



A Word from the Rector

Alleluia! Christ is risen. So goes the ancient acclamation of Easter. For thousands of years, throughout the world, in many languages, it has been shouted by Christians on Easter Day. But the power of this acclamation is not in the volume of the shouting or the number of the shouters, but in the quiet places of our lives when we *feel it, live it, and experience it.*

And, just as Resurrection happened only after the death of Good Friday, the reality of resurrection often happens in our lives in the midst of pain, loss, or sorrow. The disciples did not understand it immediately. They hid, they were perplexed, “some doubted” (Matthew 28.17). It takes time. Reflection. Prayer. Resurrection is not always seen at first, or even for what it is: new life out of death; not old life returned, but new life begun.

Last Sunday we heard the story of Paul’s conversion, struck down on the road to Damascus by a vision of the Risen Christ (Acts 9). The Book of Acts hurries through the whole story of the early Church, and it isn’t immediately evident that it took Paul *years* to make sense of this conversion, this experience which took him through the death of all he had held dear and into new life beyond anything he could have imagined.

While resurrection for us may not be on such a scale, death and new life call us to stay with God, making sense of what is happening. The death of a loved one, or the birth of a child; the ending of a job, or beginning of a new one; challenges to long held beliefs, or confirmation of old ones; things are never settled all at once. It takes time, maybe years. And then, a moment strikes, a realization occurs, an epiphany happens, a revelation breaks through.

The resurrection of Jesus only makes sense to us when we see it, feel it, experience it in our lives. That only happens when we continue to walk with the faith we have. As in the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24.13ff), they walked with the risen Jesus, but they did not know that it was Jesus. But, in time, he revealed himself.

With those things which trouble you, with challenges to faith, and perplexities of life, stick with it. Keep walking with the community of faith. Talk, ask, pray, wonder. Resurrection happens when, and where, we least expect it, and in ways we would never have imagined. “Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” (Luke 24.36).

I am interested in hearing from you resurrection in your life, and about the places where you are most needing resurrection. I want to hear about anything which is troubling, delightful, challenging, or puzzling. Talking with one another brings the grace we need for the journey.

For ten years I have had the gift and grace to be your rector at Calvary Church. I am very grateful for that honor and privilege.

- The Rev. Vic Mansfield

Christian Formation

To Be Formed In The Image Of Christ

This past Sunday was a beautiful day outside for welcoming folks into the family at Calvary. Inside, the service was a glorious celebration. With Retired Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, the Right Reverend Gary Gloster, we participated in a moving service in which we pledged to support those who were baptized, confirmed, or received: Dave Baylis, Aimee Baylis, Alex Burt, Maison Clark, Jonah Fore, Beth Green, Brooke Hamrick, Chris Jaquette, Emily Potthoff, and Jo Wicker.

Baptism and Confirmation are public affairs that affirm the relationship that we all have with God. During this service, our participation as a congregation is of prime importance. It is our responsibility as a fellowship of Christians to be there for each other and most especially to be there for those who make or renew their commitment to Christ. The responding response, "We will," when the Bishop Gloster asked if we would "...do all in [our] power to support these persons in their life in Christ..." must have been a gratifying feeling for those who reaffirmed their baptismal vows.

In the days and weeks that follow, spend some time getting to know these folks whom we have welcomed into our community of faith. Remember we all are part of the family of God. We cannot do God's work in isolation. It takes all of us together.

Jill Meares

Coordinator of Christian Formation



A Day with Julian of Norwich

Calvary will offer a workshop, A Day with Julian of Norwich on Saturday, May 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Coffee and registration begin at 9:30 a.m. Suggested donation for this day is \$25. (Includes lunch)

During a serious illness at age 30, Dame Julian received 16 dramatic revelations of the love of God. She says, "God is all that is good, in my sight and the goodness that everything has is his." Joy is the keynote in her writings and she reminds us that "The fullness of Joy is to behold God in everything." Join us for a day of Joy and celebration of God's Goodness.

Facilitator: The Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe. Dr. Monroe serves as the Rector of The Church of the Good Shepherd in Cashiers. She also leads retreats and offers spiritual direction. Call the church at 684-6266 to register.

Wednesday Evening Food & Formation

Join us Wednesday night as we continue the extremely popular series, *Journey through the Eucharist*, led by Fr. Vic. Supper begins at 6:00 with the program following at 6:40. If you plan to come for supper, sign up in the Old Well Hall.

Ladies Night ☺

All ladies in the parish are invited to join us for our monthly exploration of new and different places to eat. On April 23, we will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Tupelo Honey Café on Hendersonville Road. It is on the left going north, just past Walgreen's Pharmacy in Skyland. Call Buffey (Hamrick) Smith at 273-6064 to make reservations. Hope to see you there.

March 2010 Notes from the Vestry

Fr. Vic met with the Vestry, Treasurer Pat Bishop, and Clerk Kathryn Woodruff on March 18, 2010. Calvary's 2009 Parochial Report was reviewed, as was the schedule of services for Holy Week and Easter. Gary Gloster, Suffragan Bishop for the Diocese of Western North Carolina, will visit our parish on Sunday April 18. Junior Warden Gene Piver will work with Fr. Vic and representatives from Progress Energy to revise Calvary's outdoor lighting. Plans for Calvary's outdoor labyrinth will be reviewed by Mother Liz, Fr. Vic, the Junior Warden, and the Worship Ministry and Faith Development Ministry coordinators. The target date for completion of the labyrinth is June 2010. The Junior Warden reported on several much-needed repair jobs at Calvary: The trellis on the patio needs to come down; it is a safety hazard. Many of Calvary's gables need repainting. The need and the costs of replacing the carpet in the Youth Room were reviewed.

The Pastoral Care & Inreach Team Coordinators presented a list of the ministries with which they are working. They also reported that the excess food from the Wednesday night Food & Formation suppers is being saved in individual containers and delivered to homebound parishioners. Irene Bishop reported that all materials for Calvary's new pictorial directory have been completed and delivered to LifeTouch.

Time to Sign-up for EfM

Calvary will continue to offer an EfM group this fall beginning in September. Several folks will graduate this May and there are available spots to be filled. Consider joining those who will continue to study.

If you are not familiar with EfM, it is a distance learning theological education program of the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. It is designed for the laity of the church. At Baptism, every Christian is called to Christ's ministry, and EfM provides the basics for answering that call.

EfM is more than Bible study; it is a four year program that requires participants to commit one year at a time to meet regularly in seminars led by a trained mentor(s). Participants are required to complete reading assignments from the Bible and other texts and to participate in class discussions and theological reflections.

The content of the four years covers the earliest period of the Christian tradition to the present. Participants begin with the Old Testament in the first year, continue with the New Testament the second year, followed by church history and theological choices the remaining two years. The disciplines of biblical exegesis and interpretation, systematic theology, ethics, liturgies, and ascetical theology are covered over the course of the four years.

If you are interested in joining the program or have questions, please contact John Sampson, who will mentor the group at 692-7474, or Jill Meares at the church.

A Note from Mother Liz in Africa

Dear Friends:

After the pilgrims left on Good Friday I had some days to rest up and to celebrate Easter. We began with a sunrise service by the ocean (cold and windy and not much sun!) and then the regular church service in Jeffrey's Bay Methodist Church where I was invited to preach. Anthony and I were invited to a Braai with his Lay assistant and her husband who proudly showed us the new "bakkie" he had for camping. It was a preview of the one which would later take me into the Bush.

Easter Monday was a holiday (as it is in England) and Anthony invited friends to a Braai at his house. He has a Yorkie terrier and for 2 weeks he also took care of a miniature Yorkie (not much bigger than a large rat) who kept us constantly on the move with his hyper behavior.

The following Friday I flew back to Johannesburg to stay with Karen, the woman who had arranged our Bush trip, prior to leaving the following Monday for Botswana. She has a Toyota off road vehicle and we loaded it inside and on top with everything we would need for a week in the Bush. We had to take every drop of water we would use and also all our food, fuel etc. It was an amazing experience.

The journey took us over 12 hours and we arrived at the first camp site just before dusk, quickly pitched the tent and set up the electric fence around the camp. Each site has a "long drop" toilet facility that has to be checked for snakes and other creatures before entering. I did amazingly well sleeping on an inflatable mattress but missed early morning coffee. Each day we crept out of our sleeping bags at about 5.30 a.m. and got into the vehicle to go out and watch animals. Saw lots of different kinds of buck and birds but no lions. We were told they had moved to Central Kalahari where there was more game (we were in the lower part of the Kalahari.)

Breakfast was good after this early start and then some days we broke camp to move on to another site (4 in all) or had a leisurely time of reading, journaling etc. until we cooked supper and went out again to a water hole or "pan" to watch for animals. At night the stars were so clear and seemed close enough to touch and there was no sound except the occasional cry of a jackal, cicadas, etc.

I was allowed 1 liter of water in which to "shower" ie, stand beneath a plastic bag and open a tiny spicket to get wet, close the spicket and apply soap, then reopen and attempt to wash off soap before the water ran out. It was an experience I would not have missed though I think in future I will opt for a chalet or lodge from which to do game drives.

On our last night a brown hyena walked into the camp, took a look around, and then left us. By then we had another group of three bush campers with us.

The rest of her note will be printed in the next newsletter

Camp Henry Sessions Filling UP

Second Senior High Session in July

Because some schools will not close until after June, 13, a second senior high session has been added to the Camp Henry schedule. This session will start on July 25 and end July 31. This is listed on the website, but not on the brochure.

If you are in grades 2 or 3, a great way to begin your first camp experience is to attend the mini camp which runs July 7-10. Check the brochure or website for dates of sessions that are available for your age group

The Camp Henry Outdoor School is a program that focuses on teaching light-weight backpacking and basic rock climbing skills. There is a middle school session and a high school session. Additional sessions may be added as the need arises. Each session will be led by experienced staff.

If you have never been to camp, speak to one of our many parishioners who have. Any one of them will be happy to share their fun-filled experiences with you. Brochures and applications are available in the Old Well Hall, the Parish Hall, or from Jill or Barbara. Scholarships are available; please see Jill or Fr. Vic.

Scholarships for Camp Henry Needed

The Camp Henry Committee has always had a policy that no child would be denied a Camp Henry experience because of financial need. Last year the committee was fortunate enough to award full or partial scholarships to over 70 campers. Each year with rising costs, this number has increased.

We ask that you consider supporting the Camp Henry Scholarship Fund. No contribution is too small. For several years, Calvary Church has given approximately \$1,000 to enable Calvary campers to participate in the camp experience. If you wish to remember or honor someone this would be a wonderful way to do that.

Camp will begin next month and requests for assistance have already been made. Make a check payable to Calvary Church and put Camp Henry on the memo line.

Ministry to the Homebound

On Wednesday, April 28 at 5:00 in the Commons Room, Betty Robbins will lead a one-hour class on visiting the homebound. We have many elderly people who would welcome visitors other than our Lay Eucharist Visitors. We invite you to join this new visitation ministry and reap the benefits of extending Calvary to those no longer able to come to church.

Episcopal Church Women Spring Meeting

The ECW Spring Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 29 at St. James, Black Mountain. Registration begins at 9:00 with the program and lunch following. Cost is \$20.00. See Lucy Gunn for registration forms.

News from Calvary Food Pantry

Once again, we are asking for new volunteers for the Food Pantry. In this past year, what began with a small room and a few volunteers has become a vital ministry, utilizing many people from Calvary and elsewhere. For example, in March alone, we served 212 families for a total of 785 individuals. Many of our folk are doing more than one or two jobs to keep things running efficiently and as the ministry grows so does our need for more volunteers.

If you have wondered how you might help – even if you have only an hour a week to spare – please think about this: we need people to pick up boxes from Ingles, write thank you notes, pick up bread from local shops, take flattened boxes across the road to Ingles, and many other similar tasks. Many of these jobs can be done on your own schedule and do not require special skills. We always need people to stock the pantry shelves, which does require some lifting, and people who might be knowledgeable in grant writing.

There is an immediate need for volunteers for Saturday distribution during April and May. Both sign-up sheets are in the Old Well Hall. Don't wait to be called. Pick the Saturday that is best for you. Sign up and then put the date on your calendar. We need 12 to 15 people working each Saturday to handle the needs of our clients. Thanks for your help. Call Eve at 891-5098.

Please continue to bring food items to church each Sunday – this is such a great help, and something we count on from all who are able to donate. **You are needed!**

We will soon have a special area in the Old Well Hall for Food Pantry information and sign-up sheets. Until then, or at any time, for general information, please call Sue or Dick Ackman at 697-0495 or email at kukana@bellsouth.net.

Order of St. Luke Meeting

Praying in the Presence is the topic at the Order of St. Luke meeting on Thursday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Grace Church in North Asheville. A powerpoint presentation will focus on how to pray effectively by centering ourselves in the Holy Spirit and helping the person for whom we are praying connect with Jesus, the healer. We will pray for healing for all who wish it. All are welcome. For more information contact Suzanne at 242-3260 mtn_osl@yahoo.com.

Healing Prayer Helps

God wants us to ask for healing prayer as soon as we feel a sense of dis-ease. It is not something to turn to as a matter of last resort after we have tried every other possible means to be healed. “Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well.” (James 5:14-15)

Healing Prayer Ministry is offered at Calvary on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., the first and third Sundays at both services, and on the second Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at Taizé.

Additional Special Gifts at Easter

In memory of Andrew, Anna, Joanne Brown & Louise Pirich, *by John & Pat Pirich*

In honor of Summer Ophelia Robbins's baptism, *by Bob & Betty Robbins*

Dear Calvary Church:

As we recover from our two surgeries, we give thanks to the community of Calvary Church for all their healing prayers. We especially thank our dear friend Fr. Vic for his hospital visitations and Sarah Johnson for bringing us the elegant Easter flowers from the Altar. For all, we give our humble thanks.

- Warren & Nancy Peterson

Best wishes to Natasha Katherine Vaitekunas, daughter of Felix & Jeanne Vaitekunas, and grand-daughter of Betty L. Shuford and the late Benny Shuford, in her marriage to Robert Evan Willis, Jr. They were married on October 9, 2009 in Central Park, NYC. They reside in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Both are teachers at La Vergne High School, La Vergne, Tennessee.

Calvary Prayer List

Immediate Concerns

Peggy Hayes, Anne Rodgers, Dan Roberts, Warren Peterson, Betty Shuford, Juanita Gaddy, Diana Wood, Sarah & Richard Reynolds, Paul Thiel, Victoria Sampson, Rob Hanks, Isobel Lamb, Daniel Fey, Myrtle Dawkins, Jean Temple, Martha Emery, Mary Louise Carpenter, Jennifer Murphy, June Wolfe, Lou Luther, Mellisa Huntley, Mildred Cunliffe, Greg Coulson, The Rev. Jack Fles, Alison Woodrow, Elaine Taft, Beth Brown, Dawn Dyer, Kelly King, John Smith, Dan Kuyat, Lauren Mathis, Tracy Iurato, Guy Puckett, Carol Ann, Cathy, Ken, Joe, Tessa, Dewey, Kenn, Misty, Nell, John Allen, Terry, Dorothy, Amber, Christopher, Mark, Julie, Joshua, Diane

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Kaye Harvey, Irene Presley, Clelia Savarino, Virginia McGee, Helen Diggs, Andrew Glasgow, Leann Wood, Louise Dunlap, Norma Gaddy, Ben Wald, Beth Allison, Ann Platzer, Barbara Burkhardt, Marie Schmittner, Anna Koster, Corda Maney, Bill & Jean Marberger, Kay Levine, Ruby Ledbetter, Maddox Hare; those seeking Holy Orders, especially Jill Meares

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Tony Kuh, Aaron Huber, Tiffany & Brandon Archuleta, Joe Hough, Paula Morton, Matthew Lockwood, Lane Thomas, Bobby Huckabee, Terry Johnson, Jeremy Miller, Jay Dosker, Joe Chambers, Matt Kessinger, Russell Everitt, Randy Hart, Ben Heffron