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**"To know Christ,
and to make Him known."**

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Collect

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Thanksgiving

Message from Father Jon The Harvest is Plentiful

When I was a young boy, I remember my father and mother purchased a five-acre lot behind our house and planted vegetables. Corn, green beans, lima beans, okra, turnips, you name it, we planted it. As I watched the vegetables grow, *I thought* it's going to take a lot of people and a lot of work to gather in all these crops. My family called their brothers and sisters and their families to come and share the work of the harvest. We worked all the way until sunset, and we were exhausted. It was good, hard work and so much fun.

As I look at the harvest before us here at Calvary, God calls us not merely to programs, but what is more important is how we as laborers of Jesus Christ work side by side. Working together, through good times and bad, with reconciliation and healing at the center is how the Lord Jesus intended for us to grow. Out of our personal healing, we then desire to give back, joining our Lord to till the soil, plant the seeds, water and pull the stalks. To grow, we must reach out, beyond our self and be completely vulnerable for good things. There is no place better suited than the human family that exists within the

Church. Here, we should be working side by side while we reach out to those are in need, to the glory of God's Name.

While we offer food out of our Pantry, pack Christmas shoeboxes, fundraise for mission trips, campaign for good stewardship, raise our voices in song, green the trees and prepare the altar, let us be made into the faithful stewards of God's plentiful harvest.

Yours, faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Father Jon



Leadership



The Calvary delegation to Diocesan Convention enjoying afternoon tea and cupcakes before the opening Eucharist

Convention of the Diocese

The 49th annual Convention of the Diocese of South West Florida was held October 13 and 14, 2017 in Punta Gorda, FL. This year, Calvary was represented by Father Jon Roberts, Deacon Melissa Sands, Elyssa Coker, David Kline and Michael Alford. Our clergy spouses, Lynne Roberts and Greg Donham attended.

The diocese gathers annually for a convention to worship God together, learn how to do Christ's work in the world, conduct the business of the church and to have fellowship. Bishop Dabney Smith presides, assisted by the canon to the ordinary (priest who is the bishop's assistant) and officers of the diocese, e.g. the finance officer.

The parishes are represented by delegations which include their clergy and three lay delegates to vote on the business matters. These business items include approving the budget, electing people to the various diocesan level committees and approving changes to the Canon (bylaws) of the Diocese. Clergy spouses, retired clergy and non-delegate members of the diocese attend, although voting is limited to active clergy and the lay delegates elected by their Vestries. Every three years, the convention delegates elect the diocesan delegation of clergy and lay persons to the national Episcopal Church General Convention.

It is a long-standing tradition that the annual convention is held in Punta Gorda, which is a lovely town on the Gulf Coast, about two hours south of Pinellas County. We meet at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center.

Next year, to honor fifty years for the Diocese of Southwest Florida, our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry will be attending. He is a passionate and dynamic preacher, and we are looking forward to his sermon during the opening Eucharist on Friday night.

Anyone who is interested to learn more about participating in convention activities, please speak with Father Jon or Deacon Melissa.

Deanery Collaboration Project

Five members of the church attended the “rescheduled” Deanery-Parish workshop on October 28 from 9AM to 3 PM at the SPC Clearwater Collaborative Labs. The purpose was for the 12 parishes in our diocesan “Deanery” to gather for a constructive assessment of our individual offerings and strengths in our local communities, who we are as unique houses of worship in the Episcopal tradition and to envision ways in which we can work together. Fr. Jon, Cathy Athanson, Steve Hein, Renee Lee, Judy Marx attended.



This was the first time that parish churches met together to do developmental planning in an effort to collaborate in missions and ministries. Time was spent envisioning about the future and creating common goals that support the effort to assist the Deanery in growing and expanding all of its churches.

47th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of the Southwest Florida Diocese November 16 at DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center.

All women of the Episcopal Church are members of ECW, and all women of Calvary are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to see what women of the diocese are involved in and what they are doing. You may see some old friends, or make a new one! This is a daylong event, with registration starting at 8:30 AM (with coffee & refreshments) and the meeting is adjourned at 3 PM. In addition to the business portion of the meeting, there will be worship, singing, visiting, games, a keynote speaker and, of course, lunch in the beautiful dining room.

Calvary Vestry 2018

When I was first asked to let my name stand for nomination to Calvary Vestry, I thought “Why me? What can I possibly bring to vestry?”

As I thought and prayed about it, the question morphed into “Why not me? What does God want to do through me?” So, I took the leap of faith and have enjoyed being part of Calvary’s care. For, indeed, this is the purpose of vestry: to ensure Calvary’s mission of “knowing God and making Him known” is achieved not only for Calvary but for all.

Annually about four people rotate off vestry leaving eight experienced compassionate members to guide and mentor the newbies. I urge each and every one of you to consider standing for vestry. “Why not you?”

See any of your vestry members for information.

Yours in Christ,

Jo Simpson jsimp0901@aol.com

Leadership Commission

Vestry Service

Between now and the New Year, our church faces a very important task: nominating new members to serve on our vestry. The leadership of our vestry is vital to the life of our church, and truly it is a model of spiritual leadership. We are looking for four faithful members who feel called to serve in this capacity.

The vestry is made up of Father Jon and twelve other members who serve on a three-year rotation. To serve on the vestry in the Episcopal Church, one must meet the following requirements:

- Be a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church enrolled as a member of the parish, and 18 years of age or older;
- Be a "giver of record" financially;
- Participate in the Eucharist and church activities.

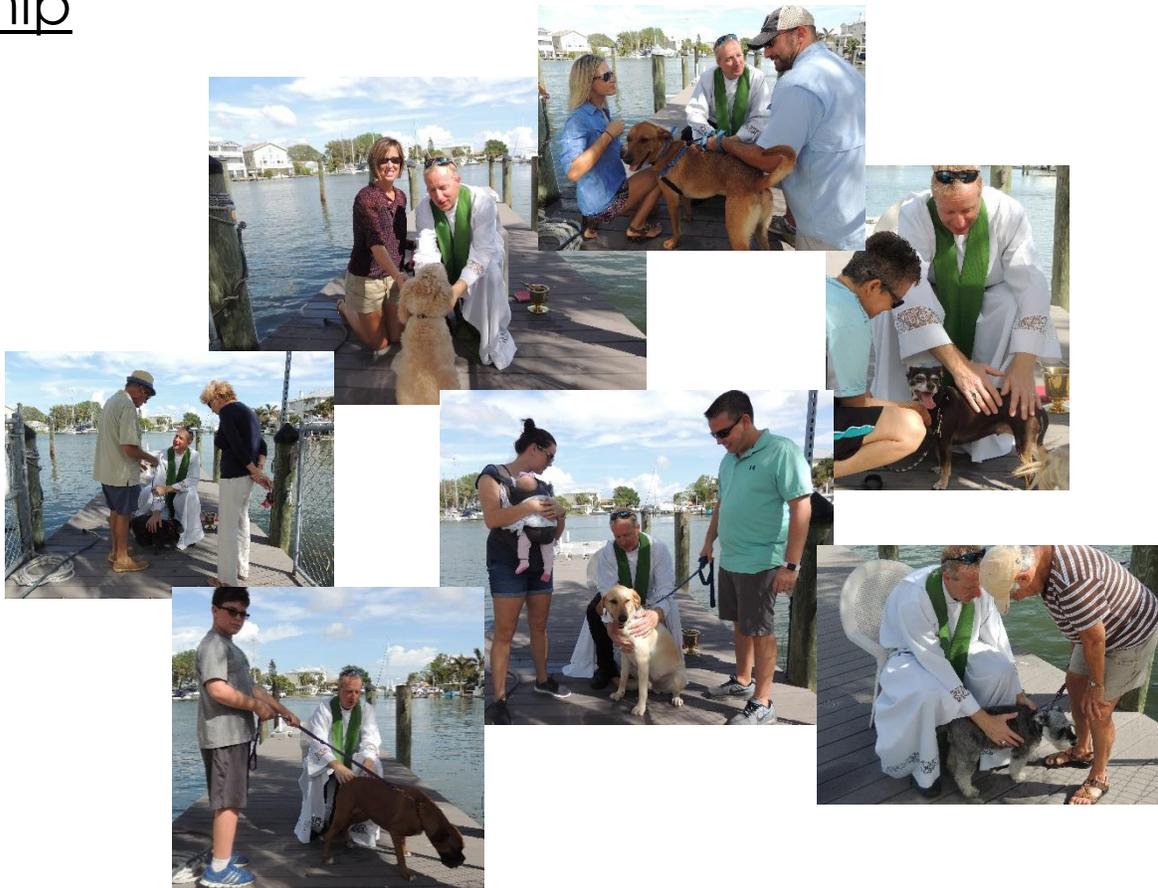


The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed; to select the rector when an opening occurs; to ensure effective organization and planning; and to manage resources and finances. If you are called to place your name in nomination for vestry service and help us to live our mission "to know Christ and to make Him known" please contact one of us.

Nominations will remain open until December 15, when the ballot is officially submitted by the nomination committee.

May God Bless you for considering this invitation.
The 2017 Nominating Committee,
Fr. Jon Roberts, Chuck Pond, Jo Simpson and Jim Yanacheck

Worship



DOGS HAVE THEIR DAY AT THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

At 3 PM on Sunday October 8, a beautiful sunshine-filled afternoon, the "Blessing of the Animals" took place on the deck behind the church overlooking the water. Several of our youth participated by

corralling the animals as Fr. Jon gathered 16 dogs and 35 humans to show our love for the creatures God has bestowed on us, on this particular day -- "man and woman's best friend."

Every animal received a special individual blessing, and dog "treats" were provided for all canine guests. This year Fr. Jon asked each owner for a personal prayer request for his or her animal. When he asked one owner, "What would you like for me to pray for your dog?" The response he gave was the funniest request Fr. Jon had ever heard: "Weight loss." As he prayed over the animal, Fr. Jon was reminded that people aren't the only ones who need God's help watching their weight.

The "Blessing of the Animals" coincides with the church's "Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi" held each year on October 4. We remember Saint Francis for the great love he showed toward animals. By his charming and gentle ways, he became their friend and protector. He now is universally considered the "Patron Saint of Animals."

MCKENZIE LEIGH LAUN BAPTIZED



"Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory, who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen."

Proud parents Ryan and Courtney Laun, family members and friends looked on as their daughter McKenzie was baptized by Fr. Jon on November 5. Asked if they would do all in their power to support McKenzie in her life in Christ, an enthusiastic, "We will" immediately rang out from the congregation. An opportunity for all to renew their Baptismal Covenant then followed. After the baptism, the newly-baptized was presented to the congregation by Fr. Jon who, holding McKenzie, circulated around the church to the delight of the family and congregants. A candle lit from the Paschal candle then was presented to the parents. We welcome McKenzie into the Calvary family.

"We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood."

Altar Guild

WHO CREATED THE FIRST NATIVITY SCENE?

St. Francis is credited with staging the first nativity scene in 1223. The only historical account we have of Francis' nativity scene comes from The Life of St. Francis of Assisi by St. Bonaventure, a Franciscan monk who was born five years before Francis' death. According to Bonaventure's biography, St. Francis got permission from Pope Honorius III to set up a manger with hay and two live animals—an ox and an ass—in a cave in the Italian village of Greccio. He then invited the villagers to come gaze upon the scene while he preached about “the babe of Bethlehem.” (Francis was supposedly so overcome by emotion that he couldn't say “Jesus.”) He created this scene in order to cultivate the worship of Christ. He himself had recently been inspired by his visit to the Holy Land, where he'd been shown Jesus's traditional birthplace. The scene's popularity inspired communities throughout many countries to stage similar pantomimes. Here at Calvary, our beautiful Nativity display is put in place during the “Greening of the Church.” Our thanks to Betsey McKenna who purchased the figures for our nativity scene and leads the church greening committee. We also are so grateful for the talent of Gene Chapman who built the manger.



(Resource: Wikipedia)

Submitted by the Altar Guild



We bring to you in this edition further information from the Episcopal Church Center about the foundational beliefs of our church.

Mission and Ministry

What is the mission of the Episcopal Church?

To “restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ” (BCP, p. 855).

What are the Five Marks of Mission adopted by the Episcopal Church in 2009?

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom;
2. To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers;
3. To respond to human need by loving service;
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society;
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

What are the four orders of ministry in the Episcopal Church? The four orders are bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders.

What is “the priesthood of all believers”? The priesthood of all believers refers to the belief that all baptized Christians have been given direct access to God, just as a priest would have, and that God is equally accessible to all the faithful, and every Christian has equal potential to minister for God.

What is the duty of all Christians? The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship, and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God (BCP, p. 856)

What are the nine virtues that St. Paul called the “fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22)?

1. Love 2. Joy 3. Peace 4. Patience 5. Kindness 6. Goodness 7. Faithfulness 8. Gentleness 9. Self-control

Why did St. Paul describe the church as the "Body of Christ," with Christ as its head? Saint Paul was referring to the way in which all members of the church are united with Christ. "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." (1 Corinthians 12:26).

What is the Great Commission to the Church according to Matthew? In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus said: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). This is called the Great Commission.

Cathy Athanson for the Altar Guild



The Advent Wreath

A circle of greenery, marked by four candles that represent the four Sundays of the season of Advent. An additional candle is lit as each new Sunday is celebrated in Advent. Advent wreaths are used both in churches and in homes for devotional purposes.

The candles we use here at Calvary are blue in color. Our Advent wreath includes a white candle in the center known as the "Christ Candle," which is lit on Christmas Eve. The candles used in our wreath are new this year and were purchased by the Altar Guild with the funds raised from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Holy Travel

Every year our parishioners enjoy visiting other churches during their travels and supply us with pictures to put in the Crier. This is such a wonderful exercise to see what we share in common in architecture, worship and mission work. Please contribute by sending us your pictures.



Bill and Cathy Athanson, Marilyn Clark and I (Judy Marx plus Mary Anders from St. John's) went to Tarpon Springs to go thru St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. Bill and Cathy were married there and Bill grew up in that church. Marilyn and I had expressed a desire to see the inside of the church (which is just beautiful) so Bill took us thru the church and then on to a Greek restaurant for lunch. It was a wonderful day and the church is amazing.



Wednesday Service Schedule for Fall

Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers at noon
Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

Please prayerfully consider making one of these services a part of your spiritual practice.

Outreach

We are excited about our "Welcome to Our Church" party, hosted by our vestry, which we are holding on December 2 from 6 to 8:30 PM. This year we are going beyond the new members theme to include recent visitors who returned a completed visitor card to us. This event will take place in the newly-remodeled Barge Hall. If we have missed anyone with our invitations, please email me: cwpond@gmail.com, and you will be included. Currently we are expecting between 25 and 30 attendees.



We will have some delectable hors d' oeuvres with a variety of soft drinks and wine. Judging from last year's party we expect to have a lot of fun and good conversation.

We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Cheers and blessings,

Chuck Pond cwpond@gmail.com

Fellowship



Oktoberfest

The annual Oktoberfest dinner held October 4 filled the Parish Hall with the wonderful aroma of German food and the sounds of German music. The German Bistro II catered the delicious food, and Susan Koester also provided some of her own home-made delicacies. Wine and beer was available including a special beer from one of the oldest breweries in Germany. About 25 members and friends attended the event. Our thanks go to Susan and Bernd Koester for organizing this special time together.

CALVARY GOES TO RAYS GAME FOR "BASEBALL WITH THE BISHOP"

At a night game on September 15, just days after Hurricane Irma stormed through Tampa Bay, eight people from Calvary watched our bishop, the Right Reverend Dabney Smith throw out the first ball at the Tampa Bay Rays game versus the Boston Red Sox.



At this memorable game, the Red Sox pulled out a 13 to 6 win over the Rays following a 15-inning game that lasted six hours and five minutes, ending around 1:30 AM. The game was the first Rays' home game at Tropicana Field since Hurricane Irma. Thanks go to David Kline, who coordinated ticket sales, and kudos to him for staying for the entire game only to see the Red Sox beat the Rays. He still says it was a fantastic game.

Humor



A man and his 10-year old son were on a fishing trip, miles from home. At the boy's insistence, they decided to attend the Sunday worship service at a small rural church. The father forgot to bring any cash, so he reached in his pocket and gave his son a dime to drop in the offering plate as it was passed. As they walked back to their car after the service, the father complained. "The service was too long", he lamented. "The sermon was boring, and the singing was off key!" Finally, the boy said, "Daddy, I thought it was pretty good for a dime!"

Pastoral Care



Edna M. Folio

of Largo, FL, 95 passed away on Sunday, September 10, 2017. She was born in Brooklyn, NY and moved to Florida in 1976 from Long Island, NY. She was the wife of the late Peter John Folio; and the mother of four daughters, the late Cynthia Eskwith (Larry) of Vail, CO; Joyce Thompson (Ed) of Palm Harbor, FL; Judith Laz (Peter) of Greenport, NY; Barbara Hoddick (Wes) of Grand Island, NY. She was the loving grandmother of six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She is survived by her sister, Dolores Ruskin, of Largo, FL; her brother, John Torrillo, of Bellingham, WA; and predeceased by her sister, Lillian Paulsrud, of Albuquerque, NM. A funeral service will be held at Calvary Episcopal IRB December 28 at 4 PM.

SIT AND BE FIT EXERCISE CLASS - Healthy Body, Healthy Soul

"To serve God you need a healthy body as well as a healthy soul. How can you meditate, pray or study properly when the body's wellness is neglected? Taking care of your body so that the soul can flourish is a divine service." (Rebbe Menachim, Mendel Schneerson.)

At the "Sit and Be Fit" exercise class we attempt to keep our bodies healthy and fit. Emphasis is placed on proper breathing, good posture and flexibility - no jumping jacks or sit-ups. Come join us on Tuesdays at 10:15 AM in the Parish Hall. Supportive shoes and comfortable clothing are suggested. Call Marilyn Clark at 517-4071 or email happyclark@aol.com for more information.

Pastoral Visitations

Would you like to have a member of our parish come to visit you at home or in the hospital? Jim Widell and Marilyn Clark are our chairs on the Pastoral Care Commission and can provide that visit. You may need personal prayers, or you may wish to receive Holy Communion. Please contact either of them to set up a visitation as we never want you to think the church is too far away.

Missions



FOOD PANTRY AND THE HOLIDAYS

The Beach Community Food Pantry is gearing up for the approaching Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Holidays are especially stressful for those who are food-challenged and who may not have the resources to enjoy two of the year's most meaningful days. Last year BCFP instituted a program of holiday giving to our needy pantry clients. With the support of our wonderful community, we were able to distribute almost 200 turkeys on each of the holidays.

We are once again requesting the support of our community to help us with this project. We are accepting donations of frozen turkeys and/or monetary donations at BCFP, 1615 First Street, Indian Rocks Beach during our hours of operation, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to noon. If those times are not convenient, please call pantry director, David Kline (727-418-1673) and we will be happy to make other arrangements.

BCFP will start the Thanksgiving distribution event on November 6 through 17 and the Christmas distribution from December 8 through 20.

Please consider helping us make the holidays a fun time for our clients.

BCFP IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS

Every week, BCFP travels to The Feeding Tampa Bay food distribution center in Tampa to pick up food inventory for our pantry.

Feeding Tampa Bay is an integral part of our procurement process and provides a sizable portion of the food that we distribute to our clients, at a very low cost to us.

We are in need of volunteers who would be willing to be part of the 'transport' team. Volunteers should have at least a midsize SUV, van or truck and be available during weekday morning hours. It is planned that each 'transporter' would only be making the run once a month.

If you or anyone you know are available and would like to help us make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate, why not consider joining our great team of over 40 pantry volunteers?

Please contact BCFP Director David Kline (727-418-1673) for more details.

Slyce Supports BCFP

Did you know that our friends and partners at Slyce Pizza Bar, actively support BCFP? On the first Monday of each month, Slyce contributes 10% of their total sales to BCFP, which last year resulted in a sizeable donation. You can help increase their contribution to us by making it a point to dine in, order take out or delivery during the first Monday of each month. The next scheduled First Monday will be December 4. Please put that date on your calendar and join us in supporting Slyce and our food pantry.



Beach Community Food Pantry Supporter Highlights

Many organizations in our community routinely support the Beach Community Food Pantry and we want to share their generous contribution to helping those in need.

Plumlee Realty in IRB donates bottled water and soda for BCFP fundraising events such as our refreshment booth at "The Taste of IRB" this past weekend! The funds raised help our volunteers buy necessary staple food items to stock our shelves.



Beggins Century 21 Realty holds a "Holiday Turkey Drive" to help us provide turkeys for all the BCFP clients. This partnership is an important part of our Holiday Meal program.

The Beach Community Food Pantry

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David Kline

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Our Christmas Mission for needy kids in the Diocese



The wrapping is done and the boxes are ready for you to fill. They are stacked in the reception area on the way to the Parish Hall. Please pick one or two or maybe even three boxes, one of the information sheets; take them home and have a great time filling them. When you're done shopping and filling, bring them back and we will make sure they get to the kids.

We also have people who love to shop, so if you'd rather fill out a check, just put Shoe Box on the memo line and all will be taken care of.

Property

October Property Report, 11-13-17

I would like to thank the many volunteers who stepped forward to secure the property for Hurricane IRMA. Julie and I were traveling and could only offer support. It was a blessing to have so much help. Awesome work. Thank You.

- Dumpster fence was completed and signed off before leaving in August. Our eastbound neighbor filed a complaint with the city, but we meet all codes and ordinances. No changes are planned.

- Barge Hall Project – Father John has led this effort keeping me informed to the progress as it moved along. Once again a great crew of volunteers transformed the old computer room and the sailing room into a new conference room, the Children's Chapel and the youth activity center. Just a few finishing touches to call this complete. New ceiling tiles, new arches, reworked AC ductwork, completed LED lighting in conference room and Children's Chapel, new drywall texture, paint, trim and repair of tile floor. This was made possible by a \$10,000 Anonymous donation. A lot of community sweat labor made this possible. Thank you. Bob Lima has generously donated new shades for the Children's Chapel. Expect to order very soon. Thank You Bob!
- Another \$25,000 anonymous donation was also received with instructions for capital improvement and a commercial coffee system. The parish hall was upgraded to LED lighting and the hallways of the facility were upgraded with new carpeting and the wiring installed for the commercial coffee system. The commercial coffee system exact product is under review to ensure the correct one for our church is chosen. Expect a final decision this week.
- The Cape Cod stain was purchased for the deck. It was on sale with \$40 dollar rebates on a 5-gallon bucket. I will try and accomplish this task soon as well.
- We have some damage from hurricane IRMA. The southern exposure of the church has lost some shingles and is leaking when it rains. Our preferred roofer, Arry's Roofing has provided a bid for \$12,400 to replace the southern exposure and an approximate 1 square area just over the ridge on the north side, and replace the ridge cap that is missing. I am asking for finance committee approval for funding. In addition we lost a section of gutter and some fascia board. We had Aluminum craftsmen come and evaluate, but have not yet received a quote for any work. I am looking at it and will repair it myself, estimating for less than \$200. There does seem to be some rotten wood that will be replaced and, hopefully, no damage beyond what is observed will be found.
- We have lost a 4 ton compressor unit for the office areas. We are limping along on one unit and have a bid for \$11,400 from Blairs, our long time AC partner to upgrade to a dual 4 ton unit. Will send to finance committee for approval and funding.
- Had a plumbing leak that was repaired and a couple other plumbing maintenance issues.
- We called out Blairs AC to repair the Parish Hall AC. A bad contactor was at fault.
- Did everyone notice the new plants and landscaping at the church office entrance? This is provided by the Marjee Hunt Memorial Fund, a bequeath left to us in 2014. Her daughter Melissa Wilbee and I have started this project. The new rocks won't be available until November 20. Please let Melissa how much you enjoy the new plants. Also thanks to Susan Kester for continued efforts in providing flowers for our church property.



FUTURE PLANS

- Add a sprinkler system landscaping to south end of the church and along the sea wall.
- Seal the woodwork around the west stained glass windows.
- Add another coat or two of varnish to the north doors of the Sanctuary.
- Apply sealant or a preservative to the deck. Stain is here if anyone wants something to do!
- Small row of landscape edging and a row of variegated liriopie along the new sidewalk in front of the food pantry.
- It is still here. Had a discussion with Scott from Blair's AC. We discussed possibly putting in what is called a mini split system. This puts a new compressor outside and the in lieu of duct work and an air handler, each room receives its own evaporator system. Up to eight evaporators

can be run off of the same system. This might be our best solution for the food pantry, classroom and old food pantry. Blair's is supposed to quote it and we will see where it lies. Stay tuned.

- Classroom door still requires painting.
- Paint reworked window sills on east side of church.
- Investigate marquee sign lighting issues.

Thanks for your support.

Kim Heinicka

Jr. Warden kheinicka@gmail.com

Stewardship

Morgan Stanley Grant

"Janie Small, an employee of Morgan Stanley, received a MOST GENEROUS grant from the company as a result of her volunteering to be a member of the Calvary Finance Committee. Morgan Stanley provides grants to organizations that employees volunteer for that help their communities. Janie included the link to the Beach Community Food Pantry and noted Calvary's role in the support of the BCFP in her application for the grant. Morgan Stanley agreed that this outreach was indeed a wonderful demonstration of a community giving back to those in need and approved this grant".

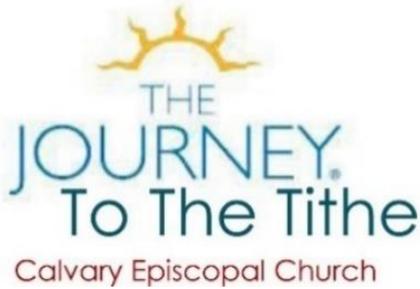


The Legacy Society

An Endowment of Calvary Episcopal Church

Calvary is blessed in so many ways. One blessing of importance, and one that many in our church may not be aware, is The Legacy Society. This is an endowed fund that is an investment fund established by the Church. We can make withdrawals as needed from the interest that is generated. The capital in endowment funds, often used by universities, nonprofit organizations, churches and hospitals, is generally utilized for specific needs or to further the organization's operating process.

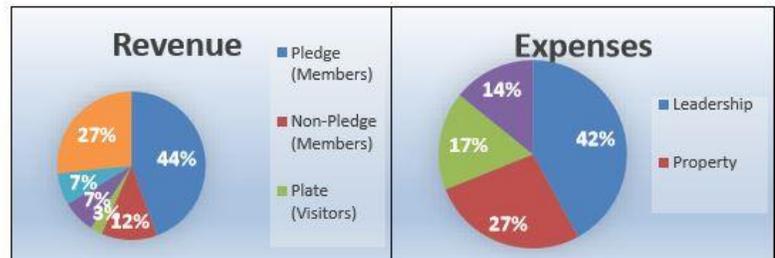
Will you please prayerfully consider naming Calvary in your estate planning? The future of our church would be secure for generations to come if every person in our church would make such an appropriation. Please contact Fr. Jon, Mike Alford, Jane Small or Greg Donham for more information. We invite you to become a member today!



General Financial Statement (January - September 2017)

	Actual	Budget	Difference (+/-)
Revenue			
Pledge (Members)	151,158	130,500	20,658
Non-Pledge (Members)	41,121	29,500	11,621
Plate (Visitors)	9,026	12,000	-2,975
Food Pantry	24,549	14,000	10,549
Fellowship	23,698	16,094	7,604
Other Commissions	90,503	52,485	38,018
Total Revenue	\$340,054	\$254,579	\$85,475
Expenses			
Leadership	131,303	129,928	1,375
Property	83,782	72,450	11,332
Missions	52,920	39,340	13,580
Other Commissions	44,189	40,914	3,275
Total Expenses	\$312,194	\$282,632	\$29,562
Difference	\$27,860	-\$28,053	-\$55,913

*The 2017 Budget allotted \$27,707 of Revenue to come from an unrestricted investment fund to stabilize expenses for the year. Year-to-date, we have not made any withdrawal from this account due to a most generous, anonymous \$25,000 gift in January and pledges paid in full at beginning of the year. Pledged income remains most helpful to create a budget and sustain our Church operation. Please fulfill your 2017 pledge. Please make a pledge during our Stewardship Campaign beginning in Advent.



Connections

Connect spiritually and socially using Black & White XP, Facebook & Yelp. Search for "Calvary Episcopal Church" Indian Rocks Beach, FL.



Amazon Smile

Thanks to a good team effort, we have now embedded Amazon Smile on our website homepage, at the bottom. Bill Athanson raised this request two years ago and we finally followed up. Amazon, as you know has become a household distributor of goods. By putting this link on our site and pointing our people to click on it, it automatically feeds into their Amazon shopping browser and asks them if they want to set up Calvary as their charity of choice. Calvary then receives a tiny percentage of every purchase from Amazon. I have already set up my personal account with this link.



The Church “By the Numbers”

200	57 %	Active Resident	39	11 %	Inactive Members
39	11 %	Active Seasonal	31	9 %	Related / Family
7	2 %	Elderly / Shut-in	4	1 %	Transferred out
21	6 %	New Members	4	1 %	Deceased
			6	2 %	Moved away
267 Total Active Members			84 Total Inactive Members		
Total Active and Inactive Members			351		
155	45 %	Seniors / 65+	149	42 %	Single
143	41 %	Midlife / 20 - 65	202	58 %	Married
50	14 %	Youth			
348 Total Age Demographic			351 Total Married / Single		

Not getting the Crier each month?

We strive to send out our information in a timely and efficient manner. If you have changed your email address, PLEASE let Lia King be aware, admin@calvaryirb.org

Important Dates “At-a-Glance”

November

Wednesday 1-4

10-12 pm Food Pantry Open
 12:00 am Holy Eucharist & “Healing” Unction
 6:00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday, 2

6:30/7:30 pm Choir Ensemble practices

Friday, 3	10-12 pm	Food Pantry Open
<u>Sunday, Nov. 5-11</u>	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I "Traditional"
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II "Family Service"
		The Rev. Jon Roberts (Celebrant & Preacher)
Monday, 6	all day	Slyce gives 10% of the day's 'take' to the Food Pantry
	10-12 pm	Food Pantry Open
	7:00 pm	Slyce Pizza Gathering
Tuesday, 7	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit Exercise
Wednesday, 8	12:00 am	Holy Eucharist & "Healing" Unction
	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday,	6:30/7:30 pm	Choir Ensemble practices
<u>Sunday, Nov. 12-18</u>	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I "Traditional"
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II "Family Service"
Monday, 13	10-12 pm	Food Pantry Open
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, 14	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit Exercise
Wednesday, 15	10-12 pm	Food Pantry Open
	12:00 am	Holy Eucharist & "Healing" Unction
	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday, 16	7:00 pm	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
Friday, 17	10-12 pm	Food Pantry Open
<u>Sunday, Nov. 19-25</u>	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I "Traditional"
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II "Family Service"
		The Rev. Jon Roberts (Celebrant & Preacher)
	5:15 pm	The Rev. Jon Roberts preaches at Evensong at Redeemer, Sarasota (10 th anniversary to the Priesthood)
Monday, 20 ^t	10-12 pm	Food Pantry Open
		Bookies of Calvary
Tuesday, 21	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit Exercise
Wednesday, 22	12:00 am	Holy Eucharist & "Healing" Unction
	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer Cancelled
Thursday, 23		Thanksgiving
Saturday, 25	9am-1pm	Church Yard Sale
<u>Sunday, Nov. 26-30</u>	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I "Traditional"
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II "Family Service"
		The Rev. Jon Roberts (Celebrant & Preacher)
Monday, 27	10-12 pm	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, 28	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit Exercise
Wednesday, 29	10-12 pm	Food Pantry Open
	12:00 am	Holy Eucharist & "Healing" Unction

Thursday, 30 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
 6:30/7:30 pm Choir Ensemble practices

December

Friday, Dec 1 10-12 pm Food Pantry Open
 Saturday, 2 9 am -1 pm Ted Irwin Sailathon, **Clearwater Yacht Club**
 6-8 pm Welcome Party

Sunday, Dec. 3-9 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I "Traditional"
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II "Family Service"
 The Rev. Jon Roberts (Celebrant & Preacher)
 Monday, 4 11:15 am Ribbon Cutting on the Newly Renovated Barge Hall
 all day Slyce gives 10% of the day's 'take' to the Food Pantry
 10-12 pm Food Pantry Open
 7:00 pm **Slyce Pizza Gathering**
 Tuesday, 5 8:00 am Morning Prayer
 10:15 am Sit and Be Fit Exercise
 Wednesday, 6 10-12 pm Food Pantry Open
 12:00 am Holy Eucharist & "Healing" Unction
 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
 Thursday, 7 6:30/7:30 pm Choir Ensemble practices
 Friday, 8 10-12 pm Food Pantry Open

Sunday, Dec. 10-16 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I "Traditional"
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II "Family Service"
 The Rev. Hugh Bell (Celebrant & Preacher)
 Monday, 11 10-12 pm Food Pantry Open
 6:30 pm **Vestry Meeting**
 Tuesday, 12 8:00 am Morning Prayer
 10:15 am Sit and Be Fit Exercise
 Wednesday, 13 10-12 pm Food Pantry Open
 12:00 am Holy Eucharist & "Healing" Unction
 6:00 pm Evening Prayer
 Thursday, 14 6:30/7:30 pm Choir Ensemble practices
 Friday, 15 10-12 pm Food Pantry Open
 Saturday, 16 8-11 pm Christmas Boat Parade

Sunday, Dec. 17-23 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I "Traditional"
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II "Family Service"
 The Rev. Jon Roberts (Celebrant & Preacher)
 3-5 pm YAM
 Monday, 18[†] 10-12 pm Food Pantry Open
 Tuesday, 19 8:00 am Morning Prayer
 10:15 am Sit and Be Fit Exercise
 Wednesday, 20 10-12 pm Food Pantry Open
 12:00 am Holy Eucharist & "Healing" Unction
 6:00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday, 21	6:00 pm	Finance Committee
	6:30/7:30 pm	Choir Ensemble practices
Friday, 22	10-12 pm	Food Pantry Open
<u>Sunday, Dec. 24-30</u>	9-10 am	Children's Pageant
	11:00 am	Greening of the Church
	9-10 pm	Candlelight Service
Monday, 25	9:00 am	Christmas Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, 26	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit Exercise
Wednesday, 27	10-12 pm	Food Pantry Open
	12:00 am	Holy Eucharist & "Healing" Unction
	6:00 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday, 28	6:30/7:30 pm	Choir Ensemble practices
Friday, 29	10-12 pm	Food Pantry Open

<u>Sunday, Dec. 31</u>	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I "Traditional"
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II "Family Service" The Rev. Jon Roberts (Celebrant & Preacher)

All liturgical events and only non-liturgical monthly events will be posted. All events of Calvary are included on the Church main calendar found on our website, www.CalvaryIRB.org.

Anniversaries

November	
5	Maria McDaniel and Eduardo Gonzalez
10	Dianne and Keith Oeste
19	Millie and Les Hurst
26	Jacqueline and Floyd Sypherd
December	
13	Suzanne and Francois Daviault
14	Julie and Fr. Mike Day
19	Karen and David Hillegas
27	Robin and Lawrence Hite



November Birthdays

1	Mary Brown	12	Juan Luis Collins	24	Marlene Stark
2	Joyce McNamara	14	Nancy Pappas	25	Stephen Hein
3	Dianne Oeste	18	Marsha England	25	John Matter
4	Thomas Monk	19	Charles Conlon	27	Denise Conlon
5	Sara Goodrich	20	Joshua Coley	27	Betty Pink
9	Bob Yates	21	Joseph Benoit	28	Robin Hite
10	Kirk McKenna	22	William Athanson		
10	Dodie Spahr	23	Anthony Ambrosino		

December Birthdays

3	Hugh Bell	17	Grace Alford
3	Condon Sutherland	17	Jacob Alford
4	James Widell	18	Christopher Conlon
6	Scharf Turner	20	Caleb Bhagwandin
9	Cathy Athanson	21	Peter Thomas
9	Cynthia Laitinen	22	Lisa Kingston
9	Loretta Scott	22	Renee Lee
10	Garrett Fisher	23	Kenneth Fisher
10	Steve Small	23	Deborah Whisenand
12	Millie Hurst	26	Charles Pond
13	Francois Daviault	28	Emma Benoit
13	Ryan London	28	David Hillegas
14	Robbie Clark	30	Robb Williams
15	Patricia Call	31	Natalia Ross
16	Amy Fisher		

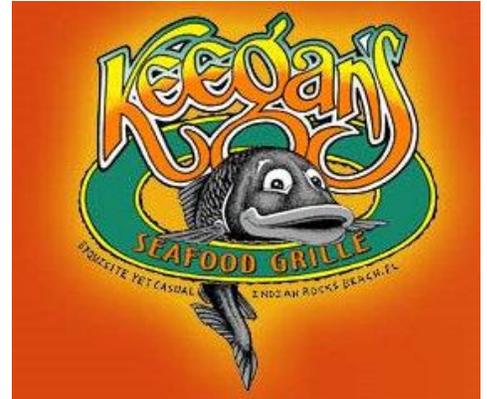
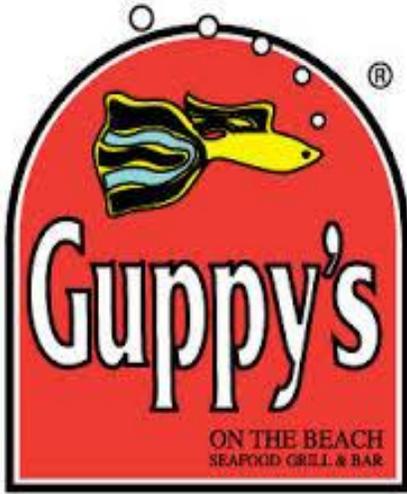
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we apologize. Please notify the office.



Pinellas Suncoast F&R Birthdays

	November
20	Joshua Coley
	December
8	Douglas Howard
13	Chris Crowley
13	Ryan London
21	David Martin
28	Ray Norton
30	Robb Williams

Community Partners



Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach
 "Service Above Self"

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 to experience the gift of life under sail"*



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**Deadline for the January/February Crier:
December 20.**

Please send all pictures and articles to us by then.

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