

# Calvary



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# The Crier

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Monthly Newsletter

### *Collect for Ash Wednesday*

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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Hypocrites.

In the early nineties, the southern comedian Jeff Foxworthy became most popular with his famous series of one-liners, "You might be a red-neck if..." As we enter into Lent, I thought it may be just as applicable to put a biblical and worldview one-liner that goes, "You might be a hypocrite if..." We are warned today, do not be like a hypocrite. Here are a few that I pulled off the internet.

"You may be a hypocrite..."

1. If you complain about being poor on Twitter and Facebook from your smartphone;
2. If "Do unto others" applies only to "others";

3. If you're more concerned with the Jesus on your shirt than the Jesus in your heart;
4. If you turn Jesus' message of love and faith into a message of fear and hate;
5. If you pray for your food more than you pray for your family;
6. If you expect God to forgive you but you can't forgive others;
7. If you can go to Church on Sunday and thank God for His grace, then at lunch be unkind or rude to your waiter or waitress;
8. If you believe Episcopalians got it "right" and all the others have it "wrong";
9. If the first words of a sentence you speak begins with "those people";
10. If you say, "Walk in love as Christ loves us" then be quick to criticize the shortcomings of those who join us in worship;

In the Gospel according to St. Matthew for Ash Wednesday we hear Jesus warning his disciples, "Do not be like the hypocrites, who..." We are warned not to practice our piety before others in order to be seen and praised. Don't pray like the hypocrites for they love to stand and pray in the Church where everybody can see them. Don't look dismal like the hypocrites when fasting. Do not store up your treasures on earth like the hypocrites where moth and rust consume and destroy. And then the final punch line, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Those who say they believe in God but treasure the things of this earth above Him, live the double life. This is not our purpose nor our destiny.

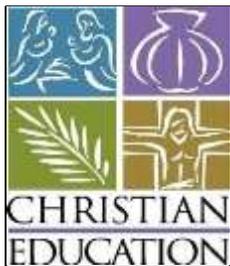
So how do we avoid it? First, it's important to admit there is a hypocrisy in all of us. Sin is opposite of Holiness. We will always flounder between as we live on this earth. Knowing which way is up orients us. We say we are faithful and abide in following God's commands, but are we willing to listen to Him speak to us and perhaps through others? We want people to think we are holy and devout but we don't want them to see us let our hair down. We want to be seen mourning for our loss and those of others as long as we have a convenient place to retreat where we are immune to any dis-ease. We give to God a portion of our treasure but invest the majority in a vaulted place for retirement and security. Jesus says to all of us, "Don't be like the hypocrites."

Lent is a five week journey beginning on Ash Wednesday where we confront our hypocrisy. It's a place I like to say where we can come clean and let down our hair. It is not exactly the place where one can pretend to be holy, devout or pious. There is ash, a sign of lowliness, seen by all. On the forehead we are reminded that we are but dust and to dust we shall return. There is the feeling of shame; shame of our sin and pride, our hypocrisy towards God and neighbor. Then, the ash is transformed into something we can lift our eyes upwards and let forgiveness enter through the sign of the cross. Yes, Christ cleans out the inner struggles, helps us put our priorities in order and places us in the cradle of His hands. There will be forty days and forty nights, sojourning with our Savior through our sin. It is a lowly place but well worth the time and travel. Live your life to speak in truth through humility during this Holy Lent and let Jesus wash away the mark of your hypocrisy.

Three services, 7am, 12 noon, and 6pm will be offered on Ash Wednesday a typical day of Christian obligation. Please make every concession to attend at least one. Also, do not forget to come to Shrove Tuesday on the evening of February 17th as we "fatten up" on pancakes and bury the Alleluia in preparation of a Holy Lent.

Yours, faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
Father Jon

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



## Christian Education

### Cursillo

The Fourth Day group began the New Year by meeting on Saturday, January 10. We had a wonderful and relaxing morning of good food and companionship. It was decided at that time that in the year 2015 we will meet quarterly - the first Saturday of March, June, September and December. The diocesan Cursillo weekend at DaySpring is February 19-22. We are happy that there will be two Pilgrims attending from Calvary - Connie Curran and Jo Simpson. Please support them with your prayers. The next weekend will be in September. If you are interested in attending a weekend please contact Marilyn Clark, or any Cursillista, for details.

Marilyn Clark, Cursillo Liaison

### Continuing Education

Father Jon will be attending the Winter Symposium titled, "Conflict Management & Reconciliation" at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Nashotah, Wisconsin, February 27-28. This is an important topic for the Church today as we discover most of our conflicts are "often unavoidable, unintentional opportunities to grow in Christ." Two nationally recognized experts on the topic are Dr. David Lee Jones, ThD. and Dr. Peter Steinke, ThD. who will offer several factors that lead congregations into conflict and how they can be led through them. The importance of moving through conflicts with acts of reconciliation in order for healing to take place is critical especially during transitional ministry where leaders, both clergy and lay, are always being called. To learn more about, go to: <http://www.nashotah.edu/academics/winter-symposium-2015>

### The Lectionary

We follow a pattern of scriptural readings every week for our Sunday and Wednesday services and are commonly referred to as the "Lectionary." This masterful arrangement over several centuries of Christian thought blends the Old Testament, the Psalter, the Epistles and Gospel accounts. We are currently in Year B with special emphasis on the Gospel according to St. Mark. A study of St. Mark has been taking place on Wednesday nights with great attendance. Led by Deacon Melissa and Mary Schrock we have seen great enthusiasm and learning from those who attend. If interested, please see them. Also, if you need an online resource to follow the lectionary we recommend the following:

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

### The Lenten Series

The week after Ash Wednesday we will begin a series of lectures offered after the Wednesday 6pm Eucharist in Barge Hall. The speakers are leaders in these areas who have personal experience that will help motivate and inspire. Selected Commissions, to which these pertain, will help each member of the Church identify with these areas, promoting awareness and volunteerism. Sign up is required and a light fair of beverage and food will be provided. Here below is the schedule:

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|---------------|--|
| February 25th | Missions: "SAMS – Anglican Missions worldwide" Mr. Ed McNamara |
| March 4th     | Leadership: "Conflict & Reconciliation" Fr. Jon Roberts        |

March 11th Property: "Caring for God's gift" Mrs. Jerry Brewer  
March 18th Pastoral Care: "The Power of Prayer" Dcn. Melissa Sands  
March 25th Stewardship: "A Legacy to leave" Mr. Mike Alford

\*\* From February 18th – April 8th, the Families United, Wednesday night programs will not take place due to the Lenten series and Holy Week. This program which includes the supper, followed by Christian education, youth to adult, will resume on April 15th.

### **Bookies of Calvary**

Please join our book club meeting in Parish Hall on the dates listed below for an evening of good literary discussion, fellowship and wonderful food.

February 23 @ 6:30

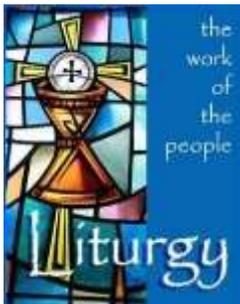
Book: The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

March 16 @ 6:30

Book: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

### **Families Unite**

Our weekly gathering on Wednesday nights has resumed. We always begin with the Holy Eucharist at 6pm, followed by dinner at 6:45 and Christian Ed for adults and children at 7:15. The series runs until Ash Wednesday, then resumes again after Easter. For more details contact Dianne Oeste at 727-397-5585 or email: [auntdisney@hotmail.com](mailto:auntdisney@hotmail.com)



## **Worship**

### **SHROVE TUESDAY**

Once again, the Altar Guild is sponsoring Calvary's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We want all of you to mark your calendars for Feb. 17 at 6:00 PM. We will serve the best pancakes on the beach. The price will be \$5.00 per person and \$2.00 for children who are 12 and under. By popular demand, the program for the evening will once again be your "Favorite

Hymn Sing A Long." Tickets are on sale and you can purchase them after every Sunday service in the reception area. Your support of this event in the past has been exceptional and we know you will be there again this year for an evening of fellowship.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. The day takes its name from the ceremony of the imposition of ashes on the foreheads of the faithful with the words. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Psalm 103 appointed for the day is a paean (exalted song) of praise to God who forgives our sins and remembers that we are but dust. Dust bound for glory in Christ; forgiven dust; but mortal dust, none the less. Ashes used on this day are obtained by burning palms left from the previous Palm Sunday.

### **LENT**

The season of Lent is comprised of the forty days before Easter, not counting the Sundays. It is a tithe (10%) of the year, and it is a season for solemn penitence and fasting. It grew out of a period of intense preparation through instruction, prayer, and fasting of baptismal candidates in the early church in preparation for baptism at the Easter Vigil. On page 265 of

the BCP, all the faithful are urged to the keeping of "holy Lent", by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

We Episcopalians are blessed to have so many resources that we can use to spend time in reflection during this season. We are encouraged to take time during each day for devotionals. Devotionals contain advice on how to make Jesus a priority in our busy lives. They give us that opportunity to look at a passage of scripture and study what it means for us today, or contain a prayer for us to us share together in Christ. The Book of Occasional Services contains Stations of the Cross, the "Way of the Cross," for Fridays in Lent, and Lesser Feasts and Fasts includes proper collects and lessons for the weekdays in Lent. Readings from the "Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families" found in the BCP provides another opportunity to bring us closer to Jesus. We are also reminded by Father Jon to take time daily to read the Parish Mission Prayer. During Lent we can enhance our faith by spending quiet time alone in prayer. This is a precious blessing and it will help us remember to put God first in all that we do.

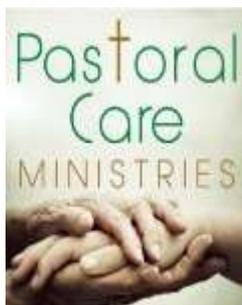
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Cathy Athanson  
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### **Religious Orders and Faith Communities in the Episcopal Church**

The Episcopal Church canonically recognizes 16 traditional orders and 11 Christian communities for men, women, or both. Religious Orders and Communities serve the greater church in several ways. Many offer retreat houses and individual spiritual direction. Each community has a rule of life and is committed to prayer, life in community, and hospitality.

- A Religious Order of this Church is a society of Christians (in communion with the See of Canterbury) who voluntarily commit themselves for life, or a term of years, to holding their possessions in common or in trust; to a celibate life in community; and obedience to their Rule and Constitution. (Title III, Canon 24, section 1)
- A Christian Community of this Church is a society of Christians (in communion with the See of Canterbury) who voluntarily commit themselves for life, or a term of years, in obedience to their Rule and Constitution. (Title III, Canon 24, section 2)

For additional information, go to <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/religious-orders-and-faith-communities>.



## **Pastoral Care**

### **Sit and Be Fit Exercise Class**

Yes, we are still exercising and having fun doing it. It's a great way to grow stronger, improve coordination and balance, learn the importance of breathing correctly and it's FREE!! We meet every Tuesday morning at 10:15 in the Parish Hall, and are finished with our fun by 11:15. As mentioned above, there is no cost for the class except the minimal cost of a resistance band. Come join us and see how easy it is to keep moving!!! If you have any questions call Marilyn Clark at 517-4071 or email [happyclark@aol.com](mailto:happyclark@aol.com).

## **Electronic Cigarettes - A Policy Statement from the American Heart Association, Sept 2014**

Although tobacco control efforts have cut in half the rates of youth smoking, it is still estimated that nearly 16 million Americans suffer from smoke related illness. The newest class of products to enter the tobacco landscape are electronic cigarettes, also known as e-cigarettes, electronic delivery systems or ENDS. The American Heart Association (AHA) review of this product resulted in the following observations and recommendations:

1. E-cigarettes are unregulated therefore the aerosol contents are unknown. It is unwise to ingest any product when the contents are not known.
2. The FDA is currently proposing a rule for agency oversight of e-cigarettes to control product content, reliability and safe design. Currently those products manufactured in foreign countries are not subject to any oversight thereby exposing the user to enhanced risk. In the meantime, the FDA has established a safe use on line portal for users wishing to report adverse events associated with e-cigarette use: it's the Department of Health and Human Services Safety Reporting Portal.
3. E-cigarettes have not been proven to be effective as cessation devices.
4. The Advertising of e-cigarettes is directed at youth and increased more than 250% between 2011 and 2013. The image of fun, social acceptability and desirability glamorize a product with unknown risk.
5. In 2016, the European Union will ban all such advertisements in all 28 countries with a demand for all packaging to be child proof, have graphic warning labels and limit nicotine content to 20mg/ml.
6. The use of e-cigarettes should be reported to your physician as part of the health profile. As a chemical it qualifies as a type of "over the counter" medication.

Overall, there are many unknowns associated with the use of this relatively new product and when one considers it takes over 16 years to bring a new safe medication to market, it seems more than prudent for us to avoid using this product until more safety analysis is available.

Yours in good health

Jo Simpson on behalf of the Pastoral Care Team



## **Missions**

### **Pill Bottle Ministry**

Thanks to the Calvary Community this ministry continues to help Matthew 25 Ministries in providing empty pill bottles to clinics in areas of need to distribute medications. In the year 2014 we shipped 15 boxes, and so far this year we have shipped 2 boxes. We have no budget for this ministry and depend upon the generous contributions of our congregation to pay for the shipment of the bottles. The cost of each box is approximately \$25.00. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Marilyn Clark, Coordinator

## **The Beach Community Food Pantry - Groundhog Day**

Punxsutawney Phil Sowerby is getting ready for a most important appearance. He will emerge from his winter hibernation in Gobbler's Knob on February 2, 2015. Yes, Groundhog Day (which incidentally is also my sister's birthday) is truly Phil's Day! A festival is planned,

and will be filled with speeches, food and music. All eyes and television cameras will be riveted upon handsome Phil as he emerges from his burrow before the winter sunrise. After his long nap he must remember to appear fresh and well groomed. Phil will polish his paws, brush his thick fur coat, wash his face, and wipe the sleep from his eyes. As he strolls out of his burrow to perform in the ceremony, he will glance around to look for his shadow. He will look left, then right, and finally straight ahead as the crowds roar, encouraging him on. If it is a cloudy day, Phil will not see his shadow, but if it is a sunny day he will see his shadow and will hurry back into his burrow to enjoy another six weeks of hibernation. This extra sleep means he has predicted six more cold, dreary weeks of winter for us.

Punxsutawney Phil's hibernation requires a warm, quiet burrow. Prior to his time of rest, he gorges to prepare for the lean months ahead. While hibernating he will conserve energy by lowering his body temperature, slowing his breathing and reducing his heart rate. The purpose of Phil's hibernation is to conserve energy when sufficient food is scarce. Over fifty million people in the US currently live in food insecure homes. Statistics show that Florida is one of seven states exhibiting significantly higher household food insecurity. Over sixteen percent of Floridians live with a lack of food, and no one is exempt. Young and old, individuals and families we see them all in the Pantry. Punxsutawney Phil may be able to head back to his burrow to ride out the shortage of food, but local residents can't. The Beach Community Food Pantry is open to help out...and boy have we been busy. Please keep us in mind this upcoming year, your donations are always appreciated and welcomed. In addition to food and monetary donations, we make kits to help the homeless. Can openers, soaps, toothbrushes and toothpaste and small shampoo and crème rinses are welcomed. Thank you from the volunteers at the Beach Community Food Pantry.

### **Christmas Shoeboxes**

I want to share with all of you a wonderful church service I was fortunate enough to attend recently. Bishop Garrison presided over the baptism of 10 children and the confirmation of more than 50 children and young adults at St. Mary's in Palmetto. When you look at the pictures their joy is so very visible. These are some of the same young people that have been recipients of your gifts through the Christmas Shoebox Mission over the years.

Please take time to continue bringing in empty shoeboxes and wrapping paper. Watch the sales and when you are out shopping think of these children and if you see items appropriate for the shoeboxes please purchase and bring to the church. As with everything, monetary donations are always gratefully received.

At the next meeting of the Clearwater Deanery, Father Jon will issue a challenge to all the churches represented to fill shoeboxes. Remember our goal for this year is 3 vans Full.

Jerry L. Brewer  
Chair, Shoebox Mission jlofbelize@hotmail.com

### **Food Pantry name recognized**

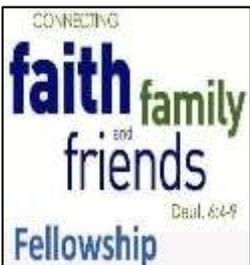
There are some organizations that are restricted in giving to Churches/not-for-profit, directly. For this purpose we applied for a "DBA" or "Fictitious Name" license with the State of Florida allowing this name to be a secondary alias. We are now able to receive checks written to the Food Pantry thanks to the help of Maria McDaniel. For individuals and especially members of Calvary, we ask that you write your contributions to "Calvary" and on the memo line write "Food Pantry" in order for these donations to continue being listed on your biannual financial statements.



Bishop Mike Garrison



Fr. Lambert, Bp. Garrison with the children of St. Mary's, Palmetto, FL



## Fellowship

### Hospitality Report

SAVE THE DATE!!!! Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 3:00 pm is the 10th Annual Inspirational Tea & Fashion Show. Tickets are \$20 each and proceeds will again benefit the Homeless Emergency Project. Please join us for a great fashion show and Chinese auction with tea and scones - everything you loved last year and better!

Submitted by Susan Brillat

### Winterfest Bake Sale

Calling all bakers to lend their talent to the bake sale that will be part of the February 14th, "Winterfest on the Rocks" arts and crafts event. Winterfest is the major fund raiser for our church. Baked goods are very popular and we need lots of folks to volunteer to contribute goodies and volunteer to man the sale table. If you can lend a helping hand sign-up sheets are located on the reception desk in the office. Your baked items need to be dropped off at the kitchen door on February 13th, between 1:00 and 2:00 pm. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the church office or Cynthia Laitinen @ 727-506-2700 or Sue Harry @ 727-596-6480

### LENTEN CONCERT

There will be a Lent concert on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm. The name of the program will be "Forty Days" and it will be a musical depiction of Jesus' temptations in the desert using original material as well as appropriate hymn texts.

The concert is a benefit for the Calvary choir and section leader fund. The section leaders will feature in this work as a showcase for their voices and to provide a memorable event about the solemn season of Lent for the congregation.

This is a ticketed event. A \$15 ticket gets you the "Forty Days" program plus a BBQ dinner in the parish hall afterward complete with dinner music. Children 13 and under are free.



## Connections

Connect spiritually using Black & White XP & give us a review on Yelp. Type in Calvary Episcopal Church Indian Rocks Beach, FL.

Connect socially using Facebook. Type in Calvary Episcopal Indian Rocks Beach, FL



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

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| Sunday, February 1st     | 8/10am                             | Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship                                     |
| Wednesday, February 4th  | 6-6:45pm<br>6:45-7:15<br>7:15-8:15 | Holy Eucharist<br>Dinner<br>Christian Ed.: Creation, Confirmation & Bible |
| Saturday, February 7th   | 9am                                | Vestry Retreat, Parish Hall   |
| Sunday, February 8th     | 8/10am                             | Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship                                     |
| Tuesday, February 10th   | 6/6:30pm                           | Executive Committee/Vestry Meeting  |
| Wednesday, February 11th | 6-6:45pm<br>6:45-7:15<br>7:15-8:15 | Holy Eucharist<br>Dinner<br>Christian Ed.: Creation, Confirmation & Bible |
| Saturday, February 14th  | 10-4pm                             | Winterfest on the Rocks   |
| Sunday, February 15th    | 8/10am                             | Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship                                     |
| Tuesday, February 17th   | 6pm                                | Shrove Tuesday Pancakes/Burial of Alleluia                                |
| Wednesday, February 18th | 7am/12pm<br>and 6pm                | Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes   |
| Sunday, February 22nd    | 8/10am                             | Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship                                     |
| Monday, February 23rd    | 6:30pm                             | Book Club Meeting   |



## Leadership

### **Treasurer Needed**

We are currently seeking a new Treasurer to serve the fiduciary responsibilities of Calvary. We will miss John Harper, who recently decided to remain closer to his family who live in New York. John came to us with a background in pharmaceutical sales and management. Under his term as Treasurer he provided us with solid analysis and new perspectives of how we handle finance. He worked well between the Vestry and the Finance Committee, communicating the needs and recommendations that have helped us improve our operation. Just a few of his accomplishments were helping us to improve our budget format, structuring Finance Committee membership and transitioning us through a new method of bookkeeping for future years to come.

The new Treasurer will find many opportunities to continue improving our financial operation. The requirements are: A member of Calvary with knowledge of business and accounting and experience demonstrated working well with others. A college degree in accounting is not a requirement. Having patience, willing to spend time with people and being a problem-solver is required. Retired members do make good treasurers but so do working members. Time commitments required are monthly Vestry presentations and Finance Committee meetings. Working with Rector, Staff and lay volunteers (i.e. Counters) included. This is non-stipend, volunteer work with "eternal" benefits. Are you being called to be our next Treasurer? If so, please schedule a time to meet with Fr. Jon or inquire with any Vestry member.

### **Vestry Retreat**

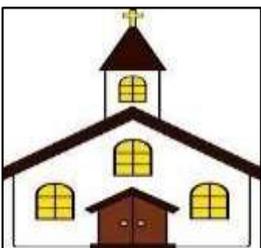
All twelve members of the Vestry plan to meet Saturday, February 7th from 9am to lunch in the front classroom/meeting room at Calvary. Special thanks to Cathy Athanson and Glenn Bradley who worked with Fr. Jon in planning an excellent day of learning and sharing, creating vision for our Cavary family. Say a special prayer for that important time together. These are our leaders of the Church and they always need our prayers. The first official scheduled meeting for the newly formed Vestry occurs shortly afterwards on Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30pm in the same room.

### **The Front Desk**

Our front reception area has received several compliments over the last month with those saying how pleasant our volunteers are and how neat and orderly the overall site has become. We thank our front desk volunteers, Cherie Smith, Martha Kelley, Betty Sileo, Ralph Kiphuth, Renie Lehman, and especially Debbie Thayer (who has volunteered almost every day with great cheerfulness). We also thank Laurie Lawther who is behind this great team, encouraging them and supporting them with her level of skill and organization. Anyone who may be interested in volunteering at the Front Desk or within any area of our Church, simply inquire with her or Fr. Jon.

### **Special Thanks**

Let us give special thanks to our Vestry members who were recently elected (Chuck Pond, Derek Good, Jo Simpson and Jim Yanacheck) and to those who have stepped down. Let us give special thanks to our Finance Committee who have helped us with the 2015 budget. Let us give special thanks to our Altar Guild and our choirs as they lead us into a Holy Lent by their many efforts. Let us give special thanks to our Winterfest Committee who are working towards a most successful fundraiser for Calvary.



### **Property**

Volunteers are needed to assist in sprucing up our church inside and out. We need windows washed, inside and out, gutters tightened up and leaves removed, lanyards repaired, landscape curbing reoriented, etc., as the list goes on. The trees will be trimmed in the month of February around the church. Anyone interested in helping spruce up the church ,

please contact Jerry Brewer.



## Stewardship

*"In looking to the coming year, remember that rooted deeply and firmly within scripture and our Christian tradition is the vision that we are expected to be faithful stewards of all we are and all we have."*

*We are expected to be faithful stewards of all we are and all we have.*

Now that is a challenge, isn't it? This reminds us that since we are starting a New Year, some Christians will be making resolutions. And since it quotes one Christian who is making some vows to strengthen his spiritual life, it surely will help us all to know those vows.

One vow is to spend time with the Lord daily. It is spiritually helpful to spend time in prayer, vowing to keep in touch with our Creator. Many Christians read portions of the Bible daily. That holy Word offers great wisdom for living a fruitful and meaningful life. Another resolution is to serve God by using one's talent and time. Let God lead you to the needy people in your community. Did you know that the Salvation Army, Goodwill Industries, St. Vincent Depaul's charity work, and Habitat for Humanity were all started by Christian groups? The point is that Christians are intended to work in the hurting places of the world. God uses people to be Christ's servants; people like us who will dare to be good stewards of our time, our talents, and our resources wherever there is a need. Let's get to work!

### Pledge Envelopes

You can pick up your pledge envelopes at the front desk. If you are a new pledger and want envelopes please contact the office. Let us all remain committed towards our "Journey to the Tithe."

### 2015 Budget

If anyone would like a copy of the 2015 budget, it can be found within the annual parish report at the front desk.

### New Bookkeeper

The recommendation by the Finance Committee to proceed with an external CPA to manage our books was accepted and approved by the Vestry on January 13th. The local CPA, Ellen Fontana is well known in our local area dealing with exclusively non-profits and was contracted to manage our payables/receivables, journal entry postings and bank account reconciliations. This is an advancement into the digital age as we move into the modern trend of accounting. Reporting will be more convenient on a new web-based presentation using Quickbooks for non-profits. We give a very special "Thank you" to Mrs. Gerri Bradley who gave of her time to come in and evaluate our operation late November through January and recommended we go to an outside Bookkeeper. She continues to help us make the bridge with Ellen. Gerri was highly recommended by those on the Vestry who know her and she has been invaluable in helping us through the transition. Bookkeeping will continue to evolve as we make the necessary connections between Ellen and Laurie, our Parish Secretary, and with our newly appointed Treasurer.

### Leaving a Legacy

Becoming a member of the Legacy Society is most important for Calvary. On Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm, Mr. Mike Alford will hold a forum on "Leaving a Legacy." Please attend.

## February 2015 Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

- 1 – Tyler Williams
- 2 – Gianna Facarazzo
- 4 – Anita Williams
- 5 – Polly Leibe, Ellen Gallo, Dawn Galbraith
- 6 – Ann Matter, Terry England, Keith Oeste, Ed Curran, Fr. Michael Day
- 7 – Marilyn Mevers
- 8 – Leslie Long
- 13 – Ruth Tripp
- 14 – Kimberly Williams
- 16 – Muriel Burton
- 17 – Thomas Willets, Jack Zahn
- 18 – Betsy McKenna
- 20 – Billy Young III, Patricia Ann Bowsby
- 22 – Kim Heinicka
- 25 – Ashlea Pichardo, Dorothy Yates
- 26 – Michael Pappas
- 27 – Michael Sopher



### Wedding Anniversaries

- 5 – Michael and Rebecca Alford
- 7 – Gene and Toni Chapman
- 12 – Manuel Sosa and Leslie Long
- 14 – Obi and Ileana Okonkwo
- 14- Alan and Patricia Bowsby

### Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue

- 8 – Ryan Olding



# Winterfest on the Rocks

February 14



## Events Schedule

10am - 3pm Silent Auction

All Day - Kids Activities

Arts & Craft Vendors -- Food & Beer

11:30am -- Childrens Patriotic Parade

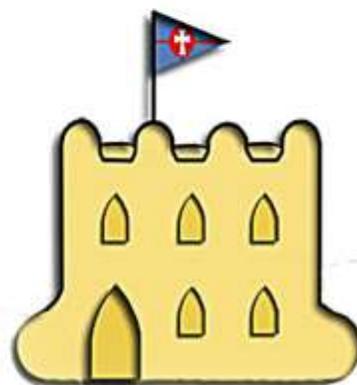
Decorate your Bike, bring a flag-lots of fun

Noon -- Patriotic Pet Parade - all pets

Noon to 4pm -- Party in the street with

All Day - King Trump Entertainment

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