

# Calvary

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# The Crier

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"TO KNOW CHRIST....  
AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN."

### Collect for the feast All Souls

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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### Leave a Legacy

"My soul doth magnify the Lord," knowing Jesus lives and reigns within our wonderful Church. I've always said the Church is a unique miracle, touched by God's own hand with love and care. The Church is the legacy that Jesus left behind for all of us to live out the miracle which is a place of healing for a broken world.

I am honored to say Lynne and I became recent members of The Legacy Society, which is commonly referred to as our endowment fund. We noticed right away that Calvary is endowed by so many people who love this Church, who love their clergy, and love each other. This is what brought us in. This is a warm and loving church. That same love is something that binds us together and helps the Church to operate in more ways than one. The Legacy Society is truly one such way that deserves magnification.

Many of you may not be aware of two important pieces of Church history. The first is, throughout all the difficult years where there have been wars, plagues and economic depressions, the Church has found ways to survive. One way has been from certain people who gave considerable sums of money at the time prior to, or after, their death. Their "Will" was that the Church, a place which gave them spiritual comfort, joy and meaning through the years, would continue its operation. Without receiving such an inheritance many

Churches would have closed over time but love for the church, through leaving a legacy, helped others to magnify the Lord.

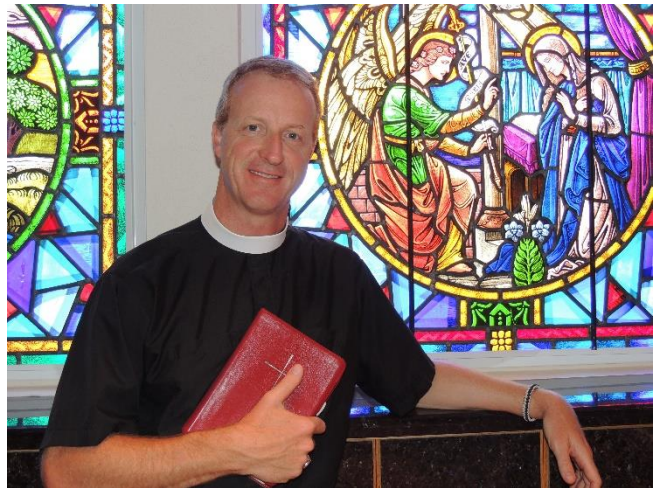
The second piece of history relates to us specifically. Calvary reported a deficit of \$240,000 since the year 2000 (~\$16,000/year). In only one of those fifteen years did our revenue exceed expenses. Yes, only one (see the trend on the bar graph under Stewardship section). The amazing part to this story is that during the same duration we accumulated and invested a little over a half a million dollars into our Legacy/ endowment Fund and even took on a major renovation. "How," you may ask, "is this possible when we have had such a deficit?" The answer is from the gifts given after death by the souls of the faithfully departed who loved the Church. The faithful members who give by pledged or non-pledged income, the visitors who place money in the offering plate, the specific designated gifts love the church, this is a fact and helps us build our budget each year. But the combination of those gifts have been approximately 90% of our operation. The rest needed, above the top towards our endowment, has been from the reception of bequests by those who left a special legacy.

"My soul doth magnify the Lord," is the joyful expression of love by the Holy Mother, Mary, who gave birth to our Savior, Jesus, the greatest legacy. Thank goodness, as Jesus continues to reside in each of us because of her sacrificial giving. The *Magnificat* has been one of our canticles that has lasted throughout all generations of the Church. Found in the Gospel according to St. Luke, Mary's song is about the miracle of being a lowly servant who magnifies God's presence in her heart. This personifies the carrier of God's love in the world as a mother for her expectant child. Much has been mentioned already about dollars and cents as a beneficial legacy, but someone like Mary, who did not have a lot of money, left behind the beginnings of a church. She had a great love. Out of love we are moved, like Mary, to pass along something to our future generations. We, the people of Calvary, are the benefactors of those who came before us. The structure of brick and shingles, altar and organ are only as good as the people who come to worship within and carry on the legacy. When we give our legacy of love to the Church we give our love to God, as a mother for her child, as a groom for his bride.

Consider the challenge Jesus gave us, "Go forth and make disciples of men." Consider the womb of where we worship, where we learn how to love God and to love others. Jesus left us the Church as His legacy. It is a precious jewel in God's crown. Here, you may find Him in Word and Sacrament. With love and obedience, continue to sing aloud, "My soul doth magnify the Lord" and leave your legacy upon the world.

Yours, faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord,

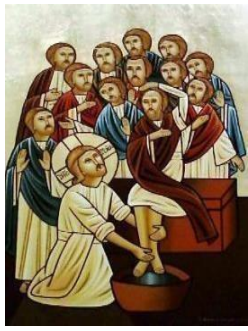
Father Jon

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Father Jon Robert" with a small cross at the end.

PS: The Legacy Society is directed by Mr. Mike Alford, our Legacy Society Chair and Sr. Warden. Please see him with any questions you may have in such an honorable service and becoming a member of The Legacy Society.

### **CREDO Conference**

Keep Fr. Jon in your prayers as he travels to Canton, NC for the Clergy spiritual renewal conference hosted by the Church Pension Group for active clergy who have served so faithfully over the years.



# Leadership

## **The Role of the Deacon**

How blessed we are to have Deacon Melissa with us. She enriches our lives continuously and plays a vital role in all aspects of our parish. We thought you might be interested to know that the role of the deacon is clearly defined in the Book of Common Prayer.

It is the function of the deacon to prepare the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist, preparing and placing upon it the bread and cup of wine (BCP, p. 407). The deacon's function in preparing the table and placing the bread and wine upon it has been traced from the second century. At times the deacon brought a small table into the room or into the center of the congregation after the catechumens were dismissed and the prayers of the people were concluded. A white cloth was placed on the table. Offerings of bread and wine were brought to the table by the people, or the deacons moved among the people to receive the offerings. Bread and wine in sufficient quantity were put out for the sacrament, with the rest set aside for the clergy and the poor. In subsequent years the altar was prepared before the liturgy in some places. This change has been associated with the development of low Mass, in which the altar served as both pulpit and table. The 1979 BCP states that at the presentation of the offerings, representatives of the congregation will bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant (pp. 333, 361). The BCP also directs that at the ordination of a deacon, the newly ordained deacon prepares the bread, pours sufficient wine (and a little water) into the chalice, and places the vessels on the table before the Eucharist (p. 546). The BCP clearly identifies the deacon's function in preparing the table and receiving the offerings at the Eucharist. (The Episcopal Church Official website)

Respectfully submitted for the Altar Guild  
Cathy Athanson

## **47<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida**

On October 16-17 Calvary was represented at the annual Diocesan Convention in Punta Gorda at the Port Charlotte Convention Center by Fr. Jon Roberts, Deacon Melissa Sands, Delegates Derek Good, Judy Marx, Jim Yanachek and Alternate Marilyn Clark. Lynne Roberts and Greg Donham were in attendance. The theme of the Convention was "Mercy in Mission: Healing a Hurting World." Friday began with Morning Prayer followed by several informative workshops. These included Safeguarding All God's People; Creating a Strong Youth Presence; Understanding Mission and Going Through: Navigating Your Church in times of Change. Following lunch, Brian McLaren, author, public theologian and leading figure in the emerging church movement presented the keynote speech to the convention about "The Christian Faith of the Future." The late afternoon workshops were: Get Ready Before Disaster Strikes; Training for Eucharistic Visitors and Eucharistic Ministers (presented by our own Deacon Melissa); Hang Out with Brian McLaren and Unpacking General Convention 78. These workshops were very informative and well presented. Following the workshops, we enjoyed a beautiful Holy Eucharist service in the evening. It was very impressive to see all our Diocesan clergy vested and present. Our Bishop, Dabney Smith was not able to attend the convention because he is undergoing bone marrow treatment, but he did address the convention Saturday morning in a video presentation. Please keep Bishop Dabney in your prayers. Afterwards our delegation enjoyed a time to socialize at a quaint, local Thai restaurant and share what we learned.

Saturday was the day the business of the Convention took place. The day began with Morning Prayer followed by introductions, appointments, report on nominations and elections, report of Treasurer and budget presentation and resolutions report. Lynne and Greg attended a luncheon and meeting for the Clergy Spouses where The Right Reverend Barry Howe presented about the work of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ). There was also a Ministry Fair, held both days, where the Diocese shows off the missions and ministries that we have in this Diocese and in our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic.



You do not have to be a delegate or an alternate to attend the convention. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Diocese and to see just how the Diocese conducts its' affairs. The workshops and Ministry Fair are wonderful and you are able to sit in the gallery to watch the business of Convention unfold on Saturday. The weekend is not all work, but lots of fun and laughter, too. It is a wonderful time of sharing with fellow believers. I would strongly urge you to consider attending next year's Convention.

If you are interested, please let one of us in this year's delegation know.

Judy Marx, Convention Delegate



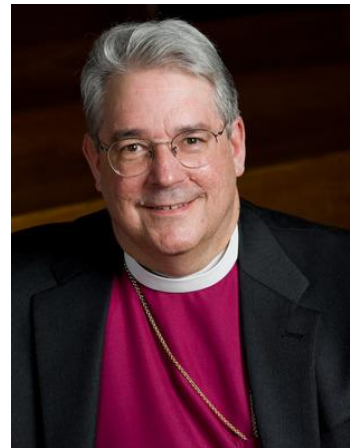
2015 Delegation (Left to Right): Lynne and Fr. Jon, Marilyn Clark, Dcn. Melissa, Derek Good, Jim Yanacheck, & Judy Marx.

### **A Letter from the Bishop**

My dear friends,

Saturday October 24 represented the one-month anniversary of my stem cell transplant. The process was both physically demanding and challenging. Since this past week, I am beginning to feel personal strength and clarity again. I thank you for your outpouring of love and prayers. I am grateful. Thank you also for continuing to observe the avoidance of sending flowers or food, as either could pose serious health problems for me.

Please know that as I now begin to recover health, I still have a compromised immune system. I must continue with diligence to avoid being with people who are experiencing any cold or flu symptoms. As my ability to fight infection rebuilds and I receive clearance from my physician, the current plan is for me to renew visitations in January. In the meantime, it is my hope that within the next several weeks I will begin spending time at my Diocesan Office. I am already available for telephone appointments. Please notify my executive assistant, Ms. Jan Nothum at the Diocesan Office, if you would like to schedule this type of appointment. I was able to watch via video streaming our 471h Diocesan Convention. I am so thankful for the Very Rev. Doug Scharf and his leadership. I am also thankful for the full leadership of Diocesan Staff, Council, and the Standing Committee. I am so proud of all of you!



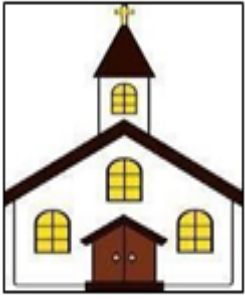
Thank you for all that you do in the service of Our Lord. God Bless each of you! Faithfully Yours,  
Dabney T. Smith  
Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida

### **Service of the Installation of the Presiding Bishop**

The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry will be consecrated as the 27<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church of the United States of America on Sunday, November 1, 2016 at 12pm. Live streaming is available at our diocesan website or through the Washington National Cathedral.

### **Nomination Committee**

Thinking and praying about joining the Vestry in 2016? We need committed leaders willing to invest their time, talent and treasure into the life of Calvary. Please see Julie Heinicka, Judy Marx, Cynthia Laitinen, Mike Alford or Fr. Jon if you wish to be placed on the ballot for vote during the Annual Parish Meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Four members in "Good standing" with the Church are required to go on the ballot.



## Property

You may have heard that we have a termite problem around the stained glass windows in the loft. We have had a pest control company do a thorough inspection of the campus and we feel the greatest problem is right where we have exposed the area around the windows. With help from Terry England (one of our parishioners) of England Brothers construction we are working on repair and replacement of trim pieces around the windows inside out using materials not on a termite diet. We will be

termite treatment to that area. At this time we will not be tenting the building must realize that it will most likely happen sometime in the future. Termites are of the bad and ugly that go with the good of Florida and especially beach living! Thank you Terry for your assistance in these areas.



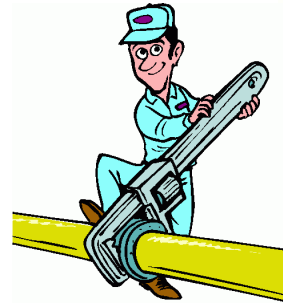
and having but we some

Since the October Crier, when we requested support for property related projects, we have been blessed to have received funding and provision of other resources in three immediate areas of need.

The first was a generous gift from Mrs. Denna Shiben who supported the upgrade for the organ, as requested. It now sounds awesome! Thank you Denna!



The second was a generous gift from Mr. Tom Monk, a recent attendee of our parish, who is supporting the septic drain back up problem. We are currently working with the plumbing company to determine our next step. This will come as a great relief. Thank you Tom!



The third was a generous gift from Mr. Terry England who supported the improvement to the south parking lot. The picture here, shows Terry on his tractor grading and packing our south parking lot recently. This was a much needed project as this lot is used heavily.



These are great examples of Christians coming together with their individual talents and resources to keep God's Church going strong. We are also working on some improvements and simpler operation of all things Audio/visual in the parish hall. That will probably be a work in progress but hoping for improvements by the Christmas program Lynne, Matt and everyone is working on so diligently on Wednesday nights. Lastly a Saturday morning work party is being anticipated for early December.....Stay tuned!

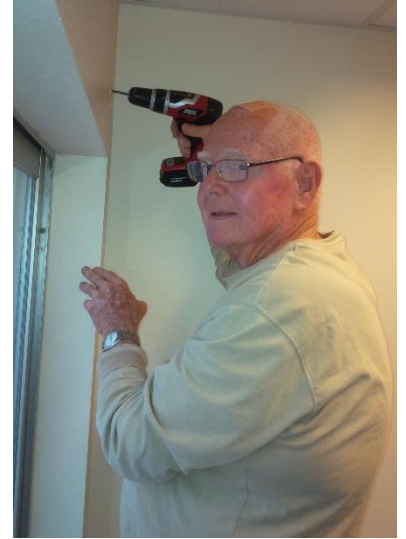
Thank you for your continued support!

Julie Heinicka, Jr. Warden (only possible through the support of Kim)



## Volunteers make it happen

Thanks to Ralph Kiphuth (seen in picture, here) for all his handyman projects, most notable: making sure the ice machine was back in action for Wednesday nights! Ralph changes all our bulbs, and has become our dependable handyman when things need fixing. There are "plenty" of projects around needing those skilled to paint, clean, fix, repair, in general carpentry, plumbing and electricity. If you don't believe us, ask our Jr. Warden Julie Heinicka or just ask Ralph.



## Parking Lot Fundraisers

The Parking lot fund raiser has been a huge success. Thanks to Theo Komarnitzky, Susan & Bernd Koester and their various volunteers, we have raised much needed revenue, including the \$1650 raised at Oktoberfest held most recently. Consider helping for a few hours the next time there is a festival or event. There is no prep, no money spent, and not much for clean up so the investment of our time for a day has brought in some great monetary support for music and youth related needs and activities. High school and middle school youth should volunteer in order to raise the funds for their summer mission trips.



## Christian Education

### Cursillo

The Calvary Cursillistas are active members of the Calvary community and participate in many of the Church's activities. We are always happy to welcome new Cursillistas to our group. The weekend is a life-changing and uplifting experience - just talk with Diane Oeste or Jo Simpson, our most recent Cursillistas. If you are interested in attending the next one, it is scheduled for February, 2016. Talk to Fr. Jon or any Cursillista for more details.

The Fourth Day group will be meeting on Saturday morning, November 7, at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. We start off with a great pitch-in brunch and fellowship, which is followed by a short business report and spiritual reading with a discussion period. Anyone who is interested in the Cursillo program is encouraged to attend. For more information you may contact me at [happyclark@aol.com](mailto:happyclark@aol.com) or by telephone, 727-517-4071. Marilyn Clark, Cursillo Liaison

## A Husband's Love

Devotional by Peter Kennedy

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" - Ephesians 5:25

Author Jill Severson, in her book "Love to Last a Lifetime," describes her mother and father's marriage that has lasted over 62 years. Her mother struggles with Alzheimer's disease and her father had his voice box removed. She writes: "He can't comfort his frightened, sick wife. But my mother can't remember the surgery so she demands, 'Why won't you talk to me?' He shakes his head back and forth. This makes her angrier. 'He just shakes his head and never talks to me,' she shouts to the room. She calls him selfish, uncaring, and a host of hurtful words and names. My Dad's eyes are misting. He's a tough man. Strong language is not foreign to this old Norwegian painting contractor. But he understands what she is really saying: 'I'm scared and confused.' That's what really breaks his heart.

Finally my mom decides that she could spend the night 'here' (her apartment). She turns as sweet as she had been horrid. 'You poor man,' she tells my Dad. 'Swede, you are a good man, we can stay here can't we? We'll be fine for tonight.' She goes to her room and gets ready for bed.

Coming to my Dad one last time before retiring she puts her hands on each arm of his chair, gets her face about a foot from his, and with the most endearing look asks, 'Do you have something to say to me?' 'I love you,' he mouths.

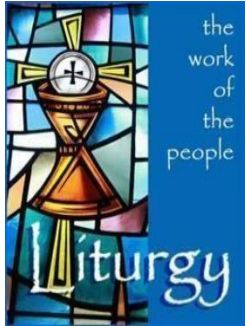
'I love you too,' she replies. And then goes to bed.

They have a love that lasts a lifetime, so ingrained that even the loss of memory and voice cannot touch it."

Husbands love your wives as Christ loves you. Today in prayer, praise the Lord for your spouse. Then tell your spouse how much you love her or him.

"A man and a woman should choose each other for life for the simple reason that a long life is barely enough time for a man and woman to understand each other-and to understand is to love." – G. Truett

God's Word: "In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself." - Ephesians 5:28



## Worship

### **"Did You Know"**

For the next few months, I will be using some "Frequently Asked Questions" about the Episcopal Church. Hopefully these will be helpful to you. If anyone has a question you would like to have answered, please contact Judy Marx at [Jmarx9450@aol.com](mailto:Jmarx9450@aol.com) or 596-3014 and I will try to find the answer for you.

### **Q. Why does the Episcopal Church have communion every Sunday?**

A. Because this is what the early Church did. In the New Testament, Christians met together every Lord's Day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to be nourished on his body and blood. The Church celebrated the Holy Eucharist (Communion) every Sunday for centuries. It was not until long after the Protestant Reformation that some Christians decided that it was not necessary to do so.

### **Q. Why do many of the people bow or genuflect (kneel briefly on one knee) at their pew?**

A. There are two reasons.

(1) The altar is the place on which Jesus comes to us in the elements of consecrated bread and wine. The altar is therefore a symbol of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ upon the cross just as the American flag is a symbol of our country and those who sacrificed their lives to keep our country free. Just as we salute the flag by placing our hands over our hearts, we also "salute" the altar by bowing our heads toward it.

(2) Many churches reserve the sacrament (the consecrated bread and wine) on or near the altar so that it may be taken to those who are ill or who for other weighty reason were not able to attend the Eucharist. When the sacrament is reserved, out of reverence for the real presence of Christ, it is customary to bow deeply or genuflect (kneel briefly on one knee) as a symbol of respect for our Lord's presence.

### **Q. Why do people in the congregation kneel in prayer upon entering their pew?**

A. To prepare themselves for worship. They pray for themselves that they might worship our Lord in spirit and in truth; they pray for the congregation; they pray for the priest and other ministers who will be leading the worship; and they pray for any other matter may be weighing on their mind.

### **Q. Why does the congregation remain quiet before the worship begins?**

A. There are two reasons.

(1) They remain quiet out of reverence for the house of God and the Lord's presence upon the altar. "The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him." (*Habakkuk 2:20*)

(2) They remain silent so as not to disturb others who may be praying around them.

Judy Marx, Worship Chair

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## **Thanksgiving Service**

Wednesday night, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm all members of Calvary and the local community are encouraged to attend our annual Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist. It is a special preface to our national holiday.

## **Favorite Hymns of the Church** (Funny Ha-has)

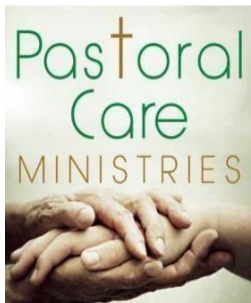
The Dentist's Hymn:.....Crown Him With Many Crowns  
The Weatherman's Hymn:.....There Shall be Showers of Blessing  
The Contractor's Hymn:.....The Church's One Foundation  
The Tailor's Hymn:.....Holy, Holy, Holy  
The Golfer's Hymn:.....There is A Green Hill Far Away  
The Politician's Hymn:.....Standing on the Promises  
The Optometrist's Hymn:.....Open My Eyes That I Might See  
The IRS Agent's Hymn:..... I Surrender All  
The Gossip's Hymn:.....Pass It On  
The Electrician's Hymn:.....Send the Light  
The Shopper's Hymn:.....Sweet By and By

Now, for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns for you:

45 mph:.....God Will Take Care of You  
55 mph:.....Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
65 mph:.....Nearer My God to Thee  
75 mph:.....Nearer Still Nearer  
85 mph:.....This World Is Not My Home  
95 mph:.....Lord, I'm Coming Home  
100 mph:.....Precious Memories

## **Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service**

On Tuesday night, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm you are invited to attend this worship service that incorporates all faithful Christian communities in our local area. It will be held at St. Jerome Church at 10895 Hamlin Blvd., Largo, FL 33774. Fr. Jon has been working with the new priest at SJRC, Fr. Tom Morgan, to continue our efforts towards Christian Unity. St. Jerome and Calvary have a long history of partnership. Other churches from different denominations are invited to attend and we hope this will truly be a time of prayerful thanksgiving. Non-perishable food items will be presented at the offertory. Refreshments will be served following the service. All are invited. "Lord, let all our works give you thanks!"



## Pastoral Care

### **All Souls' of the Faithfully Departed 2015**

*O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Every year we honor those who died between All Saints Sundays. This year we continue to lift up the souls of the faithfully departed and their loved ones in prayer. Those who have died:

Jerry Fehr  
Champ Zabetakis  
Susan Martin  
John Mortellite  
Claire Yates  
Gordon Sullivan  
William Britt



## **"Sit and Be Fit" Exercise**

Come one, come all - join us in fun and laughs as we strengthen our bodies without too much sweating - we don't do jumping jacks or push-ups. Our class is focused on deep breathing, good posture, stretching and using resistance bands to keep our joints lubricated and moving and building muscular strength. We meet every Tuesday morning at 10:15 in the Parish Hall - the class lasts only an hour so you are out in plenty of time for lunch or to take a walk on the beach. So put on your tennis shoes and a smile and come join us. There is no charge for the class - only a minimum price for a resistance band. If you have any questions call me a 727-517-4071 or email [happyclark@aol.com](mailto:happyclark@aol.com). Marilyn Clark, Class Leader

## **Physical Health Tip of the Month**

Today's "healthy" article is brief and diverse:

1. Breast Health: There is much discussion about the merits of screening mammography for the "average risk" population. Don't take a risk. Talk with your Ob-Gyn at your next "well woman" visit about whether screening mammography it is right for you.

2. Drug advertisements got you confused? The FDA Medication Guide pages may be able to help. Access them at <http://fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm085729.htm>

3. Reusable Grocery Bags. These are definitely environmentally friendly but without regular washing and storage, they can harbor food borne illness. So wash after every couple of uses. Keep meats, poultry and fish separate from other produce. Do not store in the trunk of the car. For more information visit:

[www.homefoodsafety.org](http://www.homefoodsafety.org)

Yours in good health,

Jo Simpson for the Parish Health Team

## **Cold & Flu Season**

There is little doubt that you can miss the glowing signs at the local pharmacies, urging flu vaccinations. At Calvary, we take special care to provide an ample supply of hand sanitizer, Kleenex and cough drops wherever we can when you enter the church. Be careful not to discard used tissues on our pews or public places; if you are sick, come to the clergy for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion or take the Bread and not the wine. These are just a few precautionary measures to keep us all healthy.



## **Missions**

### **Christmas Shoebox Ministry**

The ladies of St. Dunstons joined us on Saturday, Oct. 10, to wrap shoe boxes in Christmas paper - and we wrapped 88!!! That's a lot of shoe boxes to fill, but we will be wrapping more to try to break our record of 150. The boxes may be picked up in the reception area. Each box contains a listing of age groups and suggested items (or use your own imagination for others). The filled boxes are taken to the Diocesan

Headquarters at Day Spring for distribution to migrant workers' children, who might otherwise receive nothing for Christmas. Just imagine the joy on the faces of those youngsters!! Please return the filled boxes by December 1. If you prefer to make a monetary donation we will do the shopping for you.

Martha Kelley/Marilyn Clark

Co-chairmen

## **United Thank Offering (UTO)**

Everyone can participate in United Thank Offering by offering thanks and putting thank offerings in the blue United Thank Offering box. The blue United Thank Offering boxes are available at either entrance of the church. Your offerings of thanksgiving provide blessings for those in need. Your United Thank Offerings have built churches, made needed renovations, fed the hungry, provided daycare, clothed the poor, provided shelter for the homeless, and supported those with physical, mental and emotional problems.

An ingathering of our United Thank Offerings will be held on Sunday November 22. Please be a blessing to our counters by taking the money out of your blue box, counting it, and then writing a check for that amount. Put the check into a United Thank Offering envelope which is available at both entrances of the church. Then put your blue United Thank Offering box in a handy spot and continue with your prayers and thank offerings. Our next ingathering will be in spring. Remember, God's blessings and love never stop.

### **The Food Pantry and Holiday Meals**

Please continue to support Calvary's "Beach Community Food Pantry." At this time of year, the offshoot ministry of the Food Pantry, known as the, "Holiday Meals" is also gearing up for Thanksgiving and Christmas Meal deliveries. You can put your contribution in the offering on Sundays but you must designate on the check or envelope that it is intended for holiday meals. Checks may also be mailed in but still with the holiday meal designation. Our next time of gathering and distribution will be Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at the usual location (Publix on Indian Rocks Rd. behind the store).

Monies received from donors to Food Pantry/Holiday Meals include The IRB Rotary Club, Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue, IRB Sailing Association, Home Owners Association of IRB, Action 2000, local merchants (Slyce, Guppys, Plumlee Realty, etc.) to name most of our supportive local organizations. Calvary directs these monies received to Publix and Publix provides an affordable full course "Holiday Meal," boxed and ready to go for a needy family. The Pinellas County Sheriff's Dept. serves as the public liaison who evaluates the most deserving communities and has personal interaction with these residents.

We would be remiss if we didn't mention the volunteer who holds all these connections together and the goal in sight. Thanks be to God for the commitment and gracious volunteer spirit of Claire English, President of the IRB Rotary Club and faithful member of Calvary. See Claire for details and come join the entire community who come together to support the Holiday Meals.

A very special round of thanks goes to Mrs. Connie Curran as the Director of the Food Pantry. She has done a remarkable job in recruiting volunteers Let us continue to support our "flagship" mission of Calvary; "The Beach Community Food Pantry of Indian Rocks Beach." Please continue to bring in your canned goods.

### **Children and Hunger**

**By Joan Kelly**

Do you know that one in four children live in food-insecure households within the United States? The problem of childhood hunger is not simply a moral issue. A child who is hungry is unable to focus, concentrate and learn in school. Scientific evidence suggests that hungry children are less likely to become productive citizens.

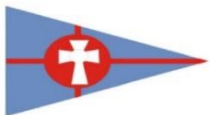
Our neighborhood children will soon be heading back to school making August an essential time to donate to the Beach Community Food Pantry. Returning to school can be an exciting and stressful experience for students of all ages. Imagine the discomfort of a poor and underfed child as he or she enters the classroom. Let's help the less fortunate youth in our area begin life with the proper nutrition to succeed in school and become positive members of our community.

Please help the volunteers who distribute food ensure that families in need will have nutritious meals on their tables. Consider donations of cash, food, or perhaps, healthy food and snacks that might appeal to children of all ages.

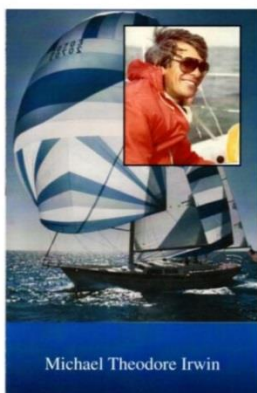
The Beach Community Food Pantry is located at 1615 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Indian Rocks Beach and is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10-Noon. If you miss the pantry hours there is a drop-off basket inside the doors leading into the sanctuary. A convenient drop-off is also located in Indian Rocks City Hall.

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Benefit Blessing Bash (HBBB)

Several supporters of our Food Pantry have enjoyed this annual event hosted by Pete & Dawn Grasso of Grasso Funeral Home, locally owned and operated. They do this act of kindness, "For the glory of God," and they do it with great joy. This year the venue has transferred from Calvary to the Shipwatch Yacht & Tennis Club. The date remains set for Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Grassos to purchase your tickets for this fun evening with dinner, beverage & dessert along with music and dancing. [grassofuneral@hotmail.com](mailto:grassofuneral@hotmail.com)



**Indian Rocks Family Sailing Association  
Clearwater Yacht Club &  
Calvary Episcopal Church  
invite you to**



**"Sail for the Hungry"  
at the Inaugural  
Ted Irwin  
Memorial Sailathon  
Saturday, 5 December 2015**

***A four hour Marathon Sail  
open to all youth sailors  
and all classes of sailing dinghies***



### Registration fee –

4 or more cans of food and completed Sponsors Document  
*Bring with you for Registration on day of event*

**Location:** Calvary Episcopal Church 1615 1<sup>st</sup> St Indian Rocks Beach.

Boats can be launched from the Church or sailed/towed to "Calvary Cove." (*entrance on west side of ICW just south of ICW Marker 44*)

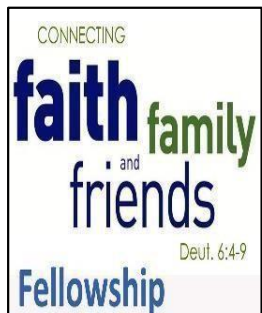
***All proceeds  
benefit the Beach Community Food Pantry.***

***Registration Now Open and all documents attached with this mailing***

Sailing will take place in the protected coves located between the church and ICW

**This event is a Youth Sailing version of a "Walkathon" and is intended to be a fun event that enables kids who love to sail to take what they love and "pay it forward" for our neighbors in need.**





## Fellowship

### **Hospitality Report**

Whether you choose to call it hospitality, a coffee hour, reception or just fellowship I urge you all to come to the parish hall every Sunday after mass, it will be a warm, fuzzy, happy time.

Besides having the best coffee on Indian Rocks Beach, you will meet the most interesting people. There is always so much to talk about. Ask questions, sit with a stranger, and make friends (Vestry take note). We are a church family; let's get to know one another. Can we love one another as God loves us?

Overheard unknown remark: did you know the bible says women don't make coffee? It says "Hebrew." Yuk.

### **Yard Sale**

We are collecting yard sale items for the citywide yard sale November 28 (Saturday after Thanksgiving). Bring us your "gently used" but no longer needed items. They may be left at the front desk. Please have everything in by Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Best sellers are: household items (excluding electronics), manageable sized furniture pieces, games, puzzles, home dec items, kitchen items, holiday decorations, books, craft items, yard tools. We are thinking a boutique costume jewelry table might be fun! So ladies see if you have any pieces that you just don't wear anymore. We'd love to find them a new home. Any questions may be referred to Susan and Harvey Brillat or Julie Heinicka.

We will also have sign-up sheets for help setting up and running the sale. This has been a very successful event in the past so let's make this one bigger and better than ever.

### **Altar Guild Bake Sale**

The Altar Guild will be selling baked goods and coffee at the annual Community Yard Sale to be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:00 A.M. The profit from this sale will go toward purchasing items for our worship program. We need your help to make this event a success. If you would be willing to volunteer to bake items for us please sign up on the sheet that is located on the reception counter. Think, cookies, brownies, cake, candy or anything homemade. Directions for packaging the items will be provided when you sign up. We look forward to your participation for this very worthy cause. It is our sincere hope that all of the members of our parish will come out to the tag and bake sale and support this event.

### **IRB Rotary - 2015 Superbowl Raffle**

The Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach has kicked off its 13th annual Super Bowl Raffle.

There will be three prizes awarded again this year with the Grand Prize being two tickets to the 'Golden 50<sup>th</sup>' playing of the Super Bowl at Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, CA on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016, four (4) nights lodging at the Marriott Hotel in Pleasanton, Ca and \$1000 cash.

Second prize is \$1000 cash and third prize is \$500 cash.

The grand prize drawing party will be held at Slyce Pizza, on December 13<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm at which time the winning tickets will be drawn. Please join us for a fun afternoon of football, food and drink specials and the excitement of the Grand Prize drawing.

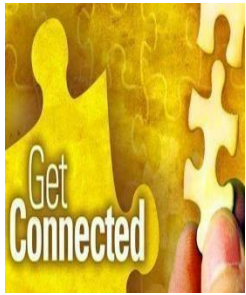
Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 and can be purchased from church members David Kline (727-418-1673) ([kline22@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:kline22@tampabay.rr.com)) or Claire English (727-560-2368).

Your support of the Super Bowl Raffle, Rocktoberfest, Pancake Breakfast and Art & Ale, allows our Rotary club to support the local, national and global good works of Rotary International as well as a number of non-Rotary charities, most notably the Beach Community Food Pantry. We also support many other projects as well:

- Rotary International's flagship initiative to globally eliminate Polio, Polio Plus

- Rotary's Dictionary Project by distributing dictionaries to the third grade students of 5 local elementary schools
- The John J. Todia III Endowment and the Art & Music Scholarship Program
- Rotary Camp Florida
- Beach Art Center Kids Art Program
- Habitat for Humanity
- Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meals (in conjunction with Publix and the Pinellas Sheriff's Office)
- Pinellas Education Foundation
- Ridgecrest YMCA
- Rotary Youth Exchange
- Rotary's Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders

We encourage anyone who would like to experience the fun, fellowship and good works of Rotary, to visit our weekly club meeting held every Wednesday from 7:15 am to 8:15 am at Jimmy Guana's



## Connections

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

### **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 Laurie Lawther be aware, [llawther@calvaryirb.org](mailto:llawther@calvaryirb.org)



## **Important Dates "At-a-Glance"**

Sunday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Monday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6 pm	Prayer Team Meeting
Tuesday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit
	11 am	Administrative Staff Meeting
Wednesday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
	6:45-7:15	Family Dinner
	7:30-8:30	Christian Ed.: Creation, Confirmation & Bible Confirmation Class
Thursday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Bells Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Choral Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 7 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Cursillo – 4 <sup>th</sup> Day Meeting
Sunday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>	8/10 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Monday, November 9 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Executive Committee
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit
	11 am	Administrative Staff Meeting
Wednesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
	7:30-8:30	Christian Ed.: Creation, Confirmation & Bible Confirmation Class
Thursday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Bells Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Choral Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Harvest Blessing Benefit Bash (at Shipwatch Y&T Club)

Sunday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>	8/10 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit
	11 am	Administrative Staff Meeting
Wednesday, November 18 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
	6:45-7:15	Family Dinner
Thursday, November 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Bells Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Choral Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	Country & Western Night dinner
Sunday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit
	11 am	Administrative Staff Meeting
Wednesday, November 25 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
Wed.-Friday, Nov. 25-27 <sup>th</sup>		OFFICE CLOSED – Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Bells Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Choral Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, November 29 <sup>nd</sup>	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship

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.

### **Office Closed**

Please observe the Office will be closed Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 25-27<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving.



### **November Birthdays**

2 – PT Wagenseil  
3 – Diane Oeste  
5 – Sara Goodrich  
6 – Tyrus Wilson, Bob Lincoln  
10 – Dodie Spahr, Kirk McKenna, Elizabeth Sherman,  
Jo Donovan, Chase Downs  
11 – Renie Lehman, Laurie Mendoza, Alan Douglas  
12 – Maria Klein  
14 – Nancy Pappas  
18 – Marsha England  
22 – Bill Athanson  
24 – Marlene Stark  
25 – John Matter, Edward Morgan  
27 – Betty Pink  
28 – Robert Hite

IF we missed your date or if there is need of correction, we apologize.

Please notify the office.

### **Pinellas Suncoast F&R Birthdays**

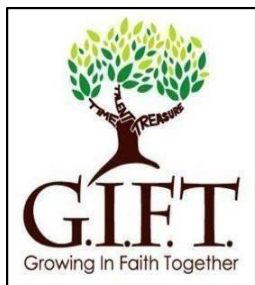
15 - Michael Carpenter  
Matthew Carpenter  
20 – Joshua Coley



### **Wedding Anniversaries**

3 – Edward Morgan & Delores Maralik  
5 – Michael & Jacqueline Carpenter  
21 – Derek & Cyndi Good  
30 – Richard & Edna Snyder





## Stewardship

### \$\$ and Sense.

Funny how we can easily talk about spending on gas, groceries, education etc., yet when it comes around to Church, a "hush falls over the crowd". This short note is not a plea to tithe, but it is a request to share with God your 2016 financial intentions for His church. After you let Him know, please share it (in a way comfortable to you) with Calvary. This could be done in private conversation with Fr Jon, or using a signed or

anonymous pledge card. Whatever suits you best. Having an idea of Calvary's "income" for 2016 is so very important for your vestry to budget for Calvary's care.

Thank you.

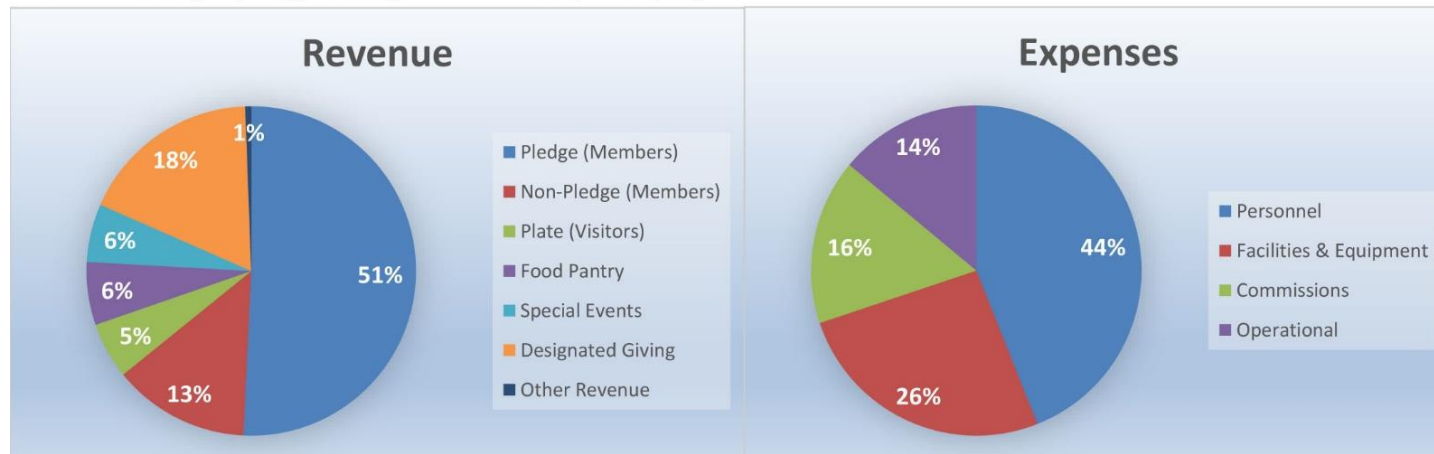
Jo Simpson on behalf of your 2015 Vestry

### General Financial Statement

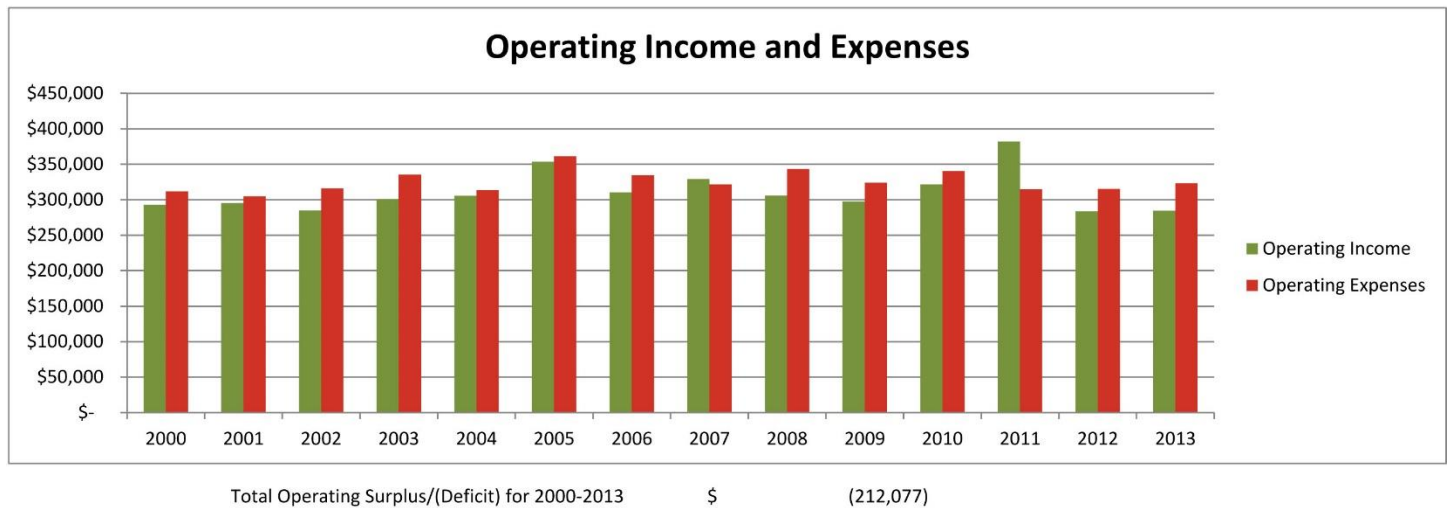
(January-September 2015)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over Budget</u>
Revenue			
Pledge (Members)	118,294	127,494	-9,200
Non-Pledge (Members)	31,252	22,500	8,752
Plate (Visitors)	12,868	19,494	-6,626
Food Pantry	14,399	16,650	-2,251
Special Events	13,314	10,422	2,892
Designated Giving	41,540	44,370	-2,830
Other Revenue	1,358	5,175	-3,817
Total Revenue	\$233,025	\$246,105	-\$13,080
Expenses			
Personnel	107,353	112,491	-5,138
Facilities & Equipment	63,130	77,724	-14,594
Commissions	39,536	49,824	-10,288
Operational	34,045	36,747	-2,702
Total Expenses	\$244,064	\$276,786	-\$32,722
Difference	\$11,039	-\$30,681	-\$19,642

\*The 2015 Budget allotted \$30,000 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 as we have maintained low expenses. No deficit in Total Revenue has occurred due to the success of our fundraising efforts for Special Events (ie. Winterfest, Parking, dinners, Cost-sharing with outside users, etc.) Pledged income is most helpful to create and sustain our Church operation. Please consider making a pledge during our Stewardship Campaign.



**Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida**  
**Key Financial Management Trends**  
 Calvary Episcopal Church, Indian Rocks Beach



### New "I Give Online" Cards

The convenience of online giving is taking on with members of our Church. If you give online through your bank or through our website portal, the "I Give Online" Cards are available in the narthex. People are using this. One person says, "Finally, I can contribute something to the offering plate and not hold my head down." Take one as you come in and place in the offering plate as it is passed during the service. Just another creative idea that helps us put our faith into practice.



### Legacy Society

As we come to the close out of our 2015 year, we give special thanks to all who contribute to our endowment fund, "The Legacy Society." Become a member by vowing to leave a portion of your financial estate to Calvary in your Will or in your Advanced Directives.

#### Welcome 2015 Members:

Lily Irene Thomas  
Jo Simpson

Father Jon & Lynne Roberts  
Ben & Betty Pink

#### Current Members:

Loretta Scott  
Gerard Dieffenback  
Paul Downey  
Richard & Elizabeth Reynolds  
Fred & Irene Lehman  
Harvey & Susan Brillat  
Jo Ann Montgomery  
The Alford Family  
George & Nancy Cerwin

Althea White  
Mary Frances Luthy  
Philip & Carol Beauchamp  
Bessie Ruth Weil  
Father Bob & PT Wagenseil  
Henry & Gloria Ladeau  
Cynthia Laitnen  
Daniel Laitnen  
Edward Sonneheim

Kirk & Elizabeth McKenna  
Alice DeFrank  
Luise Eldridge  
Richard & Denna Shibben  
Jack Jones  
Cherie Smith  
Kathleen Sullivan Brown  
Don & Judy Marx

## The Pledge

We would like to say "Thank you" to all who made a pledge of financial support to Calvary this year. Some may ask, "What is a Pledge?" It is what we have solemnly promised to give back to God by giving to His holy Church over the course of a year by a written commitment. It certainly is expressed in time, talent and treasure but the general understanding is that it is a prescribed financial gift. It is a grateful exchange of love for what God has sacrificed for us. He gave us His Son, Jesus, so that we might live. It is an understanding between us and God. Therefore the pledge is an endearing covenant. The Church is the vessel of this pledge.

Last year we made a "Covenant" together and pledged our financial support to Calvary. It began the first Sunday in Advent and lasted through each subsequent Sunday through that season. Families and individuals took to heart the importance of the Pledge and what it meant to this Church. We walked as one body to the altar of our Lord and placed our Pledge cards. We did this out of love for God and love of this Church. To pledge is to love.

This year we have a goal and we need each member to take it once again to heart. Here is our trend by the numbers:

Budget	#	Amt. Avg./	
Year	Pledges	Pledged	Family
2013	50	\$141,500	\$2,830
2014	69	\$165,020	\$2,392
2015	72	\$168,339	\$2,338

30% increase in family number of pledges.

17% decrease in average giving per family.

The Vestry continues to seek a Treasurer and the Finance Committee has the responsibility to present a budget that will help us meet our goals for 2016. We have already talked about the great need to reduce expenses and to raise membership. All of our leaders are working together towards these goals.

Now, we need all of our families and individuals to help and do their part, taking the "Journey to the tithe." The tithe is 10% of all income but most people are proportional givers. If you gave 3% of your income last year to Calvary, consider giving 5% this year. Take the journey and help us in our stewardship efforts. We want to see every member come out and make a covenant with God and a pledge to the Church.

The Pledge Card is given to every member (see sample card to the right). Please make a prayerful effort to raise your pledge this year for the operation of the Church. The First Pledge Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent on **November 29<sup>th</sup>** at both the 8/10am Holy Eucharists.

### Sample Card

#### Your 2015 Pledge

I/We gratefully pledge to Calvary Episcopal Church  
The following amount:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly

\$\_\_\_\_\_ monthly

\$\_\_\_\_\_ yearly



NAME(s) (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to receive offering envelopes: ☐ YES ☐ No

My Pledge is the Tithe (10% of income): ☐ YES ☐ No

"All things come of thee, O' Lord, and of thine own...  
have we given thee"

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Please retain this portion as a reminder of

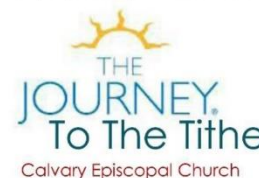
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"May the peace of the Lord be with you, always"



**Deadline for the December Crier: November 27th**  
**Please send all pictures and articles to us by then.**

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## Save the Date



**"The Christmas Mission Across America"**

**December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

3pm Matinee

\$10 Tickets on Sale

Musical & Drama by the Calvary Youth  
Proceeds to aid Youth & Music Ministries of Calvary

## Community PARTNERS



### Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach

"Service Above Self"



### Indian Rocks Family Sailing Association, Inc

*"Bringing our community together  
to experience the gift of life under sail"*



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