



# Calvary News

March 26, 2010

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From the Rector

From death into life. From the grave to the skies. Christ has died; Christ is risen. These are all themes of Holy Week into Easter. In the ancient church the three days of Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Day were known as the “Great Three Days,” *triduum*, in Latin.

All too often, we want to separate these events, going straight to celebrations of flowers, and Spring, and new life; or conversely, wallowing in the pain, guilt, and grief of Good Friday. But both must be taken together for either to have meaning for us.

Resurrection is not a rekindling of what was before but the beginning of something completely new. Crucifixion is not merely the suspension of something, but an end. The end. Death. Both things are complete outside our control, and we don't like that one bit.

Faith is about living in the in-between-times, the cracks-in-the-floor, the empty spaces. Though we may not see it at the time, faith is what helps us walk toward the cross, make it to the tomb, *and* face new beginnings without giving up.

As yet another Holy Week and Easter move forward, I pray you will join with others, here at Calvary Church, in facing the cross *and* the resurrection.

Fr. Victor Mansfield

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## ***Holy Week & Easter 2010***

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***Maundy Thursday*** ***1 April*** ***at 7 pm***  
*Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar*

This solemn yet joyful service recalls the institution of the Lord's Supper. Then, preparation for Good Friday, all the hangings, ornaments, and vessels are removed from the church as we strip the room bare.

***Good Friday*** ***2 April*** ***at 12 noon***  
*The Liturgy of Good Friday*

We gather in the bare church for this somber service of prayer, scripture, and the dramatic reading of the St. John Passion. The church will remain open for prayer until 3 o'clock when the bell of Calvary Church is tolled.

***Saturday, Easter Eve*** ***3 April*** ***at 8 pm***

The Story of Salvation comes to life in Fire, Story, Song, Water, Bread, and Wine. One of the most ancient and moving celebrations of the Church, we gather to tell the story of God's salvation, from the beginning of time to the present. Filled with scripture, prayer, ceremony and song, this is the first Eucharist of Easter! The Paschal Candle, the Bible, the Waters of Baptism, and the Bread & Wine of the Eucharist are central elements in our faith and in this celebration of resurrection.

***Easter Day*** ***4 April*** ***8 & 10:30 am***

Festival Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. Easter egg hunt at 9:30 in the Churchyard.

## Soaking Prayer to be offered Holy Tuesday

On Tuesday, March 30, at the 6:00 p.m. Holy Week service, Soaking Prayer will be offered.

Just as a gentle, soaking rain benefits plants in a dry parched soil, gentle prayer, over a period of time, soaks your physical, emotional and spiritual hurts with God's love. You write a prayer request on a card provided and place it along side on the pew. Several prayer ministers will circulate throughout the congregation. One at a time, they will place their hands on your shoulders and silently lift up your prayer requests. Our hope is that you will encounter Jesus, the Healer and Redeemer, in a deep and healing way.



### **You are invited!!**

**Who:** All Children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger

**What:** Bring your Easter Basket

**When:** At 9:30 a.m. on Easter Day

**Where:** Meet at the sidewalk beside the Church

**Why:** To hunt for Easter Eggs

There will be prizes for golden eggs and the most eggs found



## Eggs Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

If you would be willing to contribute hard cooked eggs, please sign up in the Old Well Hall. The undyed, but hard cooked eggs should be at the parish hall by Wednesday, March 31. The middle school and high school youth will meet at 7:30 p.m. to dye the eggs.

## Flowering of the Cross

At both services on Easter Day, we will observe the old and lovely tradition of flowering the cross. Children and adults may help to transform the bare cross, one flower at a time, into a glorious and tangible symbol of our joy and thanksgiving for Christ's resurrection. Remember to bring cut flowers at both services Easter Day.

## Coffee Hour Sign-up for Easter Vigil & Easter Day

Please sign up in the Old Well Hall if you can contribute food, a little time, and a helping hand for a festive gathering after the Easter Vigil on April 3, and/or a special Easter Brunch after both services on Easter Day, which is April 4.

## Christian Formation

### To Be Formed In The Image Of Christ

Taking care of one's spiritual life is as important as healthy eating. All of us are on a faith journey that can lead us to new and different understandings of why we are here and what we are suppose to do. However, when we become too busy with "stuff" that part of life is set aside for another time. Because our bodies let us know, we are intentional about meal times. But what about our spiritual growth? While worshiping in community on Sunday is important, that alone is not sufficient. We should schedule time for spiritual growth in the same way that we establish time for meals.

Each day presents a possibility for new insights and new directions regardless of how long we have been on the journey. Let's face it, as adults we do not have all of the answers. Even though we sometimes go it alone, we do need the support of the community of the faithful. Each one brings different experiences that can be shared with others to enhance the understanding of all involved.

Consider joining or forming a small group to meet during the week at church or in someone's home. When we gather with others, we become more intentional about our spiritual journey, and we will feel more confident when we go out into the larger more scattered community. It is in a smaller community that we can make connections between what happens at church on Sunday and what happens at home, at school, and/or at work during the week.

Food for the body is important, but equally as important is food for the soul.

**Jill Meares**

**Coordinator of Christian Formation**

## Wednesday Evening

### Food & Formation

The March 31 Agape Eucharist and Meal is by ticket only; get yours as soon as possible. Additionally, there will be no Food & Formation on April 7. We will resume on April 14.

## ERD Mite Box Collection

At all three Easter services beginning with the Easter Vigil, there will be baskets at the chancel steps where you may place your ERD Mite Box. If you will be out of town over the holidays, we will continue to collect the boxes during the Sunday services for the next few Sundays or you may drop them off at the office.

## Lectors Needed for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil

If you would like to assist with the readings for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, please speak with Jill Meares. This is a good opportunity to help share our stories. We need a large number participants, so please consider joining us.

## Evening Prayer

Were you aware that one of the ministries of Faith Chapter, Daughters of the King is to offer Evening Prayer each Wednesday Evening at 5:30 p.m.? Participation in the service of Evening Prayer is a good way to let go of all the stresses of the day. It is a quiet service, focusing on scripture readings and prayer. We use EP Rite II in the Book of Common Prayer (page 115) and occasionally other formats from the book, *Enriching our Worship*. The service is over in plenty of time to go to supper and would be a good addition to your observation of Lent with Father Vic's series. All are welcome. Please join us in the Church at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

## Health Ministry Notes

April is National Cancer Control Month

Greetings in the name of our victorious Redeemer! April is often a month of contrasts. We can experience both summer and winter weather, as well as the grief of Good Friday and the victory of Easter. We also observe Cancer Prevention Month.

The word cancer often makes us worried and nervous, as cancer is the second leading cause of death in our country. Fortunately we can reduce our risk for various types cancer by our lifestyle.

- ✓ First, smoking. Smokers have 25 times the risk of developing lung cancer than non smokers.
- ✓ Second, obesity. Maintaining a normal weight reduces our risk for breast, colon and rectal cancer.
- ✓ Third, junk food. A diet with more fiber (whole grains, vegetables and fruit) and less animal fat reduces our risk for various cancers and heart disease.
- ✓ Fourth, too much sun or alcohol. Respect the sun's rays and drink alcohol in moderation to prevent skin and liver cancer.
- ✓ Fifth, ignoring warning signs and not following recommended guidelines for early cancer detection. Early diagnosis and treatment may prevent an early death.

The following are possible signs of cancer and need to be checked by a health care professional:

- \* Change in bowel or bladder habits
- \* A sore that does not heal
- \* Unusual bleeding or discharge
- \* Thickening or lump in breast or elsewhere
- \* Indigestion or difficulty swallowing
- \* Obvious change in a wart or mole
- \* Nagging cough or hoarseness

A nurse is available for blood pressure screening in the priest's vesting room after each service on the second Sunday of the month and in the parish hall on the fourth Saturday each month between 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Also, Linda Wozniak is available to discuss any individual nutrition-related needs you have.

I am in the church office most Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for health counseling or home visits for blood pressure screening, medication management and/or home assessments and health resources. Please call the church office if you would like to talk or visit with me.

My prayer is that you are able to enjoy the bounty of God and heed Paul's words in Ephesians "Be very careful, then how you live-not as unwise, making the most of every opportunity... always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" Pray for those struggling with cancer. May your days be filled with peace and joy.

- Betty Robbins, RN, Parish Nurse

## Ministry to the Homebound

On Wednesday, April 28 at 5:00 in the Commons Room; Betty Robbins will lead a 1 hour class before Food and Formation on visiting the homebound. We have many elderly people who welcome visitors other than the 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.

## Memorial Education Fund

Please remember the Memorial Education Fund in your Easter offering this year, as our funds are very low. We really need your assistance as we have many students who will need help in the fall.

## Calvary Food Pantry

The Pantry needs additional volunteers to help stock shelves during the week. Sign up in the Old Well Hall or in the office. Contact Sue Ackman for details (697-0495 or email kokana@bellsouth.net) for more information.

## Food Pantry Needs for April

Juice, spaghetti sauce, and soup.

## 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. Registration is due by April 15. Cost is \$20.00. See Lucy Gunn for registration forms.

## Gear Up For the Rummage Sale

The Calvary Rummage Sale, Plant Sale and Bake Sale will be held Saturday, April 24. Donations will be accepted anytime after Easter Day. Bring them to the stage in the Parish Hall. If you need help getting large items to the church, call before Thursday, April 22. We need someone with a pickup truck to be on call to help. No items will be accepted after 12 noon on Friday! All donations are tax deductible. Pick up a receipt in the church office. Volunteers are needed to sort and display Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Drop in anytime, but sign up so we know the day you will help. Saturday we need check out, carry out, and clean up help 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Let's have a great sale!

## ECW Plant Sale

Some of our gardeners have mentioned that they need more pots. If you have extra pots that you will not be using for your own transplants and cuttings we would like to have them. There will be a box outside and to the left of the doors of the Parish Hall where you can leave them for others to pick up.

Please bring your plants (in pots please) and other gardening/yard tools to the church on Friday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed set up and price items on Friday. On Saturday we need volunteers from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to help during the sale and with clean up. Please sign up in the Old Well Hall. This sign up sheet is **separate** from the Rummage Sale sign up sheet. Call Lucy Gunn for more information.

## Repairing the Breach: A Diocesan Pilgrimage of Healing and Hope

Repairing the Breach is a deeply spiritual, 18-month-long "truth and reconciliation" pilgrimage in and for our diocese, designed to help us, repair the deep and painful breaches which have been caused by our long history of slavery, segregation and discrimination. We are being called to acknowledge and confess our Church's complicity in these sinful and dehumanizing institutions, in order that we can find forgiveness, healing and liberation in the present and renewed strength, resolve and hope as we move into the future.

Here at Calvary a committee has formed to begin the initial steps as part of this historic undertaking. We will pursue two avenues: 1) explore the role of slavery in the history of this parish & the building of this church; and 2) create educational opportunities that look at the institutional & systemic racism in the Episcopal Church. These steps are being taken by other parishes throughout the diocese, coordinated by the Commission to Dismantle Racism.

Team Calvary attended an initial training session March 13 which included viewing the film "Traces of the Trade", a historical look at slave trading and the complicity of the Episcopal Church. Moderators for the workshop included a descendent of the largest slave trading family.

Will you join the team? Contact any team member if you would like to participate in any way in either of these two exciting projects.

- Bonnie Spivey, Father Vic  
Jane Kniffin, Jill Meares

## St. Anne's Guild

The next meeting of St. Anne's will be at 11:00 a.m. on April 14 in the library. We will discuss Revelation, Chapters 7 and 8. Any questions, call Jo Wicker at 687-8664.

## Order of St. Luke Meeting

*Praying for Physical Healing* is the topic at the Order of St. Luke meeting on Thursday, April 8, 6:30 p.m. at Grace, North Asheville. We will watch a video documentary of the medical effects that prayer can have on persons with rheumatoid arthritis. All are welcome. For more information contact Suzanne at 242-3260 mtn\_osl@yahoo.com.

## Healing Prayer Helps

*God wants us to heal.* Praying for healing is not an attempt to persuade a reluctant God to do something that God really does not want to do. God is a God who heals, and nowhere in the Scriptures do we find a statement suggesting that God or Jesus may not want to heal us. "...I am the Lord who heals you." (Exodus 15:26).

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.

## Dear Calvary Church:

I had come home - was doing my therapy - and Sarah Johnson came with the Altar Flowers. The flowers (and Sarah's visit) brightened my day, and I am getting prayers, which show me why I am getting around so well.

- Virginia McGee

## Calvary Prayer List

**Immediate Concerns** - Nancy Peterson, Betty Shuford, Juanita Gaddy, Charlotte Cleghorn, Diana Wood, Sarah & Richard Reynolds, Paul Thiel, Victoria Sampson, John Dunn, 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, Virginia McGee, Greg Coulson, The Rev. Jack Fles, Kaye Harvey, Alison Woodrow, Clelia Savarino, Elaine Taft, Beth Brown, Dawn Dyer, Irene Presley, Kelly King, John Smith, Dan Kuyat, Lauren Mathis,

Tracy Iurato, Guy Puckett, Kenn, Janis, Julie, Misty, Nell, John Allen, Terry, Dorothy, Amber, Christopher, Mark, Julie, Joshua, Diane

**Ongoing Prayer Requests** - Helen Diggs, Gerry Williamson, Penny Rodgers, Andrew Glasgow, Leann Wood, Louise Dunlap, Norma Gaddy, Ben Wald, Beth Allison, Ann Platzer, Barbara Burkhardt, Marie Schmittner, Anna Koster, Corda Maney, Katie Sprow, Bill & Jean Marberger, Kay Levine, Ruby Ledbetter, Maddox Hare, Gus Boone, Ed Jaqua; those seeking Holy Orders, especially Jill Meares

**Departed** - Carl Burkhardt, Raymond Cirulli

Calvary Church & Churchyard  
Year-to-Date Income and Expense  
As of February 28, 2010

	Actual	Budgeted Approx. 16.66%	Difference	Actual as % of Annual Budget	Annual Budget
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>					
Contributions by parishioners:					
Pledged income	45,431	44,712	719	16.73	271,475
Non-pledged income	4,035	5,833	(1,798)	11.53	35,000
Plate offerings	4,276	3,333	943	21.38	20,000
Other contributions & gifts	1,593	2,016	(423)	12.85	12,400
Total contributions by parishioners	55,335	55,894	(559)	16.33	338,875
Fund raising	-	-	-	0.00	5,600
Building use fees	910	542	368	7.11	12,800
Investment income	-	116	(116)	0.00	700
Churchyard sales & fees	6,425	10,950	(4,525)	8.96	71,700
Total income	62,670	67,502	(4,832)	14.59	429,675
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>					
Clergy	16,599	17,089	(490)	14.28	116,260
Personnel	23,678	23,939	(261)	15.77	150,188
Program	6,043	6,698	(655)	15.67	38,565
Diocesan pledge	5,833	5,833	-	16.67	35,000
General & administrative	13,770	11,284	2,486	20.34	67,706
Churchyard	15,202	14,450	752	17.53	86,700
Total expense	81,125	79,293	1,832	16.41	494,419
Net income (expense)	(18,455)	(11,791)	(6,664)	28.50	(64,744)

