited to become a part of this legacy as well. From meeting and greeting on Sunday morning to helping out with mission activities your help is needed and it is one way you can care for your church and others who are here. Please contact the church office or any of our volunteer coordinators to find out how to get involved.

Stay Up to Date

To best keep up with all the events and activities happening at Calvary check out the following resources:

- Sunday morning bulletin and Traffic Report (All services recorded, CDs available in Narthex)
- Our Bi-Monthly *Crossways* Newsletter
- Our Facebook Page: Calvary Silver Spring
- Our Website: calvarysilverspring.org
- Pastor's Midweek Meditations is a weekly devotional email that also includes event reminders (call 301-589-4001 to receive)

About the Cover

Yes, we have been talking about a large construction project for a long time, but it really is coming soon! Our builder expects we will ready to begin construction sometime this Summer, and when it gets underway, watch out! Very few rooms within the building will be untouched or unchanged. Many good improvements will be a blessing to our house of worship SOON!

Upcoming Events

June 2 Book Club Meeting After Worship

June 9 PENTECOST

June 9 Voters Assembly after worship to present budget, elections and construction updates

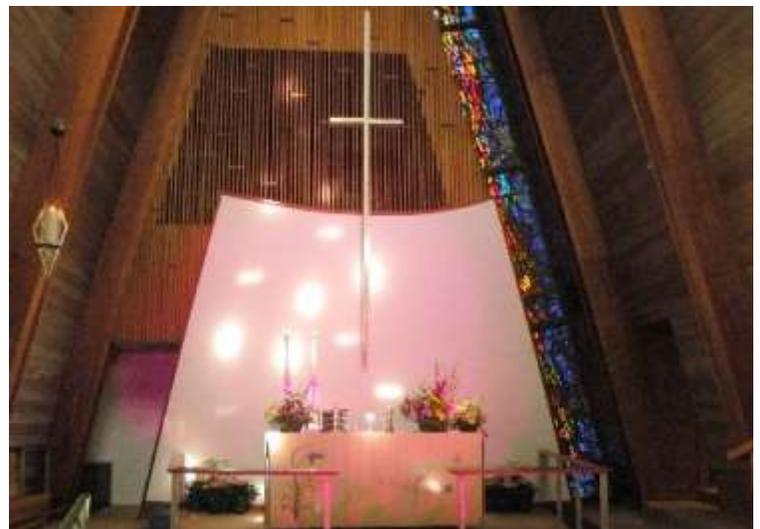
June 16 Father's Day; Singing Men of Calvary to Sing in worship

June 23 Fourth Sunday KidsSing after worship

June 31 Fifth Sunday family service

July 7 Book Club Meeting after worship

July 28 Fourth Sunday KidsSing after worship



A Letter from Pastor Mike

We are almost there. The construction project we have been talking about for years, and the work that many of you have pledged money to support, is going to begin very soon. And I am thrilled for this project to get underway.

But I do have one fear. That we would be so consumed, distracted, and preoccupied by the construction work, that we would forget about the important ministry goals we have challenged ourselves to achieve over the next several years.

Our Roadmap to 2020 divided our ministry hopes and dreams into three categories: Worship, Care, and Share. We set some objectives for ourselves in the area of worship, how our services and activities can be welcoming to all and helpful to all. We made commitments to our desire to Care for one another well, especially focusing on the needs of our growing children's ministry, and fellowship events for all ages. And we have some dreams about how we might continue to impact our community, sharing the message of Jesus' love for all people.

And now we need to push ahead, diligently overseeing construction work as it proceeds, and at the same time building off the momentum we already have in developing new ministries and mission initiatives.

So hang on, things are about to get busy. But good busy, because God has work for us to do.

His,
*Pastor Mike
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A Letter from the President

Dear Calvary Members and Friends,

From time to time I muse about the difference between something being written and that something being read. I'm guessing that writers often have inflated expectations about how many people will actually read their work. And how many will understand what they read? Of those, how many will remember what they read and understood? Then, although probably not as important as reading, understanding and remembering, how many readers will like/enjoy/appreciate what they read? Probably an even smaller number.



So the challenge of the moment is to remember what was in this column last time (no peeking). For those who need some hints the words, "curse," "bureaucrat," "Skype," and "real work," were used.

These observations are intended to remind you that our regular Voters Assembly meeting is scheduled for June 9. Among other things, the budget and election of Board members will be major business items. Many of you will participate in other essential meetings over the coming months, and I thank you for doing so.

Thank you ALL for keeping Calvary alive, improving the facility, planning for the future, taking care of one another, and meeting together to serve others. You are all God's representatives, even if you are in a meeting. Remember?

Yours in Christ,

Daniel L. Michels
President

Thanks, Beverly!

During the worship service on May 19, Beverly Harmon's retirement from her long-term service as Calvary's Administrative Assistant was officially recognized by the Calvary congregation.

At the same time, Beverly was presented with the Agnus Dei award. This award was established by Pastor Fritz Kemper in the 60's to recognize and celebrate individuals or families who made a significant and

outstanding impact on the ministries and activities of Calvary Lutheran Church. Beverly certainly qualifies as such a special person. As life at Calvary changed—different pastors, different schools, different ideas--she adapted her job to fit the needs of the congregation.



Through emotional and turbulent years she was a solid foundation, always available to listen to students and adults alike. She embodies what it means to be a humble servant of Christ.

The Walls Come Down

When Calvary School was a K-8 school, walls were erected in the Fellowship Hall to create two additional classrooms. While at Calvary the Auburn School also used those rooms for their



students. Now that the Auburn School has moved to a larger space, the rooms are no longer needed. In fact, the crowd at the reception for Beverly after the church service was an example of how much the space is needed by the congregation. Months ago the decision was made to remove them. The 18th was the day for the "ceremony" or the beginning of their removal. Eager people were offered the chance to smash heavy hammers against those walls. Beverly was given the honor of the first whack at that wall. On Monday the walls were completely removed by a faithful friend of Calvary known as Hot Rod. The original space is back!

On April 1 Cyndi Carr gracefully started to fill the hole left by the retirement of Beverly Harmon. She comes to Calvary with years of experience in church administration, and she looks forward to learning Calvary's systems.

-- Karen Michels

Welcome Cyndi!

Cyndi Carr, Calvary's new Office Administrator was born and raised in Montgomery County, graduating from Paint Branch High School. For many years she worked for the state of Maryland in probation and in treatment centers until she decided to go back to school. She received a degree in Information Systems from UMBC, and that steered her into church administration. She has one adult daughter.

She commented that Calvary surprised her. The first time she worshipped at Calvary she was greeted and welcomed by numerous friendly people even if they did not know who she is.

While we will miss Beverly, it is exciting to have a new person with different ideas and skills helping Calvary fulfill its mission.

--Karen Michels

Book Club Updates

Stimulating discussions and fellowship are at the heart of the Book Club meetings. Each month (usually on the first Sunday after the Worship service) the group meets to discuss works of both fiction and non-fiction. Refreshments are served in the Parents Room. All are welcome for any or all of the discussions.

Upcoming Book Club Choices:

June 2. ***Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*** by Gail Honeyman. 2018. "Eleanor Oliphant is a quirky loner and a model of efficiency with her routine of frozen pizza, vodka and weekly phone calls with Mummy. [She's] a woman beginning to heal from unimaginable tragedy, with a voice that is deadpan, heartbreaking and humorous all at once." – **NPR.org**. "Move over, Ove (in Fredrik Backman's *A Man Called Ove*)—there's a new curmudgeon to love. . . Walking in Eleanor's practical black Velcro shoes is delightfully amusing. But readers will also be drawn in by her tragic backstory, which slowly reveals how she came to be so entirely Eleanor. Witty, charming, and heartwarming... --**Booklist**. Discussion leader – Lori Schwartz

July 7. ***The Bees*** by Laline Pauli, 2015. This brilliantly imagined debut tells the story of Flora 717, a devout young worker bee who finds herself in possession of a deadly secret. Flora 717 is a sanitation worker, a member of the lowest caste in her orchard hive, where work and sacrifice are the highest virtues and worship of the beloved Queen the only religion. But Flora is not like other bees. Thrilling, suspenseful, and spectacularly imaginative, *The Bees* and its dazzling young heroine will forever change the way you look at the world outside your window. (From cover). Discussion leader – Robyn Frank

August 4. ***Self Portrait With Boy*** by Rachel Lyon. 2018. A compulsively readable and electrifying debut about an ambitious young female artist who accidentally photographs a boy falling to his

death—an image that could jumpstart her career, but would also devastate her most intimate friendship. (From cover) "A sparkling debut... wrestles with complex questions about art-making, integrity and the ethics of ambition."

—**The New York Times Book Review**. Discussion leader – Vita Sims

--Robyn Frank

A Report from Brian Priebe

A few weeks ago, on the day after Easter, I flew to New Orleans for my very first experience visiting the city which has meant so much to me vicariously. Linda and I arrived in the late afternoon, and after reaching our lovely shotgun rental house on Algiers Point, (directly across the Mississippi from the French Quarter, the birthplace of jazz), we set out on foot to the ferry terminal. I was keen to hear, and maybe even play with, some real New Orleans musicians!

On the way to the ferry terminal, Linda spotted a jogger wearing a "Live Generously" t-shirt. (Thrivent.com) Many of you have these shirts from service projects sponsored by Thrivent. Of course, we had to say hello and ask the obvious question..."Are you a Lutheran?"

Not only is he a Lutheran, but the Pastor of the Lutheran Church around the block from our little house!

He once served a church in Fairfax and even knows Larry Schmidt!

We sang "It's a small world" and made plans to get together later in the week (plans that were thwarted by a funeral). None the less, we made a new friend and were amazed to meet someone with so close a relationship, so far from home!

Wear your "Live Generously" T shirts proudly!
--Brian Priebe

Calvary Art Show!

Calvary's first art show was a success! It opened (to rave reviews!) on Saturday, April 27th and closed Sunday, May 5th. The art show committee helped get everything ready. Everyone was extremely generous with their talents, and the art fair really showed it!

People were pleasantly surprised at what their neighbors could do. We had a *lot* of artists' displays: paintings, photographs, needlepoint, jewelry, children's artwork, even some loons!

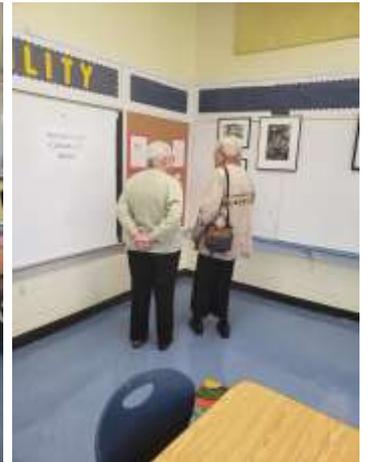
The art show was part of the ongoing "Share" component of "Roadmap to 2020," to give the congregation the chance to know itself a bit better. (One of the upcoming events this summer will be the chance for the community to share recipes for inclusion in the forthcoming Calvary cookbook - stay tuned!)

The art show committee is going to gather soon, and one of the topics is going to be how soon we can do this again.

The 2019 Calvary Art Show participants were: Barbara Boehne, Evelyn Calvo, Erik Delfino, Steve Frank, Betty Fredericks, Mark Friedrich, Margaret Holley, Helmer Junghans, Karen Michels, Scarlet Middaugh, Dave Pearcy, JoAnn Pearcy, Georgia Schwartz, Vita Sims, Andrea Twomey, Gabriella Weilnau, Mark Weilnau

--Erik Delfino

--Vita Sims



KidsChurch Updates

As we wrap up the spring session in KidsChurch, our children will be reminded how God is always with us by learning about Paul and Silas in the book of Acts. Then we will learn about the Holy Spirit through the amazing events of Pentecost. Finally, we will look at Psalm 8 and think about why we praise God and the many different ways there are to praise him. Every week your child leaves with a Family Page. We encourage you to take a few minutes each week to talk through it with your child and have them tell you what they did and what they learned. For the rest of June and July we will continue to have our lessons. As we have done for the past few years we will not have KidsChurch in the month of August to give our hardworking teachers a summer break. If you have been wondering how you might get more involved with our kids we are in great need of teacher support for the fall. Come see me if you want to discuss how you can help. No experience needed - just a desire to work with our wonderful kids at Calvary.

As a reminder, our kids are invited to continue to donate to the All In campaign for our renovations. They can bring in their change any time. If your child needs another collection box, see Courtney Fletcher. Enjoy the rest of spring!

--Lori Schwartz
KidsChurch Director

Sunday Recordings

Did you know that Carl Johnson records the service every Sunday? Those recordings are available in CD form at the back of the church on following Sundays.

Or, you can find them on the Internet at

<https://app.box.com/s/2kcru78efsgicff3dnudbns88m014tz>

That directs to a service called "Box" cloud storage. There the recordings can be downloaded for listening.

Shepherds Reminders

Mother's Day, which we just observed, is a day of personal celebration between mothers and families. And, of course, it is not just mothers that are celebrated. It is anyone in a mothering role, even a father, or a godmother, or a grandmother. Being a mother is a great job! Long nights calming a croupy cough or cleaning up after a flu bug are certainly not fun, but it is the joy a parent knows for caring for loved ones. When things get messy or chaotic, it is a challenge to remind oneself that personal strength alone does not resolve the problem. A mother needs the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit. Being a mother is like no other job and the work is never completed, unlike a typical 9-5 job. A mother has unwavering love! She is responsible for so much, often it may feel as if she goes unappreciated, or at least under appreciated.

I started a new paragraph. Mothering is like shepherding, they (mothers and Calvary's shepherds) both come in all shapes, sizes, and styles. Jesus said that the good shepherd would lay down his life for the sheep. But what does that really mean? The good shepherd, like good mothers, share one critical character, the shepherd is unselfish. Shepherds pray that each person is supplied the strength needed for those difficult days, guidance along a rocky path or maybe a hug! Shepherds, like mothers, take their role seriously, which is a reflection of understanding and kindness. The shepherds program at Calvary continues. Every Calvary member has a church member acting as his or her shepherd. Each shepherd approaches that responsibility and joy differently, but each shepherd is concerned about his or her own flock. More shepherds are always welcome. If you are interested in this service, talk to me, or Pastor Mike.

--Ann Allen

Frequently, loving our neighbor can have a happy ending for everyone involved. Steve Frank has a story to prove it:

"Nick's" Coffee Shop

I learned about "Nick's" restaurant shortly after starting work at the Port of Baltimore. The official name of this eatery was the "Town and Country Coffee Shop" but everyone called it Nick's. It was a block and a half from my World Trade Center office and you could fill up for five bucks including tip. Nick did all the cooking. His wife Irene ran the register, told newcomers to sit anywhere, maybe gave them a menu and engaged in heated exchanges with Nick in their native Greek. Betty and Mary were the waitresses. It was usually bedlam.

The place was small, a counter with a dozen fixed stools and seven round tables for six. Seating was European - sit anywhere there was a seat - and Irene saw to it that no chair was laden with a coat or briefcase and let customers know when they needed to tighten up to make room for someone. And that someone could be anyone - police, laborers, lawyers, politicians - you name it, from all walks of life. It didn't matter whom you thought you were, when Irene said to move over, you moved over.

The place was open for breakfast and lunch. Nick would arrive around 2am to prepare for his 5:30am opening. There always happened to be a patrol car nearby. He made everything from scratch. I never saw a slice of lunchmeat. It was fresh turkey breast for the hot turkey sandwich with mashed potatoes and gravy. The burger was good the crab cakes were not. The pasticcio, Tuesday's special, was excellent and made that morning. But Thursday was the day I, and many regulars looked forward to - pea soup day. I rarely missed a Thursday. The pea soup was delicious, thick and flavorful with, of course, home made croutons. However, no item on the menu could hold a candle to Nick's thick and creamy, made that morning, rice pudding. If it was Thursday I dared

not come home without a rice pudding for Robyn.

One day after a particularly stressful work assignment I went to Nick's for lunch but mostly to unwind. There, I ran into one of my least favorite associates who insisted on talking about some now forgotten topic. Dehydration, as it turned out, though I am certain the stress and the unwanted encounter did not help, caused me to feel faint and I was hustled off the hospital. I did not return to Nick's for an entire year.

Upon my return, as I sat down with two co-workers, without my saying a word, Betty immediately brought over my pea soup and rice pudding as though I had not been away at all. It was Thursday and I was there and that's the kind of place this was.

Nick closed his restaurant in 2008 and passed away in 2016. Irene has dementia and resides in a facility in Baltimore.

For a while I took photography classes and one of my assignments was to photograph people doing their work. I knew immediately whom I wanted to photograph so I went to Nick's and took a photograph of him making his pea soup. Recently I thought that this picture of Nick making his signature dish belonged with his family.

Through a bit of detective work I located his son Panos living in Northern Virginia. He was very excited when I called and graciously accepted my offer of the photograph. We arranged for him to stop at my house on his way to visit his mother Irene and I arranged for Tony, another of Nick's customers and a former co-worker, to meet as well. We had a delightful visit getting to know each other and to learn more about Nick's family and especially to share Town and Country stories.

One never knows how a dementia patient will respond to a situation or recall certain memories of the past. Panos reported that Irene was ecstatic upon seeing the photograph and smiled

continuously. Now on the wall of her room there is a photo of Nick doing what he loved and serving as a reminder of a part of their lives that was so important to them. Nick's was important to me too, and it has given me great joy to share my photograph and my Town and Country memories with his family.



Steve, Panos, and Tony with the photo of Nick making pea soup. In his coffee shop.

French Church Notice

En entrant dans cette glise, il est possible que vous entendiez l'appel de Dieu. Par contre, il nest pas susceptible de vous contacter par ti phone. Merci d'avoir teint votre ti phone.

Si vous souhaitez parler Dieu, entrez, choisissez un endroit tranquille et parle lui. Si vous souhaitez le voir, envoyez-lui un SMS en conduisant.

Translation:

It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that He will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your phone.

Musical Treat

On June 7 at 8 p.m. Neville Dickie, an amazing stride and boogie woogie piano player from England, will be appearing at Calvary with the Washington Conservatory Jazz Band. Brian Priebe frequently plays with this band. Mr. Dickie has played at Calvary many times, partly because of Calvary's outstanding piano. Come and enjoy an evening of exciting music.

If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to Him .

If you would like to see Him, send Him a text while driving.



KidsQuiz A-6, B-1, C-8, D-3, E-7, F-5, G-2, H-4
Answers: Gabriella-5 & 6, Evelyn-3 & 4,
Georgia-1 & 7, Scarlett-2 & 8

Construction Update

An army moves on its stomach, a regulatory agency moves on its paper.

The Miche Booz (MB) team of architects, the engineers at GLW, and our contractor A.R. Marani (ARM) have been busily preparing a lot of paper in the form of drawings, specifications, questions, answers, to address the needs of the agencies that will approve our project and for the men and women who will build it.

MB met with the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) to discuss Calvary's development plans. This was the second meeting with DPS. Much of the design was confirmed, areas of concern identified, and additional analysis requested.

There has been much interaction between MB and ARM toward preparing bid documents and plans pertinent for bids from a variety of sub-contractors. ARM now has these documents and is moving forward to identify potential bidders,

GLW has drafted a storm water management plan. The plan accommodates the proposed and possibly future paved parking area at the rear of the church and includes a bio-retention pond to collect rainwater and the installation of an underground pipe connecting the pond to the storm drain at the corner of Woodland Drive and Flora Avenue. Though the plan is preliminary, the installation of the pipe is needed and likely requires some disruption of the Homer Schweppe Memorial garden.

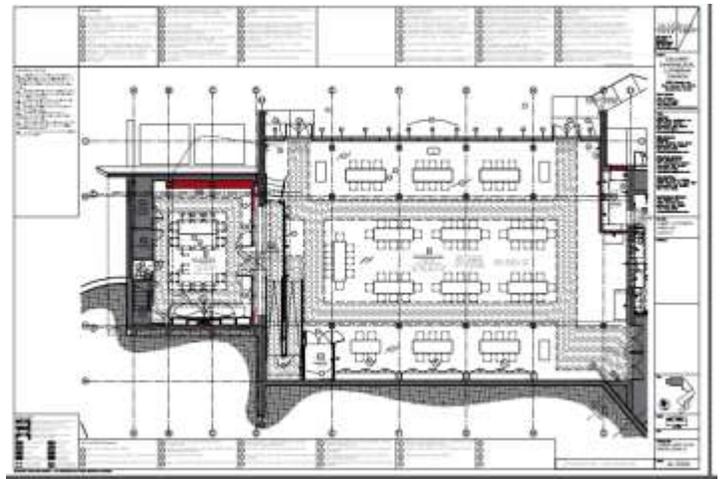
The stakeholder meetings were very productive in identifying how Calvary will look in the future. Everyone who participated in these meetings or made suggestions or shared thoughts through other means has helped shape our future. I think we all realize that not every suggestion could be incorporated into the final construction, but we can

all be proud and confident that our suggestions and concerns were considered and weighed and that our best collectively developed plan has been achieved. So, when will we see some physical progress on this plan beyond all the paper?

Well, by the time you read this, you, along with many others may have taken a swing at, and Brian may have marched around blowing his horn, the Fellowship Hall walls and brought them tumbling down!

Regarding the Big Plan, however, the crystal ball is a bit cloudy in that regard and in order for its humor to clear and reveal this longed-for moment, it is in need of reviews by DPS and WSSC, sub-contractor bids and awards, approvals and the building permit. If I were pressured to give a start time in months, I would say a couple three.

---Steve Frank
May 13, 2019



KidsQuiz:

Part 1: Below are some of the kids' pictures in Calvary's Art Show. Can you match their titles to the pictures? One is done for you. **Part 2:** If you went to the Art Show, you may remember who made some of the pictures. Try to put the numbers of the two pictures that each girl made under her name. For any you don't know, you can check the answers on page 9.

Art Show Artists



Gabriella



Evelyn



Georgia



Scarlett

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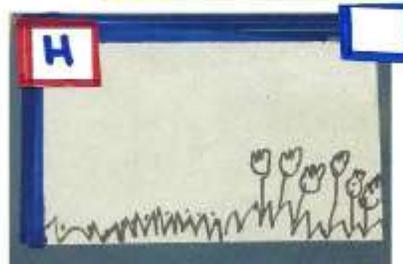
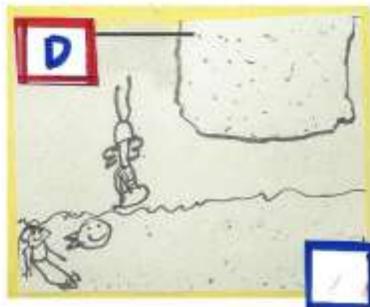
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TITLES OF THE PICTURES

- 1 The Amazing Pool
- 2 Looking at Flowers
- 3 The Fairy and the Mermaid
- 4 Flowers, Then and Now
- 5 Mr. Potato Head
- ✓ Mrs. Potato Head
- 7 Still Life: Fruit on a Table
- 8 Snake



Calvary KidsNews

Holy Week at Calvary

Holy Week started with Palm Sunday, and it ended the Saturday before Easter. On Palm Sunday, Pastor Mike told us how people put their coats and palm branches on the road in front of Jesus while He was riding on a



donkey. They sang songs of praise to Him. Georgia is holding one of the palm branches we were given to remind us of that day.

But then came the days when we sang sad songs at church.

We were thinking about how Jesus had to die to take away our sins.

Happy Easter! That's what we said to each other, because Easter is the happiest day in the church year. We dressed in our best clothes to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. The lessons and music in church were all joyful, and the building was full of flowers.



Then . . . It was time to hunt for Easter Eggs on the playground.



↑ Waiting in the hallway wasn't easy, but soon it was time to start—little kids first. Here we go!



Share It! Hugo is showing the picture he got in KidsChurch to his mom. Remember to talk about the things you make and do in class with the adults in your family, too.



Coming Up in KidsChurch In June you will learn about the work of the Holy Spirit and PENTECOST. It's the birthday of the Christian church celebrated all around the world.

Award-Winning Vaulting

For as long as she can remember, Isabelle has always liked to do handstands and tumble around. But now she is a serious member of a Marvateen gymnastics team. She trains with the team in Rockville 15 hours a week during the school year and 20 hours in summer. "At first, vaulting was my hardest event," Isabelle says. "I was better at the floor routines, uneven bars, and the balance beam. But I worked really hard on the vault, and at my last competition, when I was six, I won a medal for my vault routine. I want to keep practicing so I can do even better at all of the events."



Isabelle vaulting

