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

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Collect for the feast of the Epiphany

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Make a Resolution

Every year millions of people around the world make a New Year's resolution. After observing those around us, perhaps after consulting with those who are wise, we commit to doing something that will change our life, hopefully for the better. Often, it turns out quite different than what we planned.

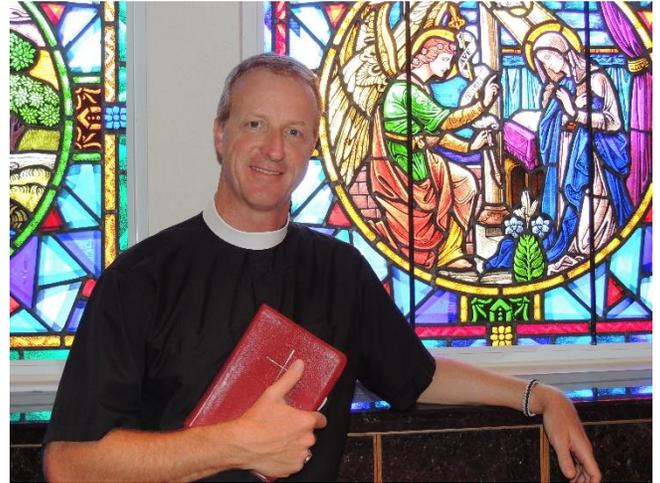
This reminds me of the story of the three wise men who observed the star above the city of Bethlehem just over two thousand years ago. Apparently it was one of those stars that had not been seen in anyone's lifetime until now. It shone brightly above the Earth

and since it was a first occurrence many wondered if it had special meaning. We need to remember that in those days, the stars were maps, a stellar GPS system, like Apple's "Siri" if we want a modern reference (note – Siri in Norwegian means "Beautiful, victorious counselor.") This star was a beautiful, hopeful constellation placed in a very strategic location that guided the wise men's calculations to the ancient city of Bethlehem; the very city that had been prophesied in the Old Testament. When a new road sign in the sky appeared it altered the map and knowledgeable, wise people were consulted for interpretation. These three deduced this star would guide them to the Messiah and so they made a resolution to find him.

The King of kings and Lord of lords, however was not exactly what they had expected. It was not an established home. This Joseph and Mary were not residents. They were sojourners who could find no place to stay during their travels. The shepherds, keeping their flock, pointed them to a dark and damp stable, maybe a cave, where animals lay. No wonder he was still alive, they thought. He was in the last place anyone would find him. Jesus was surrounded by a gentle light and the presence of angelic hosts were there in the silence of that night. The Epiphany of God's presence within this baby fulfilled their resolution, changed their life and was not quite what they had planned. It was far better and to that extent they gave the Holy Family valuable frankincense, myrrh and gold, and warned Joseph about the evil of King Herod and what he would do if he found Jesus. With the currency provided by the magi, the expense of another travel destination was possible and Joseph took Mary and child away, far away to Egypt.

To see the glory of God face to face, we must make a resolution and allow to be guided by the beautiful, victorious counselor of God's Holy Spirit. It may require some travel. It may require some sacrifice. Consider making your resolution to follow Jesus by being an active participant in our common life at Calvary this year.

Yours, faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Father Jon



Whatever you're doing Saturday, February 6th... Make sure you plan to come to Winterfest at Calvary!

Fun, fun, fun Fellowship! The 11th annual Winterfest is only a few weeks away. Make sure you buy your ticket to win the BOSE Paddleboard and bring lots of cash for food, games and surprises of all kinds.

Winterfest is the big fundraiser we have every year to support our Church. It is an effort of love and every member of Calvary is encouraged to participate in attendance, promotion and hopefully in volunteerism. Bill Athanson, Betsey McKenna and Cherie Smith are the organizers and need your help volunteering and advertising.

This is where you can help. Take the Vendor application form, found on the last page of this newsletter, and give it out to any of your favorite businesses who would be interested. If they are not interested in becoming a vendor, they may want to donate goods towards our silent auction or simply make a donation to the Church. Please help us get the word out by inviting all your friends, family and neighbors to Winterfest. The countdown is on.

Whatever you're doing Saturday, February 6th,... make sure you are at Calvary.





Leadership

The Gifts of Holy Imagination

Build a Healthy Vestry

Whether your vestry is composed of six or sixteen, the members are vital faith leaders for your church. Yet, when it comes to recruiting new candidates, outgoing members sometimes default to criteria that I equate to raising a red flag.

Do any of these sound familiar? "He's retired and has lots of time on his hands, so I bet he'd be willing." "She's one of our biggest givers, we'd better ask her." "He's not involved yet; maybe if he's on vestry he will get more connected." Help!

As a new rector in the 1990s, I knew that I wanted a prayerful process for raising up healthy, faithful leaders for the congregation. I attended conferences and listened to wise observations from experienced lay and clergy leaders and over time created a process that has helped us at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Houston.

The key to this process working well is intentional planning and communicating by congregational leaders, especially the senior warden, keeping the focus on ministry. Clergy and lay leaders identify qualities to look for in new vestry members, sharing this information widely among the congregation using print, email, and personal invitations to potential candidates. Scheduled discernment sessions precede the formal nomination process and election, providing an opportunity for interested members to learn more about how the vestry functions, expectations of vestry members, time commitment, etc.

The step-by-step process we use at Emmanuel follows; please take what you want and adapt it for your situation. I'll cheer you on as you cooperate with the Holy Spirit in prompting the right people to serve at the right time.

1) **Set a schedule:** The process is built around scheduled "Vestry Discernment Sessions." I have usually needed to schedule two duplicate sessions, one on a weekday evening and one on a Saturday to insure availability to each interested person. The senior warden and I lead these sessions, and sometimes other vestry members attend.

2) **Publicize these sessions** in every way you have available: This is the time to "take nominations." Encourage vestry and all members of your church to identify who should attend these.

- **General publicity:** Use your newsletter, electronic notes, verbal and printed announcements on Sundays to invite people to come. Always use the language of ministry! The "oversight of the well-being of the church," the administration of the "household of faith," modeling of Christian community, all these are ministry. Be sure to emphasize that a variety of gifts are needed on a leadership team. For example, a vestry needs a person or two who have a gift of prayer as well as one or two who excel in reading a balance statement!
- **Personal invitations:** Encourage all members of the church to be alert to who will make good vestry leaders. Certainly vestry members should initiate conversations with potential candidates. I always make personal invitations by writing letters or emails to a list of those we agree are healthy, mature possible candidates, and I follow up with a phone call. This is part of discernment: I describe to people the qualities I see in them that would make them appropriate candidates for vestry. I am clear that attending one of the sessions in no way obligates anyone; rather I emphasize that this is prayerful exploration with the help of the Holy

Spirit. You can share this work with the Senior Warden. I think the clergy leader should keep a list of who is invited each year in a private file and make notes of results. Some who discern they are not ready this year may be open to attending a discernment session or becoming a candidate in their future.

3) **Qualities to look for:** Each person must be grounded in faith, be regular in worship attendance, and be a person of prayer. Of course, we are looking for skills and experience that will be helpful. We seek those who are respected in the church community; some will already be known widely, while others are building that respect within smaller circles in ministry teams and responsibilities. Finally, each person must be positive and trustworthy, i.e. emotionally healthy. We must not get hooked into “fixing” someone, even when we feel anxious, even desperate to get that one more vestry candidate!

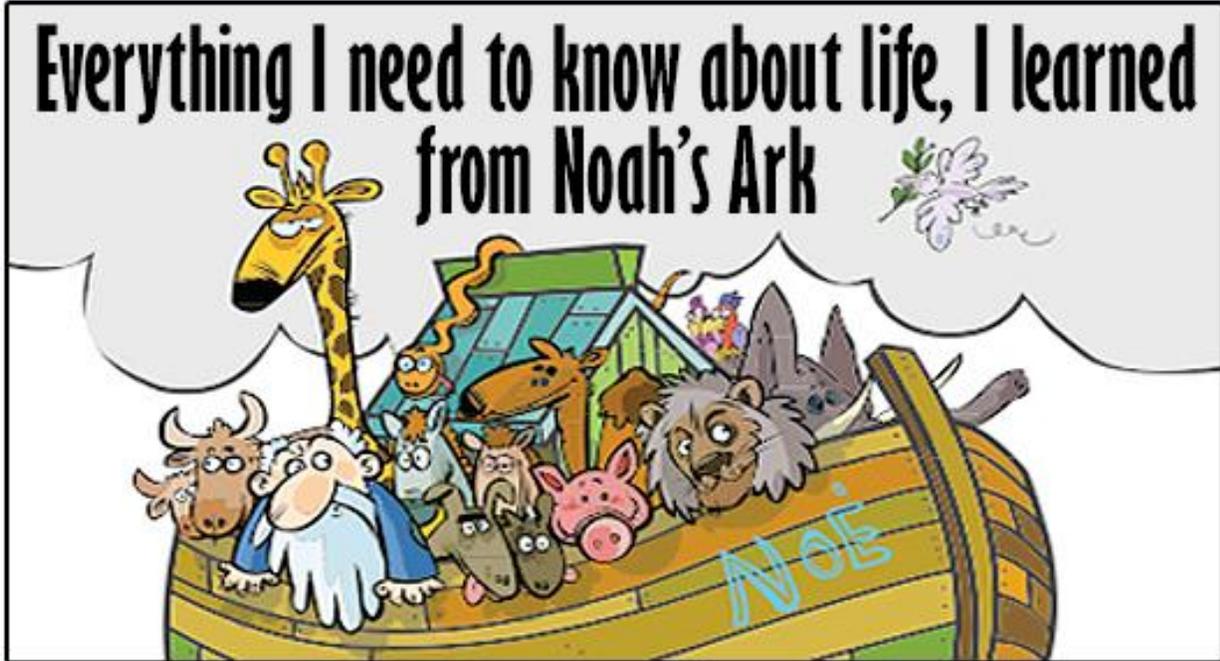
4) **Hold the sessions:** I make an agenda so that each session is 45 minutes-1 hour in length. At the heart of discernment is the question: Is this a ministry God wants me to do? To help those who attend listen to God about this we provide handouts that describe both the “job description” and the criteria and expectations of vestry members. Our list of expectations begins with their commitment to Christ and belief that prayer helps us discern God's leading. We include practical statements about attendance at meetings (and provide a list of the next year's meeting dates), and financial pledging. We also express expectations of ability to form an environment of trust and loyalty. We read and briefly discuss our Vision and Mission statements and preview any extraordinary initiatives of the near to mid-future. We open and close with prayer and have a brief scripture teaching. We want those who attend to leave with a sense of what the time commitment will be and with our support in their prayerful listening. We ask for their replies within two weeks. These are all good answers: No; No, not now; or Yes, I'm ready! The clergy would do well to record the replies in the discernment file for future years' consideration.

It has been my experience in most years that **this deep listening is the election.** I mean that if the community has invited all the appropriate people to attend one of the sessions and they have faithfully considered the question, “Is this a ministry God wants me to do” and the answer is yes, then we have the right number of people for the number of positions. We are careful not to have only one candidate beyond the required number. That is a set up for hurt and a hard pastoral situation. It is best that if you have more candidates than positions that you have at least two beyond the number of openings.

5) **The election at the annual parish meeting: Publicize the candidates** with short biographies and photos in your newsletter, on bulletins boards, and/or online. At the meeting, introduce the candidates who have gone through discernment. We do open the floor for nominations from those present at the meeting, not limiting the Holy Spirit's inspiration! But I have found that we do not have these floor nominations. I always encourage those at the annual meeting to think about who to encourage to enter discernment the next year.

While all human processes have their frailties, over the years we have had healthy, strong vestries. People are mostly on the “same page,” expecting and experiencing vestry not as a “business meeting,” but as a faith-girded leadership group. Language is so powerful. Two of the most helpful uses of words in all this: 1) “Ministry”—People are called to this ministry. Vestry ministry is Christ-centered. 2) “Household of faith”—Confront gently but surely then get rid of the phrase that “church is a business...” It is not. We are a household of faith, and every household needs to tend to its “house” and its finances, and at the heart of the household are the relationships to God and each other.

The Rev. Janie Kirt Morris is rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas. Called to Emmanuel from the Diocese of Oklahoma in early 2003, she feels blessed to serve there. Janie resonates with the assurance from Romans 8:38 that nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." In addition to her passion for ministry, Janie enjoys listening to music, especially jazz, playing and watching sports, and being in nature. Published in Vestry Papers issue on Vital Vestries (January 2013)



- 1 Don't miss the boat.
- 2 Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- 3 Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- 4 Stay fit. When you're really old, someone may ask you to do some thing really big.
- 5 Don't listen to the critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6 Build your future on high ground.
- 7 For safety sake, travel in pairs.
- 8 Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs
- 9 When you're stressed, float a while
- 10 Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- 11 No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting..

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Calvary Bylaw Amendment

At the Annual Parish meeting on January 31st, one of the agenda items will be the approval of any amendments to our parish bylaws. The Vestry has been working throughout 2015 in the review of our bylaws and will be presenting them for approval to the congregation at the Annual meeting. The amended bylaws will be available in written copy and online prior to the Annual meeting for your review. We extend a personal form of gratitude, specifically to Jo Simpson, the Vestry member who has led the Vestry over a most thorough review of our bylaws.

2016 Vestry Nominees

This year we have some wonderful nominees for Vestry. The current Vestry was asked to present names of men and women members who they felt had skills and gifts that fit with the areas of greatest need at Calvary. The Nominating Committee met to review those names and personally invited them to be on the Vestry ballot. We are most delighted to present the following 5 members for your consideration. Four of them will be elected on this year's ballot:

Mike Alford

Mike, with his wife Rebecca live in Redington Beach with their three wonderful children, Zach, Grace and Jacob. They have been faithfully attending and participating in so many facets at Calvary for the past five years. Mike is an attorney for Raymond James and currently serves as Sr. Warden of the Vestry and the Chair of the Endowment "Legacy Society" of Calvary. He is an active liturgical reader and server. He has a heart for mission work as well, going many times to Nicaragua as a missionary and his family attended the Calvary Jr. High mission trip to Charleston, SC this past July. Mike is serving a three-month unexpired term on Vestry and is eligible to be on this year's ballot to serve a three-year term if elected.



Gordon Burton

Gordon, with his wife Muriel, live in Seminole. They have two sons, Clyde and Mark who live in Clearwater and Alaska, resp. Gordon has been faithfully attending Calvary for three years and has been an Episcopalian all his life. He has served at St. Martins in Chagrin Falls, OH 1984-1990 with two terms on Vestry and taught Jr. High Sunday School. He was one of the first lay people to be allowed as a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) when approved by General Convention. He was a Jr. Warden along with being a teacher, a LEM and a graduate of the 3-year EFM biblical program. From 1990-2011 they lived in Paws Christian, Mississippi where he served six terms on the Vestry at Trinity Episcopal Church. He attended courses held at St. George's College in Jerusalem, Israel in 2001 and the College of Preachers in Washington, DC for lay members trained to be preachers in 1999. By occupation, Gordon was a Mechanical Engineer working for Davidson, UK and his claim to fame is that he fabricated the largest centrifugal fan in the world.



Kim Heinicka

Kim, with his wife Julie live in Seminole and have two children, Jodie and Kris who live in Tampa and in St. Pete. Kim was born in Racine, WI and moved to Seminole in 1969. He attended Seminole High School and that's where he met Julie. They later were married at Calvary in 1975, and have faithfully attended ever since. Kim is an engineer at Honeywell and looking forward to retirement in the near future. He has been Julie's sidekick this past year, assisting her with the many tasks of keeping up with the property. As our Jr. Warden we got a "Two-for-one" with this terrific couple. He has been most helpful in issues relating to electrical and mechanical issues with our campus. He grew up as a Lutheran and became an Episcopalian in 1976. He served on Vestry in 1996 and was the Youth Group leader for four years. He enjoys playing golf, "RV-ing" around the country and home projects.



David Kline

David, with his wife Christine live in Indian Rocks Beach. They have one child, Anita Marie who is a teacher in Aurora, CO. David was born in Easton, PA and graduated from Penn State University. He retired from the Bank of America, where he worked and managed in the Financial Services sector for 35 years. David is a 15-year member of the Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach, 3-year volunteer of the Beach Community Food Pantry, and 10-year parishioner of Calvary. He enjoys his hobbies of traveling, playing golf and admiring classic cars.



Rick Schock

Rick, with his wife Mary live in Bellair Beach. They have two children, Ricky and Susie, who live in Brooklyn, NY and Ventura, CA, resp.. He was born in Long Branch, NJ and moved to Stuart, FL when he was two years old. He and Mary have lived all over, as a career Naval flight officer. He went to Hill Preparatory School in Pottstown, PA and to UNC-Chapel Hill. They have been faithfully attending Calvary since they moved from Denver, CO in 2011. Rick was brought up in the Methodist Church and confirmed in St. Marys of the Angels Episcopal Church in Orlando in 1987. Rick is currently the Director of Naval Science at the Admiral Farragut Academy and prior to that he was the Sr. Director of Naval Science at Dunedin High School. They were members of Christ Episcopal Church 1994-2010 and he served at that Church as the Jr. Warden, then later as the Director of Operations and delegate to Diocesan conventions. He was responsible for everything relating to the budget (\$2M) to building maintenance. He worked very close with the Rector, the Wardens and Vestry. He enjoys boating, exercise (running, tennis) and the local beaches.



The Annual Parish Meeting

On Sunday, January 31st, the 52nd Annual Parish Meeting of Calvary Episcopal Church will occur. Following a "combined" 9:00am Holy Eucharist we will call to order the meeting in our Parish Hall. A majority of members of Calvary in "good standing" are required for this meeting. **PLEASE ATTEND.** Light refreshment will be provided along with a summary booklet of our successful "Commissions" of 2015. The election of Vestry members, the approval of minutes, budget and any revisions to our Church bylaws are the canonical requirements of our business. Copies of all will be made available on our website: www.calvaryirb.org and notice will be given.

Any questions relating to the Budget will be deferred to members of the Finance Committee. We value your opinion and prefer that you contact one of our members with questions or concerns prior to the Annual Meeting on budget-related issues. Please see: Maria McDaniel, Mike Alford, Keith Oeste or Greg Donham, or our Parish Administrator: Laurie Lawther.

The Agenda, along with a report of all our Parish "Great Commissions" will be published and distributed.

**PLEASE ATTEND
THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
After Combined 9am service
Sunday, January 31st**

“Be not afraid!”

Often in the gospels, fear grips the people of God, and time and again, either the angels, or Our Lord himself, respond with the same words of comfort: “Be not afraid.”

In times like this fear is real. And I share that fear with you. Our instinct tells us to be afraid. The fight-or-flight mentality takes hold. At the present moment, many across our Church and our world are grasped by fear in response to the terrorist attacks that unfolded in Paris. These fears are not unfounded. We can and should support law enforcement officials who are working hard and at great risk to protect us from crime and keep us safe. And yet, especially when we feel legitimate fear, our faith reminds us “Be not afraid.” The larger truth is that our ultimate security comes from God in Christ.

In the Book of Leviticus, God says to the people of Israel that, “the foreigner who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the foreigner as yourself, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.” Accordingly, we welcome the stranger. We love our neighbor. The Episcopal Church has long been committed to resettling refugees in our own communities fleeing violence and persecution.

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, through its Episcopal Migration Ministries service, works with dioceses and congregations, and the United States government, to settle refugees in communities across this great country. The Episcopal Church has been engaged in this ministry for more than 75 years. We will not let the nightmare this world often is keep us from carrying out the words of Jesus who told us to be a neighbor to those in need.

Refugees from places like Syria seek to escape the precise same ideological and religious extremism that gave birth to the attacks in Paris. They seek entry into our communities because their lives are imprisoned by daily fear for their existence. Just as Jesus bids us not to be afraid, we must, in turn, pass those words of comfort to those who turn to us for help.

But Jesus calls us to go even further: not just to love our neighbors and our kin, but to love our enemies. This is particularly difficult when we are afraid. But even in the midst of our fear we stand on the solid ground of our faith and proclaim the faith in Christ crucified and risen from the dead. In practical terms, this may mean finding strength in prayer, or in our neighbors, or in our churches, or in acts of solidarity with others who live in fear. This is the hope that casts out fear.

The fear is real. So we pray. We go to church. We remember who we are in Jesus. Our resurrection hope is larger than fear. Let nothing keep us from that hope, that faith, that security in Gods dream for all of humanity. “Be not afraid!”

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church

Member Achievement Award – Chad Olson

Many of you know Chad. He is a faithful member of Calvary and serves most Sundays at the 8am service as our Crucifer, Overhead projectionist and on the Altar Guild with great joy. Here below is the letter that details a recent achievement her earned recently in our community.

Recommendation for Charles" Chad" Olson for his contributions to the VE program and the Flotilla.
Norman Grantham: FSO-VE Flotilla 11-1; District 7

At one of our socials, Chad, who I had not met came to me and said he had passed the “VE” test and wanted to get to work. I liked his attitude. He was proud to be a member of the Coast Guard

Auxiliary but he did not want to just be a member but he wanted to work as a member. I found that he needed to do his required exams to become certified so we started immediately getting them completed. As I recall we soon met at the Belleair Ramp. He quickly began soliciting exams and getting them completed. He was thorough as he did each exam with care explaining each item to the boaters. He did not hesitate to approach boaters and explain the process for a check. No one left the ramp without being given the chance for to have his boat examined for a decal.

Chad was then and is even more so today extremely proud to be a part of the Coast Guard Auxiliary missions and eager to remain a strong member of our flotilla. His qualifications are VE and he has taken the written test for Fingerprinting.

He is very careful to be sure he represents the flotilla properly and has worked to see that his uniform is correct and is worn properly. He is aware of all our protocols and is quick to ask questions about policies if he feels that he does not fully understand the motivation for rules. He is eager to know all he can learn about the Coast Guard and the Auxiliary. I feel that he considers it is his second home and sometimes feel it is his primary job.

Chad is a steady worker. He has done 90 exams to date which in itself is outstanding but more so for someone so new to the program. I am sure he will do even more during remaining months this year. While he never misses a scheduled exam session he is at one of our local ramps most any weekday just to see if he can do a safety check. If I join him and he is always at the location before I get there and is pleased to show me he has been busy. He is proud of what he is doing and his enthusiasm is contagious.

It is not only his devotion to doing vessel safety checks that makes Chad a standout, but it is also his sincere belief that he is making boating safer and he is eager to be a contribution member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary an organization involved in helping others.

He is well deserving of special recognition for his efforts well above and beyond the requirements of his position.





Property

Jr. Warden Report

December found us readying for the Youth Christmas Musical. Curtains complete with pulley system have been installed on the stage. Some improvements in the sound system have been made and that is still a work in progress. We were fortunate to get some knowledgeable assistance (from a friend of Kim Heinicka) as to what we need to work toward to make our system sound better and be more user friendly. Frank Feldman (Kim's friend) even attended the program to support Matt if there were any sound glitches. In the future as funds permit we will add a few upgrades to the system. These upgrades will help anytime we have an event that we use a microphone. Also in preparation for the holidays the carpets were cleaned.

The benches by the front entry are in the process of being refurbished. Thank you to Kim and our resident woodworker Gene Chapman. Concrete benches have been moved from the back of the church to the doors by the food pantry for the patrons that can't stand while they wait their turn. The kitchen ice machine is another work in progress. Thanks to Ralph and Fr Jon for their continued work on that! Can't figure why it only works at the repair shop, so hopefully we can get the cold hard facts on this soon!

The illumination of the Rose window is also being worked on. It is improved, but we think we can get it better. The old fixture was removed due to corrosion. New ones will be automatic dusk to dawn LEDs which require less power and maintenance.

The new year should bring repair of the termite damage to the front window frames. You might notice scaffolding appear for a little while around the middle of January. That will also include termite treatment in the area. The inside of those windows were treated in December.

Thanks to all the volunteers that help with maintaining our buildings and property and also for the info when you find a problem or concern. A work party announcement should be forthcoming.....stay tuned!

Julie Heinicka, Jr Warden

Church Work Party

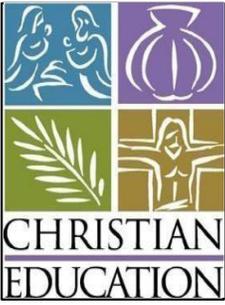
We will announce a Saturday coming up at the end of this month or in February when everyone is invited to come out and help "spruce up" the church. Cleaning windows, polishing metal and wood, fixing things, you name it, both inside Church and outside in the yard, will need volunteers. Julie Heinicka and Phil Beauchamp will coordinate and send out the invitations in our publications.

Parking Lot

Last year we raised over \$5,000 from donations given during special events when the community needed our parking lot. This year we are looking for more volunteers to help out. Any weekend you have available, please let Theo Komarnitzky know you can help. Tourists frequent our beaches this time of the year through May. The first and last Saturday in April are the two largest dates where we need volunteers.

Poinsettias

If you donated towards the Christmas flowers this year, please take one of the Poinsettias home, Sunday, January 10th after either service.



Christian Education

“Did You Know”

Q. Why is the cross carried at the head of many processions?

A. The answer is in the lyrics to these popular hymns:

"Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before." (Hymn 562)

"Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His sacred name." (Hymn 473)

Q. Why do many in the congregation bow as the cross passes them in procession?

A. Just as the altar is a symbol of our Lord's sacrifice, so is the cross. If we are Christians, we may "salute" the cross as Americans would "salute" our national flag when it passes by.

Q. Why do the choir, clergy, and other ministers wear vestments (special robes) during the service?

A. To answer in the words of Brother Thomas Bushnell, BSG:

"To add to the beauty and festivity of the services, and to signify their special ministries, the clergy and other ministers wear vestments. Choir vestments usually consist of an under gown called a cassock (usually black) and a white, gathered over gown called a surplice. The clergy may also wear cassock and surplice. Another familiar vestment is the alb, a white tunic with sleeves that covers the body from neck to ankles. Over it (or over the surplice) ordained ministers wear a stole, a narrow band of colored fabric. Deacons wear the stole over one shoulder, priests and bishops over both shoulders. At the Holy Eucharist a bishop or priest frequently wears a chasuble (a circular garment that envelops the body) over the alb and stole. The deacon's corresponding vestment has sleeves and is called a dalmatic. Bishops sometimes wear a special head covering called a mitre.

Stoles, chasubles, and dalmatics, as well as altar coverings, are usually made of rich fabrics. Their color changes with the seasons and holy days of the Church Year. The most frequently used colors are white, red, violet, and green."

--Brother Thomas Bushnell, BSG <http://www.mit.edu/~tb/anglican/intro/ec-worship.html>

Submitted by Judy Marx, Worship Chair (Jmarx9450@aol.com)

Cursillo

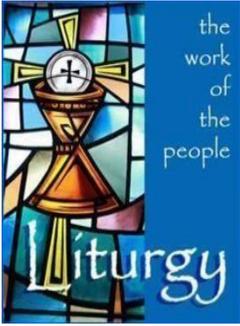
"But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:7, 11-12

Would you like the opportunity to strengthen your faith? You can have that opportunity this year at DaySpring, our Episcopal Diocesan Conference Center, February 4 – 7, 2016. This will be Cursillo #132 and the following describes the experience.

Cursillo is an opportunity to grow in faith and in spirituality. It gives a deeper understanding of the teachings of Jesus and how we can serve Him. It is an experience of living and sharing with others in a loving and caring Christian community and realizing that this can be extended into our own environment. Finally, it is a continuing community that gives support and encouragement to help Christians carry out their baptismal vows.

If you are interested in learning more, Marilyn Clark and Judy Marx are serving on the team for Cursillo #132 this year. They would love to have members of our congregation attend as it is truly a life changing weekend. Marilyn Clark – happyclark@aol.com

Judy Marx – Jmarx9450@aol.com



Worship

Epiphany

Epiphany marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas each year on January 6. Epiphany is a Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "appearing." At the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate Jesus being made manifest or appearing as Christ. Traditionally, there are three manifestations celebrated on this feast day. The most widely celebrated manifestation of Christ on this feast day, and the one that has been historically celebrated by Christian churches in the West, is Jesus revealed as Christ to the three wise men, or Magi, from the East, who followed the Star of Bethlehem.

The First Sunday after the Epiphany is celebrated as the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, and is one of the four days especially appropriate for Holy Baptism. (The others being the Easter Vigil, Pentecost, and All Saints'). The last day of Epiphany is Shrove Tuesday so called from the ancient custom of going to the priest to be shriven (stripped) of one's sins by making confession and receiving absolution before beginning Lent the next day, Ash Wednesday.

Cathy Athanson for the Altar Guild

Shrove Tuesday

It is hard to believe that we are just finishing the season of Advent and already thoughts are on Lent. Lent begins on February 10. The Altar Guild will once again sponsor the Shrove Tuesday **Pancake Supper on February 9th**. Mark your calendars and know that tickets will be on sale beginning this month. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated. We will serve wonderful pancakes and sausage, have a Sing-A-Long of favorite hymns, and Father Jon will lead us through the ceremony of burying the Alleluias.



Bake Sale Results

The Altar Guild extends a hearty thank you to all who helped us with the Calvary Yard and Bake Sale. We were very successful thanks to all the bakers and the buyers. The funds that were received will be used for our Worship program. The support that so many of you gave us is greatly valued.

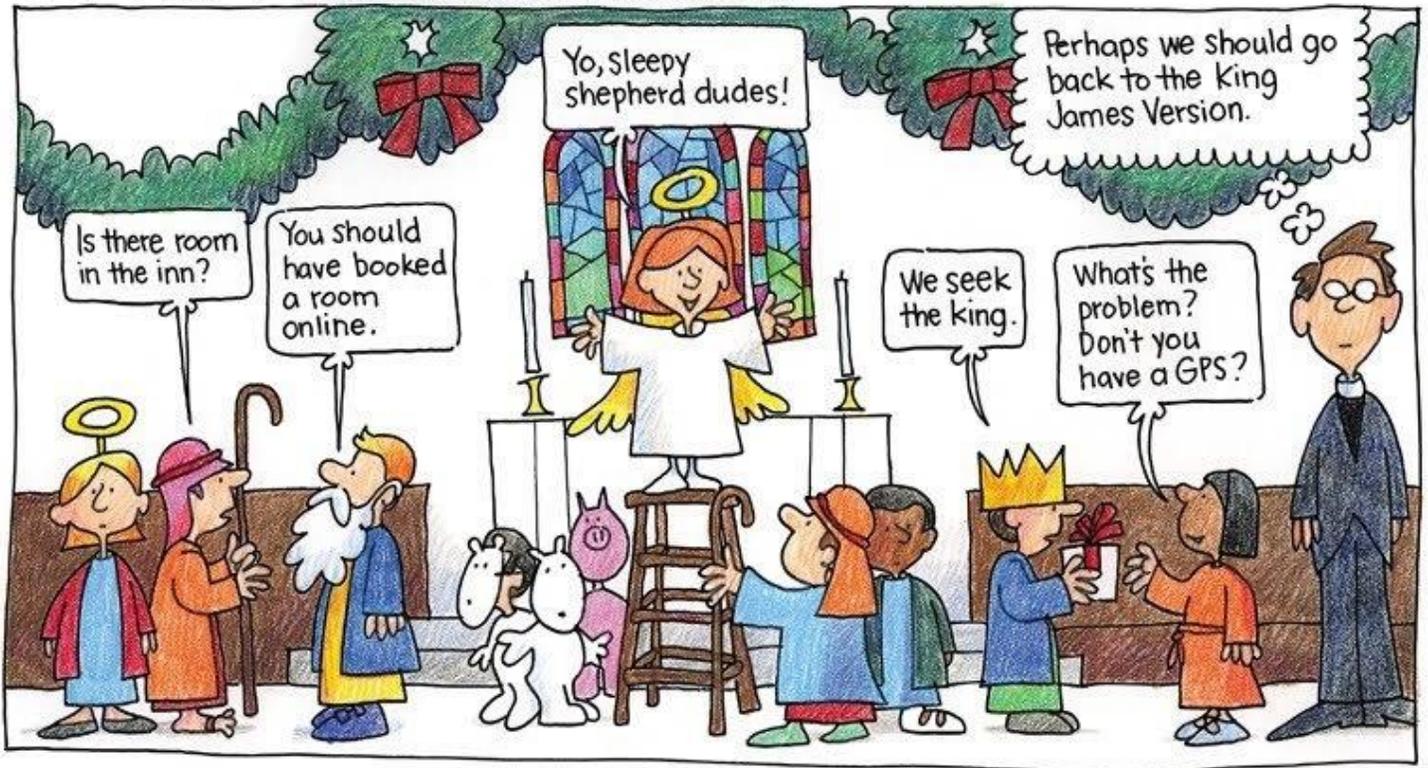


In general, the duty of the Altar Guild is to prepare all things necessary for the conduct and celebration of public worship at Calvary. This includes Sunday morning and the regular mid-week Wednesday Eucharist, funerals, weddings, special services such as Evensong, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Day services, and the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. The preparations are done reverently and prayerfully so that all services may proceed in order and beauty to honor God and his son Jesus Christ.

We also prepare informational articles about worship for the monthly Crier newsletter, sponsor the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Calvary Bake Sale and we decorate the church for Easter. We attend Diocesan workshops and meetings so that we may remain current on best practices and be enriched by gifted speakers.

Members of the Altar Guild are ever mindful that this service is a high calling and privilege. It is our responsibility to help those who enter through the doors of Calvary to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." This takes devotion and the acknowledgment that this ministry of service in the sanctuary is a sacred trust. This quiet, behind-the-scenes "holy house work" we hope is a true gift to the entire congregation.

THE RECTOR DROPS IN ON THE PAGEANT REHEARSAL



The Children's Christmas Pageant

We thank Dianne Oeste for, yet another, successful Christmas Pageant. The shepherds, wise men, angels and Holy Family were all present at Christmas Eve to make the nativity story come to light. We also thank all of Dianne's volunteers, the parents, who graciously committed to bringing their children to the rehearsals and participating. If anyone took pictures of the event, we would love to receive. Please send to the Church office any digital pictures you may have taken along with permission to publish on our Facebook page and/or website. Send to support@calvaryirb.org.

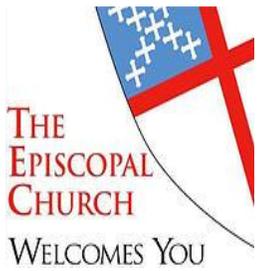




Musical "ENCORE"

The "Christmas Mission Across America" will host an encore musical performance, Sunday, January 3rd following the 10am service. See it again, or for the first time. A love offering will be collected and donations will go to support our music and youth programs at Calvary. We give special thanks to Lynne and Emma Roberts for directing the musical, Matthew Burke for producing the music and leading the Youth Ensemble, for our 10 "Agents", all the stage hands, supportive parents and to all of the 150 people who came out to watch when it showed on the 20th of December. We now welcome _____ the Encore!





Outreach

Our Newest Members

Ralph & Kate Quarles

The Quarles have enjoyed being with our Church family since Ralph was recruited by Matthew Burke to come and play his recorder for special services over the summer. Playing and singing music is what appealed to Ralph and Kate. Due to their love of our Church and feeling so welcomed they have fit right in. He now sings in our choir and both love to worship with us on Sundays. They moved here from Herndon, VA in May 2015 where they attended St. Timothy Episcopal Church. Ralph's ministry interests lean toward music and he enjoys being a reader whenever the opportunity comes. Kate's ministry interests lean toward her culinary & creative skills with special interest in food pantries. Both welcome any way to help veterans or kids in the community. Ralph works in cybersecurity and Kate is a librarian. Both are devout Christians.



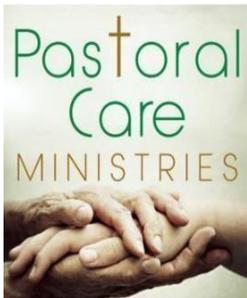
Gordon and Natalia Ross

Gordon was invited to attend Calvary by his neighbors, Chuck & Peggy Pond. He and Natalia met in 1998 while he was working in Turkmenistan and where she was a medical doctor, specializing in cardiology. He was there for four years as general manager for two major exploration contracts. When he left they continued to meet each year during the holidays. They are excited to be married this month at Calvary (TBA) on Saturday, January 2nd. Gordon also taught Chinese at the University of Texas and later was employed by a foreign oil company that utilized his linguistic skills in Russian and Chinese to train employees in remote places like Mongolia. Natalia was highly respected in Turkmenistan and was the personal physician for the past president of that country. Her latest position before coming to the US was primarily teaching young doctors. Her parents were both doctors--her father Turkmen and her mother from the Ukraine. Her native language is Turkmen, and she is fluent in Russian as she was educated in Russian when Turkmenistan was a soviet state. Both, are devout Christians.



Tom Monk

I am originally from Pennsylvania and have been living in Seminole, Florida for 16 years. My lovely wife is Lisa and I have two children Mary Jo 22 and Kevin 16. I work for Aflac selling business to business insurance. I have been going to a Catholic Church for 26 years on and off. I felt I needed to get back to my original Church that I grew up in as a child. I chose Calvary, because of my first impression of Father Jon (first impressions are usually correct, being in sales for 31 years). Also, Mrs. P.T. Wagenseil taught my kids Science at St. Patricks Catholic School. I attended Calvary, once or twice in 2000 when Father Wagenseil was in charge, and St. Anne of Grace Episcopal Church, but was not ready to do anything. Probably, because of a commitment I made to a Pennsylvania Catholic Priest in writing when marrying a Catholic and raising your children Catholic.



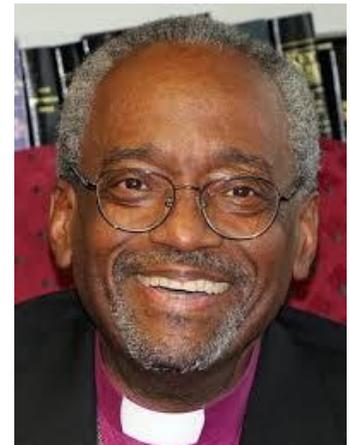
Pastoral Care

Pray for our Bishops

Prayers for healing are asked for Diocesan Bishop Dabney Smith and our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry (see PB's article before, p.6).

[Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs press release December 7th, 2015] Prayers for healing are asked for Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry.

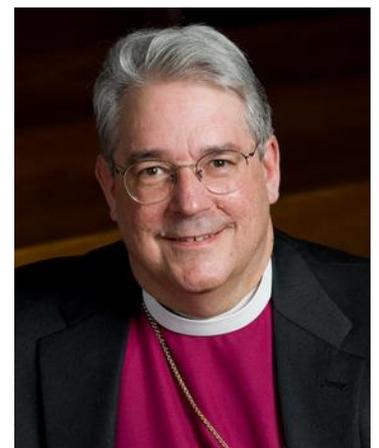
The Presiding Bishop's Office has announced that Presiding Bishop Curry was taken to a hospital Dec. 6th after a visitation to Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. The Presiding Bishop subsequently was diagnosed with a subdural hematoma, and was transferred to a medical center in Richmond for treatment. Bishop Curry was released on Dec. 8th and a full recovery is underway. He has created video which can be found on the website for The Episcopal Church. Further information will be released by the Presiding Bishop's office as it becomes available.



Our Diocesan Bishop, Dabney Smith has been diagnosed with multiple Myeloma. +Dabney has returned to the office with limited exposures. He continues to send us his love and prayers and asks for the same.

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants Michael and Dabney the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and their sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer (page 458)



Sit & Be Fit Exercise Class

A New Year is coming and time to make some resolutions - ones that you can keep. A healthy mind and a healthy body are two good things to aim for. The following is a quote from Rebbe Menchim Mendel Schneerson, a noted man of wisdom:

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

The exercise class meets on Tuesday morning at 10:15am in the Parish Hall. We concentrate on proper breathing, good posture, improving balance and strengthening muscles and joints. There is no charge for the class - the only thing required is a sense of humor and a smile!

Marilyn Clark

Experiencing Dementia

Last month a friend and coordinator of a memory disorder center, invited me to a Virtual Dementia Tour. I accepted. The "tour" guide first tied an apron on me then gave me floppy textured gloves to wear. With gloved hands, I clumsily donned a pair of distortion creating glasses and was then led to the Virtual entrance. The finishing touches were a set of earphones broadcasting a talk show in one ear and an array of music in the other. Now with most senses compromised, my host prattled off a list of 5 things for me to do. "Could you repeat that" I asked. "No. In you go".

Adjusting to the room's dimness, I checked my surroundings for anything that might give me a clue to my "to do" list. A pile of white things reminded me of my sweater task. Sorting through the pile, I finally found a sweater and somehow got it on. Scouring the dim room, I found an observer-who was of no help, then some stationary. Oh yea! I have to write a letter. That done, I went back to the linen and did something else that seemed to be required. Now, having no clue as to the next task, a door slammed and I nearly jumped out of my apron! Thankfully this landed me near a basket of what appeared to be socks. So I decided to while away my time sorting them and finally folded the pile of white things but not before a siren went off startling me a second time. Finally, and not a moment too soon, the "tour" ended!

At the debriefing, I was surprised by my feelings of disappointment, frustration, lack of initiative (I could have turned on the light), sound sensitivity, and observer feedback (she said I was wandering vs searching for clues to the next task). The observer clearly did not understand!! But then I wondered, "Is this how people with memory disorders feel?"

Discussing this afterward, my friends and I had a much greater appreciation for the individual living with memory disorder: the difficulty focusing; the challenge to self-esteem; the distractions to clear communication; and how disappointment could lead to depression. This is not an easy life!! To try to ease this journey, Gov. Scott has committed to making Florida a dementia friendly state. Moreover, our own city of Seminole is the first city to be declared a dementia friendly city. What does this actually mean? It means increasing the area's sensitivity and understanding of this illness so that we can care for each other as per the second great commandment: to love one another as God has loved us.

Make an opportunity to learn more about memory loss and seek ways in which you may be able to create a safe environment for our sisters and brothers impacted by this condition. For more information on Dementia Friendly areas, contact Celisa Bonner at 727-298-6384.

My challenging experience was virtual and limited but for others it is real and endless.

Yours in good health,

Jo Simpson for the Parish Health Team

A Venice Greeting from “The Sisters”

“Greetings from Village on the Isle, where every day is a new day. Here in Mark Manor assisted living, we feel our every need is being met. We have three beautiful meals a day, we can choose to participate in activities such as Bingo, Trivial Pursuit or attend a musical presentation. We can also go to local eateries for lunch. We’re living the good life with 3 rules:

1. Don't fall
2. Don't get sick
3. Don't worry

Wayne tells us to leave the worrying up to him and Joey and we do with the Lord's help. We love keeping in touch and enjoy hearing the news from each of you. It keeps us going. You may call us at 941-486-5292 to let us know how you're doing. May your Christmas be a blessed one!

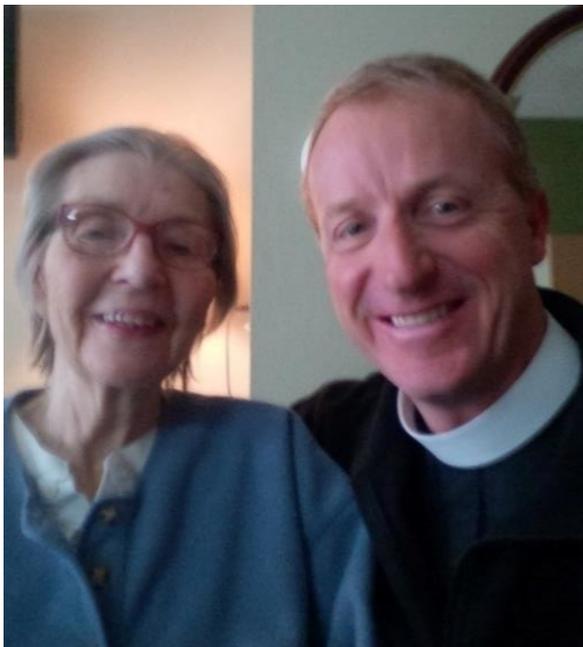
We love you,

Ms. Helen Dunbar and Dorothy Cox



Beloved Shut-ins

Ms. Judy Clemens enjoys a moment catching up and sharing the Blessed Sacrament with Fr. Jon during a December visit as she attended care in Palm Gardens rehabilitation center on Seminole Blvd.



Ms. Tommie Stone recovering at Morton Plant rehabilitation center enjoys the Christmas gift of Poinsettias from Calvary.



Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV)

Interested in visiting our shut-ins with prayers, Word and Sacrament? We need a few more to help with this important ministry. Please see Deacon Melissa for information and training.



Missions

The Food Pantry

December was busy for missions. The food pantry saw many patrons. Christmas dinners were supplied to many families. We were very fortunate to receive extra donations of cash from parishioners as well as community organizations. Of special note was the donation of 6+ pallets of food from Publix markets. With very short notice that they needed it picked up, Dave Klein made some calls and Rick

Walker (retired PSFR) arranged for Home Depot to provide fork lifts to load the pallets onto the trucks that they also provided. Upon arrival at Calvary they assisted our team plus help from PSFR with the unloading. We practically filled the area that was the old food pantry! There will still be many hours spent sorting and stowing our blessing! The Holiday meals program this year served 60 families for Christmas. They were provided a ham dinner with all the trimmings plus extra items such as peanut butter and jelly bread, Mac and cheese mix, navy beans, little Debbie cookies and candy canes for the kids. Through this program we are able to provide the families with a full dinner plus makings for lunches and another dinner with the extras. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach for their financial support, Calvary members for their support, Claire English the program coordinator, Publix Indian Rocks for compiling the meals, PCSO and PSFR. Many hearts were touched by the generous gift of time, talent and treasure over the last month.

Pantry Prose - The Beatitudes

By Lee Tong

The Beatitudes are a set of blessings held within the gospels of Matthew and Luke. These teachings are found in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. They are articulated in eight blessings, each one consisting of two phrases. The first phrase states a condition while the second demonstrates its result. The foundation is derived from the pages of the Old Testament which Jesus then elevated into fresh new teachings based on love, humbleness, and compassion.

The word beatitude is derived from the Latin word "beatus" which translates as "blessed". Calvary Episcopal Church works hard to bestow its blessings upon our community. The Beach Community Food Pantry would like to thank each one of you for the blessings that you are able to offer us. You continually bless the food pantry with continuous donations of time, food and many of you contribute monetarily. Every donation of food, time and money is greatly appreciated by the pantry and its patrons. Last month was the biggest month in the history of the food pantry. With your help we were able to provide food and Christmas dinners for many hungry people and families. Thank you for your compassion.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

For those of you who would like to volunteer, we have a weekly or substitute volunteer positions. Now that Hurricane season has ended, those of you who like to give canned goods may want to donate your unused hurricane provisions. And, of course, we always welcome monetary contributions. Once again, thank you for all of your support for the Beach Community Food Pantry.

Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach wishes to thank everyone for the wonderful support that was shown to our organization throughout 2015. Without the support and involvement of you and the community, we would not have been able to do what Rotary does best---'doing good in the world'. Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!

Your friends from IRB Rotary

The Christmas Shoebox Ministry

"To love your neighbor as yourself," is one of the things we should all resolve to do. In this world, we are all neighbors but there is a lot of talk these days about safeguarding and preventing neighbors from entering into the inner circles of our countries and our states. People immigrate to escape hardship and persecution in some cases, and in others they are looking for opportunities to support their own families. There's no wonder, when millions of people are immigrating, that we feel we are losing something of value and something of who we are. Who are we? As Christians, we are reminded to love our neighbors as ourselves.

In the Christmas spirit of goodwill to all neighbors, members of our church have annually given to the children of Hispanic-speaking Christian congregations. They faithfully bring their families, hand-in-hand to a house of worship to pray and hope. Prayers are answered in one way by way of a gift-wrapped shoebox, given by a complete stranger. Inside the colorful boxes are inexpensive toys and trinkets that many children today may sneer. They are not on the top of the usual list as an Xbox, Go-pro, cell phone or one of those new hover boards. Instead, there are simple things, like a pack of coloring pencils, a set of plastic soldiers, sugar-free gum, or a bouncy ball. It does not seem like much, but consider a child whose father or mother works for anything to support the family, wondering where the next pay, the next job will come, and hearing the alarm of deportation. This doesn't paint a flowery picture especially during a season where there should be joy and peace.

The children of these families receive nothing over Christmas except hand-me-downs, and remarkably appear most grateful for what they have. When they come

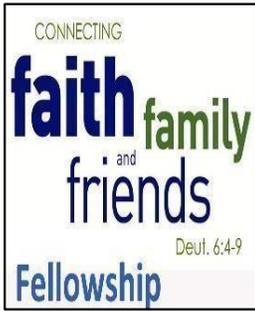


to Church the priest holds out his arms and calls for them to come forward. In Spanish, he says, "Jesus loves you," and, "so do we." Christmas boxes, with their names are extended in love. It is their box and meant only for them. Year after year, we continue to expand the number of shoeboxes we wrap. This year 140 boxes were wrapped by people in our Church and joined by the people at St. Dunstan's in Largo. They were delivered to the Latino clergy in our Diocese whose families stretch the southwestern Florida gulf shores and inland, from Brooksville to Naples. Despite our views about how they came here or how they impact our lives, they have children, and these are our neighbors.

This Christmas, we know 140 children received something most valuable. They were reminded that they are loved. If you can make any resolution for 2016 let it be, "To love your neighbor as yourself."

Those interested in supporting this ministry should contact the Director, Ms. Marilyn Clark. She and her helpers are already looking ahead to wrap and fill more shoeboxes for next Christmas. Go to "Missions" on our website to find out more, www.calvaryirb.org

Submitted by Fr. Jon Roberts, Rector



Fellowship

Hospitality Report

Happy New Year!!! Each year we start with some "resolutions" - while completing the stewardship intention form is a perfect time to offer your time as well as treasure and talent - time to help with the Sunday coffee hour as well as other events . If you are shy about entering unfamiliar territory (the kitchen) Cynthia Laitinen, Polly Leibe, Dodie Spahr or myself, Susan Brillat will be happy to show you the way. Coffee and goodies are served every Sunday after Mass and more hosts and hostesses are needed. That said...

November's annual yard sale was a huge success! Over \$1900 was made in proving "one man's trash is another man's treasure" although we had some wonderful items for sale, not trash by any means. We had the use of the room used previously to house the Food Pantry so were able to start collecting donations earlier. If you have any Christmas decorations you will not use again we can save them for next year's sale. Kim and Julie Heinicka co-chaired the event with us and will take the reins for future yard sales...thanks to both of them for a job well done.

The annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 31st following the 10am service. Help will be needed to set up tables and chairs for the meeting/coffee hour...strong backs are needed to move tables and chairs so please call to offer yours - Susan Brillat 727-595-4744. See you in church!!

Magnificent Milestone for Betty Pink

It's one thing to make it to the age of 90 years old, it's another to do it with such style and grace as our lovely Betty Pink. Perhaps it is her Scandinavian background or just her spirit of peace, love and joy that keeps her going. In December members of Calvary were asked by her son and daughter to celebrate her 90th "surprise" birthday party. Boy, was it a surprise. We thank God for such a loving member of our Church. See you at the 100th Betty!



Tree Lighting

Members of the Choir, Fr. Jon and Matthew appeared at the annual IRB Tree Lighting festival on December 5th at the 12th St. Park. We led the community of over 200 people who gathered that night to sing Christmas Carols prior to the lighting of the tree. We made a beautiful sound and let others know that Calvary Episcopal Church is the place to sing the praises of our Savior and King. It was good to make this offering to the community and be a witness for Christ. Please consider attending next year's event to show your Christmas spirit.



Pictures from Jolley Trolley

Members of Calvary participated in the annual Christmas IRB Parade by riding along in the Jolley Trolley. It was a moving advertisement for the Church and for the Musical. Hundreds of people were out and about on this beautiful Sunday, December 7th, along the streets and in front of their homes. We made a positive witness to let those in the IRB community that Calvary is full of "Jolly" folks. Next



year, please consider jumping on board and joining us for the IRB Parade. Many thanks to Dianne Oeste who, once again, organized this event and made it successful.





Greening of the Church

On Monday, December 21st, members of Calvary were led by Betsey McKenna to “Green” our lovely church. Over 400 people came out to worship over the Christmas services and everything looked beautiful. Thanks to you Betsey, and to all your wonderful volunteers, Christmas was “Ever-green” reminding us all of God’s eternal love for all creation.





Thanks to our Choirs

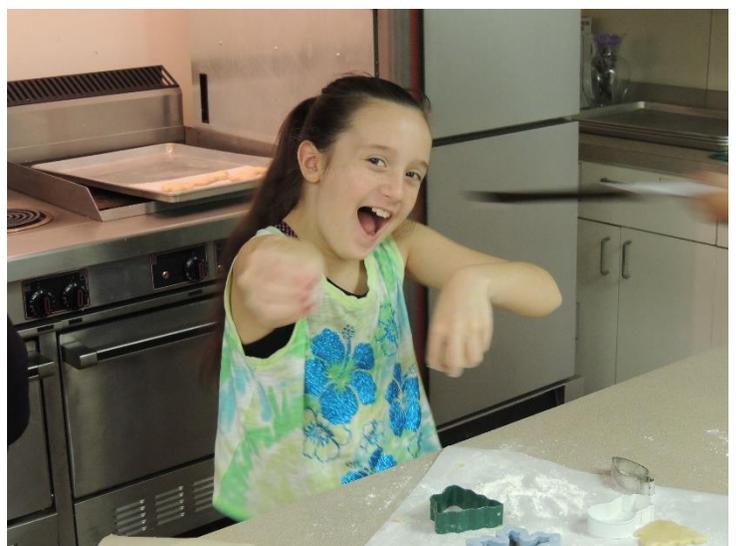
We are so grateful for our vocalist who sang so beautifully and for our bell ringers who played so wonderfully over the Advent and Christmas services. It has truly been a concerted and glorious offering to the Lord. To all who participated we thank you. We are especially thankful for Matthew Burke who practiced and the Choral and Bell Choirs throughout all the services, making them very special for all to remember.

Hymns for the Older Christians

- Give Me that Old Timers Religion
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up
- Just a Slower Walk with Thee
- Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up
- Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing
- Guide Me, O Thou, Great Lord God, I've Forgotten Where I've Parked The Car
- Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One
- Blessed Insurance
- It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt

The Christmas Cookie Bake

The second annual cookie bake was held December 12th at the Calvary kitchen with youth and adults enjoying the preparations of Christmas. Peppermint, sugar and lemon cookies were made in a big batch. Everyone got to cut and decorate their own from homemade dough by Chris Perez. We thank Lynne Roberts for organizing this event.



The 1st Annual Ted Irwin Regatta

On Saturday, December 5th the Indian Rocks Family Sailing Association launched their first annual regatta at "Calvary Cove" with proceeds raised for hunger awareness. Over forty "Intrepid" sailors went out in a gusty 22knot wind that day for a three-hour tour. Many did not return to port dry, as the winds proved a bigger match. All in all, it was a great day with lots of safe fun. Many thanks to Fr. Bob Wagonseil for his leadership and support. \$5,000 were raised with monies supporting both the IRFSA and the (Calvary) Beach Community Food Pantry.





Stewardship

Stewardship Report

The Pledge campaign lasted throughout the Advent season and these are the results. Our projected goal for our 2016 pledges has not currently been met and we need your attention and support to meet it. \$170,000 is our goal for pledges to come from members this year. The operation of Calvary and the completion of a budget that supports those needs would benefit from all our members giving a pledge. Will you help us reach our goals? Please make a Pledge today!!

Breakdown		2016 Projected
Increased	24	\$83,148.00
Decreased	7	\$16,360.00
No Change	16	\$32,460.00
New	3	\$3,540.00
Total Pledges	50	\$135,508.00
Lost Members	10	TBA
Uncertain where their pledge is	32	TBA
Potential Pledgers/Gave last yr	36	TBA
Total Non-Pledged	78	TBA

Notes: We lost 10 members last year due to (6) who moved away, (2) who transferred, (1) who died and (1) was a minor.

There are 32 people who have pledged in year's past, who remain active but have not given any notice. 36 people gave last year who did not pledge. The "Potential Pledge" group gave 20% of our budget last year.

The average pledge is \$2,710 per family/individual, so far, for 2016.

The average pledge was \$2,338 per family/individual in 2015.

A Pledge Card can be obtained at the Front Desk, by email (llawther@calvaryirb.org) or through our website site (www.calvaryirb.org).

If you are one of our beloved "Snowbirds" and have a primary church up north, you are still able to make a pledge and carry a dual membership here at Calvary. Your loyal support is most needed.

Financial End-of-Year Reports

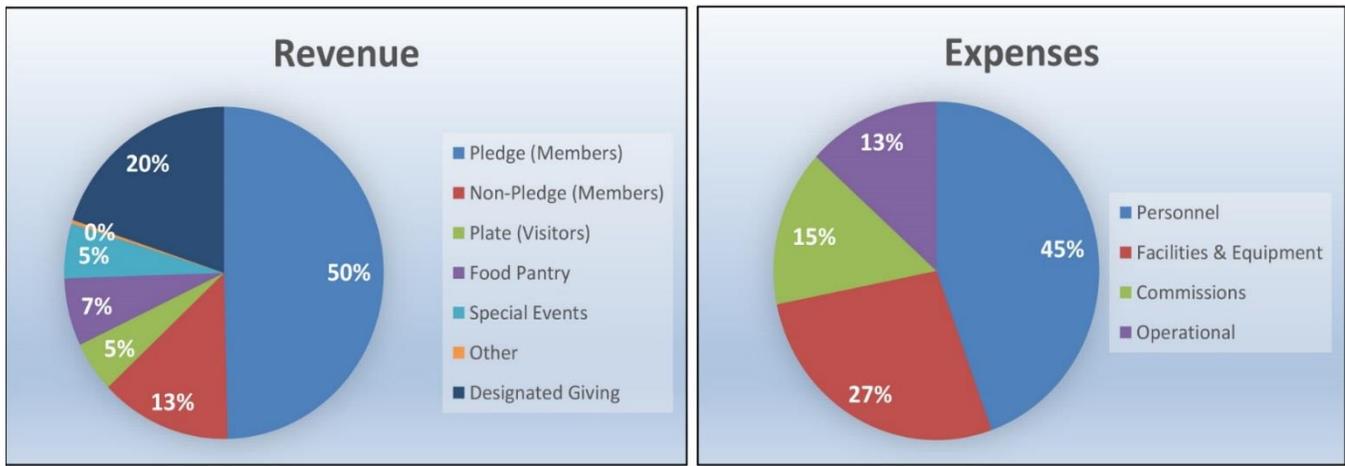
Anyone who gave to the Operation of Calvary Episcopal Church last year will receive their EoY report by the end of January. This report will be generated by the CPA, Mrs. Ellen Fontana, who was contracted in 2015 for reporting. Future reports will be generated by Mrs. Laurie Lawther effective for all contributions made in 2016. We are currently merging all financial data into the Quickbooks for Non-Profits software allowing a more sophisticated range of report options.

General Financial Statement

(January-November 2015)

	Actual	Budget	Difference (+/-)
Revenue			
Pledge (Members)	148,054	155,826	-7,772
Non-Pledge (Members)	39,643	27,500	12,143
Plate (Visitors)	14,752	23,826	-9,074
Food Pantry	19,727	20,350	-623
Special Events	15,875	12,738	3,137
Other	1,100	6,325	-5,225
Designated Giving	59,126	54,230	4,896
Total Revenue	\$298,277	\$300,795	-\$2,518
Expenses			
Personnel	137,138	137,489	-351
Facilities & Equipment	84,140	94,996	-10,856
Commissions	46,048	60,896	-14,848
Operational	40,734	44,913	-4,179
Total Expenses	\$308,060	\$338,294	-\$30,234
Difference	-\$9,783	-\$37,499	-\$27,716

*The 2015 Budget allotted \$30,000 of Revenue to come from an unrestricted investment fund to stabilize expenses for the year. Year-to-date, we have not made any withdrawal from this account but the records above indicate this will be necessary before the close of the year. Pledged income is most helpful to create and sustain our Church operation. Please fulfill your 2015 pledge. Please make a pledge during our Stewardship Campaign in December for year 2016.



Treasurer for 2016

We went without an official Treasurer all of 2015 but cannot afford to do so in 2016. We were blessed to have such a great team of volunteers in the interim. This is a very important position, tying together, and communicates our finances to the Rector, Vestry, Finance Committee, and Parish Administrator. If you feel led to apply for being our Treasurer know that you will have full support and guidance. We need that person to step forward. Will you prayerfully consider?



Connections

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



Not getting the Crier each month?

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

Important Dates "At-a-Glance"

Sunday, January 3 rd	8/10 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Monday, January 4 th	6 pm	Prayer Team Meeting
Tuesday, January 5 th	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit
	11 am	Administrative Staff Meeting
Wednesday, January 6 th	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
	7:30-8:30	Adult Confirmation Class
Thursday, January 7 th	10am	"De-Greening of the Church"
	6:30 pm	Bells Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Choral Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, January 9 th	6-9 pm	Epiphany Vestry Gathering (Heinickas)
Sunday, January 10 th	8/10 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, January 12 th	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit
	11 am	Administrative Staff Meeting
Wednesday, January 13 th	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
	7:30-8:30	Adult Confirmation Class
Thursday, January 14 th	6:30 pm	Bells Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Choral Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, January 17 th	8/10 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Monday, January 18 th	6:30	Bookies of Calvary
Tuesday, January 19 th	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit
	11 am	Administrative Staff Meeting
Wednesday, January 20 th	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
	7:30-8:30	Adult Confirmation Class
Thursday, January 21 st	6:30 pm	Bells Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Choral Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, January 24 th	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, January 26 th	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit
	11 am	Administrative Staff Meeting
Wednesday, January 27 th	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
	7:30-8:30	Adult Confirmation Class
Sunday, December 27 th	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship

Tuesday, December 29 th	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit
	11 am	Administrative Staff Meeting
Sunday, January 31 st	9am	Combined Holy Eucharist
	10:30am	Annual Parish Hall Meeting

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.

January Birthdays

- 1 – Andrew Guarino
- 4 – Jim English
- 6 – Gabriella Toman
- 9 – Daniel Widell, Jim Yanacheck
- 10 – Helen Dunbar, Deborah Thayer
- 12 – Kacey Call, David & Daniel Yanacheck
- 14 – Sally Hunt, Lisa Willets
- 15 – Manuel Sosa, Anne Rocke
- 17 – Lorena Grizzle, Brooke Estavil, Jared Jewell, Keith Goodrich
- 20 – Ted Komarnitzky
- 21 – Megan McKenna
- 22 – Megan Oeste
- 23 – Marily Clark
- 19 – Jerald Call III
- 22 – Matthew Williams
- 26 – Susan Brillat, Richard Deary, Sayge Norton
- 29 – Eby Okonkwo



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

Pinellas Suncoast F&R Birthdays



- 1 – Michael Granger
- 4 – Stephen Sera
- 13 – Robert Polk
- 27 – Chip Bodine

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 – James & Jacquelyn Emaus
- 4 – Robert & Suzen Cornell
- 13 – Steve & Jane Small

Facebook

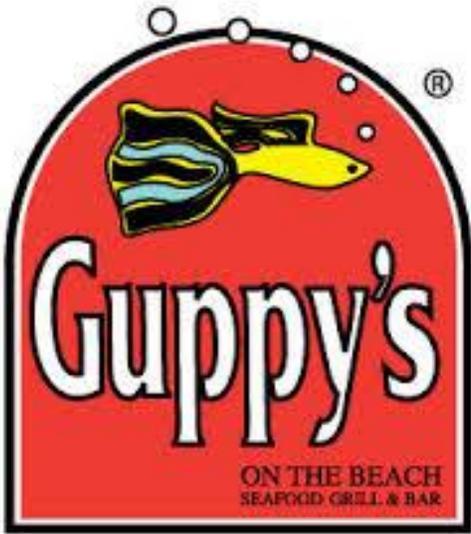
The Calvary Facebook page "lit up" over the Christmas holiday as people enjoyed seeing our pictures posted and news. Social media is a great way to get immediate information and share things we like. Here below are the data from that week's activities.

The Calvary Facebook Page
December 20-27, 2015

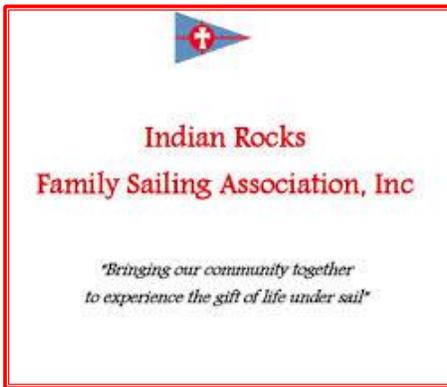
METRIC	LAST WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	TREND
Page Visits	39	28	↑39.3%
Weekly Total Reach	2290	353	↑547.6%
People Engaged	182	27	↑574.1%
Total Page Likes	164	162	↑1.2%

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"Significant" Goods, services and tangible donations qualify to become a partner with Calvary.



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11th Annual Winterfest on the Rocks 2016 Vendor Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Category of Work: Photography Painting Glass Wood Fabric Pottery
 Jewelry Mix Media Other _____

Description of Art / craft: _____

Yes I would like to donate merchandise that will be featured in the Silent Auction at Winterfest. Please list your donation description and value.

Booth Type: Single Booth (\$75.00) 10x10 Double Booth (\$125.00) 10x20
 Non-Profit (\$35.00)

Booth Location: On Grass On Concrete No Preference

Set up time: Saturday February 6, 2016 8:00 A.M.

* Parking will be provided based on a first come first served bases in the south parking lot.

I hereby make application to participate in the 11th Annual Winterfest on the Rocks. I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth and other rules as may be established. I release and forever discharge *Calvary Episcopal Church* from responsibility, personal liability, loss, claim or damages arising out of, or in conjunction with 10th Annual Winterfest on the Rocks.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member Ads

Interested in promoting your business? Rates for advertising for Members and Non-members with content and size are per discretion of the Calvary administration.

ELIZABETH "BETSEY" MCKENNA
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