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

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

(Collect for Christmas Day – December 25th, 2016)

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The Heart in Season

As we come into the "Season" we need to ask the question, "Where is our heart?" The season of course is a mixture of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. During these Holy-days, people return from up north and important life cycle events for the Church begin such as Stewardship and cultivating new leadership. We will narrow down the ballot of four individuals called to serve on the Vestry, we will conduct our pledge campaign, we will wrap up a budget for next year, we will conduct a "Mutual Ministry Review" that discerns how we grow going forward, and we will head into the productive moments of church fundraising. Throughout these necessary, seasonal events, we should always ask, "Where is our heart?" because sometimes we forget the reason for the season.

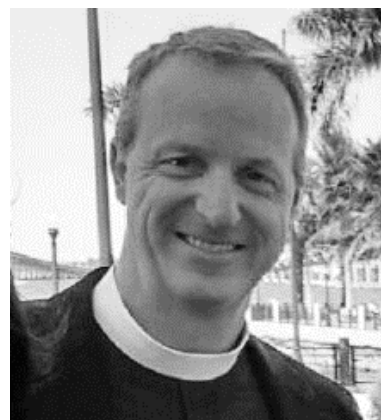
Stewardship is going to be so important for us and the "Journey to the Tithe" campaign is just one example when we ask where our heart can be found. We fund what we feel is important with the means God has given us and we are wise to discern the use of our finances. In the Gospel according to St. Luke, Jesus was quoted saying, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34). He understood in those times that one could gauge an

individual or a community by where they put their money. In another passage there was a rich ruler who clung to his wealth instead of following the prerogative of Jesus who said, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow

me" (Luke 18:18-23). We follow Christ when we give generously towards the operation of this church with the purpose of providing love, mercy and hope to those in need. Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Leadership is going to be so important for us as we will be most involved in cultivating new Vestry members for next year and for those expected to come later. There are four people who will join our Vestry in January to help lead the Church and God surely knows who they are. After all, He has called them. To illustrate what the church is, I'll share with you what I demonstrated in one of my recent Confirmation classes (which by the way has been a terrific experience shared with our inquisitive youth. I used the familiar illustration of clasping my hands together, intertwining my fingers to describe what is the Church. "Here are the doors, here is the steeple, open the doors and here are the people," is how the illustration went (I can show you later how it looks, if you ask me). When growing leaders I'm very honest, telling them that it is hand-to-hand work. Sometimes we bring out the best in each other and sometimes we may not, but the Church "is" the people. The doors and steeple are the outward and visible signs of where their heart can to be found.

As we enter this season asking for leaders to arise and to be good stewards with the gifts God has given us, may we find that our treasure follows our heart to love and to serve. We ask, "Lord, what can I do for you." Trust in the vision of your Rector as I am committed to constant discernment, asking for God to guide and instruct our path. Trust in the vision of your Vestry who continue to do the same. Pray for those who meet in committees, reminding them to trust not in their own understanding but in their faith that God will provide, and do so in the company of others. Now, in this season of life at Calvary we find it is exciting, it is challenging and it is encouraging. Let us join together and say, "Our heart is to know the will of God; to know Christ and to make Him known."



Yours, faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Father Jon

Leadership

Vestry Service

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

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

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



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

May God Bless you for considering this invitation.

The 2017 Nominating Committee

Fr. Jon Roberts, Cherie Smith, Diane Oeste, Marilyn Clark and Cathy Athanson

Calvary's Mutual Ministry Review

The New Testament abounds with instruction to support one another. In Peter's first letter his teaching is to, "Have unity of spirit, sympathy, and love for one another" (1 Peter 3:8). Peter seems to have foreseen that the growth of Christ's church would be challenging and reminds everyone to seek their common ground and love for one another to bring about coordinated, meaningful and sustained growth. As Calvary nears the completion of 2016, we too need to coordinate a path for next year's growth. However, to know which way we want to go, we first need to know where we are; take our pulse so to speak. To map out the answer, we will use the tool of the diocesan "Mutual Ministry Review."

What's a Mutual Ministry Review? I'm so glad you asked!

A Mutual Ministry Review is a thoughtful, prayerful reflection on the life of Calvary, we the body of Christ. Goals for the work of 2017 will be established through an open dialogue for constructive review on what Calvary is doing well (our successes), what Calvary could do better (our disappointments), and where Calvary's opportunities exist for growth (our future). Although these are areas for which we are all responsible, most significantly it is that of our leadership teams, our Rector, and our Vestry, so this is where reflective feedback will focus. In essence, Calvary is engaging in a self-evaluation to become stronger.

In the upcoming months a sampling will be obtained from various aspects of Calvary's life. This will occur via written feedback on specific questions from which your Rector and Vestry will thoughtfully and prayerfully reflect and respond. Calvary's self-evaluation is unified by our faith in Christ who taught us to love one another as He loved us. So as we consider our direction, let us do so with reflection on Paul's plea to the Thessalonians in his first letter: "Encourage one another; build up each other (1 Thess. 5:11).

Yours in Christ,
Mutual Ministry Committee
Fr. Jon Roberts, Mike Alford, Cathy Athanson and Jo Simpson

Christian Education

Cursillo

Are you interested in strengthening your faith and having a wonderful time doing it? Cursillo # 135 will be held at DaySpring, our Diocesan Conference Center February 9 – 12, 2017. DaySpring is beautiful in February and Cursillo is a very inspiring weekend. You will hear a series of short talks given by both clergy and lay people. You will learn beautiful music. You will meet fellow Episcopalians from all over the Diocese. If you have any reservations about attending a Cursillo weekend, I would urge you to ask anyone who has been to Cursillo. I have never heard anyone say they didn't have a great weekend. If you would like to attend a Cursillo weekend, please speak to Fr. Roberts, Marilyn Clark or any of us who have been to a weekend. February will be here before you know it. Please don't miss this opportunity to spend a wonderful weekend at DaySpring and to experience one of the best weekends you will ever spend.

Judy Marx for Calvary's Cursillo Community
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ECW

The Executive Board of The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Diocese of Southwest Florida invites all the women of your church to the 46th Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, to be held at DaySpring, Ellenton, Florida on Thursday, November 17th. Our guest speaker Lisa Towle, ECW National



President, will be speaking about: "A NEW Way for a NEW Day...ECW is a VERB." AND the annual Bible Women Game (Similar to Jeopardy) will be played. Our seven deaneries will compete for the ECW Bible Women's Game 2016 Traveling Trophy. Last year's winner was the Venice Deanery ECW.

The Great Offering will be donated to Cornerstone Kids and the Eucharist Offering will be donated to the Youth Camp Program at DaySpring. The cost for each person attending is \$25.00. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the meeting adjourns at 3 p.m.

Directions to DaySpring: 8411 25th St East, Parrish, FL 34219 Take Interstate 75 to exit 224. North (left) on US Highway 301 approximately two miles. Right at the Marathon gas station, 80th Ave East, Wellon Ranch Road. Go approximately one quarter mile to 25th Street East, turn left. The entrance to Day Spring is a few feet from the intersection on the right.

Worship

Daily Devotionals

"Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood." – Hebrews 7:23-24

In 1957, Noah Smith was teaching Sunday school when his pastor said he should be in ministry. Noah remembers: "I said, 'What do you mean go into ministry? I'm 49 years old.' I said, 'God would have called me when I was young.' And he said, 'He did, but you didn't hear him.' "

Noah was ordained in 1960 and served at his first church in Minnesota through 1986. He also led an AME congregation in Duluth and served as pastor at St. James AME Church in Minneapolis. In 1998, Noah went on to Wayman AME Church in Minneapolis, a community of about 500 members. Noah stayed at Wayman until he died at the age of 107 in September 2015.

The last time Noah attended his church on September 6 he suffered a fall and hurt himself, but never left for the hospital until he was allowed to read Scripture to his congregation. "He volunteered to read the Scripture for the service despite the fact that he wasn't feeling really well. And that to me was his lasting memory, because he could have declined that. But that's how dedicated he was to the Scripture, his pastor and his mission, that he chose to speak," said Charles Hallman, a steward at Wayman. Noah died in a nursing home a few days later.

"We are still in a state of disbelief," said Charles. "To be honest, because it was hard to not see him in church Sunday. 'Cause he's always been there. It was hard not seeing him in Bible study last night because he's always been there. Y'know, despite the fact that he was 107 years old, we always thought he could live forever."

We have a permanent Priest, Pastor and Friend in Jesus Christ. His ministry is eternal. Today in prayer, thank the Lord that He has a permanent priesthood.

"There can be no vacancy in this (Christ's) priesthood, no hour nor moment in which the people are without a priest to negotiate their spiritual concerns in heaven. Such a vacancy might be very dangerous and prejudicial to them; but this is their safety and happiness, that this ever-living high priest is able to save to the utmost—in all times, in all cases, in every juncture—all who come to God by him" – Matthew Henry (1662-1714, English Minister)



By Peter Kennedy (Retired Air Force Colonel and friend of Fr. Jon who lives in Arlington, VA, Copyright 2016, Devotional E-Mail

Advent

Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year. This year Advent begins on November 27th and lasts through December 18th prior to Christmas week. Purple is traditionally the color for penitential seasons and we will use it sparsely since the "Marion Blue" coloration has become more the liturgical norm, setting it slightly apart from the season of Lent.

You will notice some changes with Advent in addition to the colors. We will rotate our Gospel readings from St. Luke (Year C) back to St. Matthew (Year A) since we read through a three-year cycle. We will rotate our Canon of the Mass to Eucharistic Prayer II (Rite I/8am service) to Eucharistic Prayer B (Rite II/10am). The Gloria will be replaced by the Kyrie and the psalm tone will change to reflect something more penitential.



One thing that has not changed during the penitential season is the lack of interest in those who intend to make at least an annual "Confession." We are called to purify our souls and the act of reconciliation between God and neighbor is enhanced by doing this not only publicly as we do every Sunday, but also privately. The Priest does not store this information. The important feature is to "release" yourself from the burden of sin that stays hidden in most cases. Please consider this act during Advent or Lent, every year.

The Legend of the Candy Cane

Many years ago, a candy maker wanted to make a candy at Christmas time that would serve as a witness to his Christian faith.

He wanted to incorporate several symbols for the birth, ministry and death of Jesus. He began with a stick of pure white hard candy; white to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus; hard to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of the Church; firmness to represent the promise of God.

The candymaker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior. He thought it could also represent the staff of the Good Shepherd, with which he reached down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who, like all sheep, have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candymaker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received, by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life. Unfortunately, the candy became known as a candy cane - a meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time. But the true meaning is still there for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.



Youth Sunday, December 11th

Youth are encouraged to participate in both of the services.

Our Christmas Services

December 24th

Christmas Eve

Children's Pageant

4:30 PM

Candlelight Service

9:00 PM

December 25th

Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist

11:00 AM

January 6th

The Epiphany of the Magi

Holy Eucharist

6:00 PM

An Embroiderer's Lament

The fringe on my frontal looks frightful,
The bulge in the burse is much worse,
The tunic's less than delightful,
And the vicar's becoming quite terse.

He tripped on the verge of a vestment,
And strangled himself with the stole
And, somehow, the size of his chest meant
My bold cope had no hope at all.

The alb and the orphrey are awful
My motif misfires on the morse,

By Frances Adams (Female needleworker in the UK as cited by the Diocese of Rhode Island)

The tassels are tatty – a drawerful
Had tarnished and look very coarse.

The maniple lining is sagging,
The veil for the chalice too small,
The dalmatic's dramatic but dragging
And I don't like the kneelers at all.

I cannot be ready by Advent
It's all such a terrible strain
But unclerical things that were said meant
(Thank God) they'll not ask me again.

Holy Travel

United Pentecostal Church

Derek and Cyndi Good attended services on the island of Nevis in late July. On this small island of approximately ten thousand people in the West Indies, there are over 50 churches. Pictured with Cyndi and Derek are Pastor Wilcott James and his wife Jacqueline, who invites them to come worship every time they visit. On this particular day, it was Youth Sunday. The mothers had all decided to do something special for their children that day. Each mother presented a surprise, wrapped gift to their respective kids and spoke about how proud they were of them. It was a special presentation to witness.



Episcopal Church of Jackson's Hole

Kim and Julie Heinicka visited Jackson, WY over the summer. Built in 1911, St. John's Rectory was the first location in Jackson Hole to hold regular Episcopal services. St. John's Chapel was constructed in 1916, and it was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1980.



St. Paul's Anglican Church

This is a Church that was visited by two of our Calvary families, the Brillats and Sands-Donhams. Harvey and Susan Brillat were in Halifax, Nova Scotia over the summer, and visited St. Paul's Church in downtown Halifax. Melissa Sands and Greg Donham visited in October. St. Paul's Church is the oldest surviving Protestant church in Canada. It is the oldest building in Halifax.



Altar Guild – “Come Join our Family”

What is the work of the Altar Guild? We think of it as a ministry, as indeed it is! The beauty of the liturgies, of the Episcopal Church are designed to provide meaningful worship. It is our ministry, in the Altar Guild, to help provide a “worship-full” environment for those who participate in each service - including ourselves.



Volunteering to serve on the Altar Guild is not an appointment to a full-time vocation, service (however much time, however much effort) is a gift to God and our parish community. Try to think of it with the same spirit of giving that you would if you were preparing a Thanksgiving meal for a needy family in our town. That is, in fact, what we are doing. Every time the Eucharistic meal is celebrated, there are people present who are in need - in need of Christ in their lives. The activities that we participate in help bring him to each member of our congregation in a very real way.

So, regardless of whether you can afford a wealth or a “widow’s mite” of your time and talents, we the members of the Altar Guild are praying that you will contact one of us and consider joining this ministry group.

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Outreach

New Member Reception

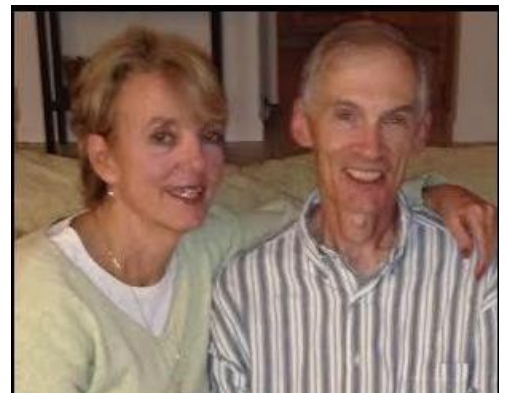
On November 11th we are having our first “New Member Wine and Cheese” social event in Barge Hall starting at 6:30. What a great way to get acquainted and welcome our new members that have joined us over the past couple of years. We also plan to invite families that have visited us but have not yet made their decision to join. All of our Vestry will be attending and we invite all parishioners that may have interest in this event to come and “mix and mingle” with us. We would like to have an approximate number so if you would like to come please email me at cwpond@gmail.com. We are expecting to have about 40/50 here for this special time of fun fellowship. We hope to see you!

Cheers,
Chuck Pond

New Member Spotlight:

Pat Whalen and Steve Hein

“Recently retired from Raytheon in Massachusetts, Steve along with his wife, Pat, originally from Cambridge, a writer and public relations professional, relocated to Florida after slogging through the Boston area’s record-breaking snowy Winter of 2014. They arrived last September and now enjoy the beach all year and are happy to call Calvary their church home.



Pat and Steve relaxing in their new home in Seminole.

Invite a Friend

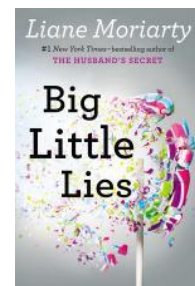
One sure way to grow a church is to invite a friend. Share with them the good news that Jesus is alive and well when we get together to worship. Let them know of fellowship activities that would help them with others and forms of good will that extend our mission and purpose. It is that simple. When you do invite a friend, be sure to introduce them to the Rector and provide them with a Visitor’s Card.

Fellowship

Book Club

The Bookies of Calvary will meet next on December 5 at 6:30pm. in the Conference Room. Join us for a great discussion and good fellowship. The book selection for this meeting is - "Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty. All our welcome to join our group!

Cherie Smith and Cathy Athanson



Bake Sale



The Altar Guild will be selling baked goods and coffee at the annual Community Yard Sale to be held on November 26, 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.

Yard Sale

The REALLY BIG YARD SALE is fast approaching. If you are tired of political ads and associated discussions liberate yourself by liberating some of those barely used "things" that are taking up space at your place! Remember no clothing or electronics but most decorations, knick-knacks, kitchen items, dishes, pans etc., games, books, toys jewelry and other trinkets all make for a successful sale! You may bring to the old food pantry room until Nov 23. We will be setting up on Nov 25 so it would be best to have everything by then. Also we'd appreciate all the help we can get. I have last year's list and will be contacting everyone but looking forward to working with some new folks as well. REMEMBER: This event success is completely dependent on parish participation!

Tea & Fashion Show - Volunteers Needed

Needed for the Annual Fashion Show & Tea being held next January are people willing to bake or cook, set up, clean up or serving. Please contact Leslie Long.

Calvary Episcopal Church

Announces their Annual Fashion & Tea

January 14, 2017 at 1:00 pm

1615 First St. Indian Rocks Beach, FL

Tickets are \$25 each and go on sale November 6th.

To purchase tickets or reserve a seat

Call the Church 727/595-2374 or

Email Leslie Long ladyldl@verizon.net



YAM

What do you have when you bring together teenagers, food, games (with meaning) and a short devotion? You get "YAM" which stands for "Youth and Mission." Every month leading up to our summer mission trip, our youth are invited to come out on a Sunday evening to join Fr. Jon and Lynne with an enriching experience.

Taste of IRB

This annual event is held in Indian Rocks Beach at Chic-a-see park, over by the Holiday Inn Express and hosts several of our local restaurants. They expect traffic problems and we are graciously allowing them to direct their patrons to park in our parking lots, 9-5pm, November 12th.

Pastoral Care

Sit and Be Fit Exercise Class

Yes, you can!!!! Come join us on Tuesday morning at 10:15 in the Parish Hall. If you are recovering from a weakening situation or just need to build some strength and flexibility, this is the place. You are not asked to do anything painful or uncomfortable - we focus on proper breathing, good posture, balance and coordination (and there are no tests). We're a pretty laid back group and we enjoy the fellowship and fun of improving our bodies. There is no charge for the class - all you need is a resistance band which we can provide for \$5.00. Want to know more? Call me at 517-4071 or email happyclark@aol.com

Missions

Martha Kelley Scholarship Fund

Dear Friends,

Recently a member of our parish has received an incredible recognition. Our very own Martha Kelley has learned that she is being honored by having a scholarship named for her at Cuttington University in Liberia. Martha was a member of the inaugural class of Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Cuttington University. Martha's entire life has been a significant journey of helping and loving others. This recognition will create a legacy that will provide continuous learning opportunities for others in Liberia to study in the field of nursing.



Cuttington's campus was all but destroyed during the civil war ten years ago, but it is growing back. Recent nursing students and staff did heroic work in the fight against Ebola. If you would like to contribute to this scholarship fund, please contact Marilyn Clark at happyclark@aol.com or 727-517-4071 no later than December 1st.

God Bless You,
Friends of Martha Kelley

Christmas Show Box Ministry

Yes, Christmas will soon be here and we hope to have at least 150 wrapped and filled shoe boxes to be delivered to the migrant workers' children in our diocese. Our first wrapping session produced 50 boxes - now we are down to only 100 more!!! There will be another session on Saturday, November 5, at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall; however, we are still in need of empty boxes. Beginning on Sunday, November 6, the shoe boxes will be available to be filled. A list will be provided of suggested items, but you are invited to use your imagination. Keep in mind, these gifts may be the only gift that these



children will receive. Imagine the joy and love they will experience by your generosity!! If you are unable to shop you may make a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you. If you have any questions, call Marilyn Clark at 517-4071 or email happyclark@aol.com.

Beach Community Food Pantry

The Beach Community Food Pantry is preparing for a busy season! Connie Curran, Director of the pantry reports that we have seen an increase in new clients and on average 800 family members are served per month. Vestry member Dave Kline and Director Connie Curran are pleased to announce 2 new members to the pantry's management committee, Renee Lee and Julie Coulson, contributing with buying, creative planning for public relations and helping to streamline pantry processes.

As our client base continues to grow, our ongoing need for financial and food donations continues as well. We welcome any and all financial and product support, which can be dropped off at Calvary's main desk, in the weekly offering plate or given to BCFP Director, Connie Curran.

The most exciting news for the BCFP is that their grant for funds to remodel has been approved by the Diocese! The plans include replacing the 'tired' carpet with linoleum tile, purchasing new commercial grade freezers and a refrigerator and painting.

The BCFP team of volunteers will be busy for the next several months with holiday meals, fundraising events and the remodel project. In addition to making a monetary contribution to the Sheriff's Holiday Meals program the BCFP will be assembling Holiday Meals for our clients. We welcome donations for these special holiday programs also.

The two upcoming fundraising events are a great way to help share the pantry's story with the public. The first event will be a refreshment tent selling water and soft drinks during The Taste of IRB, November 12th in Chic-a-Si Park. The second event is December 3rd when Calvary hosts the 2nd Annual Ted Irwin Sailing Regatta for the Hungry. This event was created by the Irwin family to honor the memory of their family member, Ted Irwin. Coordinated by Father Bob Wagenseil, young sailors launch from our dock, having raised pledges for donation to the pantry and collected canned goods.

The pantry is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 12 noon. Those wishing to volunteer to help clients in the food pantry and also to help unload large deliveries and stock the freezers and shelves, or with donations for the Holiday Meals please contact Director Connie Curran 727-482-6167 or 727-319-2287.

Renee R. Lee

"Never Say Never"

"Never say never" is a saying often said to express hope for something that is almost impossible. A case in point: how can you bring joy to children without limbs - missing arms, legs etc. Who could even imagine how to go about bringing joy to so many suffering young people is almost impossible.

A wonderful organization called "The Never Say Never Foundation" does this in a big way every day and all over the country. They help the disabled youth overcome adversity. Their goal is to push the limits of adaptive sports for amputee athletes and show the world that anything is possible. One way they strive to accomplish this is by creating a unique event and a one of a kind experience for these special children. It's called The Never Say Never Pirates Camp. This past weekend I had the privilege of working at one of these special camps held at the Clearwater Sailing Center. The idea and purpose to being much needed recreation to amputee children. There were about 80 families from all over.



Transportation and accommodation at the Sheraton across the street were paid for by the foundation. The children and volunteers all wore bright yellow T-shirts with an appropriate pirate logo emblazoned on it. Separating the kids into competing teams was a challenge considering different ages and abilities. In the end, you were either a Shark, Ray, Dolphin, Turtle or Whale.

Various games, contest, arts, crafts and of course sailing adventures were set up by well-organized experienced coordinators. The events were designed specifically to meet the needs and abilities of the youngsters and to stimulate, inspire, make friends and have fun. I and other members of the Sailability Crew were assigned to skipper the boats. We had two types – one is an Access dinghy, a small 2 person sloop rigged boat that will not capsize and ideal for disabled sailors. The other is the familiar Hobie beachcat able to carry 4-8 youngsters. Now picture many small groups of young pirates in bathing suits on the beach and all are missing one or more limbs. Here at the ready they remove their bulky prosthetics, leave them in a huge pile and by themselves crawl, wiggle, hop – helping each other climb aboard the boats. An amazing sight. With a loud “Arrrrgh” we shove off into the bay where we had mock races and best of all sea battles (that's what pirates do). Each pirate was issued a deadly water cannon capable of firing lethal streams of water at the enemy and did they ever. The booming laughter hit its mark. Can you picture it? Afterward we victoriously returned to shore for a hero's welcome and lots of ice cream. It was beautiful, soul stirring and hilarious. All in all for this old man a memorable experience.

Captain Harvey Brillat

Property

September Property Report, 9-7-16 to 10-8-16

Here is a quick summary of Activities for September and the beginning of October.

- Blair's AC was called upon to fix a few issues. Repaired AC in the offices and on one side of the sanctuary. Bad sensors from the smoke alarm disabled the AC. Also, the old food pantry AC has a freon leak. It was repaired once but a week later the lines were frozen again. Looking into the best plan forward. The kitchen AC also went out and a failed component on the outside unit was replaced. AC is a never ending battle.
- The power to the stove went out, and did not power up. This was found to be a faulty switch and contactor. Both were replaced. In doing so, the fans above the stove were found to be incorrectly wired. The fans must be turned on or the stove will not turn on. This is all up to code now. If using the stove, please turn on the overhead fan switch above the stove before turning on the stove.
- The front doors continue to move forward. More coats of a slightly different color have been applied. Time constraints have slowed progress, but it is moving forward. The hinges will be removed, cleaned up, painted and re-installed. The door hardware will be painted antique bronze to clean it all up. Only about 8 more coats or so, and we should be there.
- The outside door to the west classroom did not last as long as we hoped. A new door has been ordered, and it will be in place before the end of October.
- D'Andrea Electric was out and ran a new circuit for the new washing machine in the storage room next to the kitchen.
- Plans are moving along to add a new concrete pad and area for a small dumpster. The final location and details are being worked out. This has been pushed out a little due to the Junior Warden being away. It should happen in November. A new fence along the back of the property adjacent to the dumpster will be utilized. We will be using the wood from the old sail boat support to build the framework for the fence.

- One coat of varnish has been applied to the north doors of the church. Additional coats will be applied as time permits.
- An independent roof inspection service was contracted in June to evaluate the current condition of the roof. Do we have life left in the roof or should we bite the bullet and look at replacing it? To date, we have not received the report. I have contacted him again to try and obtain the report. I consider this past due. We have asked Terry England to talk to Tom to see what is causing the hold up. If it does not happen soon, we will cancel the request.
- Duke Energy is supposed to replace a burned out street light near the south parking lot.
- The freezer broke once again. Sears was called in to repair the bad thermostat. An extended warranty was offered, and it is now covered for the next 5 years.
- Susan continues to add plantings along the seawall. Thank her for her dedication and green thumb.
- SWAT came out and treated an area near the organ for termites. A small mound was observed. They still believe there are termites in the organ. The solution is to tent the organ. The organ must be taken outside to a trailer for this to happen. We are trying for a compromise to this. Stay tuned.
- Slaughter Plumbing was out to repair two leaky toilets and look at the drain to the dishwasher in the kitchen. A larger drain has now been added.

PLANS

- Father Jon has a project to remove the wall between the barge hall and the sailing room. See Father Jon for more details. This is being discussed as a long-term goal.
- Complete the concrete pad for the dumpster with surrounding walls.
- Trim the oak trees in the south parking lot.
- Add landscaping to south end of the church and along the sea wall.
- Remove sailing boat racks along the sea wall.
- Clean up the south parking lot by adding some more crushed concrete and defined the south most end with railroad ties or something that contains all entry from one driveway.
- Quotes are being received for glass French doors in the sailing room and parish hall to outside deck per Father Jon's request as a long-term goal.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers for stepping up and helping when something comes up. Julie and I were away on vacation for a few additional weeks, and people stepped up to do what was necessary. We are all in this together. THANK YOU!

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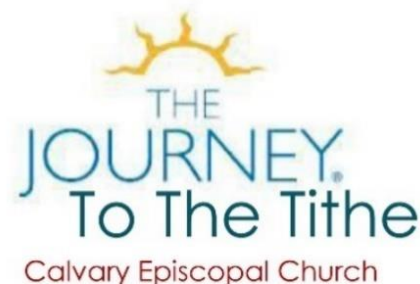
New Wooden "Claustrum"



Our honorary master carpenter, Gene Chapman, has created yet another wood-crafted treasure for Calvary. The sacred piece of furniture was unveiled and blessed on Sunday, October 23rd, and it blends seamlessly with our Altar and Lectern. The name given by Gene is a "Claustrum" which means, the part of the brain where visual images are interpreted. Great job Gene, and we are most appreciative for your hard work in bringing us this new addition to our liturgical practice.



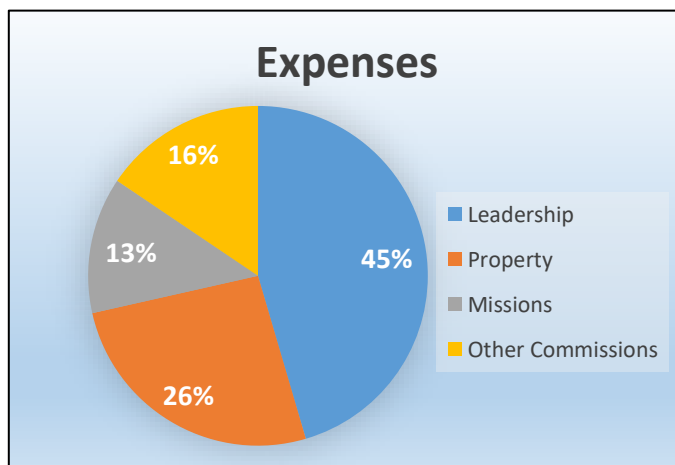
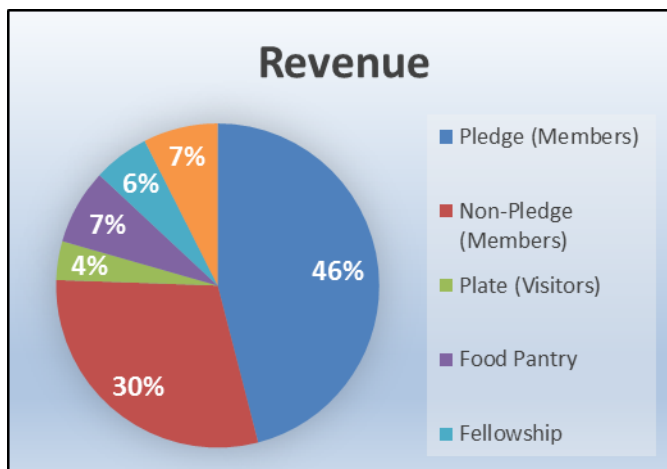
Stewardship



General Financial Statement (Jan-Sept. 2016)

	Actual	Budget	Difference (+/-)
Revenue			
Pledge (Members)	134,171	129,500	4,671
Non-Pledge (Members)	86,345	29,000	57,345
Plate (Visitors)	11,277	12,000	-723
Food Pantry	21,964	9,500	12,464
Fellowship	16,351	28,700	-12,349
Other Commissions	21,790	41,420	-19,631
Total Revenue	\$291,898	\$250,120	\$41,778
Expenses			
Leadership	117,290	127,195	-9,905
Property	67,135	74,260	-7,125
Missions	33,483	42,725	-9,242
Other Commissions	40,139	36,475	3,664
Total Expenses	\$258,047	\$280,655	-\$22,608
Difference	\$33,851	-\$30,535	\$19,169

*The 2016 Budget allotted \$24,000 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 due to a most generous, anonymous \$50,000 gift in May. Pledged income remains most helpful to create a budget and sustain our Church operation. Please fulfill your 2016 pledge. Please make a pledge during our Stewardship Campaign beginning in Advent.



Finance Committee

Every December, our Finance Committee has a big challenge that is most necessary for the operation of the Church. They are called to make a budget for our next year. "How does this happen," you may wonder. On the revenue side, a great deal is based on the number and amount that is "pledged" by our members or based on historical giving. On the expense side, they see what was spent last year and whether or not there are anticipated increases or decreases. There are many details involved and several hours spent on these calculations. When they finalize the budget, they present it to the Vestry for their approval and then it is presented to the congregation at our January Annual meeting where we all are called to approve. The budget will be made available at that time.

We thank the members of the Finance Committee: Maria Gonzalez, Keith Oeste, Greg Donham, Betsey McKenna, Mike Alford, Tom Monk, Phil Beauchamp and Fr. Jon.

Connections



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	LAST WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	TREND
Page Visits	33	16	106.3%
Weekly Total Reach	1,704	176	868.2%
People Engaged	287	7	4,000.0%
Total Page Likes	224	220	1.8%

Facebook Page

If you have not "liked" our Calvary Facebook page yet, please take the opportunity to do so. It is great to see those pictures of our events as they get posted real time to our page.

Our Church Vitals

			Total Active & Inactive Members			
186	47%	Active Resident		108	27%	Inactive Members
28	7%	Active Seasonal		36	9%	Related/Family
6	2%	Elderly/Shut-in		1	0%	Transferred out
23	6%	New Members		6	2%	Deceased
				4	1%	Moved away
243		Total Active Members		155		Total Inactive Members
			398			
152	38%	Seniors/65+		173	44%	Single
171	43%	Midlife/20-65		219	56%	Married
46	12%	Youth		392	Total Married/Single	

Some people have moved away or may no longer be attending our Church. This is most common. Beginning in January, we will "purge" many of the "Inactive" names if contact has been lost. We will make every effort to reach out to previous members and see how they are doing.

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 know, admin@calvaryirb.org.

Important Dates “At-a-Glance”

Tuesday, November 1 st	8:00 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday, November 2 nd	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting 6:50 pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal
Saturday, November 5 th	9 am Christmas Shoebox Wrapping
Sunday, November 6 th	8:00/10:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship 11:30 am Confirmation Class
Monday, November 7 th	6:00 pm Prayer Team Meeting
Tuesday, November 8 th	8:00 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday, November 9 th	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist 6:50 pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal
Friday, November 11 th	10:00 am Armed Forces History Museum Tour
Sunday, November 13 th	6:30 pm New Members “Wine & Cheese” Reception 8:00/10:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship 4:00 pm Confirmation Class 5:30 pm Youth & Mission (YAM)
Monday, November 14 th	6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, November 15 th	8:00 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday, November 16 th	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist 6:50 pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal
Sunday, November 20 th	8:00/10:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Monday, November 21 st	6:30 pm Bookies of Calvary
Tuesday, November 22 nd	8:00 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday, November 23 rd	Church Office Closed (11/23-11/25) 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner
First Sunday in Advent & Pledge Sunday	
Sunday, November 27 th	8:00/10:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, November 29 th	8:00 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday, November 30 th	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal
Saturday, December 3 rd	8:00 am The 2nd Annual Ted Irwin Regatta
Sunday, December 4 th	8:00/10:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Monday, December 5 th	6:00 pm Prayer Team Meeting
Tuesday, December 6 th	8:00 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday, December 7 th	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal
Sunday, December 11 th	8:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship 10:00 am – Youth Sunday Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship 11:00 am – “Greening of the Church”
Monday, December 12 th	6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 13 th	6:30 pm Vestry Meeting 8:00 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday, December 14 th	5:30 pm Youth & Mission (YAM) 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:30 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal
Sunday, December 18 th	8:00/10:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship 2:00 pm "The Gifts of the Ornaments" Youth Musical 3:30 pm Tree Decoration
Tuesday, December 20 th	8:00 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday, December 21 st	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 25 th	8:00/10:00 am Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Monday, December 26 th	Church Office Closed (12/26-30)
Tuesday, December 27 th	8:00 am Morning Prayer
Wednesday, December 28 th	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist

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

November Birthdays

2 – Joyce McNamara
3 – Diane Oeste
5 – Sara Goodrich
6 – Bob Lincoln
10 – Dodie Spahr, Kirk McKenna, Elizabeth Sherman
Jo Donovan, Chase Downs
14 – Nancy Pappas
18 – Marsha England
22 – Bill Athanson
23 – Anthony Ambrosino
24 – Marlene Stark
25 – John Matter
Williams
27 – Betty Pink
28 – Robin Hite



Pinellas Suncoast F&R Birthdays

November 19 – Douglas Higley
November 20 – Joshua Coley
December 5 – Kimberly Fugatel
December 8 – Douglas Howard
December 10 – Casey Hannah
December 13 – Chris Crowley
Ryan London
December 14 – David Maratin
December 19 – Ray Norton
December 30 – Robb



December Birthdays

3 – Condon Sutherland
4 – James Widell
6 – Scharf Turner
9 –Cathy Athanson, Loretta Scott
Cynthia Laitinen, Gretta Morash,
10 – Garrett Fisher, Steve Small
15 – Patricia Call
17 – Grace Alford & Jacob Alford
20 – Caleb Bhagwandin
21 – Peter Thomas
22 – Lisa Kingston
23 – Deborah Whisenand
26 – Chuck Pond
30 – David Hillegas, Ray Norton

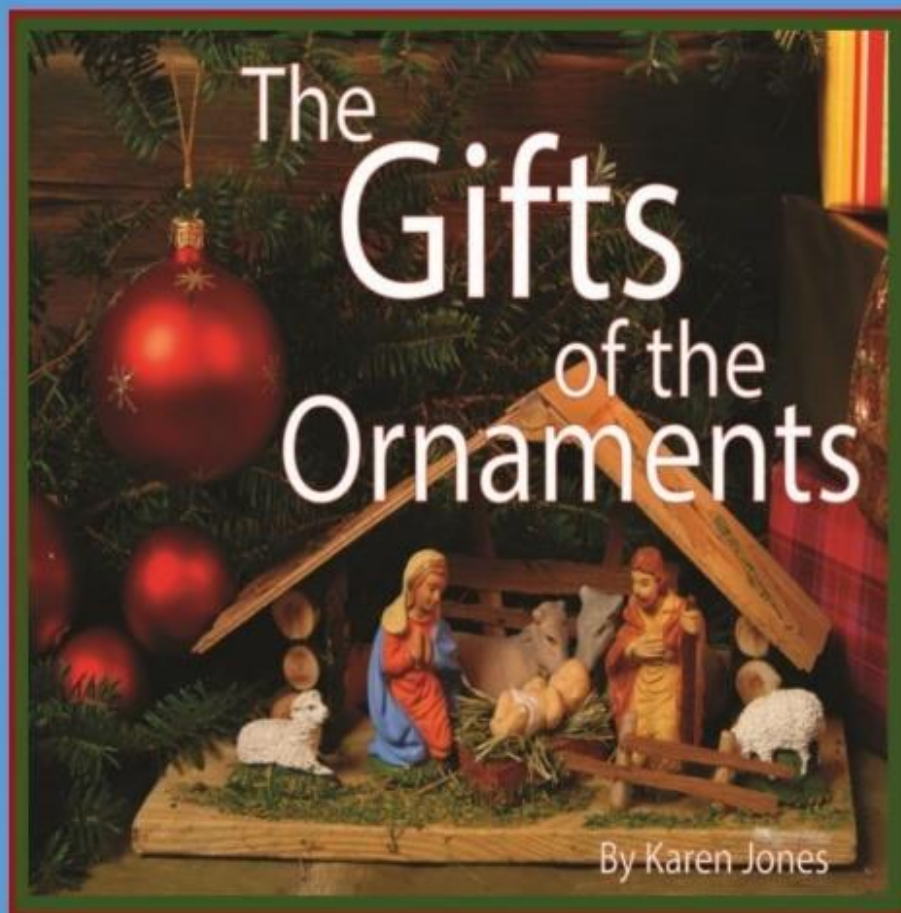
Wedding Anniversaries

Nov. 5 – Maria & Eddie Gonzalez
Nov. 10 – Keith & Diane Oeste
Nov. 21 – Derek & Cyndi Good
Nov. 30 – Richard & Edna Snyder

Dec. 19 -David & Karen Hillegas
Dec. 27 – Larry & Robin Hite

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Presents a Christmas Play
By our Youth



December 18th, 2017
3:00 pm

1615 First St. Indian Rocks Beach, FL

727/595-2374
www.calvaryirb.org

Winterfest On the Rocks



February 18, 2017

10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Arts & Craft Vendors

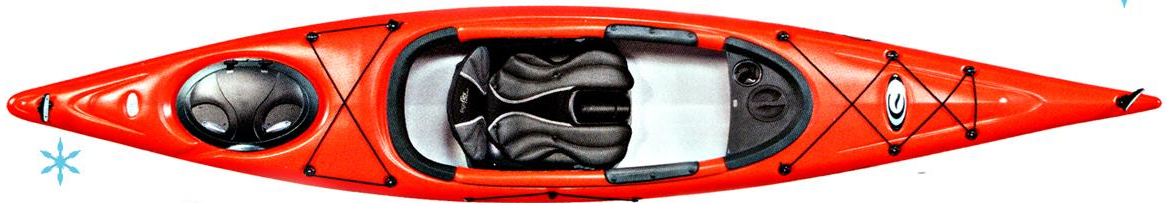
Silent Auction

Patriotic Pet Parade

King Trump Entertainment

St Andrew Pipes & Drum

CXP Steel Band



Win this Kayak

Food provided by

Guppy's Restaurant Slyce Pizza Bar

A great day to support worthy causes!

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Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach
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Deadline for the January Crier: December 20th
Please send all pictures and articles to us by then.

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Save the Date

"The Gifts of the Ornaments"

December 18th, 2016

3pm Matinee

\$10 Tickets on Sale/Calvary Members

\$15 General Public

Music & Drama by the Calvary Youth

Proceeds to aid Youth Ministries of Calvary



Greening of the Church

We need at least a dozen volunteers to help us once more "Green" the church in preparation of Christmas. The Greening includes draping garlands and wreaths, installing the lamp lights down the middle aisle way along with positioning the crèche scene by the main tree. This will all be done, the third Sunday of Advent, December 11th following the "Youth Sunday" service at 10:00 AM.

The Greening of the Church is separate from the decoration of the trees with ornaments. This will all take place following the Christmas Play, by our very own, 'Christmas Ornaments' actors/actresses and respective families on Sunday, December 18th at 5:00 PM.

Christmas Flowers

Please make a generous donation for flowers and other decorations this Christmas and fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office on or before Monday, December 12th with your check made payable to Calvary Episcopal Church and marked "For Christmas Flowers." You may also send in your application by email.

All forms received by December 12th will be acknowledged in the Christmas bulletin. If any are received after this date, they will be acknowledged in the following week's bulletin.

Thank you!

Lia King, Parish Secretary

admin@calvaryirb.org

Christmas Flowers Request

Name _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Address _____

Envelope # _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please print the names & or special intentions as you wish them to appear in the Christmas bulletin:

In Thanksgiving For: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

Other: _____

