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

Monthly Newsletter

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O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Collect for Epiphany VII- February 24th)

Walk in Love

Reasons to rejoice this year: A great Annual Parish Meeting, a solid stewardship campaign, fantastic new Vestry members joining for the first time, a purposeful and spiritual Vestry retreat, beginning a search for a new part-time Youth Minister (first time ever in the history of our church), our previous Sr. Warden embarks on a special journey of spiritual discernment, the fun of playing in the Lavabo Bowl, a well-attended Ultreya/Cursillo gathering, gearing up for an eventful Winterfest, witnessing several people volunteering, several people becoming members....yes, these are reasons to rejoice.

One of the honorable mentions listed above is worthy to share more because it exemplified the spirit of all the rest. It revolved around one particular theme. At the Vestry retreat, held on February 8th in the Barge Hall, we had conversation around the offertory sentence that begins, "Walk in love." At the heart of walking with one another is the importance of building trust. The full sentence, spoken just before we circulate the offering plates, is, "Walk in love as Christ loves us, and gave himself for us a perfect offering and sacrifice to God." From Ephesians 5:2, this saying is imported at the middle point of our Sunday celebration and worship, in order to rejoice by this act of walking in love.

In several translations of the Bible, the words "fragrant" or "sweet smelling" are used to describe the offering we are to present. To rejoice means we can count our blessings and to learn a vital aspect of what it means to, "Walk in love." We come on Sundays to church that we might rejoice with one another and lift each other's spirit. At that same retreat we made "footprints", sketches of each of our left and right feet, that we colored and illustrated. While we put our own special design on each footprint, each person shared a story when they felt they walked closest to God. Listening to each story while simultaneously drawing out our own, merged our stories. We sided each footprint with another member on the table in front of us and could see a special visual of walking together.

Later, we did an exercise where we had a partner and learned the importance of depending on one another. One was blindfolded, while the other led them through a simple pattern on the floor. Some were given the challenge of not being able to guide their partner safely through without using words like "left" or "right"; some could not say words at all. Some were turned around and others had to come through the opposite way. Life presents many challenges and we are meant to face them together, and to, "walk in love."

In just a short while the picture changes, whereas instead of counting our blessings we will enumerate our sins with penitent expressions found powerfully in the season of Lent. It is still a time of learning to live by faith, and to trust one another. God will show us how it is done, by pointing us once more to the Cross of Jesus where his steps appeared most painful and agonizing. Perhaps between our rejoicing of blessing and our sorrow of sin, we learn best what it means to be a follower of Christ, one who is instructed to, "Walk in love."

Yours, faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Father Jon



Leadership

New Sr. Warden

I have the honor of serving Father Jon as Senior Warden for 2019. My commission will be "Stewardship" which is responsible for "Making Disciples" and providing the tools to those who are called within the Church. I look forward to serving Calvary on the Vestry, Altar Guild, Winterfest Committee and Senior Warden and to continue to strengthen my journey with the Lord.

JoAnn is not only given the responsibility of being the "Rector's Warden" but she has also volunteered to be the Vestry Chair for our Stewardship Commission. Her contact is: Joadale@yahoo.com



Personal Discernment

We are delighted to share with the congregation that Mike Alford, previous Sr. Warden (2015-18) has accepted a "call" to enter into a spiritual journey of deep contemplation and listening. This is a formal process once the diocese is informed of his decision to proceed in this calling. The Rector met with him routinely at the early phase, then the Diocesan Commission on Ministry is engaged to guide him through the next steps. A Discernment Committee of six parishioners was created by Fr. Jon and will meet with Mike, along with a Clergy assigned by the Diocese, over the next several months.



The Vestry Retreat

The Vestry welcomed new members, Denise Conlon, Lisa Kingston, Larry Hite and Sandy Rogers at the retreat held Saturday, February 9. The theme was, "Walk in Love" whereas Fr. Jon led them through exercises that helped them understand they are to walk with one another and with Jesus, in order to be part of God's will and purpose for our Church. The model of the "Great Commissions" was once more presented and discernment over roles in which to serve was clearly exercised. In order to see which Vestry member is responsible to individual Commissions, please look at the back page of The Crier.

A final note about the retreat was how positive and uplifting it was to reflect on our 2018 accomplishments while at the same time being optimistic and encouraged about our 2019 goals. We will need several capable and willing volunteers to assist us in the ongoing mission of Calvary and know that there is a place and purpose for every member. Please pray about how God is calling you to volunteer and help out this year. "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." (St. Luke 10:2)

CAN I HAVE A SHOW OF HANDS FOR VOLUNTEERS?



Youth Minister

A part-time Youth Minister position has now been created by the Vestry at Calvary, as we are seeking an energetic and engaging Christ-centered leader who can mentor, teach, and love our youth of all ages. This candidate will plan and implement creative programs of discipleship, worship and mission for our youth to help them grow as vibrant followers of Jesus Christ.

Specific responsibilities include creating a yearly vision for the Calvary youth ministry program; design and oversee creative Sunday worship/Bible study programming for all children in the church; plan, coordinate and lead weekly events including weekly gatherings, ongoing Bible studies and volunteer training for our middle and high school students; create and coordinate meaningful special events such as mission trips, retreats, and service projects; build relationships with youth and their families through direct communication including communicating regularly with youth, parents, and staff through social media, the church's website, and other forums to advertise events and furthering the youth programming agenda; provide information and encourage participation in DaySpring camps and weekends; be an active member of and provide information to the Christian Education Commission regarding youth activities, curriculum, and budget.

This initiative is a historical, first of its kind at Calvary, with recent, special interest giving provided by two generous members of our parish to seed and grow this position. If you are interested or if you would like to submit a name of a qualified and experienced candidate, please send a letter of interest and resume to Penny Yanacheck, penny11845@verizon.net.

The Annual Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2019 10:30am

Opening Prayer – Fr. Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M., leading the congregation in the Parish Prayer.

Declaration of a Quorum – Karen Hillegas, Clerk of the Vestry, announced a quorum in attendance.

Distribution of Annual Report – The 56th Annual Report was distributed to all members present. Fr. Roberts explained the importance of providing the church with personal information for more efficient communication with its members.



Welcome by the Rector – Fr. Roberts welcomed a capacity attendance and explained such a meeting, mandated by the Canons of our Church, is held for 1) approval of the yearly operating budget, 2) election of new Vestry members, 3) reporting to the congregation on the status of the church and its operation.

Approval of the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes – Larry Hite made a motion to accept the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes as presented. Deborah Nowlan seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Election of Members to the Vestry – Following presentation of the four (4) candidates, Dodie Spahr made a motion to elect Denise Conlon, Larry Hite, Lisa Kingston and Sandy Rogers to the Vestry. Joe Barkley seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Rector's Report – Fr. Roberts recognized the four (4) outgoing members of Vestry: Mike Alford, Kim Heinicka, David Kline and Rick Schock, congratulating them on their service to Calvary. They were presented with gifts related to the Commissions they served. He reported that Calvary had a blessed 2018 in contributions of Time, Talent and Treasure. His 2018 theme, "Prepare the Way," was followed by putting emphasis on worship. The blessed gift of a new organ has filled the sanctuary with song, inviting one and all to join us on the beach for Good Friday's Stations of the Cross, to serving with our youth on a missionary trip to Colorado and the phenomenal success of the Beach Community Food Pantry are all examples of our reaching out to spread the 'good news'. His 2019 focus will continue with "Prepare the Way, Part II", a path of preparing the way of the Lord.

Senior Warden Report – Mike Alford explained his journey these past three years as filled with surprises, challenges and the unmitigated joy of God's mercies and grace. He thanked Fr. Roberts for the opportunity to serve by his side and announced he will now step away from leadership and pursue a path to discernment for Holy Orders.

Presentation of the 2019 Budget – The budget was presented for explanation and discussion; 2018's final actual expenses were available for comparison. Deborah Nowlan made a motion to accept the 2019 budget. Judy Marx seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Endowment Fund Report – Jo Simpson, chair of Calvary's Endowment Committee, provided a brief history of the fund which was established to enable Calvary to 'live long and prosper'. The account, managed professionally, has grown in value from \$35,000 in 2004 to \$660,000 in 2018. She asked the congregation to give thought to enabling the fund to continue to grow through personal contributions.

New Membership – Calvary was blessed to receive 28 new members in 2018.

Honorable Mention and Presentations of the Calvary Cross – Fr. Roberts thanked those who faithfully serve Calvary: The Vestry; the Altar Guild; adult and bell choirs; acolytes, readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors; the Celebration of Life team led by Cynthia Laitinen; prayer and hospitality teams, especially Harvey and Susan Brillat and Margaret and David Richcreek for their excellent work; Winterfest; Cursillo; front desk volunteers; ushers and greeters; the Crier and Calvary website teams; food pantry volunteers; children's and high school chapels; confirmation classes; Christmas Gift Bag and School Backpack Ministries; the Legacy Society; counters and the Finance Committee. He also recognized Susan Koester for her special dinners and caring of the plantings on the property; Bill Athanson for chairing Winterfest; Cathy Athanson, directress of the Altar Guild; Debbie Thayer for faithfully volunteering at the front desk; David Kline, director of the Beach Community Food Pantry; Marilyn Clark and Judy Marx for 'always being available'; Lynne Roberts and Elyssa Coker for their work with Children's Chapel; Renee Lee and Steve Hein for publications and data base maintenance; Jane Small, Finance Committee Chairman and Maria Gonzalez who handles Calvary's financial reconciliation; and Chad Olsen. He also thanked the staff; Lia King, Secretary; Nancy Titus, Bookkeeper and Matthew Burke, Music Director. He expressed deep gratitude to Deacon Melissa Sands, Father Hugh Bell and Father Mike Day for their service. He then honored the recipients of the Parochial Cross for 2018: Billy Coker, Terry England, Julie Day, Greg Donham and Jane Small.

Necrology – The faithfully departed in 2018: Ned Baugh, Mike Brewer, Judy Cannistraro, Charles Douglas, Jim Emaus, John Komanitzky and Kacy Turner.

Doxology and Benediction – The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology and was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Karen W. Hillegas, Clerk of the Vestry

Vestry Retreat

On February 8th, the new Vestry members of 2021, joined the classes of 2019 & 2020 to discern their "calling" to serve in one of the ten "Great Commissions." The listing is located on the last page of this newsletter. Fr. Jon led the Vestry in this year's theme, to, "Walk in Love." Exercises such as the, "Walk by faith, not by sight" and "Footprints" gave them hands-on applications to learn how they will support our Church and help it live into God's will and purpose. Below are just a few of the photos taken. If you are interested in joining the Vestry, please pray about it and consider submitting your name and interest to be on next year's ballot. The invitation is usually made in October and closes mid-December. (Pictures below of the "Faith Walk" and Fr. Jon "floored" by the event)



Members Honored at Annual Parish Meeting

We gave special thanksgivings for the loving sacrifices and efforts made by our outgoing veteran members of the Vestry, the Class of 2018: Mike Alford, Kim Heinicka, David Kline and Rick Schock.

We gave special thanksgivings for the true and earnest sacrifices and efforts made by this year's recipients of the Parochial Cross: Billy Coker, Julie Day, Janie Small, Terry England and Greg Donham.



David Kline – BCFP Director
Vestry 2018



Mike Alford – Sr. Warden
Vestry 2018



Kim Heinicka – Jr. Warden
Vestry 2018



2018 Parochial Cross
Recipients

Julie Day (Above)
Jane Small (Far Right)

Billy Coker, Greg Donham
and Terry England
(Not pictured)



Rick Schock – Leadership
Vestry 2018



**ANNUAL
MEETING**



Christian Education

History of Shrove Tuesday

The day before the beginning of Lent is known as Shrove Tuesday. To shrove someone, in old-fashioned, is to hear his acknowledgment of his sins, to assure him of God's forgiveness, and to give him appropriate spiritual advice.

On Shrove Tuesday, many Christians make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with. Often they consult on these matters with a spiritual counselor or receive shrift.

Shrove Tuesday is also called Fat Tuesday (in French, Mardi = Tuesday; gras = fat, as in "pate de foie gras", which is liver paste and very fatty), because on that day a thrifty housewife uses up the fats that she has kept around (the can of bacon drippings, or whatever) for cooking, but that she will not be using during Lent. Anglican tradition has it that we must "Waste not, want not!" and is an old and famous family rule! Since pancakes are a standard way of using up fat, the day is also called Pancake Tuesday. In England, and perhaps elsewhere, the day is celebrated with pancake races. The contestants run a course while holding a griddle and flipping a pancake. Points are awarded for time, for number and height of flips, and number of times the pancake turns over. There are of course penalties for dropping the pancake.

The day (or sometimes a longer period immediately preceding Lent) is also called Carnival, which means "farewell to meat." "Carni" as in carnivorous, and "vale" as in valediction, valedictorian, etc. One last hamburger before the Lenten fast begins.

Christians thought that by not eating animal products during Lent, they could better resemble Noah and his family aboard the ark. They could help prepare the world for a new creation. It probably began out of necessity. The coming warm weather would spoil foods in storage. Also, late winter and early spring are the animals birthing season. By not eating animal products at this time of year, people helped a new generation get off to a healthy start.

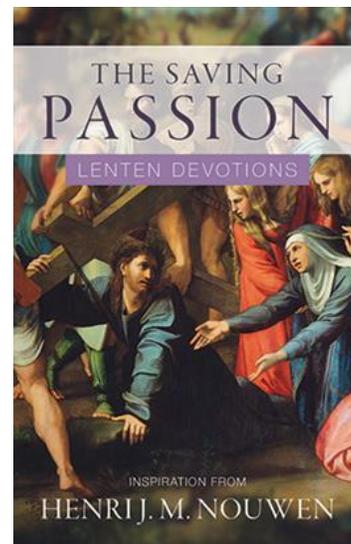
(Christ Church, Kalispell, Mt.)

Submitted by Cathy Athanson, Altar Guild Directress

The Bible Project takes a break

The 10am and 7pm bible study, using the video series of The Bible Project has been very meaningful for those attending. We have enjoyed lively discussions on themes such as, "How to read the Bible," "Biblical Themes," "New Testament introduction" and lately, "The Torah." The studies will take a break before Lent begins and a new study on Henri Nouwen's "The Saving Passion" will be presented for that penitential season at 10am on Wednesdays, beginning March 12th in Barge Hall.

The 10am & 7pm Bible Project group ends on Wed., February 20th.



Worship

The Beginning of Lent

Every year we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday with is March 6th this year. Three services are provided: 8am, 12pm, 6pm. Every Christian has a "Holy obligation" to receive their outward and visible sign of the cross as part of their annual pilgrimage. A church that offers this time of extreme penitence such as we do at Calvary, is in accord with the ancient and orthodox practice going back to the 2nd century.

Worship Commission Update

Accompanied by Fr. Roberts, Mike Alford and Elyssa Coker (Christian Education), our acolytes attended a workshop held at the Cathedral in St. Petersburg and reported they had a great time and learned a lot!

Deacon Melissa has been conducting refresher and teaching classes for lectors and newly appointed Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

The Altar Guild has spent many hours polishing and laundering, making our church welcoming and beautiful for the celebration of Advent. They are particularly proud of recently refurbished pew torches and vases which add a glow to the sanctuary.

The Vestry honored our clergy on Clergy Appreciation Sunday with a breakfast reception, led by Margaret Richcreek (Fellowship Commission). Many of the parish attended and added their thank you to Fr. Roberts and Lynne, Deacon Melissa and Greg, Fr. Mike and Julie and Fr. Hugh and Flo.

On November 9 and 10, the Vestry traveled to Dayspring for their scheduled retreat. Arranged by Rick Schock (Leadership Commission), we spent time in quiet reflection and devotion as well as welcoming Justin LaRosa, a licensed counselor who offered leadership in contemplative prayer...centering prayer and Lectio Divina. We returned home with a greater knowledge of our faith and a deeper appreciation of our Church.

On December 2, we welcomed Bishop Dabney Smith as celebrant and preacher at a well- attended combined service. The Bishop officiated at several receptions, reaffirmations and recommitments to Christian service. Following the service, he attended a reception hosted by the Vestry and supported by our congregation. Bishop Smith was very pleased with the appearance of the church and its grounds and commented that he loves visiting Calvary in its beautiful surroundings.

Now, surrounded by the splendor of our beautiful Church, we entered Advent in prayerful anticipation of the celebration of our Lord's birth. The invitation was for one and all to join us and share in this Christian experience.

Respectfully,

Karen Hillegas, Worship Commission

Thanksgiving for our Altar Guild

Have you any idea how many hours the Altar Guild put in to make Christmas celebrations happen so beautifully and seamlessly here at Calvary? Several individuals spent, literally, many hours in working to make everything shine, to correctly ready all linens for the season, in cleaning, polishing, candle filling, and in washing and ironing. If not, ask around, and then be sure to thank one of them for all the hard work they gave to make everyone's Christmas-tide, and indeed the whole Church Year, beautiful. Their service brings joy not only to all of you here at Calvary but to each of the members of the guild, nothing is more rewarding than serving our Lord. To God be the glory, but sincere thanks to the Altar Guild for all their sacrificial giving!

Submitted by Cathy Athanson, Altar Guild Directress

“It could be worse”

This is a picture of Father Malone and his assistant, preparing a winter Mass with hand carved altar out of snow. He taught with Fr. Jon while at the St. Michaels Conference last summer in Connecticut. This scene is in Wisconsin, a week into February. Are we not thankful to be in Florida?



Recently consecrated or “blessed” objects by the priest for Christian worship are Deacon Melissa’s new stole and newly fabricated wine flagon veils by Margaret Richcreek. Also attending is Sue Harry, another member of the Altar Guild.



The Calvary Fine Arts Committee

This Committee held its first meeting on Wednesday February 6th, at 1pm as a means to gather support in marketing and promoting our musical concert series in 2019. The members of the Committee are Matthew Burke, Kathy Cummings, Liz Robb, Jo Simpson, and Judy Marx.

The minutes read as follows:

"Matt began the meeting at 1pm and made introductions. We created the name of the new committee, pending approval from Jo, Judy and Father Jon – Calvary Fine Arts Events Committee.

After Matt gave a brief overview of the plans for the Committee, Liz suggested that a mission be established for this Committee and everyone contributed to it and it is as follows:

Dedicated to the Glory of God, the Calvary Fine Arts Events Committee of Calvary Episcopal Church has as its principal focus to provide resources to support a permanent concert series and future fine arts events at Calvary Episcopal Church.

The Committee strives to seek sponsorship and donations for all events. These programs will serve as a beacon to the fine arts community, the general public and as an introduction to Calvary Episcopal Church. Following are "brainstorming" ideas discussed:

Leads suggested for donors: Program lists from Mahaffey, Capitol Theatre, The Florida Orchestra, Ruth Eckerd Hall, Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, Straz, etc. Other sponsor suggestions: Walmart, Duke Energy, St. Petersburg College, Eckerd College. Contacts would be GMs and HR personnel. Internet leads. More to add at the next meeting.

Local businesses – seek advertising. Also, Chambers of Commerce all have vacation and relocation guides – space for ads.

Matt added that we have a small budget (\$400) for ad(s) presently. After a flyer is made available, we could distribute them locally.

Additional ideas: Possible bulk mailing re event notices, pre-sale VIP tickets (include packages, prime seating, poster, shirt, etc.)

Publicity: News releases, TV interviews – Channel 8, 9 – spots/daytime shows, etc.)

Liz suggested a "letter of introduction" be created on church stationery that volunteers and committee could utilize when soliciting door prizes, advertising, donations of any type, etc. – introduces volunteer/church – legal approach so not a scam. She volunteered to create letter.

Matt set the next meeting for **Wednesday, February 13th at 1pm** in the Conference Room. Kathy will prepare a list of contacts re donors for the next meeting.

Matt thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the meeting at 3:20pm."

Respectfully submitted in His Name,

Liz Robb



March 6th
8am/12pm/6pm
Holy Eucharist & Ashes

Fellowship

Shrove Tuesday

The Altar Guild once again will host our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. It will be on March 5, the day before Ash Wednesday at 6pm. Everyone is invited to enjoy the "Best Pancakes on the Beach" and a sing-a-long with our Music Director Matt Burke with Sandy & Rebecca Rogers.



The Bookies of Calvary

We are hoping you will join them at 6:00 PM in the conference room on the following dates for discussion, reflection, and great fellowship. Our next book selections are listed below.

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| Feb. 18 | <i>Elizabeth and Hazel</i> by David Margolick |
| March 18 | <i>Next Year in Havana</i> by Chanel Cleeton |
| April 15 | <i>The Great Alone</i> - Kristin Hannah |
| May 20 | <i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> -by Delia Owens |
| Sept. 16 | <i>News of the World</i> by Paulette Jiles |

If you have questions, please contact Cathy Athanson



Winterfest

A full day of family fun was celebrated at Winterfest on the Rocks, Saturday, February 16th from 10am to 4pm at Calvary Episcopal Church.

Winterfest includes a patriotic parade, arts and crafts vendors, elaborate silent auction, a street party with a variety of live entertainment, crafts for children, bake sale, beer, wine and soft drinks and a noon day Concert in the Church. Food is provided by Slyce Pizza Bar out front and our own pulled pork and hot dog venue in the Parish Hall. The weather, we pray will be excellent, bringing lots of folks out to enjoy. The funds raised are necessary for the operation of our church and we are grateful for all volunteer support that makes our event successful.



Win This KAYAK

You, your child or grandchild, or a friend could be spending the spring paddling or fishing from this gorgeous kayak! Tickets are \$10 and are available at the church's front desk.

The drawing will be at Winterfest on February 16. You don't have to be present to win.

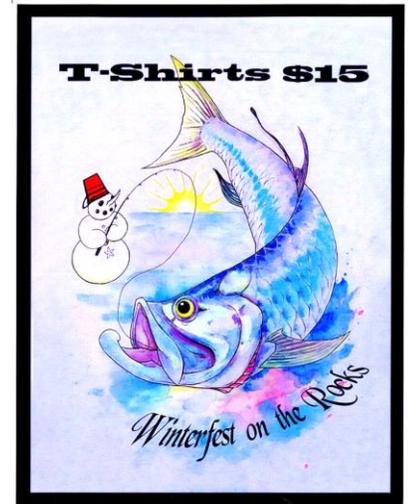


This year we have T-Shirts!

Beautiful white t-shirts, heavy 100% cotton, with this awesome graphic on the back (minus the price line!). The front, where a pocket would be, is our Winterfest mascot Snowy with Calvary Episcopal Church beneath him.

Ladies' shirts have a V-neck
Mens' are crew-neck.

Available at the front desk, or ask a Winterfest Volunteer how to get one, the cost is only \$15 with all sizes available. This beautiful shirt can also be worn prior the event or after the event, which helps promote the Church and all of our incredible ministries that we offer. If you would like to volunteer for next year's event, please contact Renee Lee or JoAnn Martindale as they are already beginning to plan.



Winterfest Concert

On Saturday, February 16, 2019 a special feature will be a free concert in the Sanctuary at 12:00 noon by *The Paradies Ensemble*.

Concert performers include James Paradies on trumpet and Julie Paradies, violinist. Matt Burke, Organist/Choirmaster, will play the organ and piano. Selections will be for brass and organ as well as violin and piano. The public is cordially invited to attend the live concert. There is no charge but donations are welcomed. For more information, contact Liz Robb at bonjourliz@yahoo.com, 727.580.8237

Apollo 13 Concert

Matthew Burke is the composer of a brand-new opera, "Apollo 13". If you love the arts and would like to help continue the great tradition of art music, please plan to attend.

This opera is in 2 acts and tells the story of the NASA mission in 1970 that was to be the third to land on the moon. The crew encountered grave danger on the trip and made it back to Earth only through the quick thinking of the men and women in NASA, and those who took part in building the Apollo spacecraft. Matthew's musical setting captures the drama of the mission with style and power and is also made to be entertaining while respecting the source material. You will find no greater space fan than Matthew, and his passion carries through in every note of "Apollo 13"

On April 6th 2019 at 7 pm, we plan to hold the world premier live performance of "Apollo 13" in the fine acoustic space of Calvary. The church will be filled with the sounds of 4 vocal soloists, a men's choir playing the role of mission control, Organ, keyboards, Violin, flute, trumpet, guitar, bass, and drums. You will hear a range of musical styles used to tell the story such as classical, film score, and progressive rock.

The concert is free to the public with a free-will donation encouraged. Since it is very costly to hire all of the above listed musicians, a pledge in advance would guarantee your name a spot in the program for Apollo 13 and for our 2019 concert series, and an advance "Gold edition" copy of the upcoming studio album version.



APOLLO XIII

Written & Directed
by Matthew Burke
First Showing
April 6 at 7pm

Ecumenical Music Festival

On Friday, February 15th at 7pm local choirs, including Calvary's will perform live choral music selections at St. Jerome Catholic Church located on 10895 Hamlin Blvd. Largo. Arrive early to get your seat. Free will offering to be collected followed by reception.

The Lavabo Bowl

Our youth enjoyed playing flag football in the fourth annual Lavabo Bowl at Bonner Park, on February 3rd. Captains Fr. Jon and Matthew led the Catholic and Protestant teams in what was the most offensive game yet, with the Catholics barely excommunicating the Protestants, 56-48. Many thanks to Chuck Pond and Mike Alford for refereeing a very 'spirited' contest, to Lynne Roberts for keeping time and Jerry Yeast for photography. His pictures tell it all as seen here, below. More on Facebook.



Missions

The Beach Community Food Pantry

As we look back at 2018, we at the Beach Community Food Pantry are extremely proud of our accomplishments this year.

Our biggest source of pride is that we continue to serve those in our surrounding communities who are routinely challenged with food insecurity. We have over 200 clients who visit BCFP monthly and we currently serve over 800 total family members each month.

We have a dedicated volunteer base who help our Management Team:

- serve our clients during open hours;
- maintain our flow of incoming inventory;
- make the trip each week to our retail and wholesale food suppliers;
- receive, sort and package our monthly USDA inventory;
- receive and sort the various organizational and private food donations from the Postal Service, Country Day School, city of Indian Shores and North Redington Beach, Publix Food for Sharing and others;
- staff our fundraising events at our Fabulous Fish Fry, the Taste of IRB and Beachfest
- staff our external PR opportunities at Greenfest, Indian Shores St. Pats festival and Action 2000 Oktoberfest.

We hosted our first ever Fabulous Fish Fry, on October 20 in the Parish Hall. Our friends at Crabby Bill's donated their product and services to prepare and serve the meal to 125 guests. It is planned that Crabby's will support another 'FFF' in April of 2019. Thank you to the Loder family for your support!

In collaboration with Crabby Bill's, our friends at Beggin's/Century 21 RE sponsored a Thanksgiving turkey drive that realized over 150 turkeys and \$300 in donations for Thanksgiving. We gave out over 200 turkeys to our clients for Thanksgiving and over 200 hams/turkeys for Christmas.

BCFP Management Team initiated a crowd funding campaign in late 2017 with the goal of raising \$17,000 to purchase a used cargo van for use with inventory transportation and external event staging. Since BCFP's beginning, we have relied on our volunteers and their vehicles to get the job done. We exceeded our goal and raised \$20,000 for the purchase of an almost-new Nissan van with only 2700 miles. Our van has proven to be a great asset to our operation.

We continue to collaborate with the Rotary Club of IRB with the funding and distribution of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department and Publix to distribute over 50 complete turkey dinners to various members of the community who are challenged to enjoy a special meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We have initiated a relationship with the Richard O. Jacobson Technical HS in Seminole. They will be sponsoring a food donation drive for pet food, which is always in short supply.

Calling all parishioners...

We are blessed with the ability to be supported by our surrounding community. We could not accomplish what we do without their help, but our volunteer base could benefit by more volunteer participation of our Calvary parish members inside, helping people get their food or helping with inventory. We sincerely appreciate the financial support of our congregation but currently, BCFP has only five Calvary members who routinely offer their time and talent to this most demanding of Calvary's missions. We are need volunteers who would want to offer their life skills to improve and expand the reach of this vital community resource.



We currently have need for Event Coordinators and PR/Communication Coordinators who can help with these two critical areas of BCFP's operations. If you have any experience in these areas, have friends or acquaintances who would do, or would just enjoy working with a fulfilling mission, please reach out for me. Your participation would be a blessing to us and our clients.

Please prayerfully consider paying forward your good fortune to those in need. Contact David Kline (727-418-1673) for more details.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kline, Director



New Director of the Food Pantry

David Kline has provided the Food Pantry with excellent leadership over the last year, making and strengthening connections with the community in so many various and wonderful ways. We mentioned in the last edition of the Crier his announcement to "scale back" and step away from being the Director. After an extensive time of prayerful discernment one person has volunteered to become the new Director and that person is Mrs. Connie Curran.

Connie, as many of you may remember, was the Director from 2014-2017 and we are most thankful to see there will be a natural transition and continuation of service to the needy people we serve each week. Please welcome Connie as the new Director of the Food Pantry. The official date of that transition will be announced shortly.

New Missions Vestry Chairperson

At the Vestry retreat, Mrs. Lisa Kingston was announced as the Chair of all our missions' activities, including the Food Pantry, the Youth Summer Mission trips, the Christmas Gift bags, etc. Missions is a category that represents the generous act of serving others who are less fortunate and are in need. Calvary has always been dedicated to serving others, feeding nearly 1000 people every month, sending adult and youth missionaries to locations far and near, and being compassionate to those local Latino congregations, with children around the Christmas holiday, who have far less resources and privileges. We welcome Lisa, who will also be supportive of Connie's leadership, giving her the support she needs.



"I can 1 can" food program

The Food Pantry is asking your help in making the lives of their clients a little better. The items below are not readily available through the usual channels, and so the Pantry is asking you to bring them in the "I can 1 can" program.

Canned Fruit - all sorts

Cream Soups - the kind used in cooking - Mushroom and Chicken usually

Jelly - Grape and Strawberry flavors are the favorites



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 sales to BCFP, which last year resulted in a sizeable donation to us. You can help increase their contribution to us by making it a point to dine at Slyce sometime during the first Monday of each month. The next scheduled First Monday will be March 5th. Please put that date on your calendar and join us in supporting Slyce and our food pantry. See you next time on March 4th between 6-8pm.

Pastoral Care

Support Groups

Would you like to help begin a bereavement support group? What about a career employment support group? You may be a member of our church and wondered why we don't have anything like this, where people can gather and discuss the nature of such challenges that go along with the feeling of personal loss. Jesus calls us to love one another as He loves us and often times that means we are to walk alongside those who need to talk or to listen.

Jim Widell is the Vestry Chair on the Pastoral Care Commission and can help you get that group going if there is interest and commitment. It may simply be one day out of the week where you come to the church, sit around and share some coffee, a prayer or two and gain strength from one another. Please contact Jim if you would like to help begin this ministry: jimdolphfan@aol.com

Prayer Shawls

We are truly blessed to have Sara Goodrich fabricate these amazing and prayer-full shawls that are given out by Fr. Jon and the Prayer Team for so many different reasons.

They were given to the Douglas family (seen here) who came together when their dad, and member of our Church, Charles Douglas died in December. They cried out with joy when Fr. Jon presented these gifts, wrapped in Christmas paper with hand written note and note of certification when they were "blessed." The letter they sent back was so touching.

Another instance was at the Annual Parish meeting when Fr. Jon presented them to both the Sr. and Jr. Wardens, as a reminder of their three years of service, when there were multiple times we relied on the value of prayer.



If you see Sara, give her a special word of thanks, letting her know how special this ministry is. Maybe, just maybe, you would like to ask her to teach you how she does it, and what goes into the fabrication, that wraps so many in prayer.

If you have yarn or other materials, please consider contacting Sara: sjgoodrich36@gmail.com

Outreach

Our Newest Members

Please welcome our newest members to Calvary. You may write them a special note or welcome them in person when you see them in church. We are most fortunate to have them in our Church family and look forward to seeing how God will enrich their lives and utilize their interest and talent. You may be interested in bit of trivia about them.

Here goes...Which new members used to be members at Calvary?



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Terry Collier
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Property

A Foggy Sunday Morning

On February 3rd we were overtaken by this amazing fog that settled in on the island and surrounding Pinellas County. It was a great image on the day when we read from St. Luke, the story about Jesus teaching in Nazareth. His local town people were angered at his bold prophecy of being the Messiah and attempted to throw him off the cliff at Mt. Precipice overlooking the city. Jesus mysteriously disappeared in their midst. Perhaps there was a fog like this one?



A Palm donation

We would like to thank Mike Davis, a member of Calvary, who generously donated this lovely palm tree in our north lot and who also afforded a team to landscape and secure it. As it grows it will remind us of how our property is a shared interest and love for all. Thank you Mike!

New updated Marquee Sign

In 2018 Fr. Jon applied for a diocesan grant to help us be creative in how we market our church using technology. \$6,000 was awarded and will support the refurbishment of our front marquee, changing it from the older letter placement messaging to a high definition, "white board" whereas we can add more information with better graphics.

Per the ordinances of the City of IRB, messages cannot be moving and can only change every 24 hours. We thank Fr. Jon for obtaining the grant and we hope to implement prior to Easter.



Parkmobile Signs Coming Soon

We have been studying the use of our parking lot for five years, monitoring the flow of traffic from church related events to community related events, from beach parking to neighborhood parking, from support groups to special interest groups. On average, about five hundred cars park on our three parking lots every week! That is significant wear and tear with a reminder that we need to be good stewards and figure out ways to maintain. The north parking lot alone, will be roughly \$30,000 to resurface in 2020. It costs us about \$500 a year to paint stripes and make necessary repairs.

In 2016 the Vestry was provided with the challenge to visualize a way to improve the maintenance of our property by looking into its overall use. We now have a greater understanding and better sense of security. We were assisted by the Remark gift in 2017 that helped us repave the west/front lot on First St. The youth have raised about \$10,000 since 2016 at Beachfest and Octoberfest alone, and these events are now a budgeted line item.

In 2018 the Vestry was given a presentation by a representative of Parkmobile, a company that has a rapidly growing national network across the US and Canada. Their service provides a mobile application that works on behalf of the church or business, raising revenue from those non-members, who park in their lots. It was after this meeting that we decided to move forward with our strategic plan to develop signage that continues to be hospitable, yet encouraging visitors who park at the Church who go to the beach, enjoy a restaurant or attend an event nearby where there may be overflow.

A specific example of visitor's use of our lots was on recent Sunday, when after church, at 2pm, 30 cars were seen parking, with beachgoers walking with chairs and coolers walked through the north corner on 18th to enjoy the beach. The Pinellas County public lot, to which they are avoiding costs \$2.50/hour. The average stay is 3 hours. This is the main target crowd. Food Pantry clients, volunteers, support groups, Guppys & Keegan's employees, people who lease our Parish Hall or other rooms, and obviously all who come to Church and worship, are excluded from the required \$5/day fee.

How do the neighbors feel about it? Glad you asked. They have been saying the same thing when they see our youth raising money for use of our lots, or a parking donation box at the front of the Church, "What took you so long?" They are in such approval that one neighbor offered to dig the post holes to keep cars from parking on our grass. That's another issue. Overall, they are saddened to see so many use and disregard our sacred ground. We hope that our church members will be as supportive when these signs are displayed and that you will help us articulate the purpose for their use.

Aside from the initial cost of buying a few extra signs (to which Parkmobile will customize and provide us several for free) and posts, we only need to go to the City of IRB to receive their approval. They have strict ordinances on signage and any revenue being generated from the public.

If you would like to help us install the signage, please inquire with Bob Lima, our Jr. Warden:
bobfpllima@tampabay.rr.com

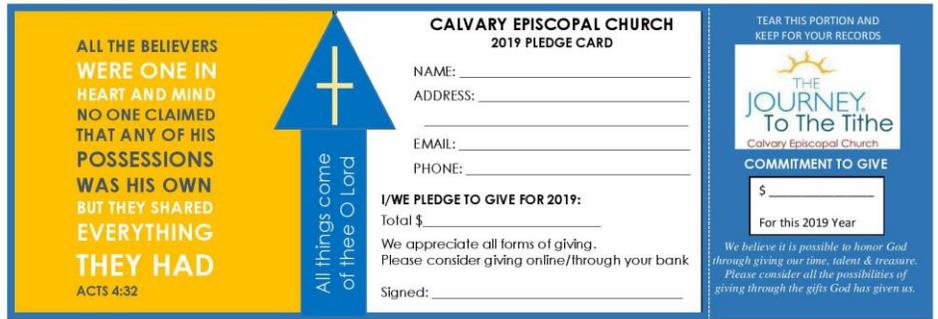


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Stewardship

Making a pledge

We have budgeted \$187,500 for 2019 pledge giving. To date, we have \$181,000 in pledge commitments. As we continue into the year, and build our membership, we anticipate a balance of the projected pledged revenue.



The image shows a 2019 Pledge Card for Calvary Episcopal Church. It is divided into three main sections. The left section is yellow and contains the text: "ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE ONE IN HEART AND MIND NO ONE CLAIMED THAT ANY OF HIS POSSESSIONS WAS HIS OWN BUT THEY SHARED EVERYTHING THEY HAD ACTS 4:32". The middle section is blue and features a white cross icon with the text "All things come of the O Lord" written vertically. The right section is white and contains the title "CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2019 PLEDGE CARD" and fields for NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL, and PHONE. Below these are sections for "I/WE PLEDGE TO GIVE FOR 2019:" with a "Total \$" field, a note "We appreciate all forms of giving. Please consider giving online/through your bank", and a "Signed:" field. On the far right, there is a blue vertical strip with the text "TEAR THIS PORTION AND KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS" and a logo for "THE JOURNEY To The Tithe Calvary Episcopal Church". Below the logo is a "COMMITMENT TO GIVE" section with a "\$" field and "For this 2019 Year". At the bottom of this strip is a quote: "We believe it is possible to honor God through giving our time, talent & treasure. Please consider all the possibilities of giving through the gifts God has given us."

It is never too late to make a pledged commitment of financial giving to the church. The 2019 Pledge cards are located at the entrances of the church (Narthex & Office). If you have any questions, please ask Jane Small, jdsml@tampabay.rr.com, our Finance Committee Chairperson, or Lia King, admin@calvaryirb.org, our Church Secretary.

The Legacy Society

The Legacy Society is an endowed investment fund which was established by the Church in 2001. If you are interested in helping us grow this important and vital Church asset, please inform any member of the Vestry or Finance Committee. We would love to have you partner with our vision to reach a goal of \$1M.



The Legacy Society

An Endowment of Calvary Episcopal Church

At the end January 2019, our Principal balance for our Calvary Endowment Fund with Merrill Lynch was \$695,030. This is a reported \$23,077 decrease from the last Crier edition (September ML report) due to the market performance since that time.

Members of the Endowment Committee include Jo Simpson (Endowment Chair), Jane Small (Finance Committee Chair), Maria McDaniel, Paul Martin and Fr. Jon (ad hoc Chair).

Interest earned on this account has been reinvested into the Principal, in full, absent ML fees, since inception. Please contact Jo Simpson, jsimp0901@aol.com, who is our Endowment Chairperson, for more information. We invite you to become part of the Legacy Society to invest in our Endowment and to help Calvary continue to succeed in its mission, "To know Christ, and to make Him known."

RMD distributions to Calvary

Here's a way to have your annual contribution to Calvary Episcopal Church reduce your taxes, whether or not you itemize your deductions. You only need to be over age 70 1/2 and have an IRA or 401(k) plan.

For those over 65 this year, your standard deduction is \$27,000 if you are married and \$13,850 if you are single. If your itemized deductions are less than your standard deduction, you will not receive a separate income tax benefit for your contribution. Please note that if you are over 70 1/2, you must make a required minimum distribution (RMD) each year from your IRAs/401(k) plans. Your required annual RMDs can come out of one or more of your individual IRA/401(k) accounts. There is a 50% federal excise tax on the amount you should have withdrawn from your plan or plans in a year but did not.

By directing part of your annual RMD to Calvary Episcopal Church, you reduce your adjusted gross income and taxable income, whether or not you can itemize your deductions. By making your contribution this way, the contribution is called a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) and reduces the RMD amount withdrawn from those accounts that is subject to income taxes that year. Here's how to do it. You will need to contact your plan trustee and tell it what you want to do. Paperwork will be involved. The contribution has to be paid directly from your account to Calvary. One of the typical methods is for the trustee to mail a check in the amount you specify directly to Calvary. It will have your name on it as the contributor.

Another method is for the trustee to make the check out to Calvary, but put your name and address on it, and mail the check to you. You can then deliver it to Calvary directly. Further, some trustees will even issue you checks to be drawn on your IRA which you can use to make your contribution. In all cases, you will receive a written acknowledgement from Calvary for your income tax records. An administratively "easy way" for both you and Calvary is for you to make your planned annual contribution to Calvary in just a single direct payment from the RMD you must take from your IRA/401(k) plans each year, rather than using typical multiple payments. Contact your tax advisor or go to IRS.gov on the internet for any more formal tax related information.

Please note: most financial advisors recommend not withdrawing money from your IRAs or other retirement plans before age 70 1/2 unless you need it to live on. This may change based on individual financial circumstances.

Submitted by Paul Martin, Endowment Committee member

Online Profile & Giving statements

Coming soon, every member/family will have the ability to set their own user ID and Password to have access to Realm, our online database. In this program you can set or change your profile picture, start groups, join groups, check your current giving record and match with your pledge balance. Currently the Vestry and the Finance Committee are beginning to use this application which is accessible both on desktop and mobile devices. In addition, donations will also be able to go directly from your device into our software and church bank account simultaneously. At Calvary we are adapting to the changing times and embracing the use of new and convenient technologies.

Counters are doing a great job

A change in procedure took place, end of last year, whereas we discontinued Counters from counting on Sundays. Those faithful members often would not be able to enjoy the fullest complement of the Holy Eucharist due to the task of accounting for the collection.

Now, we have a terrific team, led by Rebecca Alford, who come on Monday mornings to perform this duty. This also takes a fair load of responsibility from our Bookkeeper because they actually make the entries into Realm. Trained in fund classifications and vowed to safeguarding information that is sensitive, they no longer have to miss the full Sunday service. They partner with another, unrelated member, and follow a stringent set of regulations in regards to proper accounting methods.

We specifically thank Marilyn Clark, Cherie Smith, Jo Simpson and Rebecca Alford who faithfully take on this weekly duty to make sure the operation of Calvary in regards to finances, runs smoothly and efficiently.

Another thanksgiving goes to our Parish Secretary, Lia King, who connects the Q&A of the Counters with the apparatus of the Rector, Bookkeeper, the Vestry and Finance Committee. It is truly a team effort as we continue to be the best fiduciaries of a sacred trust in which we proclaim, "All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."



Connections

The Church "By the Numbers"

Supplied by Steve Hein (Data as of January 8th)

This information does not include the influx of new members received this year and published in this edition of The Crier.

Our Church "Vitals"			1/8/2019		
177	59 %	Active Resident	27	9 %	Inactive
48	16 %	Active Seasonal	40	13 %	Related / Family
8	3 %	Elderly / Shut-in	0	0 %	Transferred out
0	0 %	New Members	0	0 %	Deceased
			0	0 %	Moved away
233	Total Active Members		67	Total Inactive Members	
Total Active and Inactive Members			300		
135	45 %	Seniors / 65+	130	43 %	Single
120	40 %	Midlife / 20 - 65	170	57 %	Married
45	15 %	Youth			
300	Total Age Demographic		300	Total Married / Single	

Vestry Retreat: (Left to Right) Jim Widell, Larry Hite, Bob Lima and Karen Hillegas learn to, "Walk in Love"



Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Birthdays

- 1 Saylor Clark
- 3 Lia King
Lisa Westall
- 4 Judy Marshall
- 5 Polly Leibe
- 6 Ed Curran
Fr. Mike Day
Terry England
Ann Matter
Keith Oeste
- 8 Leslie Long
- 12 Lawrence Hite
- 13 Ruth Tripp
- 18 Stewart Waller
- 22 Kim Heinicka
Dylan Coker
- 23 Brenda Knickerbocker
Terra Kingston
- 24 Kathy Cummings
- 26 Anne Brown
- 28 Leighton Spicer

March Birthdays

- 1 Valerie Lima
- 5 JoAnn Martindale
- 6 Paul L. Martin, Jr.
Mary Schock
Watson Roberts
- 7 Jan Chabot
- 9 Kirby Nowlan
- 14 Karen Hillegas
Elizabeth Krupitza
- 19 Sandra Bhagwandin
- 21 Melissa Willbee
- 31 Michael Porter

Wedding Anniversaries

- February**
- 5 Rebecca & Mike Alford
 - 7 Toni & Gene Chapman
 - 12 Leslie Long & Manuel Sosa
- March**
- 15 Joyce & Edward McNamara

If we missed your date or if there is need of correction, we apologize. Please notify the office.

New members (Left to Right)
Terry Collier, Liz Robb, Velma Giddings, Faith Cox and Betty Cole



Instagram coming soon to Calvary! Very soon we will connect our Facebook posts automatically to our church Instagram account. This is a social media preference used by the younger generations.

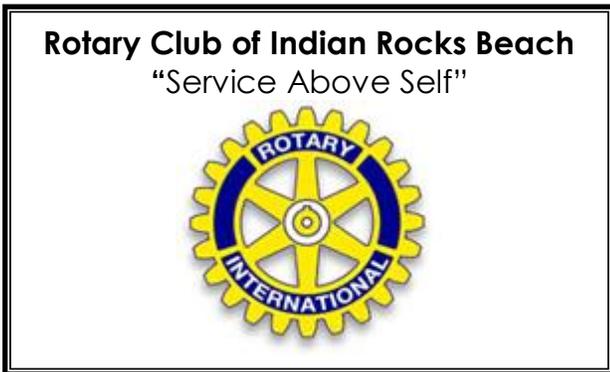
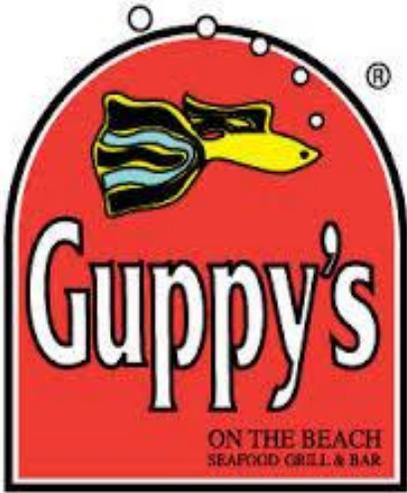




Our Choice of Social Media

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

Community Partners



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**Deadline for the April/May Crier:
March 15, 2019**

Please send all pictures and articles to us by then.

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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

Meeting with the Rector

When making an appointment to see Father Jon, please do so in advance by either calling him (941/806-7232) or emailing him (jroberts@calvaryirb.org) making request for that meeting and including the purpose. He is available at almost all church events in the evenings and weekends and during these days/times listed.

Sundays

8am & 10am (Holy Eucharist)

Monday – Thursday

9am – 2pm (Office hours)

Wednesdays

10am (Bible Study or Lenten Study)

12pm (Holy Eucharist & "Healing")