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

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Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen. (Collect for Holy Cross Day, Sept. 14th)

Bring a Friend

There is a wonderful event that is offered three times a year (two in English, one in Spanish) in our Diocese, called Cursillo. It is a three day, short course in Christianity and has its roots in the Roman Catholic church. Beginning in 1944, lay leaders in Marjorca, Spain, realized the need to give training on how to take the concept of pilgrimage into the leadership of the Church. Over time, it spread into the Anglican Church to which we enjoy to this day.

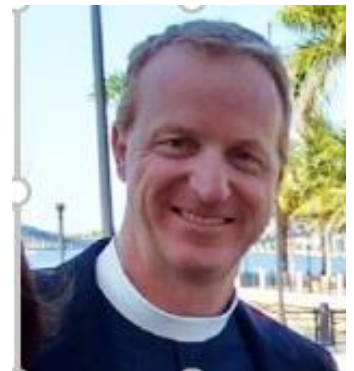
There is a saying that we "Cursillistas" like to use when preparing new "Pilgrims." We say, "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ." Our calling as Christians in this world, is in the making, the being, and the bringing. I have great optimism that you will read this and be interested in learning how. Taking this journey is a quiet

one and a prayerful one. It is where the message of God's love is once more heard and our faith is enriched. There is another reason why Cursillo is so good. It reminds you of the simplicity of the message of salvation so that when you face the complex challenges in this world you will do so with a deeper knowledge of Christ and with new friendships. You will learn that the message and person of Jesus Christ has never changed, but the culture in which we live always does. Like the year Cursillo began, 1944, the present time require people of devout faith, true grit and steadfast love to build the church. We send out pilgrims that they may be equiped to return and serve with an earnest zeal and commitment to make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ.

The invitation of all Cursillistas is the same I make to all who attend Church. We are to bring people to Christ but that does not come so easy. I would like for you to take the following to heart. It stems from the Old Testament and the New Testament, where the prophet Isaiah (45:17) says, "Israel is saved by the Lord with everlasting salvation; you shall not be put to shame or be confounded to all eternity." Later, Paul the Apostle of Jesus writes to the small but faithful house-gathering "Church" in Rome, "Everyone who believes in Him shall not be put to shame." (Rom 10:11) If you feel ashamed or ill-equipped by whatever insecurity you may have towards making a friend, being a friend, or bringing that friend to Christ you are not alone. We are reminded that these actions constitute an act of God, motivated by the Holy Spirit. God working through you can do more things than you can ask or imagine if you simply take the risk. All you have to do is to say, "Here I am Lord."

If you feel it is hard to bring a friend to Christ and you want to know a little more about the message of Jesus, who he is, what he is about, or if you are questioning your own faith, then you are the perfect candidate for attending Cursillo. The event offers a condensed, spiritual formation for adults. I would liken it to the St. Michaels Conference, we offer our youth each summer where there is learning through spiritual and theological courses, enriched by wonderful music and building everlasting friendships. In Cursillo these condensed courses are called, "rojos" and this year I am pleased to announce that Jo Simpson will take part in the instruction and leadership of the October event and that we are sending at least one "Pilgrim". Find Jo or Judy Marx and ask them about Cursillo, and about future application dates. Ask them how Cursillo has changed their lives and helped them make, be and bring friends to Christ.

One last note on "making and being a friend." Do not always think that the friend you intend to make or be towards, is a person you have never met or known. You may think it is always the stranger, but perhaps it is someone you pass by each day, but choose to avoid. Sometimes God calls us to make and be friends with the people we have distanced ourselves. Remember, Jesus made friends with the people that were turned away or shunned, passed by and avoided. There was the adulterous wife who he rescued. There was the leperous man who he touched and healed. There were the thousands who were hungry that his disciples said, "Tell them to go home. We can't feed them." There was the rabbi Nicodemus, who he challenged to learn something new. There was the woman by the well who was unclean. Making friends who may elevate you in community, to benefit your own self interests, is not the right attitude. We should never be concerned about how we will look in front of others, by befriending those overlooked. If God calls you to make friends, it is always because He always wants you to restore them to the Church community. This is where the message of love, mercy, forgiveness, justice and most importantly, salvation is proclaimed as good news.



Jesus came into this world so that he would save those who turned away from the creator, the savior and the ultimate and true friend. He reached out to make us his friend. Will you reach out to others, and bring a friend to Christ?

Yours, faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Father Jon

Cursillo #140 will be held at DaySpring, our Diocesan Conference Center on October 25-28th.



Leadership

Treasurer Position

There has been an open Executive seat in our parish governance since last October. It is reserved for a Treasurer. In accordance to our Parish and Diocesan Bylaws it is necessary to have someone serve in this capacity. Fortunately for us, we have capable and spiritually-guided collective leadership to fulfill the duties of that position within our Finance Committee. Chaired by Janie Small and joined by Fr. Jon Roberts, Mike Alford, Greg Donham, Julie Day and Jo Simpson, we are blessed to have such a dedicated team. The minutes of those events are supplied to the Vestry to keep all discussions and recommendations transparent and deliberate. These are historical documents of the church and are being recorded in writing and digitized. We are blessed that FC member, and Chair, Mrs. Janie Small, so graciously writes those minutes, from the audio recordings, and supplies to us for approval and publishing.

If you feel you are being led to learn more about this position and whether or not you would be the right candidate, take the time to go to our website under "Volunteer Positions" and read the description. Someone with business experience and/or degree or license is always helpful and one who enjoys communicating with others and has good personal skills is necessary.

Vestry Minutes

Our website is unlike most churches in that we actually publish the minutes to all Vestry meetings so that we are transparent in all decision making. Make it your practice to read whenever we post those updates. Most often the minutes are posted a month after the actual meeting. This is because we cannot publish until the next Vestry meeting has approved them. All minutes are recorded by the Clerk of the Vestry. We are blessed that Vestry member, and Clerk, Mrs. Karen Hillegas so graciously writes those minutes, from the audio recordings, and supplies to us for approval and publishing.

Convocation and Convention:

The Calvary Delegates going to General Convention in October plan to travel to St. Peters Cathedral in St. Petersburg for the Fall "Convocation" on Sept. 5th. This is necessary to review the details of the budget, review new candidates seeking Committee appointments and to hear the Bishop's overall theme for the convention. This is in preparation for General Convention. The Diocesan Convention has been held for several years at the Port Charlotte Convention Center in Punta Gorda, and this year it takes place October 12-13th. Support your delegates in prayer, namely, Fr. Jon Roberts, Dcn. Melissa Sands, Mike Alford, Margaret Richcreek, JoAnn Martindale and David Kline. Anyone may attend either event from our parish and we encourage you to do so as it is most enlightening on how our Diocese functions.

This year will be especially engaging as the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry will be the speaker and Celebrant at the Friday afternoon Plenary session and the evening Holy Eucharist. Make your reservations to carpool down to the Convention Center or overnight lodging as soon as possible. There are special rates that apply for those local hotels if you refer to the Convention. If you intend to be at Convention, for Friday and/or Saturday, and are not a delegate, you need to let Lia King, our Parish Secretary know as soon as possible as we are being asked to register you with the Diocese in advance. admin@calvaryirb.org

Clergy Appreciation Day

It doesn't take much to make people feel appreciated. Throughout the year, Fr. Jon and Deacon Melissa, with the assistance of Fr. Hugh Bell and Fr. Mike Day, have shown us how much they care for us. Please consider sending them a note or gift of appreciation, or tell them in person what their ministry means to you. The official day of Clergy Appreciation this year is October 14th.

Vestry Service

Between now and the Annual Parish Meeting in January, our church leadership discerns the very important task of nominating new members to serve on our Vestry. The leadership of our Vestry is vital to the life of our church, and a representation of those biblical, twelve disciples who long ago had the courage to plant the early church with their efforts and teachings. Each year we look for four faithful members who feel called to serve in this same manner.

The Vestry is made up of Father Jon and twelve 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 2018 Nominating Committee

Fr. Jon Roberts, Mike Alford, Kim Heinicka, David Kline and Rick Schock

General Convention at a glance

Every three years our National Church, otherwise known as The Episcopal Church (TEC), has held a meeting convened by the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies to discuss all things pertaining to our denominational life, doctrine and government. This annual meeting is called the General Convention of TEC and has been faithfully doing so since 1789. Every time they meet, they discuss many things, but arguably none of the topics have been as controversial as motions for prayer book revision. After all, "We are what we pray." There is always a spirited debate over prayer book revision and there are lasting effects that eventually affect us on the parish level. Keep in mind the BCP has only been officially revised twice in our American/Episcopal history. Once in 1928 and another in 1979. Some believe we are due for the next official revision in 2024 with new trial liturgies now approved but this is not definitive by any means, historically speaking.

This past summer, on July 5, the General Convention took place in Austin, Texas where there were 400 resolutions presented over ten days. Our diocesan delegation was part of that meeting. What mainly took the headlines were Resolutions A068 and B012. The first was regarding BCP revision and was passed, barely, by the House of Deputies. A day later, the House of Bishops amended it and sent it back for adoption. The amendment immortalized the language of the current 1979 BCP, but allows trial liturgies to be exercised by Dioceses regarding inclusive language, pertaining to the deity of God and the rite of Holy Matrimony. These liturgies, if approved will not be encased within the 1979 BCP, ever. For example, I know a parish that still retains the usage of the 1928 BCP.

The second resolution was regarding the duty and authority of a Bishop in such a way that, in my opinion, limits the Episcopate. Specifically relating to the Marriage Rite, if a same-sex couple desires to be married in a diocese, and their diocesan Bishop, for theological reasons, cannot consent, that bishop must invite one who does. The other bishop is to come and provide pastoral support and also access to that trial or approved sacramental rite. This behavior is not unprecedented in the history of TEC, as we have seen regarding other issues where bishops travelled in for purposes similar, but this is the first time, to my knowledge, it was legalized by a General Convention.

The language of these two resolutions are worth reading by all members of TEC, and especially those at the parish level because now, ultimately the decision is in the hands of the parish, specifically the Rector. On a more unifying and positive note, please read A227 which approved the task force on the, "Communion Across Differences." Both traditionalists and progressives comprise this group whose purpose is to learn how each can learn to work together with integrity. That would be nice. I hope that you will enjoy reading these three resolutions, as much as I have, as they inform us about the larger church in which we live and move and have our being.

A068 Resolution: <https://www.vbinder.net/resolutions/A068?house=hd&lang=en>

B012 Resolution: <https://www.vbinder.net/resolutions/B012?house=hd&lang=en>

A227 Resolution: <https://www.vbinder.net/resolutions/A227?house=hd&lang=en>

Submitted by Fr. Jon

Christian Education

The Bible Project

The Bible Project is a non-profit animation studio that produces short-form, fully animated videos to make the biblical story accessible to everyone, everywhere. Videos, podcasts, and study guides have been created that explore the Bible's unified story. We are going to begin using this resource at Calvary on Wednesday, October 17th at 10am & 7pm. The discussions following each video will be facilitated by Fr. Jon.



The Bible is a divine-human book that speaks God's word to his people. We believe it ultimately points us to Jesus, who has the power to change individuals and whole communities when we let the biblical story unfold before us. The focus is on the Bible's overarching themes and each book's literary design is committed to understanding the Bible in its historical context. Please consider joining us each week.

A \$1 donation per session would be nice, in order to support The Bible Project with future video releases.

Wednesdays at 10am in Barge Hall (rsvp not required)

Wednesdays at 7pm at the home of Fr. Jon & Lynne Roberts (rsvp jroberts@calvaryirb.org).

The Center of the Bible

What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?

Answer: Psalm 117

What is the largest chapter in the Bible?

Answer: Psalm 119

Which chapter is in the center of the Bible?

Answer: Psalm 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118.

Fact: There are 594 chapters after Psalm 118.

Add these numbers and you get 1188.

What is the "verse" in the center of the Bible? Answer: Psalm 118:8

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

Submitted by Betty Pink



Worship

Worship Commission

Tuesday, August 21 Jackie Tatsak, member of Calvary and owner of Retirement Living by Design, brought a Senior Seminar to Calvary. Local professionals spoke on legal matters, estate planning and advance directives, senior scams, veteran benefits and senior living options. Fr Roberts participated and spoke on the benefits of funeral planning and the importance of the Eucharist at such an event.

Deacon Melissa will begin the training of incoming Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs). The Commission will participate.

Calvary offers events ranging from musical presentations to movies to dinners to educational programs for all ages. It is our sincere wish that the parish enjoy such endeavors.

Respectfully,

Mike Alford and Karen Hillegas

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your beloved pets to the Church for our annual "blessing of the animals" on Sunday, October 7th, at 3 pm. Cats, Dogs, Birds, etc., are invited, (but NO Snakes or Cockroaches, says Fr. Jon).

This is always a wonderful expression of love towards the creatures God has bestowed upon us. This year, our youth are asked to be part of this event by helping "corral" the animals to the back of our church, by the water, where "treats" will be offered to all pets that come for a blessing.



Welcome New Section Leader

Dr. Sandra Rogers, not to be mistaken with our beloved Sandy & Rebecca Rogers, has recently joined the Choir, bringing with her great skill and talent. Sandra lives in Largo and you may have heard her give a choral presentation during a concert we held in 2017. She is also a professional voice and piano instructor. If anyone is seeking either voice or piano lessons, both Matthew and Sandra would love to hear from you and set an appointment to begin learning. All appointments for both instructors will be held at Calvary at times that are convenient.

Healing Mass Resumes

Wednesdays at noon, beginning September 5th, the Holy Eucharist with Holy Unction "Healing" will resume. At this service a brief homily is given by the priest to celebrate the life of a holy person ("Saint") who once lived in our history and made a profound difference, or a holy event such as The Annunciation or Holy Cross Day. All of these recognitions are collected and organized on the liturgical life cycle and can be conveniently located at this website:

<http://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/TxtIndexLFF.html>

Those who have ailments of mind, body and/or soul, those simply asking for things like peace, strength or patience, etc., find this service to be most personable and beneficial. We mention many of our parishioners by name, asking for God to give them peace, joy, comfort and a sense of wholeness. Make an effort to attend one of these services perhaps each week or once per month. Once we begin The Bible Project on October 17th, occurring at 10am on Wednesdays, you may want to stay for this service which follows.

Altar Guild Luncheon

On Saturday, October 6th at 11:30am at the Clearwater Yacht Club, the Altar Guild will enjoy a time of fellowship with one another. If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, whether male or female, you are cordially invited to dine with us. The CYC is located at 830 Bayway Blvd., Clearwater, Beach Fl. (Drive across the Sand Key Bridge go straight on this road until it dead ends and then turns right. You will see the club on the left.) We will enjoy having a private dining room located on the top floor. Please make note; the luncheon is 'Dutch' and the CYC only accepts cash and not credit cards.



Acolyte Festival

On Saturday, September 15th, we will be taking our youth to this annual event at St. Peter's Cathedral in St. Petersburg. The event will be so much fun as we will meet other youth & adult acolytes from all over the Diocese. The purpose is to provide workshops on the mechanics of serving at the altar and giving explanations and further training to enhance your Sunday participation. Check-in will be from 8:30am-12:30pm. Carpooling is being organized with Fr. Jon Elyssa Coker and Mike Alford. Please contact them if you plan to go. There is no cost.

The Astralis Chamber Ensemble Returns

There will be a concert, followed by a Sherry & Dessert Reception at Calvary November 11th, once more by The Astralis Chamber Ensemble. They will be returning to Calvary led by Flutist Angela Massey and also includes a Cellist and Pianist. They are a wonderful group and we hope you will join us here in the church sanctuary for the beautiful presentation of music they bring. Submitted by Matthew Burke



Organ Scholarship

There is an organ scholarship available to any young person who would like to learn the "king of instruments." The scholarship is a \$500 value and good for 10 lessons with our music director and organist Matthew Burke. Prior keyboard experience is recommended. Lessons will be held on our own Unico 370 organ. If you have ever been curious to try the organ, this is your chance for 10 free lessons! You might think it looks too complicated to play, but I will break it down for you and show you that it's no harder than piano or guitar. Call 727-273 -4742 or the office at Calvary 727-595-2374 if interested.

Fellowship

Youth-hosted Breakfast

On Sunday, October 7th, following the 10am service, everyone is invited by our youth to join us for eggs, bacon, pancakes and fruit, along with coffee and juice. The youth are asking for each person to make a donation towards the youth Summer Mission Trips and/or Christian Conference.

Fundraising is an important aspect of their character development and allows for them to build healthy relationships with the Church and each other. Not to mention, they will have a lot of fun in the preparation and get a deep sense of joy in the art of hospitality. Please be generous with your donations and bring a healthy appetite. Also, this is a great time to "INVITE A FRIEND" to church and would be a great way to extend ourselves into the community. This event will be published on NextDoor and Facebook social media apps.

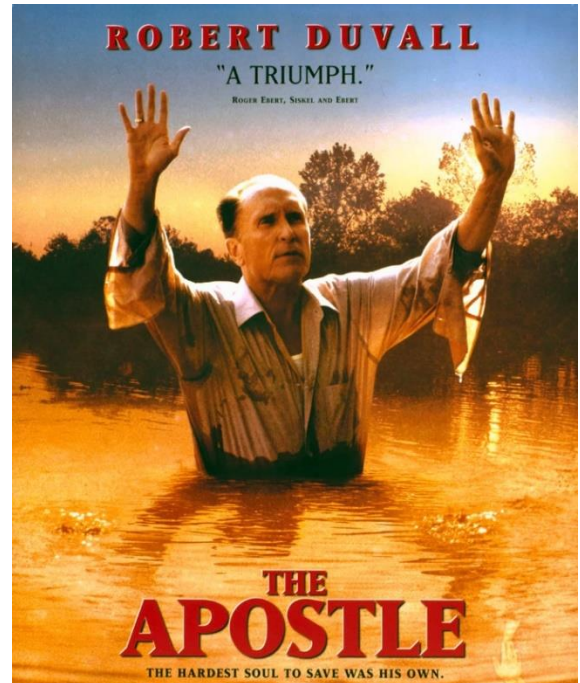


Contact: Fr. Jon & Billy Coker

Sunday Funday Flix & Food

Our September movie will star Robert Duvall in *The Apostle* (1997, PG-13) on September 30, 12pm in Barge Hall Theatre at Calvary. Food provided. \$5/person, \$10/family.

Euliss F. "Sonny" Dewey (Duvall) is a charismatic Pentecostal preacher. His wife Jessie (Fawcett) has begun an adulterous relationship with a youth minister named Horace. She refuses Sonny's desire to reconcile, although she assures him that she will not interfere with his right to see his children. She has also conspired to use their church's bylaws to have him removed from power. Sonny asks God what to do but receives no answer. Much of the congregation sides with Jessie in this dispute. Sonny, however, refuses to start a new church, insisting that the one which forced him out was "his" church. At his child's Little League game, Sonny, in an emotional and drunken fit, attacks Horace with a bat and puts him into a coma;



A fleeing Sonny ditches his car in a river and gets rid of all identifying information. After destroying all evidence of his past, Sonny rebaptizes himself and anoints himself as "The Apostle E. F." He leaves Texas and ends up in the bayous of Louisiana, where he persuades a retired minister named Blackwell (Beasley) to help him start a new church. He works various odd jobs and uses the money to build the church, and to buy time to preach on a local radio station. Sonny also begins dating the station's receptionist (Richardson).

With Sonny's energy and charisma, the church soon has a faithful and racially integrated flock. Sonny even succeeds in converting a racist construction worker (Thornton) who shows up at a church picnic intent on destruction. While at work in a local diner, Sonny sees his new girlfriend out in public with her husband and children, apparently reconciled.

In the poignant finale, Sonny delivers an impassioned sermon before telling his flock that he has to go.

Please join us once again for "Sunday Funday Flix & Food"

YOU Can Do IT!

Coffee Hour hosts needed

Great way to meet everyone.

Looking for fun, outgoing and happy helpers to join our team.

Everything already provided, just bring your smiling face and "can-do" attitude.

Apply in the Parish Hall – Sign up for your week today!

No Experience needed

On-the-FUN training provided.

Please see Harvey or Susan Brillat for more details.



Winterfest Annual Church Fundraiser

Winterfest is scheduled for February 16, 2019. It is the most profitable fund-raising event we have at Calvary. This year we hope to have more vendors than before. We will continue to add a variety of entertainment, in the Parish Hall, the Church and on the street. The Winterfest committee has been working hard to make this event the best yet, but we need your help. In the past you've all been very generous with your time. We're asking you to do it again. Some jobs take 15 minutes; others an hour, but whatever amount of time you can give us would be greatly appreciated. Below you will see a list of Volunteer duties with a description of the activities.

Volunteers needed

**WINTERFEST VOLUNTEER MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 11:30AM
BARGE HALL**

Vendors Parking - Mike Alford - Time 7:30 to 9:30.

- (2) Volunteers to help him guide vendors to their spots.
- (2) Volunteers to help the vendors unload their vehicles.

Information Booth (IB) - Cathy Athanson - Time 10AM - 4PM

- We will have an IB in front of the church on the street
- We need volunteers to sit in IB to sell 50/50 tickets and raffle tickets.
- Communicate information regarding-- event times -- food -- entertainment -- directions to Parish Hall - rest rooms.
- Distribute information sheets about Winterfest - Calvary church.
- Floaters to aid as needed.
- The IB will be the clearinghouse for volunteers.
- Committee chairman needing help can call the IB.
- Anyone wanting to volunteer would check in with the IB as to location assignment.

Sitters -

- Check with Information Booth
- Many vendors come by themselves and need an occasional restroom break.
- Sitters stay in the vendor booth during this time. You are not to sell any product or collect any cash. You are there strictly there to secure the booth.

Parish Hall Kitchen - Mary Schock & Julie Heinicka - Time 10AM - 4PM

- Serving food and beverages, manage the cashbox.

Ticket Sales - JoAnn Martindale & Chuck Pond - Time 10AM - 3PM

- Walk around selling 50/50 tickets and Raffle tickets.

Popcorn - Elyssa Coker & Dianne Oeste -- Time 10AM - 3PM

- Manage the popcorn Machine and sell popcorn.
- Youth to walk through the crowd selling Popcorn.

Sail Boats - Harvey Brillat - Time 10AM - 3PM

- Assist the kids to put their boats in the water.
- Lifeguard if some kids go for a swim.

Setup/Take Down - Rick Schock & Mike Alford
- Time 7AM - 10PM / 4PM to 5:30PM

- Set up Tables and chairs
- Take down all table -- chairs and store away.

Silent Auction - Susan Brillat and Joan Vogt

- Contact sponsors for item
- Set up display tables

Bake Sale - Cynthia Laitinen & Sue Harry

- Bakers are needed

Submitted By: Bill Athanson
Winterfest Chairman



Begin collecting your items "of worth" and bring to the Church.

Furniture and valuables are wanted, but no clothing nor electronics. All items will be stored in the Old Food Pantry space. Back your car up to the doors and we will assist.



Photo from last Sunday Flix 'N Food "Leap of Faith"

Frog created from a watermelon by David Richcreek. Such talent!

A poster for a Fellowship meeting. The background is white with several large, stylized autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The text is arranged in a central column. At the top, it says "Committee now forming." followed by "Opportunity to enrich lives in Christ & Make a difference as we Entertain our thoughts & desires for". Below this is the large, bold text "Fellowship FUN!". Underneath that is the meeting information: "Meeting 9/16/18", "11:30 am", "Barge Hall", and "~All Invited~". At the bottom right, it says "In the Fellowship of Christ", "Margaret Richcreek", and provides contact information: "Marvelousmargee@yahoo.com" and "727-365-3683".

9th Annual Baseball with the Bishop

Friday September 28

Game: 7:10 pm

Lower Level tickets \$25 (\$45 Value)

A portion of each ticket sold goes to
The Episcopal Charities Fund

Details and Sign-up at the Calvary Office

Admin@calvaryirb.org

727/595-2374

Deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 1pm.



Missions

Youth Mission Trips

This past summer, there were two youth mission trips. The mission trip at Group Week of Hope in Loveland, Colorado and the mission trip at Dayspring Conference Center in Ellenton, FL.

At the Sunday service on September 2nd, both the youth and adults who attended were invited to come forward and share their experiences. We heard their wonderful stories and how God touched their lives in the acts of service. They were being "doers of the Word" and not merely "hearers of the Word" as Fr. Jon referenced the passage of scripture from that day from the Epistle of James. We are so blessed to have a presence and participation of young people in our church. Hopefully what they presented edified the commitment of this parish to prioritize such Christian development.

Those who attended these events were:

Fr. Jon, Lynne, Emma, & Watson Roberts, Mike, Grace & Jacob Alford, Elyssa, Jordan & Dylan Coker, David Yanacheck, Kenneth, Garrett & Cedric Fisher, Kevin Oeste, Carmen McDaniel, and Matthew Burke

Some have inquired about the cost of our youth programs. This summer, the families paid ~50% from their personal income; 25% budgeted from scholarships; 15% came from fundraising; ~10% supplied by Calvary's operating budget.

After the Sunday presentation, Fr. Jon made a simple appeal to the congregation there present, to help with the deficit in projected scholarships. We received \$80 and are most grateful. If there are others who would like to help support the goal of raising an additional \$1400 to make up the deficit in scholarships, please write on your check, "Youth Programs."

The investment in our youth and those adults willing to serve communities with Christian charity is one of the best things we can do as a Church. It is a way in which we give back and share the love of Christ in the community, local and at-large.



A photo gallery of the events can be found on our Calvary Episcopal Church [Facebook page](#).

Here, we see our Loveland, CO team celebrating the Holy Eucharist at 9,400 feet above sea level in an outpost in the Roosevelt National Forest.







Dayspring Mission Trip – Ellenton, FL



Back Pack Ministry



Thank you for being a part of this outreach initiative for school children this fall. Your compassionate and generous giving exceeded all expectations. We were able to provide 75 back packs as well as many boxes of paper, notebooks, pencils, crayons, glue, scissors and other assorted items. Boys and girls who are the recipients of your kindness will enter this school year with bright new materials that will help them on their journey to academic success. As Mother Teresa once said, "We cannot do great things but we can do small things with great love." Simply put, you have touched the lives of so many youngsters because you cared enough to offer a helping hand. Once again, thank you for helping to make Calvary a light in the lives of others. And my personal thanks to Susan Brillat, shopper extraordinaire, for her invaluable help.

Food Pantry Van Purchase Update

The BCFP has had a stable summer with not too much going on over July and August but the next few months promises to make up for it.

As you have witnessed over the last 9 months, we have been actively soliciting donations for the purchase of a cargo van. Good news—we have reached and exceeded our goal of \$15,000 and have been approved by the Vestry and Finance Committee to start the search for a cargo van. Our goal is to complete the purchase by the end of September.

Many thanks to our BCFP Management Team (special thanks to team member Anne Mason for spearheading the internet search for funding!), Calvary Administrator Lia King and all those donors in our community for supporting our cause.

We can use your help—If any of our Calvary faithful have a relationship with someone in the world of auto sales, we would appreciate any help they could provide in securing our purchase.

Look forward to more exciting news as we get closer to the purchase. We hope to have a formal dedication shortly thereafter.

'FISH FRY COMING!'

Put the date in your calendar: Saturday, October 20, from 5-7 pm.

What is going on, you ask? An old fashioned 'fish fry', that is what!

Once again, our friends at Crabby Bill's (Matt Jr., Madison and Carly) have graciously volunteered to host a fall 'Fish Fry' in the Parish Hall. All funds raised from the 'Fish Fry' will be for the benefit of BCFP.

The 'Fish Fry' will include fried fish, French fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, iced tea, soft drinks and cookies. Beer will be available for purchase, as well.

The cost of this wonderful Crabby's dinner is only \$10 (pre-sale) or \$12 (at the door).

More detail will be presented shortly.

A huge THANK YOU to Crabby's for continuing to support our mission of feeding those in the community who are challenge with food insecurity.

Respectfully,
David Kline
Director, BCFP



Property

June-July 2018

- We are still fighting a small roof leak from the leak we fixed last year. Arry's has been out a third time and even with some heavy rain, we see no leaks! Lets hope it stays that way.
- We had a coil leak in the Food Pantry/West Classroom AC unit that required a new coil. Cost was \$2100 and I made a decision to repair asap as the heat was unbearable. I informed the Vestry and Finance Committee on June 2nd. Repairs were made asap. It is holding its own now, but the ductwork was designed for a 10 ton unit and was replaced with a 5 ton unit years ago. So the air flow is a little inadequate. I am going to ask what it takes to upgrade the ductwork. We still need AC in the old Food Pantry. I will push that quote as well.

In addition the AC in the loft of the church finally gave up after 28 years right in the middle of installing all of the organ speakers. It gets hot up there real quick. I have a quote from Blairs AC that I am asking for approval to replace for \$4925. The bell choir starts practice late September and without it, practice will be very uncomfortable.

- The new organ has been installed! And it sounds fantastic. We can look forward to many years of beautiful music. Thank You Denna Shiben and your loving husband Richard. What a great gift to Calvary. We all thank you. We used to have an organ with 4 channels and two speakers. Now we have an organ with 20 channels and 20 speakers. Just have to clean up a little bit of the wiring in the loft and we are good to go. I am in the build process of making a permanent organ transport platform to replace the temporary platform in place now. Look for it real soon!
- While we had the scissor lift here, we modified the Christus Rex to be on a winch system with smaller diameter cables and a two line pulley system. Thanks to Father Jon for pushing this agenda. One person can safely raise and lower the cross at any time now. A good improvement! We also removed the two ceiling fans above the alter area of the church at the request of Father Jon to improve the aesthetics for the parishioners. The change is noticeable. Enjoy.
- Greg Donham and his friend Tim, took on some Palm tree trimming. Got one high one done before the high winds forced them down off the lift. So they tacked the four palms at the back of the lot by the cross near the water. Nice job. It looks fantastic. Some other Palm trees were also trimmed and improves the appearance of the property. Thank You Greg!
- Carryover from last month/year. A \$25,000 anonymous donation was also received with instructions for capital improvement and a commercial coffee system. Using a portion of that donation, the parish hall was upgraded to LED lighting, the hallways of the facility were upgraded with new carpeting and the wiring installed for the commercial coffee system. I will come up with dollar amounts spent and find out where we are with the remaining balance to finish up the LED lighting in the choir room, kitchen food pantry and offices. I will get the coffee system ordered and installed REAL Soon. I apologize for the delay. It is all on me.
- David Hillegas responded to a volunteer request to get a new phone line into the conference room in the Barge Hall. We have a lot of dead phone jacks around, but Dave and I were able to run a new line from Lia's office to the conference room. Took a couple of hours and a little attic work. Thanks David for your assistance. It was a fun time to work through the issue and successfully complete the task! David used to be a phone man and shimmy up the telephone poles in his previous working life!

Future PLANS

- Fix the gutter in the front of the church by the old Food Pantry.
- Call in a tree guy to trim the trees in the south parking lot.
- Add a sprinkler system landscaping to south end of the church and along the sea wall.
- Seal the woodwork around the west stained glass windows.
- Add another coat of varnish to the north doors of the Sanctuary and doors in Barge Hall.
- Small row of landscape edging and a row of variegated liriopse along the new sidewalk in front of the Food Pantry.
- The West Classroom door still requires painting.
- Paint reworked window sills on east side of church.
- Remove the rust and paint the frame of the marquee in front of the church.
- Add a hose windup system for the front of the church by the flag pole to support Susan Koester's watering efforts.

Submitted by: Kim Heinicka, Junior Warden

Church space for Lease

Calvary allows people outside our membership to lease our space on occasion. This includes the Parish Hall, Barge Hall, Classrooms and even our Boat slips. Special events such as weddings, anniversaries and graduations are always a good thing to host at our Church along with support groups, civic groups, local councils, homeowner's associations, etc. The Church Insurance Group of Vermont, a member of The Church Pension Group, provides us with guidelines in which to follow. They say, make sure the proper insurance is in place and, with the help of legal counsel, put in writing an agreement with outside parties and consider the following:

- A group holding an activity at your church should provide evidence of insurance by producing a certificate of liability;
- Groups leasing space from the church should have the church named as an additional insured on their insurance policy;
- Leases should also include an indemnification provision;
- There should be an agreement as to who will be responsible for maintenance and housekeeping regarding the space being used;
- Be sure the group using your property understands any restrictions or hazards that they need to be aware;
- Complete a safety checklist before turning over the care and control of the property;
- Check with your governing body/your legal experts to determine if approval is needed for leases over one year in length;
- Users should typically be nonprofit organizations;

Property Volunteers Needed

- ❖ Paint white stripes on parking lot
- ❖ Wash windows inside and outside of church
- ❖ Paint some window lentils behind church
- ❖ Patch some drywall
- ❖ Dig some holes for fence posts
- ❖ Spot clean some stains in carpet
- ❖ Replace ceiling tiles

If you would like to take on some of these necessary tasks listed above, for the Church, please let us know. Calvary depends on our members who volunteer their time.

Stewardship

Stewardship Workshop

Bob Lima (Stewardship Chair) and Fr. Jon attended the Diocesan Stewardship workshop on August 25th. Led by Canon Michael Durning and Father Chris Gray, they covered many topics for leaders to think about when it comes to the theology and application of Stewardship. Several parish Stewardship leaders were invited to give practical applications, that we intend to use this year. Addressing the five levels of stewardship giving within a church informed us of the nature of each person in terms of commitment to support not only financially, but also with time and talent. The overarching reality is that most all Churches are supported by the usual 90/10 principle. 90% of the overall sustainability of the Church is created by 10% of its members. Calvary appears to be doing a little better as we are more like 80/20. Let's pray on how we can be the best stewards. Expect Bob Lima to share more as we approach the end of the year. If you are interested in stewardship practices, and the theology of it, let Bob know as he is in process of forming a Stewardship Committee.

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Online ACH Giving

You may have seen this card in our pews and you may have seen somebody put one in the offering plate. If you are making donations to the Church scheduled directly through your bank, you are part of a rapidly growing culture that uses electronic funding. Feel free to take a card and put in the offering plate if you give online. Thank you!



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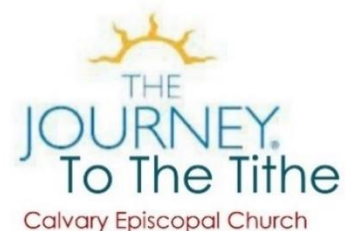


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Pledged Giving

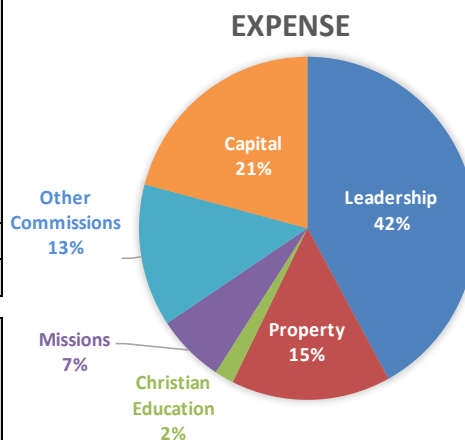
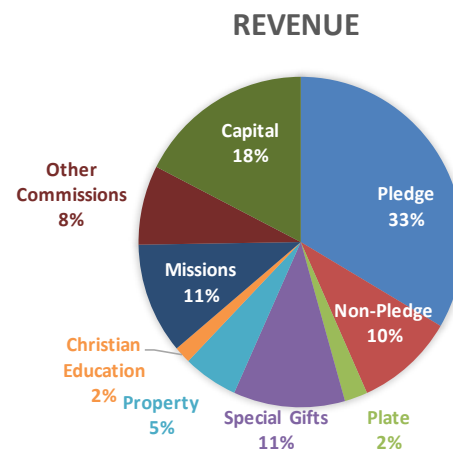
Mid-year statements were sent out in early August. If you did not receive yours, please let us know. As you will see in the Summary of Financial Activity on the next page, we are approximately \$4,000 behind in our pledged giving, half way through the year. If you are behind in your pledged commitment please catch up.



If you are new, please contact the office for a pledge card and we will be glad to send you one. Pledged giving is so necessary for our sustainability. We also are blessed with non-pledged giving from families who prefer that method. That is also a blessing as it keeps us accountable in living by faith that God will provide.

Summary of Financial Activity (YTD Jan-July 2018)			
	Actual	Budget	Difference (+/-)
Revenue			
Pledge	\$105,337	\$109,375	(\$4,038)
Non-Pledge	\$30,966	\$26,250	\$4,716
Plate	\$7,224	\$9,333	(\$2,109)
Special Gifts	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
Property	\$17,215	\$19,833	(\$2,618)
Christian Education	\$5,261	\$9,042	(\$3,781)
Missions	\$34,220	\$16,917	\$17,303
Other Commissions	\$24,474	\$16,128	\$8,346
Capital	\$55,000	\$20,417	\$34,583
Investments (Gains)*	\$19,788	\$11,404	\$8,384
Total Revenue	\$334,485	\$238,699	\$87,402
Expenses			
Leadership	\$133,189	\$131,701	\$1,488
Property	\$48,515	\$23,190	\$25,325
Christian Education	\$5,876	\$7,991	(\$2,115)
Missions	\$20,611	\$15,750	\$4,861
Other Commissions	\$42,662	\$39,650	\$3,012
Capital	\$66,170	\$20,416	\$45,754
Investments (Losses)*	\$4,674	\$0	\$4,674
Total Expenses	\$321,697	\$238,698	\$32,571
Difference	\$12,788	\$1	\$54,831

*The 2018 Budget allotted \$19,550 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 collection of most generous gifts. There were also pledges paid in full at beginning of the year. Pledged income remains most helpful to create a budget and sustain our Church operation.



Please fulfill your 2018 pledge and prayerfully consider your commitment to help Calvary fulfill its mission.

Revenue is designated and non-designated for operation of the Church. Expenses listed are primary categories of spending. Missions is primarily the Food Pantry and Christian Education is primarily our Youth programs. * Investment Revenue & Expense vary on the Market with realized gains/losses and are currently managed by Merrill Lynch. Interest has been typically reinvested in the Endowment Fund.

The Legacy Society

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

To date, our current Principal balance for our Calvary Endowment Fund is \$709,758. Interest earned on this account has been reinvested into the Principal, in full, since 2014. Please contact any member of the Finance Committee for more information. We invite you to become part of the Legacy Society and help invest in our Endowment.



The Legacy Society

An Endowment of Calvary Episcopal Church

Connections

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Our Choice of Social Media

The Church "By the Numbers"

Provided by Steve Hein

183	61%	Active Resident	Total Active & Inactive Members	15	5%	Inactive Members
32	11%	Active Seasonal		24	8%	Related/Family
7	2%	Elderly/Shut-in		2	1%	Transferred out
17	6%	New Members		3	1%	Deceased
				15	5%	Moved away
239	Total Active Members			59	Total Inactive Members	
			298			
141	47%	Seniors/60+		118	41%	Single
108	36%	Midlife/20-60		173	59%	Married
40	13%	Youth		291	Total Married/Single	
289	Total Age Demo.					

New Website Update – Go and take a look
www.calvaryirb.org



We are now in **The Easy Guide** brochure
 Distributed in many IRB resort locations



Anniversaries

September

4 Patricia & Ed Parker

October

30 Claire & Jim English

September

1	Jo Simpson
3	James Doyle
6	Gary Kingston
9	Bob Clark
11	Bill Smith
12	Jordan Coker
	Charlie Sutherland
14	Jeff Godfrey
15	Gordon Ross
	Patricia Parker
16	Denna Shiben
	Pat Whalen
	Casey Carpenter
20	Dcn. Melissa Sands
21	Emma Roberts
23	Beth Widell
24	Edna Snyder
	Matthew Burke
25	Gordon Stevenson
	Jordan Coker
26	Patricia Chorny
27	Josh Sutherland
28	Gene Chapman
30	Rick Alvarez

October

1	Ian Simpson
	Susan Lewis
	Shirley McAllister
	Sandy Rogers
	Noreen Spicer
3	Suzanne Daviault
4	Maria McDaniel
	Bettie Benson
7	Fr. Jon Roberts
	Jeanette Stewart
8	David Richcreek
10	Penny Yanacheck
11	Rebecca Alford
12	Roger Knickerbocker
13	Mary Lou Chonko
	Brenda McCoy
19	Bunny Stevenson
	Dot Romanowski
20	Christine Kline
23	Zach Alford
	Judy Cannistraro
28	Dick Reynolds
29	Claudette Gibson
	Marguerite Widell
30	Lisa Westall
31	Jackie Emaus

Pastoral Care

Jim Emaus Funeral



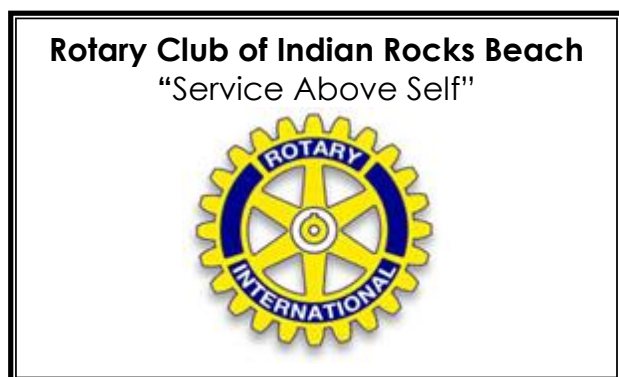
On Saturday, Sept. 29th at 10am we will be honoring a dear member of the Church with a requiem mass and Committal in the Columbarium. A reception "Celebration of Life" will follow.

Jim passed away peacefully July 24, 2018. He was born in Paterson, NJ, Oct. 22, 1921. He graduated from Paterson High School, and shortly after graduation he volunteered for the Army in WWII. The Army drafted him into the Signal Corps because he had taught himself telegraphy (Morse Code) at the age of 14. He served in battles and campaigns in the Ardennes, Central Europe, Northern France, and the Rhineland. After WWII, Jim married Irene Oleksak, and they had three children, Sue, Jimmy, and Nancy. While he worked for Wagner Electric, he attended Newark College of Engineering in the evenings for 12 years to earn a degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1987, he was predeceased by Irene.

Jim met his second wife, Jacquelyn Chandler, while they were both volunteering at Morristown Medical Center, New Jersey, and they married Jan. 1, 1991. They divided their time between homes in Pinellas County, FL, and Morris County, NJ, over the last 27 years. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Jacquelyn (Jackie) Emaus. He was a loving father to his daughter, Sue Emaus; his son, James S. Emaus (wife, Carolyn Bardach); and his daughter, Nancy Emaus Schukraft. He leaves behind three much loved grand-daughters, Becca Schukraft, Sarah Emaus, Emily Schukraft; and a stepgrandson, Eric Bardach.

Jim played golf and thoroughly enjoyed his memberships at Mendham Golf & Tennis Club in Mendham, NJ, and the Bayou Country Club in Largo, FL. He also played with the Mendham Monday Morning Bowling League. During his time in Florida, Jim was a faithful, daily patron of DoeDoe's Dinner in Bay Pines. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church in Madison, NJ. He and his first wife, Irene, were vestry members of the church. In Florida, he was a member of Calvary Episcopal in IRB.

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Sundays

8am & 10am (Holy Eucharist)

Monday – Thursday

9am – 1pm (Office hours)

Wednesdays

10am & 7pm (The Bible Project) – begins Oct. 17

12pm (Holy Eucharist & "Healing") – begins Sept. 5